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Texas Peanut Producers Seeks National Peanut Board Nominees

The Texas Peanut Producers Board will seek nominations for a member and alternate to the National Peanut Board at an April 29 meeting in Abilene, Texas at the Ambassador Suites Hotel, (previously Embassy Suites) 4250 Ridgemont Drive, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The terms for the current Texas board member and alternate in Texas expires at the end of this year.

Following the election for two nominees and two alternates, the names of those persons selected are submitted to the USDA. The Secretary of Agriculture then determines the board member and alternate.

Ted Higginbottom of Seminole is the current Texas National Peanut Board member and serves as its chairman. Louis Grissom, also of Seminole, serves as the Texas alternate.

The National Peanut Board encourages eligible women, minorities and persons with disabilities who qualify as peanut producers to attend the meeting and run for nomination. Fair and equitable membership representation is a core value of the NPB. NPB works to ensure all of its efforts visibly demonstrate this commitment through membership, staffing, communication, research and international programs and materials.

It is USDA's policy that membership on industry-government boards and committees accurately reflect the diversity of individuals served by the programs.

After the election for nominees, The Texas Peanut Producers Board will host a peanut marketing seminar. Speakers for the seminar are Dr. Marshall Lamb, Agricultural Economist, National Peanut Research Lab, Dawson, Georgia and Dan Hunter, Manager, Southwestern Peanut Growers Association.

Gorman School Activity Calendar

Monday, April 7	District Golf-San Angelo
Tuesday, April 8	District Tennis - San Angelo
Wednesday, April 9	District Tennis-San Angelo
Thursday, April 10	Softball - Ranger - Here - 5:00
	Baseball -Ranger-There-5:00
Friday, April 11	Regional UIL - Abilene
Saturday, April 12	Regional UIL - Abilene

Carbon Cemetery Association

The Carbon Cemetery Association officers and trustees are asking everyone who has an interest in Restland and/or Murray Memorial Cemetery to please attend the yearly business meeting. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. this Saturday evening, April 15, in the Carbon Agri-Center Bldg on Main Street, Carbon, Texas.

Mary Ann Morgan and Chris Cox To Pledge Vows



Robbie and Lori Dodd of Gorman announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann Morgan of Gorman to Chris Cox of Waco. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jack and Mary Eison of Runaway Bay. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Ed and Jalynn Cox of Gorman, and grandson of Jimmie Don and Jeanne Dorsett of Gorman.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Academy of Math and Science and will graduate in May from University of North Texas. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Gorman High School and will finish his education at TSTC-Waco this year.

Wedding plans include a small family wedding out of doors at the home of the bride, with a reception and dinner to follow.

Month of April - Clean Up Month For City Of Gorman

Clean up week has been scheduled for the week of April 21 - 25. But the City Commission feels like it is a great idea to make the entire month of April a clean up month. The city is trying to make arrangements to have a roll-off dumpster made available for the entire month. We are in the process of contacting businesses that will come and get old and or junk cars off of property, pay the owner in some cases, so that this accumulation will decrease and make the neighborhoods look somewhat better. If a property owner has structures that are unsightly or are falling down causing a health or safety hazard, such structures could be burned by the volunteer fire dept for an affordable donation. We are pleading with property owners to take pride in our community and volunteer to clean up any "eye sores" that could be deemed unsightly by neighbors or visitors. Accumulation of debris causes rodent problems as well as creating an undesirable sight.

Please take voluntary action if you have some sort of possible safety or health hazard, or maybe just time for an over due getting rid of clutter time.

The Commission also advises at this time, if your property is deemed unsafe or unhealthy, measures are going to be taken to correct such cases and a lien will be filed against the property until such expense has been paid by the property owner to the city.

Lipson - Henderson - Brightwell & High Ranking Students Honored At Chamber Banquet



Roy (Curly) Lipson received the Community Service Award on Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet at ZJ's Steakhouse.

Roy Lipson (or Curly to most of us around here) came to Gorman in 1985. He was born in Casper, Wyoming in 1921 and grew up in and around the Fayetteville, Arkansas area. His earliest farm experience came when his dad moved the family to a farm during the depression.

He joined the military early and made it his career (the first of several). In 1934, he married Mayda Evans of Brownwood and they traveled and lived in Europe and Asia with their four children until he retired from the U.S. Army in 1963 as Chief Warrant Officer. During those almost 30 years of military service he received many honors and citations as well as serving in the WWII and Korean conflicts. Upon retirement from the U.S. Army, he was employed by Texas Employment Commission as office manager of the clerical and professional office in Ft. Worth. After 20 years in this second career, he retired in 1983 and went to work for State Representative Bob Leonard for one year.

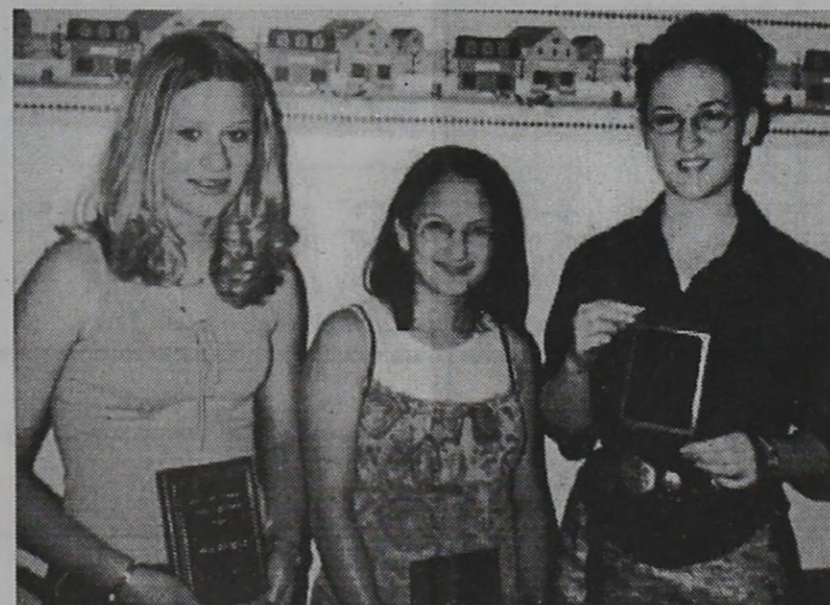
The decision to move from Ft. Worth to the farm came when Curly's wife, Mayda, died after a two-year struggle with cancer. Their children, Suzan, Roy III, Rebecca and David were all grown and gone from home so the way was clear for him to start a new life (and his next career) farming and ranching.

In the last 15 years, he has grown irrigated and dryland peanuts, coastal and sudan for hay production, plus cantaloupe and watermelons. For these efforts, in 1995 the Gorman Chamber named Curly Farmer of the Year. He also keeps a small herd of Brangus cows, and has had horses, chickens, ducks and a number of domesticated animals on the farm.

Recently, Curly has decreased some of his farming activities and begun to spend more time working on other projects around the farm. He has been instrumental in helping both of his daughters set up their own homesteads on the land since they moved to the farm two years ago. Without the demands made by full time farming, he has also been able to spend more time doing community service. He is a member of Gorman Masonic Lodge, Lions Club, and regular participant in Gorman Grow activities, a Community Helper and a member of the First United Methodist Church. He is always there when called on. From the community trash pickup efforts, cooking hamburgers for fund raisers, or breakfast for the men's prayer group at the church, you will see him around town (maybe just cruising on his motorcycle) doing his part to keep Gorman a great place to live and work.

Family that were also able to attend were his children, Suzan, Rebecca, David; and grandson, Phillip.

Both Curly and Odie received standing ovations from the audience.



Receiving Academic Awards were: Senior Class-Shari Marlow, Junior Class-Lacy Howard, Sophomore Class-Ashlee Hornback, Freshman Class-Cindy Lopez.

Gorman Century Club Members Recognized



Two long-time Gorman residents were recognized as Century Club Members.

Vera Henderson, age 100, was honored at the banquet as the oldest woman citizen of Gorman. She recently moved to Heritage Manor.

Since she was unable to attend the banquet, her son, Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Henderson accepted the award for her.

Odie Brightwell, age 102, received the award for being the oldest man of Gorman.

Until January of this year, he lived alone in his own home, and worked in his yard and vegetable garden. He now lives in Stephenville in Oakwood Assisted Living. His daughter, Willa Dean Ormsby lives in Stephenville and brings Odie to Gorman on Sunday for services at the Church of Christ where he is a member, and to ZJ's for lunch and visit with friends.

Attending the banquet with Odie were his children, Myra Sue Smith of Gilmer, Beth Bryan of Longview, Willadean Ormsby of Stephenville, Jimmy and Kay Brightwell of Swinney, and Betty and Gerald Hale of Brownwood.



The very popular Howard Family singing group gave a special program of gospel singing.

America State Bank won first place in the table decoration contest. The dinner at ZJ's Steakhouse was excellent, usual.

New businesses recognized in Gorman were Sharp Imaging, Hirst Nut and Produce, and Dr. Dan Brudnak.

Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast - Third Wednesday each month at 7:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church. Various community Men's Groups will be hosting the breakfast.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Bro. Mark Waltenbarger - 1st Sunday; Elder Mike Webb, Pastor - All Other Sundays - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

First Monday Prayer Meeting at **Gorman Senior Center at 7:00 P.m.**

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Glenn Glasson, Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

LIBRARY — Charlie Garrett Memorial Library will be open Monday thru Friday from 3 to 5 p.m.

GORMAN GROW MEETING — The Gorman Grow will meet on the Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Gorman Senior Citizen Building. Contact Payton Vaughn, Veronica Seaton or Lori Dodd.

FOOD PANTRY
Second Thursday of Each Month

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Tx 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

DANCE — There is a Senior Citizens Dance every Monday night. Music by *The Outcast Band* featuring Gene Williams and C. B. Sutton. 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$3.50 - De Leon City Hall.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. If you would like to make a donation in memory of or In Honor of someone, please send to Aline Garrett, P O Box 711, Gorman, Texas 76454, or American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - APRIL 16TH FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen and Woodrow Browning and Daryl Hirst opened the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist church with a musical special and then blessed us again with another special during the service.

Several members of the church attended the 5th Sunday night singing at the First United Methodist Church in Gorman along with members from several Gorman area churches and some from First Baptist Church at Carbon. If you missed it, you missed a real blessing. There was congregational singing and specials from the churches. The youth Bell Choir from the New Hope Baptist church was outstanding, and thrilled our hearts. Following the singing, there was a wonderful time of fellowship as we all enjoyed the delicious refreshments in the fellowship hall. Our thanks to the members of the Methodist Church. I think that God smiles down upon us and blesses us as we all meet together to sing his praises and glorify His name and then have a wonderful time of fellowship with one another.

May we all pause daily and pray for our nation, our president and those who advise him, the military leaders, and especially for our troops who are fighting the war in Iraq. There are many in the Gorman area who have loved ones in the service and we need to remember them in our prayers as well.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider this week were: Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, Gene and Kay Snider, Ted Snider, Dan Snider and Justin Snider of Austin

LaVon Snider visited in Stephenville with Dwayne and Connie Snider. Lavon and Justin Snider visited and ate at ZJ's in Gorman on Saturday night.

Kristina Everton, Johnnie Griffith, Zelda Jordan, Sylvia Buchanan and Darlene Hampton of Carbon visited with Nancy Hendricks.

Helen Browning went to graham on Monday morning for a visit with Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning.

Dr. Randy McDonald of Rowlett visited with Margaret White and Zelda Jordan in the White home in Ranger on Tuesday. Dr. McDonald is pastor of the Celebration Bible Church in Garland. He stayed in the White and Jordan homes in years past when he was the evangelist for revivals at the First Baptist Church in Ranger, Kokomo Baptist Church and Carbon Baptist Church. He was enroute to Abilene on a business trip, and stopped by for the visit.

Glenda Ripley of Gorman visited with Zelda Jordan on Monday.

"Happy Birthday" to my great-granddaughter, Meagan Miles, of Leander who will celebrate her 9th birthday on April 6, from Great-Grandma Jordan.

The Philip Lewis Family Honored As Resident Conservation Farmer Award



On March 3, 2003, at the annual Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District Awards Banquet, Philip Lewis and his family were awarded the Resident Conservation Farmer Award for Zone 1 of the Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District. Ryan Sides of the First National Bank of DeLeon presented the award to the Lewis Family.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Dorothy Roberts visited in Granbury last Sunday through Wednesday with her granddaughter, Emily and Mark Williams and daughter, Kena.

Bernard and Ann Keith visited last Saturday in Stephenville with their granddaughter, Nikki and Billy Febinger and children, Christopher and Allison.

This reporter recently received a message from Dorothy Nell (Sturdivant) Griffice of Big Spring. She is a former resident of the Desdemona area where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1943. She would like to say "Hello" to her family and friends in this area.

Remember the old saying, "Thunder in February, Frost in April?" We better stay ready as it did thunder three times, even on the 28th. So mark your calendar and just wait to see what happens.

Bernard Keith is having some health problems and he will report to his doctor in Abilene on Thursday.

Thought for today—Who ever has a heart full of love--always has something to give.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thanks and have a nice day, Coon.

Woman Convicted of Drug Possession

Last week, a petit jury sitting in the 91st District Court found Samantha Ann Lavender guilty of possessing methamphetamine. Lavender, 24, of Cisco, was arrested outside her father's residence in Rising Star by members of the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force who were assisted by the Rising Star Police Department and the Eastland County Sheriff's Office. The jury recommended that Lavender's confinement be probed. Sentencing is for April 3, 2003 before Judge Steven Herod.

Jury Convicts Thief

Brandon Glenn Hayes was convicted of felony theft last week by a jury sitting in the 91st District Court. Hayes, 25, was charged with the theft of an air compressor from Birdsong Peanuts while he was employed there in December of 2000.

Officer Abel Saldana of the Gorman Police Department conducted the investigation which lead to the conviction of Hayes.

Sentencing for Hayes is set on April 3, 2003 before Judge Steven Herod.

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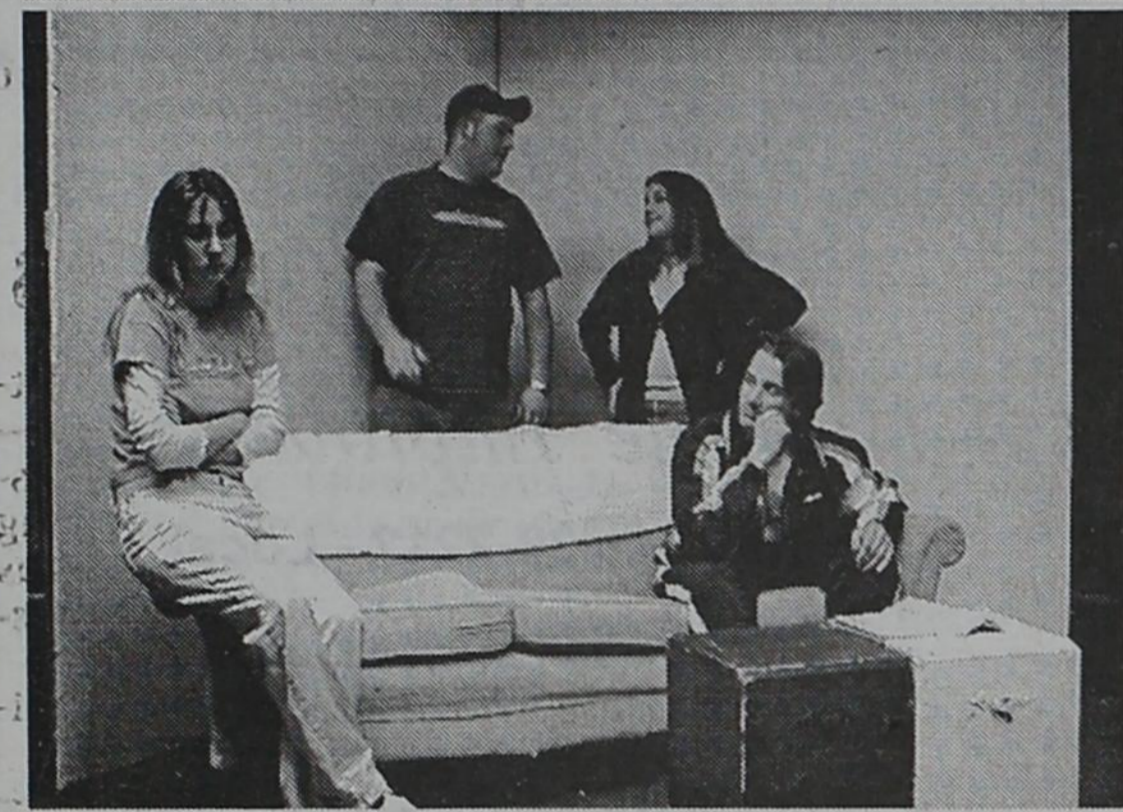
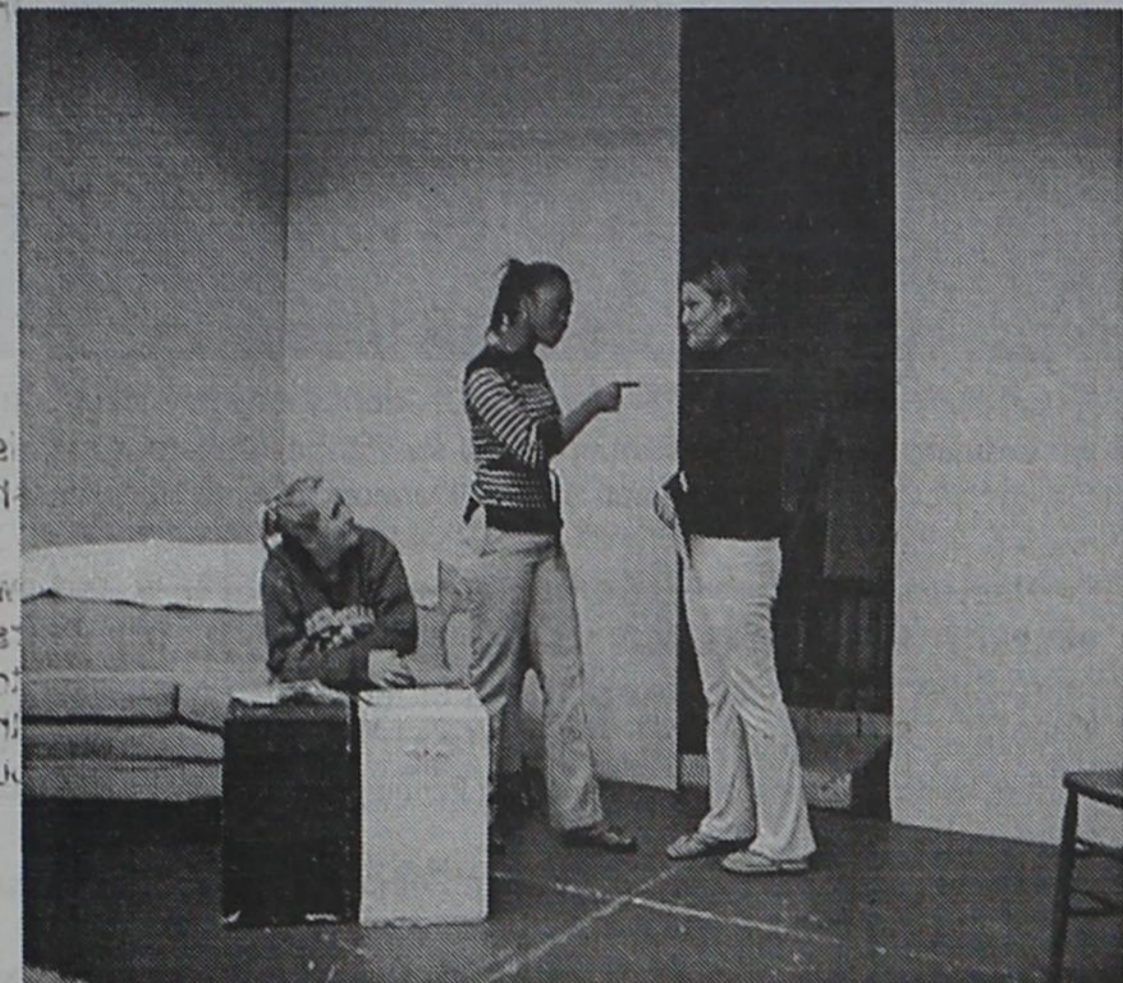
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Ranger College Play

Asenath Horne of Coleman, Christa Fields of Lufkin, and Jodi Hodge of Ranger rehearse a scene from "Laundry and Bourbon." (Play 1 attachment) "Laundry and Bourbon, written by games McClure, and "Blind Date", written by Texas playwright, Horton Foote, will be performed during the annual spring one-act productions presented by Ranger College, in conjunction with the Kappa Kappa Delta Chapter of Delta Psi Omega, on March 26, 28, and 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the Golemon Auditorium. Kayla Odom, Levi Vance, and Gena Camacho of Ranger and Kirk McGinty from Lorena rehearse for the upcoming production of "Blind Date" (Play 2 attachment) written by Horton Foote. A Night of One Act Plays will be presented by Ranger College and Kappa Kappa Delta Chapter of Delta Psi Omega on March 26, 28, and 29 at 8:00 p.m. in the Golemon Auditorium.

Ashleah Baker
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CAPITOL COMMENT

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Support our Troops

Each morning as we get up, prepare to go to work, school or about our daily business, American and allied troops half way around the world wake up to face the unknown. Exposed to extreme elements, deprived of sleep, modern conveniences and basic comforts, and facing the constant threat of attack, they press onward. Those men and women have answered the call to duty and are protecting our nation from a dictatorial regime that seeks to develop weapons of mass destruction that threaten the United States and our allies.

Across the country Americans have joined in prayer, moments of silence and open forums to praise the incredible efforts of our armed forces. The troops who volunteer to put their lives on the line to defend our freedom have earned our respect and rightfully deserve to be honored. And we must not forget their loved ones who wait for them at home. Support from Congress

In Congress we are doing our part by funding the war effort and ensuring our troops have access to the best training, equipment and technology available. We have also set aside the first hour of each Senate day for Senators to pay tribute to our men and women on the frontlines.

By honoring our troops each morning, we send the signal that in the midst of our daily routines, they are foremost on our minds. We want them to know we support their actions and keep them in our thoughts as we enjoy the freedoms they are fighting to preserve.

Operation USO Care Package

While prayers, encouragement and support are critical, there are other more tangible ways to express solidarity with our troops. The United Service Organizations (USO) developed a program called "Operation USO Care Package" to allow individuals to send a personal message or financial support to provide care packages to troops actively engaged in the fight against terrorism and in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operation USO Care Package will continue for as long as our country is at war, and is made possible through the support of individuals, corporations and organizations. Visit www.usocares.org/home.htm for more information.

The Red Cross

The Red Cross provides another avenue for Americans to show their support. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the Red Cross staff is available to deliver emergency communications between the men and women of the U.S. military and their families, including those serving in the Persian Gulf Region. Donations from the public help make these communications possible. The Red Cross is also collecting items to send to our troops overseas. Everything from sunscreen to playing cards can be donated at local Red Cross chapters to provide our troops with a touch of home. Visit <http://www.redcross.org/services> to find out how you can help. Send a Message

To show your support, log on to the following Web sites to convey greeting cards, virtual thank-you cards and phone calling-card donations to help troops stay in contact with loved ones:

- <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil>
- <http://www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html>
- <http://www.army.mil/usar/expressupportthere.html>

For your convenience, I've added a special section to my Web site, hutchison.senate.gov, which provides links to all of the Web sites listed above.

Please take a few minutes and show our troops how much their sacrifice means to you. We will never be able to repay the debt to those who have lost their lives, but we will always remember their sacrifice. We will grieve for their families. And we will duly honor them. They deserve no less.

AG TALK By Charlie Stenholm

House Clears FY04 Budget Resolution

Last week, the House voted on the budget resolution for fiscal year 2004.

This budget package, which barely passed with a vote of 215 to 212, includes significant cuts for agriculture programs.

Specifically, this budget instructs the House Agriculture Committee to reduce the level of direct spending by almost \$6 billion for fiscal years 2004 through 2008.

In addition, it demands almost \$19 billion in spending cuts for fiscal years 2004 through 2013.

This means reopening the farm bill, and it means big changes if it ultimately becomes the budget.

After pressure from some Members of the House, Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle has promised to return the spending levels for mandatory agriculture programs back to the level Congress approved in last year's farm bill.

The Senate has been working on an entirely different budget proposal this week, and it is expected to be much different than the budget passed by the House.

In any case, a number of major budget issues will be decided later during a conference between the House and Senate.

Future farm program funding is probably going to depend on a number of other key issues, including the size of President Bush's tax cut and economic growth package, Medicare and prescription drug program spending, and several other high priority measures.

Food Aid For Iraq

During the past few months, the Department of Defense has been working with the USDA and others to formulate a humanitarian food aid package for Iraq.

The Bush Administration said that it would use wheat from a humanitarian trust to feed the people of Iraq, prompting concerns from wheat growers about the impact on the wheat market and from humanitarian groups about the need for more food aid money through the upcoming supplemental appropriations bill.

Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman announced Tuesday that 200,000 metric tons of wheat would be released immediately from the wheat trust, and another 400,000 tons would be made available as needed. 200,000 metric tons of wheat will also be shipped to Africa to address their food crisis.

USDA also indicated that an unspecified portion of the wheat would be sold on the domestic market, with proceeds being used to purchase U.S. rice to send to Iraq.

Wheat industry leaders pointed out that a sale of wheat from the trust last year brought down the price of wheat.

The Bush Administration has included \$320 million in additional funds to buy emergency food for Iraq. This was included in their request to Congress for \$75 billion to help cover the cost of the first six months of the war with Iraq.

The \$320 million would be in addition to the \$60 million that the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) has already given to the UN World Food Program for fuel, trucks, warehouses and logistical support related to delivering food aid to Iraq.

The Agency for International Development, which administers US food aid programs, says that an estimated 500,000 tons of US food grains will be shipped to Iraq as a result of last week's release of reserves.

I hope you all recognize that the people of Iraq are going to need tremendous help, and I am not as pessimistic as some wheat growers. In the long run, helping Iraq and Africa in a time of need will be beneficial to wheat growers in the 17th District and to producers all across America.

Senate Support Grows to Limit Farm

Program Payments

With help from senators from the great plains states, support is growing in the senate to support the farm program payment limitations that Senate Finance Chairman Chuck Grassley successfully added to the Senate's fiscal year 2004 budget resolution.

The proposal limits total farm payments to \$275,000, versus \$300,000 in the budget resolution.

I can guarantee that this matter will find its way to the House floor this year.

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Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Comptroller Strayhorn Kicks Off Annual College Scholarship Poster Contest Texas

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently asked school children to draw pictures of their dream careers and enter the seventh annual Texas Tomorrow Funds Poster Contest. Winners will receive four-year Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan scholarships covering tuition and required fees at a Texas public university. Runners-up will receive one-year Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan community college scholarships.

The contest entry deadline is Tuesday, April 29. Winners will be announced in May. Complete contest rules and entry/parental consent forms are available from local schools and libraries, or they may be downloaded from the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan Web site at www.tgtp.org <<http://www.tgtp.org/>>.

Sources: Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts.



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National Honor Society Picked Up Trash Along Highway



On February 20, 2003 the National Honor Society went and picked up trash along the highway. Approximately 400 pounds of trash was picked up. There was all 33 members present to help. Reporter Natasha Ritter

"Over The River and Through The Woods" Advances To Area

The High School One-Act Play, Over the River and Through the Woods Advanced to Area last Thursday at District competition in Brownwood. Students represented Gorman well as the Theatre Company brought home team medals for Advancing, and also individual medals for each member of the cast. Gorman also brought home the coveted Best Actor Award. The awards were as follows: Best Actor: Brian Hunt, All-Star Cast: Sharon Marlow and Ryan Wright; HM-All-Star Cast: Lacy Howard, Russell Jay and Sarah Lewis. The play could not have been produced without Crew members: Zachery Bryan, Clint Jones, Kendra Swanner and Heather West. Alternate cast members are Casandra Cooper, Emma Marin and Carrie Shipps.

Four schools were represented at District competition. Menard is the alternate play with Ladies in Waiting. Other schools participating were the second Advancing play, Ranger with The Diary of Anne Frank and Christoval with The Miracle Worker.

Area competition begins approximately at 2:00 at Brownwood High School on Saturday, April 5, 2003. Over the River and Through the Woods is the fourth play to be performed with plays running back to back. The Advancing plays from other Districts are as follows: Veribest performing Tea House of the August Moon, Richland Springs performing scenes from Crimes of the Heart, Lometa performing The Boys Nect Door, and Sidney performing Pinocchio Commedia. The plays are open to the public with admission of \$3. As guests, please no that no child under school age will be admitted to the auditorium during play performances. No cameras or video-recorders may be used during a performance.

The Theatre Company would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You" to all the people who supported us with their presence at Thurday's performance.



Back Row: Mr. Wright, Kendra Swanner, Lacy Howard, Mr. Vann, Brian Hunt, Clint Jones, Sharon Marlow, Casandra Cooper and Mrs. Vann. Front Row: Heather West, Russell Jay, Sarah Lewis, Ryan Wright and Zach Bryan.

Over The River and Through The Woods advances to Area on Saturday, April 5th. Plays start at 3:00 with Gorman being 4th in the line up. Should begin about 6:30 or so. Didn't know if Melody Vann had a piece in the paper this week or not.

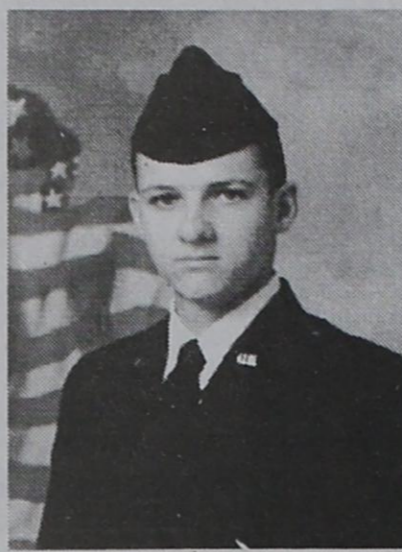
Honorable Mention All Star Cast Sarah Lewis, Russell Jay and Lacy Howard. All Star Cast Sharon Marlow and Ryan Wright. Best Actor, Brian Hunt.



Lacy Howard - Sarah Lewis
Brian Hunt



Brian Hunt - Russell Jay



A1C Brian D. Simpson
Receives Award

Billy Simpson received the following letter from the Department of Air Force regarding his son, Brian D. Simpson.

12 Feb 2003

Dear Mr. Simpson

I am pleased to tell you that your son A1C Brian D. Simpson was named the 26th Operational Weather Squadron Airman of the Month for December 2002. This award recognized Brian for his strong duty performance, positive attitude, and excellent military bearing. It was no easy achievement, either—Brian won this award in competition with over 120 other airmen!

We have come to expect this kind of achievement from A1C Simpson since he joined us in August 2002. He quickly worked through his initial training and shows great promise as a weather forecaster. Brian is responsible for issuing forecasts and weather warnings critical for protecting thousands of military personnel and billions of dollars in equipment assets throughout the seven states in the heart of Tornado Alley (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas). A big job, but we know Brian is the right person to handle it!

You can be very proud of the work your son is doing for our country. I am very glad we have A1C Simpson as part of our team and look forward to more great things from him.

Sincerely,

s/ Patrick M Condray, Lt Col, USAF, Commander, 26th Operational Weather Squadron

Billy Don also wanted to say, "We're proud of you!"



The Eastland County Commissioners approved a donation to the Gorman EDC to assist with the grant match for a medical clinic in Gorman. Pictured are Office Manager/Nurse Judy Warren, Dr. Dan Brudnak, and County Commissioner Bill Underwood.

Great State Trash Off Set for April 5th

A reminder for all Adopt-A-Highway section leaders that April is the month to clean our sections of highway. If you need trash bags or vests, please contact Lori Dodd at 734-3933.

Also, this one time a year, please contact me with how many bags of trash you collected and how many volunteers participated. Once a year this information has to be turned into Keep Texas Beautiful. And don't forget to contact TX DoT with your trash information as well. They need to know every time you pick up trash.

Thanks to all of you who help Keep Gorman Beautiful!!

Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical will be on Saturday, April 5th at 6 p.m. at the Sipe Springs Community Center.

All area musicians and listeners are invited to attend.

Police Report March 2003

For the month of March, the Gorman Police Department has received 41 calls for service: 5--dog calls, 4--disturbances, 21--calls reference, welfare concerns, assist other agencies, information on the law, 1--missing child, child found, 3--accidents, 2--forgery, 5--suspicious persons, prowlers, suspicious vehicle, 1--criminal mischief, 1--burglary.

12--arrests DWI, resisting arrest, evading arrest, criminal mischief, family violence, assault, forgery.

44--citations for speeding, 4--citations stop signs, 2--no insurance, 4--expired MVI, reg., 5--poss. of drug paraphernalia, 3--dogs running at large.

IF

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs, and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look TOO good, nor talk too wise.

If you can dream, and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
AND TREAT THOSE TWO IMPOSTERS JUST THE SAME:
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broke,
And stoop and build them up with wornout tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings,
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve you long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to you, "Hold on;"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;;
If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds worth of distance run—
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it;
And—which is more—you'll be a man, my son!

R. Kipling

Submitted by

Lucky Star Ranch
and Family Camp

Statement of Non-Discrimination

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The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is Alan Lesley, Director of Human Resources and Loss Control. Any individual or specific class of individuals, who feel this organization has subjected them to discrimination, may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Sectary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible.

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