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### Durwood Webb Statement For City Commissioner

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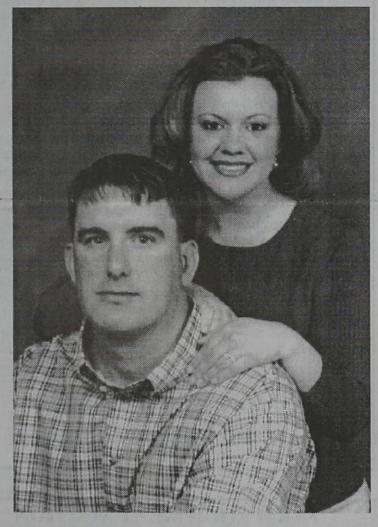
s/Durward Webb

# William Hair **Issues Statement For**

Hello, my name is William E. man for the past 12 years. Prior to Hair, Jr., most everybody knows me that, I lived on a small family farm as Bill Hair. I am running for school for 29 years southwest of the City. board trustee. I have 3 daughters was employed at Birdsong Pea- that attend school at G.I.S.D., its and retiring after 26 years as Amanda 16, Shanna 13, and Ashley Farmers' Stock and Warehouse Su- 10. I was raised in west Texas, and moved here in 1998. I take a lot of pride in our school and our town. I I am asking for your support for really believe our school system is City Council with the aim of put- as fine as one can be. If I am given ting integrity and common sense the chance to help our school out by and business practices in all forms being a trustee, I will do my very the last 5 years, I have gotten to If elected, I will look at all as- know a lot of the kids at school funcpects of City Government with the tions. I want this for not only my thoughts of above statement and children but your children too. I just make the decision based on what is want the opportunity to help out with our kids. I would greatly appreciate your vote in helping me achieve I ask for your vote on May 3rd. this goal. Thank you for your time in reading this.

Bill Hair

### **Brinegar-Caraway Engagement Announced**



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brinegar of Goldthwaite are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Brinegar of Gorman to Billy Shane Caraway of Waco.

Liz is the granddaughter of Grady Weller and the late Sue Weller of Stephenville and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Brinegar of Gorman.

Shane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bo Caraway of Gorman and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. (Dub) Reynolds of Carbon and Mrs. Rozelle Caraway and the late Jake Caraway of Eastland.

The couple will wed on Saturday, June 21, at two o'clock in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church, Gorman, Texas.

All friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

### Standley and Dolores Clark to Celebrate **50th Wedding Anniversary**



Standley and Dolores Clark of Carbon will be celebrating 50 wonderful years of love on April 26. They were married in Arlington, Texas, on this day in 1953. They have four children, Linda Lynch of Carbon, Texas; Nancy Tatum of Rendon, Texas; Donna Roberts of Grandview, Texas; and Darren Clark of Gorman, Texas; 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. In honor of this joyous occasion, their children and grandchildren would like to invite you to celebrate with them Saturday, April 26, from 2-4 p.m. at the Gorman Senior Center.

#### Update on James M. Wooten

On January 29, 2003, Eastland County dismissed all cases against James M. Wooten, as Wooten is deceased.

## Large Crowd Attends Several Gorman High Students **Easter Egg Hunt**

We had a very large group of "hunters" this year. There were several family reunions on Saturday and many of those who grew up in Gorman were back to visit and brought their little ones down. It was so nice to see all the "Ex Hunters" bring their little ones to the hunt. Makes me realize how many years I have been visiting Gorman as Mrs. Bunny. The adults enjoyed visiting with each other as the kids hunted for treasure and compared their treasures. Thank each of you for taking the time to bring them. I would like to thank each and everyone who helped make this years Treasure Hunt another big success. I appreciate those who marked off the age groups, or helped hide the treasures, Jeff Baker, John Howard, Kevin Scitern, Jeannie Whittier, Brent Elliott, and Mayor Robert Ervin. (Thanks Robert, for mowing the park).

A special thank you to all of those who donated money or candy. I will not attempt to name the individual donors, but would like to name all best I can do for our children. Over the businesses that are always so generous. Please go by and tell them how much you appreciate them:

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I apologize if I have left anyone off. If I did, please let me know. Again, thanks everyone for making this year's Easter Treasure Hunt from the community. another success.

s/ Mrs. Bunny

### **KOKOMO-SIMPSON CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery Association meeting and the annual Homecoming will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2003. The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery. Anyone interested in the cemeteries are urged to attend.

Following the meeting a covered dish lunch will be served in the Kokomo Community Center.

### **First United Methodist Church Revival**

Revival at First United Methodist Church, starting Sunday night, April 27th at 6 p.m. continuing Monday, April 28th and Tuesday, April 29th, also starting at 6 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship to follow the service

Community is invited to attend.

#### Senior Citizen Dance Cancelled

The De Leon Senior Citizen Dance scheduled for Friday, April 25 has been cancelled.

#### **Oliver Springs Cemetery Working**

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working will be on Saturday, May 3. Bring

a basket lunch and stay for fellowship.

### April - Clean Up Days Continue 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

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.

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.

First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services Every Sundays.

4-H - Meets Second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the

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

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.

#### **PANTRY**

Second Thursday of Each Month

# To Compete At Region Track Meet



Gorman High students from left to right: Lydia Royster, Brian Hunt, Kalyn Porter, Berenike Thomalla, Jose Cruz.

Area Trackmeet was held at Winters, April 17. Top 4 in each event advance to Regional which will be held at ACU in Abilene, April 25th and 26th.

Results

Lydia Royster - 3rd 100 meter dash Berenike Thomalla – 1st 800 meter dash

Kalyn Porter - 3rd Discus Brian Hunt - 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus

2<sup>nd</sup> Shotput

Jose Cruz - 3rd 800 meter dash

We are proud of our athletes and all the support we receive

### **Lady Panthers Win District**



The Lady panthers traveled to Ranger on Friday to play the Albany Lions in a game that decided who would take home the golden glove. The Lady Panthers had been undefeated when they were visitors to the Lady Lions on Tuesday, but in a tough battle the Lady Lions pulled through to win by one and became tied with Gorman for the lead in district. The Lady Panthers finished their season with a 6-1 record and carried home the District Champions title with a 14-4 victory.

Each Lady Panther has contributed so much to the team, but it's the "team" attitude that has helped them succeed. The Lady Panthers have truly earned their spot in the playoffs, so come out and support them!

# 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 WEDNES-DAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT - APRIL 16TH

#### **Irene Pearl Harrison**

Irene Pearl Harrison, 74, passed away Tuesday, April 15, 2003 at her residence in Gorman. Services were Friday, April 18, 2003, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Campbell officiating. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery.

Irene was born on January 6, 1929 in Desdemona to Robert Buckley and Susie (Caudle) Buckley. She was a homemaker and member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jack Harrison of Gorman; daughter, Patricia Phillips and husband Jimmy of Texarkana, TX; son, Jackie Harrison and wife Cheryl of Fort Worth; two sisters, Corinne Walden of Clyde and Nelda Towery of Princeton, KY; two grandsons, Jimmy Phillips of Texarkana and Billy Jack Phillips and wife Nik-E of Texarkana; two granddaughters, Carissa Sierra and husband Chris of Carrollton and Amanda Harrison and special friend Mark of Fort Worth. She was eagerly awaiting the birth of her first great-grandchild.

### Cisco Jr. College **Honors Students**

Cisco Junior College conducted its thirty-fifth annual Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 14. Each spring semester, CJC recognizes and honors these members of the student body who have proven themselves to be outstanding students and persons. Students were recognized in several categories that included scholastic and extracurricular achievement.

The students receiving awards from Gorman were: Charla Davis, Katie Davis, Beatriz Ramirez, Casey Simpson, Cody Simpson.



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### Ranger College **Band Concert**

Ranger College presents The Ranger College Band in concert, directed by Bob Johnson, on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Golemon Library Auditorium.

Admission is free.

### **Board Approves 2003 –** 2004 School Calendar

The Gorman ISD Board of Trustees met Monday, April 14, 2003 in regular session. Members worked through the general business approving the minutes, payment of disbursements, and payroll. The board addressed several issues in the new business section of the agenda.

The 2003 - 2004 School calendar was presented to the board for approval. Leslie Vann informed the board that the faculty and campus site base teams had approved and recommended the proposed calendar. Bob Powell's motion to adopt the calendar was approved unanimously. Students will report to school for the 2003 -2004 school year on August 18, 2003. The winter break will begin with early dismissal at 1:00 pm on December 19, 2003 and students will report back to school on January 6, 2004. Spring break is scheduled for March 15 - 19, 2004, and graduation is scheduled for May 28, 2004.

Freddie Gilmore presented a motion to sell two busses which passed. Gorman will place two busses on the auction lot at the Region 14's annual school bus auction. The sale is scheduled for May 3, 2003.

Every two years local school districts must advertise and take bids for bank depository. Jeff Seaton called for a vote to begin the bidding process for bank depository rights. The board will act on the depository contracts in June.

Each year at the April meeting GISD trustees act on the student transfer list. This year the Gorman ISD Board of trustees approved seventy-one students as transfer students. The board also called for a special board meeting on May 6 at noon to canvass the votes of the May 3rd election.

The April agenda listed personnel as one of the items to be discussed. Bobby Rich's motion to approve the employment of the East End Special Education Cooperative employees was approved by the GISD. The Board also discussed staffing needs for the 2003 -2004 school year in closed session. The board took no action on the agenda item.

During the information section of the meeting, the trustees received a report from the tax office and a fund balance report. Principals Morris and Wright provided the board with a calendar of activities and an enrollment report. Mr. Wright presented the board with an update on the Regional UIL results. Leslie Vann presented an update on the current legislative session. He encouraged the board to contact their respective legislative offices voice their concerns for public education and finance. He also informed the board that GISD recently received a \$ 1500 grant for the development of AP courses. He also reported that the district has recently applied for two technology grants that if awarded would provide GISD with \$ 210,000 for technology. Gorman ISD is also developing a grant that would provide \$ 15,000 for the Elementary Library and \$ 20,000 for the High School Library. In closing, Mr. Vann informed the board that they had the opportunity to attend a training session on May 8th at the new Clyde High School.

### **Resisting Arrest Conviction**

Earlier this month, an Eastland County jury found Dennis Teska guilty of resisting arrest. In August of 2001, Mr. Teska had used force against Heath Oakley while the Ranger officer was attempting to handcuff him during an investigation of a disturbance.

Criminal District Attorney, Russ Thomason, was grateful the jury determined that the enforcement of this law was appropriate to prevent an escalation of force, which then could cause injuries and/or more serious felony charges. "One lesson to be learned is, even when you believe you should not be arrested, cooperate with the officer," Mr. Thomason ad-

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### **Liberty Ladies Quilting Circle**

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### **School Activity Calendar**

Tues. Apr.29- SDAA Test **TAKS Test** 

Wed. Apr.30- SDAA Test **TAKS Test** 

Thurs. May 1- TAKS Test State UIL - Austin

Fri. May 2- State UIL - Austin

Sat. May 3- State UIL - Austin

#### **Columbus**

From: Four Minute Essays by Dr. Frank Crane America lies beyond. Nothing is final!

So may people give up. If they would go on they would discove

That little company on the 'Pinta,' the 'Nina,' and the 'Santa Maria' are a good type of us all. They were afraid. All about them was the dreadful unknown. Imagination had peopled the sea with monsters. They were sailing where man had never sailed before, which calls for the last reserves of courage. They wanted to turn back. They threatened mutiny. Only the iron-willed Columbus said, "Sail on!"

So we ventured on into Tomorrow, an unchartered water. We know not what we shall find. The ghosts of our fears and fancies threaten us. We shrink from the future. We would quit, turn back. We are like the sailors. But let me be rather like Columbus.

> For America lies beyond. Nothing is final.

Have you lost your money? Has your business failed? Is poverty staring you in the face? You know not which way to turn. You say you are "up against it." You sit and brood. Despair is your companion.

Go on! Tomorrow lies before you. Who knows what is there? Perhaps the land of success is just beyond the horizon and tomorrow's sun will reveal it, palm-fringed and glistening.

You have lost your position. You have lost your love. Disease has attacked you. Friends have deserted you, or some other calamity shadows you.

Go on! Life is not a fixed point. Life is a stream, ever flowing. It is a moving picture continually unfolding. It is a strange tale; there will be another chapter after this. Let us see what is in it.

Thank God no one knows the future! Let our curiosity keep up our spirit. Life is an unending adventure.

> America lies beyond. Nothing is final.

Life is a puzzle. But every puzzle has a solution. To high hearts and undaunted minds there is always hope.

Come! Faces toward the Future! Pull the belt a little tighter! Speak cheer to one to another! Whatever has happened to us or in us, whatever outward evil or inward weakness, we are not cattle, nor rabbits, we are souls, a little fragment each of us of Almighty god; no one can make up despair except ourself.

If I fall, I shall rise again. The fates may be very strong, but they cannot make me afraid.

My soul is a Columbus; and not watery wastes, nor strange sounds, nor glooming mysteries, nor bludgeoning facts, not heaven nor hell shall send me back, nor make me cry "Enough!"

> America lies beyond. Nothing is final.

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1st grade, Mrs. Lewis--A Honor Roll-- Zachary Carlton, Fabian Garcia, Mykisha Hampton, Kinsey Johnston, Shyann Rainey, Melissa Ramirez; A-B Honor Roll--Connie Gonzalez, Andrew Keith, Alaina Swanner, Rhys Vaughn

1st grade, Mrs. Smith--A Honor Roll--Courtney Byrd, Bailey Cockburn, Sheldon Fenley, Yari Montelongo, Tyler Patel, Rony Ramirez, Jessica Williams; A-B Honor Roll--Cindy Gonzalez, Taylor Grumbles, Andy Madera, Gloria Madera, Zac Ryon, Miles Turner 2nd grade, Mrs. Forbus -- A Honor Roll-- A-B Honor Roll--Stephanie Grissom, Skyler Henderson, Austin marlow, Katie Nabors, B.J. Ramirez

2nd grade, Mrs. Grissom--A Honor Roll--Sergio Garcia, Margarita Oronia, Rachel Tucker, Tyson Underwood; A-B Honor Roll-Taylor Holdman, Dalila Hipolito, Kacie Keith, Viridiana Maldonado, Dalton Murphy

3rd grade, Mrs. Caraway--A Honor Roll--Cade Cole, McKenzie Osborne, Raime Preston, Chance Whitten, A.J. Vaughn; A-B Honor Roll--Nathan Ettinger, Delores Garcia, Erica Ortiz, Chance Whitten

Roll--Courtney Carlton, Ally Little, Cody Self, Cortney Shirley, Stetson Thompson; A-B Honor Roll--Rebekah Powell

4th grade, Mrs. Bussell--A Honor Roll--Brice Campbell, Jaime Johnston; A-B Honor Roll--Troy Gilder, Mayra Guzman, Matt Keith, Scotty Martin, Cecilia Olivares, Stephanie Risueno, Evanjelina Sanchez

4th grade, Mrs. Matteson--A Honor Roll--Luis Martinez, Jacob Singleton; A-B Honor Roll--Abby Pacheco, Heather Wilson, Randy Woodall

5th grade, Mrs. Barker-A Honor Roll--Chance Bryant, Jonathan Flores: A-B Honor Roll--Taylor Chew, Brenda Velasquez

5th grade, Mrs. Wright--A Honor Roll-- Eric Ryon; A-B Honor Roll--Jarrett Blankenship, Ben Burgess, Edna Gonzalez, Jose Velasquez

6th grade, Mrs. Keith--A Honor Roll--Matt Underwood, Veronica Walton; A-B Honor Roll--C.J. Grumbles, Sonia Hipolito, Olivia Jackson, Audrey Johnston, Jordan Perry, April Keaton

Honor Roll--Matthew Cogburn, Emily Lewis, Miles Vann; A-B Honor Roll--Lindsey Laminack, Valerie Longoria, Perla Velasquez

#### Gorman High School **Honor Roll** 5th Six Weeks

7th Grade-A -- Brandy Carlton, Maria Cruz, Clarissa Glasson, Meghan Preston; A-B--Corey Clark, Nicole Cogburn, Reba Granado, Kennon Hornback, Tecia Jones, Kendra Lewis, Meghan Lewis, Mary Powell, Trey Underwood, Nancy Velasquez

8th Grade-A-K'Ann Howard; A-B--Kristy Carlton, Rosa Herrera, Brenda Olivares, maria Oronia, Reggie Sanchez, Brittany Shirley 9th Grade-A--Amber Ervin, Amber Lewis, Cindy Lopez; A-B-mer Olvera

10th Hipolito, Ashlee Hornback; A-B--Amanda Boyd, Martha Cruz, first visit to her great-grandma's home. Christian Esquivel, Ariana giles, Lewis, Dana Longoria, Doneil

Strawbridge 11th Grade-A -- Lacy Howard, Andrea Files, Maria G. Garcia,

Royster, Emily Thornton Sarah Lewis, Mayra Lopez, Emma Marin, Moritz Niehaus, Rhesea mother, Pat Reneau and grandchildren, Tricia Rose and Zack. Rainey, Natasha Ritter

#### **Desdemona News**

**ByVonnie Guthery** 

will be on Saturday, April 26 at the were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Community Center. Concession stand will open at 5:30 p.m. with of Desdemona; Roy and Angela sandwiches, homemade pie and drinks. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend.

Dorothy Roberts spent the Easter holiday weekend in Fort Worth visiting with her daughter, Ulenda Weaver. Other visitors in the home were Heather Caddell and children, Kelsey and Cameron; Heath Weaver; Ashley Weaver and children, Tanner and Noah; Marcus and Shelly Mendez all of Fort Worth; Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena of Granbury; Jeff Roberts of Dallas.

Desdemona monthly musical for her family. Those attending Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery all Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane of Cisco. Easter egg hunt after lunch was enjoyed by all the grandchildren.

Karen Eaves had an MRI on her foot. She has torn ligaments and is now wearing a protective walking shoe cast until the healing process is complete.

Irene Pearl (Buckley) Harrison, 74, of Gorman passed away at her home. Burial was in the Gorman Cemetery on Friday, April 18. Irene was born in Desdemona to Robert and Susie (Caudle) Buckley. Sur-Wayne and Karen Eaves and vivors include her husband, Jack Lorin hosted Easter Holiday dinner Harrison of Gorman; son, Jackie

#### **Kokomo News**

By Zelda Jordan

Easter Sunday was a wonderful day at Kokomo. There were lots of visitors at the Kokomo Baptist Church for the morning worship services . The beautiful special music was rendered by Lesley and Melanie Gatlin of Graham. They are the grandchildren of Woodrow and Helen Browning. The other visitors were Gary, Donna and Garrett Gatlin of Graham, 3rd grade, Mrs. Spivey--A Honor Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning of Graham, Joe, Viki and Justin Miles of Austin, Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody and Emily Daniell of Abilene, Judy and Sarah Porter of Elgin, Scarlett Porter and Tino Torres of Austin, Stacy Webb and Renee Fox and Ireland, Liberty, Nichole, Breanna and Colby Cockburn, Carlie Jackson, Gage, Randall Suniga and Jacob Webb and Alice Bergmark all of Comanche, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville, Ima Boles of Clyde, Glenn and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton, Jody, Mandy and Brylee Johnson and Ben Burgess of Gorman, and Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay. I pray that I didn't overlook anyone who was visiting with us. Everyone is always welcome at Kokomo.

> A communion service was held following a wonderful Easter message by Bro. Clarence Wilson.

> After the service an Easter egg hunt was held for the children while the older folks watched the children having a wonderful time or just visited with one another.

The Sunday night service was dismissed so everyone could have der surgery. He will soon be ready more time to visit with their families.

Gary, Donna, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning all of Graham visited with Woodrow and Helen Browning during the Easter weekend.

Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum of Huckabay visited on Sunday with Gene and Kay Snider and Mike, Crystal and Rachel Snider.

Easter weekend visitors with Oren and Norma Webb were Judy and Sarah Porter of Elgin, Scarlett and Tino Torres of Austin, James, Jantzen like a rocking chair--it give you and Chelsea Webb of Granbury, Stacy Webb and Renee Fox of Comanche and Renee's grandchildren, Ireland, Liberty, Nichole, Breanna and Gage, Randall and Kaci Suniga and Jacob Webb and Alice Bergmark all of Comanche.

On April 14, LaVon Snider visited in the home of Dale, Kathy, Scott a nice day, Vonnie. and Matt Collum and helped Matt celebrate his birthday.

On Thursday night LaVon met Dwayne and Connie Snider of 6th grade, Mrs. Johnson--A Stephenville at Hwy 6 Café in De Leon for supper and then visited with the Harrison and Buckley families in Gorman.

LaVon Snider enjoyed Easter lunch with Dan, Dianne, and Sandra Snider and Belinda, Isaac, Daniella and Audriana Segura and Justin Snider of Austin who was home for the Easter Holiday.

LaVon Snider received word on Sunday night of the death of her Mother's cousin, Ressie Vee (McDonald) Grafton. She passed away in Albuquerque, NM on April 17, 2003. She was buried in Las Cruces, NM where her husband was buried. Ressie was the daughter of the late Lon McDonald and grew up in the Kokomo Community. LaVon says that her Uncle Lon's family lived on the Hendricks place when she first remembers them. We extend sincere sympathy to LaVon and the family.

We also extend sincere sympathy to Jack Harrison of Gorman at the death of his wife, Irene, this past week.

Stacy, LaDawn and Alexis Snapp of Lewisville and Ima Boles of Clyde visited with Bobby and Mary Jane Little during the weekend.

Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis and Bill, Paulette, Jamie and Megan Black and D'Ann and Michael of Cleburne visited during the Easter weekend with Delmon and Joyce Eaves. Norma Webb and Nancy Hendricks also visited with Joyce and Delmon.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Sylvia Buchanan, Doris Bradshaw, Johnnie B. Griffith, Leon and Glenda Black of Abilene, and Zelda Jordan.

Joe, Viki and Justin Miles of Austin, and Wade, Sheri, Ryan, Kody Corey Brown, Krista Brown, sum- and Emily Daniell of Abilene spent the Easter weekend with their grandmother, Zelda Jordan. They all enjoyed dinner at ZJ's in Gorman Grade-A--Elizabeth on Saturday evening. The children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and playing games in great-grandma's yard. This was 4-month old Emily's

Leon and Glenda Black visited with Zelda Jordan from Sunday night Rachel Granado, Clint Jones, Scott until Tuesday. They were enroute to their home in Abilene from Harlingen and will be leaving on Friday for Fresno, CA where Leon will be working at a Fresno Hospital.

Glenn and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton and Ben Burgess of Gorman Melinda Leal, Crystal Williams; A- visited during the Easter weekend with Durwood and Aletha Burgess. B--Holly Abbe, Casondra Cooper, Aline Garrett of Gorman also visited with them.

On Easter Sunday afternoon the annual Easter picnic and Easter egg Brett Hagood, Kalyn Porter, Lydia hunt was held on the Buckley place near Desdemona. Those attending were Jeff, Angela, Chelsea and Haley Buckley, Jerry and Pat Buckley, 12th Grade-A-- Tana Grissom, Durwood and Aletha Burgess, Billy and Cheryl Burgess of Granbury, Shari Marlow, Berenike Thomalla, Danny and Charla Burgess, Glenn and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton, Ben Heather West; A-B-- Josh Bridges, Burgess of Gorman, Aline Garrett of Gorman, Charles and Carolyn Josh Carruth, Dylan Cogburn, Little, Scotty, Caye, Zack and Zane Mauney of Santo, David and Judy Kristina Everton, Samuel Garcia, Abbey, Cassie and friend William, Latisha and Dava of De Leon, and Brian Hunt, Russell Jay, Joe Landa Melinda, Larry, Selina and Scott Walker of Desdemona.

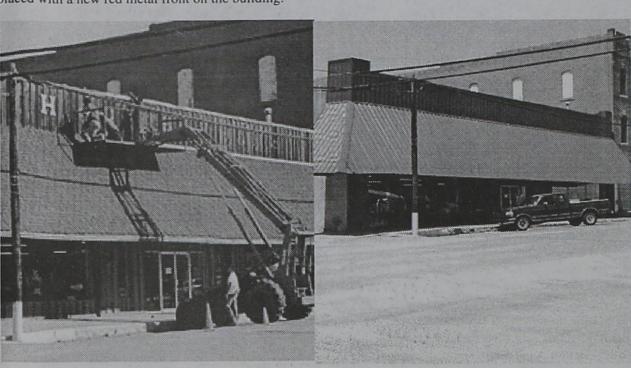
David and Cassie Brasher visited in Ranger on Sunday with his

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Bernard Keith is 'perking-up' real good since his recent gall bladto go fishing.

Mollie Godwin of Kyle, Texas, Robert Brown of Dallas spent the Easter holiday weekend visiting with their mother, Mary Ficklen at her Desdemona home.

Thought for today: "Worry si something to do but doesn't get you

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### **Heritage Manor News**

By Nancy Hendricks

#### **April Birthday Party**

On Friday, April 11th at 2:00 p.m. was the April Birthday Party. Honorees were Doyl Johnson, Gladys Chambless, and Lavona Sharp. Ruth Campbell came played the electric organ and led singing. First Baptist Church and Heritage Manor gave honorees gifts. Anna Rush and Estelle Erwin made the birthday cakes that were served with root beer. Enjoying the happy occasion were the honorees Doyl Johnson, Gladys Chambless and Lavona Sharp. Other residents present were Darrell Dossey, Mildred Roberts, Monica O'Dozier, Inez Rogers, Mary Williams, A.V. Seay, Mary Tobin, Mary Lou Landers, Lucille Johnson, Euna Porter, Billie Knight, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Roy Lee Whitlock, Muriel Prewitt, Olan and Margaret Helms and guests Buddy Rogers, Ruth Campbell, Nancy Hendricks and Ina Smith.

Visiting Buster and Louise Brown were Rob and Bonita Richards of her on Tuesday. Ft. Worth, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Max and Janice Grice of Stephenville, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Bro. Bill and Tootie Campbell, Irene West, Christine Hammontree, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Glenn Glasson, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. Griffith.

Guests visiting A.V. Seay and Vera Henderson were C.J. Henderson of Abilene, E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Lake Leon, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Jimmy Little, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Seay and Modess Self. Eunice Love, Fay and Denzel Ables, Christine Hammontree.

Dalton Wayne Bond spent the week with his sister, Mary Ann Alexander Glasson, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin. and attended church in Brownwood.

On Sunday morning, Bobby Rich and Tootie Campbell of First Baptist Church had Sunday School for Ethel Weaver, Patti Whitehorn, Hope Joiner, Buddy Winn, Inez Rogers, Stella Files, Veno Hale, Irene Heathington, Modess Self, Darrell Dossey, A.V. Seay, Lavona Sharp, Olan and Margaret Helms, Lovena Sherrod, Euna Porter, Mary Tobin, Dorothy Beaty and guests Howard and Pat Hagood.

Visiting Dale and Lucille Johnson were Brad Johnson of Granbury, Grant Lewis and Vada Lewis and Roy Johnson of Desdemona, Paul and DeSha Johnson, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Eunice Love, Anna Rush, Christine Hammontree, Fay and Denzel Ables.

Guests visiting Hope Joiner and Mary Tobin were Bro. Clarence and Doyl Johnson, Darrell Dossey, Gladys Chambless. Leona Wilson, Joyce Bramlett and Lucille Joiner of Stephenville, Don Joiner of Houston, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Nancy Hendricks, Johnnie B. and Pat Hagood, Bill and Tootie Campbell. Griffith, Jimmy Little, Lila Rhyna of DeLeon.

were Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Jimmy Little, Ruby Lee Kinser, Bond. Joe and Glynda Bond, Woodrow and Helen Browning and Nancy Hendricks, and guests Marjorie Treadway, Grant Lewis and Vada Lewis. Residents were Veno Hale, Roy Lee Whitlock, Euna Porter, Patti Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Margaret and Olan Helms, Doyl Johnson, Mary Iou Landers, A.V. Seay, Mary Tobin, Dorothy Roberts, Ethel Weaver, Roy Lee Whitlock, Darrell Dossey and Stella Files.

On Sunday, T.D. and Patti Whitehorn enjoyed a trip to Abilene to visit their children, Dr. Michael and Marsha Whitehorn. They all enjoyed a J.P. Hamilton of Garland, Larry and DeLinda Snider, Diana Snider, Anna lunch at 'The Olive Garden' with Sylvia Estes.

Sorry to report Clara Mae Frossard is a patient in the Brownwood Hospital.

Visiting Darrell Dossey and Buddy Winn were Harvey Winn of Carbon, June Dossey, Tracy Spivey, Becky Simpson, Bill and Tootie Campbell, Estelle Erwin, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Denzel and Wilbur Overstreet, Ann Warren, Diana Snider.

Guests visiting Margie Lane and Lovena Sherrod were Sandra Midkiff of Mineral wells, Genie Odam and Stan McCracken of Cisco, Linda Ogle Kids" of First Baptist Church came and gave everyone an Easter Card. and Kenneth Welch of Granbury, Wilbur Overstreet, Anna Rush, Estelle Leaders were Ashley and Bobby Rich, James and Ellen Tucker, Liz Erwin.

On Monday morning, Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for Inez Rogers, A.V. Seay, Veno hale, Lavona Sharp, Olan and Margaret Helms, Mary Tobin, Myrtle Mae Davidson and Dalton Wayne Bond.

Visiting R.L. and Lavona Sharp were Ruth Lewis and Lara Lewis of Desdemona, Mayvis Lasater, Tootie Campbell and Jerry Majors.

Guests visiting Euna Porter and Myrtle Mae Davidson were Bonnie D. Stewart of DeLeon, Edith and Lonnie Grumbles, E.G. Henderson, Stanley Porter, Ima Brown.

Muriel Prewitt guests were Amy Fraley, Durward Webb, Mayvis Lasater and Diana Snider.

On Monday afternoon, those coming for singing were Daisy Slaton, Alpha Mae Andry, Zelda Jordan, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Marjorie Treadway, Ernestine Campbell and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Olan and Margaret Helms, Darrell Dossey, A.V. Seay, Mary Tobin, Ethel Weaver, Inez Rogers, Irene Heathington, Lavona Sharp, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Doyl Johnson, Mildred Roberts and Roy Lee Whitlock.

Visiting Zadie Terry were Glen and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon, Leta Loudermilk, Anna Rush, Diana Snider, Tootie Campbell.

Visiting Olan and Margaret Helms were Tootie Campbell, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Billie Knight's parents, Delmon and Edna Jones of Dennison, visited

Visiting Irene Heathington and Modess Self were Christine Self of Carbon, Ken and Betty Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Durward Webb, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for Veno Hale, Mary Tobin, Doyle Johnson, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Muriel Prewitt, Dorothy Beaty, A.V.

Some guests visiting Bea O'Neal and Gladys Chambless were Glenn

Tuesday afternoon, Ina Smith and Mary Tobin, Evelyn Rippetoe, Patti Whitehorn, Inez Rogers and A.V. Seay decorated eggs for Easter.

Some of Mildred Roberts guests were Tommy Roberts, Rodney Roberts, Vickie Hallmark, Doylena, Kayle and Dana Roberts of Gustine, Dorothy Roberts of Desdemona, Bo and Anna Lee Roberts, Anna Rush, Fay and Denzel Ables.

Visiting Sara Rodgers and Evelyn Rippetoe were George Rodgers, Durward Webb, Diana Snider, Howard and Pat Hagood.

The First United Methodist Church Youth came and had an Easter Egg Hunt. Residents who enjoyed them were Dorothy Beaty, Mary Tobin, Myrtle Mae Davidson, Roy Lee Whitlock, Lavona Sharp, A.V. Seay,

Visiting Dorothy Beaty and Ollie Halcomb were Diana Snider, Howard

Pat Graham and Ina Smith had bingo for Inez Rogers, Lavona Sharp,

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church Myrtle Mae Davidson, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, and Dalton Wayne

Mary Lou Landers guests were Don and Clifton Landers of Springtown, Dorothy Roberts and Evah Sparkman of Desdemona.

Visiting Jewel Snider, Roy Lee Whitlock and Gladys Dennis were Lee Pettigrew of Desdemona, Bobby and Peggy Ingram, Maudie Husband and Bill Moll of Cisco, Linda Ogle and Kenneth Welch of Granbury, Rush, Estelle Erwin, Denzel and fay Ables, Ima Brown, Tootie Campbell.

Guests visiting Ethel Weaver and Inez Rogers were Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Ashley Rich, Lane and Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Mayvis Lasater, Vada Lewis and Grand Lewis of Desdemona, Anna Rush, Fay Ables, Christine Hammontree, Eunice Love.

On Wednesday evening, residents were delighted with the 25 "Team Brinegar and Kathy Whitfield.

Veno Hale and Stella Files guests were Jimmy Little, Clarence and Leona Wilson, Tootie Campbell, Mayvis Lasater, Howard and Pat

Mary Williams guests were Maxine Frasier, Harold and Frieda Harrison of Combine, Mayvis Lasater, Ima Brown, Diana Snider, Durward Webb, Christine Hammontree, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin, Denzel and Fay Ables, Wilbur Overstreet, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Wednesday morning, Bro. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and taught the chapel class for R.L. and Lavona Sharp, Ethel Weaver, Darrell Dossey, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, Buddy Winn, Veno Hale, Mary Tobin, A.V. Seay, Hope Joiner, Dorothy Beaty, Buster and Louise



Progress Report on Congress

Each year the American people head to the polls and cast their vote for the local, state and federal officials they believe will best represent their views. And last November, when Texans went to the ballot box, they sent Washington a message loud and clear: we expect results. Message received. I'm pleased with our achievements during the first four months of the 108th Congress.

#### **AMBER Alert**

One of my proudest accomplishments is the recent passage of a national AMBER Alert network. Last year the Senate passed the legislation, but the clock ran out before the House could act. This year, be chambers of Congress worked to swiftly reach an agreement on this cal legislation. AMBER alerts, which originated here in Texas, save the lives of children – 60 to date. With the passage of my legislation, we will be able to take this success story nationwide and save countless others. Budget

Congress approved last year's appropriations bills to ensure the full funding of the initiatives and programs on which Americans rely. We passed a budget to provide a spending blueprint for the year, and paved the way for action on the president's economic stimulus plan to put people back to work. We will pass tax relief to let families keep more of what they earn and some regulatory reform to help stabilize our economy. **Homeland Security** 

We started off the year by confirming former Pennsylvania Governor, Tom Ridge, as our nation's first Homeland Security Secretary. As the head of the new 180,000-person agency, he is implementing necessary changes to help protect the American people from future terror attacks. By bringing together 22 previously disparate domestic agencies under one umbrella, the Department of Homeland Security will enable government and the American people to better prepare and respond to the new threats we face. Congress is working closely with the agency to ensure proper funding of this critical mission.

#### **Operation Iraqi Freedom**

When Congress convened in January, we did not know our nation would be heading to war in Iraq. But in March, we rolled into Baghdad to eliminate the threat of Saddam Hussein and his weapons of mass destruction. Congress responded by offering support – morally and fiscally - to aid our men and women in uniform in their great task, passing a nearly \$80 billion wartime spending bill to fund the campaign. Though our work is not yet over, our mission thus far has been successful.

#### The Road Ahead

There is still much to be done. Some of my top priorities include confirmation of federal judges, needed to fill vacancies in our nation's courts; development of a comprehensive national policy to make America energy independent and create more jobs; and reforming Medicare with a prescription drug component to bring this program into the 21st century.

While our plate is still overflowing, I'm pleased with our progress thus far. The American people should rest assured that while global issues may dominate the news, Congress is also moving ahead on important domestic fronts that affect your day-to-day lives.

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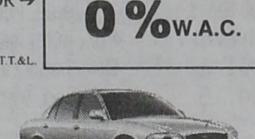


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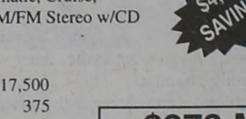
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