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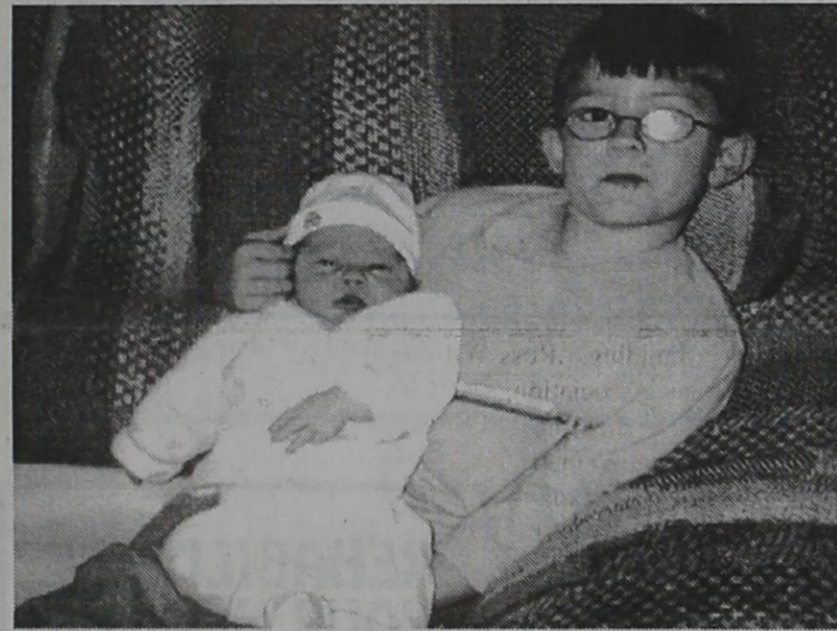
MAY 1, 2003

## New Grandson For Brent and Jean Lasater



Brent and Jean Lasater are proud to announce the birth of their grandson, John Mark Lasater. John Mark was born in Dallas, at Baylor Medical Center, April 16, 2003. He weighed six pounds and four ounces and measured twenty inches long. John Mark is the son of Brian and Becca Lasater of Frisco, Texas. His maternal grandparents are Ben and Elizabeth Brown of Houston. His great grandmother is Mayvis Lasater of Gorman.

## New Grandson For Brent and Jean Lasater



Rylan Laminack is proud to announce the arrival of his new baby brother, Braylan Wayne Laminack. He was born on April 16th at 6:55 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds and 8 ounces and was 21 inches long.

The proud new parents are Mindy Laminack of Gorman and David Gilbert, Jr. of Comanche. Maternal grandparents are Revise and Becky Laminack of Gorman. Paternal grandparents are David and Wanda Gilbert of Comanche. Great grandparents are Wanda Rainey and Marcel and Don Laminack, all of Gorman.

## Oakland Cemetery Meeting Announced

Well, it's that time of year again. We will gather on Saturday, May 3 at 10 a.m. Thank each and everyone who have helped in any way to support the Cemetery expenses.

Please come along with us and help us to keep the Cemetery fund at an adequate amount to pay the bills each month.

It is down a great deal due to the economy and we need everyone to realize it is exceedingly hard at times to pay when it comes due.

Please come along with us and let's all get being our beloved Cemetery and our loved ones who are there.

The mailing address is: Oakland Cemetery Association, 503 N. Fisher, Gorman, Texas 76454 or the Cemetery account at the American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454.

## GHS Student Body

## Visited State FFA Officers



The Gorman High School student body was visited by the State FFA Officers of the Texas FFA Association. Shawn Boles, and the Gorman FFA Chapter were the host. The officers were State President Lindsay Allen, and State First Vice President Coy Baldwin. These two officers gave a motivating talk to the student body and visited shortly with some of the Gorman FFA Chapter members.

## Statement of Nathan Files

I am Nathan Files, a candidate for the Gorman City Commission.

As most of you who read this know, I have lived in the Gorman community all of my life. Like my father, I have farmed and ranched for many years. The past 18 years I have worked for the Southwestern Peanut Growers' Association as field representative and warehouse inspector at operating points throughout Central, East and South Texas.

Being a native of Gorman Community, I have developed great pride in our town and area through the years. By nature, I tend toward conservatism. I would therefore favor proceeding with decisions regarding City business and endeavors on a cautious, common sense basis. I believe that any changes under consideration should be pursued only after careful thought and study and always weighed in light of our resources and fiscal means.

My desire is that the Gorman community offer the maximum opportunities for all of our citizens--youth, working class, farmers and ranchers and senior citizens. All of these groups deserve our support and respect. As we continue to work toward these goals, we must stay within sensible guidelines that will assure a viable and sound city and community operation of which we can all be proud.

I would be honored to have your vote and support.

## City Election

The City Election will be on Saturday, May 3. Polls open 7am to 7 pm at the Gorman Community Center.

Candidate are:

Bradley Whittier-Place 1  
Nathan Files-Place 1  
Alex Granado-Place 3  
Durward Webb-Place 3

## OFFICIAL BALLOT CITY OF GORMAN ELECTION

MAY 3, 2003

Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the squares beside the names of the candidates of your choice.

VOTE UD PARA LOS CANDIDATOS DE SU PREFERENCIA FOR ONER UN "X" CUADROS CERCA DE LOS NOMBRES DE LOS CANDIDATOS DE SU PREFERENCIA.

## ELECTION OF TWO COMMISSIONERS FOR COMMISSIONER, PLACE ONE:

- Bradley W. Whittier  
 Nathan Files

## FOR COMMISSIONER, PLACE THREE:

- Alex Granado  
 Durward Webb

## April 27-May3 is National Volunteer Week "Volunteers the Spirit of America"

The residents and staff of Heritage Manor would like to honor all those who volunteer at Heritage Manor.

Volunteers are a valuable part of Heritage Manor. As a thank you, we would like to invite everyone to join us on Friday, May 2, at 3:00 p.m. for ice cream floats and fellowship in the front lobby.

**Gorman Peanut Festival  
2nd Saturday in September.  
Mark your calendars.**

## Rock Bluff Cemetery

Rock Bluff Cemetery needs you on May 3, 2003. The annual cleaning time is here. Bring tools to work and if any have chain saws please bring. We are hoping to take down the dead trees. Don't forget lunch food and your chairs. If any have stories or pictures you are willing to share about the families from the Rock Bluff area please bring. A book is in the making. Signs will mark the way. Hoping to see all of you there. Your help is needed to restore and renew this cemetery. The earliest grave is 1878. Let's not forget our past.

Jerry and Jan Grisham

840 Burlson DeLeon, Texas 76444, 254-893-5843.

**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

## Aloha!

The Gorman Elementary Student Council will be having a Spring Festival on May 13th from 5:00 - 8:00 PM at the elementary school. The theme this year will be a "Luau," so dress Hawaiian and come and join us. There will be games, such as ; darts, football toss, basketball shoot, duck pond, fishing booth, cake walk, limbo, and much more. Tickets will be sold at the festival. They will be \$ .25 each or 5 for \$1.00. Hope to see you there!

## TO THE CITIZENS OF GORMAN



## THE END OF AN ERA

By Mary Webb

Yes, it is true the Texas Peanut Producers Board is moving its headquarters to Lubbock, Texas. Yes, it is true I will be retiring this summer. I did not want to just fade away without telling you folks "thank you" for allowing us to work in your fine community for almost 35 years.

We are so grateful for the support and cooperation given to us through the years by the citizens and businesses in Gorman. I am so proud to have been a part of this community for the past 28 years. Even though I am not a resident, I was born and reared in the Kokomo Community and have spent half of my adult life working here in Gorman for the TPPB. Therefore, I have laid claim to being one of you.

The TPPB was organized in 1969 and established its headquarters in what was then known as the old Southwestern Peanut Growers Association's building. Ross Wilson, manager of the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association, was responsible for getting legislation passed that established the TPPB as the first agriculture commodity check-off organization in the State of Texas. Wayne Eaves was hired as the first executive director.

When I was hired as the executive director in 1983, the office moved into downtown Gorman. Then in 1986, we purchased the lot and built the structure where we are now located. It was a good decision because it established the TPPB as a secure and permanent organization in a community completely oriented to peanuts. Plus, being located in Gorman allowed us to operate with very minimum administrative costs.

The Texas Peanut Producers Board began discussions and plans to move the office to Lubbock shortly after I announced my intent to retire. The deciding vote came in a board meeting in December 2002. Now that the majority of the peanut production is in West Texas and with the infrastructure expanding to that area, the Board felt the growers would be better served by relocating the headquarters to Lubbock.

I think it is too early to tell whether the new peanut program is going to be a "good" or "bad" thing for the Texas peanut growers as a whole. However, with the drastic decrease in peanut acreage in Central Texas, it is obvious the new program is not working for peanut farmers in this area. I share your sadness when I drive around the countryside and see coastal bermuda or untilled land where there once was peanuts. I would like to think peanut production might return to the area in the future, but with the breakdown in the infrastructure it does not look too promising.

You are a strong community with progressive leadership. I am certain that other businesses will come in and fill the void of the loss of the peanut industry.

Thank you Gorman for your friendship. You have given me many good memories I can take with me in my retirement. I appreciate all you have done for me and the Texas Peanut Producers Board.

## 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.

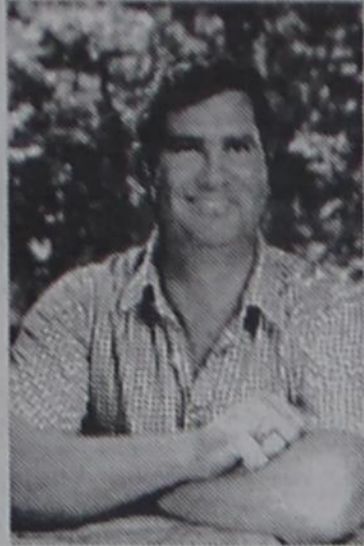
**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** — Blood Pressure Checks by Heritage Manor of Gorman. Every Wednesday at Senior Citizens at 11:00 a.m. Other week at Gorman Hotel at 10:30 a.m.

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.

Memorial



Memorial for Dean "Dink" Ables 1946-2003

If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to Heaven and bring you home again!

Dana Beth Martin Ables and daughter, Janadean, invite family and friends to join them on Dink's birthday, May 10, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. for a celebration of his life. The service will be on the Ables' ranch 2 miles south of Lingleville on FM 219. The lane will be marked with yellow ribbons. We will be sharing our memories of good times and special moments.

Thank you to everyone who has donated books in Dink's memory to the Millsap Elementary Library. It is very comforting to know that these books will touch the lives of many!



Garage Sale: 610 Pershing Street. Saturday morning, May 3 from 7 a.m. til? Many good items. 1-5-1-C

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Rock Bluff Singing Sipe Springs Monthly Musical

The Rock Bluff Baptist Church singing will be on Sunday, May 4th from 10 a.m. until noon, lunch, and then from 1 p.m. until whenever. Everyone is invited to attend-- come and enjoy the singing and see our new building.

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The Sipe Springs Monthly Musical will be on Saturday, May 3, starting at 6 p.m. at the Sipe Springs Community Center.

Musicians and the public are invited to attend.

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We visit this world for only a moment And that moment is known as life During this time We learn about laughter-but-also of tears We find more questions than we do answers We experience the joy of new arrivals And feel the sadness of loved ones departures So we must try to live every second For oh, so quickly our moment is gone.

In every relationship there's a chance of getting hurt But, once we've known the joy of holding another close We realize that it's a chance we've just got to take.

I reached out to you because I needed you I will always remember you because you needed me.

It's not how long two people have been together It's how hones they have been with each other During the time they have been together.

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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.

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working

Oliver Springs Cemetery Working will be on Saturday, May 3. Bring a basket lunch and stay for fellowship.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I have been reading with interest and excitement as Gorman's One-Act Play has advanced in competition. I congratulate the cast and crew members of "Over the River and Through the Woods" for their success.

I would like to remind your readers, though, that "Over the River and Through the Woods" is not Gorman's first One-Act Play to qualify for regional. In 1982, the cast and crew of "Farewell to Galatea" won Zone, District, and Area before competing at Regional competition at McMurry College in Abilene. The "Farewell to Galatea" cast also won many individual awards along the way.

The cast members that year were Kayla (Odell) Carlock, Bill Townley, Toby Cordell, Tracy (Dossey) Spivey, Patricia Hudson, and Terri (Keith) Lewis. The outstanding crew consisted of Kristi (Odell) Thompson, Tacy (Simpson) Warren, Alfie Pino, Andy Kinser, and Donna (Browning) Gatlin. "Farewell to Galatea" was brilliantly directed by Vivian Menzel.

This group of individuals devoted a lot of time and hard work to make the play a success. Many of these cast and crew members, as well as the play's director, Vivian Menzel, still live in and around the Gorman area. I don't think our accomplishment should be forgotten. It saddens me that the Gorman school does not have a better record of past U.I.L. achievements.

The cast, crew, and director of "Farewell to Galatea" had so much fun competing; and, of course, we were heartbroken when we didn't advance to State Competition. Several cast and crew members, however, did go on to compete at the State level in other events and some were even fortunate enough to bring home a gold medal. I am so proud of this year's One-Act Play cast and crew. It thrills me to see that the tradition continues on. I would like to encourage students of ALL ages to participate in U.I.L. activities. U.I.L. participation can be time-consuming, but the memories made and the relationships formed during the process last a lifetime. Gorman is past due for a One-Act Play State Title. Best of Luck to future One-Act Plays! I'll be watching!!

Kayla Odell Carlock

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# Letter to the Editor

We are writing to *The Gorman Progress* in order to inform the community that we are circulating a petition on behalf of Mr. Bo Caraway. The petition's purpose is solely to show that the community supports that Mr. Caraway's contract as an employee of Gorman ISD should be renewed. We feel that ANY interested person; a citizen, a parent, or a student, should feel free to sign this petition if they support this idea. Copies of the petition will be at Bob's Grocery and Taylor's or anyone interested in signing the petition may contact us.

Sincerely,  
Darrell & Renae Carlton  
Rt. 3 Box 193  
Gorman, Texas 76454  
254-639-2211

## Drug Delendant Sentenced to Prison and Fined \$50,000.00

Jonathan Patrick Lee, 29, formerly of Rising Star, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a (20) twenty year sentence for possessing over 400 grams of Methamphetamine and has been assessed a fine of \$50,000.00. Mr. Lee was apprehended on February 8, 2001 by Eastland County's Chief Deputy Ron Vanderroest with assistance by Robert Rains of the West Central Texas Interlocal Crime Task Force.

Mr. Lee's jury trial was held this week in the 91st Judicial District Court of Eastland county. The twelve citizens of this community who served as jurors quickly returned a guilty verdict after the prosecution was completed by the District Attorney's Office. Criminal District Attorney Russ Thomason expressed gratitude to the jury stating, "The swift return of the jury's verdict, demonstrated their intolerance of illegal drug activity in our community."

Presiding Judge Steven R. Herod determined the sentence to be served by Mr. Lee. Although Mr. Lee had no prior convictions and was therefore eligible for a suspended or probated sentence, Judge

## Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Bob and Lou (Echols) Ford recently sold their home in Desdemona and is now in the process of moving to San Angelo. We wish them much happiness in their new home.

Dixie Pack visited recently in Slaton with her son, Philip Pack and in Lubbock with her son, Lelan Pack. She reported a good visit and a good trip.

The monthly musical last Saturday night was well attended—had plenty of good music and good singers. We appreciate all of those who attend each month—also appreciate all the ladies who donate food each time. Proceeds from the concession stand helps to pay the monthly utility bills.

Jr. and Nell (Echols) Moore of Benbrook spent several days this past week at their Desdemona home. They attended the musical on Saturday night at the Community Center.

Dorothy Roberts visited on Sunday eve with her brother-in-law, Tommy Roberts of Gorman. He is having some health problems and spent a few days this past week in the DeLeon Hospital.

Philip Iley of Stephenville, son of Wayne and Wilma Iley of Desdemona will soon report to his doctor in Houston for further treatment with his health problem.

Mary Young of DeLeon reported that her daughter, Terry Wofford of DeLeon has improved a lot since her recent illness. Mary and her mother, Mrs. Sherrill attend each monthly musical (if possible) in Desdemona.

Herod did not find that to be appropriate in this case. Thomason stated that he was pleased with the Court's sentence in that the severity of the sentence should serve as a strong deterrent to Mr. Lee and to others.

Thomason summarized by stating, "The work of these officers, the prosecution by my office, the verdict by the citizens, and the Court's sentence, should serve as a very loud warning to even first time offenders, that this community is fighting back against those who want to poison it!"

Mary still has "roots" here in Hogtown, having lived here for several years while her husband, the late Clayton Young, served as pastor of the Church of Christ.

S.E. Carter and wife of Eastland visited last Saturday night at the musical. He is a former resident of Desdemona where he attended school.

Louella Trice of Lingleville was able to attend the musical with her husband, Jr. Trice. She is having some health problems. Jr. is a musician and loves to play with his group.

Lots of sickness in our area, please continue to remember them with your cards and prayers.

**Make Time**  
Make time to think—it is the source of power.

Make time to play—it is the key to freedom and relaxation.

Make time to read—it is the gateway to knowledge.

Make time to worship—it washes the dust of earth from your eyes.

Make time to help and enjoy friends—no other happiness matches this.

Make time to love—if you don't it will fade away.

Make time to laugh and pray—these are two things that lighten life's load.

Make time to be alone with God—He is the source of everything.

Author unknown  
Have a nice day, Vonnie

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## Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

**The Kokomo Homecoming and Kokomo-Simpson Cemetery meeting will be Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.** The business meeting will begin at 11:00 A.M. at the tabernacle at the Simpson Cemetery, weather permitting, otherwise it will be held at the Kokomo Community Center. Following the business meeting a covered dish lunch will be served at the Kokomo Community Center. Anyone who ever lived at Kokomo or in the area, or have loved ones buried at the Kokomo, Simpson or Mangum Cemeteries are urged to attend and enjoy visiting with friends, relatives and neighbors.

"Happy Birthday" was sung to Marge Hudson at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. The special music was rendered by the choir: Crystal Snider, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Daryl Hirst Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Catherine Eaves was a visitor.

Woodrow and Helen Browning attended a gospel music concert featuring The Amazing Grace Quartet from North Richland Hills at the First Baptist Church in Bangs on Saturday night. Local music groups of the church were also on the program.

Joe and Glynda Bond spent the Easter weekend in Bullard with his sisters, Mel Bond and Eloise Shock. Shannon, Stephanie and Raegan Bond of Copperas Cove met them there for a visit. Joe and Glynda had lunch with Brian Bond in Dallas on Monday.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Sylvia Buchanan, Johnnie B. Griffith, Joe and Glynda Bond, and Darlene Hampton of Carbon.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan visited with Joyde and Delmon Eaves.

Daisy Slaton of Gorman and

Zelda Jordan visited in Comanche with Lona Lightfoot on Saturday.

Kenneth, Linda and William Whitley of Palestine visited on Wednesday with Zelda Jordan. Other visitors with Zelda during the week were Nancy Hendricks, Norma Webb, and Joe and Glynda Bond.

Zelda Jordan received word on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 of the death of a nephew, Jimmy Swinderman Lewallen of Fort Worth. He was cremated and his ashes will be buried in the Lazbuddie, TX Cemetery. A Memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 4 at the Cemetery. Jimmy was the son of Arvel Lewallen and the late Etta Lewallen. I extend sincere sympathy to the family.

### KODY DANIELL RECEIVES SUPER CITIZEN AWARD

Kody Daniell, was designated as the Super Citizen of Mrs. Smith's kindergarten class at Valley View Elementary School in Abilene for the 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks period of school, and was presented the "Super Citizen" award at a special luncheon in the school cafeteria

on Thursday, April 24, 2003. As a special treat Kody could invite special guests, so his mother, Sheri Daniell, a second grade teacher at the school, his twin brother, Ryan and their baby sister, Emily, and his "Mimi" Glenda Black enjoyed the luncheon with Kody. There was a special table set for them. His dad, Wade Daniell was unable to be there due to his work schedule.

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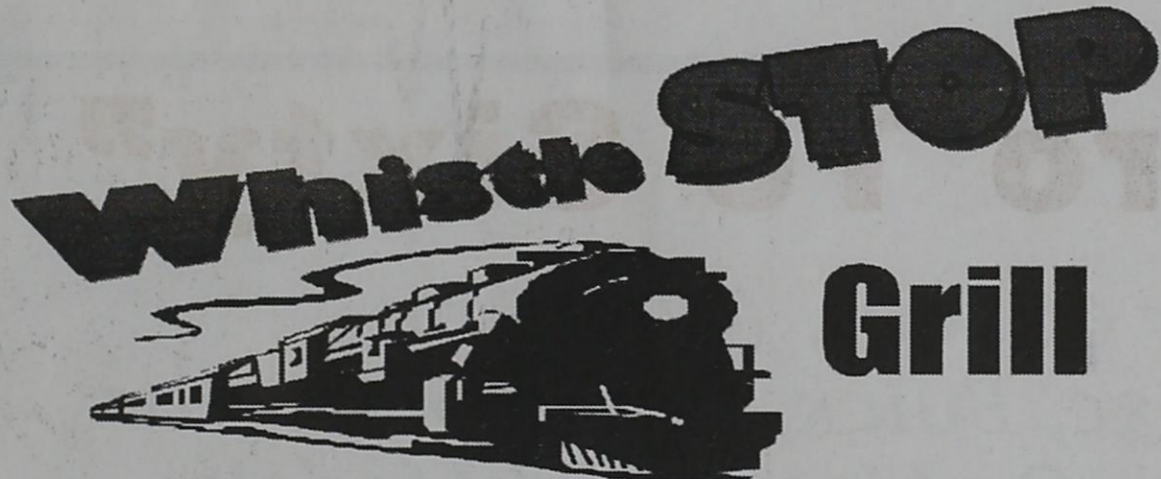
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## Heritage Manor News

By Nancy Hendricks

April is the National Smile Month, National Humor Month, April 27-May 3 national Volunteer Week. Birthstone is Diamond, Flower is Sweet Pea and time to change the clocks.

On Sunday morning, April 20th, was Easter. Those coming from the First Baptist Church to teach the Sunday School lesson were Tootie Campbell and Ennis Joiner. A large group of residents were present.

Howard and Pat Hagood came and visited everyone.

Maudie Husband, Bill Moll, Bobby and Peggy Ingram of Cisco, Linda Ogle and Kenneth Welch of Granbury were guests.

Larry and Jerry Majors of DeLeon visited on Sunday.

On Monday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for residents at 9:00 a.m. Residents like to play bingo a lot.

Floyd Moore of Lake Proctor, Lane and Ernestine Campbell and Marjorie Treadway of Carbon, and Buddy Rogers of Ranger were Monday guests.

Eunice Love, Zena Simpson and Mayvis Lasater were all visiting everyone.

Maxine Frasier of DeLeon, Anna Rush, Estelle Erwin and Durward Webb were recent guests.

On Monday afternoon, those coming for the weekly singing were Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ruby Lee Kinser, Amaris and Elizabeth Curb, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Daisy Slaton and Nancy Hendricks.

Lucille Joiner, Billie Jean Grisham of DeLeon, Johnnie B. Griffith of Lake Leon, Ennis and Nina Joiner were recent visitors.

Marie Cook and Sylvia Estes of Carbon, James and Mary Jessie of Abilene recently visited.

Tuesday morning, Betty Duke of Desdemona came and played the electric keyboard and led singing for a large group.

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

Recently visiting in the home were Kenneth and Betty Sue Heathington, Christine Self of Carbon, Dave and Laneta Freeman.

Tuesday afternoon, 'Crazy Bingo' with Ina Smith. Residents say that bingo is one of the favorite things to do.

Some visitors were Rob and Bonita Richards of Ft. Worth, Bonnie Croft of Lake Leon, Max and Janice Grice, Tisha and Daniel Grice of Stephenville.

E.G. and Nancy Henderson of Eastland, C.J. and Liz Henderson of Abilene visited on Tuesday.

On Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m., Rev. Bill Campbell of First Baptist Church came and had chapel for residents.

Harvey Winn and Henry Lenz of Carbon were visitors.

Thursday afternoon residents enjoyed making homemade ice cream with Ina Smith.

Smile and the world smiles with you, cry and you cry alone.

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Texas Advances in World Economic Rankings

If Texas were still a nation, it would have the eighth-largest economy in the world. Texas' 2000 ranking is a step higher than its ninth-place ranking in 1999. The rankings are based on the most recent Gross National Product (GNP) statistics from the World Bank Atlas.

With a 2000 Gross State Product (GSP) of \$725 billion, the Texas economy is more than three times the size of the Russian economy, and also outpaces the GNP of countries like Canada, Brazil, Korea and Argentina. The United States has the world's largest GNP — \$9.6 trillion.



Source: Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (www.window.state.tx.us) and the World Bank Atlas.

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

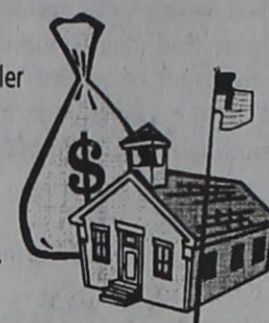
### Driving Dollars Into the Classroom

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn recently released a new study to help school districts trim costs entitled "Balancing the Budget: 101 Ideas for Cutting Costs and Maximizing Revenues."

The report is a compilation of the best recommendations gleaned from more than 10 years of Texas School Performance Reviews conducted by the comptroller's office.

One of Strayhorn's nine statutory public education responsibilities as Texas Comptroller includes TSPR reviews.

The full report can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at <http://www.window.state.tx.us/tspr/cutting/>.



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