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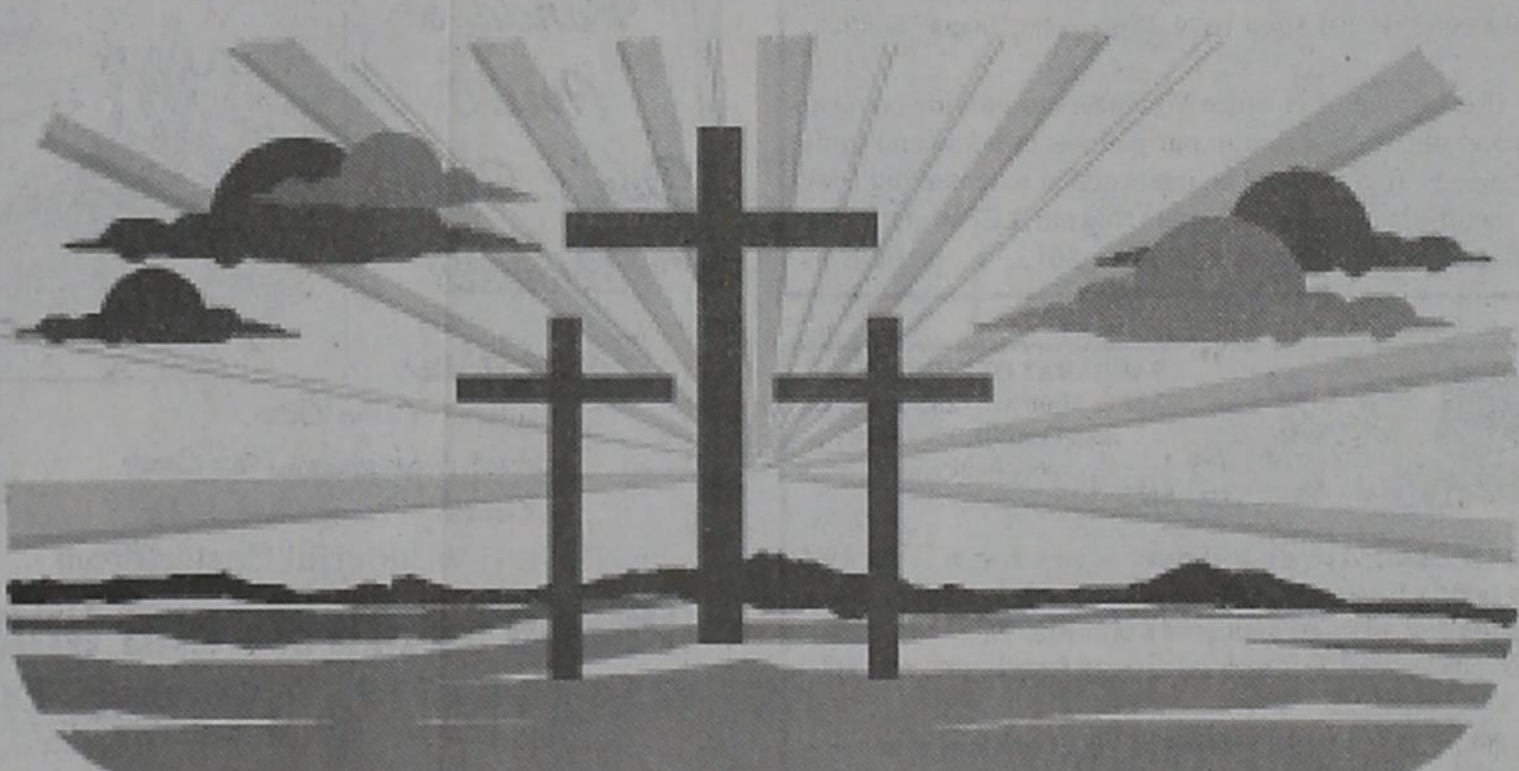
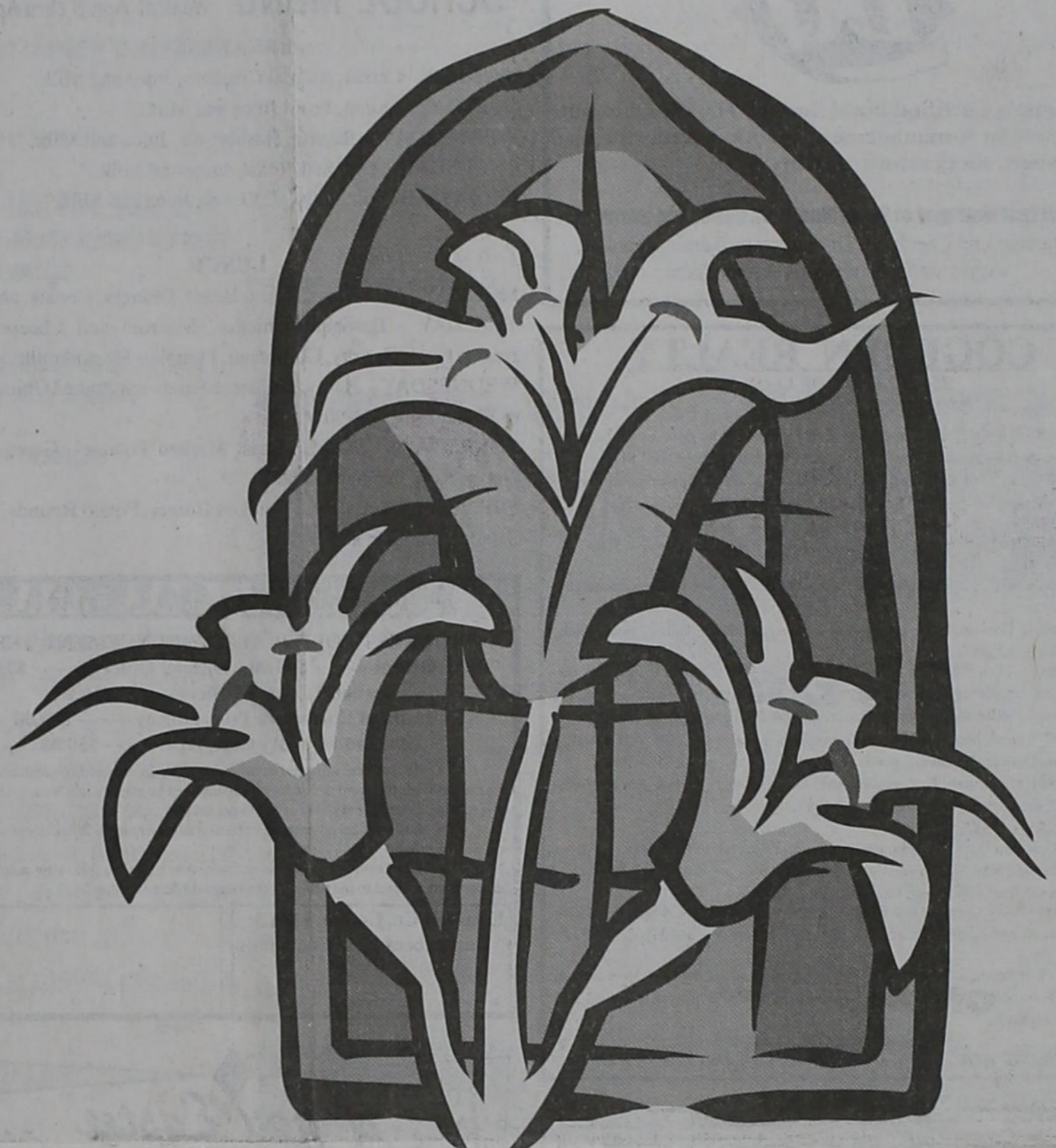
Happy Easter



The Annual Easter Treasure Hunt is set for Saturday April 7, 2012 at 2:00 pm at the Gorman City Park.

Age groups are 1 year old and under (child must be able to sit alone) 2 and 3 year old, 4-kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade and 3rd and 4th grade.

Donations may be left at City Gro., Bob's Gro., or by contacting Johnny or Ina Smith at 254-734-2720.



NOTICE TO MOW

The city is aware that the recent rains and sunshine have caused grass and weeds to grow very quickly, therefore we would like to remind you to please keep your property mowed and maintained. Please also remember that any pets you may have are to be kept in your yard in a pen or on a leash at all times. They are also to be registered with the city. You can get tags at City Hall with proof of current rabies vaccination.

We appreciate your prompt attention:
The Gorman City Commission

"Chopped BBQ Sandwiches"

The Junior Class of Gorman High School will be serving Chopped BBQ Sandwiches on Friday, April 6th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Laminack's Construction building at the blinking light in Gorman. The meal will be \$7.00 and will consist of BBQ Sandwich, Chips, Drink and Dessert. To Pre-Order call Sandra Porter at 254-433-9496 or Dena Scitern 254-631-6883.

Atmos Energy Reminds Homeowner To Call 811 April Is National Safe Digging Month

Spring is in the air, flowers are beginning to bud, and your backyard is calling your name. Whether it's time to put in a new fence, plant a tree or dig up a few shrubs, Atmos Energy reminds you to call 811 before you dig.

April is National Safe Digging Month, and Atmos Energy wants you to know where your natural gas and other buried utility lines are located before you dig.

"With one call to 811, all buried utility lines will be marked," Atmos Energy Manager of Public Affairs Shelley Burnett said. "The leading cause of pipeline damage remains the failure to call 811 for line locates."

Nearly 60 percent of all incidents on utility distribution pipelines result from excavation damage according to the American Gas Association. The nationwide 811 One-Call program is provided at no charge, and it can save you time and money as well as prevent threats to life and property.

In Texas, it is state law that you must call 811 in advance. Texas also requires at least two full business days' notice before excavation begins.

"Whether you're going to do the work yourself or hire a professional, call 811 before you dig to prevent damage to underground facilities, Burnett said.

For more information about the toll-free 811 service, visit: www.atmosenergy.com

Letter To The Editor

"Anyone is More than welcome to write; I'll answer back". I'm a big fan and once a reader of the Gorman paper considering that's my hometown where I attended grade school and high school. I was in the same class as Dane Gressett, Jeff Seaton, Darren Clark, Julie Brown, and Kathey Snider. My memory fails me at times, but I think it was the Class of 1982.

My reason writing is that I am temporarily residing in Huntsville due to a very bad choice which in turn landed me where I sit now. I realize I should've never tried to outrun the police!! Just for speeding...

As it is I and indigent and am inquiring about the Gorman Progress paper... As it is now I am in dire need to know how my hometown is doing? I know also of good people there and am asking if I could please receive a year subscription of your paper. I've done alot of work around there with my big brother Aaron who contracts work at times through Clark Construction, we've layed and installed tile, VCT, carpet, etc. And he's still working around there and standing strong in our Father God. Please consider and God Bless you and your family and the greatest Lil' Town ever, Gorman, Texas and residents.

Sincerely, Darrin Keith Wilson #1599234

Darren Wilson #1599234
1697 FM 980
Huntsville, Texas 77343

Kokomo Baptist Church to Host Easter Sunrise Service

Everyone is invited to the Easter Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 8th at Lake Leon at the Little's lake cabin off Staff Road. Breakfast will be served following the service. Then the traditional Easter Egg Hunt will be held. In case of bad weather, it will be moved to the Church.

Items of interest

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast meets at 7:00 a.m. On the third Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Gorman.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet once a month on 3rd Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 - 4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

Food Bank

New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m. - Second Thursday

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. Stan Harper, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

AARP Driver Safety Program

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April 5, 2012

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 17.25 A: HWY 8 Desdemona, 10+ A Coastal, pond, new fences, nice Post Oaks, nat. gas/elec. available. \$79,000.
 S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800 Acre.
 77 A: South of Gorman, fields/some wooded. Deer & other wildlife, 2 small ponds, elec. available. \$2,000 acre.
 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, fireplace, carpeted, some remodeling and 6 cr. land, distal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A.
 158A, 4-2-2 ranch-house, central A/H, fireplace, metal roof, 150+ A. Coastal, 2 pivots, good fences, 6A Lake, 2 ponds, 6 water wells, steel pens. \$525,000.
 179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building \$2,350.00 acre.
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 322A. Oak & Elm Trees, 2 creeks, great water shed project! 40 A. Coastal, owner reports 300 round bales/year, 55 A. Cultivable soils, 6 ponds, water well, 1200' metal Bldg. with slab floor, elec. Deer, turkey, and other wildlife. \$2,300 A.
 NEW - 395A S/W Gorman, 1/2 Open 1/2 Wooded, small creek, 4 ponds, 40' elev. change, gravel road 2 sides, elec. available. Remote location, deer & wildlife. \$1,795.00 acre.
 407 A: N/E Gorman, 3 pivots, 16 wells, 8 ponds, 3 metal buildings, sets steel corrals, irrigated Bermuda grass, 60' x 60' concrete pad, metal roof & more! \$3,500 acre, possibly divide.

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We are also in need of Hospice Volunteers to provide companionship and other assistance to our patients at home and in the nursing homes. If you would be interested in volunteering a few hours a month please contact Cynthia Newton, LCSW at the Hospice office: 325-356-2966 or 1-800-441-4613. EOE

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Obituary

William Samuel McCoy
 William Samuel McCoy, age 53 of Ranger, died in an accident on Saturday, March 31, 2012 in Ranger.

Graveside services were at 2:00 P.M. Monday, at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Eastland County with Frank Thompson officiating.

Mr. McCoy was born June 19, 1959 in Hico, Texas to Wayne Ewell McCoy and Idline Faye Sellers McCoy. He worked as a roofer and was a member of the Pentecostal Church.

He is survived by his son, Christopher Michael McCoy of Pittsburg, Pa; mother, Idline Faye McCoy of Lake Leon; three brothers, Elton Jackson McCoy of Eastland, Don Wesley McCoy of Ranger and Wayne Raymond McCoy of Lake Leon; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Andrew John McCoy.

SCHOOL MENU Week of Apr. 9 thru Apr. 13

BREAKFAST
 MONDAY - Cereal, Animal Crackers, Juice and Milk.
 TUESDAY - Donut, Fruit, Juice and Milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Burrito, Hashbrown, Juice and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Oatmeal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
 FRIDAY - Biscuit, Sausage, Gravy, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH
 MONDAY - Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Oranges, Cookie, and milk.
 TUESDAY - Barbeque Chicken, Macroni and Cheese, Pinto Beans, Fresh Carrots, Cornbread, Pumpkin Pie and milk.
 WEDNESDAY - Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Baked Chips, Burger Salad, Fruit and Milk.
 THURSDAY - Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Gravy, Roll, Fruit and Milk.
 FRIDAY - Sloppy Joes, Chicken Burger, Potato Rounds, Burger Salad, Ice Cream and Milk.

POLITICAL CALENDAR
PROGRESS POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT FEES:
 U. S. Offices - - - - \$75.00 District Offices - - - - \$75.00
 Eastland County Offices - - - - \$50.00
 Eastland Co. Justice Prec. Offices - - - - \$50.00
 Eastland County Constable - - - - \$50.00

All political advertisements paid for by friends and/or candidates must bear at least one signature and address. All ads must be paid for in advance. (Political advertising charged for at a rate of \$4.00 per column inch.)
 Any political advertising reflecting adversely upon the character of a person will be refused.
 The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcement, subject to the action of the General Election, May 5.

Eastland Co. Comm. - Pct 3:
 Incumbent - T.J. Cummings

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Panther Baseball Schedule

Date:	Opponent:	Site:	Time:
April 3rd	Open:	TBA	
April 6th	*May	Gorman	5:00pm
April 10th	*Cross Plains	Cross Plains	5:00pm
April 13th	*DeLeon	Gorman	5:00pm
April 14th	Stephenville JV	Stephenville	1:00pm
April 17th	*Goldthwaite	Goldthwaite	6:30pm
April 20th	Meridian	Gorman	5:00pm
April 21st	Eastland JV	Gorman	2:30pm
April 30th	May	May	5:00pm
May 1st	District Cert. Deadline		
May 5th	Bi-Dist. Cert. Deadline		
May 19th	Area Cert. Deadline		
May 22nd	Regional Qtr. Final Deadline		
May 26th	Reg. Semi's Deadline		
June 2nd	Regional Final Deadline		

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 254-485-0979 (Cell)
 nheupel@gormanisd.net (Email)

2012 Gorman Lady Panthers Softball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Apr 2 Mon	Santo	Home	5:00
Apr 6 Fri	Lipan	Home	12:30
Apr 10 Tue	DeLeon	Home	5:00
Apr 13 Fri	Ranger	Home	5:00
Apr 17 Tue	Cross Plains	Home	5:00
Apr 20 Fri	Santo	Santo	5:00

Head Coach: Jim Wood
 jwood@gormanisd.net

2012 Gorman Track Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thursday April 5	District Track (Blanket)	Girls/Boys	
TBA TBA TBA	Area Track	Girls/Boys	
Fri/Sat April 27, 28	Regional Track (ACU)	Girls/Boys	
Fri/Sat May 11, 12	State Track (Austin)	Girls/Boys	

2012 Gorman Junior High Schedule

Monday April 9 District Track (Zephyr) Girls/Boys
 Boys Coach: James Gerick
 Girls Coach: Tommy Simmons

"On The Wilder Side"

There has been some discussion recently in Virginia about tearing down certain Civil War monuments because this upcoming generation thinks they are obsolete. This discussion reminds me of Prov 22:28 which says "Do not remove the ancient landmark which your fathers have set."

Solomon may be referring to landmarks that were set to establish border lines when the Children of Israel entered during the Promised Land during the days of Joshua. But I think he may also have a different type of ancient landmark in mind; the type of ancient landmarks that we would do well to remember in this 21st Century.

I am not necessarily talking about Civil War monuments, although I think they do serve a purpose. Rather, I am talking about a different type of landmark that our forefathers have established. Specifically, I am thinking about landmarks such as morality, patriotism, respect for elders, time honored values, the willingness to speak up for those who cannot, and fighting to preserve justice.

Our country and our churches were established by Godly men and women who strived to preserve these "ancient landmarks" and I am afraid that as we move further away from the cross, we are allowing others to tear down the things that we once held in high regard. Don't get me wrong, I am not delusional to think that the "good old days" were glamorous. And I appreciate certain comforts such as air conditioning, the internet, and modern medicine as much as the next guy. But I do feel that we should have to sacrifice our core values for the sake of progress. For too long we have allowed the vocal minority in this country take over while the silent majority sits by idly. As long as we allow these "ancient landmarks" to be torn down, we will continue to digress into a nation without Christ, without any type of Godly living, and without hope.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder - Gorman Church of Christ

FOOD & NUTRITION

Healthy Ingredients May Be Key to Latino Paradox

(NU) - According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Latinos in the U.S. have a longer life expectancy than the non-Latino white population. Given lower average income and access to health care among Latinos, epidemiologists have proposed various theories to explain this puzzling statistic, dubbed the "Latino Paradox."

A 2011 study in the American Journal of Epidemiology found the low mortality rates were partially attributable to fewer deaths from cigarette smoking - Latinos are less likely to smoke, and if they do, they tend to smoke less.

Another popular theory points to healthy aspects of Latino culture, including the Latin Diet. In "The Hot Latin Diet," author Dr. Manny Alvarez says Latin cooking typically includes healthy "power" foods like tomatoes, cilantro and chili peppers.

The capsaicin in chili peppers reduces inflammation. Inflammation aggravates common ailments like headaches and arthritis and has been associated with the development of deadly cancers and heart disease.

"For fabulous flavors and good health, we recommend using the Latin American Diet Pyramid. Let traditional foods - the old ways of your grandmother - be your guide to well being," said Sara Baer-Sinnot, president of Oldways, a non-profit organization promoting healthy eating habits and creator of the Latin American Diet Pyramid.

There are many new products that make cooking healthy Latin food easier. Chef LaLa, a cookbook author and certified nutri-



Latin cuisine is full of nutrient-rich ingredients, which may help explain the "Latino paradox."

tionist, has just launched her new line of all-natural Mexican sauces and marinades.

"Chef LaLa Homemade products are all about easy meal solutions with the healthy natural flavors and ingredients of the traditional Latin Diet," says Chef LaLa.

Get a taste of the nutritional power of Latin cuisine - and chili peppers - with this recipe from www.cheflala.com:

ORANGE CHIPOTLE LAMB CHOPS
 One bottle Chef LaLa Homemade Orange Chipotle Marinade (13.5 oz.)
 2-3 pounds lamb rib chops

Marinate lamb chops in one bottle of Orange Chipotle Marinade for at least 20 minutes. Place chops on a hot grill, reserving excess marinade. Grill on high heat, about 3 minutes per side (for medium rare). While chops are grilling, pour reserved marinade into a small sauce pan and bring to a boil for 1 minute, then remove from heat. Spoon marinade on top of each chop to serve. Serves 4-6.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS....

Artists of Eastland County cordially invite all artists within a 150 mile radius of Eastland to participate in their Art In Bloom art show and sale, to be held April 21/22, 2012 at the newly remodeled Eastland County Museum.

We are pleased to have Walker (Dub) Wellborn as our judge this year and Katherine Gordon Rice as our Docent.

Cash prizes totaling over \$2,100.00 will be awarded to winners of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place on. Cecil Funderburgh will act as our Master of Ceremonies. The museum will be open at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22 and the award ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to the award ceremony, not just the artists participating.

Entries will be accepted beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21 until 3:00 p.m. Divisions include Novice, General, Photography, Sculpture and a special section for Student entries. Students must be from 6th grade through the 2nd year in college.

Categories are oil, watercolor, graphic (pencil, pen/ink, pastel), photography and sculpture. Maximum size is 24" x 30", not including frame. No saw tooth hangers or masking will be accepted. Entries must be properly wired for hanging.

Entry Fees are \$15.00 each or 3 for \$30.00. Student entry fee is \$5.00. There is a limit of 3 entries per person.

For more information, or a brochure, please contact Linda Tiner at 631-7248, Joy Conner at 629-3290; Ruth Espinoza at 647-1436 or Martha Elliott at 442-1208

WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE ART SHOW!!!

A Letter To The Editor

About Health Insurance - By Henry A. Buchanan

In June of this year the U. S. Supreme Court will tell us whether the Health Care Program which is being called ObamaCare, is constitutionally sound. In the meantime the opponents of ObamaCare will have their opportunity to sound off and fulminate about having health insurance "rammed down their throats." We will all have time to cool off and get our blood pressure down.

Now I will have my say here. Simply it is when I was young and healthy and strong I didn't think I needed health care insurance. Now I am old, crippled and sick, I feel differently about it. I have health care insurance; I am paying for it; and I wish everybody else had health care insurance too.

I have listened carefully to the people who are against it, and I think they are saying they don't want to be forced to pay for something they don't want. So here is what I have to say: If you own a car you must buy a tag, insure the car, pass driver's test and wear a seat belt -- or you will pay a penalty.

If you marry and have children you must support them, consent to having them inoculated against childhood diseases and send them to school until they are sixteen years old. All this whether you like it or not and failure to do it will result in a penalty. If you live in Gorman, Texas you will also pay for water, garbage pickup and police protection. And I advise you not to try burning your trash in a barrel in your backyard.

I'll take just one of the above as illustration. I hate seat belts. I do not like to buckle myself in, but I have to buckle up or pay a penalty for refusing to buckle up.

Now one more word to the good people of America: Your prayers for the sick people are admirable but they are of no effect for a little eight year old boy with appendicitis and his papa has no money to pay for surgeon to operate on him in a well run hospital. Will you let him die? Or will you pay that he might live?

I was that little boy when I was eight years old. The cost of my treatment was added to somebody else's bill.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
1131 N. Kent St. -- Gorman, TX 76454
254-734-4569 -- April 1, 2012

FREE Childhood Immunizations - (Available for children 2 months to 18 years of age)

New! - Free Dental Screening Available

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Thursday, April 5th -- 5 pm -- 7 pm -- Medical Care Mission -- 1857 Pine, Abilene, TX

You MUST bring your child's immunization records to these clinics. Shots will not be given without a complete shot record.

No appointment needed. Child must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

Must be "Texas Vaccine for Children" eligible*.

(American Indian or Alaskan Native, no insurance, CHIP, Medicaid, or insurance that does not pay for vaccines)
Immunization events subject to change due to vaccine availability and/or weather conditions

For additional information please call 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help www.carevan.org



Any Baseball Fans who might identify this guy with Sarah Jane's great aunt & her husband? If you have a name for this player please email me at dvfarms@cctc.net

NOT THE DIGITS YOU WANNA GET WHEN YOU GO OUT

Getting arrested and convicted in Texas for D.W.I. can cost you up to \$17,000. So, before you go out collecting digits, line up a P.A.S.S. (Person Appointed to Stay Sober) who you can call for a safe ride home. Because, if you're pulled over for D.W.I., your socializing days are numbered.

PERSON APPOINTED TO STAY SOBER

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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April 8th - 10:45 A.M.**

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The Watering Saga

By: Gynnalyn Abbe

Water is the greatest variable when growing or sustaining any living thing and plants are no exception. As many of you may know, I spend most of my time teaching teenagers. A large part of our curriculum includes floral design, greenhouse management, landscape design and on occasion, "other" things. Case in point, our discussion of this week's only question: "Is there a trigger spray nozzle out there that doesn't leak?"

This didn't actually seem like a good topic to me because, in my mind, the answer is simply... "No!" At least I haven't found a nozzle that works without fail. But this discussion led to other things related to watering, including tricks to reduce water hose and nozzle leakage, how to reduce water pressure on the equipment like turning off the hose and draining it, attaching the nozzle when the hose and nozzle are dry and finally, watering in the morning before the sun has time to heat and loosen connections. A common sense approach.... Right? That was until my student disagreed, valiantly stating his point, "Watering at night is better, think about it."

So, I thought about it. Then I began explaining that watering in the morning gives the plant readily accessible water, which is needed for photosynthesis when the sun comes up. Watering at night allows the water to soak into the soil more deeply and in extreme cases can cause other negative issues. Realizing my student was no longer listening, I watched as he stared off in the distance, processing his thoughts and formulating a rebuttal. Finally, he looked up and informed us of the dramatic sequential events that will happen if a person doesn't water their plants at all. Although I can't remember the exact progression it was something like, "It's better to water at night than not at all, cause if you don't water your yard and the flowers die, your wife will be mad and then she'll yell at you and then you'll want to work outside but all your plants will be dead and then your house will be ugly"

So out of the mouth of babes or rather teenagers: Its better to water in the morning but if you have no other option, water at night.

If you are struggling with the previously discussed dramatic sequence of events, I'd like to help. Come by The Greenhouse in DeLeon or visit www.facebook.com/TheGreenhouseDeLeon. I can also be reached via email at: Gynnalyn@hotmail.com.

HOME

'Roofs for Troops' Helps Struggling Military Families

NewsUSA

(NU) - It's a good thing no one joins the armed forces to get rich because it turns out a higher percentage of military families are in debt than civilians.

And that has one New Jersey company ticked off enough to do something about it.

According to a report by the Financial Industry Regulation Authority's Investor Education Foundation, 27 percent of military families surveyed admitted having more than \$10,000 in credit card debt, compared to 16 percent of civilian adults. And while the foundation noted that "navigating the complexities of today's economy can be challenging" for anyone, it singled out one issue - frequent moves and deployments - that "further complicate" military families' finances.

Think about it: Every move from, say, Fort Hood, Texas, to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, means once again having to decide whether to buy a new house, rent or live on base.

And so, to help ease their burden, GAF, the largest roofing manufacturer in North America, is offering \$300 rebates throughout 2012 to all active military, veterans and retirees who buy a GAF Lifetime Roofing System and have it installed by one of their factory-certified contractors - with the contractor in many cases kicking in another \$300. (The full details can be found at www.gaf.com/military or www.military.com/discounts.)

"We're honored to be able to give back to the brave men and women who've risked their lives to keep our country safe," says Paul Bromfield, a senior vice pres-



Military families are eligible for a new roofing system rebate. Photo by Matt Wells.

ident at the company.

How else are military families hurting financially?

- More than one-third of respondents reported having trouble covering monthly expenses and bills.
- About 10 percent of mortgage borrowers admitted having been late on a payment at least once in the two years prior to the survey, and 3 percent said they'd been involved in a foreclosure process over that same period.
- Household expenses exceeded the income of one in seven respondents.

- Only 39 percent of enlisted personnel and junior non-commissioned officers said they'd set aside enough emergency cash to sustain them for three months, with the number higher for senior NCOs (46 percent) and officers (67 percent).

Enraged yet? Well, at least Congress did take steps to cap the interest rate that so-called "predatory lenders" can charge active-duty service members and their families for things like payday loans - though 36 percent isn't exactly what you'd call low - which enlisted personnel and junior NCOs turn to significantly more often than civilians.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona continues to have average attendance each Sunday. Special Music last Sunday was presented by Alana. At the close of the Morning Service two college students came forward and they request baptism on Easter Sunday following the Morning Service. Bro. Charlie Johnson, Jana and all the members sends a "Special" Invitation to visitors to attend the Easter Service next Sunday Morning at 11:00 a.m.

Jim Bou came on Wednesday night, March 28th to share with First Baptist Church members what he does as a missionary with the native mountain people of Venezuela. Jim has spent many years in this area. His photo slides and message was very interesting.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona will have a Good Friday Worship Service on April 6th at 7:00 p.m. Visitors Are Welcome.

First Baptist Church Youth Group will serve Breakfast at 10:00 a.m. On Saturday morning, April 7th at the Church Annex followed by a Big Children's Easter Egg Hunt from 11:00 a.m. To noon. Come to enjoy Breakfast and have fellowship with your Church Family and Friends. For more details contact Cindy Heinz or Romelia Garcia. Visitors Are Welcome.

Instead of having the regular Monthly Ladies Social on second Monday morning of each month -- We will have a "Covered Dish Supper" at the Community Center (former school building) on Monday, April 9th at 6 P.M. Bring your favorite dish of food, dessert, etc. Also bring all your family to enjoy the food and fellowship with your friends and neighbors. Visitors Are Welcome.

Robert Brown is getting some good target practice as he killed another big rattlesnake recently in their front yard at their home northeast of town. Robert, don't let one get away!!

During this Easter Holiday Season remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers.

"Happy Easter" to our friends and neighbors from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.

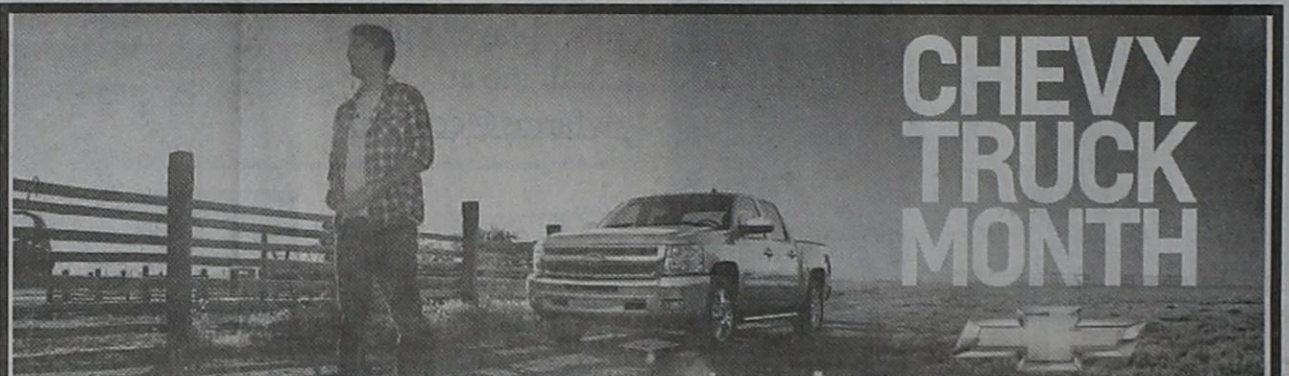
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