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Carbon, Clyde Riflemen Score Big

A total of six members of the Big Country Service Rifle Team attended the National Match Course for High-Power rifle held April 25 at the Fort Wolters Army National Guard base, Mineral Wells, Texas. Wallace McDaniel of Clyde won the match scoring 460-4x. Richard Hall, also of Clyde took third scoring 444-7x.

David Guthery of Carbon was forth with a 440-10x. Kevin Jackson of Abilene fired for the first time at 600 yards and did very well, scoring 418-4x for sixth.

Robert Moore of Clyde took seventh place with 402-3x and Jimmy Cuthery was eighth with a 400-3x.

David Guthery was the only member to attend the 300, 500, and 600 yard mid-range match held at Fort Wolters on May 9th. David won this match totaling 556-8 x with his AR 15 rifle.

Three members attended the National Match Course held at Fort Wolters on May 23. Wallace McDaniel came away the winner with a score of 467-11x. Dan Holovic, now of Weatherford, was second with a 444-11x. David Guthery shot a 432-4x to give the Big Country team a sweep of the top three places.

Abilene Gun Club also sponsored High Power rifle matches on May 23. First was a Vintage Boltgun match.

Richard Hall used his Remington M1903A3 to win the match with a score of 262. Kevin Jackson took second with a 244. Bill

Thompson of Abilene was third with 219.

Following the boltgun match Abilene hosted a 30-shot Service Rifle match fired on a 200 yard reduced course. Richard Hall also won this match, this time using his M1 Garand to score a 264-2x. Bill Thompson was second with 257-2x and Dustie Jackson of Abilene, firing in her first official match, surprised everyone with a 246-1x for third place. A special thanks to Valeska Schrader who served as match director.

On June 19 Fort Wolters held an 80 round Regional Match Course which was attended by three members. Dan Holovic won the match with a 745. Kevin Jackson shot a 709 and David Guthery finished with a 706.

Two members were eligible to compete in the 2004 Texas Police games hosted this year by the city of Abilene. On June 23 Wallace McDaniel and Jimmy Guthery competed in the "NRA 500" with their AR15 rifles. McDaniel won the event and received a gold medal with a score of 477-7x. Guthery took a bronze medal with a 412-6x. The following day, Guthery won the silver medal in the "Snipers Challenge" match with his scoped .308 Remington M700.

Coach Jin Rackley, in addition to serving as pit boss, has been working with the newer shooters and preparing the team for the upcoming Texas State Rifle Association John C. Garand Championships to be held June 26-27 at Fort Wolters.

Estate Planning Seminar In College Station, Aug. 4

A seminar to help ranchers lower their tax burden and ease administrative burdens that affect passing their estate to their loved ones will be held Aug. 4-5 in College Station, Texas.

"A properly drawn estate plan may save many ranch families over \$200,000 in estate taxes," says Dr. Wayne Hayenga, an attorney and Texas Cooperative Extension economist, who will conduct the seminar. "But for many families, the estate tax savings are not as large as income tax savings."

People of the Eastland-Callahan County area may remember Dr. Wayne Hayenga from a seminar he conducted several years ago in Cisco. The County Extension Service sponsored this event, and a number of people attended.

Dr. Hayenga says that problems that affect family

operations will be specifically addressed in his up-coming seminar. These include planning for inflation and growth needs of the business, and how to be fair among all children when one child is interested in the ranch and others are not.

The seminar, scheduled in conjunction with the annual Beef Cattle Short Course, will be held at the Conference Center in College Station. Hours are 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 4, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 5.

Basic estate planning devices will be covered on Wednesday - wills, living trusts, estate tax deferral and gifts.

Thursday topics will include estate taxes, keeping the ranch operating well, use

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Please See Seminar

Commissioners Express Appreciation to County MHMR Representative; Hire Boights For Maintenance Position

In a report to the Callahan County Commissioners Court at their June 28, 2004 Open Meeting, Doug Ford, MHMR trustee representing Callahan County, said he would make a decision about continuing in that position in July.

Judge Roger Corn and the commissioners expressed their appreciation to Doug Ford for his service to the county in the past, and said that they would like to see him continue.

Ford spoke to the court about the rapidly growing need in MHMR. State wide, 19,000 are on a waiting, he said.

"It is an ongoing battle," Ford said, adding that it needs to be fought.

"Sometimes families are hesitant to come forward ...hesitant to see what services we can provide," Ford added.

Speaking of his trusteeship, Ford said, "My

vote goes for the good of the client [My] number one concern is the client."

Judge Corn commented on the help Doug Ford had given him in evaluating individual cases and with the paper work involved.

Also on the agenda was the hiring of a person for Maintenance Position.

Several applications for the above position were considered by the Court in a closed session.

After returning into open session, the commissioners voted 3-1 in favor of hiring Bobby Boights. Judge Corn abstained from voting. The position was to be filled immediately.

Further on the agenda: Minutes of previous meetings were reviewed, approved, and signed without addition or comments, and approved bills were paid.

No public comment was given at the June 28 meeting.

Contemporary Texas Artworks Premiers At The Grace Museum

A wide range of contemporary Texas art styles and techniques are on exhibit at The Grace Museum through October 30, 2004.

The new exhibit, Gifts of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Selections from the Barrett Collection of Texas Art, premiers the contemporary Texas artworks donated to The Grace Museum in March 2003 from MFAH.

The more than 200 artworks in The Barrett Collection were donated to The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston by Dallas collectors Nona and Richard Barrett. Duplications to the MFAH existing permanent collection were then distributed to twelve other institutions across the state of Texas in a collection sharing initiative.

"This was an unprecedented project among American museums," said Judy Godfrey, president and chief executive officer of The Grace Museum. "The concept of Collection Sharing between a major national art museum and smaller, primarily rural, museums has been a benchmark event in the museum profession and has set a new model for private collectors."

MFAH conceived of this initiative as a way to have the art seen throughout the state. Participating museums were chosen based on their commitment to exhibiting and collecting contemporary Texas artists.

On exhibit are the 14 pieces of art received by The

Grace Museum through the collection sharing initiative. These contemporary art works feature a wide-range of media and styles and showcase the Talents of Texas artists.

"The gift constitutes a significant addition to the Museum's permanent art collection," said Godfrey. "The Barrett Collection represents a comprehensive view of contemporary Texas art. While The Grace has a substantial number of Texans represented in our collection, the provenance of these pieces has encourage The Museum to focus on collecting Texas artists of the 20th and 21 centuries in the future."

Gifts of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Selections from the Barrett Collection of Texas Art will be on display through October 30, 2004.

For more information about The Barrett Collection please contact Heather Kuhn at 325.673.4587.

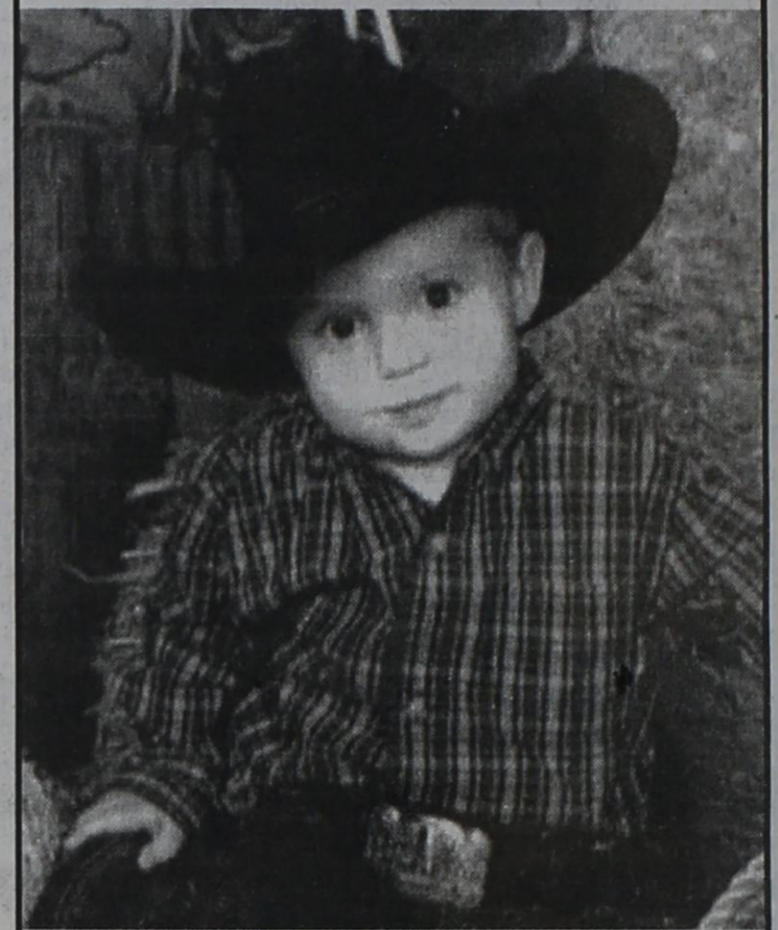
Cisco Musical Cancelled In July

Al Jones, Cisco Opry MC, announced that there will be no musical in July.

The Opry resumes in August on the 2nd Saturday at the Hillside Village Community Center In Cisco.

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Ice Cream Benefit To Be Held For Kutter Davis



Kutter Davis

An Ice Cream Benefit will be held for Kutter Davis on Saturday, July 10, 2004 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Baird ISD Cafetorium.

Kutter is the two year old son of Kevin and Kerri Davis. He is the grandson of Dyer and Kathy Windham and Bennie Davis; and the great-grandson of Richard and Marian Windham. An MRI on June 11, 2004 revealed a large tumor on the left side of his brain. Kutter is presently undergoing test to prepare him for brain surgery in August. The test and surgery are being performed at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. There will be a donation box at the benefit to help the Davises with travel and medical expenses. If you can not attend but would like to contribute, a fund has been set up at the First National Bank of Baird #1017367.

Coming Soon!

Baird First Baptist Church VBS
July 19-22, 6:00 p.m.

Preregistration is July 10th from 10-12 in the Fellowship Hall.

You will have a sneak peek at this exciting Vacation Bible School!

Mark Calendars For 4-H Awards Program

Mark your calendars now for the August 14th 2004 4-H Awards Program. The program will be held of Saturday, August 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The banquet will be at the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria. Each family will once again be asked to bring two covered dishes: a main dish and a vegetable or dessert. More information will be published in July.

Hope to see you there!

Lamb and Goat Projects

As summer gets in full swing, it's time to be think-

ing of our lamb and goat projects. A number of sales will take place over the summer months. Anyone planning on showing lambs or goats this year needs to contact the Extension Office by August 1 and let us know how many you are planning on showing. Also, if anyone needs help in finding lambs or goats let me know as soon as possible so that I can be looking throughout the summer.

Taken from the Callahan County 4-H Newsletter;
Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension Agent

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Pots & Pans, (2) Freezers (M Ward), Television (RCA), Ice Cream Parlor Tables & Chairs, Magazine Stand, Cassette Player & Tapes, China Cabinet, Serving Trays, Recliners, Slaw Slicer, Quilt parts, Towels, Blankets, Chain Saw, Riding Mower, Jacks, 3/4 drive socket set, Cast Iron, Cutting Torch Rig, Open Top Cattle Trailer 10', 7 HP Horse Troy-Bilt Tiller, Feed Store Dolly, Yard & Garden Tools, Fence Stretchers, Automotive repair Manuals, Scrap iron & Cable, Antique Car Parts (Gen. Carb Starters Etc.), Dishes, Refrigerator (Whirlpool), Book Cases, Love Seat, Lamps, Police Scanner, Buffet (Side board), Hide-a-Bed Sofa, Braided rugs, TV (RCA) & VCR, Jewelry, Linens, Porch Glider, Cement Mixer, Chains, Small metal Lathe, Old Wood Planes, Lincoln 225 Arc Welder, Corn Sheller, Red Wagon, Cotton scale w/Pea's, Table saw, Air Compressor, Skill Router, 1946 John Deere B, Ladders, Cake decorating items, Books, Table & Chairs, Plants, Living Room Chairs, Glassware (crystal etc.), Afghans, Knick-knacks, End & Coffee Tables, Vacuum Cleaners, Sewing Machine, 18' Utility Trailer, DR Trimmer, Boomers, AGAWAM 22 Cal rifle, Pipe Wrenches, C-Clamps, Cast Iron Wash Pot, Lots of Tools, Snapper Riding Mower, Wheelbarrow, Steel Wheels (2), Hydraulic Jacks, Old Shoe Lasts, Hay Hooks

There will be many more interesting items that are not listed. I hope you plan to attend this sale on the 10th. Any announcements sale day supercede all others.

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For more information, call (979) 845-2226.

Stenholm Urges Veterans, Families To Share War-Time Memories

Washington, D. C. - As we take time to remember our veterans and the sacrifices they made, U. S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) urges all veterans, but especially those from the Second World War, to share their memories with future generations through the Veterans History Project.

The American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress launched the Veterans History Project to collect the stories of all American war veterans. The initiative began following the passage of legislation into law in 2000.

"If you are a veteran, I invite you to share your story with the Veterans History Project. I also encourage family members and friends of veterans to help their loved ones participate in this important project. Schools, churches and civic organizations may also help veterans record their memories for posterity," Stenholm said.

For more information about the Veterans History Project, including downloadable forms to use to submit memories, log on to Stenholm's website at www.house.gov/stenholm and look for the Veterans History Project link or call Stenholm's office in Washington at (202) 225-6605.

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DWI - 3

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Open Container - 1
Accidents
There were 4 accidents investigated during this time span.

YWCA Offers Summer Programs for Girls

The YWCA Y-Teens welcomes girls ages 11-13 to join its summer program, which includes a four week-long arts camp beginning July 13 titled, "Life's Essentials."

Y-Teens second summer camp, "Life's Essentials," starts July 13 and continues through August 5. The girls will learn life skills including cooking and reading a recipe, nutrition, fashion, etiquette and interior design.

This four-week camp meets every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. at the YWCA.

The enrollment fee for summer Y-Teens and the arts mini-camp is \$30 per camp. Scholarships and financial assistance are available.

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11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
June 30, 2004
Affirmed

Zachary Tyler Smith v. State of Texas, Erath. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

B.W. Carr, Individually and Under Power of Attorney for his Father and Mother, J.C. Carr and Dorothy M. Carr of City of Cisco et al, Eastland. (Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Marlin L. Clinton v. State of Texas, Collin. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Saleh W. Igal v. Brightstar Information Technology Group, Inc. and BRBA, Inc., Dallas. (Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

The Burlington Insurance Company v. Texas Krishnas, Inc., Dallas. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Jus-

tice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Joe Luis Ortega v. State of Texas, Fisher. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Dylan Dirk Sarver and wife, Karen Ann Sarver v. The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, Galveston. (Memorandum Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Appeal Dismissed
Benito Vasquez Diaz v. State of Texas, Coleman. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Petitions for Writ of Mandamus Denied

In re Willie Lee Maxwell, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se writ of mandamus. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

In re Eric Michael Whitfield, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se writ of mandamus. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Brooks Family Reunion Set July 9-11

Descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Brooks, early settlers of Taylor County, Texas, their son, Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Brooks and son, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Brooks will gather for their first annual family reunion

on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 9-11. The event will be held at Cabin #14 at LaMancha Lake Ranch on Lake Leon. A very large gathering is expected by those planning this event. Barbecue with all the trim-

mings will be served around 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 10.

All family and friends are invited to attend. Bring your

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lawn chairs, favorite dish and drink and enjoy the fun! For more information, or directions, call Jessie Brooks Simmons, 254629-1646, or Jamey Brooks, 972-978-2470.

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Making A Difference

By Rex M. Rogers

Is War Biblical?

The sixth commandment of the Old Testament Commandments is found in the book of Exodus, 20:13. It says, "You shall not murder." No human being is permitted to take the life of another human being. Yet elsewhere in Scripture, specifically in the New Testament book of Romans 13:4, God refers to human government in this way, "For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer."

Did you catch the distinc-

tion? It is a critical one. God warned individuals away from killing others in the form of murder, yet he specifically commissions human government with the task of punishing wrongdoers, including the use of the sword, an instrument of death.

This is an important distinction to keep in mind when you debate whether our nation should go to war. Nowhere in the Bible does God condemn war. In fact God at times used war to judge his people Israel or to judge other nations. Nowhere does God condemn soldiers like the Centurions of the New Testament sim-

ply for being soldiers.

Now I don't mean we should enthusiastically embrace war or trivialize the deaths of many people that are the consequence of war. Nor are all wars equally justifiable, in particular wars of aggression. What I do mean is that war is sometimes an unavoidable, necessary, and even appropriate action by government for the sake of justice.

It is a glorious truth that God is love. But God is also holy and just. As long as we live in this world and sin exists, war will be part of our experience. Sin will cause war and sin will necessitate war in the interest of peace. No right thinking Christian should want war, but we must acknowledge that God has given this sword to government.

(Rex M. Rogers, Ph.D., book author and president of Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids, Mich., is a syndicated columnist, whose columns reach more than 421,691 homes in 88 newspapers in 31 states.)

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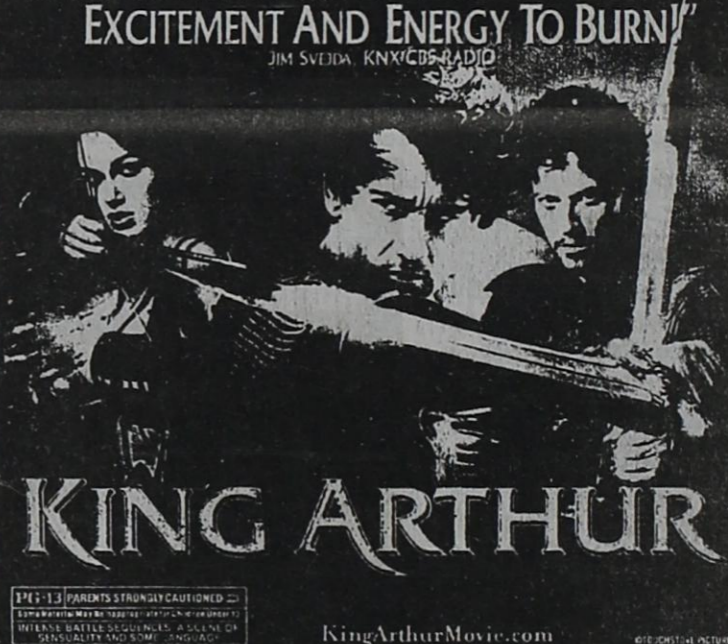
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Real life sisters Kelsey and Dana Shearer portray sisters Prudie and Rhetta Cup, in the Big Country Theatre's upcoming production of "Pump Boys and Dinettes." Other performers also include their younger sister, Lindsey, who plays the drums.

Big Country Dinner Theatre To Present 'Pump Boys and Dinettes'

Cisco Junior College is reviving its long tradition of summer dinner theatre as Billy Smith, CJC Director of Theatre, and a talented company of performers bring "Pump Boys and Dinettes" to the Big Country Dinner Theatre at the Hilton in Cisco. "Pump Boys and Dinettes" has been hailed as an original and fast paced country musical review and the New York production received rave reviews. The New York Times said of the New York production, "It doesn't merely celebrate the value of friendship and life's simple pleasures, it embodies them."

The ensemble of gifted performers who are in residence at the Big Country Dinner Theatre in Cisco create a delightful evening of fun as they interact with the audience and perform a variety of

music that leaves the audience wanting more. Guest artists include Casey Quinn (Idaho), Dana Shearer (Wyoming), Kelsey Shearer (Chicago), Lindsey Shearer (Idaho), Jason Smith (Allen, Texas), Nathan Woods (Denver, CO.) and Joshua Gilmore (Abilene). According to the director, "Besides being amazing performers, the company members are full of this great energy, and are very kind and caring people. That makes the rehearsal process a real joy. Bringing the three Shearer sisters together from Chicago, Idaho, and Wyoming, and watching them interact both on and off stage, has been really fun. I think audiences will be delighted by these three." "Pump Boys and Dinettes," a play about life, love and good music, will be showing July 9-11, 16-18, 23-25 and 30-31. Friday and Saturday

entertainment begins with dinner at 6:30 p.m. with curtain following at 7:30 p.m. Curtain for Sunday dessert matinees will be at 2:00 p.m. Dinner theatre tickets are \$15 and Sunday Matinee tickets are \$8. For reservations call (254) 442-5000 or go online at www.cisco.cc.tx.us/dinner_theatre.html.

Countdown To Extinction

Dinos Leaving Abilene In August

The *Dinosaurs of Texas* won't be around for much longer - at least not at the Grace Museum in Abilene.

Now is the time to catch them before they return to their digs.

Join The Grace Museum for the fun summer activities and help them say goodbye to their dinosaur friends.

The educational *Dinosaurs of Texas* exhibition will be ending on August 28, but before then, family activities, lectures, and summer camps are planned.

On July 15, 7:00 p.m., Charles Finsley, curator emeritus of earth science at the Dallas Natural History Museum, will present a free public lecture discussing the craft of writing about dinosaurs. The lecture is free to the public.

Saturday, July 24, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., "Dinosaur" George Blasing, from Dinosaur World in San Antonio, brings the prehistoric world to exciting life at The Grace. The day includes family activities and a performance of the children's play, *Them Bones!* General admission applies.

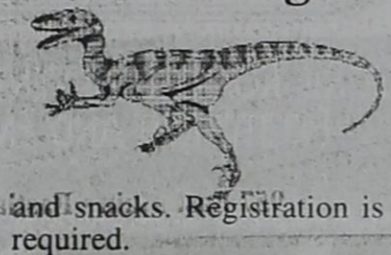
Tot Spot - Dinosaurs! - Thursday, August 5, 10:00 a.m. and Friday, August 6, 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. - will be the last chance to play with dinosaurs before they roar away! \$3 members and \$5 non-members; reservations required. Call 673-4587.

Dino Camps for children entering kindergarten through fifth grades are scheduled for Monday, July 12 - Friday, July 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; and Monday, July 19 - Friday, July 23, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Dino campers will enjoy new activities inspired by the *Dinosaurs of Texas* exhibition.

The cost is \$75 members / \$90 non-members. Tuition includes supplies, tote bag,

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and snacks. Registration is required.

Obituary

Lelia L. Foster

RANGER- Lelia L. Foster, 81, of Ranger died surrounded by her family on Wednesday June 30, 2004 in Abilene.

Services were held Saturday July 3, 2004 at 10 a.m. at Eastside Baptist Church with Rev. Jerry Speer officiating. Burial was at 1 p.m. at Putnam Cemetery in Putnam under the Direction of Edwards Funeral Home of Ranger.

Mrs. Foster was born on March 2, 1923 in Putnam, TX to John M. & Mary Leota (Alred) Ramsey. She married Delbert Douglas Foster in December 19, 1942 in Baird. During WWII she worked at numerous Naval shipyards. She was employed at several restaurants in the area as a cook. She was well known for her ability to cook and her yeast bread, pecan pies, & Mississippi mud cakes, she

was always thoughtful of others and cooked for the sick. She was an avid gardener, broke horses, was a member of the Humane Society, Covenant House of Houston, & Eastside Baptist Church.

Mrs. Foster is survived by her husband D.D. Foster of Ranger, Daughter Georgia Lou & Henry James Foster of Ranger, sons Carl D. Foster of Ranger, & Delbert Douglas Hunt, brother Joe Edgar Ramsey, brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law Leamon & Joy Foster & Jerry & Lillie Bell Day, grandchildren Gloria Holbrook of Eastland, Brian Carpenter of Ranger, Patricia Smith of Ranger, John Miller of Fort Worth, Joel Hunt, Becky Hunt, Melissa Gledhill, Keith Hunt, Paul Hunt, Wendy Hunt, Jessie Danielle Davis-Cooper USAF Japan, & Mary Carpenter.

Great-Grandchildren Thomas Bradley McKool of Fisher, IL, Heather & Logan Messenger of Eastland, Ashley & Donovan Hunt of Keller, Max Smith of Ranger & Hannah, Justin, Cazet, & Amber Carpenter, Sebastian

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Aloicious Hunt, James Reed Gledhill, Dusty Douglas Gledhill, Cody Gledhill, & Alex Gledhill of Utah, several nieces & nephews, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Claude Granville Foster, brothers Benny Frank Ramsey & Bill William Ramsey, sister Viola Ramsey Sampson, & infant sisters Susie & Jean Ramsey. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the donor's favorite Children's Charity.

Quotes . . .

"Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the rid worthwhile." - Franklin P. Jones

"May you have the two greatest gifts of all . . . someone to love and someone who loves you." - John Sinor

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Though there are hundreds of varieties of mangos, five varieties are imported into the United States from Mexico, with differences in flavor and texture. Depending on variety, mangos can be oblong, kidney-shaped or round, and the skin color can range from red to golden to green. The flesh, which ranges from mellow yellow to deep orange, surrounds a pit that is usually large and flat.



This high-quality fruit, now at its ripest and most flavorful, is plentiful in supermarkets at the best price all year! After purchasing, keep mangos on the counter until fully ripened. To speed up the process, place them in a closed paper bag.

With mangos, color is only skin deep. If a mango has a red blush, it's from the sun - not an indication of ripeness. Here's how to know when a mango is ripe and ready:

- * Give it a sniff near the stem. A fragrant and fruity aroma is a sure sign of a ripe mango. A faint scent means the fruit needs more time to ripen.
- * Gently squeeze it - most mangos become softer as they ripen.

- * Mangos do not become redder after they've been picked. Some varieties develop a rich yellow background as they ripen, but others keep their same green or yellow color when ripe.
- * Once ripe, refrigerate mangos to slow down ripening.
- * For fullest flavor, let chilled mangos reach room temperature before eating.

Mangos are the most popular fruit in the world. After indulging in their alluring tropical flavor, it's easy to understand why mangos are so loved.

To learn more about mangos from Mexico e-mail: info@mangosfrom-mexico.com.

Here is a wonderful mango recipe you'll want to serve again and again.

MANGO-STUFFED FRENCH TOAST

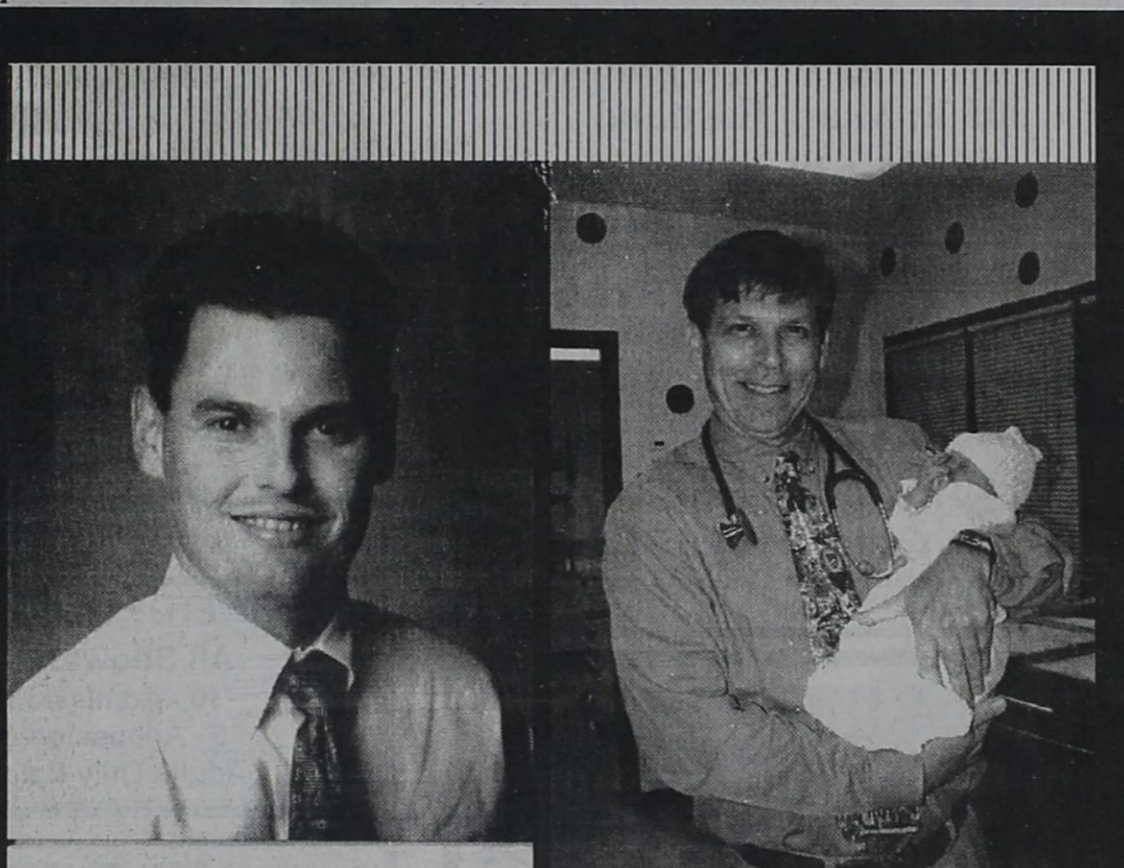
- 2 ripe mangos, divided
- 8 slices cinnamon-toasted swirl bread
- 4 ounces cream cheese, cut in 1/4-inch cubes
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/3 cup maple syrup

On a board, hold one of the mangos with one of the narrower sides facing up. Starting 1/4-inch from the stem, slice along each side of the pit to cut off the "checks." Cut flesh criss-cross, taking care not to cut through the skin. Press skin so fruit pops outward. With a spoon or knife, remove the mango cubes. Peel the center section off mango, cut off remaining fruit and chop. Set aside. Butter an 8-inch square glass baking dish. Arrange 4 slices of the bread in the baking dish to cover the bottom. Sprinkle with the cream cheese cubes, then the diced mango. Top with the remaining bread. In a bowl, beat eggs with milk and sugar; pour over bread. Gently press bread down. Let casserole stand until liquid has been absorbed, about 10 to 15 minutes. Or, cover casserole and refrigerate until ready to bake, up to 12 hours. Preheat oven to 375F. Bake uncovered until set and golden, 25 to 30 minutes. Meanwhile, for the mango-maple topping, cut the remaining mango as directed above. In a medium microwave-safe bowl, heat syrup until warm, 20 to 30 seconds. Stir in mango. Serve casserole with mango-maple topping. YIELD: 4 servings.

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Dr. Jamie Cox will be starting his practice with **B & W Clinic, Monday, July 19, 2004.** Dr. Cox is a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He served in the United States Air Force as a Medical Service Specialist. Dr. Cox will be a Family Practitioner and will do Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Dr. Cox is married and has two daughters. Hobbies include hunting, hiking, camping, reading, tennis.

On behalf of Eastland Memorial Hospital we would like to welcome Dr. Cox

Dr. Bob Matthews is a 1983 graduate of the University of Texas at Galveston. He is a member of the Texas & American Association of Family Practice. Since 1986, Dr. Matthews has been Board Certified in Family Practice and in practice at the B & W Clinic. His practice includes maternity & child-care.

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The Idle American

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

When 'I'm Sorry' Quiets the Storm.

It's been 34 years since Ali McGraw and Ryan O'Neal starred in the movie, Love Story. Its signature remembrance—"Love means never having to say you're sorry"—subsequently has been lifted from context.

It has degenerated to a "one size fits all" scapegoat, handy for folks in places high and low who can't bring themselves to quiet storms and mend fences with just two words: "I'm sorry."

Two recent examples involve Vice President Dick Cheney and University of Texas baseball Coach Augie Garrido. Each may most be remembered for a couple of blunders that could have been minimized had the two principals—even the next day—listened to their consciences and/or advisors. Simple "I'm sorry" statements would have gone down much bet-

ter, causing media hounds to track other scents..

Someone a while back observed, "I'm not afraid of whales in the great ocean of life. What scares me most is being nibbled to death by a thousand minnows."

Maybe it was a harried schoolteacher, late in May who was down to her last nerve when someone stepped on it. Maybe it was a judge, weary of a lengthening parade of repeat offenders on his docket. Maybe it was a driver, stuck in traffic. Across the spectrum of society, our culture is in something of a quiet rage. Boiling points are at hand; apologies are not

"in."

I'm not sure we can imagine the attendant pressures, frustrations and sheer fatigue that go with the territory in big-time government and big-time college athletics. More is expected than can be reasonably delivered.

For long stretches of months, days off are unheard of. Cameras and microphones seem ever present..

For Vice President Cheney, perhaps it seemed that the day's 1,000th minnow was swimming toward him. Actually, it was Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy who would "get his goat." Judgment and seaminess be hanged, Cheney offered just two words, but the admonition was beyond strong (you can look it up).

The profane expression,

and accomplished.
He and his team were stunned, however, when California-Fullerton won the first two games of the final series. They retreated to their locker room, failing to remain on the field to accept the runner-up trophy..

Toothpaste won't squeeze back into the tube. Words are much the same.

I figured that in a day, maybe two, Mr. Cheney would find two better words: "I'm sorry." It was not to be. Instead, he claimed the pair of words he chose made him "feel better."

Ours is a world crying for decorum, reason and civility. He could have taken a great step in that direction by recanting. Alas, he missed a great chance..

Coach Garrido and his baseball team were in Omaha for the NCAA College World Series. The Longhorns were odds-on favorites to win it all. The coach, with trophies piled high over a long and distinguished career, is respected

and accomplished.
He and his team were stunned, however, when California-Fullerton won the first two games of the final series. They retreated to their locker room, failing to remain on the field to accept the runner-up trophy..

The snub of the trophy presentation is unacceptable. It will take a while for this gaffe to be lived down. It was a bonehead decision, and Garrido will have to live with it.

He's joked about it, walking around the edges of apology for what he referred to as our "perception" of why he and his team retreated prematurely to the locker room. He, like Cheney, struck out. "I'm sorry" wasn't in him, either..

Ironically, home plate umpire Bob Homolka, in an earlier game in Omaha, reversed a decision, in effect saying,

"I'm sorry." South Carolina's Kevin Melillo was ejected after a collision at the plate with Louisiana State catcher Matt Liuzza. Immediately, all three base umpires raced to home plate. During their brief "prayer meeting," they decided that indeed, collisions at home plate often are major, but rarely flagrant.

The plate umpire recanted, reinstated the player, and the game went on. In correcting his own error, Mr. Homolka provided a marvelous lesson. That's class. He was sorry—and proved it..

Dr. Newbury is an author/speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. His column appears weekly in 100 Texas newspapers. He may be reached at 817.447.3872 or by e-mail, newbury@speaker.doc.com

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BSE Update

Late last Friday, June 25th, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that a "rapid screening" test used to detect BSE or mad cow disease resulted in a positive test for an animal in the United States.

This was an inconclusive test result, and it was sent to the Ames, Iowa, veterinary lab for confirmation.

Fortunately, after further testing, the USDA announced the result was, in fact, negative, and the animal did not have BSE.

Earlier this year, USDA initiated a program to screen more animals for the disease, and the system they are using is designed to be extra sensitive.

As a result, it will return many more "false positive" results. This preliminary test is not fool-proof.

More importantly, it's necessary for us to put this BSE issue into perspective. One case out of 104 million doesn't mean the U.S. has a mad cow disease problem. You have a better chance at winning the lottery than contracting BSE by eating a hamburger.

Since last Friday, we've had another possible case of BSE that's also gone to Ames, Iowa, for confirmation. The high expectation is that it, too, will prove to be negative.

And, if another animal is discovered, we will have to trace back the animal's life span to identify where the animal might have contracted the disease. We were very successful in doing that when we discovered the only case of BSE in the U.S. last December and that turned out to be a Canadian cow.

I will say that the beef industry, everyone from the cow/calf producers to the packers, has done a wonderful job eliminating the agent that could possibly transmit this disease from animal to animal or animal to humans.

Since 1997, the U.S. has eliminated the use of meat and bone meal in livestock feeds, and the packing industry has done a superb job ensuring that brain and spinal cord tissue doesn't enter the human food supply.

I have heard from a few folks who believe that the Canadian border should be closed permanently to imports of cattle and beef products.

I'm encouraging people to sleep on that for a while because if we close our borders and have a zero-tolerance

policy for BSE, then we open the door for other countries to close their borders to U.S. beef if we find BSE or some other disease within our borders.

So the bottom line is this: Let's continue to use good, conservative sound science to continue to ensure the U.S. consumer we have the best beef supply, the best quality food supply, the most abundant and safest food supply, at the lowest cost to the consumer of any other country in the world, and we're going to keep it that way.

Conservation Cuts in Ag Appropriations

As I mentioned last week, the House Appropriations Committee made some tough cuts in Farm Bill programs to be able to fund other areas, like animal identification, BSE testing, and salaries and expenses for the various USDA agencies.

Of the nearly \$1.3 billion that was cut from the Farm Bill, \$501 million of the Farm Bill funding cut was in conservation programs.

The EQIP, WHIP, Farmland Protection, Wetlands Reserve and Watershed Rehabilitation programs all took hits.

These cuts came despite the fact that we currently have a \$4.8 billion backlog of applications pending in these various programs, with EQIP leading the way with \$3.1 billion in applications that cannot be fulfilled because there isn't enough

funding. Also, the new Conservation Security Program that folks have been so excited about was once again limited.

For Fiscal Year 2004, the appropriators only let USDA run the program at a level of \$41 million, and now for Fiscal Year 2005, the appropriators have said the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) can spend \$194 million. This means that NRCS still can't run the program as it was envisioned, which is as an entitlement program that would serve however many folks were eligible, just as the commodity programs operate.

This means that NRCS will continue to operate the program only in selected watersheds instead of using the program to reward those who have already been good

stewards of our land across the country or those hoping to address natural resource concerns on their land.

With all the nice rains we've been having lately in West Texas, the need for these conservation programs is highlighted.

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Kokomo News

By Zeld Jordan

I hope that everyone had a happy and safe July 4th. It was rather quiet around my house, but I did enjoy the fireworks display from Abilene on TV.

The attendance at the Kokomo Baptist Church was down somewhat on Sunday morning as some of the church family were away visiting during the July 4th weekend. Oren Webb directed the music with Daryl Hirst at the piano. Bro. Clarence Wilson gave some good thoughts on the day being America's Birthday and the congregation sang "America The Beautiful". "Happy Birthday" was wished to Mike Snider and Rachel Snider, and "Happy Anniversary" was wished to Daryl and Cecilia Hirst. Daryl Hirst rendered the special music, singing "I Believe In A Hill Called Mount Calvary".

Woodrow and Helen Browning visited during the week in Graham with Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning. Garrett came home with his grandparents on Saturday, and Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning also came on Saturday for a Fourth of July weekend visit. Garrett accompanied Gary and family back to Graham on Monday. Woodrow and Helen, Garrett, Gary, Rebecca and Emily visited with W.C. and Winell Browning in Gorman on Sunday evening and enjoyed seeing the fireworks display.

Joe and Glynda Bond spent the Fourth of July holidays in Bullard visiting with his sisters, Mel Bond and Eloise Shock and Eloise's son and wife, James Lawson and Brenda Shock and their grandson, John Michael, and their Aunt Ruby of Henderson who was also visiting in Bullard. They attended church services on Sunday at the Bullard Southern Baptist Church., where they enjoyed a very impres-

sive Patriotic presentation.

Glenn, Donna and Seth Burgess of Jourdanton spent the weekend with Durwood and Aletha Burgess. Billy and Cheryl Burgess of Granbury, Danny Burgess, Ben Burgess, and Aline Garrett of Gorman had lunch with them on Sunday. Ben went home with Glenn, Donna and Seth for a visit.

Larry and Betty Strube attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration honoring Carl Dean and Betty Sue Strube at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church in De Leon on Saturday.

Recent visitors with LaVon Snider were: Ted Snider, Belinda, Isaac, Ella, Audri and Isabella Segura, Justin Snider of Pierre, S.D., and Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville. LaVon met Gene, and Kay Snider and Rachel Snider and Dwayne and Connie Snider for lunch.

Tommy McFall of Fort Worth, Tiffany McFall of Houston and Kathleen Baird of Dallas visited on Sunday and Monday with Larry and Betty Strube.

Chad Griffith and friend of Lubbock spent the weekend with his grandmother, Johnnie B. Griffith. They all visited with Hattie Griffith of Forsan and her family who were enjoying the holidays at their Lake Leon home.

James Webb of Glen Rose visited with Oren and Norma Webb on Tuesday and Jacob Webb of Comanche visited with Oren and Norma on Friday.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland spent the July 4th weekend with his mother, Betty Little.

Visitors with Nancy Hendricks were Sylvia Buchanan, Bertie Stacy, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zeld Jordan.

"Happy Birthday" to my daughter, Glenda Black of Las Cruces, NM and my granddaughter, Sheri Daniell of Abilene who have birth-

Pioneer News

By Pioneer Quilting Club

The quilting ladies finished Olena's "Tulip" quilt and Frankie's "Rail fence" quilt. They both were so beautiful. You all will probably be able to see them when we have our quilt show in the fall.

We do appreciate who ever mowed the lot just north of the Community Center.

Thanks a lot!

We will not be meeting again until September. It is possible that our news article will also stop. If anyone hands me their news, it will be printed.

Frankie spent a few days at the youth camp in Carbon. It was so good to see all the young folks there enjoying their camp.

Monday night Frankie and Jean traveled to the association meeting at Gateway Baptist. We had a singing of different churches which was very good! We attended with Alene and Wayne Smith, Teddie Self, and Laquetta Rankin.

Earlene Burge had a nice visit with her sister, Betty

days on July 12 and my granddaughter, Kayla Jordan of Lubbock who has a birthday on July 17, from Grandma. Also a "Happy Birthday" to a niece, Cassie Brasher of Carbon on July 7th from Aunt Zeld.

Greenmon from Ft. Worth.

She spent two days and nights. Earlene and Jessica enjoyed her visit. The rain showers have been wonderful even if others received more rain than we did.

Jessica spent last weekend with her daughter, Cindy, in Brownwood. Cindy and James had a garage sale Saturday so Jessica was a big help.

Glenda Phillips had lunch with Allen, Janice, and family on Sunday. Glenda had to go to Abilene with Kali on Monday. Kali did the driving for Glenda.

Glenda said it is really nice to have someone do the driving and Kali is a good driver. She should be, her grandpa taught her and Kendall to drive!

They got back from Abilene in time to see Krista play basketball. They played two games. It was their last games for the summer. They have really improved. Kali and Charlie Rogers visited Glenda a while Monday night. she always enjoys all their visits.

It was good to get the rain out at the Ezzell Farm. It will sure help the grain come up and we can finish planting about 50 acres. Gardens and yards are doing good, too.

Bryan came for a few hours last week. Gynna

dropped by for a few minutes on Monday. Benny came to get a supply of tomatoes.

Linda got back from her trip to China last Saturday. She spent two weeks over there. Her mom, Olena, was sooooo glad she got back safe and sound.

The Chesshir family farm has been behind in the rain every one has had. We had two-tenths twice last week end only four tenths on Monday! Jim and his stepson came last weekend. Jim sprayed Charlene's roses and shrubs. They had a strange little white insect on them. They fished Saturday afternoon and on Sunday. William caught a big fish both days.

Cowan and Laverne Hutton were invited to JD and Sandy's Friday evening June 25th for a grilled steak supper with all the trimmings. DELICIOUS! An extra treat was seeing their great grandchildren, Dodge, Shellby, Lauren, and Hannah, who were spending the night with their grandparents, JD and Sandy.

Dodge's mother Shanna was there, also. Grandchildren Travis and Arlene Parson are here visiting. They will soon have to return back to Florida. Travis is in the Air Force and has spent time in Iraq two different times. It's so good to have them here for a few days. Travis spent Saturday afternoon with the Huttons. Sunday he attended church with Cowan and Laverne and had dinner and a visit afterwards. Arleen wasn't's feeling well.

Tuesday Cowan and Laverne traveled to Bend on the Colorado River at Sulfur Springs Camp to spend the day with Danny and trisha and their families, who spent a few days there. It rained most of the day but they enjoyed it just the same.

Wednesday, Laverne attended the Ladies's Bible Study and salad luncheon.

Phyllis Tipping brought a good lesson on being happy.

Thursday, Cowan and Laverne went to Temple where Laverne had a doctor's appointment.

JD and Sandy Hutton

Thursday, July 8, 2004 celebrated their 35th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, July 3rd.

LAVERNE'S DRUTHERS

"If I had my druthers" clothing would come from the clothes dryer right side out. But that doesn't happen. Clothes come from the washer and dryer wrong side out, especially short sleeve shirts, skirts and underwear. You can be sure to put every piece of clothing into the washer with the right sides out. With all the swishing and swashing, rolling and tumbling, some where between the time you put clothing into the washer and take them from the dryer these garments are wrong side out! It doesn't matter if they were made from striped, colored, plaid or print material; heavy material thin; cotton or synthetic; they are wrong side out! Hummm, I wonder if a dryer had a reverse on it and one could put it in reverse the last few minutes, would that work? Socks usually stay right side out. However; one of each pair is good at performing a disappearing act.

There is another thing, too. You can search to remove every paper tissue from every pocket of every garment, yet one tissue evades your search and gleefully slips into the washing machine. One little tissue can go further than a glass of spilt milk! You discover this when you give each garment a good "shake". It looks like snow flakes falling everywhere! Still some will escape to the dryer. Wouldn't it be great if there was a buzzer on the washing machine that would sound and alarm when that little tissue slips into the washer?

A side from all these reducible complaints isn't it wonderful that we have a washer and dryer. We don't have to get out our wash tubs, and rubboards and heat the water in a wash pot. We ever have a water heater to heat the water and we don't have to put clothes on the line in windy, hot or cold weather.

Lest we forget, we must count our blessing's daily. Ephesians 5:20 "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

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By Mike Cox

Political balloons fill Austin with hot air

AUSTIN - With all the trial political balloons floating in the air over Austin of late, in the figurative sense the capital city looks like Albuquerque during the national hot air balloon races. If the 2006 gubernatorial primaries were held this week, these are the rumored contenders on the Republican ballot:

- Gov. Rick Perry
- Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn
- U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson

- U.S. Commerce Secretary Donald Evans
 - Former presidential spokesman Karen Hughes
- The Democratic balloon ballot:

- U.S. Congressman Jim Turner.
- Austin public relations guru Roy Spence.
- Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn (This is not a typo: There's some buzz she's thinking about returning to her party of origin. Or that she'll run as an independent. Some buzz, too, that what she really wants to be is lieutenant governor.)

Speaking of balloons...

The Legislature's Joint Interim Committee on Nutrition and Health in Public Schools heard testimony recently that Texas kids are decidedly chubbier than their counterparts elsewhere in the nation. A recent survey showed that Texas fourth-graders are 68 percent heavier than the

national average, with eighth-graders weighing in 21 percent higher.

Unless these kids cut back on their high-calorie dishes, testimony continued, the number of overweight Texans could double by 2040 with the number of obese Texans tripling. That would cause the attendant health care costs to put on a little weight too, to \$40 billion from \$10 billion.

Special session still in limbo...

Still no date set for a special session on educational finance. The governor said last week that until the legislative leadership comes up with a plan acceptable to all, he does not want to call lawmakers back to Austin. A spokesman for Perry said the governor believes whatever the Legislature does probably will require a constitutional amendment vote, which means a session would have to act in time to get something on the November ballot. That could happen as late as early October.

Tragic anniversary

remembered...

A decade ago, Texas gained one record no one wants to brag about: The deadliest single day on the state's nearly 80,000-mile highway system. That was July 3, 1994, when 43 people died in traffic crashes in Texas in one terrible 24-hour period. Three multi-victim crashes (with 14, 11 and six deaths) added to the "routine" holiday death toll. "We don't ever want to see another day like that," said Texas Department of Transportation Executive Director Mike Behrens. "We build our highways to be as safe as possible, but we need a little help from our drivers. Please don't drink and drive. Obey the speed limit and wear your safety belt."

One in 2 million...

Not exactly like winning the lottery, but last Friday a visitor to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum became the two-millionth person to walk into the downtown Austin museum since it opened in April 2001. The visitor (because of early holiday deadlines the name was not yet available)

received a welcome from museum director Lynn Denton, Austin Mayor Will Wynn and Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau head Bob Lander. In addition to several

handshakes, the surprised walk-in got a confetti shower, a gift basket and a free membership to the museum.

You Don't Say . . .

Hog is the generic name for all swine, so a pig is a hog. However, a hog is not a pig, according to the terminology of hog raising. A pig is a baby hog less than 10 weeks old.

the words, "He leadth me beside the still waters." The explanation? Sheep will not drink from running water, and the faithful in the Bible are often referred to as sheep.

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Ranching A Way Of Life For The Ratliffs

(Ed. Note: This article is from a Texas Panhandle Ag Paper. Ratliff is son of Ted and Mable Rogers of Cisco and brother to Gaynell. His wife Susie is a descendant of the pioneers who settled that area, living first in sod housing.)

Turning off of a main highway onto a paved road seems about right. But, then it turns into gravel and a little farther on it turns into dirt. And, these roads are in pretty good shape and will handle two vehicles.

Then, guess what, it almost becomes a 1-car lane. Will it get me to where I wish to go? Well, it does.

This is the way to go get the Hay Creek Ranch where Susie and Rayford Ratliff live in southeast Moore County.

However, the last part of the way is lined with many trees on each side of the road which makes for a beautiful drive, even though it is very narrow.

And, not only are there trees lining the road, there are cattle roaming on each side and even on the roadway. In fact I almost had to stop for one cow. I wondered if she would move when I got a little closer and sure enough she did get off of the road.

The story goes back over a century ago when Susie's great grandparents, William and Mary Frances Bennett came to Dumas from Colorado in 1894. They had been wiped out by grasshoppers and decided to find another place to live.

They traveled to Moore County in a covered wagon and it took 30 days to complete the trek. But, this land was becoming known as "The land of promise."

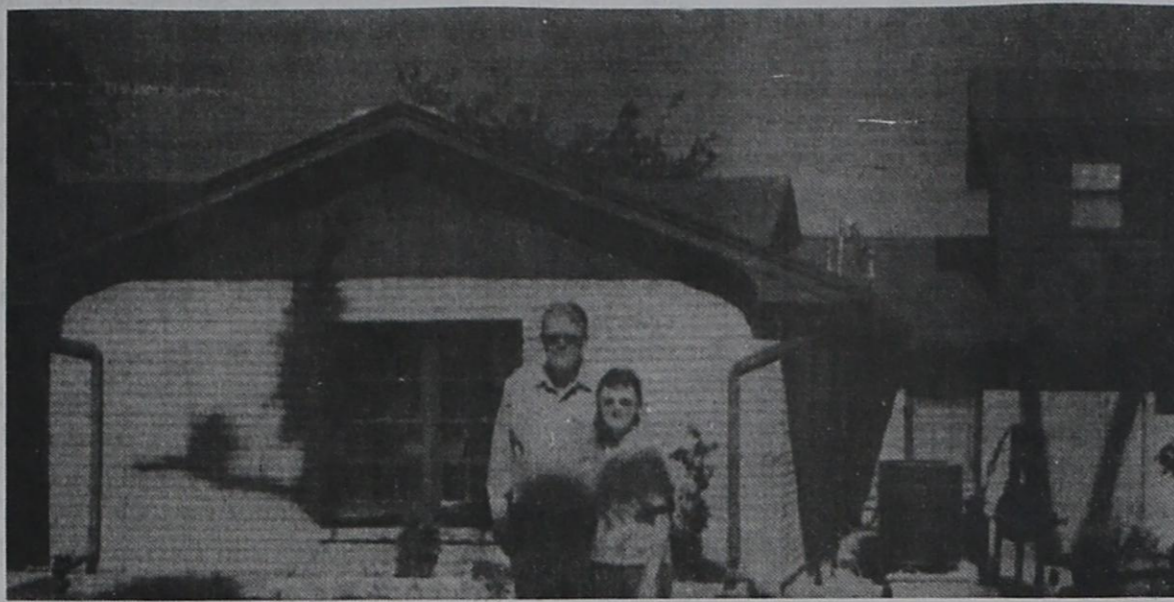
The family arrived in Dumas in June 1894 and one of the youngsters made this remark "Dad, if all those houses were bunched together, it might be a town, but not scattered around like that."

Another of the children had this to say "I don't think I ever saw a prettier county than this when driving into Dumas. It had been raining and the grass was high and pretty. The level prairies were all blooming with wild flowers. The people there were friendly and nice."

William acquired five sections of land in Moore County and it was divided among his five children. One of the pieces of land was on Hay Creek for which he traded a horse and a saddle. This land was as near a paradise as could be from the cold bleak winters. They moved to Hay Creek in 1989. They lived in the one room log house dugout which was duo, into the side of a hill and they remodeled it and built two more rooms which were only part way into the ground.

Susie's grandparents were Charlie and Madena Bennett. She died in 1917. Susie's parents were E. L. and Mildred Bennett Morton. As an only child, Susie inherited the land.

Susie and Rayford moved to the homeplace in 1970 and stayed a year. Then in 1973 they returned to Moore County and have lived on Hay Creek since that time.



The house that now stands on Hay Creek Ranch

They remodeled the house and added a garage and an upstairs. Susie says when they first moved into the house there was no insulation. Can you imagine how cold it must have been during the winter?

They also bricked the home and it is now a lovely showplace in southeast Moore County. Rayford has planted many of the trees which grow on the land and about the house.

He improved the barn and corrals. They were very much in need of repairs when they moved to the place.

Susie's dad was a mechanic and did not have the time, the ability or the money to keep the place as it should have been kept. But, the couple is very happy about their inheritance.

Rayford loves to be outdoors and take care of his 65 head of grown cattle. He has 63 cows and two bulls. He has about 55 calves. The

cow-calf operations are Santa Gertrudis crossbred with Whitefaces. The Santa Gertrudis cattle were first started in the United States on the King Ranch in South Texas, the couple says.

They are beautiful cattle and actually very gentle. As I was taking pictures, the grown cattle did not seem at all afraid. However, the calves were not quite so friendly.

Rayford sells the weaning calves through the auction at Texhoma, Okla. They will weigh between 400-600 pounds. He goes to auction about twice a year.

When he is ready to take the calves to auction, he calls cowboys from the Texhoma area and they bring their expertise and trucks to transport the calves to the auction.

The brand? Guess what — it is the Lazy SR, for Susie and Rayford. This was designed by a cousin of Susie's, Pat Moore.

I noticed that many of the

cows had horns. I asked the couple about dehorning their cattle. Rayford says he does not dehorn. He says it helps to keep the coyotes away from the calves.

However, there are some of the cattle which are naturally muley (dehorned). In fact, Rayford is known as a "Pastime Cow Doctor."

Rayford is quick to say that Susie is his helper. He says she has been his partner in everything they have done.

It is easy to see that the couple is satisfied with their life on Hay Creek.

Susie says they have the only meadow, that she knows about, that is subirrigated. I asked about a pond that I had seen on the way to their place. They said it is fed by a spring.

But, one of their most pleasant pastimes is their grandchildren. They have three and hope to have many more.

Their children are Dena and Casey Dyer of Granbury. They have two children, Jordan, 6, and Jackson, 6



The log cabin that was originally built on Hay Creek Ranch.



The house that Susie's parents, granddad and an uncle built.

weeks old. They say that Jordan is the sixth generation of the family to learn to feed cattle.

In fact not too long ago Jordan was visiting his grandparents for a week. He has all the clothes for a rancher. He has a little bucket that he helps Rayford to feed the cattle. At the end of the week he told his grandmother "I like ranching, but it sure is hard work."

Their son, Billy Bob (Will) and Julie Ratliff live in Peoria, Ariz., and have one daughter, Mollie Elizabeth, three months old. Will is a musician in his church for some 800 children.

Dena and Casey are also involved in their church work. Dena writes songs and music.

Both children probably got their talents from their parents.

Rayford has been active in church music for some 50 years and Susie has played the piano for many years.

But ranching is a way of life for this couple and they hope that someday one of their grandchildren will decide to live on Hay Creek Ranch and carry on the tradition that has been living for more than 100 years. If they do, it will be a dream come true.

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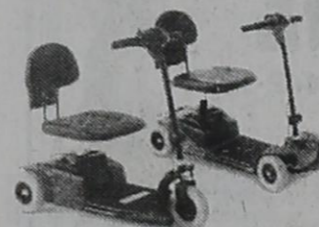
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Late Night Surprise

However, on June 28, we awoke to the news that sovereignty had traded hands during the night - to days ahead of schedule and under a cloak of secrecy. The early transfer was an inspired step and a testament to how far the budding government has come under the newly minted leadership of President Ghazi Al-Yawer and Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

Officials cited security concerns and the threat of attacks by insurgents as the principal reason for the change and, in addition, the new Iraqi government said they were ready to take the reins of their nation's future. Iraqis had already been in control of all ministries, from defense to electricity, and this official transfer was the final symbolic act, dissolving the Coalition Provisional Authority and solidifying Iraqi control. The swiftness and ease with which the handover took place was an early, hopeful sign that the interim government was prepared to run the country.

The U.S. goal in Iraq was never one of occupation. The goal was the removal of Saddam Hussein and the threat he posed to the U.S. and the entire free world. Within hours of the departure of Iraq's acting administrator, Paul Bremer, the new U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, John Negroponte, landed in Baghdad and took his seat as our nation's envoy to the fledgling Republic.

A New Beginning

In a Washington Post column that ran hours before the handover, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi clearly captured the vision for the nation's future when he wrote, "We want a free, democratic Iraq that will be a source of peace and stability for the region and the whole world." Yet within that same breath of optimism, he also recognized the enormity of the task that lies ahead. "The challenges are great, and the stakes are high, both for Iraq and the world. We must not underestimate the magnitude of the task that lies ahead. Despite the hardships, we Iraqis are determined to work together and assume responsibility for our country. ... With these efforts, God willing, Iraq will take its rightful place among the free and prosperous nations of the world."

To move forward with these goals the interim government has outlined the following goals:

1. Establish security

2. Address the dire economic situation

3. Develop a strong and independent judicial system

4. Accelerate the nation's political process and march toward democracy

These four goals will not be met overnight and they won't occur without international support. U.S. troops will remain in Iraq in an effort to achieve the first goal and assure the remaining can take root. It is our hope that other nations who have stood on the sidelines will see the progress in Iraq and step up to the plate. We did receive welcome news that the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) has agreed to help train Iraq's security forces, but it is also time for NATO to send troops to support the critical mission of stopping the terrorists.

It is clear that we have more work to do, most notably to stamp out the treacherous attacks against innocent Iraqis and U.S. soldiers. But, with this important transfer of power, we are closer to establishing a fully democratic Iraq and sending an unequivocal message to the terrorists that their tactics will fail and their time is up.

'King Arthur' To Show At Majestic This Weekend

The new movie "King Arthur" is being praised by critics as the most authentic version ever made.

This picture is coming to the Majestic Theater in Eastland next weekend, and can be seen nightly from Friday, July 9 through Monday, July 12.

Curtain time will be 7:30 p.m., with admission \$4 at the box office. There are also balcony seats at \$5.50 for adults only.

"King Arthur" is rated PG-13, with parental guidance. There is a battle at the end of the film with extreme violence.

Producer Jerry Bruckheimer selected stars from England, Ireland and Europe for the main parts in this film, feeling that the story was more embedded in their culture. Also, since no suitable place to recreate the scenes was found in England - where the story actually happened - the filming was done in an unspoiled rural part of Ireland.

In the story, Arthur (Clive Owen) is a reluctant leader, half Roman and half Briton. He is torn between his private ambitions to return to Rome, and his sense of duty to stay and help the Britons fight invaders.

But before he can leave, one final mission leads him

and his Knights of the Round Table to conclude that when Rome is gone, Briton would need someone to fill the vacuum. This will be not

Douglas Descendants To Hold Reunion July 16-17

The descendants of the Douglas family will have a reunion Friday and Saturday, July 16-17, at the Parish Hall of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, East 18th and Conrad Hilton Ave., in Cisco.

They will meet at 6 p.m. Friday, July 16, to eat sandwiches, chips, dips and etc. A barbecue meal with all the trimmings will be served at noon Saturday, July 17. So bring your favorite covered dish and join in the visiting and reminiscing.

Robert Younger and Ella Chatman Douglas had four children. Their children and spouses included Inez (Douglas) Hallmark and her husband, Emory Grant Hallmark, both deceased; the late Clara Mae (Douglas) Hull and her late husband, Ben; Robert Younger Douglas of Cisco, and his late wife, Blanche Jessup Douglas; Louella (Douglas) Speegle and her husband, Johnny W., both deceased.

Inez and Emery Hallmark's children and spouses include Ella Murl (Hallmark) Stroebel of Cisco and her late husband, Carl W.; Emery Cordella (Hallmark) Wende and her husband, Fred, both deceased; Bob Grant Hallmark and his wife, Clara of Nimrod; the late Melbourn Younger Hallmark, and his wife, Viola Hallmark of Cisco; the late Maggie Marié (Hallmark) Thompson and her late husband, Ernest; Margie Nell (Hallmark) Nunn of LaLuz, N.M. and her late husband, Dub; Clara Mabel (Hallmark) Nunn and her husband, Joe, both deceased.

Clara and Ben Hull's children and spouses include John Henry and Joan Hull of Brownwood; Fred and

only to defend against the Saxons, but to lead the Isle into a new age.

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Robert and Blanche Douglas' children and spouses include Clyde and Kitty Douglas of Plano; Jerry and Sandra (Norvell) Douglas of Cisco; Paula Douglas Clark and her husband of Vann; Betty (Douglas) and Roy Moore of Grand Prairie; and James and Ollie Douglas of Angleton.

Louella and Johnny W.

Speegle's children and spouses include the late James Douglas Speegle, and his wife, Betty Speegle of Cisco; John Wayne and Nadelene Speegle of Cisco; Linda Berniece (Speegle) Jenkins and her husband, Jack of Breckenridge; Jack and Rochelle (Gorr) Speegle of Cisco; Bruce and Lenora Speegle of Cisco.

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Eastland County Classifieds

Thursday, July 8, 2004

REAL ESTATE

New: 10 A, pavement frontage, seasonal creek, some timber \$1,250 acre.
New: 14.9 A Brown Co. 183 S. Rising Star, 3-2-2 brick 2000', CH/A, irrigated coastal, pond, barn. \$149,500.
New: 15 A. near Gorman, nice remodeled 2-2 brick, central H/A, carpeted, fireplace, large game room, 24 x 60 metal garage- cement floor, guest house, water well + city water and sewer, pecans, pavement. **REDUCED TO \$130,000.**

NEW: 17.64 A N/E DeLeon, 3-2 frame, 2168' CH/A, carport, fenced, some coastal, hilltop setting. \$90,000.

37 A N/W of DeLeon, good sandy land, app. 5 A coastal, stock pond, 3 water wells, pavement access, great building spot. \$1,250 per A.

NEW: 40 A, m/l, western Comanche Co, sandy land, 10 A wooded, 30A cult, some fencing, one stock pond, old water well, great deer area. \$1,500.00.

47.65 A 4 miles west of Gorman, 25 A coastal, 20 A cult, 2 ponds, barn/pens, good deer area. \$1050 acre.

NEW: 105 A, Comanche Co, near DeLeon, 30 A coastal, 52 A cultivated, 23 A pasture, 3 stock ponds, 2 wells (previously used for irrigation), steel corrals, electricity, paved & CR frontage, deer/wildlife in area, combination stocker/wildlife property. \$1,900 per acre.

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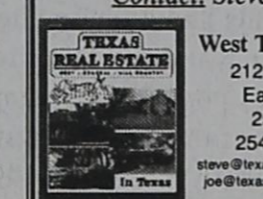
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HUGE GARAGE SALE: Saturday, 204 W. 8th Street, Cisco. Furniture, home decor, dishes, bedding, good clothing, lots of miscellaneous. Located two doors down from GLITZ Gift Store. E55

ESTATE SALE: US Hwy 183 South, Cisco, Rising Star Hwy. 2nd grey house on left. Friday, July 9th 8:00-5:00 & Saturday, July 10th 8:00-2:00. Household items, lawn mowers, lots of misc. C56

EASTLAND GARAGE SALE: Saturday, July 10th 8:00 a.m. till ? at 1303 South Bassett. Swimming pool, television, cosmetic vanity, computer scanner, 10" x 2 downfire subwoofer box for extended cab pickup, ladies, mens, teenage boy and girls clothes. Too much stuff to list. E56

REWARD: White miniature Poodle- expecting puppies about July 4. Last seen the afternoon of July 1 around Tucker Reunion Center at Flatwood, TX. Needs medical attention please call 629-2259 Reward. E55

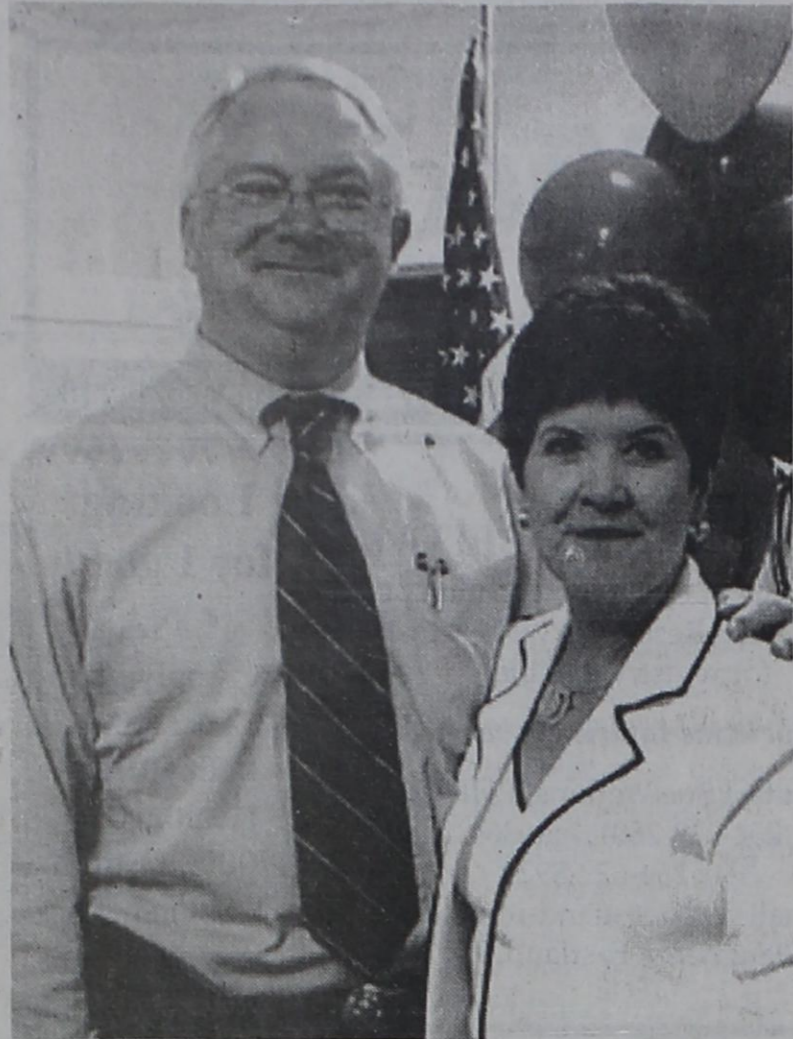
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ADVERTISE IN THE CLASSIFIEDS



Candidate Neugebauer Stops In Area

Local supporters met at the Eastland Women's Club Friday to greet the 19th Congressional District candidate, Randy Neugebauer, and wife Dana.

Congressman Neugebauer spoke to a reporter about his time in Washington as representative for the present 19th District, which has been reformed under recent redistricting.

He was elected in a Special Election in June, 2003.

Neugebauer, who said he enjoyed his work in Washington, remarked that he was serving in a very historical time.

On local issues, he emphasized that jobs were of top priority.

Along with jobs, emphasis should be put on educational and health care facilities and family values, he continued. Water issues were also of great importance, he said.

The Neugebauers also made stops at the Eastland County Newspapers' office in downtown Eastland during a July 4th informal observance there, and later that afternoon in Cisco, Texas.

Congressman Neugebauer and wife Dana are residents of Lubbock, Texas.

State Asks Public To 'weigh-in' On Mobility Fund

Abilene, Texas - State transportation officials are seeking public comment on a plan drafted to maximize the anticipated \$3 billion Texas Mobility Fund and accelerate transportation improvements to reduce congestion, improve safety and expand economic development.

The Texas Transportation Commission voted Thursday, June 24, to take comments through July 15 on the strategic plan for the Texas Mobility Fund - a new source of financing which supplements the traditional pay-as-you-go method of transportation funding.

The plan is based on six principles: need for a multimodal approach including all transportation modes; regional transportation decisions made at the local level; where feasible, to leverage the fund with toll projects; toll roads are the fastest way to accelerate needed projects and stretch limited transportation funds; accelerate pre-

viously requested, locally supported projects; and measure success by how quickly and efficiently a project reduces congestion.

After development costs have been deducted, the eight largest metropolitan areas will receive approximately two-thirds of the bond proceeds and the smaller urban and rural areas will receive approximately one-third of new funding. The funds will be distributed based on a project's ability to reduce congestion, cover maintenance costs and, if possible, generate additional dollars for other local projects.

A copy of the proposed plan is located on the TxDOT Web site at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us>.

The 20-day review and comment period runs through 5 p.m. July 15. Comments should be mailed to: Jim Randall, Director of Transportation Planning and Programming Division, TxDOT, P. O. Box 149217, Austin, Tx 78714-9217.

2004 U. S. Ag Exports Expected To Hit Record

U. S. Ag exports are expected to hit a record \$61.5 billion in fiscal year 2004, says the U. S. Department of Agriculture. That would be an increase of \$5.3 billion over the previous year and would eclipse the old record of \$59.8 billion set in fiscal year 1996.

Wheat and corn exports are likely to account for 50 percent of the annual increase. U. S. wheat is in high demand and is benefiting from reduced competition due to poor harvests in the

European Union, Russia and Ukraine. Corn is experiencing strong sales growth to Egypt, Colombia, Israel and Korea.

The \$7 billion forecast for livestock and livestock products represents a \$1 billion increase over what was expected earlier this year, but is still down \$2 billion from 2003, largely due to markets closed because of BSE and Avian Influenza.

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Baird First Baptist Church Schedule of Events

Each one of you are invited to join us at the First Baptist Church, 240 Race Street Baird, Texas

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574

- Sunday School 9:45 am
- Worship Service 11 am
- Prayer Time 5 pm
- Evening Service 6 pm
- Wednesday Service 7 pm

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Coming Soon! VBS, July 19-22, 6:00 p.m. Preregistration is July 10th from 10-12 in the fellowship hall. You will have a sneak peek at this exciting vacation Bible School!

We will have a New Testament for each child. Our goal is to purchase 100 Bibles. If you would like to give a Bible - the cost is \$1.49 each. Call 854-1574 for more information.

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(NAPS)—Consumers may soon benefit from a new award program that honors small businesses that instill the spirit of innovation and apply information technology to improve the customer experience.

To be considered for the award, small businesses must show how they have used information technology to drive a significant change and/or develop a competitive advantage in delivering superior customer value and experience, including customer case studies.

The winner will receive \$20,000 in technology from Dell; a "Day with Dell" program with Dell experts, including Michael Dell, to share best practices in technology; a lifetime membership to the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB); and other prizes. Nine finalists will receive a Dell Latitude notebook computer and a one-year membership to NFIB.

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to highlight the successes of small businesses through the award program."

Selection of the winner will be announced at the NFIB National Small Business Summit in Washington, D.C., June 16 to 18, 2004.

"Small businesses fuel our economy and their success is essential to the productivity of the nation," said NFIB President and CEO Jack Faris. "NFIB is pleased to join Dell in honoring small businesses that provide exceptional customer service."

For a complete description of the criteria and to submit an application, visit the Web site at www.dell.com/excellenceaward. Submissions will be accepted online until March 31, 2004.

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