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"Cottonwood House Memories"

By VANDA ANDERSON
CREECH
Editor

After five years, Granny Ethel's house at Cottonwood has a new owner, Jenny Newsom. This was the first house built in Cottonwood and it has significant importance, as it was once considered for a historical marker.

It was the wish of the heirs that someone would purchase the house with the intent of refurbishing. Finally, the right person appeared. It will be a huge task, but one day it will once again be an asset to the community.

The old house will always retain sweet memories of granny's great-grandchildren playing dress-up in the upstairs bedroom. They would use their imaginations to create some unique outfits and then the fashion show began.

During Jenny's cleaning she discovered a real treasure beneath the mattress of granny's bed. In an old candy box was a collection of photos which I don't recall viewing.

These must have been her special ones, as she had carefully written the names of those pictured on the back. We thought we had found all her pictures earlier.

She even expressed her feelings about certain ones, a nephew, Sonny, who died at an early age. Granny wrote, "I loved this boy better than life itself."

The photos were like a visual history of both her family and my grandfather's. There was a picture of granny's mother's family, the Bounds, and one of grandad's brothers, the Andersons. These are truly precious.

The older photos never lose their clarity, whereas the colored ones fade. I am afraid that all the photos of my children will completely disappear in time. I know people who have had their snapshots transferred to video tapes for preservation.

My mother really had a great time looking at the captured memories. There were lots of shots of my dad when he was in Okinawa during World War II. She amazed me, recalling her dress in detail and even the shoes she was wearing. When I asked how she could remember so vividly, she replied, "If you had to pull cotton to get one pair of shoes you would remember it, too!"

I guess that is what is wrong with the later generations — it has been too easy to obtain all the things we wanted and the respect was lost. Back "in the good old days" everyone only had one outfit and maybe a change. This probably kept everyone on the same social level which was better, also.

Many of you remember the "Cottonwood house" in its prime. The two story structure, once painted clean and white, was surrounded with beautiful flowering plants, shrubs, etc. Pink sweetheart roses graced the north side, while red buds, yellow forsythia, varied colored iris, daffodils, and even a purple wisteria vine shaded the back porch. I think Granny felt in love with the yard when she first saw the place. She admired flowers and had a green thumb. Maybe one day it will regain its elegance.

Cottonwood Musical Friday

The Cottonwood Quilting Club is having their country and western musical on Friday, May 15, at the Cottonwood Community Center in Cottonwood.

The musical will start at 6:30 p.m. The emcee for the evening will be Smokey Callaway. All country and western musician are invited to attend.

Early out for CP students

The Cross Plains ISD will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, May 20 and 21 and 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 22, due to final testing scheduled on these days. Buses will run at this time.

Athletic Booster Club Needs Your Help

The Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club needs your help. Plans are underway for this year's Athletic Banquet. As we have done in the past, we are planning our decorations around pictures of athletes in competition. If you have any prints you believe would add to this year's banquet, please contact any Booster Club Officer or come by Citizens State Bank. Prints are needed not negatives.

CP Roping Club Meets

On May 4, the Cross Plains Roping Club met to discuss upcoming activities.

A playday is scheduled for members Sunday, May 17, at 2:00 p.m. June 27, is the clubs annual Invitational Ranch Rodeo.

Memberships are available by sending \$15 to P.O. Box 733. Remember to get your memberships in time to be approved by the directors.

For more information about the playday, ranch rodeo or membership, call (254) 725-6852 in the evening.

Local Judge Attends Seminar

Judge Rolan Jones was certified at the recent 20 hours Justice of the Peace Seminar held May 5-8, in Lubbock. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, headquarters at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. The seminar is one of five held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, New Legislation, Traffic Laws, Inquests, Family Violence, Death and Dying: How to Process the Emotion, Justice of the Peace and Constable Relations and Duties, Emergency Mental Commitments, Cultural Diversity, Probable Cause Search and Arrest Warrants, Juvenile Law: School and Criminal Issues, Legal Research, Court Costs and Fees, Disposition of Stolen Property, Advanced Civil Law and Trial Procedure.



Howard House Installs Plaque

Pictured is a plaque that was recently installed at the Howard House located on West Highway 36 in Cross Plains. The Howard House was proclaimed a National Treasure and listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of The Interior in 1994.

Listing of the house in the National Register honors the writer, Robert E. Howard, regarded as one of the twentieth century's major influences on fantasy literature, as well as Project Pride, which has undertaken

preservation and restoration of the house.

Howard fans from near and far are expected to gather here on Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13, to remember him on the anniversary of his death. Howard lived here from 1919 until his death in 1936, and most of his writing was done here. Details for the weekend activities will be announced later or information may be obtained by calling Billie Ruth Loving (254) 725-7432.

37th Annual Flower Show Presented by Garden Club

May 2nd, Louise Swiedom, Doris Purcell and Frona Carpenter of Abilene, all Nationally Accredited Master Show Judges, judged the exhibits. The show has three divisions; Horticulture, Design and Special Exhibits. Mr. Marvin Mosley, Flower Show Chairman announced the following winners in each of the three divisions.

Horticulture Division:
Rolan Jones - Sweepstakes and Arboreal Awards, 144 points
Julene Franke - Horticultural Excellence and Award of Merit, 45 points
Bob Powell - Award of Merit, 137 points
Ava Tollett - 39 points
Esther Kerr - 18 points
Kay Mosley - 15 points
Ray Dodd - 3 points
Design Division:
Section I. Eligible for Tricolor Award (all fresh flowers)
Class I. Snow Maiden (Reflective Design)

Ava Tollett - 1st place - blue ribbon
Phyllis Taylor - 2nd place - red ribbon
Allison Wilson - 3rd place - yellow ribbon
Maurine McCuin - 4th place - white ribbon
Class II. Madam Butterfly
Kay Mosley - 1st place - blue ribbon
Barbara Powell - 2nd place - red ribbon
Esther Kerr - 3rd place - yellow ribbon
Joyce Odom - 4th place - white ribbon
Class III. Blackbird
Ray Dodd - 1st place - blue ribbon
Rolan Jones - 2nd place - red ribbon
Marvin Mosley - 3rd place - yellow ribbon
Phyllis Taylor - 4th place - white ribbon
The three first place winners in the all fresh division were judged for the Tricolor Award. Mr. Ray Dodd won See FLOWER SHOW page 5

Run for the fans Thurs.

Cross Plains Athletes would like to show their appreciation towards their community in a new way: The First Annual C.P. Athlete "Run for the Fans." The purpose of this event will be to raise funds which will be used to purchase fans and other items that will help ease the summer heat for some less fortunate elderly community members.

Participants will collect pledges for each mile before the event. All proceeds will benefit the "Faith in Action Fund" through the Cross Plains Community Center.

This event will be held Thursday, May 21, at 3:00 p.m. in the immediate Cross Plains area. All businesses/in-

dividuals interested in pledges for runners or donations, please contact Jean McWilliams at the high school office (254) 725-6121. Any support will be greatly appreciated.

**Class of 1998
BACCALAUREATE
2 P.M.
High School Gym
Joe Coppinger Officiating**

CP Volunteer Fire Department Annual Fish Fry Friday Night

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department's Annual Fish Fry will be held Friday, May 15, from 5-8 p.m. at the Cross Plains Community Center on Beech Street.

The fish fry is the major fundraiser of the year. You may purchase a great meal of fish and all the trimmings for the price of \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12.

A quilt will also be raffled off in conjunction with the fish fry. The quilt, a full-size hand quilted pre-printed American Eagle, will be on display at Citizens State Bank. The quilt was donated by Bob and Dee Harrell and the Sabanno Quilting Club. Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1 each at Citizens State Bank, Higginbotham's, Koenig's Family Store or by contacting Bob

or Dee Harrell. You need not be present to win.

The proceeds will go toward obtaining much needed equipment, along with maintenance and upkeep of the existing equipment.

So mark your calendars for May 15, and come on down to the community center and enjoy food, fun and fellowship while helping out the volunteer fire department.

Carry-out orders will be available by calling 725-7330 by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 15.

Delivery for shut-ins will also be provided inside the city limits. Please leave your name, address and telephone number if you need this service.

See you at the FISH FRY!!!!



HOWDY NEIGHBOR EXHIBIT AT WESTERN HERITAGE CLASSIC—On Saturday, May 9, the Cross Plains Economic Development Corporation sponsored a booth in the Howdy Neighbor Exhibit at the Western Heritage Classic in Abilene. The booth featured area merchants and information about Cross Plains. The Cross Plains area residents that manned the booth were Betty Cavanaugh, Keeka Byrd, Joe Howser, Denise Coulter, and Joe and Mary Graves. The Cross Plains booth drew a great crowd because of the antique tractor provided for display by Mac's Trading Post and transported to and from Abilene by Scott Byrd. The booth was considered a great success and plans are to participate again next year.

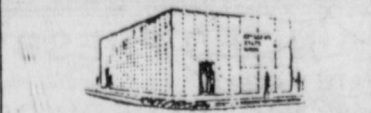
Benefit Garage Sale Friday & Saturday

A Benefit Garage Sale is set for Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, at the home of Ava Tollett in the Cottonwood Community. Travel 5 miles out on 880 and turn right on Private Road 4401. You will see a newly built brick house with yellow trim on the right, turn at the drive and it will be the last house on the road.

The proceeds from the garage sale will assist the Allen Fleming Family with medical expenses recently in-

curred when Allen injured his leg. Come and show your support. You won't leave empty handed.

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COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Gerald Wayne Arnold, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes
Tiffany Black, TPC (theft of property by check) charge dismissed.

TPC charges dismissed due to restitution having been made: William W. Harper, Sr., Trish D. McWilliams.

In the matter of Pat Dwayne Starr, American Bail Bond allowed to withdraw as surety.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

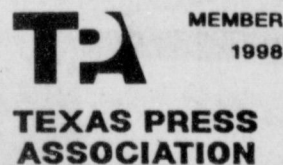
Laurie Marie Mann & Daniel Lee Robinson of Clyde.
Brenda Kay Hughes & Lester Allen Weizer of Cross Plains.



The first shipment of natural ice in the U.S. occurred in 1799, when merchant ships carried blocks of ice from New York City to Charleston, S.C.

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OBITUARIES

Wayne Dennis

Wayne Dennis, 79, formerly of Cross Plains, passed away Thursday, May 7, 1998, in Balch Spring Nursing Home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, 1998, at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Blythe and Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Mr. Dennis was born February 7, 1919, in El Reno, Oklahoma. He married Wilda Meador February 27, 1938, in Cross Plains. He was a retired rural route mail carrier. He was a member of First Baptist of Cross Plains.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wilda, October 12, 1993.

Survivors include one son, Donnie Dennis of Laredo; two daughters, Glenda Davis of Balch Springs and Vickie Stevens of Dallas; one sister, Ila Jo Huff of Hurst; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Also surviving is a niece Kay Dennis Mosley of Cross Plains.

DeAngela Morrison

DeAngela Morrison, formerly of Cross Plains, was killed in an automobile accident on Friday, March 20, 1998, north of Lubbock. Mrs. Morrison had moved to Lubbock just a few days before the accident. She was born in Fort Worth, on March 26, 1961. Mrs. Morrison was the great-granddaughter of the late Mrs. James W. (George Ann) Bennett of Cross Plains and the granddaughter of Mrs. Lela Bennett Archie Diebert of Lubbock.

She was preceded in death by her father, G.C. Morrison, M.D. in 1963.

She is survived by three sons, Alan, Everett, and Cameron, a brother, James David Morrison of Fort Worth; and her mother Mrs. Jimmie Archie Morrison Harris of Graham.

Gifts in her memory can be made to the Cross Plains Library.

Connie Herring

STEPHENVILLE—Connie Herring, 92, passed away Sunday, May 10, 1998, at a local nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with Richard Blythe and Dr. Richard Chaffin officiating. Burial was in Gardens of Memory Cemetery.

Mrs. Herring was born in Duffau and lived in Stephenville most of her life. She taught school in Quitaque, Gasoline, Indian Creek and Johnsonville for 11 years. She was a homemaker and member of Hillcrest Church of Christ. She married Hugh Herring in 1927 in Stephenville; he preceded her in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Ann Chaffin of Cross Plains, Ruth Blanton of San Antonio and Joy Cooper of Dallas; 10 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Hospice Training Completed in Cross Plains

Eleven volunteers and staff completed the hospice training program offered by Columbia Hospice Brownwood in association with Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Classes were conducted for five evenings in April at the Cross Plains Senior Citizens Center. Featured speakers were Melinda Fraley, RN-Director of Columbia Homecare and Hospice, Barbara Spinks, RN-Hospice Asst. Director, Guillermo Minnhaar, MD-Hospice Medical Director, Norb Peil-Hospice Chaplain, Bob Harrell-Higginbotham Funeral Home, Jenny Peresta-Social Worker, Kyla Berry, RNC-Women's Services, Sandy Porter, RN-Infection Control, Lesa Jobe-Volunteer, Bessie Reynolds-Volunteer, and Charlene Burlison-Hospice Volunteer and Bereavement Coordinator.

Topics covered during the hospice training program included introduction to hospice, cancer, pain control and the death process, family dynamics, children and death, funeral planning, legal issues, sexuality, grief, loss and bereavement, listening skills and communication, spiritual care, AIDS, what it means to be a hospice volunteer, and hospice from a family member's perspective.

On the final evening of training, volunteers, guests and staff enjoyed a pot luck supper and musical entertainment provided by Willena Benson, Terilyn Benson and Kenny Kannada. The group concluded their program with the song "It's Never Easy to Say Good-bye."

Graduation certificates were presented by Barbara Spinks and Charlene Burlison to Mary Bates, Gene Dillard, Ellowayne Tatom, RN Tatom, Charlotte Graham, Priscilla Perry, Margaret Pointer, Roberta Conlee, Joe Howser, Jana Rister and Debra Childers.

Certificates of appreciation were also presented to Bob Harrell, Lesa Jobe, Margaret Nunley, Bessie Reynolds, Ethel Freeman, Willena Benson, Terilyn Benson and Kenny Kannada. The evening concluded with Lesa Jobe leading the group in a special time of sharing.

The next scheduled hospice training will be on Wednesday, May 13, 20, and 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Walker Cancer Center Library at Brownwood Regional Medical Center. For more information about Columbia Hospice, please call Charlene Burlison at 915-649-2603 or toll free at 1-800-381-4663. Columbia Hospice is located at 125 South Park Drive, Suite A in Brownwood.

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\$5,000 Social Security Settlement Bill Introduced in Senate

Approximately eleven million Americans born from 1917 through 1926 would receive higher Social Security benefits under new Senate legislation. The proposal would give these "Notch" babies the option of receiving higher monthly benefits or a \$5,000 settlement spread over four years. The bill is sponsored by Senator Harry Reid (D-NV), a long-time Notch reform advocate. The new initiative, "The Notch Fairness Act of 1998" (S. 2003), was actively lobbied for by TREA Senior Citizens League (TSCL).

Expected to cost \$15 billion per year over the four years, Senator Reid proposed that an anticipated budget surplus pay for the measure. The Congressional Budget Office estimates a budget surplus of \$143 billion over the next five years. "Saving Social Security first means paying back the debt we owe to 11 million 'Notch' babies," Reid said. "Anyone who is familiar with my record knows how strongly I feel about preserving and protecting our Social Security system. But we must ensure that all citizens who are entitled to benefits under that system are treated fairly under it."

"Some seniors are receiving as much as \$200 less a month than their neighbors simply because they were born in the Notch years," noted Reid. "I received hundreds of letters each month from Nevadans who feel as if the government is simply waiting for them to die off instead of correcting the problem. In fact, for many years, the federal government simply pretended the problem did not exist. But how can you ignore 11 million Americans?"

The Notch problem was created with the passage of the 1977 Social Security Amendments. The amendments corrected an earlier cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) formula which adjusted benefits too quickly. The underpayment was caused by the combined effects of a flawed Social Security benefit formula and runaway inflation which followed the passage of the Social Security Amendments of 1977.

Reid's bill is almost identical to a House version (H.R. 3008), which was introduced last November by Representative Mark Neumann (R-WI). Neumann's bill would pay for the settlement by cutting pork and wasteful government spending. The bills give new impetus to the Notch issue, which has been debated in Congress for almost 20 years. TSCL has long sought a legislative correction that addresses the Notch problem with the type of cost-capped solution that is in the two proposed bills.

For more information about "The Notch Fairness Act" (S.2003), send a self-addressed, business-sized envelope and \$1.00 shipping and handling to: TREA Senior Citizens League, Dept. SF811, 909 N. Washington St. Suite 301, Alexandria, VA 22314.

TREA Senior Citizens League is a national group of active seniors concerned about the protection of their earned Social Security, Medicare, military, and other retirement benefits. TSCL members participate in a number of grassroots lobbying and public education campaigns to ensure governmental bodies live up to commitments.

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NEWS

By
LINDA MERRITT
Activity Director

Several of our ladies put colored beads on pretty printed bandanas that they proudly wore Sunday for Mother's Day. The bandanas were donated to us from the Brownwood Chapter 116 Order of the Eastern Star. Appreciation to France Irwin for bringing them to us and to Ruby Cassle for helping me make some for those that couldn't.

Jo Boatright sure looks pretty with her new perm. Thanks Lilly Dillard.

Falba Shofner was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

Robert and Dorothy Welch from Fort Worth visited with Leila Montgomery.

Delilah Goble and Violet Edwards from Cisco visited with Lillie Childers.

Kenneth Brooks from Arlington visited Howet Wilson and Blanche Brooks.

Reuben McCowen from Lubbock

Foster Reunion Planned for May 22-23

Descendants of Rev. John and Idella Foster will hold their annual reunion at the Cross Plains Community Center on Friday, May 22, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. A hot dog supper is planned for this time period. Saturday, May 23, from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. The family will meet and a brisette/fried chicken lunch will be

and Mona Wilson from Abilene visited Myrtle Owen and Blanche Brooks.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Minnie Swann (2), Falba Shofner (3), Louise Richardson, Vera Belyeu, and Ruby Harrell. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social.

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise class. Skip-Bo games.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Vera Belyeu (2), Minnie Swann (2), Louise Richardson, Falba Shofner (2) and Inola Wilcoxon (2). Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball.

Sunday: Cornerstone Church Turtles can live for longer than 150 years...slow down, relax and live longer.

Drawings for Saturday will include a drawing for the "Foster 1998 Reunion" Quilt; Auction for Adults and Children; and Bingo and games for the kids.

Bring your favorite dessert or salad. Join the Foster family for a fun-filled weekend!

Clips, Quips & Comments

By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY

"The Monster"

Over time it has come to my attention that something I have in my home zaps my strength.

Occasionally I get up in the morning with all these good intentions. If you know me well; you will remember that I only arise mid-morning, not early of morning. Be that as it may, all my good intentions soon disappear in the face of this monster in my home.

When my children were small and we lived in New Mexico, we met a family who had solved this same problem for themselves. I remember the father was a highway patrolman. They had the "monster" removed from their home, and refused to allow it to return. They reported that in its absence much, much more was being accomplished. Not only were more chores being done but being done very well as opposed to being half done. The children were getting along better, were doing their homework more cheerfully and were also earning better grades. They highly recommended that everyone follow their example.

However, ours was already so entrenched in our home and in our lives that we thought it implausible to follow their example. So here we are some thirty plus years later; our strength and resolve still being sapped or zapped and still wrestling with the aforementioned monstrosity.

I arose this morning with great and tremendous plans to clean my room, do my laundry, type up some notes, tend to some business, etc., etc., etc.

Well, I did manage to get through my orange juice and my breakfast but there my resolve became stymied.

The later it got and the longer I sat there mesmerized by the inactivity the weaker my resolve became.

Have anyone of you out there in the Review's circulation area ever heard of or experienced this uncomplimentary malady? If so we need to all get together and compare notes.

Perhaps by working together we can come up with a fool proof cure.

Now seems a good time for the proverbial firm diagnosis. The cause of this monstrous epiteme according to my scientific research, has been traced and finally pinpointed.

Efforts are currently continuing to isolate and perhaps compromise or defuse the situation until this dilemma can be resolved.

What's that you say? Oh--my apologies, please! You mean I failed to state both diagnosis and the cause? The sum of the diagnosis is as follows: atrophy of the brain, leading to lax motivation and voluntary inertia which ultimately leads to stymied resolve.

.....And the cause leading to this diagnosis? Even though at this point it may seem unlikely to you, it is my conclusion that probably 95% of you also have this monster in your home.

The cause -- your television set! You get caught up in the programming and can't let go. Think about it. Seems we all keep hanging on!

"U" "C" T.V. & I'll B "C" ing "U".



THANK YOU EXTENDED—Chief of Police Tim Sanders is shown presenting a "Thank You" plaque to the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains. Dr. Richard Chaffin, President of Kiwanis, received the plaque on behalf of the members of the club who donated \$1,000 toward the purchase of the new K-9 drug dog, Choco, for the Cross Plains Police Department.



OFF WE WENT INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER—at the Kiwanis Luncheon May 5 with Charlie Ross, a local resident, who is a senior pilot with U.S. Airways. He picks up his flight each week in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is the commander of a Fokker 100 passenger plane. The program consisted of pre-flight check lists, take off, flying and landing per predetermined instructions. In the near future this program may be continued as little time was available for questions. Kiwanians meet every Tuesday at high noon in the local Dairy Queen for one hour of food, fellowship and an informative program. You are invited to attend.

LAKESWOOD NEWS

Lakewood will be opening the swimming pool on May 23. Lakewood Recreation Center will be offering swimming memberships at \$36.12 per month or \$2.50 a head. Come on out and go swimming and

beat the heat. Pool hours are 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

For further information call (254) 643-7792.

PIONEER NEWS

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

Oliver, Frankie, and Jean attended the Putnam Musical Friday night. We enjoyed it. Saturday they traveled to Ranger and visited Frankie's aunt, Ruby Ainsworth. She had us a big pan of chicken and dumplings and egg custard pie read for us. It was a treat.

We attended the Scranton Musical Saturday night.

Jean Fore and Frankie attended the flower show at Cross Plains. It was great. Then we stopped by and visited with Lessie and Jim Baum. Enjoyed it very much. Lessie showed us some beautiful quilts and pillows she had made.

Earlene Burge had weekend visitors that spent the night. Jon Ochoa from Brownwood came and Earlene's sister, Betty Greenman from Fort Worth, and her son Scott Greenman from Chicago, Illinois came Sunday and left Monday for a visit to Austin.

Sunday evening, April 26, Cowan and Laverne Hutton traveled to

Eastland to hear the Gospelaire sing and hear Garey Montgomery of Midland preach. They visited Howard Phillip's in the hospital Thursday while in Abilene. Wanetta dropped by Friday night and brought them a Mother and Father's day gift. Their noon dinner guest Sunday were James and Sarah Stout. Laverne visited with Mazie Smoot. She was moving to her daughters in Brownwood the next day, May 2.

The Quilting Club is working on three beautiful quilts. Lou's "Log Cabin," Billie's quilt, which we haven't found the name of, and the quilt to be auctioned at the Pioneer reunion, a "Log Cabin."

Game night was quite successful. Several tables of players. They always have fun. The next meeting will be May 21. See you all there.

Words of Wisdom #34: It is always wise to stop wishing for things long enough to enjoy the fragrance of those now flowering. Patrice Gifford

Memorial Day at Nation's First Vietnam Veterans National Memorial

ANGEL FIRE, N.M.—Memorial Day activities at the DAV Vietnam Veterans National Memorial in Angel Fire, New Mexico, will be held May 23-25. This year, in lieu of the traditional Memorial Day address, a play, entitled "Carved in Stone," will be presented by the Grafton High Historical Drama Team. The team is composed of 20 students from Grafton High School in York County, Virginia.

"Carved in Stone" is a 40-minute dramatic recreation of scenes typically observed by visitors to the National Vietnam Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C. The play emotionally touches on thoughts and memories of the Vietnam War, and has been referred to as a "healing journey that forces one to remember things the mind forced out years ago."

For more than two decades, thousands of veterans from all wars, their families and friends have journeyed to the beauty and majesty of this unique memorial to reflect on the high cost of war, render respect to our nation's warriors who fought and were disabled, pay homage to

Americans who died in the Vietnam War, and to celebrate those who survived.

Memorial Day weekend activities will begin on Saturday, May 23, with tours of the Visitor's Center and Chapel. At 2:30 p.m., a special POW/MIA briefing will be conducted by Col. Ward Nickish. Col. Nickish directs the U.S. Army's Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center in Arlington, Virginia, and oversees the forensic laboratory responsible for the search, recovery, repatriation, and identification of American dead and all prior wars and conflicts. Activities continue on Sunday, May 24, and will include musical presentations to be performed by various artists in the Chapel; POW/MIA briefing; and a Candlelight Vigil later in the evening.

All facilities at the memorial are totally accessible to persons with disabilities. The visitor's center and exhibit area feature pictorial displays, art, sculpture, banners, and flags, as well as an interactive, computer-based audiovisual information and education exhibit.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR SENIOR CITIZENS

BY THELMA LONG

Yeah! The quilt is finished. It is on display at Clyde and Baird, then will come to Cross Plains. Tickets are on sale for \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.

Another quilt is in the frame. It is beautiful. Anyone who enjoys quilting, come join in and pass some time visiting and quilting.

John McFerrin is ill at home, but is back now. We are glad. O.B. Switzer is coming some and missing some. We all hope his health improves. We are concerned about Frank and Frances Rone. He is having a rough time lately.

Our council had its first meeting on Tuesday. The discussion was about paneling our walls. Chuck is to get some bids on the work. Our city is backing this project. Isn't it nice to live in a city that cares. We appreciate our city council. The center will be so pretty with new wall decor.

Lois Chalk was a visitor with Mr. McCoy. Also visiting from New Mexico was Paul, Vi, and Juanita Harlow with Jean Fore.

There is a lot of talk about young people not having nothing going for them. The older generation has a lot

going for them.

On Wednesday there was music, music, music, singing and dancing. Our thanks to Fred Hernandez with his keyboard and Woody Rainwater all from Abilene. Woody danced with the ladies (3) and Pauline and Nash were dancing. We have pictures to show. The singers were Deloras (beautiful) (voice) August, Helen and Tammie. Fred did a solo dance. Elva, Ila and Mary Weaver kept keeping time with the music. Thank you Fred. Please come again.

The van with 9 ladies left right after lunch Friday to go to a "Mother Tea" at Clyde. An interesting and enjoyable trip.

Our Tacky Day is today (Tuesday). We will tell you about it later.

The garage and bake sale has been moved up a day to Saturday the 23rd. Anyone donating goodies and sale items - it will be appreciated.

Your reporter spent Monday in Abilene with my Bud and Ruth. We had fish for lunch. Thanks to Bob and Patsy Pipes.

Quote: Age 7: I have learned that milk helps to keep your bones from bending over.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher
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In the book, *Helps to Happiness*, a quote by M.B. Whitman: "Keep your face always to the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you."

"Have you ever had your picture taken outside in the sunshine? The photographer should have asked you face the light, the sunshine -- didn't he? That way, your shadow is behind you and the picture's better -- your facial features show up, they're in the light rather than hidden by your shadow."

There's several applications to Mr. Whitman's statement as to what the sunshine might represent but the greatest I can think of is the One who said, "I am the light -- the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12) In John's first letter he reminds us that "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all." (I John 1:5) And James tells us (also by inspiration, of course) that "every good and perfect gift is from above, comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning." (James 1:17)

Now if we'll walk toward Christ, God, and always look to Him, there will always be light ("sunshine" if you please), and the darkness (the shadows -- Satan!) will fall behind us. John even continued in that first letter, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, but walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." (I John 1:6-7)

There's sunshine -- actually sunshine -- and the shadows, darkness. Which one will we put before us -- actually which one will we put behind us?

Come join us in facing the Light more and more and more...

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

State Track & Field Meet This Weekend

Scott Ricci and Brandi Richey will be representing Cross Plains this weekend at the U.I.L. State Track and Field Meet in Austin.

Brandi, who qualified in the 100 hurdles and the 300 hurdles will run at 12:40 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., respectively. This is the last year the track meet will be held at U.T.'s Royal Neihaus Stadium. A new facility is being built just east of the existing

stadium. Due to this construction, parking will be atrocious. Make plans to leave early and support the two local tracksters.

Note: Brandi Richey ran in the State Qualifiers Meet held last Friday at Abilene Christian University. She finished fourth in the 100 hurdles but beat all Class A competition. She then ran in a limited field in the 300 hurdles and edged out a close win in a time of 47.70.

Sporting Clays Shoot May 23-24

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports is hosting their third Annual 5-Stand Sporting Clays Shoot on May 23 and 24.

The shoot will take place at the Callahan County Shooting Range located between Clyde and Baird on FM-18 and CR 353. Signs will be posted. Then event will take place from 2:00 p.m. to dusk on Saturday, May 23 and from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 24.

Those wishing to participate as 5-men teams are welcome. This is a fund-raiser for the 4-H Shooting Sports. For more information call Bob Robinson, after 7:00 p.m. at (915) 893-5625. Come have fun and support the 4-H youth of Callahan County.

Submitted by Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension Agent.

9th Annual Club Lamb/Meat Goat Sale

The ninth annual Club Lamb/Meat Goat sale is set for Saturday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. at the Wylie FFA Showbarn. The sale benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Lamb chairmen for the event are John Helmer, Merkel; Charlie Palmer, Clyde; Gaines Price, Roscoe; and Wade Stephens, Cross Plains. Jennifer Morris, Colorado City, is the Meat Goat chairman.

Chairmen expect 150 lambs and 75 goats to be donated by breeders from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and as far as Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois. "We had an ex-

tremely good quality of animals donated to the sale last year which raised over \$22,000 for the Rehab. We expect the same or better quality this year," stated chairman John Helmer. "We also had meat goats donated from several top breeders in Texas," added Jennifer Morris. Only lambs and goats bought during this sale will be eligible for the WTRC Jackpot Show on December 5.

To donate a lamb or goat or for more information, call any of the chairmen or the Rehab Center in Abilene 915-793 3507 or San Angelo 915-949-9535.

SCHOOL MENU

MAY 18 - MAY 22
(Subject To Change)

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cream of wheat, toast, assorted juice and milk.
TUESDAY — Sausage, biscuit, gravy, assorted juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Waffles, bacon, assorted juice and milk.
THURSDAY — Cinnamon rolls, assorted juice and milk.
FRIDAY — Cereal, toast, assorted juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Pizza, salad, corn, peas and milk.
TUESDAY — Vegetable-beef soup, grilled cheese, crackers, peaches and milk.
WEDNESDAY — Sloppy Joes, Ranch Style Beans, chips, orange sections and milk.
THURSDAY — B-B-Que weiners, black-eyed peas, corn-bread, apple wedges and milk.
FRIDAY — Sandwich, chips, salad, pickles, Rice Krispie bar and milk.

Baseball Schedule

Friday, May 15

Bufs vs. Kilos @ 6:00
 Blue Jays vs. Cats @ 8:00
 Braves vs. Angels @ 6:00
 Giants vs. Cubs @ 7:00

Saturday, May 16

Bufs vs. Blue Jays @ 6:00
 Cats vs. Kilos @ 8:00
 Giants vs. Angels @ 6:00
 Braves s. Cubs @ 7:00

Monday, May 18

Kilos vs. Blue Jays @ 6:00
 Cats vs. Bufs @ 8:00
 Cubs vs. Angels @ 6:00
 Giants vs. Braves @ 7:00

Thursday, May 21

Cats vs. Blue Jays @ 6:00
 Kilos vs. Bufs @ 8:00
 Angels vs. Braves @ 6:00
 Cubs vs. Giants @ 7:00

Tuesday, May 26

Blue Jays vs. Bufs @ 6:00
 Kilos vs. Cats @ 8:00
 Angels vs. Giants @ 6:00
 Cubs vs. Braves @ 7:00

Friday, May 29

Bufs vs. Cats @ 6:00
 Blue Jays vs. Kilos @ 8:00
 Angels vs. Cubs @ 6:00
 Braves vs. Giants @ 7:00

Tuesday, June 2

Bufs vs. Kilos @ 6:00
 Blue Jays vs. Cats @ 8:00
 Braves vs. Angels @ 6:00
 Giants vs. Cubs @ 7:00

Friday, June 5

Bufs vs. Blue Jays @ 6:00
 Cats vs. Kilos @ 8:00
 Giants vs. Angels @ 6:00
 Braves vs. Cubs @ 7:00

Tuesday, June 9

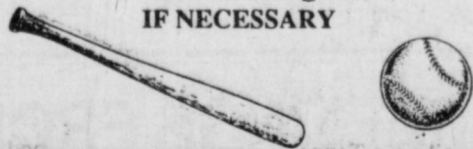
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 Kilos vs. Blue Jays @ 8:00
 Angels vs. Braves @ 6:00
 Cubs vs. Giants @ 7:00

Saturday, June 13

If necessary to determine First, Second, Third Place. Otherwise prepare for County this day.
 Blue Jays vs. Bufs @ 6:00
 Kilos vs. Cats @ 8:00
IF NECESSARY

Tuesday, June 16

County Tournament



NOTE: Team on left is home team and responsible for raking and lining field.

NOTE: Pick up Photo Order Forms at Concession Stand if you have not yet received one and would like to order pictures.



FOUR-YEAR-OLD LEIF HUNTER, at right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hunter of Burkett, caught this five pound bass at a private tank in Coleman County. It was caught on a rod and reel using a grasshopper. Pictured with Leif is his friend, Zach Edington, also of Burkett.



Congratulations Leif on all your accomplishments. Now you can finally hold your own!!!

Concession Stand Worker Schedule

Date	6-7	6-8	7-8	8-10
May 15				
Friday	E. Harris J. Gallaway	J. Kelly J. Kelly T. Ford	J. Phillip D. Ames	R. Watkins G. Watkins V. Williams
May 16				
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this award.

Section II Eligible for the Designers Choice Award (Fresh/Dried or Fresh & Dried Flowers)

Class I. Crazy (Stretch Design)

Bob Powell - 1st place - blue ribbon

Marvin Mosley - 2nd place - red ribbon

Allison Wilson - 3rd place - yellow ribbon

Sheri Bennett - 4th place - white ribbon

Class II. In the Good Old Summertime

Joyce Odom - 1st place - blue ribbon

Barbara Powell - 2nd place - red ribbon

Rolan Jones - 3rd place - yellow ribbon

Kay Mosley - 4th place - white ribbon

Class IV. Beautiful Dreamer

Julene Franke - 1st place - blue ribbon

Bob Powell - 2nd place - red ribbon
Sheri Bennett - 3rd place - yellow ribbon

Esther Kerr - 4th place - white ribbon

The three blue ribbon winners competed for the Designers Choice Award. Julene Franke's design won Designer's Choice.

Section III Special Exhibits
"A Hot Thyme in the Old Town Tonight"

An exhibit of herbs presented by Kay Mosley was awarded an Award of Appreciation.

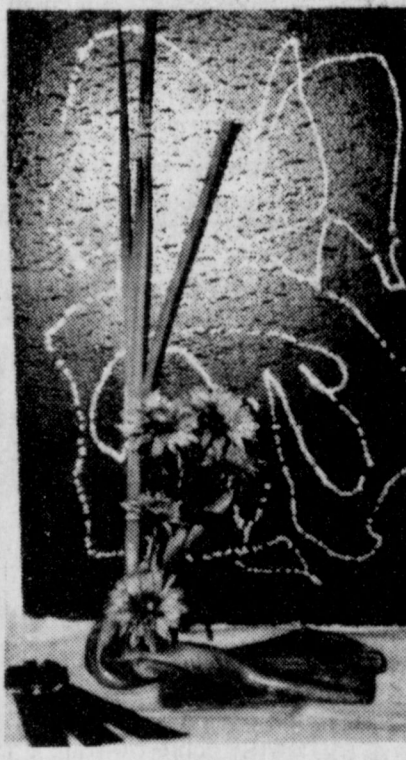
On Sunday, May 3rd an Open House was held for the public to view the exhibits.

All of the Garden Club members enjoyed the Main Street location and the flower show was viewed by the largest crowd of people in years.

Mr. Marvin Mosley and his committee, Phyllis Taylor and Bob Powell should be commended for an outstanding show.



1ST PLACE & TRICOLOR AWARD - BLACKBIRD
...Ray Dodd



1ST PLACE & DESIGNERS CHOICE AWARD BEAUTIFUL DREAMER
...Julene Franke



1ST PLACE - MADAM BUTTERFLY
...Kay Mosley



1ST PLACE - SNOWMAIDEN
...Ava Tollett



1ST PLACE - CRAZY
...Bob Powell



1ST PLACE GOOD OLE SUMMERTIME
...Joyce Odom

Rural Resource Team Report Part 7

The report is in from the Rural Resource Team who conducted interviews with individuals, businesses, and various entities in the community between February 10 and 13. Their findings will be published in the *Cross Plains Review* over a period of weeks as the report is quite lengthy.

WHAT WAS SAID AT THE INTERVIEWS

The five member Resource Team spent days interviewing the local residents to hear what they had to say. Those being interviewed were directed to answer four questions:

What are the major problems/challenges in the community?

What are the major strengths/assets of the community?

What projects would you like to see implemented in the short term (12 months or less)?

What projects would you like to see implemented in the long term (the next 2 or 3 years)?

We have listed below, without comment, what we heard from those who volunteer to be interviewed.

City & County Government/Law Enforcement (15 present)

What are the major problems/challenges in the community?

- Lack of pride in the community among the youth

- Vacated properties

- Large number of lower income people unwilling to give to community

- Animal control

- Lack of incentives for people to shop at home

- Lack of housing

- Nothing to keep the young people here; employment

- Sewer not equipped to handle any other load

- Lack of property tax

- Town needs to be cleaned up

- Cemetery needs to be cleaned

- People judge what they see

- Nothing for youth to do no purpose on where they are going

- Lack of control regarding ages 21-22

- Kids need to be taught responsibility

- Lack of road development

- County roads need attention

- Parental permissiveness

- Lack of communication; not paying attention to keep kids out of trouble

- People expect the law enforcement to address the problem

- Lack of parental involvement

- Decline in the tax base

- High percentage of elderly, effects the perception of the work force

- No available commercial buildings

- No plan to attract new businesses

- Juvenile problem is countywide

- Problems with youth coming from other towns (large) bring trouble

- No show

- No place for people to go

- Housing authority, problem with the kids there

- Drug related problem cases fall back to drug problems

- Drug problems are being brought in from larger towns

- Ditto to above

- some of the superintendents are not even aware of the DARE programs

- School are not teaching enough on the drug problems

- Parents are expecting schools to teach social skills

- No new businesses

- Parents keep pointing fingers at others

- Bulk of the youth gets in trouble

- Image of city old trash sites

- Can't get the legality on trash and how to handle it

- Citizens will not participate in the additional pick-ups

- Senat Bill 1545 gave municipal the right to clean up city due to health issue

- Need to pick up your trash

- Lack of community meetings

- Stray dogs

- Peanuts can't compete

- No jobs

- No industry

- What are the major strengths/assets of the community?

- Very low crime rate

- People work together to make community better

- Community pride

- Good schools

- Good churches

- Low taxes

- Plenty of restaurants for people to stop in and eat

- Everybody knows everybody

- One big family

- Good teachers and superintendents

- Updated our well system

- Good organizations

- Good place to raise your family

- Good highway system from all 4 directions

- Hunting in Callahan County

- Close to Abilene

- Desirable place to live

- Strength - landscape; beautiful home sites

- Spring Gap

- Landscape is attractive - small rural ranches, small rural homes

- Fishing holes - Lakewood

- Lots of conservation lakes

- Good farm land

- Beautiful county

- Area would make good parks

- Good Large trade area

- Low crime rate

- Two major highways run through this town

- Lots of organizations that really work

What projects would you like to see implemented in the short and long term?

- Projects to create more jobs

- A study of our water resources

- Build something for youth

- Alternative agriculture on small farms

- Need to find how to market small Ag products

- Hunting season extended as a year round activity

- Coordinate between the hunting areas; bed and breakfast

- Trapping, Coon hunting

- Take advantage of our western culture

- Working ranch

- Military trails

- Wagon and camp outs

- Computer classes for people

- Develop video to send to people that will entice people to come to Cross Plains and surrounding areas

- Promote-local projects

- Winery

- Making our community appealing to a large business

- Industry

- Alternative agriculture for the farmers

- Pickle factory

- Ordinances to protect property

- Clean up the community

- Public forum with community to discuss situations with kids

- Proactive community

- Sheriff Office looks at the stats of what is happening

- Contact Del Monte

- Need to have the kids involved

- Recreation room

- Miniature Golf

- Go-kart track

- Dude Ranch

- Horseback rides

- Weekend get away for people in the cities

- Wildlife management associations

- Get blocks of land into a collected game management

- Vance needs to serve on the researchon collected game Spring Gap Wildlife Management Association

- Membership needs to be revised on Lake

Next Week: We will continue with *What Was Said At The Interviews* by the *Outlying Areas (Pioneer, Cottonwood, Cross Cut, Etc.)* involved. Copies of the report are available at the EDC office inside the Subway building.

WTU Parent Company Receives TNRCC's Texas Environmental Excellence Award

DALLAS (May 8, 1998) -- Central and South West Corporation (CSW), parent company of West Texas Utilities Company (WTU), has been awarded the 1998 Texas Environmental Excellence Award by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). TNRCC recognized CSW earlier this week during a special luncheon in Austin attended by Gov. George W. Bush.

TNRCC presents the award annually in a variety of categories to honor individuals, organizations, schools and businesses that have created successful programs to protect and conserve the Texas environment. CSW's award was in the large business non-technical category for the corporation's renewable energy project in the Davis Mountains in West Texas.

The CSW Renewable Energy Project, begun in 1993, is studying and developing the use of renewable energy as a power generation resource. The project include:

- *12 550-kilowatt wind turbines at a 75-acre site near Fort David

- *Three large grid-connected solar arrays totaling 205 kilowatts; and

- *Five 2-kilowatt rooftop photovoltaic systems on commercial buildings and residences in the area.

"CSW's Renewable Energy Project in the Davis Mountains serves as the foundation for the corporation's commitment to a long-term renewable energy program," said Gary Gibbs, CSW senior environmental consultant. "CSW's Renewable Energy Project provided considerable insight into the corporation's decision to purchase 75 megawatts of renewable energy from a proposed wind-generation facility that is planned for McCamey. The wind-generation facility will use 113 wind turbines, each generating 660 kilowatts of electricity at the largest wind-generation facility in Texas."

CSW's overall renewable energy program achieved another milestone in October 1997 with the introduction of the *ClearChoice* green pricing pilot program in San Angelo. By voluntarily participating in this program, WTU customers can ensure that additional amounts of renewable electricity are placed into the Texas electric grid. CSW plans to offer the *ClearChoice* program throughout the CSW service territory in 1999.

CSW in March also worked with TNRCC by joining Gov. Bush's statewide clean-air effort. CSW committed to voluntarily reduce emissions from its electric generating plants. Central and South West initially will reduce 3,000 tons of nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions during the next 12 to 24 months. The corporation also intends to make additional reductions by permitting existing "grandfathered" generating facilities, either through a proposed program by Gov. Bush's Clean Air Responsibility Enterprise (CARE) Committee or through the state's current emissions permitting program.

Central and South West's reduction are the largest for electric utilities announced under Gov. Bush's voluntary program. The CSW system's power plants are located in areas of South, West and Northeast Texas where air-quality standards already meet environmental regulations.

Central and South West Corporation is a global, diversified public utility holding company based in Dallas. Central and South West owns four electric operating subsidiaries, serving 1.7 million customers in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas; a regional electricity company in the United Kingdom; other international energy operations and nonutility subsidiaries involved in energy-related investments, telecommunications, energy efficiency and financial transactions.

District 7 4-H Roundup Contest

Over 500 area youth, members of Extension's 4-H Youth program from 23 surrounding counties, competed May 2 in the Annual District 7 4-H Roundup at Angelo State University. Roundup consists of 45 contests for all 4-H'ers nine to nineteen years of age. Contest events range from Shooting Sports to Public Speaking. The event is designed to let 4-Hers compare their skills with others and to their personal performances in past events.

Senior winners in Saturday's event qualify for state competition in College Station June 1-5. To qualify for the state slots, individuals or teams must have placed first or second in the

District Senior Division of youths 14 to 19 years old, Juniors, those 9-13 years old, don't compete beyond the District Level.

Winners in the Junior Divisions were:

Ashlie Green - 1st Place, Share-The-Fun, Poetry Category

Kayla Windham - 2nd Place, Share-The-Fun, Poetry Category

Teri Windham - 2nd Place, Method Demonstration - Horse Category

Traci Windham - 2nd Place, Method Demonstration, Promote 4-H.

Submitted by Robert Pritz, Callahan County Extension Agent

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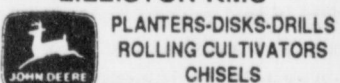
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HOUSTON—Mike Lambert has a treasure that came from a clear, blue coral sea on the other side of the world. It's not a pearl or an ancient doubloon, but to Lambert it's infinitely more valuable than either. Lambert has a piece of coral harvested near Indonesia growing amidst the bones of his spinal column. It's a new surgical technique being studied by a physician at The Methodist Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine.

"Usually we correct this problem by removing the disc and grafting new bone into the trouble spot to strengthen that part of the spinal column," says Baskin. "Normally we take a piece of bone from another part of the body—usually the hip—and place it into the neck." Instead of a bone graft the new procedure uses coral, which is the bone-like remains of dead sea animals. "When this coral is treated and all organisms removed from it, it has precisely the same chemical composition and physical structure as human bone," says Baskin. "It's been used extensively for treating jaw disorders; we are now studying it for use in the neck."

surgery. "I didn't want to go through that kind of pain again," Lambert says. Using microsurgery, Baskin placed the coral graft in Lambert's neck. The patient was discharged from the hospital the next day, and he says he has felt fine ever since. "I was off pain medication less than 24 hours after the surgery," Lambert adds. "I feel great."

Coral spinal fusion, as it is called, is being studied by Dr. David Baskin, a neurosurgeon at Methodist and a professor of neurosurgery and anesthesiology at Baylor. The technique uses Indonesian coral to help correct problems in the neck, such as a herniated disc.

For patients, the attraction for this type of surgery as opposed to the traditional bone-graft procedure is that there is no secondary surgery to remove the graft. "In order to get that graft, we have to fracture it off the hip bone," says Baskin. "Many patients find that procedure painful, and some even complain that it hurts more than the original neck or back problem we're trying to fix."

Baskin says in many cases it takes six weeks for a spinal fusion (of either coral or bone graft) to become semi-solid. Like bone fusions in other parts of the body it normally takes six months to a year for the graft to become one solid piece of bone.

Lambert, 38, underwent the new surgery after he suddenly experienced a sharp pain in the center of his chest and his left arm went numb one day while getting ready for work.

Baskin believes the coral fusion is just as effective as using a person's own bone. "There is zero chance of rejection by the body, zero chance of transmission of disease," Baskin says, "and zero pain from the harvest because we don't do it."

Although the procedure has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for use in the jaw, Baskin is examining its effectiveness in treating herniated discs, bone spurs in the neck and other neck and back-related problems.

"It was a really horrible pain...at first I thought it was a heart attack," says Lambert, who is a supervisor for a Houston tool-and-die manufacturer. "After a few tests, however, doctors say that one of my spinal discs was out of place, pushing three-eighths of an inch into my spinal cord."

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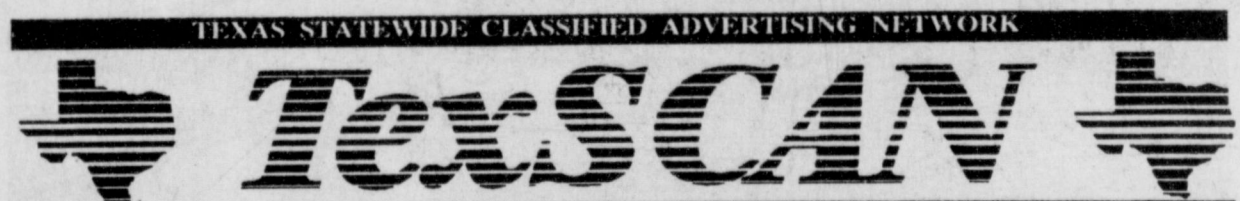
Methodist/Baylor is one of only three centers in the United States currently studying the procedure. Baskin says the coral procedure is widely offered throughout Europe and Japan, however.

The disc is a small cartilage pad situated between bones of the spinal column. When healthy, discs allow normal motion and act as a connector, spacer and shock absorber for the spine. When discs rupture, herniate or bulge—as in Lambert's case—they put pressure on the spinal cord and nerve roots and can be quite painful.

"It doesn't cost any more than the traditional procedure, and from early indications it looks like coral will work quite well," adds Baskin. "It can save many patients from suffering some extra pain."

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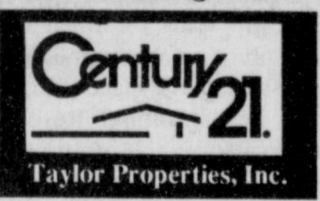
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COURTNEY KIRKHAM
 ...graduates from Texas Bible
 Institute

Courtney Kirkham Graduates From Texas Bible Institute

Courtney Kirkham, daughter of Cliff and Connie Kirkham, graduated from Texas Bible Institute Columbus, Texas, on Saturday, May 2, 1998. The nine month bible course is based on "Foundations for Life." The study is not only to teach the scripture but also to learn to "hear" the Lord and know His will for your life.

Courtney graduated in the top ten of her class of two hundred students with a GPA of 98.9. She also has a Bachelor of Science in Sociology from Howard Payne University. Her desire is to work with children and help those who are less fortunate. She is working in New Jersey this summer.

Rising Star Golf Club Results

Results of Tuesday Scramble, April 28

Winning Team Shared Prize Pool of \$108

Joe Williams, Frank Taylor, Tommy Clark, Cliff Isbell, David Furry

Closest-to-Pin \$18
 Frank Taylor

3 Skins were out paying \$12 each

Results of Tuesday Evening Scramble, May 5

1st Place Team - Prize \$80
 Conda Odom, Randy McKee, Gail Love, Al Love

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Six is a perfect number: the sum of its whole divisors (1, 2 and 3) is itself.

2nd Place Team - Prize \$60
 Joe Williams, Robert Fabbiani, James Scowden, Jr., Terry Pruitt

3rd Place Team - Prize \$50
 Troy Love, David Furry, Tommy Clark, Ken Horan

Closest-to-Pin - Prize \$33
 Robert Fabbiani

4 Skins were out paying \$15 each. Rising Star Golf Club hosts a 9 hole scramble every Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. Teams are chosen by a blind draw. Prizes are awarded for the winning team, skins and closest-to-pin.

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Roberson-Tennison Plan June Wedding

A June 20 wedding is planned at Cottonwood Baptist Church in Cottonwood, Texas, at 4:00 p.m. for Natoschia Renee Roberson and James Michael Tennison.

The bride-elect, daughter of Dennis and Dorothy Roberson of Hamilton, will be a 1998 graduate of Hamilton High School. She will be

attending Coryell Cosmetology College in Gatesville.

The prospective bridegroom, is the son of Jackie and Marilyn Tennison of Cross Plains. He is a 1995 graduate of Robert Lee High School. James is employed by the Hamilton County Sheriff Department.

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