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Activity Director Melissa Long holds the Team Baird Trophy while a Homestead resident displays her ribbons and medal



Team Baird - Our Homestead residents are ready for the Senior Winter Olympics held in Eastland.

Homestead Happenings

Submitted by Mark Sanchez
Our visitors from the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services stayed longer than expected last week and threw us off our routine. We had been waiting for them since I took over the job as Administrator in September. We are glad they came and that they left!

The Life Safety Code Inspection which looks at the condition of the building only cited three minor issues which is an outstanding accomplishment! This was Matt Berry's, the Maintenance Director, first such inspection. He has done a great job of giving the building some much needed TLC and it showed.

The part of the inspection that looks at the nursing care our residents are receiving was excellent. Marty Ferguson and Charlotte Valentine, our Medication Nurses, had a perfect medication rate which means they are making sure all residents are getting proper medications on time and in correct dosages. It was Marty's first state inspection.

The inspectors also did not cite any issues with our Nurse Aides and our daily nursing care which is a great accomplishment. I am proud of our staff for the job they did during the inspection and for the job they do everyday.

The inspection did cite us in various other areas. The major area of concern was Policy and Procedures that were in place at the beginning of 2009. I need to work on some Disaster Plan policy issues and then general issues. I could be disappointed with the number of citations or I can be pleased with the fact that after a tough five days of scrutiny our daily job functions were mostly uncited. I am very pleased!!

We managed to get seven residents to Golden Corral in our first dining outing. We learned a lot and figured out some things that will help us make dining outings a more frequent occurrence starting in January. Last week, Melissa Long, Activity Director, headed a group of staff and seven residents that traveled to Eastland to participate in the Senior Winter Olympics. We got a participation trophy and a couple of individual medals and ribbons. Most importantly our residents had fun.

We said goodbye to two members of our Homestead family this past week. On Tuesday, we lost a hospice resident, which we were able to prepare for the loss but it is never easy. We give our condolences to the family. On Wednesday, we learned that Chigger had passed.

Our "Chigger" Pruitt was called away from us just five days before her 100th birthday. It was a shock to all of us. We were able to transport seven residents to her service. I was so happy to see Baird remember and acknowledge her "family" at our home. It meant a lot for our residents to be able to go. I would like to thank Chigger's family and the First Baptist Church for making us feel so welcome at the service and allowing our residents special time to say goodbye. This Monday on what would have been her 100th Birthday, we celebrated her life at the facility with a cake in her pastel favorite colors.

This week we are focusing on our Family Thanksgiving Meal on Friday. We welcome friends and family to have

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Commissioners' Court Minutes

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES
1100 W. 4th St.
Baird, Texas 79504
November 12, 2009
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN
COUNTY

The Meeting of the Commissioners' Court was held at its regular meeting place in the Courthouse on November 12, 2009 A.D., with the following officers present to wit:

Roger Corn, Judge Presiding

Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1

Brian Farmer, Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Tom Windham, Commissioner Precinct No. 3

Cliff Kirkham, Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Donna Bell, County Clerk, and ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners' Court and the following items of business were transacted:

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Judge Corn. All Commissioners were present.

This meeting was held this

day to canvass the votes from the November 03, 2009 Amendment Election and the November 03, 2009 Local Option Election.

Commissioner Kirkham made a motion to approve the tabulation of the November 03, 2009 Amendment Election to be true and correct. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the tabulation of the November 03, 2009 Local Option Election to be true and correct. Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Farmer seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

Roger Corn County Judge

The foregoing minutes were read and approved this 16th day of November
Donna Bell
County Clerk

Baird Cemetery Association News

Memorials and donations have been received in memory of Marie Bozant, Pauline Bush, Josephine Crutchfield, Helen Hass, Willard Kelton, W.J. Lee, Curtis and Theresa Sutphen, and M/M. A.R. Swofford. These kind acts were made by Mildred Crutchfield, Tom Ivey, Ferne Lee, Felix and Barbara Manion, Alma Mitchell, Skip and Pat Parker, Judy M. Shockey and the Sutphen brothers. We are grateful for this fine support.

Condolences are extended to the families and friends of Matthew E. Casey, Verna Mae Edwards Crutchfield, Willard Kelton, Patsy Lou Kenner and "Chigger" Pruitt. These good neighbors have entered eternal rest in recent weeks.

History--Memorials were received in May and August remembering the LaLonde family members resting in Ross Cemetery. A visit to the grave sites found markers for "Mom", "Dad", "Dave 1911-1949", and "Howard 1909-1925". There was also a large marker with

"LaLonde" engraved. No death records were found in the County Clerk's office so contact was made with the two contributors located in Barnwell, South Carolina and Tacoma, Washington. The two ladies are grandchildren of Belton (Mom) and Samuel Howard (Dad) LaLonde who lived in Baird in the early 1900s. Samuel Howard was a locomotive engineer on the Texas & Pacific Railway. He died in El Paso in 1949 and Belton passed away in Big Spring in 1978. Howard died in Baird of appendicitis in 1925 was buried in Ross Cemetery. Howard was followed by David "Dave" who died in a train accident in S.E. New Mexico in 1949. A third brother, Ralph, was the father of our two contributors and he is buried in Big Spring. Samuel Howard LaLonde was born in Denison, Texas which was a big railroad town in earlier days. The LaLonde family had railroading in their blood!

Basketball Scores

Boys

Clyde 73, Graham 55

Girls

Eula 66, Stamford 26

Hawley 43, Baird 32

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Callahan County Library News

Directory of Open

Access Journals provides indexing, abstracting, and free full text access for selected international scholarly journals in many subject areas, including agriculture, biology, chemistry, health science, literature, business, history and much more. Coverage varies by title and they are updated continuously.

EBSCO Kids is a search interface with a child-friendly, graphically-rich design that automatically searches across all applicable EBSCO databases simultaneously.

EBSCO Student Search Center is a search interface designed specifically for secondary school students according to their needs and search abilities. Users can easily pre-determine which content sources will be included with their search or search databases through topic headings.

TexShare Databases are provided free to the citizens of Texas by the public libraries of Texas and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Check with your public library for a password, login and web address.

New books at the library are: The Shack by William Paul Young, Wild Fire by Nelson DeMille, 206 Bones the 12th Temperance Brennan book by Kathy Reichs, The Last Song by Nicholas Sparks, and Fear the Worst by Linwood Barclay.

From the Past

Callahan County Clarendon

Callahan County 4-H Validation Dates

The Callahan County 4-H will not be validating major show entries and county show entries on the same date. All tags must be paid for before validation.

Please note the times and locations for all Entry Validation dates below:

MAJOR SHOW VALIDATIONS

Ft. Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston Barrows Only

Swine- November 24th 2-6 p.m. at County Show Barn in Cross Plains

4-H County Only Validation Dates

Swine- November 17th 4-6 p.m. at County Courthouse

Please make sure you have your animals validated on the above dates, there will be no other validation dates offered.

November 13, 1880

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The following is the main value of the crops of the United States, according to the figures of the American Review:

Corn,	525,000,000;
Beef,	270,000,000;
Wheat,	410,000,000;
Cotton,	27,000,000;
Rye,	15,000,000;
Oats,	150,000,000;
Barley,	25,000,000;
Buckwheat,	9,000,000;
Hay,	300,000,000;
Pork,	250,000,000.

Prof. Norman has suspended school for a time. Cause- weather too cold to have a school without a stove in a thin open school house. Effect--no school in Belle Plain. Remedy--build a good school house, have it furnished decently, and give the young folks a chance. The boy of today is the man of tomorrow and he should be educated at all hazards, and so should his sister.

Mrs. Belle Kalbfleisch and Mrs. E. Phillips arrived here last evening from Collinsville, Ill., and were domiciled without Postmaser last night. They are on their way to their brother-in-law E.H. Neulon, near Baird City.

Mr. King, the right of way man, is in town. He came in from the west last Thursday and will remain with us for a few days.

Track laying on the International has reached the Guadalupe.

The State will soon place on the market 50,000 acres of the capitol reservation, to pay the expenses of the survey and for plans and specifications for the capitol buildings.

DPS Report

11-8-09 to 11-14-09

CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings- 99
Complaints- 37
Possession of Marijuana- 1
Possession of Controlled Substance- 1
Fugitive Arrest-Probation Violation- 1
Driving While License Invalid- 2

ACCIDENTS

There was 1 accident investigated during this time span.

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WRITERS SHOWCASE

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Poetry Media Service

THE LINEBACKER AND THE DERVISH

Lowell's and Bishop's collected letters.

By Michael Hofmann

Words in Air: The Complete Correspondence between Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell. Edited by Thomas Travisano with Saskia Hamilton. Farrar, Straus and Giroux. \$45.00.

This is such a formidably and dramatically and lingeringly wonderful book, it is hard to know where to begin. Well, begin in the manner of the physical geographer and the embarrassed statistician and the value-for-money merchant, with quantity, though that's absolutely the wrong place. Here, then, are 459 letters, 300 of them not previously published, exchanged over 30 years, between 1947 when the two great poets of late-20th-century America first met—Robert Lowell just 30, Elizabeth Bishop 36, each with one trade book and one round of prizes under their belts—and 1977 when Lowell predeceased his friend by two years; covering, all told, some 900 pages, from Bishop end-papers—one hand-scrawled, one typed—to Lowell end-papers—one in his laborious, also not greatly legible child-print (“I know I’m myself beyond self-help; and at least you can spell”), one typed. The apparatus of footnotes, chronology, and compendious glossary of names—take a bow, Thomas Travisano and Saskia Hamilton—is modest, helpful, and accurate. At this point in our post-epistolary (no joke), post-literary, almost post-alphabetical decline, we would probably receive any collection of letters with a feeling of stupefied wistfulness and a sigh of valediction, but *Words in Air* is way beyond generic. It feels like a necessary and a culminating book, especially for Bishop. To read, it is completely engrossing, to the extent that I feel I have been trekking through it on foot for months, and I don't know where else I've been. “Why, page 351,” I would say. “Letter 229; March 1, 1961. Where did you think?”

But what is it like? How, in fact, do you read it? “I am underlining like Queen Victoria,” Bishop remarks at one stage. How do you filter, assimilate, crunch it down to the space of a review? Its 800 pages of letters—every one of them bearing my ambiguous slashes of delight, interest, controversy, revelation—still left me with eight sheets full of page numbers of my own. It's like starting with a city, and ending up with a phone book—hardly useful as a redaction. Really, I might as well have held a pencil to the margin and kept it there, for bulk reread.

It's an epistolary novel—if not a full-blown romance, then at least, at moments, an *amitié amoureuse*. It's a variation on Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *Love in the Time of Cholera*. Or it's an *Entwicklungsroman* in later life, both parties already poets but perhaps more importantly still on the way to becoming poets (echoing the title of David Kalstone's study, as perhaps one only ever and always is becoming a poet. It's an ideally balanced, ideally complex account of a friendship, a race, a decades-long conspiracy, a dance (say, a tango?). It's a cocktail of infernal modesty and angelic pride. It's a further episode in Bishop's increasingly sweeping posthumous triumph over her more obvious, more ambitious, more square-toed friend. It's a rat-a-tat-tat ping-pong rally, an artillery exchange, a story told in fireworks, a trapeze show. One can read it for gifts sent up and down the Atlantic, from Lowell's traditional Northeast seaboard to Bishop's serendipitously-arrived-at Brazil, where she mostly lived from 1951 on, having arrived on a freighter for a short visit; for projects completed, adapted, revised, abandoned, published, and responded to; for burbs solicited, struggled with, and delivered to greater or lesser satisfaction; for houses bought and done up and left; for other partners encountered and set down; for visits and time together passionately contrived, put off, and subsequently held up to memory or guiltily swept under the carpet; for gossip and the perennial trade in reputations; for a startlingly unabashed revelation of mutual career aid (“we may be a terrible pair of log-rollers, I don't know,” writes Bishop in 1965, having asked Lowell for a blurb for *Questions of Travel* after he had asked her for one for *Life Studies*); for loyalty and demurrals, independent thinking and prudent silence, insistent generosity and occasional self-seeking; a longing to submit to the other's perceived discipline and a desire to offer unconditional admiration; for personal, professional, and public events. One can read it for movements of place, for gaps in time, and discrepancies and disharmonies in feeling or balance; for the dismayed Bishop's agonized criticism of aspects of two of Lowell's books, the rather coarse free translations in *Imitations* of 1961 and the use of private letters from his second wife, Elizabeth Hardwick, in *The Dolphin* of 1973; for various other crises and cruces: their heady, teasy-flirty mutual discovery of 1947, Bishop's difficult visit to a near-maniac Lowell in Maine in 1957, Lowell's visit to Brazil and another manic episode in 1962, the death by suicide of Bishop's companion Lota de Macedo Soares in 1967, Bishop's uneasy return to Boston (to fill in for Lowell's absence, if you please), and Lowell's ultimate shuttling between wives and countries of the late '70s. It's social history, comedy of manners, American dissidence, the search for a style. It's not least a gender myth more astute about men and women than that of Atlanta and Hippolytus (in any case, I always think Atlanta, like Bishop, should have won—she should have been provided with the apples, and Hippolytus, the ambitious, distractable male, goofed off in their pursuit, rather than the other way round). He is her anchor, she his kite.

Excerpted from “The Linebacker and the Dervish,” originally published in the January 2009 issue of *Poetry* magazine. Michael Hofmann's most recent collection of poetry, *Selected Poems* (April 2009), was published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. He is currently working on translations of Gottfried Benn. Distributed by the Poetry Foundation at www.poetryfoundation.org.

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S.A.S.E. for returns

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20 lines,

double spaced or less

Poetry

Fiction or Non

Each entry with brief biography notes. All must be family oriented; no smut, slander or libel material.

Eternity Begins

As a thief in the night, He came with mighty shout
To let all the world below know, that time has just run out

He lifted the fallen, the sad and sore oppressed
The children, the aged, and all the in-between He blessed.

Many faithful praise Him, for them He came to save
The bring sea gives up its dead, He opens every grave
While Angels are singing, All Glory To The Lamb
Their voice is joined by risen hosts, to Hail the Great I Am.

Eternity's beginning, will end the time of man
And put an end to endings, just as I Am has planned
Forever will be a day, and day will never end
Messiah comes today, and Eternity begins.

Many have faltered, and lost their way in the dark
And despite some valiant efforts, they failed to find the mark
They're now separated, from all of God's redeemed
And there'll be no crossing over, the gulf that's in-between.

I'm thankful I listened, to all of His commands
While closing my ears to teachings, proposed by mortal man
Glory to the Father, the Holy Ghost and Son
Eternity begins today...We won...We won...We won.

By Weldon L. Smith
Eastland, TexasPoetry Foundation And Chicago
International Children's Film Festival
Award \$10,000 Poetry Film Prize

CHICAGO — The Poetry Foundation and Facets Multi-Media are proud to announce that *Fear of Snakes*, by filmmaker Andreas Mendritzki, is the winner of the second annual Poetry Film Prize. The prize awards \$10,000 to a filmmaker whose use of verse in film opens new artistic vistas and inspires children to appreciate poetry.

Mendritzki's film is based on the poem of the same name by Canadian poet Lorna Crozier. Unique to the field of poetry as well as to the film industry, the Poetry Film Prize celebrates the best film based on a poem or poet while also recognizing excellence in language and cinematography. Jury-selected from among more than 90 entrants, the award was presented on Sunday, November 1, at the closing night ceremony of the 26th Annual Chicago International Children's Film Festival (CICFF).

The Poetry Film Prize was created as part of Reel Poetry, a larger initiative between the Poetry Foundation and CICFF that highlights the possibilities of poetry in films, especially those directed to younger audiences. Based on a young girl's memories of a summer day when she overcame her fear of snakes, Andreas Mendritzki's winning film *Fear of Snakes* (Canada, 2009, 6 minutes) artfully depicts a reflective and intimate poem.

As the filmmaker describes it, “For me, the film—and Crozier's poem—remind me of what ‘adults’ often forget: Children are much more aware of their surroundings than we give them credit for. They are every bit as attuned to the gravity of events as their older kin—in fact, probably more so.”

Nicole Dreiske, founder and artistic director of Facets, underscores the significance of such a prize as it relates to children's learning: “Creating

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American Life in Poetry

Column 243

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

Lots of contemporary poems are anecdotal, a brief narration of some event, and what can make them rise above anecdote is when they manage to convey significance, often as the poem closes. Here is an example of one like that, by Marie Sheppard Williams, who lives in Minneapolis.

Everybody

I stood at a bus corner
one afternoon, waiting
for the #2. An old
guy stood waiting too.

I stared at him. He
caught my stare, grinned,
gap-toothed. Will you
sign my coat? he said.

Held out a pen. He wore
a dirty canvas coat that
had signatures all over
it, hundreds, maybe
thousands.

I'm trying
to get everybody, he
said.

I signed. On a
little space on a pocket.
Sometimes I remember:
I am one of everybody.

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films based on poems gives children a special opportunity to connect to poetry in ways that are richly layered and deeply meaningful. The music, the images, the cinematography, and the poetry reading itself open new sensory and emotive paths in children's minds, and create a unique tapestry of experiences from each poem. By encouraging excellence in this highly specialized area of filmmaking, the Poetry Foundation has created a visionary bridge for children in our digital age to enjoy and appreciate poetry.”

“Overwhelmingly, the jury felt that *Fear of Snakes* demonstrates perfectly the way in which a poem can serve as the narrative base of a film,” said Anne Halsey, media director for the Poetry Foundation. “Mendritzki is a talented young filmmaker, and we hope that this prize will inspire and enable him to continue bringing poetry to young audiences via film.”

Mendritzki's success lies in using a poem as inspiration for creating a narrative that children and adults can relate to. As he points out, “Our lives are marked by specific events—seemingly small events—that for one reason or another lodge themselves into our absorbent young minds. This film speaks about issues that children can undoubtedly comprehend, and about an event similar to ones they might

have experienced themselves. It provides them with a short sensorial adventure, an empathetic view of their own fears or those of their friends, brothers, sisters, or cousins. For adults, it is a guided tour back into one of these life-marking moments, and a reminder of our own childhoods and the events that shaped them.”

Since graduating from the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema in 2008, Andreas Mendritzki has been actively writing, directing, producing, mixing, and watching movies. He has a particular interest in and love for film sound, and in 2008 he was the winner of the Atlantic Film Festival's Best Sound Design award. Mendritzki is a founding member of the Montreal-based production company GreenGround Productions.

Initiated in 2007, Reel Poetry is a multi-program partnership between the Poetry Foundation and the Chicago International Children's Film Festival designed to engage children as audiences, aesthetes, and appreciators of both poetry and film. To date, the program has reached more than 4,360 Chicago-area middle school students. The collaboration celebrates poetry, making the art form's complex beauty and craft relatable to a young audience. Supported by special curriculums for teachers and discussions facilitated by trained media educators, the Reel Poetry program is designed for upper-level elementary and middle school students and has garnered the attention of public school teachers and arts educators across the country.

Sizzling Summer Dieting Tips

Summertime cuisine can be some of the best food we eat all year. Backyard barbecues, picnics at the park and, of course, ice cream, decorate the menus people enjoy each summer.

As enjoyable as warm-weather fare can be, it is important to avoid overeating during the hot months, as no one likes the bloated feeling of overeating on a hot day. When planning your meals this summer, consider the following tips to ensure that your summer is both healthy and not too filling.

* Take your grilling to parts unknown. While it's common to associate grilling and barbecuing with steaks, hot dogs and burgers, the grill can also be a great place to cook healthier

choices. Fruits and vegetables can also be cooked on the grill. Veggies gain much in regards to flavor when cooked on the grill. In addition, fruit can be made into kabobs and grilled on low heat for a delicious meal.

* Drink your water. The higher temperatures common to summer can lead to dehydration for those who don't drink ample fluids. What's more, the symptoms of dehydration can mimic those of hunger, making you feel hungry when you might not be. To avoid overeating and dehydration, be sure to drink the recommended daily amount of water.

* Snack healthy as well. It's not only meals that can weight you down during summer heat waves. What

you snack on while at the office or lounging around the house can make you feel sluggish as well. Instead of potato chips or other heavy snacks, choose lighter fare such as fresh berries. Berries can even be added to healthy snacks such as yogurt or salad to give them a boost in flavor and you a boost in energy.

* Think lean. Because it is grilling season, you're not going to entirely abandon summer favorites such as steaks and burgers. And you can still enjoy beef and be healthy at the same time. When shopping with a backyard barbecue in mind, look for lean cuts of beef such as sirloin and loin cuts. To add flavor, marinate the meat in a low-calorie marinade, such as light salad dressing or even citrus juice.

Summer a Great Time to Go Green

Summer is synonymous with many things, such as vacations, backyard barbecues and soaking up the sun. While those have long been summertime traditions, summer can also be a great time to start living a more environmentally conscious lifestyle. And many of these lifestyle adjustments are easy to make, especially during the warmer months of the year.

* Let nature dry your clothes. Clothes dryers need substantial amounts of energy to operate. Homeowners can greatly reduce their carbon footprint, however, by choosing to dry their clothes outdoors on a clothesline during summer months.

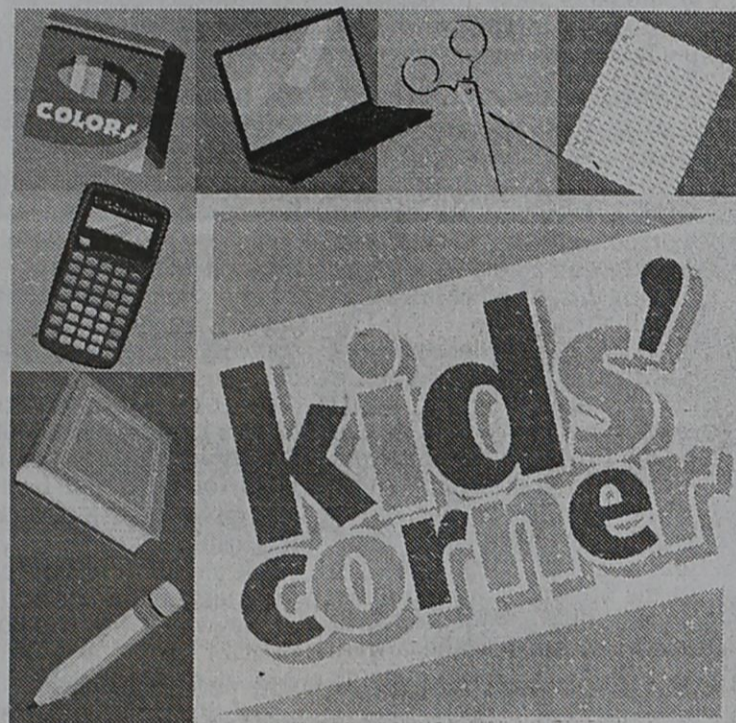
* Install solar lights around your property. Another way to save energy, and money, around the house this summer is to install solar garden lights around the property. Such lights are typically inexpensive, and the daytime sunlight will power them through the night, saving energy and money.

* Cover the pool. Few things are more enjoyable come summertime than taking a dip in the backyard pool. While pools are not typically seen as environmentally friendly, covering the pool can make it much more beneficial to the environment. That's because a cover will keep water from evaporating, meaning you'll fill the pool far less often. And a pool cover will keep the heat in the pool, reducing your heating costs in the process.

* Change the bulbs. Energy-saving light bulbs inside the house can make your home more comfortable once the temperatures heat up. Energy-saving bulbs emit less heat and also last much longer than their traditional counterparts.

* Change your barbecue routine. Backyard barbecues are a staple of summertime for families across the country. However, these gatherings can often prove unfriendly to the environment. Rather than using paper plates or napkins at your next backyard barbecue, use reusable plastic plates and cloth napkins. This is far less wasteful and can make a very positive impact on the environment.

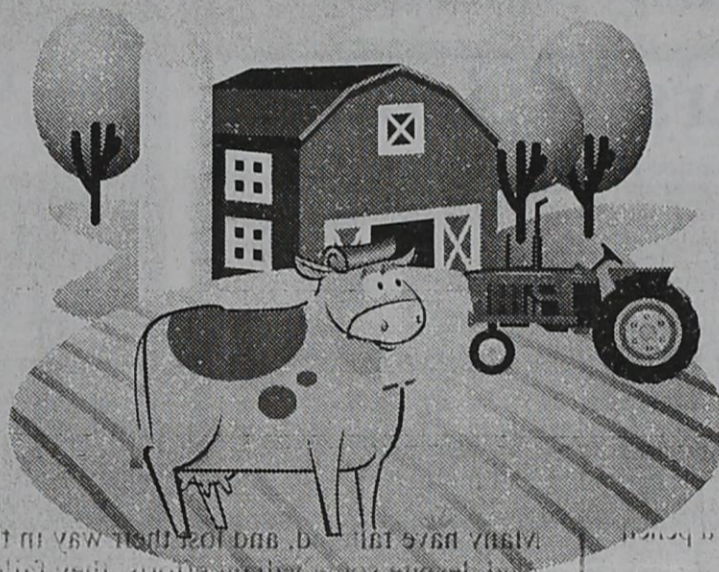
* Don't be so quick to turn on the air conditioning. Air conditioners use substantial amounts of energy. In lieu of turning the air on at the first sign of a heat wave, consider installing ceiling fans or simply opening the windows.



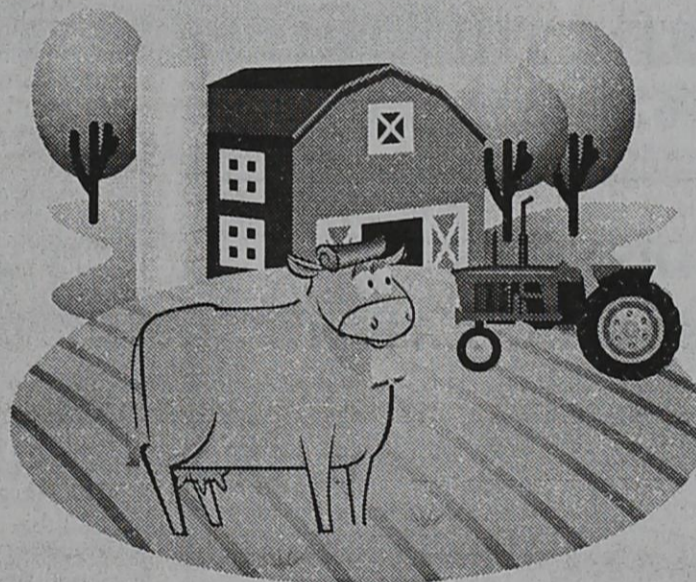
What's the Difference?

There are 5 things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



Answers: 1. barn is pink 2. missing clouds
3. missing spots on cow 4. cow has more udders
5. missing steering wheel

THIS DAY IN...

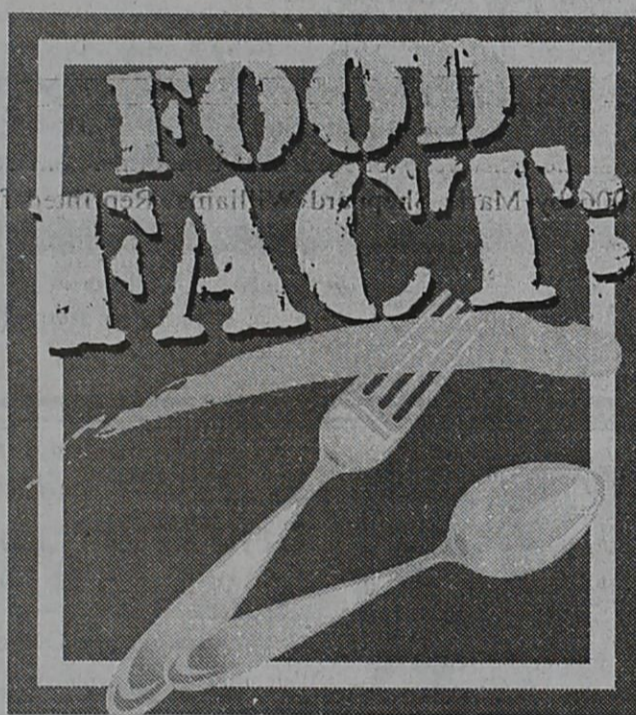


HISTORY

• 1922: THE NEWBERY MEDAL FOR CHILDREN'S LITERATURE WAS FIRST AWARDED.

• 1954: THE FIRST ATOMIC POWER STATION OPENED NEAR MOSCOW.

• 2003: THE NATIONAL DO-NO-CALL REGISTRY WAS FORMED TO COMBAT UNWANTED TELEMARKETER PHONE CALLS.



A PERSON ALLERGIC TO DAIRY MAY HAVE TO TRY WHAT KIND OF PRODUCTS?

ANSWER: SOY

New
Word

DAIRY

of or containing milk

How they
SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Cow

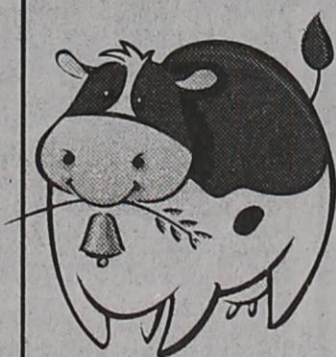
SPANISH: Vaca

ITALIAN: Mucca

FRENCH: Vache

GERMAN: Kuh

Did you know?



COWS PRODUCE ON AVERAGE 8 GALLONS OF MILK PER DAY.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: EGGS

Letters To The Editor

Editor,
I see that Dr. Brett J. Teague and Dr. Strickland are to open a satellite office in Eastland Memorial Hospital. Dr. Teague comes among the best in my book.

Many years ago, he prevented my becoming blind by angle closer glaucoma by performing laser surgery. I haven't had to have new glasses in at least eight years.

He performed my wife's cataract surgery. I have not heard of anyone's cataract surgery didn't go very well. He performed my late brother's cataract surgery. (Gordon Strawn of Cisco). And personality wise, he's a great guy. Eastland County is truly fortunate to have Dr. Teague coming to Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Possibly just once a week. He's my ophthalmologist. (If we can just keep him off Mount Everest. He's a mountain climber.)

Frank R. Strawn
617 Larkin
Abilene, TX 79605

In Desdemona What's Going On?

(Ed. Note: This Letter to the Editor deserves attention)

Dear Editor,
This letter is meant to be a warning to area people concerning the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This could happen to you.

I am a widow lady 81 years old, my late husband and I moved to Desdemona in 1981. My husband and I put in a new sewer system at that time, which has been great until lately. I called two different plumbers. I was told the 2nd section of the drain line was stopped up.

They said they are not allowed to repair it without getting the EPA involved, but that the homeowner could do it. My son-in-law put in another line, same place and connected it. As he was covering the line, here came the TCEQ lady from Abilene.

I was told a homeowner is not allowed to do any repair to their line. Now I have to pay a large fine, and get a permit, and she told me I will have to put in a complete new system.

The EPA's rule book says that the homeowner can not do any repair or upgrading to his own system without getting the EPA involved, which will mean in most cases a complete new system.

I had my water well tested on October 15, 2009, and it proved to be good, they found no problems at all.

Another problem I have with them is that they refuse to say who complained, thereby causing people to want to accuse neighbors.

This sort of thing has happened earlier here causing problems. The TCEQ lady said they are working 14 active complaints here in Desdemona at this time - it seems like someone is vindictive about something.

If all the problems with TCEQ were not enough for an elderly lady living on

social security, imagine my embarrassment to see the large sign in front of Porkers Cafe' here in Desdemona saying "Did Mrs. Patty get a permit? Call TCEG"

Sincerely,
Marie Patty

Angel Food Ministries Distribution Is Saturday

Angel Food Ministries November food delivery is this coming Saturday, November 21st at the FBC Activity Building on West 8th and Ave. E in Cisco from 8-9 a.m.

Food not picked up on time will be resold or given to a needy family. You will be able to order the December menu items at the time of your pick up. Lots of excellent food and specials from this great ministry. Also, you may order online and pay by debit or credit card by entering 76437 to enter.

For more information go to www.angelfoodministries.com or call Ilene at 442-1969. Cutoff date for December is Tuesday, December 8th. Delivery is Saturday, December 19th. Thanks for your continuing participation. May all be blessed and have a God Centered Day every day.

Guest Slot

By H.V.O.

CISCO AND EASTLAND teams deserve giant salutes for their seasons to date. The Mavericks had advancement hopes dashed but the Lobos just keep on keeping on -- and we all join in boosting what appears to be a Cisco dynasty of power football...Now that the play is over we'll call to mind that Eastland's Quarterback Jarred Moylan comes by his knack honestly. We all date ourselves to remember that his granddad Jim was an E.H.S. standout who went on to play professional ball. And his dad, also Jim, was a member of the Mavericks Golden '82 Team.

FURNITURE EXPERTS Don and Jeannie Griffin over at Coats Furniture on S. Seaman St. have scored a major triumph. They've just announced the acquisition and addition of the innationally-famous Ashley Furniture Line. When we first heard, we ignorantly asked "Laura?" only to learn that we didn't really understand the importance of the availability of such a top line in our area. Facts are that Ashley is the number one brand and manufacturer in the world. The company employees are rewarded for devising change and seeking improvements in methods, process and products...You'll just need to drop into Coats and see what Ashley is all about.

SOME HAVE wondered to us if A.C.U. officials are every embarrassed by the over abundance of public media coverage of the school.

IF YOU want to see what

must be the world's largest poinsettia plants, take a look at the beautiful window at Ann Folsom Interiors on the north side of the square. Windows all over the county are decking out beautifully for the holiday season, and decorations are going up all over...You can see the traditional star-a-top the courthouse from I-20 at Hwy 6.

NEW SIGNAGE out at Higginbotham's out on East Main, where there's everything to do (just about) anything, emphasizes that it's H. Brothers.

HERE IS your "special" holiday recipe to treat your family and guests, courtesy of Texas Oncology which emphasizes healthy diets. It's called Holly Jolly Biscotti -- (sounds a little Italian, doesn't it?)

This Biscotti, showcases the peak-season flavors of Texas citrus and pecans. Packed with healthy ingredients, this Italian-inspired, twice-baked cookie is a delicious and nutritious way to promote a good-for-you diet throughout the holidays not just for yourself, but everyone on your gift list.

"Nutrition plays a major role in promoting good health," said Vasu Moparty, M.D., a medical oncologist at Texas Oncology-Methodist Charlton Cancer Center.

A recent study conducted by the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research found that one in three cancers may be preventable. A healthy lifestyle and nutritious diet can lower the risk of disease and are also important for overall well-being.

Holly Jolly Biscotti brings together the decadent flavors of citrus, nuts, and chocolate and Texas oranges.

Holly Jolly Biscotti Recipe
Yield: 24 to 26 biscotti
Ingredients: 3 eggs, 1/2 cup olive oil, 2 tablespoons orange juice, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 cup whole wheat pastry flour, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons orange zest, 1 tablespoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped, 1 cup dark chocolate chips

Directions: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, beat together eggs, olive oil, orange juice, and vanilla until well combined. In a separate bowl, whisk together both flours, sugar, orange zest, baking powder, and salt. Add dry mix slowly to wet ingredients until mixture forms a ball. Turn out dough mixture onto a well-floured surface and knead a few times. Fold in pecans and chocolate chips in alternating batches until evenly distributed.

Divide dough into two pieces. Form each piece into a log about 9 inches long, then press flat until it is about half an inch tall and 3 inches wide. Transfer logs to baking sheets and bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire racks for 20 minutes.

Using a serrated knife, slice each log on the diagonal into 2 inch pieces. Return to oven and bake on each side for about 10 minutes (approx. total of 20 minutes). Slices should be golden brown. Remove from oven to cool.

Download a festive, printable Holly Jolly Biscotti holiday recipe card, visit www.TexasOncology.com and click the Holly Jolly Biscotti button.

When It's Hog Killing Time In Texas

By Joe Herring

Well it is almost that time of year, the leaves are slowly turning. The temperature is dropping a little which tells me that it won't be long and we will have our first freeze. Usually by this time the peanuts were threshed and sold and the hay hauled to the barn. Pecans were being picked up and all was well with the world. We usually had some hogs being fed and almost ready to be butchered. And when it did finally turn cold it was time.

Dad would have me up early and he was always ready. I remember him hanging the rope stretchers off a big ole oak limb and getting the single tree out and ready. He would sharpen his butcher knives the night before.

He buried a 55 gallon drum about half way in the ground and tipped it over at about a 45 degree angle. Both old cast iron wash pots where set out with plenty of firewood underneath them so water could be heated to just the right temperture.

We would go to the pen and dispatch usually two fairly good size hogs each weighing about 200 to 225 pounds. We would drag them to the area where they were dipped in the barrel and that is when the work began.

They were then laid on a 4x8 sheet of plywood and we would scrape those hogs until there was not one hair left on them anywhere. We always worked quickly so the hair wouldn't set up the wrong way making this job more difficult than it already was.

The hogs were cleaned and the butchering or cutting up was started. Dad would always cut a few good size pieces of pork tenderloin and cook them with the coals that where used to heat the water. I still remember how good that was for lunch. My job in the afternoon was to make cracklins and render lard. Fresh cracklins where a treat as well. The lard was poured in tin cans to be used later for just about everything. A lot of times the hams were rubbed with Mortons sugur cure as

well as the bacon and put in a little house we had for the purpose. That stuff was plenty salty but if the weather cooperated and stayed cold then they cured and kept well.

Then into the night I would get to turn the sausage grinder and make some of the best sausage anyone could ever want to eat. Mama would be wrapping some of the meat to be put in the freezer.

Sometimes the neighbors would come over to help on a Saturday and sometimes we went to the neighbors. It made it all go a lot quicker with plenty of help. We had crocks that pork was pickled in and those cracklins where really good cooked in corn bread all winter.

I am lucky I got to grow up when people still made do with what they had. I am also blessed I got to learn about what to do if you had to make your own living. Taters were planted early when I was a boy. Usually February and the beds dragged off in March.

Onions, blackeyed and crowder peas and corn where all planted early as was beans, squash both yellow and white,okra. Followed by tomatoes and peppers and beats and on and on. Sometimes frost would get it but most of the time it did fine. If something was missed you could bet it would be planted by good Friday.

By June most of it was canned and ate daily. I wonder sometimes if the seasons are changing are is it us.

I am going to raise my children to do a lot of the same things I did growing up. I think it will good for them and I know it will give them a perspective that can only be had by hard work along with appreciating the fruits of their labor.

Anyway it will soon be that time of year. A time to be truly thankful for all of Gods many blessings. Friends and neighbors now and times not forgotten.

Writers Welcome

Would-be free-lance writers are invited to submit articles for the local hometown newspapers, and especially welcome are profiles of interesting, unusual persons, hobbies and professionals. Reproducible photographs are also welcome and will be returned.

Writers are reminded that the author retains all rights to any material published here.

Present volunteer writers are greatly appreciated. Non-Fiction pieces are preferred but fiction articles in good taste and style are also welcome for consideration, all uncompensated.

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An Electrifying Event Is Coming To Ranger

Team Impact At Ranger First Baptist Church November 20, 21 & 22

Team Impact, some of the strongest men on the planet, will be making several public appearances in Ranger. With demonstrations of astounding feats of strength - such as shattering five feet of concrete with one blow from their massive arms and snapping baseball bats in half with their bare hands - Team Impact members are sure to capture the attention of both the young and old; all to share an inspiring message of hope.

Team Impact is a group of world-class athletes, includ-

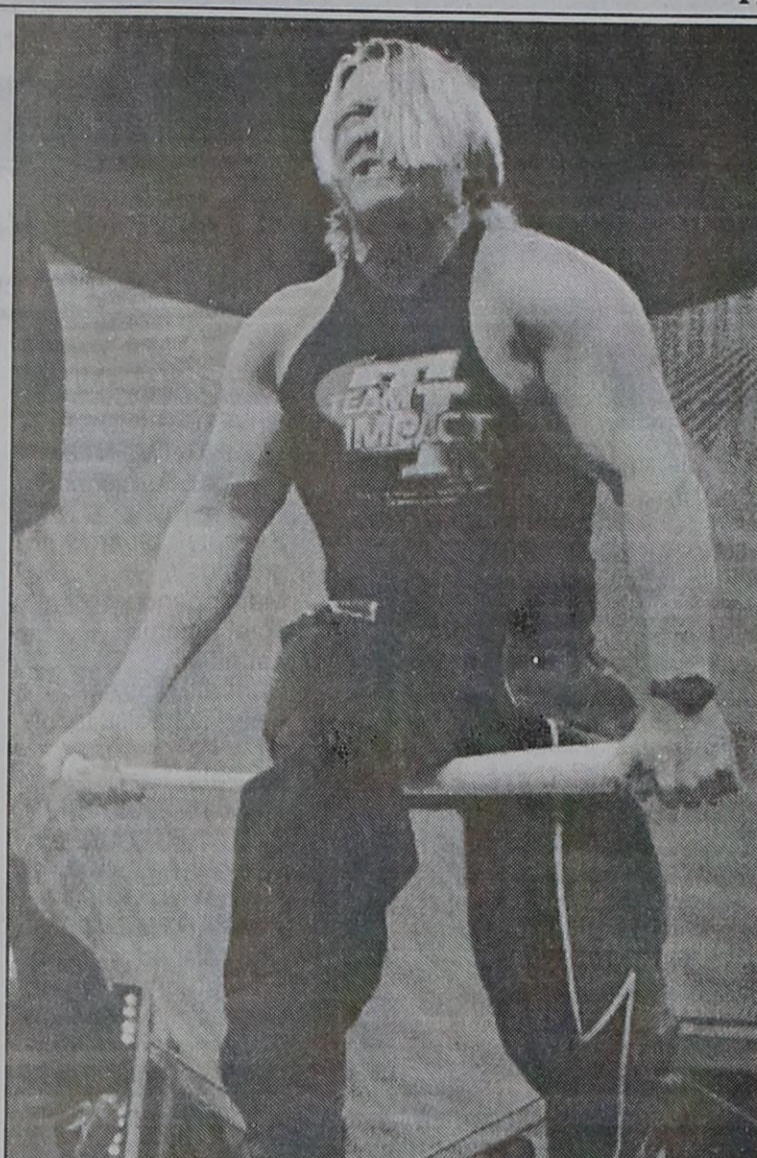
ing champion power-lifters, previous WWE wrestlers, and former NFL football players. The men of Team Impact travel the globe motivating and inspiring people of all ages and have performed their amazing presentation in front of millions.

With the problems young people face today, Team Impact has taken seriously the task of reaching America's youth with a timely message through their highly acclaimed school assemblies.

Visiting nearly 1,000 schools each year, this group has the unique opportunity to speak to hundreds of thousands of students about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and the importance of academic excellence.

In addition, Team Impact appears regularly on television programs including their own weekly show where millions of people around the world are able to see their extraordinary demonstrations and hear their inspirational message. You may visit www.team-impact.com to learn more about the efforts of Team Impact.

Team Impact will perform at First Baptist Church in Ranger on November 20, 21, and 22 at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Church is located at the corner of Walnut and Marston. For more information call 254-647-3261.



4th Friday Night Musical Set For November 27

The 4th Friday Night Musical will be held on November 27, 2009, the day after Thanksgiving at 1007 Humble Ave. in Hillside Village.

Come for a night of fun and fellowship. Meet some new friends, or greet old friends, and listen to some good Country & Gospel music. The doors open at 4:30 P.M. We start serving at 5:00 P.M. Music starts at 6:00 P.M. Admission is free. The only cost is for food and drinks.

The menu for November is Taco Soup or Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup and assorted desserts.

The drinks are coffee, tea, Cokes, Dr. Pepper, and bottled water.

This is a **Smoke free**, **Alcohol free**, and **Drug free** establishment.

This will be the last musical this year.

The next musical will be January 22, 2010.

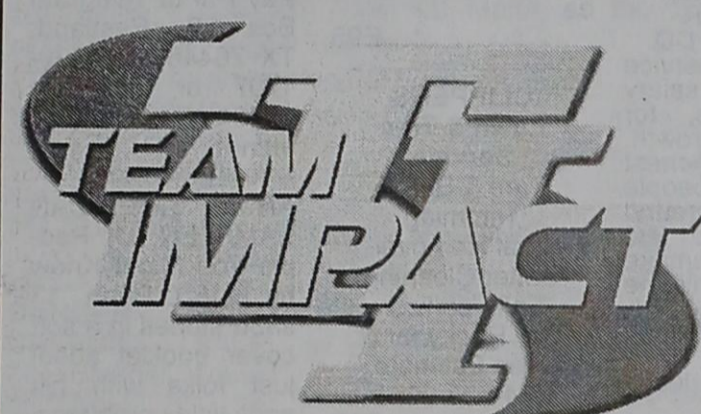
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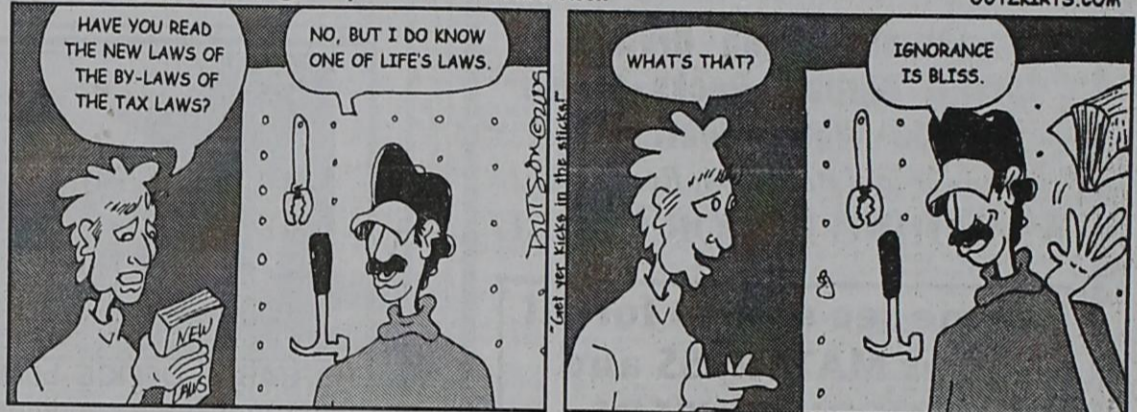
To use this chart, locate temperature along the left-hand column and the wind speed across the top row. The Wind Chill is the number at the intersection of that row and column.

Wind Speed-MPH	Calm	5	10	15	20	25	30	35
Temperature (Degrees F); Apparent Temperature	45	34	29	26	23	21	20	19
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Nov. 16-23:
Eastland Hopes to Gather 500 Gift-Filled Shoe Boxes for Hurting Children Overseas

Christmas is arriving early all over Eastland, as First Baptist Church local prepares to serve as a collection point for Operation Christmas Child. Soon, with the help of Eastland volunteers, the sites will be brimming with festively wrapped shoe boxes full of gifts.

Through Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project, Eastland residents are packing shoe box gifts for children in more than 100 countries suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, disease, famine and poverty.

From Eastland, the shoe box gifts will be sorted and sent using whatever means necessary—sea containers, trucks, trains, airplanes, boats, camels, even dog sleds—to reach suffering children around the world.

"Operation Christmas Child is a unique opportunity to do something as simple as packing a shoe box that will have a lasting impact on a child a world away," said Loretta Key, Operation Christmas Child drop-off site coordinator. "We are excited about the 2009 collection season as community members have already begun packing shoe box gifts."

Operation Christmas Child uses tracking technology that allows donors to "follow your box" to the destination country where it will be hand-delivered to a child in need. To register shoe box gifts and find out what country they are delivered to, use the EZ Give donation form found at www.samaritanaspurse.org.

LOCAL COLLECTION SITE:

First Baptist Church
- Eastland
305 S. Seaman Street
Eastland, TX 76448
(254) 629-3355
COLLECTION TIMES:
Nov. 16-17 Noon - 4 p.m.
Nov. 18 3 p.m.
Nov. 19-20 Noon
Nov. 21 10 a.m.
Nov. 22 2 p.m.

Eastland has provided an official drop-off site to the Operation Christmas Child effort for four years. This year, organizers hope to collect 500 gift-filled shoe boxes from families, kids, churches, schools and civic organizations in the area.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham, has delivered more than 69 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in some 130 countries.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO GET INVOLVED:

PREPARE—Enlist families, churches, scout troops, community groups and businesses to take part in creating shoe box gifts for needy children worldwide.

PACK—Fill shoe boxes with school supplies, toys, necessity items, hard candy and a letter of encouragement. Step-by-step shoe box packing instructions are available at www.samaritanaspurse.org.

PROCESS—Sign up to join Operation Christmas Child volunteers at the collection site in Eastland as part of the effort to prepare millions of shoe box gifts for delivery to underprivileged kids on six continents.

For more information on how to participate in Operation Christmas Child, call (817) 595-2230 or visit www.samaritanaspurse.org. National Collection Week is Nov. 16-23.

Crossword Answers

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Obituaries

Geneva Mae Hallmark

CLYDE- Geneva Mae Hallmark, 84, of Clyde died Thursday, November 12, 2009 at her home.

Graveside services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at Clyde Cemetery with Jack Stevens officiating, directed by Bailey-Howard Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hallmark was born March 12, 1925, in Norton, Texas to Ornda and Ora Mae (Buts) Hagar. She attended school in Winters. She married Vonnie Hallmark in Abilene in August of 1961. They moved to Clyde from Avondale, Arizona in 1986. She was employed by JC Enny

and a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vonnie Hallmark; two sons, Johnny Butler and Danny Butler; one grandson, Kevin Butler; her parents and two sisters.

Survivors are two daughters, Betty Mullins and Sherry Moore; two sons, Walter Butler and Roy Butler; two sisters, Charlene Moore of South Carolina and Sandra DeMaris of Arkansas; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild.

Jeffrey Longbotham

MIDLAND- Jeffrey Longbotham, 50, of Midland died Sunday, November 8, 2009 in Lubbock.

Church services were held at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland on Thursday, November 12, 2009. Graveside services were held at Hillcrest Cemetery on Friday, November 13, 2009 in Fort Davis, Texas.

Jeff was born April 30, 1959 in Snyder, Texas to Dr. Jack and Elizabeth Longbotham. He graduated from Clyde High School and attended Tarleton State University, where he played football for four years. He was an Ag Business Major. Jeff worked for First City Bank in Midland for nine years and then began his own oil and gas business, Riviera Energy of Midland. He enjoyed stock shows, boating, golfing, horseback riding, and relaxing at his Diamond L Ranch in Fort Davis.

He was the Chairman of the National Kidney Golf Tournament and fundraiser. He raised over 1.5 million dollars for the Kidney Foundation.

Jeff married Katy Booie in Midland on November 7, 1981 at Crestview Baptist Church where they are active members. He did Indian Guides and Indian Princess Organizations with his children. He enjoyed watching his children in all sports activities and showing steers in stock shows across the state.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John G. and Ruth Prude of Ft. Davis, Bernard Sr. and Connie Longbotham of Snyder.

Survivors include his wife, Katy; children, Jared, Leslie, and Jacob of Midland; parents, Dr. Jack and Elizabeth Longbotham of Clyde and Fort Davis; brother, Jack Longbotham, Jr., of Abilene; sister, Beth and Kelly High of Victoria, TX, sister, Becky Rodriguez of Bridgeport; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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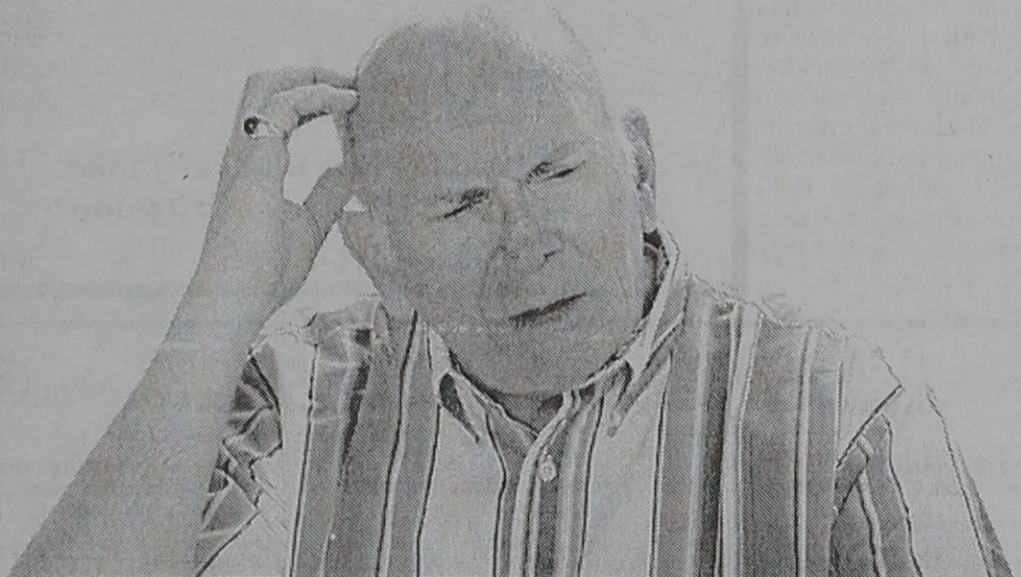
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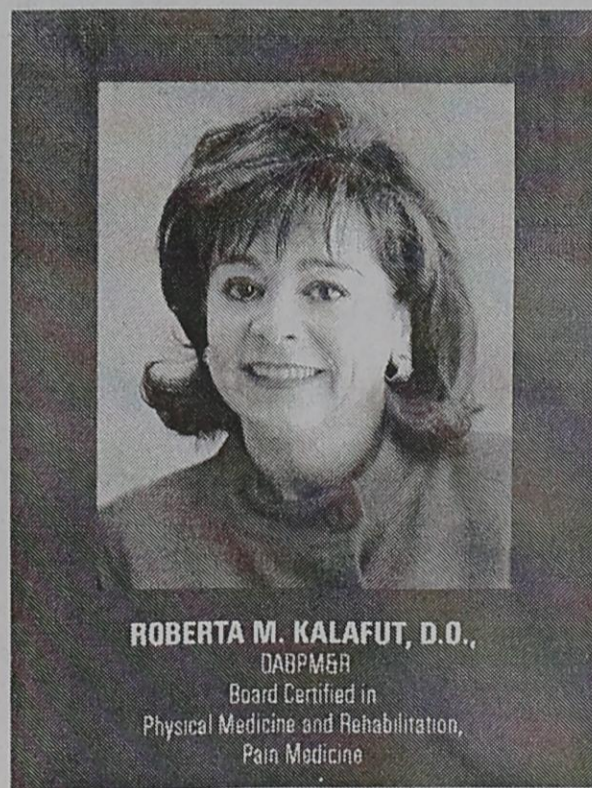
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