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Willborn Announces

My name is Barney Willborn and I am running for one of the positions on the school board. My wife and I moved here five years ago. Before we moved to Stratford we visited some of the other schools in the area and felt Stratford was a great choice.

The administration and teaching staff with the overwhelming support of the community is what separated Stratford from the surrounding schools.

My goal in being on the board is to ensure that our school continues to look for ways to ensure that every child receives the best education we can give them. I will be an independent voice on the board, voicing my opinion for what I believe to be best for our school and children; after all they are our future.

I would appreciate your vote on May 7th.

Paid Political Announcement
Paid for by Barney Willborn, Box 747, Stratford, TX 79084, Candidate for SISD Board of Trustees

Flowers Needed

If you are cleaning out your flowerbeds and have some starts or bulbs, Coldwater Manor would love to have some to fill in some of their flowerbeds. They thank you in advance.

Trustee Election May 7, 2005

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a trustee election May 7, 2005 to fill two positions.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin Wednesday April 20, 2005 and will end Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Early voting will be conducted in the Business office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Ricky Reed and Joe Reinart. Holdover members are Gared McBryde, Patti Vincent, Brent Spurlock, Steve Hays, and DeWain Traylor.

Candidates are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, and Barney Willborn.

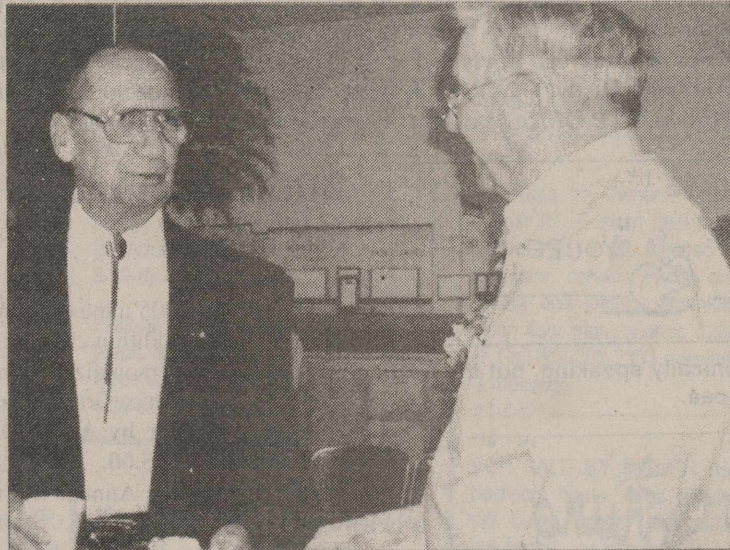
Pantry Meeting

There will be a Pantry Meeting, Thursday, April 28, 2005 at 7 p.m. at the XIT Building.

Military Photos Needed

Express Lane #5 needs photos of our local soldiers. If you have a son, daughter, grandchild, niece or nephew serving in the military please bring a 5 x 7 photo that we can post on our "Hero Wall". We will also want some info regarding your soldier. Please see Mellonee York at Express Lane #5 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

PRAISE SERVICE
7:30 P.M.
Each Wednesday
County Barn



25 Years & Still Going Strong

Stratford Area Foundation celebrated their 25th Anniversary on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at Scot Hall. Everyone had a good time remembering some of the past grant requests made to various groups and organizations over the past 25 years. Shown above are two of the new directors Johnnie Davis and Wallace Bridwell. Now shown is Walt Berry.

Celebrating Earth Day with 70 Years of Conservation

"Earth Day is an appropriate time for Texas to recognize landowners and partners for protecting the state's natural resources as we celebrate Earth Day and 70 years of conservation achievements," said USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Dr. Larry D. Butler.

Conservation practices carried out by farmers, ranchers, and other landowners in Texas have improved the quality of life and built stronger rural communities. The conscientious land management by hard working families has tremendously improved our food supply, water, and air quality. Agency statistics have shown dramatic improvements in the Texas natural resources that have resulted from the use of conservation practices such as crop rotations, terraces, and contour farming.

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Medical Fund for Mandy Helmuth @ 1st State Bank

There has been a medical fund set up at First State Bank for Mandy Helmuth, daughter of Jimmy and Tammie Helmuth. After the birth of her baby daughter she was diagnosed with Peripartum Cardiomyopathy (heart failure). If you would like to help with medical expenses please contact the 1st State Bank.

4-H & FFA Steer & Swine Validation Information

It is that time of year to order State 4-H and FFA Steer Validation Tags. Orders are due into the Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2005. Validation will take place in June at a time and place to be determined. Please contact the Extension office and let us know how many tags we need to order.

The State Fair of Texas is requiring a validation for all 4-H and FFA projects in 2005. Swine validation Tag orders are due by Tuesday, May 10, 2005. Please contact Leslie Neve at (806) 366-2081 or Jackie Burkhalter at (806) 366-3333 to place your orders for State Fair Tags.



Robertson To Share Experiences as Lady Raider

Alesha Robertson, Lady Raider, will be in Stratford on April 29 to share her experiences as a Lady Raider with Stratford residents. Alesha was named honorable mention All-Big 12 by the coaches, named second team Academic All-Big 12. Named to the All-Big 12 Freshman Team by the Dallas Morning News. She is a graduate of Class 4A Plainview High School. During her four years in high school she received numerous honors and was active in the College Heights Baptist Youth, member of DARE and Rotary Club. Hobbies include fishing, family and church. She is the daughter of Don and Barbara Robertson of Plainview.

The program will be held at BA and LeRayne Donelson's park, south of town, at 7:00 p.m. April 29, with hamburgers being served. There is no charge for the event and is sponsored by the Stratford Education Foundation.

Stratford ISD Applies for Federal Funding

In accordance with the following authority references, Stratford Independent School District is required to advise you that we have made application to receive public funds for program services under provisions of Title I Part A, Title I Part C, Title II Part A, Title II Part D, Title IV, Title III, and Title V.

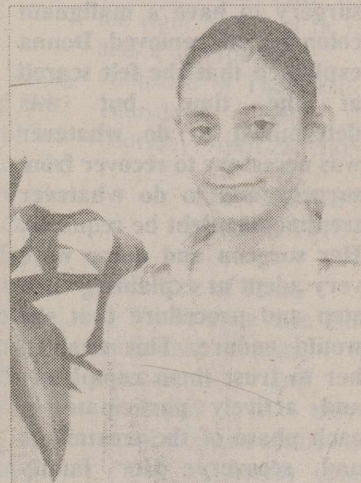
Stratford Independent School District hereby solicits your consultation regarding the development and design of the projects and the equitable participation of children enrolled in Stratford schools. Expenditure for participating private school children shall be equal (consistent with the number of children to be served) to expenditure for children enrolled in Stratford ISD, taking into account the needs of the individual children and other factors which relate to such expenditures. Private schools can only receive services or other benefits that are equitable to those provided to eligible public school children. Private schools may not receive funds. In addition, a private school must meet federal guidelines in order to participate.

If you have any questions or comments about the application for federal funding, please contact Lynette Kautz at (806) 366-3302.

The cyclotron, a machine that accelerates electronically-charged atomic particles to high energies, was invented in 1930 by Ernest O. Lawrence. He won a Nobel Prize for this achievement.



Valedictorian



Salutatorian

Junior High Announces Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Stratford Junior High is proud to announce the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the 2004-2005 school year.

The Valedictorian is Brooke Barnard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Barnard. Brooke has a numerical grade point of 98.048 for two years of work. Brooke has participated in Cross-Country, Basketball, Track, UIL Events, Band and Honor Roll. Outside of school Brooke enjoys riding horses, calf roping, goat tying, barrel racing and is a member of the NWOJR Rodeo Association, 4-H and her church youth group at First United Methodist Church. Brooke also enjoys reading and spending time with her family and friends.

The Salutatorian is Deborah Molina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Molina. Deborah has a numerical grade point of 96.095 for two years of work. Deborah has participated in Basketball, Track, UIL event, Band, Honor Roll and Globe News Spelling. Deborah also enjoys hanging out with her family and friends.

The faculty & Staff of the Junior High wish the students great success in Stratford High School.



Living Example

Rawlins to speak at Relay for Life

photo: Steve McAllister

Susan Rawlins, shown above will be the keynote speaker at the Relay on June 3. She will begin at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to hearing what she has to present to all who can attend this wonderful event coming to Stratford.

Energized by her win over leukemia, this volunteer commits herself to raising funds and celebrating life.

Susan Spurlock-Rawlins easily recalls the first moment she felt the power of an American Cancer Society Relay For Life event. While walking a Survivors' Lap in her hometown of Fritch, Texas, and surrounded by the sounds of a standing ovation, Susan says she burst into tears. "Until that moment I hadn't realized how much our community really cared and how much they loved us. By the time [each survivor] had walked the track, everyone was crying."

Only a few years after her recovery from a bone marrow transplant, Susan was chairing her community's Relay For Life, an overnight fundraising event that honors survivors as well as

those who have lost their lives to the disease. If you had asked about her greatest accomplishment 10 years ago, she might have pointed to juggling three kids, a marriage, a marketing career and college. Today, Susan's answer is different.

"Surviving leukemia to raise my family is my greatest accomplishment in life," she says. "I never thought I'd see my kids graduate high school, and now I know four wonderful grandchildren."

An early brush with skin cancer had left Susan shaken but strong. But it was a diagnosis of chronic myelogenous leukemia following a checkup in 1995 that gave her the shock of her life.

Susan was fortunate to have a friend in fellow bone marrow transplant recipient and

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Chamber News

By Patty Tims

F.Y.I.

In last week's letter to the Editor, Mr. Taliaferro, Superintendent of Schools, informed the community of the school voucher system. What does that mean? Well, as a matter of fact, I just learned about this in my government class. I don't have my book in front of me right now, so this is not exact on the states where the Voucher systems are active, but this will give you the general idea of what the vouchers are about.

The school voucher system was enacted to the controversy between church and state. Private religious schools were requesting funding from the state governments but this was ruled unconstitutional due to the conflict of, once again, church and state.

To get the monkey off their backs, some state governments came up with the school voucher system, where the money was sent to the parents of school age children, so the parents could choose which school they wanted their children to attend, private religious or public. This was very harmful to the public school systems because they were no longer receiving funds from the government.

When Mr. Taliaferro says to call your representatives in Austin, please do so, because this type of legislature could harm our local school system.

If you or your company would like to become a member of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce, please call 806-366-2260 or come by the office at 305 N. Main



Ports-to-Plains Corridor Update

Ports-to-Plains Corridor update to the public in Stratford April 19 at the Imagination Station with approximately 30 persons in attendance L/R Kristine Olsen, Dalhart; Sherman County Judge Terri Carter; Joe Kiley, Ports-to-Plains Vice-President, Limon, Colorado; Michael Reeves, Ports-to-Plains President, Lubbock, TX; Stratford Mayor David Brown; Amarillo District TXDOT Engineer, Mark Tomlinson; Milton Pax, PTP Board, Dumas; Duffy Hinkle, PTP Office Manager; Gaynelle Riffe, PTP Board.

Cancer Survivor Spotlight

Editors Note: We apologize to Dick Davenport, his was the Cancer Survivor story in last week's edition and we left his name off of it. Again our apologies. This week's story is Donna Wagners.

Another Stratford Cancer survivor to tell her story is Donna Wagner. Donna was diagnosed with cancer in August 2002. She was diagnosed, while having surgery to have a malignant colon growth removed. Donna explained that she felt scared at the time, but was determined to do whatever was necessary to recover from surgery and to do whatever treatments might be required. Her surgeon and nurse were very adept at explaining each step and procedure that she would endure. This enabled her to trust them completely and actively participate in each phase of the treatments and recovery. Her family offered support, love and prayers during this difficult time. Donna knew that with God's help she could have the strength to do whatever was required of her. Donna was on prayer lists all over Stratford and in the Panhandle area. "This was a great comfort to me," Donna stated. Donna's co-workers at A&I Parts, were very helpful and showed their concern for her each step of the way.

The following cancer treatments were employed by Donna's physician: chemotherapy, 5 FU and

Leucovorin for 3 1/2 months. In addition, she had radiation 5 days a week for a total of 28 treatments, along with chemotherapy once a week. She then had chemotherapy once weekly for another 4 1/2 months.

Cancer affected Donna's life by forcing her to stop and think about what was really important in life. She learned to focus on her family and put the other "stuff" on the back burner. Donna said, "I always felt like I had to manage everything. Bossy is how my family used to describe me, but I let that go to focus on my recovery.

Donna is on the First Class Teamsters team for Relay for Life and she will walk the survivors' lap. She has also purchased luminaries for family members who have lost their battles with cancer, her mother, from lung cancer and Tom's mother from bone cancer.

If you are interested in participating in the Relay for Life on June 3rd, please contact Stacy Metcalf at 366-2035,

Miss Beyond Imagination Pageant

Make your plans now to attend the "Miss Beyond Imagination" Pageant on April 30, 2005. Be entertained as your neighbors and friends provide a night of laughs and fun!! This event will be at The Imagination Station, 202 Main, at 7:00 p.m. After the pageant we will be serving dessert and coffee. Ticket prices are \$8.00 a piece. All proceeds will benefit The Imagination Station. Here are some of the things we do for the community-Main Street Art (Summer), Drama Camp (Summer), CAMP ABC (Summer), Week of the Young Child (Spring), and Cultural Exhibit (Fall). We also provide a computer lab to the community and offer a variety of computer classes throughout the year. We are home to the Girl Scouts and allow the school to come use our facilities when needed. This fundraiser will ensure we stay in our community. We appreciate your support.

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

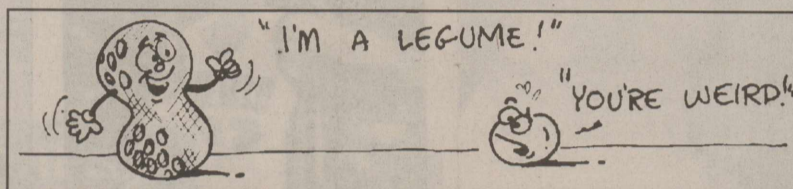
Jo June McDaniel and Marylou attended the Area Foundation celebration April 19. Then Jo June went to Hospital with pneumonia 21st to 25th.

Terry & Barbara Schönover spent the weekend at Folsom, NM Saturday was a great day, then Sunday it was snowing!

Bill & Donna Gillenwaters went to Woodford, OK for a soccer tournament. Grandson Dasan's team won second. Granddaughter Talas' team just plays for fun.

Remember-there will be a Mother's Day luncheon at the Community Center.

Teachers & Students-School is almost over-Hang in there Congratulations Seniors!! You Made It!!!!



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LAST CHANCE

This is your last chance to have Prospectus Study Club cook for you. As you know we are "Cooking Up a Cure" to help raise funds for our Relay for Life team. We will gladly cook you a cake, pie or batch of cookies. All items re \$10.00. You just tell us what you want and we will deliver! We will be taking orders through April 27th for April 29th delivery. Contact Laurie Spurlock (366-2772) or Ashley Lavake (366-3648) to place your order. We appreciate your support.



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Bouldin Honored With Shower

Kimberly Bouldin, bride elect of Russell Murdock was honored with a shower on Saturday, April 23, 2005 at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Shown above left to right are Peggy Coffman, Maxine Reising, Judy Bouldin, Kimberly and Judy Reising.

Shown at right are LeRayne Donelson and Dick Bauchman at the Stratford Area Foundation 25th Anniversary meeting held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at Scot Hall. A good crowd was on hand to help celebrate this wonderful organization that has helped so many in Stratford, Texhoma, Hooker and Goodwell communities.



Identity Theft Program Given

Lunch & Lean and South Star Clubs met April 21 at the extension office for lunch and a timely program on Identify Theft. Jean Everett gave the program. Identity theft has become a serious problem.

Attending were Mary Lou Albert, Teresa Edmond, Gina Jones, Marylou McDaniel, Martha Mitts, Deedee Dewees, Doris Dyess, Reyna Everett, Jean Everett and Susie Spurlock.

Coldwater Manor Nursing Home Volunteer Party

By Janice Vaughn & JoAnn Cobos, Activity Directors

Volunteering is a key aspect of civic responsibility. It is, in fact, a form of philanthropy involving time and talent instead of money. People who volunteer are concerned about the quality of life in their communities. They want to participate in a meaningful way, by giving something back. Volunteers can have a direct and personal impact on their world.

Activity Director's Janice Vaughn and JoAnn Cobos, honored the Volunteer's for Coldwater Manor with a "Thank You" Party.

Coldwater Manor Volunteers are Wanda Riffe with 3 years, Oline Caraway 33 years, Lucille Hills 9 years, Karen Woolsey 5 years, Doris Pleyer, 4 years and Arlene Baker 15 years.

We have so many more that were not in attendance that we would like to say "Thank YOU"

Thank you THE General Store, Thriftway and the Elk Pharmacy for their donations for our door prizes. Everyone received something.

If you would like to become a Volunteer, please call us at 806-396-5568.



Sarah & Adam Hunter Honored with Shower

Shown at left-Sarah and Adam Hunter were honored with a Wedding Shower, Saturday, April 23, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Shown above are Margaret Graham, Sarah Graham Hunter and Adam Hunter. The couple were married on March 5, 2005 and reside in Austin, Texas.

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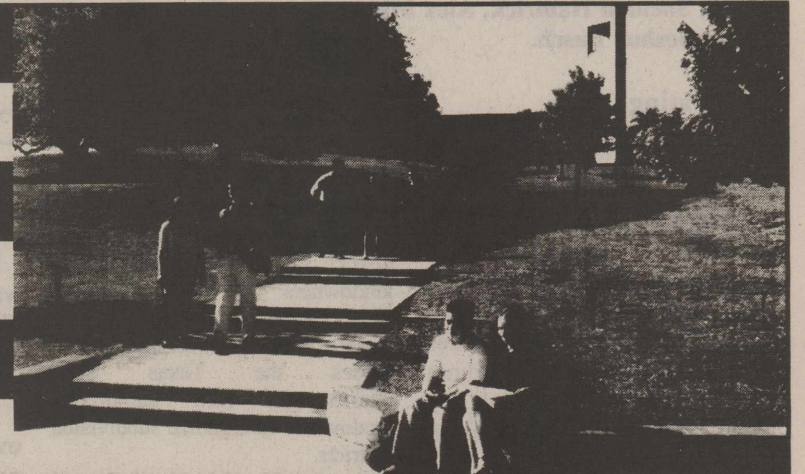
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Friday, April 29, 2005
7:00 p.m.

BA & LeRayne Donelson's park,
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(Bring a lawn chair)

In case of bad weather the
alternate sight is SCOT Hall.

Hamburger and all the trimmings
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The Event is sponsored by the
Stratford Education Foundation

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

The Good Savor of Salt

In one way, the work of the church is like other kinds of work. You get out of it what you put into it. If you expect to experience rewards for working in the church, you must apply yourself. You must be ready to befriend the friendless, help the helpless, teach the dropout and feed the hungry. You must be like James, the brother of Jesus, who said, "Faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself" (James 2:18). You must have "faith working through love" (Galatians 5:6). The Bible promises you will receive a great reward. "When the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory" (1 Peter 5:4). On the other hand, don't get over confident because you have done a great deal of work in the church. Above all, don't rely upon what you do to capture you a place in heaven. Faith without works may be dead. But works without faith are just as deadly! There is only one path to heaven. As Jesus said, "I am the way" (John 14:6) You must wholly trust in Him! "But," you respond, "what about all my work?" Jesus replies, "When you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have done only that which we ought to have done'" (Luke 10:17).

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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Walter Reed

5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 am (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 am (nursery)
No Sunday Evening Worship Service
Wed. : Youth Choir 3:45 pm, Chi Rho 5 p.m.,
CYF 6 p.m., Bell Choir 6:50 p.m., Adult Choir 8 p.m.

First United Methodist

Rev. Gene Weinette

520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:00 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic

Rev. Dr. Johnson, Reiki Master

6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:00a.m. (English), 12 noon. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.or by appt.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Wed. afternoon
Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Ernie Maiwald

N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn

302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Brent Farney

702 N. 3rd
Early Service 9:00 a.m.
Growth groups/Sun. School 10:00 a.m.
Late Service 11:00 a.m.
Growth Groups Nightly 7:00 p.m.
Wed. - Youth Group Teen Kids 7:00 p.m./Adult Choir 7:00

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Mision Bautista

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Miercoles (Wednesday)

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Servicio De Oration 6:00 pm
Servicio De Adoration 6:00 pm
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Pastor Roberto Frescas
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Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday

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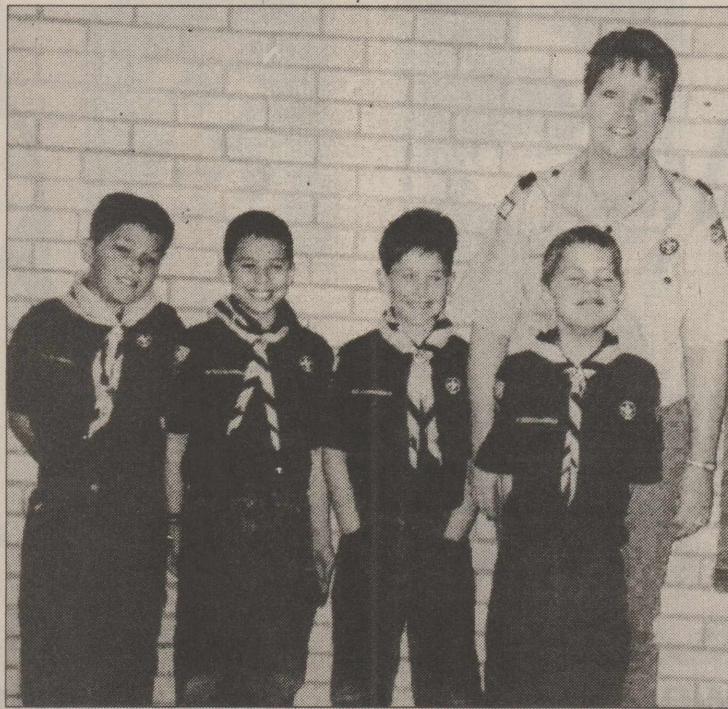
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Cub Scout Pack #38 Bear Den from left, leader Sylvia Busch, Sheldon Hamrick, Alex Mateos, Jeremy Busch, Derrek Hager, Joshua Busch.



Cub Scout Pack #38 Wolf Den from left, Joshua Pollack, Sean Godsey, Alex Galla, Colton Summers and leader Audra Meidinger.



Cub Scout Pack #38 Webelos Den from left, Ethan Shields, Nicholas Barajas, leader Jan Shields, and Treg Nordyke.

Celebrating
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As a result, the NRCS recognizes landowners, employees, volunteers and partners, including soil and water conservation districts and soil and water conservation societies throughout Texas, all of whom have played a vital role in helping the agency accomplish its mission.

April 22 marks the 35th anniversary of the first Earth Day. Through the combined efforts of the agriculture producers, community based organizations, and citizens, the NRCS agency is helping to provide cleaner air, promote land conservation, and improve water quality. Through efforts of so many people in agriculture, Earth Day has evolved into a daily worldwide campaign to protect our global environment.

"This agency's rich conservation legacy has resulted in many benefits to the state's citizens—abundant food and fiber, clean water, pure air, productive soils and open spaces to use and enjoy," Butler said.

"On Earth Day many people talk about what should be done to protect the environment," Butler continued. "But farm and ranch families are working hard every day to do a better job of achieving those goals where it counts on over 261 million acres of agriculture production land in Texas." (more)

NRCS was created as the Soil Conservation Service within USDA on April 27, 1935, in response to the devastation of the Dust Bowl on the nation's agricultural land. The agency's primary mission then was to conserve soil on agricultural land. It became NRCS in 1994 to better reflect its expanded role of servicing other natural resources such as soil, water, air, plants, and animals on private and tribal lands.

American agriculture has made tremendous progress in developing innovative practices that address environmental challenges. Farmers and ranchers maintain a strong commitment to environmental protection. NRCS program information and environmentally conscious practices can be found on the Texas NRCS website at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov>.

"While we can reflect on the conservation progress Texas farmers and ranchers have made over the years," Butler stated, "We must focus on agriculture's re-dedication to building on those successes and meeting future challenges as well."

September 19, 1933-Soil Erosion Service is created as temporary agency in the Department of the Interior to demonstrate practical conservation methods to farmers.

March 11, 1934-A fierce windstorm from the Great Plains sweeps fine soil particles across areas as far away as Washington D.C. Congress decides action must be taken immediately.

March 25, 1935-Soil Erosion Service is transferred to USDA. Three of the 40 erosion-control projects in the nation are operating in Texas.

Elm Creek, Temple Nov. 1933
*Duck Creek, Lindale, April 1934
Dalhart, Dalhart, Aug. 1934

April 27, 1935-The Soil Conservation Service is established in the Department of Agriculture to help landowners carry out soil conservation practices.

October 21, 1935-Southern Great Plains Wind Erosion Region was established with headquarters in Amarillo.

February 27, 1937-President Franklin D. Roosevelt urges governors to enact conservation district law that will allow landowners to organize conservation districts.

April 20, 1939-Texas Legislature passes the Texas State Conservation Law authorizing landowners to organize subdivision districts.

December 22, 1944-Flood Control Act of 1944 authorizes 11 flood prevention projects and the Emergency Watershed Protection Program to help protect lives and property following natural disasters.

August 1954-The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act is enacted to help communities protect, improve, and develop watersheds.

December 20, 1957-First Great Plains Contract is signed in Texas by a farmer/rancher in Muleshoe

September 27, 1962-The Resource Conservation and Development Program is created to advance community development and environmental protection in multi-county areas.

September 1966-SCS provides soil surveys and interpretations to assist states and other private agencies in community and resource planning.

February 7, 1967-National Association of State Conservation Agencies officially organized

November 18, 1977-Congress passes the Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act to conserve, protect and enhance the nation's natural resources for future uses.

June 22, 1982-Washington, D.C. establishes first urban conservation district: District of Columbia Conservation District.

December 23, 1985-The 1985 Farm Bill requires landowners to carry out their conservation plans to receive USDA conservation program benefits.

October 20, 1994-SCS name changes to the natural Resources Conservation Service to reflect its efforts to conserve natural resources.

April 1996-The 1996 Farm Bill creates programs to enhance wildlife, improve wetlands, and address specific resource concerns on farms.

2002-The 2002 Farm Bill offers America's farmers and ranchers more incentives than ever before to voluntarily conserve natural resources on our nation's privately owned farmland.

2002-The Grasslands Reserve Program is authorized to offer protection, restoration, and enhancement of grasslands to private landowners.

2002-The Conservation Security Program is created to reward farmers for practicing excellent conservation on their lands.

Food

(NU) - If you're watching your weight, don't even think about skipping breakfast. When you don't eat in the morning, chances are you'll overeat at other meals and eventually put on pounds, not take them off. Atkins Nutritionals Inc. suggests eating a protein-packed bar as a satisfying on-the-go breakfast. Atkins Advantage Granola Bars are portable and satisfying, and are great sources of protein, calcium and fiber without added sugar or trans fats. Another choice for breakfast on the run is Atkins Morning Start Breakfast Bars, which come in eight delicious flavors. For more information, visit www.atkins.com or call (800) 2-ATKINS.

Children require three C's of aid

Editors Note: This article was taken out of the Amarillo Globe News dated Tuesday, April 19, 2005. Opinion guest column by Greg Abbott.

For an adult victim, crime is overwhelming; for a little boy or little girl, it can be unbearable. Crime harms children physically, mentally and emotionally. But even more sinister, when crime enters a child's world, it robs him of hope for the future.

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and a good time to remember that all of us have a role in protecting our children and restoring that hope. That's why I ask you to join me in supporting the work of Texas CASA, the Court Appointed Special Advocate program.

Local CASA programs throughout Texas train community volunteers to serve as advocates for children who are in foster care because of abuse and neglect. These advocates provide a constant in a child's disrupted life and a voice when they are unable to speak for themselves.

A CASA volunteer served as a friend during the overwhelming and often traumatic process of navigating the court system, with the goal of helping each child find a safe, loving, permanent home.

Most import, CASA volunteers become friends who are the embodiment of caring, commitment and compassion—all qualities too often missing in the life of an abused or neglected child.

As attorney general, it is an honor to assist CASA programs

in their commitment to helping children. For almost 10 years, the Texas Legislature has provided support from the Crime Victim's Compensation Fund—which is administered by my office—for Texas CASA. In turn, Texas CASA funds local programs throughout the state, with oversight provided by my office. Last year, \$4 million helped more than 4,000 volunteers advocate for the best interests of 13ens of thousands of children. With the continued commitment of my office and other supporters of child victims, CASA services are expected to reach even more children during this year.

Yet, the need is still great. Almost half of the children in foster care still need a CASA volunteer by their side. I ask that you support efforts to give CASA programs the financial and human resources they need. As state legislators and their federal counterparts contemplate how to best spend limited dollars, consider that by utilizing volunteers, CASA programs provide a cost-effective means of protecting our communities' most vulnerable citizens.

Together, we can help ensure that victims of child abuse receive the care, love and permanency that all children deserve.

Through partnerships involving the office of the attorney general, Texas CASA and others concerned about children, we will continue to help these young victims become young survivors.

Greg Abbot is attorney general of Texas.

Scot News

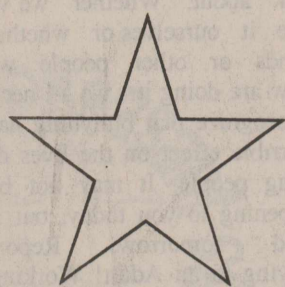
By Jack Gore

Last Weeks Scot Hall activities were Birthday Party,

which was well attended, and those present had a good time. Bingo last Thursday was fun for those who came except for some that did not win.

This week will be board meeting and Luncheon Thursday, April 28th. Come Bring a dish and enjoy some good food and entertainment.

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For Sale: 1993 Chevy Blazer, low mileage, 4WD, call 366-5308 or 396-5978. 3-24-tfn

For Sale: 1993 Chevy Blazer, Low Mileage, 4 WD, Call 366-5308 or 396-5978. 3-34-tfn

For Sale: 2001 Chevy Impala LS Heated Leather Seats 40K \$11,900 (806) 366-5557. 4-21-c

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Used Tire Sale-Many Sizes starting at \$5.00. Duncan Chevrolet 806-366-5557. 4-21-c

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Wanted

Want to do babysitting in my home this summer. For more information call 366-3766, ask for Crystal Pitti. 4-28-c

Garage Sales

Yard Sale, Saturday, April 30th from 8 to 12 noon at 709 N. Maple. If rained out will be Saturday, May 7th. At same time. 4-28-c

Cards of Thanks

The City of Stratford Recycle Department would like to thank everyone that came out to our open house last Friday. We had over 200 people come to it. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their help.

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Stratford Grain Co.
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I will be picking up trash, cleaning lots, yards, and mowing. If you need any of these services call 396-2305. 4-28-c

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Cont. from Legal Notices

On or about October 9, 1980, Plaintiff and/or Plaintiff's predecessor's in interest were in actual possession of the above-described premises. On that date, defendants unlawfully entered upon the subject property and now continues to withhold possession from Plaintiff. Defendants claim some right, title, estate, or interest in these premises, which is adverse to plaintiff's ownership interest. This claim constitutes a cloud on plaintiff's title. Plaintiff's request judgment for title and possession of the land, and for such other and further relief to which he is entitled, as more full shown by plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve it and

make due return according to the requirement of law, and t he mandates of this citation.

Issued under my hand and the seal of the court at Stratford, Sherman County, Texas, on the 5th day of April, 2005.

M. L. Albert
Clerk of the 69th Judicial District Court
Sherman County, Texas

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Houses For Sale

For Sale: 305 N. 3rd, 2 bdrm, laundry room, CH/A, detached garage, storage building, nice location \$20,000. Call 930-0734 or 930-5613. 3-31-tfn

For Sale by Owner: 4/2/3 home on corner lot. Custom built in 1995. New carpet, 20 x 20 finished basement, fireplace, ceramic tile in entry, utility, dining and kitchen, sprinkler system, open floor plan, approx. 3200 total sq. ft. Call 806-366-2303 evenings or leave a message. 11-4-tfn

FOR SALE BY OWNER...Beautiful 4 bedroom home, large sized rooms, 3 full baths, office, large utility room, basement, covered patio, beautifully landscaped backyard. W/deck. This house is located in a GREAT neighborhood!! 202 Kay Ave. Approx. 3800 sq. ft. Call 806-366-2482. 4-22-tfn

For Sale: Our home at 619 S. Pearl. 2572 sq. ft. living area, 3 b, 2 b, fireplace, heated tile floor in den & kitchen, 2 car garage, separate storage garage extra lg. Lot 366-5829 or 753-7775. 4-22-tfn

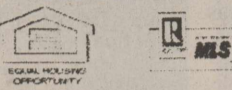
3 Bdrm Brick, 2 baths on large corner lot. 1201 NW 2nd St. Sprinkler system, fenced yard. Located in Casa Bonita Addition. Call 366-2153 for appointment. 10-21-tfn

For Sale: 3BR, 1.75 bath home at 603 S. Fulton. 2 living areas, dining room, master bedroom with 2 walk in closets. Lots of closets and storage throughout the house. Large backyard with above ground swimming pool, metal storage shed and covered patio. 2 car garage. Brick and vinyl exterior for maintenance free up keep. Contact Rhonda Browne after 6:30 at 366-7597 or leave message. 12-9-tfn

For Sale: House and furnishings as a package. 1320 sq. ft. living; detached garage; sprinkler system. \$49500.00. Shown by appointment only. Trust Dept. 396-5521. 9-25-tfn

For Sale: Nice 3 br. 1.75 bath brick home at 408 N. Fulton. Ready to move into. Updated kitchen and bathrooms. CH/A, attached garage, new attic insulation, large fenced in backyard. Stove, washer, dryer and new built in dishwasher stay. Great neighborhood \$55,000. Call 366-3111. 3-24-tfn

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Home with Style! 2 B/R, 1 1/2 baths, with large living and dining areas. Hardwood floors, and updated baths. \$78,900

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Great Starter Home, or Possible Investment Property! 2 B/R, 1 bath. \$25,000

Shop in Backyard! Nice 3 B/R, 2 bath with 1 car detached garage. Reduced to \$45,000

Prime Location! This 3 B/R, 2 bath home is located in a quiet neighborhood and close to schools. \$125,000

Corner Lot! This 4 B/R, 1 1/2 bath home has had C/H&A, sewer lines, and gas line has all been recently replaced. \$60,000

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Light the way to a cure!

Give a gift to the American Cancer Society and keep the fire of hope burning with a luminaria in memory of someone lost to cancer, in honor of someone still fighting, or in special recognition of someone who has beaten this disease. Complete and return this form to the address below.
(Note: To order more than one luminaria, please photocopy this form.)

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____ which will light a luminaria during the luminaria ceremony at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

Date: June 3, 2005 Time: Sun Down

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____

Email _____

Please make checks payable to the American Cancer Society.

Cindy Cummings, Event Treasurer
PO Box 618
Stratford, TX 79084

Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sherman Co. will be taking sealed bids for a wrecked 2002 Ford Crown Victory patrol car, salvage only. Bids must be sealed and received by the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office before 5:00 p.m. on May 6, 2005. Bids may be delivered in person at the Sheriff's office, 701 N. 3rd St., or mailed to P.O. Box 526, Stratford, TX 79084. Sherman Co. reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

Sheriff Jack Haile, Sherman Co. Texas.

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Stratford Independent School District Legal Notice

The Stratford Independent School District requests proposals from interested vendors for a new four door midsize car. Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Administrative Office at (806) 366-3302.

The proposals will be accepted until 2:00 PM May 9, 2005. Any requests for proposals after this date will not be accepted. The proposals may be mailed to Stratford ISD, PO Box 108, Stratford, TX 79084. Faxed to 806-366-3304, or delivered to the Superintendent office at 503 N 8th Street.

Stratford, TX. The requests for proposals will be opened on May 9, 2005 at 2:00 PM. We reserve the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals. Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, April 21, and Thursday, April 28, 2005.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas

To Tommie Lee Elliott, his unknown heirs, persons, successors and assigns, defendant in the cause numbered and entitled below.

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 69th Judicial District Court of Sherman County, at the courthouse in Stratford, Texas at or before 10:00 a.m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from 4-5, 2005, the date of issuance of this citation, by filing a written answer to plaintiff's petition that was filed in the court on 4-5, 2005, numbered 4612 on the docket of the court, and entitled Steve Flynt and Jan Flynt, plaintiffs v. Tommie Lee Elliott, his unknown heirs, persons, successors and assigns, defendant.

The nature of this suit, briefly stated is one of trespass to try title, in which plaintiff, for cause of action, would respectfully show the court that:

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We have tried to express our deep gratitude personally to as many of you as possible, but even this falls miserably. The number of friends who have responded has been - overwhelming. You have expressed your sadness, your sense of loss, your sympathy, your heart break, your thoughts, and your prayers for our comfort and peace in a myriad of ways. You have included favorite remembrances in writing, which has gathered the family around the kitchen table, in laughter and tears savoring each word. Thank you, each and every one, for your priceless gifts in honor of Dad.

We are greatly blessed to have had Powder Coffman in our lives - and - if it's true, that friends reflect a man's worth - he was the richest man alive.

We love you, thank you, and will forever be grateful.

The Powder Coffman Family
Diz, Colleen & Larry, Carey & Janet, Chad & Families

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Public Notice

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Verizon is an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) in Texas under Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Texas Public Utility Commission guidelines. As such, we receive universal service funding, which enables us to provide service at reasonable rates to high cost, usually rural areas and low income customers.

Under those guidelines, Verizon certifies that it provides the following basic services for a monthly charge of \$7.10 to \$16.40 (plus Federal Subscriber Line Charge, applicable taxes and surcharges) to residence customers.

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American Cancer Society volunteer Debbie Prock. "Debbie pulled me out of bed and kept me going until I got my marrow match," she says, which occurred in November of that year. During the transplant process, Susan was in isolation for 68 days; several times a week her husband Donny made the 500-mile roundtrip to Oklahoma City to be with her.

Her treatment deemed successful, Susan dedicated herself to Relay For Life of Hutchinson County. Despite the challenges of a tornado the first year and torrential rains the next, her volunteer team raised \$57,000.

She now serves as a regional event chair, training organizers of Relay For Life events in 51 counties in the Texas Panhandle. Susan also travels across the nation, speaking about her Relay

For Life experiences.

She marvels at the progress being made in research, noting that "just five years" after her diagnosis, patients treated for the same type of leukemia were given the medication Gleevec and spared a transplant. "And that's because of American Cancer Society research," she says, "and that's why we Relay."

Susan adds, "You can never be too busy for Relay. We need this money." Susan's example of living and giving back is strong testimony to those words. —

Lauri Stash

Join a Relay For Life event near you by calling 1.800.ACS.2345, or visit www.cancer.org.

Susan's biography follows:

Susan Spurlock-Rawlins, Marketing Director for Golden Plains Community Hospital. Nine-year survivor of CML. Ten-Year Survivor of Malignant Melanoma. Clarks Level 3. Wife of Donny. The best Caregiver in the WORLD! Mother of three.

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*2002, 2003, 2004 Relay for Life - Chair for Hutchinson County, Borger, Fritch and Stinnett Texas

*2001-Present (ASC Gala) H.O.P.E. Volunteer, not on the planning committee but help where needed - This Gala that raises the most money per capita in the USA 2004 (beginning in September)-2007

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ACS Texas State Task Force

*1998-Present

Amarillo Cancer Organization, President 2004

Work in association with Coffee Memorial Blood Bank and the Amarillo Marrow Donor Association.

*2001-Present Ambassador for the Borger Chamber of Commerce

*2001-Present Noon Lions Club

1997-Present

Frank Phillips College - Speak once each semester for A&P

classes at FPC regarding immune system, chromosomes and antigens

*2001-Present

United Way - Chair for GPCH for fundraising

Bullying

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***It scares some people so much that they skip school.** As many as 160,000 students may stay home on any given

day because they're afraid of being bullied.

It can lead to huge problems later in life. Children who bully are more likely to get into fights, vandalize property, and drop out of school. And 6-% of

boys who were bullies in middle school had at least one criminal conviction by the age of 24.

Whatever the reason, bullying is something we all need to think about. Whether we've done it ourselves or whether friends or other people we know are doing it...we all need to recognize that bullying has a terrible effect on the lives of young people. It may not be happening to you today, but it could tomorrow. Report bullying to an Adult! Working together, we can make the lives of young people better.

Businesses:

Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property Now!

A "rendition" is a report to the appraisal district that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on January 1st of this year.

Who must file a rendition?

You must file a rendition if you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income—such as the inventory and equipment used by a business. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, a 10% to 50% penalty may be imposed.

Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☛ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2004. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2005.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Sherman County Appraisal District
 402 N. 3rd
 Stratford, TX 79084
 (806) 366-5566

For more information, stop by your appraisal district and pick up

"Texas Property Taxes: Taxpayers' Rights, Remedies and Responsibilities"

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn
 Property Tax Division
 P.O. Box 13528
 Austin, TX 78711-3528
 or call: 1-800-252-9121

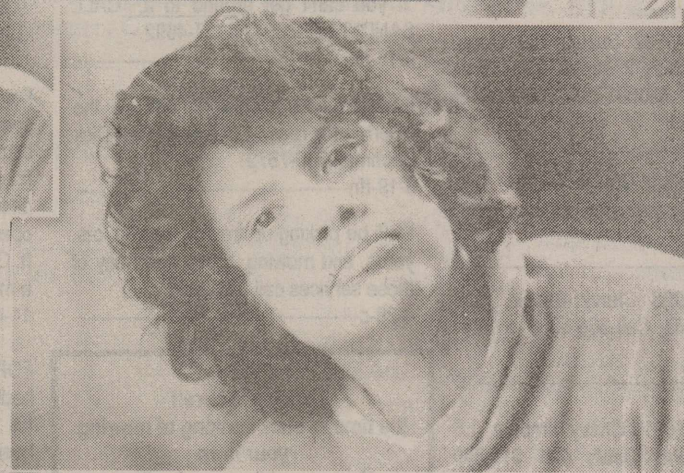
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www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/proptax.html

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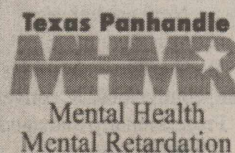
— MARGIE



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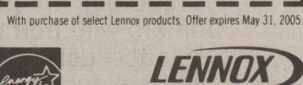
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