



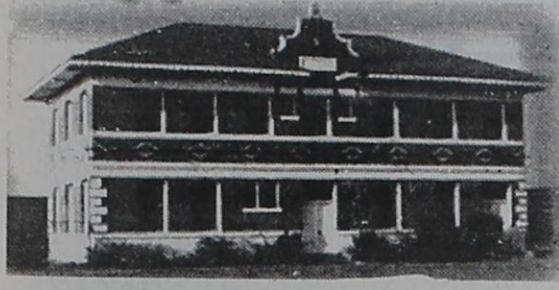
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Senate Passes Redistricting Bill

Senator Fraser Votes 'No'

It finally happened! Sunday night, Oct. 12 in Austin the Senate approved a Congressional Redistricting Bill which redraws lines across the state. Both the House and Senate adjourned, ending six months of controversy.

In the Senate the vote was 17 for and 14 against, with two Republicans, Senators Troy Fraser and Bill Ratliff, joining all twelve Senate Democrats in opposing the bill.

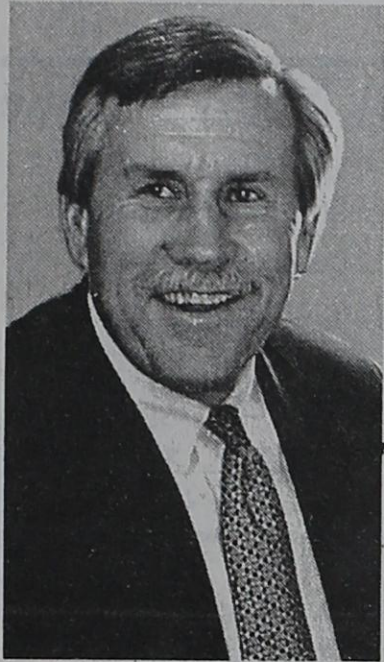
Senator Fraser, District 24, represents 21 counties in this area, including Eastland and Callahan Counties.

He said he voted against the new Congressional map because it hurts the people he represents.

"I was elected by the people of District 24 to represent their interests," he stated. He also reportedly said that Midland (represented by Speaker of the House Tom Craddick) stole a Congressional seat at the expense of West Texas and West Central Texas.

Under the plan, Congressional District 17 is demolished, and Eastland and Callahan Counties, Abilene and assorted points west form a twisted line all the way to Lubbock and the border of New Mexico

This is called District 19, but it hardly fits that criteria as defined by any dictionary.



Senator Troy Fraser

A roughly parallel area to the south is called District 11. It takes in Comanche and Brown Counties, San Angelo, and goes all the way to Midland.

The reworking of boundary lines in West Texas probably means that veteran U.S. Congressman Charles Stenholm, D -Abilene, and freshman U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R -Lubbock will have to run against each other in 2004.

Both are on the House Agricultural Committee in Washington, so West Texas agriculture will lose one voice no matter which way the election goes.

Once Gov. Perry signs the redistricting bill approved by the Senate, the legislation will go to the the U.S. Department of Justice for clearance.

Under the voting rights act,

the Courts will be mainly looking at how this new legislation affects the voting rights of minorities.

(Any chance that West Texas farmers, ranchers and dairymen could be considered an endangered species?)

If the law gets through its first scrutiny, lawsuits against the legislation will probably begin. It's not clear whether they can delay implementation, however.

Last week the House and Senate moved the Primary Election date up to March 9, hoping that everything would be over before that time.

Also Sunday, the House passed the Government Reorganization Bill in a 79-39 vote. Information is that Rep. Jim Keffer, R, District 60, voted for the measure, and Rep. Harvey Hildebrand, R, representing Callahan County and others, voted against it.

The disputed legislation was House Bill 7, which takes two high-profile programs away from State Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's office. They are e-Texas, which looks for inefficiencies in state government, and the Texas School Performance Review.

More information will be coming on this, you can be sure!

The reorganization and new map that finally passed the House and Senate had been pushed vigorously by

U.S. Speaker of the House Tom DeLay, Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, and Speaker of the House Tom Craddick.

No one has made any secret that the new map targets moderate Democrats such as Charles Stenholm, Rep Max Sandlin, Reps. Ralph Hall and Jim Turner, Gene Green and Chet Edwards. Also jeopardized is the future of liberals such as Martin Frost and Lloyd Doggett.

If all these people are defeated it will lead to a reshaping of state and national politics.

The Courts will also need to decide the real intent of redistricting - whether it should focus on what politicians want, or what the voters want.

Last week the House and Senate moved the Primary Election date back to March 9, hoping that this can be held on schedule.

Effective Sept. 1, CHIP coverage will be reduced from 12 to 6 months of eligibility.

Effective October 1, children will have to wait for 90 days after being declared eligible for CHIP in order to receive coverage.

Effective November 1, CHIP co-pays and premiums will increase.

Effective November 1, the following costs will no longer be considered in determining a child's eligibility for coverage: \$120 deduction for work-related expenses, childcare and disabled adult care expenses, child support and alimony payments.

A new CHIP assets test will also be implemented for individuals earning above 150% of poverty, preventing individuals with more than \$5,000 in assets in qualifying for CHIP, and a vehicle assets test that is more restrictive than that of Children's Medicaid.

As a result of these changes, an estimated 169,000 children - more than a third of the current caseload - will no longer be eligible for CHIP coverage by 2005.

Health advocates point out that despite the cuts, CHIP coverage is still critical to thousands of Texas children and will continue to cover doctor visits, immunizations, prescriptions, hospital care and most needed medical services at an affordable rate.

For more information, please visit the Children's Defense Fund of Texas website at www.cdf-texas.org.

The Board of Trustees of the Baird Independent School District will meet in a Special Session on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Baird School Library.

The Board will vote where necessary on all agenda items noted below:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation

UNDEFEATED! BAIRD BEARS STAND 7-0!

Please see sports page

Statement Of Senator Troy Fraser Regarding Congressional Redistricting

"I opposed the map because it mistreats virtually every one of the 21 counties I represent. The unfortunate fact of the matter is that Midland stole a congressional seat at the expense of the rest of West Texas and West Central Texas, and it created a ripple effect across the Hill Country.

"I have been the Legislature for 12 years and have worked as a partisan in the Republican trenches for nearly 20 years. Nobody can legitimately question my Republican credentials. But I was elected by the people of Senate

District 24 to represent their interests and this map negatively impacted the district."

Cong. Charles Stenholm's Statement On Redistricting

I have had the great honor to represent the people of West Texas in Congress for the last 24 years, and the redistricting efforts of the last six months will not change my commitment to them. I will continue working hard to represent them as I always have. It is important that their needs are met and their voices are heard above the partisan political battles in both Austin and Washington.

Should the plan released today be passed by the Texas Legislature, it will be up to the federal court system to review that which has been done in Austin. While I believe the current lines will remain intact for the 2004 elections, my commitment to serve will not change, regardless of the final outcome of this ill-advised and unnecessary attempt to redraw political lines for partisan gain.

Let there be no doubt that I will run for re-election next year, and I will run to win. I will run because we must continue to have Members of Congress who will take a stand for what is right, instead of simply going along with the party line. When the politics of greed and partisanship prevail, the people lose.

Make no mistake about it. The people of West Texas will have the final say in this matter, regardless of what some power-hungry politicians want.

Texas Counties Lose Over \$760 Million Through Cuts To CHIPS

500,000 Children Without Dental, Vision, Most Mental Health Services

Austin, Texas- Over 169,000 children across Texas will no longer be eligible for health insurance coverage by 2005 as a result of changes to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) made by the 78th Texas Legislature. These enrollment cuts will mean a loss of over \$760 million in state and federal funds. In addition, more than 500,000 Texas children enrolled in CHIP lost dental, vision, hospice and most mental health services as of September 1, 2003.

Local official and health care providers are concerned about the impact of the cuts and that the cost of health care will be shifted to cities and counties already facing severe budget shortfalls. Counties in Texas, regardless of size, will lose state and federal funding, ranging from a \$12,045 loss in King county to \$139,550,978 in Harris County.

"By changing the eligibility criteria, the state will lose \$550 million in federal matching funds alone for CHIP over the next two years," said Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff. "These cuts to CHIP and Medicaid

will throw our Hospital District into a projected \$25 million deficit. That's not good for our kids or our hospitals."

According to the Center for Public Policy Priorities, the estimated cuts to CHIPS for Callahan County by 2005 would be - with a case load of 133 - \$596,249.00.

The same source states that Eastland County - with a case load of 244 - will see cuts in the amount of \$1,099,147.00 by 2005.

Patti Everitt, Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund of Texas, stated that the changes are unprecedented. "One-third of the children currently enrolled in CHIP will lost their coverage by 2005. No other state has made such drastic changes to its CHIP program or provides such a limited benefit to children receiving CHIP," she said. "Removing 169,000 children from coverage and eliminating critical benefits will set Texas even further behind other states."

Local community organizations will struggle to meet the needs of working families who lose benefits through CHIP. Of particular concern are cuts to children's mental health services. All but the most minimal mental

health benefits have been eliminated from the Texas CHIP plan. All 500,000 children enrolled will no longer receive evaluation, treatment and therapy after a crisis, or counseling and early intervention to prevent serious illness.

Mental health organizations and providers, also struggling with significant budget cuts, will have difficulty absorbing the children who lose counseling and therapy services under CHIP.

Although 57,000 children used the CHIP mental health benefit from May, 2001 to December, 2002, the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority - Texas' primary mental health provider - currently only serves 38,000 children and cannot handle increased caseloads.

"Children who are not able to access mental health services through CHIP will likely surface in less appropriate, more costly places such as the juvenile justice system and emergency rooms," said Lynn Lasky, president and CEO of Mental Health association in Texas.

Cuts are scheduled to take effect over the next several months, as follows:

Effective August 31, dental, vision, hospice and most mental health benefits will be eliminated from the CHIP benefits package.

Callahan County Volunteers Receive Recognition

On September 23rd, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program held its annual Callahan County Recognition in Baird. A total of 47 R. S. V. P. volunteers and guests from Baird and Clyde were in attendance.

Honored were Volunteer of the Year from Baird, Mary Westbrook and Volunteer of the Year from Clyde, Norma Jean Hubble. Special mention was given to members contributing 600 hours or more of volunteer service this past year. Those members named were Helen Akens, Billie Beaird, Virginia Beaird, Brownie Hanner, Sue

Hawkins, Lucibel Manion, Pauline Parsons, Nila Towler, Susie Wylie, and Velma Young. One member, Nancy Kuhn gave 1,000 hours or more of volunteer service.

Entertainment was provided by Cross Country Band from Clyde and was enjoyed by all in attendance.

We wish to thank all who attended and the Callahan County Coordinators from Baird and Clyde. Velma Young, and Helen Akens and Delores Stewart, Baird Senior Center Site Director and Vicky Burns with the Clyde Senior Center for making all the arrangements.

Notice Of A Special Meeting Of The Baird Independent School District Board Of Trustees

3. Roll Call
4. Open Forum for Public Discussion of the AEIS Report.

A. Counselors and Principals will give the reports

5. Adjourn

If during the course of the meeting, the board determines that discussion of any item on the agenda should be

held in closed session for any and all purposes permitted by section 555.01 through section 5551.084 of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the board will convene in such executive or closed session in accordance with the provision of the Act.

Posted by Lacy Hogue

GOOD COUNTRY FOOTBALL '03



BAIRD BEARS

At Ranger
7:30 PM Kickoff

Friday Night's Games

Friday, Oct. 17
Eastland at Anson
Cisco hosts Haskell
Ranger hosts Baird
Baird at Ranger
Rising Star at Cross Plains
Saturday, Oct. 18
CJC hostss Navarro

Undefeated! Baird Bears Stand 7-0!

The May Tigers were no match for the Baird Bears in Friday's game. The Bears powered to a 49-0 victory over the Tigers.

Only 2:26 into the game, the Bear's score stood 14-0.

At intermission, Baird had a lead of 35-0. In the second half, 14 points were added. The Tigers were unable to score against the quick-striking defense, and excellent ball control by the Bears.

Josh Sims excelled again with TD passes to L.J. Mendez, and Will Ross with rushing attacks and TD runs.

Chief McAdams also put Baird on the score board with a 10-yard scoring run, and Carlos Gomez made the final score with a 3-yard run.

The Baird defense of Reynolds, Gomez, Scott, Kyle Dillard and R. C. Smith, and the a solid blocking line of Brad Matlock, Paeo Carrion and tackles Carter Burford and Jeremy Sims gave the Tigers no chance for a score.

All in all, solid team work and a never ending cool-headed push ahead formed the background for an outstanding victory by the Bears.

Baird meets Ranger on Friday, October 17 at Ranger. Following Ranger, they will play Tolar and Gorman in the final 14-A District games of the season.

Baird	20	15	7	7	- 49
May	0	0	0	0	- 0

First Quarter

Baird - LJ Mendez 25 pass from Josh Sims (Womack good) 11:38

Mendez 24 pass from Sims (Womack kick) 9:34

William Ross 4 run (kick blocked) 2:38

Second Quarter

Baird - Ross 4 run (2 pt. good) 2:09

Mendez 72 pass from Jims (Mendez kick) :00

Third Quarter

Baird - Chief McAdams 10 run (Mendez kick) 8:13

Fourth Quarter

Baird - Carlos Gomez 4 run (Mendez kick) 2:21

Week 7 Area Football Results

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Strawn 66 Woodson 20

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Pioneer News

By Pioneer Ladies Quilt Club

November 1, little over two weeks! The Quilt Show, Bake Sale, and Country Store will be open from 11:00 to 5:00 on that date. It will be at the Pioneer Community Center, between Cross Plains and Rising Star on FM 569. Plan to be here!

The Quilting Ladies had another successful day on Tuesday. We are working on Olena Ezzell's "16 Patch", Glenda Phillip's "variation of a 16 Patch", and Charlene Chesshir's "Flower Garden" (it really belongs to Christy Dallas and it was pieced by Minnie Dallas). We also had our monthly meeting in which most of it was about the up coming Quilt Show. We had 10 members present.

There will be the "domino party" (42 or 84) on Thursday night at the Pioneer Community Center. Come on out for fun and food.

Charlene Chesshir left Friday for Eastland to join Nancy Rogers and her son Robby King and Christy's son Jake Dallas to go to Edmond, Ok. Christy Dallas had gone on earlier in the week to help Margaret and John Chesshir with preparations for their daughter's wedding. Charlene attended the rehearsal and dinner on Friday night. Abby married Ashley Gomer, also of Edmond at 6:30 Saturday Oct. 4. Of course, it was a beautiful wedding! (Have you ever seen one that wasn't?) Charlene's niece and family from Chandler, Ariz. were there as was her niece and family from Amarillo. Charles and Kathy Chesshir from Cross Plains went also. They met their children from Arkansas there. We all enjoyed seeing John and Summer's new baby, Samuel! She had a wonderful time but was glad to get back to her chair Sunday night! No place like home!!

D.P. and May Jones had a gathering of "Midway Island" friends the past week. Wow! Did we ever have a good time! Lots of talk and food. Those who came were: Lonnie and Gladys Johnson of Gatesville, Tx., Don and Mary Ann Kolb of Independence, Ks., Tom and Linda Wrobel of Cascade, Mt., and Randy Wrobel and daughter, Kelee, of San Angelo, Tx. We try to get together with those we served with in the Navy at Midway Island once a year.

We are thankful for the good rains we have had the past week. Everything is looking soo green.

Go out and support your local high school in their sports and academic programs!

Word of wisdom: Your character is what you have left when you've lost everything you can lose.

Hardin-Simmons University Faculty & Staff News

Wendell Tipton recently joined Hardin-Simmons University as campus police officer. Wendell is a graduate of Ranger College, has advanced peace officer certification. He previously worked for the Hawley and Ranger police departments and the Eastland County Sheriff's Office. He is single and enjoys golf.

Marcille Covington joined the Hardin-Simmons University Advancement

Office as gifts coordinator Oct. 6. She has a background in insurance.



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Tim Shelton

Marcille recently returned to Abilene from Amarillo to be near her daughter and grandson. She attends Trinity Baptist Church and enjoys

gardening and cooking.

Gary Stephenson, Hardin-Simmons University's director of educational technology, has been elected

to the Board of Trustees for the central section of the United States Cycling Federation.

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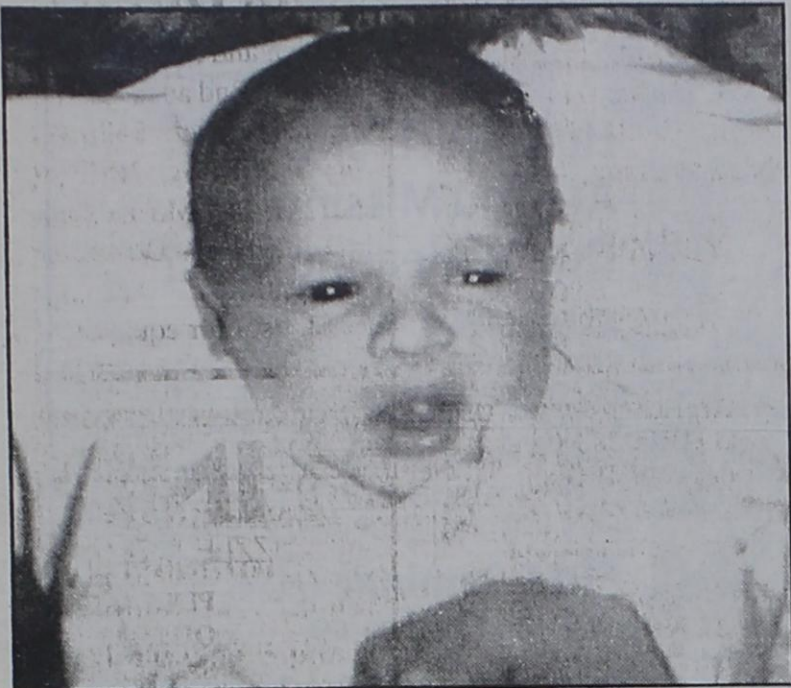
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Birth Announcement



Laura Jean Carter

Dana J. and Michael W. Carter of Longview are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, Laura Jean Carter, who was born Tuesday, August 26, 2003, at

Good Shepherd Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

She is the granddaughter of Jean and Dub Hoffmann of Eastland and Jean and Jack Morris of Post.

Lakeside 2-Guys and 1-Doll Scramble Tournament

The Lakeside Ladies Golf Association will be sponsoring a 2-Guys and 1-Doll Scramble Tournament on Saturday, October 25, 2003. There will be a 9:30 a.m. and a 1:30 p.m. tee time available and the entry fee will be \$90.00 per team. A hamburger dinner will be provided to each player. Mulligans may be purchased at \$5.00 per player and carts are available to rent. Please enter by 12

noon on Friday, October 24, 2003.

The Lakeside Ladies will also be hosting some fun activities on Friday night preceding the tournament. There will be Glow-Ball Long Drive Contest and a Glow-Ball Putting Contest taking place after dark. The cost will be 3 Balls for \$10.00 in each event.

For more information on this event call 629-2892.

The Reader Who Cares

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

My advice for today may sound a little strange but consider taking care of your physical needs in a timely fashion.

I realize there are many things to do and task that may remain unfinished. You are important. Use your time and your wisdom to be better prepared to face the task before you so you can really care for others in a proper

manner.

One very small personal experience: For years I have been bothered with cramps in my toes, feet and legs. I began taking OsCal at the urging of my son and they stopped. Lately I have neglected this practice and I have paid by begin woken up from a deep sleep by cramps. I am now spending that thirty seconds it takes to pop that pill wisely. The cramps stopped. Care about yourself.

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Carbon News

By LaTonne Rodgers

Wonderful fall weather - what a blessing- good moisture with it- can we ask for anything better?

Erven Hummel continues to improve with good reports from recent doctor visits.

Gary Norris is home and still in rehab therapy with progress being made.

John Kidd is slowly regaining his strength, but sure would like to speed up the process a bit!

Richard Bledsoe has plans for a weekend with Mittie and Leonard- he has to squeeze in time for grandparents along with work.

Friend and neighbor Martha Wood reports busy times with work, church activities and enjoying kids and grandkids. Terri's son Randy is a senior at Cross Plains-James Craig's twin daughters are soccer-playing kindergarten students in Stephenville.

Last weekend my mother Vada Lewis of Desdemona and I joined by Kim Cauthern and JulieAnn of Graham enjoyed a great visit in Roscoe with Jonna and her family. JulieAnn and Mia rode horses supervised by Ruben- girls shopped, cooked, decorated Jonna's newly remodeled home and played with little John Ruben. Saturday lunch was a special treat at Mrs. Allen's in Sweetwater.

Thanks to all for prayers and calls- all tests are completed on John Ruben and he is enjoying perfect health- thankful are we.

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Carbon Golden Exes Homecoming 2003

Carbon Golden Exes inducted the Class of 1953 into their association on October 4, 2003 at the Carbon Community Center.

The class members of Velma Maynard Carson, Pat Collins, Betty Robertson Dawkins, Patsy Pogue Holt, Betty Jane Jackson, Kenneth Johnson, Monda Underwood Oldham, Donald Roff, Cordelia Duggan Smithey, Sybie McDaniel Saverance and Bobby Tucker attended either a class party at the Ramada Inn in Eastland on Friday night or a Saturday event in a Carbon or both activities. Most had not seen each other since their high school days of more than 50 years ago. Unable to attend the events were Doris Hastings Grun, Lynn Hogan, Shirley Lasater Milholland, Johnny Snell and Kenneth Snider. Deceased members of the class are John Morgan, Catherine Scudder, Billy Tucker, and Doris Vaughn.

Coordinators of the event, Burl Caudle, Joe Vaughn and June Tucker Hicks, joined together to provide a day of entertainment and good food. Jake Donaldson handed out door prizes to several lucky people. Caudle acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the morning.

Waida Lee Fields Medford provided a brief eulogy to those who had died since the group last met. They are from Oct. 5, 2002 to Oct. 4, 2003:

Name and Class: Hattie Ayers, Arduth Bean 1936, J.H. (Jay) Bethany 1950, Lofton Bragg, teacher, age 91, Wayne Campbell 1941, Frank Clement, Debbie Jackson Cox 1968, J.A. (Rusty) Greenwood 1940, Birdie Ethel Phelps Hogan 1950, James (Heppy) Jackson 1942, Eva Lea Jones, teacher, age 84, Margaret Jackson Lane 1943, Gus McMillan 1940, Ronald Payne 1948, John Phillips, Bobbie Pittman, Loraine Dover Trout 1928, Mildred Murray Teeple 1952, Max Wilson 1949. Deaths of spouses: Paul Mosley husband of Joan Mosley.

Vaughn provided the information on the finances of the organization. Hicks recognized Arleta Campbell Shirey and Grover Hallmark in her remarks of the Spirit of Carbon. She then introduced Reba Campbell

Reeves, who was a cheerleader when the men of this class were on the football field. Reba led the group of senior citizens in "Two Bits-Four Bits". Donald Nicholas and Dwain Jackson provided the music for the school song. Dr. George McBee of College Station closed out the events by telling terrific success story of his life in the Agricultural business.

The organization named Pat Collins, Bobby Little, Bryan and Jolene Johnson as coordinators for the 2004 event.

The Golden Exes Association expresses their thanks to Carbon 4-H Club and their Sponsors, Edwards Funeral Home, Grover Hallmark, Colin Campbell family and Schaefer Towing for their help and material donations to make this event most enjoyable.

List of attendees:

Marjorie Adair, Sugarland, Tx, Jenoise Allison, Eastland, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Bearl Arnold, Eastland, Tx, Dale Baker, Eastland, Tx, Meredith Baze, David Baze, Abilene, Tx, Marie Rhyne Becker, San Antonio, Tx, Doris Dover Brown and Milton, Granbury, Tx, Truman and Wanda Bryant, Carbon, Tx, Ivan and Polly Reynolds Buckle, Winston, Or., Bernard Campbell, Eastland, Tx, Hazel Campbell, Carbon, Tx, Doris Reynolds Capers, Ft. Worth, Tx, Rozell Caraway,

Eastland, Tx, Bill and Lee Carlton, Eastland, Tx, Velma Carson, May, Tx, Burl and Janie Caudle, Conroe, Tx, Delwin Caudle, Rising Star, Tx, Pat and Patsy Collins, Eastland, Tx, Joe Collins, Canton, Tx, Marie Cook, Gorman, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Craighead, Odessa, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Cross, Eastland, Tx, Clarice Gregg Cunningham and daughter, Midland, Tx, Jake Donaldson, Eastland, Tx, Wayne Eaves, Desdemona, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ford, Arlington, Tx, Lottie Snodgrass Fox, Olden, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gilbert, Denton, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert, De Leon, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. John Kent Gilbert, Mountain Home, Ark., Sam and Tracy Underwood Gorman, Abilene, Tx, Lou Ann Jackson Griffith, Midland, Tx, Ruth Guy, Eastland, Tx, Blanche Hall, Eastland, Tx, Dale and Lena Eaves Hawkins, Blanket, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hearn, Clyde, Tx, Jean Walsh Hernandez, Hurst, Tx, Mary June Tucker Hicks, Carbon, Tx, Patsy Hogue Holt, Midland, Tx, Betty Jackson, Dallas, Tx, Bobbie Joe Jackson, Odessa, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Jackson, Ft. Stockton, Tx., Jo Nell Jackson, Carbon, Tx and daughter, Linda Neely, Henry and Elvenor Adair Johns, Westerville, Ohio, Bryan and Jolene Johnson, Eastland, Tx, Kenneth Johnson, Eastland, Tx, Robert and Mary Lee Harlow Jones, Sunrise Beach, Tx, Webb Jordan, Eastland, Tx,

Zelda Jordan, Gorman, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Arl Lasater, Carbon, Tx, Bobby Little, Eastland, Tx, Opal Little, Olden, Tx, Sue Lovelace, Eastland, Tx, Don Martin, Odessa, Tx, Donnie Mathison, Carbon, Tx, Walter and Winnette Maynard, Eastland, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Don May, Austin, Tx, George and Janie McBee, College Station, Tx, Leo McDaniel, Abilene, Tx, R. Lee McDaniel, Carbon, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McFall, Houston, Tx, Royce and Hope McGaha, Carbon, Tx, Ted and Waida Medford, Abilene, Tx, Ann Snodgrass Murray, Eastland, Tx, Clive and Louella Murray, Pleasanton, Tx, Donald and Sally Nicholas, Eastland, Tx, Bill and Monda Oldham, Searcy, Ark., Edna Ann Powell, Gorman, Tx, Reba Campbell Reeves, Kimberly Reeves, Frank Redwine and two guests, Ft. Worth, Tx, Floyd Rice, Ranger, Tx, Don Roff, Lake Kiowa, Tx, Ken and Mary Rogers, Eastland, Tx, Charlene Shaller, Abilene, Tx, Arleta Shirey, Eastland, Tx, Betty Sims, San Antonio, Tx, Pat Jackson Sims, Graham, Tx, Dorene Smith, Eastland, Tx, Cordelia Duggan Smithey, Gorman, Tx, Mack and Lavene Stubblefield, Carbon, Tx, Ladell Tonn and daughter, Marilyn, Round Rock, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Tucker, Carbon, Tx, Milton Underwood, Eastland, Tx, Joe and Elizabeth Vaughn, Eastland, Tx, Addie Walker, Dale and Tina Walker, Carbon, Tx, Barry and Ruby Dell Ward, Ft. Worth, Tx, John

Edward and Neece Trimble, Indianapolis, Ind., Ruby Lee Whitehead, Cisco, Tx, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilson, Brownwood, Tx, Martha Wood, Carbon, Tx, Phyllis Wright, Eastland, Tx, C.M. Wyatt, Midland, Tx.

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Freedom Of Information Seminar Sends Wake-Up Call: Open Government Laws Must Be Protected

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Author and speaker Florence Littauer will lead the seminar, along with her daughters (and fellow authors and speakers) Marita and Lauren. The CLASS organization provides inspiration, outlets for speaking and writing, guidance, and advice. Those interested in leading devotionals without panicking, learning about opportunities in writing and speaking-or in improving and honing a career in either field-are encouraged to attend.

Originally offered in 1981, the CLASSEminar has trained over 10,000 men and women in speaking and writing, including many notables within the Christian Community such as Becky Tirabassi, Beth Moore, Emilie Barnes, Patsy Clairmont, and Liz Curtis Higgs. The CLASSEminar has gained a reputation as the premier learning experience for anyone wishing to im-

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The registration fee is \$305, which covers seminar, materials and lunches for the three days.

For further info., call Dena Dyer at 817-573-4469, or the CLASS office at 800-433-6633 or visit http://www.classservices.com/CS_Conference_Seminar_GranburyInfo.html.

By Margaret Hetrick
Basing his words on a famous quote from the Bible, Attorney Rob Wiley explained the issue of Open Government laws in simple terms - the Legislature "giveth", and it "taketh" away.

Wiley, a partner of the Houston law firm Locke Liddell Sapp LLP, was a key note speaker at a Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas seminar in Abilene on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2003. He is a specialist in media and commercial law, and past president of the Foundation.

He was joined by speakers Joseph R. Larsen, an associate in trial practice with the law firm Liddell, Sapp, Zivley, Hill & LaBoon, L.L.P. of Houston, and Hadassah Schloss, the open records administrator for the Texas Building and Procurement Commission.

The three speakers discussed and informed members of the media, government and school administrators, and other organizations about the Texas Public Information Act, and the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Although these Open Government laws - which give citizens the right to view the deliberations of

government bodies, and are based on the assumption that all records of every government body are open unless an exception is in place - are a reflection of the principals of the First Amendment, they are not anchored therein and are subject to change, Attorney Wiley explained.

In other words, the First Amendment states: "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press". It does not specifically say that the press or private citizens have the right to view all government records upon request. There are many exceptions - imbedded in laws passed by the legislature - that allow governmental agencies to close their records to the public.

The First Amendment gives the people the right to "petition the Government for a redress of grievances", but it does not say that we - in all circumstances - can be present at all meetings held by government entities. Closed sessions allow certain subjects to be addressed behind closed doors. A vote on the matter, however, must be held openly.

The open state and federal government laws are, as one seminar participant said, a "reflection of our open and democratic society."

They usually were passed after government scandals - on a Federal level, Watergate - brought the necessity to light. But they are subject to change, and must be protected.

All speakers underlined that, as it is, there are loopholes enough, and plenty of lobby and interest groups constantly seek to close the public's access to government records or meetings.

The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas states: "James Madison said that for a people to be their own governor, a people have to know what their government is doing not necessarily because that government is doing bad things, but just to know, to be a part of the process, to have input, to change what's wrong and make things better."

It further states: "As citizens in our democracy, we have a responsibility to be involved in the process and a right to know what government officials and agencies which we support with our tax dollars and, even at times our lives, are doing for us and to us."

When a people give up their right of access to public information or it is taken



Members of the media and other organizations discuss open government law issues with Houston attorneys Wiley and Larsen.

away from them, many times through the legislative process, they give up their freedom to fully participate. They give up their freedom of expression."

A Notice of Open Meeting should always - as required by law - be posted in advance. Many agendas leave place for public participation.

But do we, as citizens of our community, state, and nation exercise these rights of access? Where are the concerned citizens when a county or town open meeting is held? Often the benches or seats are empty.

Thereby, issues of vital importance are being discussed at these meetings, and are often voted on.

To our citizens:

Knowledge is power - power to be an active part of your government - be it local, county, state or federal. Take the time to inform yourself, ask questions, know where your elected officials stand.

To our elected government officials: - Implement the Texas Open Meetings and Public Information Acts. It will build trust between you and your voters. They will know that you are working for them.

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My Boyhood Memories Of Carbon

By Don L. May
(Ed. Note: This Carbon Ex-student has had an outstanding career which is inspirational. He writes here of his "Huck Finn Days.")

Coming back and visiting the town of Carbon and its old school building has been a dream of mine for a long time. The school there, the people in the community and the Baptist Church made a significant impact in my early boyhood life, as I lived there with my Mother and Dad from 1936 until 1942 at which time we moved away.

My first year in school was at Carbo, where I was enrolled Ms. Reba Ransom's 1st grade class in the fall of 1937. My schooling came to an end at Carbon at the conclusion of my first grade year, as it was determined I had a significant visual problem that would preclude me being successful with the other kids in my class. That first year though was a wonderful time, as I learned to read even though I held the Dick and Jane Reader touching the tip of my nose.

It was impossible for me to see from my desk what was written on those old dusty gray chalk blackboards during our class. I loved to be in the students selected to take those old chalk erasers outside and clean them by pounding them on the school wall out back. As that school year ended, needless to say it was a traumatic time for me and my parents to come to grip with the realization that it would be necessary for me to leave home at age 7 in order to have a chance to pursue my education in a place designed to accommodate my visual

problems. The decision was made for me to continue my education at the Texas School for the Blind in Austin where I was enrolled for my 2nd year of schooling in the fall of 1938.

From that time forward, I was an intermittent resident in Carbon, living there with my family only during the two week Christmas periods and three summer months of each year until we moved to Gorman in 1942.

It was during those 6 wonderful years I lived there that I played all over town with the young kids of my age and was in and out of every building that made up the town as it existed in those years. We would play cowboy and indians at Junior O'Brien's house. I saw my first hog killing and the preparation of salt pork at the home of Bob and Jack Tyrone during the fall of one year.

I lived on the street leading up to the RR Depot and I remember like it was yesterday seeing Mr. Archie Thurman and his span of old mules pulling that old flat bad wagon of his to and from the depot each day carrying the mail bags back and forth from the post office. It was on that hill just in front of the depot that I finally learned to ride my bike, with my friends helping me get on it and turning me loose to do my best going down that incline to the crash I knew was waiting for me. One day though, I mastered it after many bruises.

Mr. Wilkerson, the Katy Depot agent at the time, was a man with one leg, who lived beside us. Mrs. Wilkerson, his wife, was a lady who

made me the only Halloween costume that I ever owned. Today it is a prized possession that is kept in a trunk in my store room until this day.

For a man who would spend some 36 years of his professional life working with traumatically injured and the physically handicapped, it was there in Carbon I saw and became aware of other people with physical impairments. The following who's names I'm omitting have always been in my memory for a life time. A family up the street from me had this little girl about my age who was deaf. Then there was this man who had a son I played with daily and who was paralyzed and had to be assisted when attempting to set up. I knew a little boy who started school with me in my class who was mentally challenged and I heard later was placed in a special school. Yes, and there were others, all of us God's children living in a day and time referred to as the Great Depression in this little town of Carbon which now only exists in the memories of those of us who once lived there.

Mr. Buck Tate's filling station on main street was the place my folks sent me to get kerosene for our lamps. Mr. Truman Bean, the kind gentleman, who also, owned a service station on Main Street, frequently took time out to help this little skinny kid fix the flats on his bike as a result of those famous Carbon grass burrs and goat heads. Further down the street was Mr. Ben Stevenson's grocery store...and the thing I remember about it was the long glassed in candy counter that made this little kid's mouth water. Next, going south just past the post office, was my Toad Medford's service station...Out front was the big soda ice box full of chipped ice and an array of soda pop bottles filled in many colors. You could nearly smell those drinks when the lid was raised...and it wasn't often that I had the nickel it cost to buy one. But Toad or some of the men there at times would treat me to a big RC Cola or a Big Orange.

Just across the street where main street made its turn towards Gorman, Mr. Zinn Phillips had his Texaco Station...and that kind, wonderful man always saw to it that Don had a Texaco cap with a bill to wear which I was so very proud of. Then, there was the big store in town...The Carbon Trading Company, a place where it seemed to me you could buy nearly anything you might want or need ranging from furniture, to clothing, to groceries in the back...and in the back was where the butcher (Olliverton Stone?) whose name I can't recall always gave me huge bones to take home for my dogs. Very close to the Trading Company was Hall's variety

store and then the funeral parlor. Next I recall Boyt's Drug Store, where they had comic books and candy...My goodness, could a little ragged kneed kid enjoy going in there and dreaming what some of that candy would taste like while looking at those comic books. This was the closing years of the Great Depression and many families had a difficult time getting by...needless to say they didn't have spare money for the likes of candy.

Next still going on the left side of main street to the north, you came to Doc Jackson's little office, a building which hadn't seen paint since it was built. There he usually sat outside on the bench or just inside the door. Next was Yarborough's Drug store which, also, served as the bus station. It was there that my mom and dad would put me on the bus when I would leave Carbon for school in Austin, as we did not own an automobile. I can't imagine a parent putting a child on a bus alone for anywhere today. In those days we lived in a safe society where people put trust in others, and a child like me could travel under the supervision and care of the bus driver.

Next, across the street still going north was John Phillip's Cafe and beyond that was Elger Butler's Barber Shop where men and boys would get their hair cut for 15 cents.

It was in that wonderful little community of Carbon which I, in later years, referred to as my Huckleberry Finn boyhood days. I fished with the other boys, for crawdads in Black's tank. I made rubber guns and fought in the boyhood wars with the likes of Charles Adair, the son of another Deport Agent, Howard Christian, the son of the Baptist preacher, and Bruce Gilbert as well as some

of the Ables' boys who lived down the street. As kids we dug caves in the side yard of the Adair house, climbed trees and talked of turning Mrs. Brown's outhouse over on Halloween. The town would turn out for the Medicine Shows that would come once or twice a year selling their cure all medicines and putting on a song and dance blackface performance for the crowd.

Last but certainly not least, in 1940, I was baptized at age 9 at a tabernacle revival meeting conducted by our Pastor Rev. Howard Christian, Sr. I along with others was baptized in a creek or river somewhere near Carbon...but can't recall the location today. (Boyte's tank?) In summary, I'm looking forward to participating in the Carbon School Reunion, and if possible I would love to join the students that were enrolled in the 1st grade class in the fall of 1937. I recall it the early 1940's they added a year more of school required for graduation.

I'm 72 now, and have had a full and eventful life. With my academic background beginning in Carbon. I later graduated from high school in Fort Worth which was made possible due to the advancement in optics and successful eye surgery. I obtained my undergraduate degree at TCU in Fort Worth, and my Masters degree at West Texas State. Later I did post Masters graduate study in my field at Texas Tech in Lubbock and U.C.L.A.

In my early career I was a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for the Vocationally handicapped and worked in hospitals and Medical Rehabilitation facilities and later was a Medical Program Specialist in the Central Office of the Texas Rehabilitation in Austin.

In 1993, I retired as a

Thursday, October 16, 2003

Medical Program Specialist with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission following 31 years of state service.

These are some of the memories and thoughts I wanted to share with you regarding a place I have held dear since the days of my boyhood.

Don L. May
8001 Havenwood Dr.
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Don May's Carbon remembrance story is an inspiration of over-coming handicaps to live a life of service to others.

He credits his mother with making the decision that made it possible. She alone, he said in a telephone conversation this week, made the decision to "give him up" to a school for the blind in Fort Worth she had learned about. The heart-wrenching decision came after Don's first year (1938) in school in Carbon, and it was a decision that was opposed by most family members including her own father. He's just a little boy, they said.

That decision opened the door for Don. Braille was a snap for him and he was a fast learner in other areas. The school taught him music which eventually paved the way for band work which paid his way through TCU and a professional career of helping others overcome disabilities.

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The Baird '48 Study Club met at 7:30 PM on Monday, October 13, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church for their regular meeting.

President Tereva Hunter called the meeting to order and asked Secretary Linda Hart to read the minutes for the meetings in May, 2003 and September, 2003. The minutes were approved as read.

and a bake sale will be held at the same time as the Tour of Homes.

Kristi Corn introduced the guest how gave the program for the evening. Gennie Hawk is with Hendrick Health Systems -- Albany Division.

Refreshments were served by hostesses Judy Gulley and Joanie Shrader. President Tereva Hunter dismissed the meeting.

Members present were Kristi Belcher, Barbara Corn, Irma Crow, Frances Greenway, Judy Gulley, Linda Hart, Pat Holland, Tereva Hunter, Amanda King, Georgie Manion, Sally McGregor, Sue McNeil, Chasity Pritz, Cheryl Roach, Joanie Shrader, Joyce Smauley, and Dyanne Thompson.

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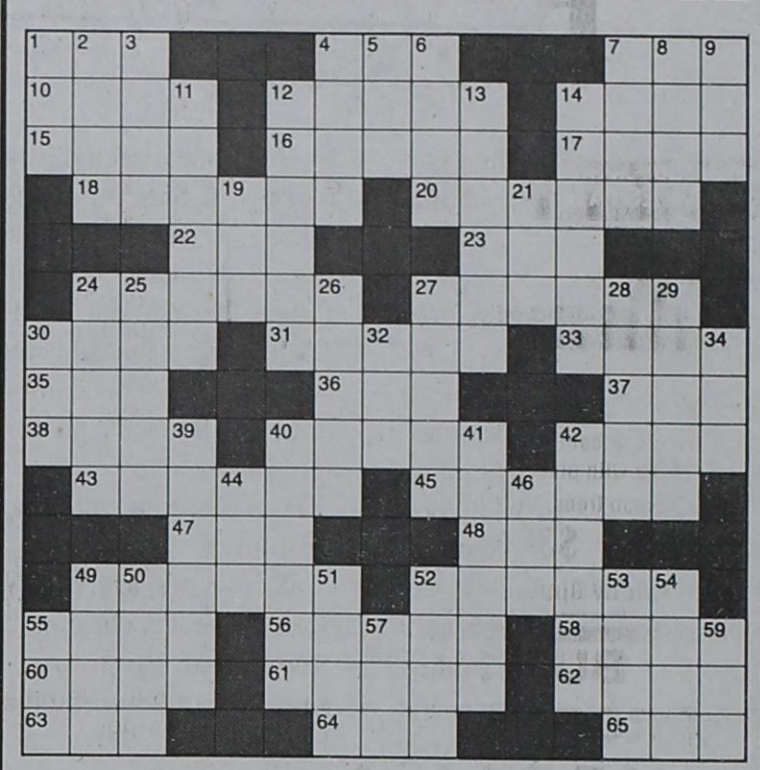
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Robert Walker of Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

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Obituary

O.B. Spence

O.B. Spence, 70, died October 13, 2003 at his home in Abilene after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, October 15, 2003 at the Elliott-Hamil Chapel of Memories. Rev. H.B. Terry officiated. Interment was in Elmwood Memorial Park, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

O.B. was born February 10, 1933 in Jones County, Texas to M.L. Spence and Beulah Bright Spence. At an early age he was adopted by his grandparents, Ella Damron Spence and William Robert Spence. All four parents preceded him in death, along with a brother, Buddy Spence on June 30, 2003.

His family ranched throughout West Texas. O.B. married his high school sweetheart, Janice McQueen, May 15, 1952 in Baird, Texas. The couple made their home in Crane, Texas, where O.B. was employed by the City of Crane. Eleven months into their marriage, O.B. was drafted in the U.S. Army. For a short time he was employed

by Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. in Ft. Stockton, TX. In 1958, 25 year old Spence joined the City of Abilene Police Department. In 1972 Spence began building homes and ranching. This continued until Mr. Spence's health deteriorated.

Four children were born to this union.

Survivors are his wife, Janice Spence; children, Don Spence of Pittsburg, PA, Jeanine and her husband, Doug Horner, Jerry and his wife, Laura Spence, and Dr. Sam Spence of Abilene; and ten grandchildren, Ryan and Caleb Horner, Autumn and her husband, Lane Pepper of Boerne, TX, Arin, Ashton, Alisabeth, Christopher, Patrick, Katherine, and Amy Spence of Abilene. Others survivors are a brother, Bob Spence and sister-in-law, Isabel Spence and nephews.

May 15, 2003 O.B. and Janice celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX. 79605.

Obituary

Yulan McCrum

BAIRD- Yulan McCrum, 101, of Fort Worth, Texas, died Saturday, October 11, 2003 at Forest Hills Nursing Home in Fort Worth.

A graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, October 13, 2003 at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco, Texas. Rev. Chad King officiated, services were directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Mrs. McCrum was born January 2, 1902 in Nimrod, Texas. She had lived in the Fort Worth area since 1982, moving there from Cisco, Texas, where she resided many years. She graduated from Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton, Texas and

was a school teacher. She was a Baptist and a member of the Cisco and Moran Order of Eastern Star where she was past Worthy Matron. She married Ira Willis McCrum in Eastland County, Texas on April 28, 1926. He preceded her in death July 16, 1981.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Garland Arndell and Carrie Jane Wells Arndell; one brother and one sister.

Survivors are one daughter, Dorris E. Clark of Fort Worth; one grandson, Raymond Clark of Rio Vista, TX; one great-granddaughter, Amanda L. Hicks of Rio Vista, TX.

Memorials may be made to Cisco and Moran Order of Eastern Star.

Obituary

Franzel Odom

Mr. Franzell Odom, 85, of Cross Plains, died Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at the Rising Star Nursing Center in Rising Star.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, October 10, 2003 at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel, Mike Redd officiated. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home in Cross Plains.

Mr. Odom was born July 19, 1918 in Callahan County to Ivan Odom and Maybelle (Lane) Odom. He lived in the Callahan County area all his life. He was a veteran of the Army and served during World War II. He was a retired farmer. He served as County Commissioner for

12 years in Callahan County Precinct No. 4. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by all.

He married Becky Helen (Becker) Odom on November 1, 1944 in Austin, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Penny Heath; two brothers, Russell Odom and Sterling Odom.

Survivors are his wife, Becky Odom of Cross Plains; son, Gary Odom of Tuscola; son-in-law, Glen Heath of Friendswood; sister, Laura Fay Holloway of Abilene; four grandchildren, Chandra Dozier, Dillon Heath, Wade Odom, Brian Odom.

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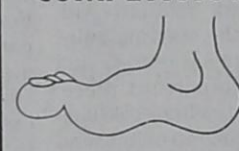
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