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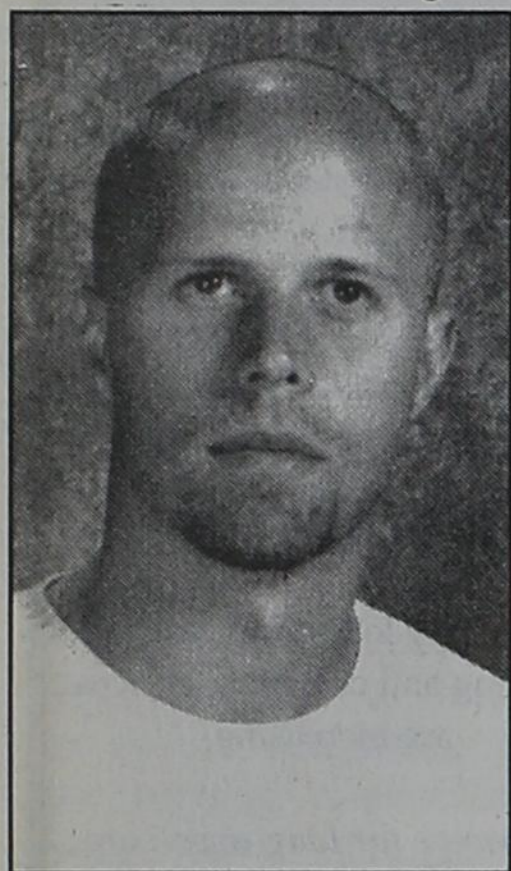
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Boating Accident Claims Life Of Clyde Man



Pecan Bayou after heavy rains fell in the area. Apparently Petrusky was too close to a small dam at Fabis Park, where water spilling over the spillway and strong currents were whirling tree limbs in and out of the water, it was reported.

The male kayakers were not in the water at the moment. All kayakers were wearing life jackets, a spokesperson for the Brown County Sheriff's Department said.

In an attempt to rescue Petrusky, Lindstrom jumped into the water and was pulled under.

Petrusky resurfaced, and was brought to safety by Joshua Terrill, according to the Sheriff's Department report. Lindstrom was not breathing when he was pulled from the water approximately 15 minutes later.

Lindstrom and Petrusky were taken to the Brownwood Regional Medical Center, where Lindstrom was pronounced dead. Petrusky received minor injuries.

Services for Micah Lindstrom, a 1994 CHS honor graduate, were held at the new Clyde High School gym on Wednesday, June 18.

Clyde resident and Jr. High School coach, Micah Tate Lindstrom, 26 years of age, died in a tragic boating accident at Pecan Bayou near Brownwood on Saturday, June 14.

Lindstrom was kayaking with friends on the Bayou when one of the kayaks carrying Christa Petrusky, a 21 year old Hardin Simmons student, overturned.

The Brownwood Sheriff's Department also released the names of Luke Terrill, 21, a Hardin Simmons Student, and Joshua Simmons, 24, a Bangs school district employee, who accompanied

Lindstrom and Petrusky on the boating excursion.

Water was high and currents treacherous on the

Chamber Of Commerce Thanks Community And Trade Day Sponsors

The annual Antiques Market/Trade Days hosted by Baird Chamber of Commerce drew 49 vendors representing 22 cities and several from Abilene, Clyde and Baird.

Sheena Estrella sang the National Anthem during a Flag Day Ceremony on Saturday, with Eugene Bell Post 82 in charge of the raising the flag under the direction of Vice Commander Gary VanCleave. Grumpe's Specialities donated candy to go along with small flags that were distributed to Market Street shoppers. Girl Scout Troop 232 also assisted with the flag raising ceremony.

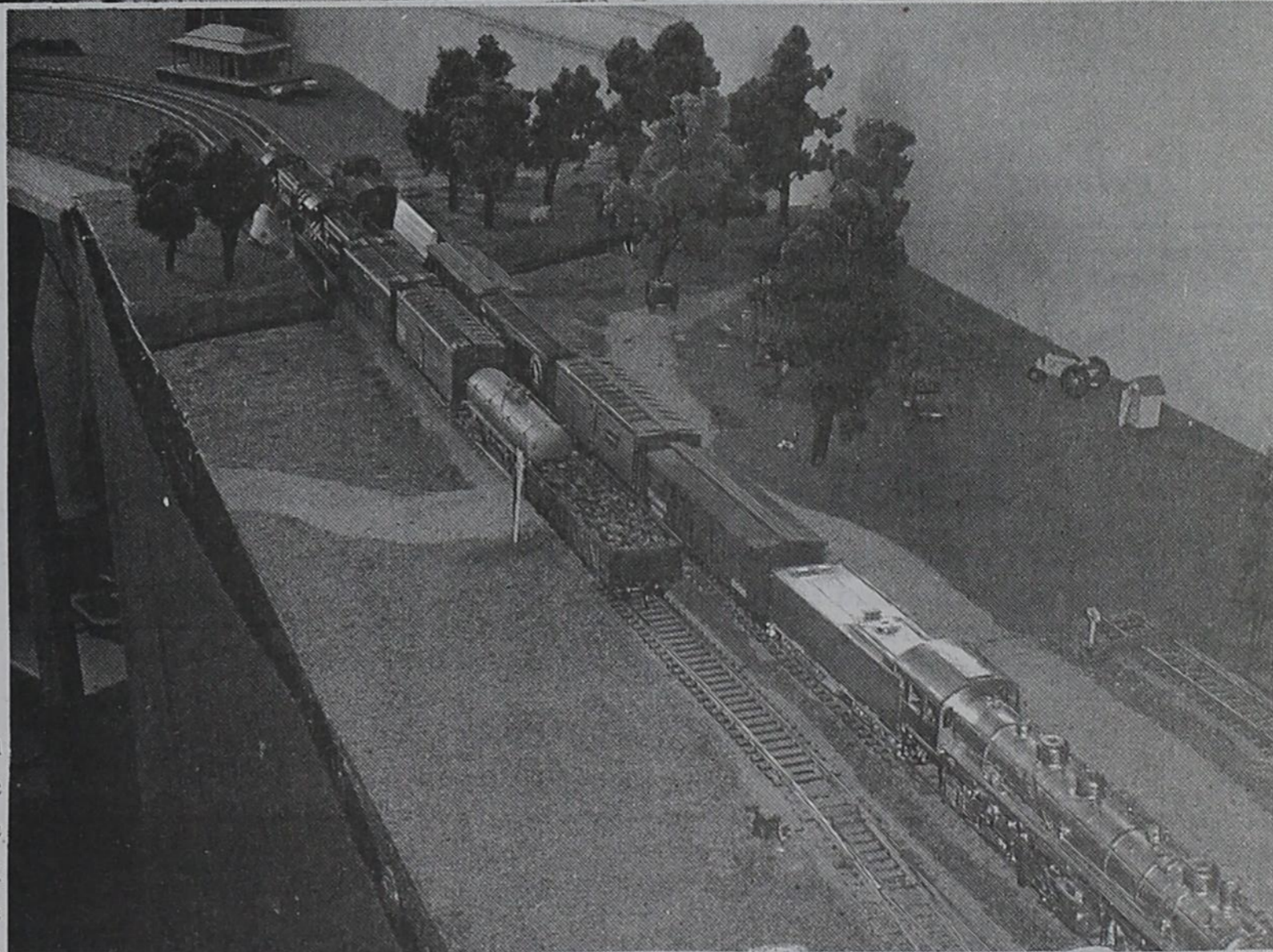
Teresa Smith of Baird was the winner of more than \$1,000 worth of yard and garden supplies in the Keep Baird Beautiful Earth Day raffle.

The Tea Time Appraisal Fair was a successful event that the Antiques Market/Trade Days committee hopes to repeat next year. The Appraisal Fair was conducted by professional appraisers Donald King Cowan and C.L. "Sam" Webb of Dallas. The Bobbye Roach family did an outstanding job of setting up the event in a building donated by Diane Buck. Ross Darnell provided materials; Joe Ramos was instrumental in preparing the building as well as other event locations.

Baird Dairy Queen provided Blizzards for a Chamber fundraiser in the Flashback building owned by Mark and Trish Duque. Steve Bowen donated the use of the Boydston Hardware building. Mark Hanner was responsible for having the banner repaired, and Rudy Rodriguez and Txdot crew had the banner in place for the weekend. First Baptist Church loaned chairs used at the Appraisal Fair.

Paula Corn and Callahan County Co-Op donated time and equipment to move the kiddie rides to the Depot. Jack and Darlene King repaired the Depot flagpole, and Mike Konczak donated supplies for the project. Ruth Fisher registered guests all day Saturday at the Depot. Ice was provided by Allsup's and Lawrence Bros. IGA, Coca Cola of Abilene donated the drink trailer and supplies for the Baird Foundation fundraiser. City of Baird provided manpower for several projects and dumpsters.

The Chamber expressed appreciation to all who supported the event including the sponsors who helped with promotion and everyone who participated or provided assistance.



Scenes from Baird Trade Days Lot's and lots of antique, and crafts were on display for sale. Also a model train display was set up so everyone could view it.

Sweetwater Hosts Extension's District 7 4-H Horse Show

The Nolan County Coliseum was abuzz with activity June 16 as almost 100 young horse enthusiasts vied for top honors during Texas Cooperative Extension's Annual District 7 4-H Horse Show.

Champion Judged Horseman honors went to Kendra Kemp of Coleman County. Tara Schroedter of Fisher County was named the show's Champion Timed Horseman.

The Grand Champion Mare was exhibited by Kathleen Hargett of Coleman County. Casey Hill of Nolan County showed the Grand Champion Gelding. The Reserve Grand Champion Mare was exhibited by Andrea Reyes of Taylor County. Robby Crabtree of Callahan County had the Reserve Grand Champion Gelding. Teri Windham, Garrison

Foreman, and Bailey Reynolds also represented Callahan County at this year's show.

Taylor County nabbed High Point County honors.

The Extension-sponsored event involves participants from across District 7's 23 county area. Those who earned a minimum of one point in the qualifying portion of the show and all those in the open segment, are eligible for state competition in Abilene July 19-26.

The Sweetwater contests featured many halter, English and western classes and numerous speed events.

The 4-H Horse Project teaches skills in leadership, horsemanship, sportsmanship, teamwork and responsibility. The 4-H program is Texas Cooperative Extension's youth development and leadership program.

D.P.S. Report

06-08-03 to 06-14-03
Cases Investigated
Warnings 107
Complaints 102
DWI 2
Public Intoxication 1
Unlawful Carrying Firearm 1

Accidents
There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.
People arrested on outstanding warrants
6 for a total of \$1,696.00 collected.

Cross Plains Library Holds 3rd Annual Red, White & Blue Fund Raiser

The Cross Plains Public Library asks everyone to join them at the Cross Plains Community Center for a fun evening on Friday, June 27, 2003 as they raise money to help defray their operating costs.

The evening will begin with another great Spaghetti

Dinner, with all the trimmings, served up by the Sisters of Beta Sigma Phi. Dinner tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for adults, \$3.00 for kids 12 and under, and take-out orders will be available. All dinner proceeds help support BSP's many public service projects, and

tickets can be purchased at the Library, Chamber of Commerce, or from any BSP member.

To support the Library, a Silent Auction will begin at 5:30, and the Live Auction will start at 7:00 PM. A sampling of auction items (Continued Inside)

"The Idle American"

By Dr. Don Newbury, Burleson, TX.

EVERY FEW YEARS, baseball babble seems to bobble around cork--and not the kind signaling a fish might be calling. Still, the deal seems fishy with the smell to match. The current discussion over coffee cups across the land concerns whether Sammy Sosa REALLY knew he was using a corked bat. (He claims he forgot it was his practice bat.) Java drinkers' decision: He knew, and he is sorry-(that the bat broke...)

Learning that major league baseball decided he should be suspended for eight games, he in effect said he would take whatever punishment came down. And, it did come down - to seven games...Now, golfing purists will want to go through Annika Sorenstam's bag to make sure she's not using corked clubs...

STILL ON THE NATIONAL pastime, it is arguable that baseball still rules in that lofty position. Quirky new--like Sosa's bat, and the Houston's Astros' setting a major league record with six pitchers combing to toss a no hitter at the New York Yankees--seems far more important in baseball conversations than standings. (Speaking of the Houston deal, who do you think to be most embarrassed- Yankee owner George Steinbrenner, manager Joe Torre or the SIX Houston pitchers who never entered the game?)

Anyway, baseball attendance is down in double digit percentages at most major league parks, and TV ratings are plunging as well. One Texas Ranger fan, hearing a claim that baseball programming would be responsible for the sale of millions of TV

sets this season, responded, "I don't doubt it- I sold mine!"

BASEBALL SEEMED bigger when you could just hear it on the radio. It provided scenarios for many an argument, and a lot of them landed on sports desks where getting out newspapers seemed a mite more important than settling arguments.

On a sleepy summer day, perhaps when all the teams were traveling, random arguments carried the day. Three teenagers one afternoon argued about the most unbelievable inventions in the history of the world. One claimed the wheel, and how much that seemingly simple invention changed the world. Another was taken by aviation and how it had "dented the sound barrier" (something he wasn't sure God ever intended to be dented). The third, a bit less bent toward science, said he believed the thermos bottle had to be the most unbelievable of inventions. "The thermos bottle?" the other two questioned.

"Yep, the very thermos bottle I took out to the cotton patch yesterday morning with hot soup in it gave me hot soup, I mean steamy, hot, when I ate it at lunch," he answered. "Today, I brought the same thermos bottle to the same cotton patch with iced tea in it, and when I drank it at lunch, there were still ice chips in it. What I find so unbelievable is, how does it know?"

The same kids argued on whatever they knew a little bit about, and it didn't have to be much. Usually, they were on days when there were no baseball games and the fish weren't biting. Two other memorable arguments- neither ever resolved- had to do with whether beards grow faster, at night or during the day, and which is wetter, well water or river water?

THERE SEEM MANY imponderables yet today. A current joke making the rounds is that Japanese eat almost no fat, and heart attacks there are far fewer than the U.S. and many other parts of the world. In Mexico, where residents eat tons of fat, reports of heart attacks still are far fewer than in the U.S. The litany continues for Germany, where beer and sausages are consumed in big lots, in France, where wine and numerous fatty foods are in vogue, and in Italy, well, you get the picture. "I guess for us here in America, we ought to just quit speaking English," the jokester concluded...

On the stammering front, I get a bang out of 'quick jolts' provided by public officials- and others- sort of new on the job, and not yet used to "tip-toeing around issues" and/or are guilty of over-answering.

Recently, a young Texan was being interviewed on live radio on the same day the Martha Stewart indictment broke. Asked, "What do you do for a living?," he answered, "I'm a steward,"

adding "the kind what works on boats, not the kind in the stock market..."

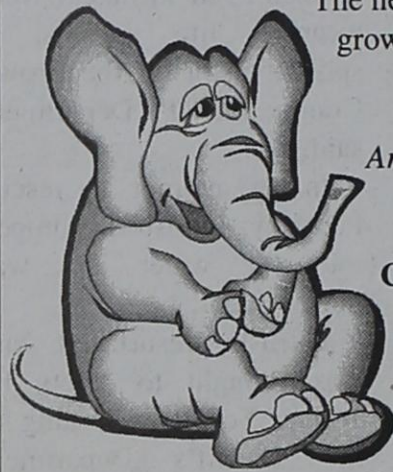
A DECADE OR SO ago, many schools seemed to be "on the bubble" whether to have a school holiday in memory of Martin Luther King. One school in the Metroplex, with a right new superintendent at the helm, decided on "business as usual" when most had opted to close. He arrived at his office to find cameras turning, lights shining and microphones thrust at him from several directions- "all of them in the 'on position,'" he noted...

"Well," he started, "We figured that we could better recognize the many wonderful things Dr. King did for America if we gathered together, and had healthy discussions about his life. We felt we could show videos of his life, have skits and do other things that would far better commemorate his life and contributions than a holiday would." After a short pause, he added, "But next year, we're shutting her down!"

Dr. Don Newbury, longtime higher education administrator, is Chancellor of Howard Payne University. He and his wife now reside in Burleson, Texas where he is a speaker/author/columnist. He admits to participation in arguments that have no answers, and to "over-answering" in quite a few interviews. More information on his website www.speakerdoc.com, by e-mail to newbury@speakerdoc.com or phone: 817-447-3872.

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Keep Texas Beautiful Announces Winners

Nine Texas Cities Receive Governor's Awards

Nine Texas communities sharing a common goal will be rewarded for their grassroots environmental efforts. Clint, Van Alstyne, Childress, Athens, Dickinson, Lake Jackson, Denton, Grand Prairie and Houston will receive the Governor's Community Achievement Award (GCAA) from Keep Texas Beautiful. Each of the nine winners will receive a share of a One Million Dollar landscaping grant provided by the Texas Department of Transportation.

In addition to these winners in the nine categories based on population, there are other awards of recognition. The only town in this area to be recognized is Dublin, which will be presented a Citation of Merit.

Ranging in population from 980 in Clint to almost two million in Houston, the nine winning communities were chosen for their achievements in community leadership, litter prevention, public awareness, education, solid waste management, recycling, illegal dumping enforcement, and beautification.

"These winning communities are an inspiration to us all," said Donna Albus, Keep Texas Beautiful President. We are so appreciative of the pride that they show in their communities through a multitude of events."

The Governor's Community Achievement Awards have recognized outstanding communities for 34 consecutive years, with 18 years of funding from the TDoT. Every city in Texas may apply for the GCAA regardless of size. The smallest award is \$60,000 for population under 1,000, the largest is \$265,000 for population greater than a quarter of a million.

"Knowing that there is absolutely nothing as beneficial to a community as to be clean and pretty, they will receive their just rewards many times over," said Albus. "There is no way to put a dollar figure on that return."

The Governor's Awards will be formally presented to the winners during the 36th annual Keep Texas Beautiful Conference in Dallas July 8-11 at the Renaissance Dallas Hotel.

Keep Texas Beautiful, the non-profit state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, strives to empower Texans to enhance their community's environment. KTB works with volunteers, elected officials, business and state and federal agencies.

Eastland County towns have had various clean-up and beautification programs over the years, and they have all helped. Look at the beautiful crepe myrtle and oaks planted in Eastland!

But until May of this year no local town had officially entered the Keep Texas Beautiful Program. On May 12, 2003 the Cisco Chamber of Commerce, under the

leadership of Staci Wilks, approved a Resolution to endorse the organization of the Keep Texas Beautiful program in Cisco, and to establish a Keep Texas Beautiful Committee there.

Karen Donoho has been elected to serve as the Coordinator/Director of KTB, and a number of leaders from all areas of Cisco have agreed to serve on the Committee.

All are excited about the possibilities of working with the group, and what it can mean to the City and locality. You'll hear some good news from these dedicated people, and from members of the general public pledged to support them.

For more information on Keep Texas Beautiful you may call 1-800-CLEAN TX or visit the website at www.ktb.org.

Goat Producers To Meet In Sequin

A gathering of goat producers is scheduled for July 21-23 at the Guadalupe County Fairgrounds and Coliseum in Sequin, which will include a trade show. Dr. Rick Machen, conference coordinator, stated the conference is "a unique opportunity to interact with more than 400 meat goat producers from Texas and other states". Producers, exhibitors and Extension agents from a number of states are expected to attend the event organized by Texas Cooperative Extension. Industry leaders will serve as speakers and conduct demonstrations. A review of the current state of the meat goat industry and a close look at marketing issues, will highlight the program. Five topics will be addressed including selling live goats and a retailer's perspective, along with:

** Elements essential for success, the future of the junior market goat program and live animal evaluation.

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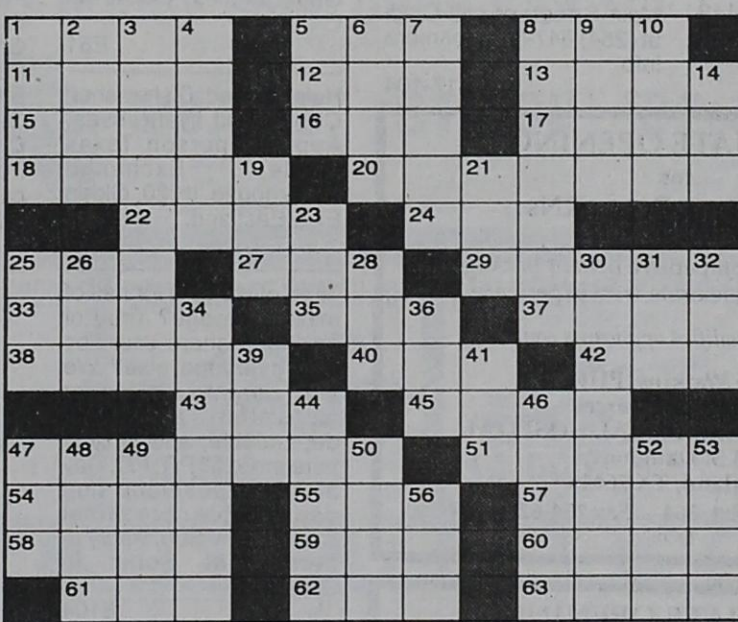
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Starshine

By Julia Worthy

Readers who are not yet residents of the octogenarian years may not be interested in this column - - - unless you may like an inkling of "coming events" that "cast their shadows before."

I woke up feeling more antediluvian than not, and the longer I thought about it, the more lonesome I felt, so here I am at the computer wanting company in thought if not in body.

First thing I pulled up was the dictionary, as I wanted to be sure "antediluvian" was the word I had in mind to indicate that at the moment I felt more like a contemporary of Methuselah than not.

I finally found the word and it assured me that I was correct in thinking that I do feel older than merely "ancient" this morning.

However, don't think the

** Selling live goats, the dot-com approach, selling a processed product, a retailer's perspective and the East Coast market.

For more details about the program or vendor scheduling, call Laurinda Boyd at (830) 278-6568 or Dr. Rick Machen at (830) 278-9151 or by e-mail r-machen@tamu.edu.

search for the definition was easy. As I have made known far and wide, to the interested and the uninterested, I entered the computer world reluctantly, resisting every step of the way. Big error. As I am delving in my past at the moment, I did not want to learn to type, either.

No doubt stirred my mind that I might not find what I wanted at once, but I didn't. Nope. I found several reference volumes, with price of purchase, on the subject, but no definition. I clicked off and repeated the procedure twice before I noticed there are TWO spaces for the subject being searched for. Found!

Do I blame my eyesight, my age or "education" for thinking a dictionary is to supply the meanings of words rather than to serve as an advertisement for books on the subject of the word for which you are searching?

It is a real pleasure to be able to keep in touch with family and friends without having to check on how much the price of stamps has gone up! (I still write "snail mail" as it strikes me as being more personal.) But by using the computer, often when I am sending snail mail, I can write whatever I want to tell "everyone," then

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add the personal comments appropriate for each correspondent as I print out the "main" letter.

As with so many converts to a cause, when I "converted" to using the computer, I have worked at it (maybe overtime?).

Aside from the dictionary offering sites to buy books, it DOES have the definitions handy, and tapping out letters on a keyboard is not nearly as heavy and awkward as wrestling with the "complete and unabridged" printed volume - - - or the "pocket edition" which uses print these days that sends me hunting my glasses.

Encyclopedias are easier on my aching bones, too - - - but we won't go there now. For some reason, I don't feel as old as I did when I got up.

As the youngsters say, "See ya!"

CROSSWORD ANSWER

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

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

New Listing: 80 A, app 70 A heavy oak timber, good deer/turkey hunting, CR frontage. \$1,250 per acre.

142 A, app 120 wooded, 20 A field, deer/turkey hunting, CR frontage. \$875 A. REDUCED TO \$795 A. Owner Financing Possible.

NEW LISTING: 175 A, 100 A heavily timbered, some cultivation, CR frontage on 2 sides, water well, good deer, turkey, hog hunting. \$1,250 per acre.

NEW LISTING: 212 A, investment/cattle property, near Desdemona, all in coastal, 15 irrigation wells, fenced, pipe corral, pavement, large peanut base. \$1,600.00 per acre.

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Book Review 'Girl Of The Manzanoes' Draws Interest

By Viola Payne

Many of the books published these days have what I would call superficial writing. They have observations from outside a subject, without the intimate knowledge which brings life to a story.

But among these stereotyped (and often dull) works are occasional gems which reflect light and understanding. A new work of historical fiction called "Girl Of the Manzanoes" falls into this category.

This New Mexico book is written by Barbara Spencer Foster, and published in 2001 by Sunstone Press in Santa Fe, New Mexico

The book has been well received by the public, and it is no accident that it has sold especially well in New Mexico. For this is its home territory, where the people know the setting, characters and situations depicted in the account

I am glad that Barbara Foster has dedicated this book to her father (and my Uncle), Judge Roy Spencer, who told the stories, and his parents, Benjamin and Sarah Spencer, who lived the stories.

Roy was born at the Spencers' sawmill community in 1900, and Barbara grew up hearing his wonderful stories. They paint an accurate picture of life in the Manzano Mountains (Central New Mexico) in the territorial and early statehood period.

They show the convergence of various people and cultures. There were Native Americans, original owners of the land, Spanish settlers - who had been there 200 years - displaced Germans and Irish, Texans and other refugees from the Civil War, and Northern industrialists and politicians who hoped to control the land. Then there were the Churchmen, Catholic and Protestant, who hoped to win the hearts of the people.

This lively book centers on the character of seventeen year-old Mardee, golden-haired half Cherokee daughter of Ben Spencer and his first wife.

The opening scene shows the celebration of New Mexico statehood on July, 4, 1912 at the Eastview community, center of the Spencer empire of a large sawmill, land, race horses, and cattle.

Spencer's second wife (called 'Sadie' in the book), has supervised and prepared a huge outdoor meal. Sadie is a school teacher, so she has a special program ready. The only problem is that her youngest son, 12 year-old Roy, has decided he doesn't want to wear the Uncle Sam suit in the program. So he throws a tantrum under the table.

His Dad soon corrals Roy and changes his mind for him. This is a special day, with a special speaker. Jeff Corbin, a young Judge from Santa Fe, rode in on horseback to speak at this occasion.

Ben Spencer got acquainted with Corbin when he was an ambitious young

Attorney at Socorro. They both attended meetings to work for statehood, and Spencer had carried along Mardee as a Spanish interpreter.

That was probably a mistake, for she had been attracted to Corbin from the first time she saw him.

But Corbin now has some special news. He has recommended Mardee for a job as an interpreter in the Governor's office in Santa Fe!

This is more than the girl can resist! Before the party ends her pleas begin. It takes several days for Mardee to persuade her father to let her take the job - but soon she leaves her mountains, her family, her half-Mexican boy friend, and her favorite horses for Santa Fe.

There she meets a new breed of people and has many adventures in living. She learns a lot about Jeff Corbin, his kind of love, and his ambitions - which do not necessarily include her.

She also learns that life can be filled with loss.

Mingled with this are accomplishments, as she helps get public education set up in New Mexico for all races. Also entwined are descriptions of the settings, folkways, food and music of the people involved. Barbara Foster lived in New Mexico through her college years, then moved to Montana to

teach school. She married and raised her family there. She now lives in New Mexico part time.

In addition to her writing, Barbara is a singer and guitar player. She has recorded a number of western ballads. She has also been involved in politics in Montana.

Her book "Girl Of The Manzanoes" is available from Sunstone Press for \$16.95. (Softback, 176 pgs.) You may write the Press at P.O. Box 2321, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504, or call at 1-800-243-5644.

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The Reader Who Cares

By Wanda Skinner

Do you care even to share the burden or just listen when the person needs to talk. It may be a while before they need you to allow them to talk about the loved one who is gone. Remember it is the little things in life that make us who we are. Care enough to share another's burden or loneliness today.

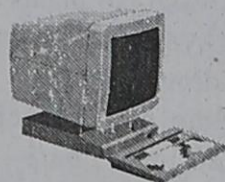
In times of loss of loved ones, comfort comes from the concern shared by friends and family. Sometimes when the last services are over and all the people have returned to their normal routine, the person who is grieving finds an empty feeling deep inside. Do you care enough to be there as a friend in those times?

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Properly watering plants during the summer tends to be one of the most confusing and misunderstood gardening chore. Often times, ardent

gardeners do not recognize inadequate watering until it is too late and plants are badly damaged or dead. "How often should I water?"

and "How much should I apply?" are a couple of the most often asked questions from gardeners. Water is both essential for healthy plant growth and often costly to apply in quantity during the summer, it is important to get it to the plants roots efficiently and keep it there. The following are several suggestions for easier and more effective watering. These techniques apply to all gardening from shade and fruit trees and vegetable gardens to lawns and house plants.

1. Never water strictly by the calendar. We do not drink water every 10 minutes or every hour so why should plants be watered every 2 days or once a week? Learn to recognize dry plants and soil and use these as your tip-off for watering. Too many factors determine how fast a soil dries for us to put watering on a regular basis.

When the plants are dry, water thoroughly. Water lawns so that the soil will be wet several inches down, to encourage deep rooting and drought tolerance. One of the worst mistakes people make in their gardens is trying to "sprinkle" them each day by using their thumb and the end of the running hose. Most gardeners just do not have the patience to stand in one spot long enough for deep water penetration. Water trees by taking the sprinkler off the end of the hose and letting water run slowly for several hours out under the drip line (not

near the trunk). Be sure that runoff does not occur.

Most plants should be watered in the morning. Evening watering increases the likelihood of disease invasion, as the majority of diseases develop most rapidly in cool, moist conditions.

While watering your lawn, try to keep water off the leaves of trees and shrubs as much as possible. This is especially important for such plants as crepe myrtle and roses, which are troubled by leaf diseases which spread rapidly on wet surfaces.

Symptoms for plants which have been kept too wet are about the same as for those kept too dry. Roots in water logged soils die and do not take up water, so plants wilt and turn yellow. Try not to water a drowning plant!

Organic matter such as shredded pine bark and composted manure can increase water absorption when they are worked into our native soil. To keep moisture in the soil, use a thick mulch such as shredded pine bark, grass clippings or tree leaves. In addition to reducing evaporation= mulches also keep the soil cooler and make weed pulling much easier. Be especially careful to keep newly planted trees and shrubs well watered. Their developing root systems are sensitive to under- and over- watering, but do not drown them.

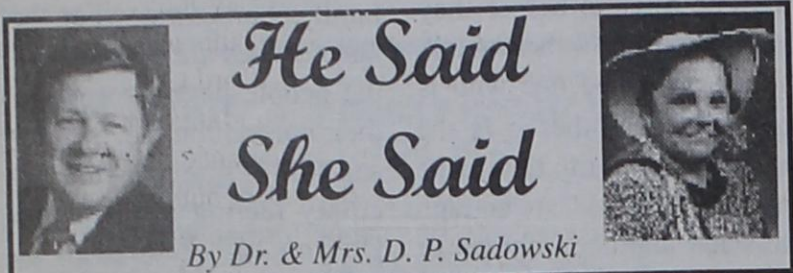
Always soak chemical fertilizers into the soil immediately after application. These materials are excellent sources of plant foods, but they are also salts and can pull

water out of plant tissues, resulting in burn, unless they are watered into the soil.

Gardeners often wonder what type of sprinkler is best. Generally speaking, most do a satisfactory job of making an even application. The most efficient and effective type is the impact sprinkler (the kind used on golf courses and athletic field).

For plants to thrive during the upcoming summer months, they will need plenty of water, but equally important is properly applying the much needed water.

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He Said She Said

By Dr. & Mrs. D. P. Sadowski

PROPHECY AND MORE ON ISRAEL'S ROADMAP FOR PEACE

HE SAID:

These first days of the roadmap for peace have been bloody ones. It featured a suicide bombing on a Jerusalem bus killing 17 Israelis and the targeting of Hamas leaders by the Israeli military. Our own President Bush has waded into the conflict even more lashing out at Hamas and calling on the world to cut off its funding. "It is clear that the free world and those who love freedom and peace must deal harshly with Hamas and killers," Bush said. "America grew more frustrated this week with the death of the cousin of America's Ambassador to Israel in a suicide bombing attack.

There is tremendous international pressure being put on Hamas to declare a cease fire. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said if the militants would agree to a cease-fire Israel would respect it, except in the case of ticking bombs.

There is only one thing for sure in all of this. Everything prophesied in that Bible is going to be fulfilled. God's Word is truth.

SHE SAID:

Will the roadmap for peace succeed? The roadmap or something like it will probably succeed for a while. We know this because the Bible predicts that the Temple Mount will be shared and that a temple will be built on the Temple Mount. Since Revelation 11:1-2 prophecies the sharing of the temple mount, this will apparently be achieved through some type of cooperation. However, the peace process will ultimately fail. We know this because Jesus prophecies great tribulation for the West Bank area after the temple was built. We also know the conflict ultimately degenerates into the Battle of Armageddon. Could this be the beginning of a temporary cooperation culminating in the building of the temple?

My opinion is not worth much. All I can do is believe my Bible and watch for signs of it being fulfilled. But these are some of the most exciting days! I love studying God's Word and finding out all I can.

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Ag Talk

By Charlie Stenholm

Update on Canadian BSE Case

It has now been three weeks since an isolated case of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE), or mad cow disease was found in Canada.

Since its discovery on May 20, there has been a very comprehensive investigation in Canada and in the United States.

Canadian officials have analyzed three lines of investigation: where the infected cow lived its life, where its offspring went, and also where the products of the cow went.

Up to this point, there has still only been one confirmed case of BSE in Canada, and all of the other 2,700 cattle from 43 farms have been slaughtered; all have tested negative for BSE.

Last week I reported that five bulls, originating from the same herd as the single cow that tested positive for BSE, were sold to a ranch in Montana.

It is now known that 24 bulls have moved off of the Montana ranch since 1997. The USDA reported on June 6 that tracebacks have concluded that three of the bulls went to a slaughter facility in Nebraska while five went to one in Minnesota, two to Texas, twelve to South Dakota, and one to Wyoming.

Agencies are working rigorously to determine the final place of these animals.

It is highly unlikely that any of these bulls were exposed to BSE since the rest of the animals in that Canadian herd tested negative.

In fact, of the original 18 farms that were quarantined after the BSE incident was discovered, only six currently remain quarantined.

However, the ban on Canadian beef into the U.S. will remain until the Canadian investigation is complete.

It is important to note that BSE has never been found in the United States and that experts continue to assure us that U.S. beef remains BSE-free.

As a matter of fact, since 1989 the U.S. government has been implementing multiple safeguards to protect itself from BSE.

In any case, the USDA and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have developed plans to prevent the spread of the disease in the unlikely event of a future emergency.

Japan and South Korea Concerned About BSE

Even though we know our beef and cattle are safe and BSE free, it does not stop the domino effect that can occur in the area of trade.

For example, Japan and South Korea are now seeking safeguards from the U.S. to ensure that the outbreak of BSE in Canada has not affected U.S. beef.

Japan purchases about half of the \$3 billion beef product exported each year. In 2002, South Korea also purchased \$648 million in U.S. beef and variety meats, which made it the third largest foreign market for the U.S. U.S. officials

however USDA officials have indicated that producers will have ample time to complete the process.

According to USDA, payments will be made to eligible producers shortly after sign-up begins. These program payments were authorized by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003.

USDA Might Make Additional Cotton Payments

Cotton prices have been

below the counter-cyclical price trigger throughout the marketing year.

That trend is expected to continue, and producers will be eligible for the maximum payment: 13.73 cents per pound for their 2002 crop.

Therefore, producers will receive a final payment of 4.13 cents per pound in mid to late October which, when combined with their advanced payments made last October and February, would

bring the total to 13.73 cents per pound.

In addition to the final 2002 crop countercyclical payment, producers will also receive a final 2003 direct payment of 3.34 cents per pound, and an advanced 2003 countercyclical payment of up to 4.8 cents per pound, both due in October.

Producers will also be eligible for an advance 2004 direct payment of 3.34 cents per pound payable in December 2003.

In summary, producers can expect to get approximately 16 cents per pound in advances and final payments between September and December.

Livestock Compensation Program Signup to End July 3

The deadline for signup under the Livestock Compensation Program II that began on April 1, 2003 has now been announced by USDA.

Those who are interested in signing up will have until the close of business on July 3, 2003 to sign up for this program at their nearest FSA office.

Albany to Host Annual "Fandangle"

As summer starts to move into full gear, this is a good

time to remind folks about the

Fort Griffin Fandangle, scheduled to take place in Albany during the last two weekends in June.

This month's issue of Texas Monthly magazine had a particularly interesting article about this annual event in Shackelford County.

The Fandangle made its first appearance in 1938 and is the oldest outdoor theatrical performance in Texas.

As Texas Monthly describes it, Albany puts on "a Texas-size production crammed with cowboys, cavalry, critters, cancan girls, and much more."

We sometimes forget about our western heritage, but I was reminded that gunslingers such as Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday were once regulars at local saloons like the Bee Hive.

So if you enjoy food, history, architecture and wildlife, I highly recommend that you plan to spend some time in Albany, where the entire town puts on the show.

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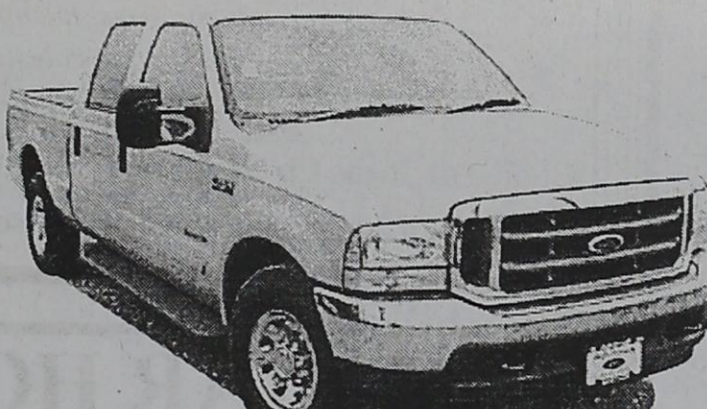
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Obituary

Micah Tate Lindstorm

Clyde - Micah Tate Lindstrom, 26, a Clyde Junior High School coach, died Saturday, June 14, 2003, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center from injuries received in a boating accident on Lake Brownwood.

Services were held on Wednesday, June 18, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. at the new Clyde High School gym with Rev. Tim Richardson and Dr. Toby Henson officiating. Private burial followed in the Eula Cemetery, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Micah was born August 4, 1976, at Wilford Hall, Lackland AFB, in San Antonio, to Fred and Peggy Patton Lindstrom. He was a 1994 honor graduate of Clyde High School, and 1998 Magna cum Laude graduate of Hardin. Simmons University, receiving a bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science. Micah worked for Pasadena I.S.D. at South Houston High School for one year before moving back to Clyde in 1999. At the time of his death, he worked as a coach and math teacher for Clyde Junior High School. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Clyde.

Micah is survived by his mother and step-father, Peggy and Doug Noice of Clyde; his father and step-mother, Fred and Karen Lindstrom of Millbrock, Alabama; two brothers, J.J. and his wife Allison Lindstrom of Quanah, and Chris Noice of Clyde; two sisters, Jacqueline D. Lindstrom of Millbrook, Alabama and April E. DeRome of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Jerry Max 'Jon Ann' Patton of Clyde; his paternal grandparents, John and Clara Lindstrom of Buzzards Bay, Mass.; two nieces, Madison Rae and Zoe Paige Lindstrom, both of Quanah; his maternal aunts and uncles, Mike and Shaula Patton, Patricia and Jay Hunt, Buddy Ray Patton, Charles and Amy Patton, Patricia and Jay Hunt, Buddy Ray Patton, Charles and Amy Patton,

Craig and Pam Loper, Jamie and Anthony DePaolo, Sherri Wenzel, Jay and Se Young Lindstrom, and Julia and Kent Benoit; numerous cousins; and Christa Petrusky, his friend and partner in death. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Jerry Max Patton.

Memorials may be made to the Micah Lindstrom Memorial Scholarship fund at the Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 5706, Abilene, TX 79601, account # 16994.

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