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## Callahan County Unofficial Primary Results

### REPUBLICAN

<b>President</b>	
George W. Bush.....	498
<b>U.S. Representative, Dist. 19</b>	
Randy Neugebauer.....	421
<b>Railroad Commissioner</b>	
Victor Carrillo.....	324
<b>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3</b>	
Harriet O'Neill.....	398
<b>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5</b>	
Paul Green.....	233
Steven Wayne Smith.....	172
<b>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9</b>	
Scott Brister.....	380
<b>Judge, Crt.Criminal Appeals, Place 2</b>	
Guy Gray.....	200
Lawrence "Larry" Meyers.....	199
<b>Judge, Crt.Criminal Appeals, Place 5</b>	
Cheryl Johnson.....	235
Patricia Noble.....	166
<b>Judge, Crt. Criminal Appeals, Place 6</b>	
Steven Porter.....	206
Michael Keasler.....	193
<b>State Senator, District 24</b>	
Troy Fraser.....	441
<b>State Representative, District 53</b>	
Nicki Harle.....	434
Harvey Hilderbran.....	105
<b>Justice, 11th Crt. Appeals District</b>	
Terry McCall.....	403
<b>District Judge, 42nd Judicial Dist.</b>	
John Weeks.....	428
<b>County Attorney</b>	
Shane Deel.....	448
<b>County Chairman</b>	
Pat Chrane.....	433
<b>TOTAL REPUBLICAN VOTES.....</b>	<b>549</b>

### DEMOCRATIC

<b>President</b>	
John Kerry.....	159
John Edwards.....	65
<b>U.S. Representative, Dist. 19</b>	
Charles Stenholm.....	327
<b>Railroad Commissioner</b>	
Bob Scarborough.....	293
<b>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3</b>	
David Van.....	277
<b>Judge, Crt. Criminal Appeals, Place 6</b>	
J.R. Molina.....	279
<b>County Attorney</b>	
Allen Wright.....	292
<b>Sheriff</b>	
Eddie Curtis.....	321
<b>County Tax Assessor-Collector</b>	
Tammy Walker.....	350
<b>County Commissioner, Pct. 1</b>	
Harold Hicks.....	72
<b>County Commissioner, Pct. 3</b>	
Tommy Holland.....	91
<b>Constable, Pct. 4</b>	
William 'Bill' Young.....	69
<b>County Chairman</b>	
Jon Hardwick.....	311
<b>Referendum No. 1</b>	
For.....	35
Against.....	303
<b>Referendum No. 2</b>	
For.....	208
Against.....	128
<b>TOTAL DEMOCRATIC VOTES.....</b>	<b>384</b>

## After Primary Several Nominees Face Opponents In November Regular Election

With the closing of the Primary elections on Tuesday evening, March 9, 2004 several nominees still face opponents in the November Regular Elections.

In the race for County Attorney, Allen Wright (D) is opposed by Shane Deel (R).

In the race for Railroad Commissioner, Victor Carrillo was a clear winner in Callahan County with 324 votes to his opponents Butler (81), Deffenbaugh (39), and Henry (28).

At last report - incumbent Carrillo may face a runoff election, however, on April 13 with opponent Robert Butler if he does not receive a majority of the overall GOP primary votes.

The winner will then face Bob Scarborough (D) in the November election.

For Baird resident Nicki Harle, the race for Texas House District 53 against incumbent Harvey Hilderbran ended with the March 9 Primary election.

Hilderbran led 67 to 33 at last report.

Nicki Harle clearly won in her home county of Callahan with more than 400 votes to Hilderbrans' 107. She also won Coleman and Sutton counties in the 15 county district, but could not match Hilderbran's overall lead in Primary voting.

U. S. Presidential nominee

*Continued Inside ...*

*Please see Primary*

## Area High School Students Listed In Who's Who

Students from this area are included in the 37th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*®, 2002-2003.

*Who's Who*, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 97% of *Who's Who* students are college bound.

The 37th Annual Edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*®, 2002-2003, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students or just 5% of the nation's 15,000 high school students. They represent approximately

20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

*Who's Who* students also compete for \$20,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about *Who's Who Among American High School Students*®, visit [www.whoswhohighschool.com](http://www.whoswhohighschool.com).

Local students selected include:

BAIRD: Philip N. Bacher, Timothy W. Burns, Ashley M. Cates, Forrest L. Creamer, Cody T. Edmondson, Lance E. Fielder, Sage Goldsmith, Spencer S. Goldsmith, Justin Hargadine, Tanner Harmon, Nicole M. Kinsinger, Bobbie D. Moore, Ashley Rodriguez, Sean Rountree, Jeremiah Snell, Lacey Timms, Rebecca Tollett, Carrie J. Walls, Traci L. Windham

## V A Payments Increase Noted

Your Callahan County Veterans Service Officer, Tom Ivey, has received the latest report of V A Expenditures in Callahan County.

The report covers Fiscal Year 2003, the twelve months ending September 30, 2003, and show \$2,992,018 spent.

It is a pleasure to tell you that total V A payments in the County increased by \$348,018 from Fiscal Year 2002. Compensation and

Pension payment increased by \$355,671, while Education/Rehab dropped \$13,576 and Insurance/Indemnities increased by \$5,923.

Compensation/Pension are the monthly checks received by disabled Veterans, their dependents and survivors. These monthly payments help them to meet the expenses of day by day life.

*submitted by Callahan County Veterans Service Officer, Tom Ivey*

## Baird Students Included In National Dean's List

Students from this area are among the approximately 170,000 students included in the 26th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List®, 2002-2003.n

The National Dean's List®, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving college students.

Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10% of their class, on their school's "Dean's List," or have earned

a comparable honor. Listed students are eligible to compete for \$50,000 in scholarship awards funded by the publisher, and may also use a referral service for future employment opportunities. More than 2,500 colleges and universities nationwide use the publication to recognize their academically qualified students. To learn more about The National Dean's List® visit [www.thenationaldeanslist.com](http://www.thenationaldeanslist.com).

Local students selected include:

BAIRD: Marie A. Rowley, Hardin Simmons Univ., Marian K. Windham, Cisco Jr. College

## Baird Students Named to Who's Who - Sports Edition

Several students from area high schools have been named to the current edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students—Sports Edition*.

They include: Sheena-Emelen Estrella, Tommy L. Smith and Kayla Windham, all of Baird.

Published by Education Communications of Austin, the listing is part of the largest recognition program

in the nation honoring high school students. This particular one honors outstanding student-athletes. Chosen are nominated by coaches, teachers and sports organizations based on athletic achievement and participation in extra curricular activities.

The students compete for \$10,000 in scholarship awards.

## Coupon Snipper Coming To Baird Star!

Readers of Callahan-Eastland Newspapers will especially want to check their local papers good beginning in early March.

COUPON SNIPPER will start soon in the Callahan County Star, Cisco, Press, Eastland Telegram, Ranger Times and Rising Star.

Every coupon will be good for valuable discounts with participating merchants who will offer extra-special SPRING SPECIALS through the local newspapers.

In addition, one extremely

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Merchants may call Jo at 254-629-1707 to participate.

Newspaper employees will not be eligible for the cash prize.



**Texas Department of Health**  
Will hold the following  
Immunization Clinics in Callahan County  
**Monday, March 15th**  
Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th 10-12  
**Wednesday, March 10th**  
Clyde Community Resource Center  
306 N. 1st  
10-12 & 1:30 - 3  
**Please bring child's Immunization Records**  
For more information call  
325/754-4945



**Baird First Baptist Church Events**

Each one of you are invited to join us at the corner of Race and 3rd St. Baird. For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574.

March 14, 2004 Prayer time 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary  
Ladies Bible Study 5:00 p.m. fellowship hall  
Beginning of collection

for North America Missionaries  
March 17, 2004 AWANA Club 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Prayer meeting in Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.  
Choir practice 7:30 p.m.

March 24, 2004 AWANA Club 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Prayer meeting in Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.  
Choir practice 7:30 p.m.

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**Legal Notice**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship of the Person and Estate of Robert P. (Bobby) Estes were issued on February 26, 2004, in Cause No. 18,066 pending in the 42nd District Court of Callahan County, Texas, to: Covenant Outreach, LLC, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Robert P. (Bobby) Estes.

The mailing address of the Guardian is in Taylor County, Texas, as follows: Covenant Outreach, LLC c/o S. Clinton Nix

P.O. Box 59  
Abilene, Texas 79604  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
DATED March 3, 2004.  
BRADBURY & NIX  
P.O. Box 59, Abilene, TX 79604  
(325) 673-7317  
(325) 673-3833 FAX  
Attorneys for the Guardian  
By: Clinton Nix  
S. Clinton Nix  
State Bar No. 15043300  
(3-11-04)

**D. P. S. Report**

02-29-04 to 03-06-04

**Cases Investigated**  
Warnings - 137  
Complaints - 204  
DWI - 3  
Driving While License Invalid - 1  
Public Intoxication - 1

**Accidents**  
There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.

**People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants**  
19 for a total of \$5,446.00 collected  
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**Primary**

John Kerry (D) swept the Democratic primary elections, as did incumbent U. S. President George Bush in the GOP primary. Nationally, March 9 primaries were held in Texas, Florida, Mississippi and Louisiana. Please see chart on Page One for unofficial Callahan County March 9, 2004 Primary results.

**Advertise In The County Classifieds**

**Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds**

**For Sale**

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**Baird I. S. D. School Lunch Menu**

**Monday, March 15**

Pigs-n-blankets, oven potatoes, green peas, milk, fruit

**Tuesday, March 16**

Enchiladas, refried beans, spanish rice, crackers, milk, cobbler

**Wednesday, March 17**

Steak fingers, w/gravy, mash potatoes, green beans, rolls,

milk, jelly

**Thursday, March 18**

Stromboli, tossed salad, corn, milk, fruit

**Friday, March 19**

Bear Burger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, milk, cookies  
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The Rising Star Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of our community through education, economic development and the establishment of a full service community center. Our goal for this auction is to raise funding to be used towards completing the renovation of the Higginbotham Community Center.

Consignments of farm equipment and related items will be accepted on a standard auction format with the following terms and conditions:  
(A) consignment fees of 5% on equipment selling in excess of \$10,000.  
(B) consignment fees of 7% on equipment selling in excess of \$5,000.  
(C) consignment fees of 10% on equipment selling in excess of \$1,000.  
(D) consignment fees of 15% on equipment selling for less than \$1,000.

Consignments of miscellaneous farm supplies will also be accepted on a standard auction format with the following terms and conditions:  
(A) consignment fees of 20% on all farm supplies.

Donated merchandise of any usable variety will be accepted with the following terms and conditions:  
(A) our heart felt thanks  
(B) a tax deductible receipt  
(C) free pickup where necessary

Auction will be conducted at the Rising Star Rodeo grounds and advertised throughout central Texas including radio, newsprint, mailed and posted flyers.

Auction services will be provided by Rising Star Auction Company. Auctioneers Danny Koonce TXS 10874 and Earl Ragland TXS 11772. For additional information contact: Rising Star Foundation at 254-643-3423 or email wahl@txol.net Rising Star Auction Company at 643-4600 or email rsac@eastland.net

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# The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

## IN DEFENSE OF DIGNITY.

Notes scribbled during college and graduate school surfaced in a dusty box the other day. They won't qualify as "copious notes," but I perused them, perhaps for the first time. Class notes, I remember, were written feverishly, mostly to make teachers think we were serious. (Along these lines, incoming college students were urged to consider two hours of study for each hour in class. The same is said for helicopters—that is, plan twice as much time for maintenance as flying. One of these stats, I believe, is correct.)

Back to my notes. Faded and torn, they were from journalism classes taken nigh on to 50 years ago. Their claims were the kind that could be chiseled in granite, true for the ages.

The authorities were passionate teachers—Joe Swan, who later trained Pulitzer Prize-winning photographers at San Jose State University, and Tessica Martin, who edited a Texas daily newspaper in the 40's when women in that role could be counted on the fingers of one hand in our Lone Star State. Later in graduate school, Dr. DeWitt Reddick, University of Texas legend, also emphasized the importance of dignity in writing...

All three bore down on obituaries. "Get used to saying 'died,'" each said, adding that people don't go to their great reward, cross the river, ride off into the sunset or are drop-kicked through

the goal posts of life. "Remember, for many people, the only times their names appear in print is when they're born, get married and die." Another hated the word "transported." "Sick and injured people aren't transported to hospitals—packages are transported," one bellowed, "And leave out the high drama of patients being 'rushed to the hospital.' Of course they're rushed—unless the drivers are mothers-in-law or insurance beneficiaries. Keep it simple; allow persons to be 'taken to the hospital.'"

Suddenly, I realized that those hallowed teachings—thought to be applicable for the 20th and all future centuries—have gone by the boards. Obituaries typically now are purchased, and pretty much run as submitted by funeral homes or next of kin, with charges per column inch, and few-if any-editorial changes. If families want to say that Uncle Joe went to his final reward, to that great meadow in the sky or to a better place, that's the way it runs. And, if they like his being transported-or even rushed-to the hospital, by hokes, that'll work, too.

For many years, I've enjoyed reading classified ads—there's some pretty weird wording there. The other day, under "furniture for sale," there was a bedroom suite, "made from naughty pine..."

Well, some obituaries are mighty strange, too. And what about photographs? Used to, we'd search hard to find a reasonably current pic-

ture. Now, the search often is to find one from high school graduation. And what about the obits showing pictures of TWO people—perhaps the happy bride and groom decades earlier? Just ONE of them died. Is this to be a pharaoh deal, where brides go along with the departed?

I digress-again. This is not to say that dignity has gone down hill (though maybe it has), it has simply become more expensive. (One preacher made the observation—in three points, I think, for sermonic purposes—that no matter what inflation does to the cost of living, birthing and dying, the wages of sin remain the same.)

The story goes that the old couple had lived way to the right of conservative throughout their marriage. They hid money under the mattress, always way more than needed to pay for—as they put it—"being put away proper."

He died first. The widow was determined to meet his explicit funeral instructions, including the directive for a "nice write-up" in the newspaper. She called to see what nice obituary write-ups cost these days.

"\$10 an inch, ma'am," the man answered.

There was a hush for several seconds. "Well, Pa wanted a nice write-up and a nice one he'll get. But he hasn't wintered well for several years. He shows to be 6-2 on his driver's license, but I'll swear if I die in a minute that he'd shrunk to no more than 5-10..." (Down deep, her druthers would have been, "Pa died Fri. at 2; funeral Sun, at 3.")

# Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

Collecting things seems to be a hobby of many people. I have learned that people collect almost everything, from jewelry to wooden shoes, baseball caps, coins, Angels, and a myriad other items.

My daughter once collected rocks. She had rocks from almost every State as well as Canada.

My mother and Dad visited us once when we were living in Michigan. We decided to spend a week fishing in Canada. When our son and I came in from our final trip on the lake, the family was supposed to have the car packed so we could return home. They did. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw my new Sedan. The rear end was almost touching the ground. My young daughter and my mother had filled the trunk with rocks! I sure didn't make any points that day because I made them un-

load more than half of those rocks.

My wife collects roosters. Just about everything in our kitchen and dining room has a rooster painted on it. She also has ceramic roosters, wooden roosters, plastic roosters, and even two metal roosters.

I collect knives and clowns. My wife says I collect dust.

My Grandmother Cook collected twine string. Yes, string. When she found a piece of string she would tie it to the end of a huge ball of string and wrap it around that ball, which grew and grew. In her day, and mine too, string was important. Just about everything a person purchased was wrapped in paper and tied with a string. The meat market, the clothing store, hardware store and others, all used string.

I even used a piece of string to pull a tooth. With one end tied to my loose tooth and the other end to a doorknob, I slammed the door shut and the string pulled my tooth.

One of our favorite pastimes as youngsters was to tie each end of a string to a tin can and talk into one can

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while someone else listened through the other one.

I suppose kites have been flown by every boy in the world. Kites use a lot of string, especially when the kite becomes entangled in a treetop, as a few of mine did.

Like most other kids of my day, I used a piece of string with a bent pin tied to the end of it. We would attach a piece of bacon to the pin and fish for crawdads.

I think my cousin discovered the most useful idea for string. He invented a roach trap with it. I never saw his invention but he told me about it. He said he would tack the end of a long piece of string to the ceiling, above a table. He would then chase a roach across that table and it would always run up the string. While the roach was up on the string he would place a bowl of ice cream under the string, and cut the string about twelve inches above the ice cream. When the roach came down the string he would fall into the ice cream, take pneumonia and die every time.

I think he was stringing me along.

## Grief Recovery Group To Meet First Tuesdays

The first Tuesday evening of each month at 7 p.m. the Grief Recovery Group meets at Girling Health Care Office at 957 W. Main St., Eastland.

Donna DeLuca is the Facilitator.

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\*\*AQHA.....-500

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PEP Disc.....-675  
Dealer Disc.....-1,695  
Ford Rebate.....-\$3,000  
\*\*AQHA.....-500

Sale Price  
**\$13,495**

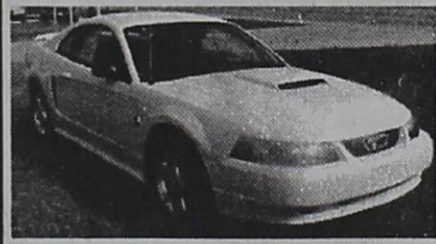


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Dealer Disc.....-1,355  
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Ford Rebate.....-3,000  
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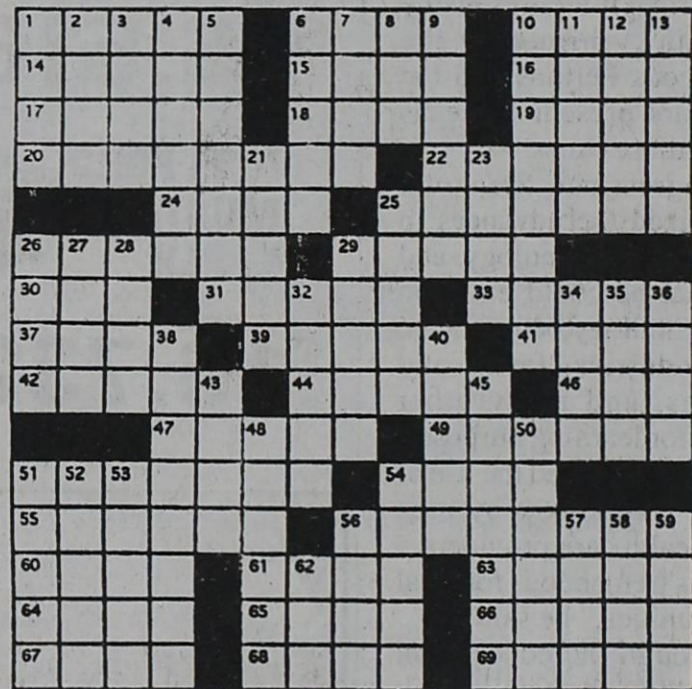
Loaded, Leather, CD, Keyless, Power Seat, Stk. #3C0960

List Price.....\$22,345  
Dealer Disc.....-1,850  
Ford Rebate.....-4,000  
\*\*AQHA.....-500

Sale Price  
**\$15,995**



## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS
- 1 Feminine address
  - 6 Fancy
  - 10 "Howdy, \_\_\_!" cowboy's greeting
  - 14 San Antonio site
  - 15 Make sharp
  - 16 Take \_\_\_ from; follow the suggestion of
  - 17 Language of the Mass—yesterday, today & forever
  - 18 Doesn't exist
  - 19 Use a lowel
  - 20 Do business
  - 22 Like a good steak
  - 24 State improvers
  - 26 Pursuer
  - 29 Like a smart aleck
  - 30 Busy center
  - 31 Scoundrel
  - 33 Floor-length garments
  - 37 Drinks
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  - 41 Opposite of ruddy
  - 42 \_\_\_ Noster; prayer by Jesus
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  - 47 Duck
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  - 5 Loch Ness resident
  - 6 What one multitude
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  - 11 Bitter substances
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  - 25 Inexperienced
  - 26 Fellow
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  - 28 Assist in
  - 29 Angry person
  - 32 Like a secured apartment complex
  - 34 Band of delinquents
  - 35 Nautical term
  - 36 P.cophet
  - 38 Like some blues
  - 40 \_\_\_ spirit
  - 43 Vox
  - 45 British tradition
  - 48 Treeless region
  - 50 Horned mammals, for short
  - 51 Kitchen utensil
  - 52 Path
  - 53 Put in
  - 54 Must have
  - 56 Expired
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# U.S. Congressman Stenholm Presents Check To Region XIV Education Service Center; Attends Distance Learning 'Field Trip'

## Gorman Students Among Guests At Event

Elementary students in Synder, Texas and Mustang, Oklahoma simultaneously took a short "lesson in government" on Monday, March 8, 2004 as Congressman Charles Stenholm, 17th Texas district, answered a student's question, "How does Congress work?"

An interactive Distance Learning field trip, led by educators of the Grace Museum in Abilene, made this possible, as guests from the Region XIV Education Service Center, Texas Workforce Board, the Rural Utility Services and students from Gorman, Texas observed the advanced educational technology from inside the museum's premises.

Congressman Stenholm was present at the Grace Museum to present a \$500,000 check to representatives of the Region XIV Service Center in honor of a Rural Utility Services grant awarded by the United States Department of Agriculture last year.

The grant is designed to provide rural schools with the educational tools to prepare students for the global digital economy, and The Region XIV grant is one of only 57 awarded nationwide.

The Grace Museum is the only museum participating in the Region XIV grant.

As a participant, the Museum received all the equipment necessary to join in a nationwide network of distance learning educators.

The museum's program features the Dinosaurs of Texas exhibit and gives students an interactive virtual "field trip". It focuses on the Permian through the Cretaceous Periods and the dinosaurs present in Texas during those times.

Congressman Stenholm recognized the advances in educational technology, and said that he could envision this technology being taken out to dairies, farms and ranches, and many other places for learning purposes. He also mentioned the use of digital technology by area rural health care providers.

"It is tremendous for rural communities," he said.

Through the educational technology in their school, Gorman students had participated in a dialog with Brazil and England, they reported.

After the Distance Learning field trip, Gorman students had time to ask Congressman Stenholm several questions.

He was asked about his job, what he did in high school, what he would do if he weren't a congressman, and had he met any presidents.

"I have had the privilege of meeting five U. S. presidents," the Congressman replied to the last question.

He said he was happy being what he was at the moment - a congressman - and explained that he had served in that position for 25

years. If he were not a congressman, he would like to teach and share his knowledge, he added.

Congressman Stenholm, who said he played football, basketball, and was active in FFA during his school years, urged the students to stay in school, make the most of educational advantages, and everyday be better in something "than you were yesterday."

Following the program and check presentation, a reception was held.

Gorman students took time to view the Dinosaur of Texas exhibition at Grace, which includes impressive skeletal remains, and beautiful murals depicting animal and plant life of those periods.

Several students spent time in the Region XIV student art exhibit presently

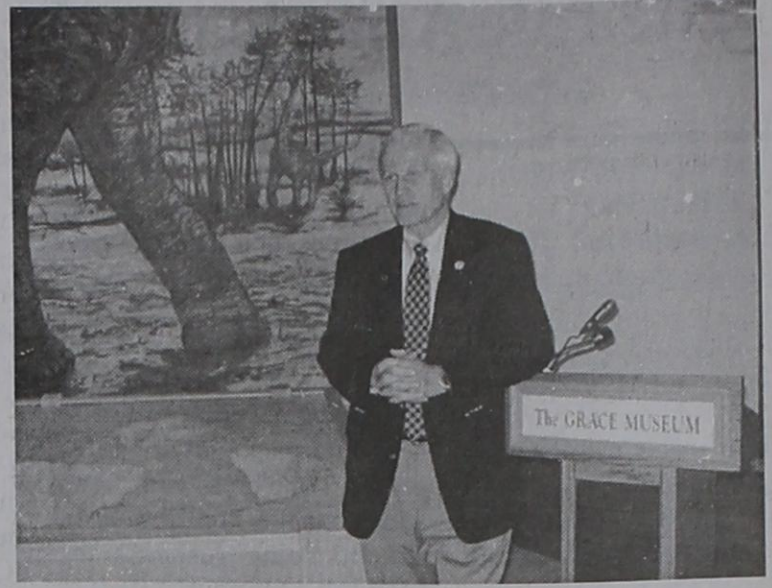
on display there.

Even if they weren't always sure what certain art works "meant", they were

still impressed by the paintings and sculptures, they said, and quickly chose their favorites.



Students of Gorman pose for a photo with Cong. Charles Stenholm at the Grace Museum after a question and answer session with the Congressman.



Pictured is Congressman Charles Stenholm speaking at the Grace Museum.

## 17th District Spring Convention In Moran

The American Legion 17th District Spring Convention will be held at Post 343 in Moran, Texas on Saturday, March 13th. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. \$15.00 at

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## 'Peter Pan' Coming To Majestic This Weekend

A film version of the classic "Peter Pan" is coming to the Majestic Theater in Eastland this weekend, and will show from Friday, March 12 through Monday, March 15.

Curtain time will be 7:30 nightly, with admission \$4 at the box office. Adults may purchase balcony tickets at \$5.50.

The movie is rated PG, with parents advised that the film contains some adventure/action sequences and peril.

Universal Pictures, Columbia Pictures and Revolution Studios were all involved in this picture, and it was filmed in Australia. It uses actors from England, America and Australia in the film.

Critics say this version of "Peter Pan" is remarkably faithful to the writing of Englishman J.M. Barrie, and brings some of the magic of his Edwardian fantasy/



Peter Pan (JEREMY SUMPTER) and Wendy (RACHEL HURD-WOOD) witness a fairy dance in the live-action film adaptation of the beloved literary classic, *Peter Pan*.

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adventure. This is a story about a boy who wouldn't grow up, and the girl whose family insists that she must.

For the first time a boy, Jeremy Sumpter, stars in the role of Peter Pan, opposite

Jason Isaacs as Captain Hook. Wendy Darling is portrayed by a young (and previously unknown) actress named Rachel Hurd-Wood.

Peter Pan loves Wendy's stories, and his appearance in the Darling nursery one night, along with the jealous little fairy called Tinker Bell, triggers a big adventure for Wendy and her brothers.

Following him out the window like a small flock of birds, the children swoop over the London rooftops through a galaxy of planets and stars to a place called Neverland.

There they begin a new life free of grownup rules - with Peter Pan and the Lost Boys in their secret home.

The "Peter Pan" cast has contrasts of veteran actors with this fresh new talent. Thirteen-year-old Rachel Hurd-Wood is reported to be stunning as Wendy Darling. Two of her brothers are also in the picture.

Filmmakers say this movie is "For children and those who were once children."

"Of course that takes in everyone."



Front row: (l-r) Sherry Williams, LVN; Brenda Wollam, RN-Hospice; Stacey Gwinn, HHA; Diana Simpson RN; (back row, l-r) Sheri Johnson, Clerk; Shelley Knight, HHA & Clerk; Nelda McDaniel, Clerk; Donnie Dillard, LVN; Della Bowles, LVN; Elaine Clark, RN-Director; Lori Bates, RN; Peggy Quarella, LVN-Clerk; Meredith Edwards, RN-Hospice; Rosa Cervantez, RN

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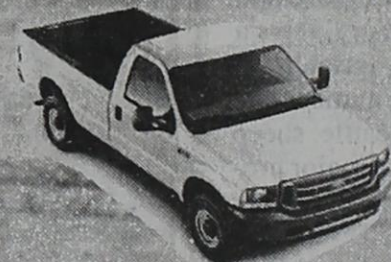
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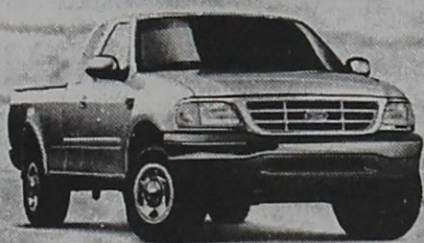
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**Mexico Re-opens Trade With U.S.**

I am pleased to announce that Mexico is re-opening the border to U.S. beef products.

On Wednesday, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman announced that Mexican officials have agreed to re-open their border to imports from the U.S.

I have said many times that trade sanctions must be based on sound policy and sound science.

Recently I reiterated that message to two groups of Mexican officials. I visited with the Mexican Trade Minister about three weeks ago, and then Congressman David Dreier (R-CA) and I, as co-chairs of the U.S.-Mexico Business Caucus, met with a delegation of Parliamentarians from Mexico last week, encouraging Mexico to be a leader in accepting U.S. beef again.

The irony of Mexico banning our beef in the first place was that in most cases it's their beef. Mexican feeder cattle come into Texas, in many cases it's a little more aged than what we have domestically grown and, therefore, we found the Mexicans are banning their own beef.

I am very glad Mexico has now re-opened the border, and I hope other nations will soon follow suit. Mexico is the second-largest export market for U.S. beef and beef products, and I am pleased the resumption of trade has begun.

Again, I hope other nations will soon follow suit. Japan, Canada, Mexico and South Korea account for more than 90 percent of our total exports, and I have to believe that Japan will be very close behind now that Mexico has taken this step.

**Animal Identification News**

It goes without saying that the livestock industry plays a large role in U.S. agriculture.

As the nation's number one producer of beef cattle, sheep and goats, and as a major producer of almost every other class of livestock, Texas has a huge interest in livestock production. You could say Texas has a "Texas-Sized" interest in anything to do with the U.S. livestock industry.

This issue is obviously very timely, given the subject matter at hand. The question of how to securely, permanently, and efficiently identify and track livestock for the purpose of dealing with livestock diseases has been important for years. In light of recent developments in Canada and Washington State, however, the question has gained newfound prominence.

I want to be clear on this: It is my personal opinion that moving to such a system is long overdue. At the same time, I realize that this is something the livestock industry must want to do. It is not something government can or should simply impose from on high.

It is also critically important that we have real cooperation between public and private sectors. Obviously, there are some very significant questions that have yet to be answered.

Who will decide what technology to use? How much will it cost? Who will pay? How will the data be kept secure? These and other questions remain unanswered, but I hope to soon have some answers to these tough questions.

I am heading off to Houston this weekend to attend a House Agriculture Committee field hearing regarding this issue. Animal identification is a critical issue in the current international livestock trade climate. I hope the education and input we get from this hearing will help the House Agriculture Committee and the industry in our desire to make sure we get this issue right.

**Agriculture and the President's Budget**

Chairman Goodlatte and I are sending a letter, on behalf of the House Agriculture Committee, to the House Budget Committee to remind them of the budget cuts to agriculture in 1995 and to urge caution if considering reductions for 2005.

In 1996, under similar conditions of high prices on agriculture commodities, the U.S. Department of Agriculture received a significant budget reduction assignment.

The 1996 reductions were justified by the belief that such a safety net was no longer needed—that high prices, record farm income and record export value signaled fundamental changes in agricultural markets.

The subsequent (and unexpected) declines in prices, income, and exports led to four

successive years of ad hoc market loss assistance payments totaling more than \$30 billion.

At a time when the public is giving increased attention to projected deficits, I would emphasize that the 2002 Farm Bill is working as intended.

With prices for many commodities projected to be near target price levels, the Farm Bill is expected to spend \$4.8 billion less in Fiscal Year 2004 than the Congressional Budget Office projected as recently as last August.

This is \$6.4 billion less than was projected when the Farm Bill was passed in May 2002. In other words, our Farm Bill is working.

Unlike 2001, Congress is not debating how much market loss assistance to provide to producers of commodities whose prices have not been so strong.

Downturns in farm commodity markets may come, however, and if and when they occur, the Farm Bill will provide offsetting payments to producers without the need for Congressional action.

Nonetheless, these current deficit projections must be addressed. Agriculture must bear its share of fiscal discipline, regardless of current improvements, but deficit reduction should be fair and balanced.

**West Texas Rainfall**

The good Lord has blessed us with the gift of rainfall that was so desperately needed throughout parts of West Texas.

Lakes in the area are still in desperate need of replenishing: Twin Buttes is at 4 percent, Ivie is at 34 percent, J.B. Thomas is at 10 percent, and Fort Phantom Hill is at 40 percent.

Other lakes in need of rain are Nasworthy, O.C. Fisher, Lake Meredith, Hubbard

Creek, and Alan Henry.

At my own farm in Stamford, we've already gotten nearly 4 inches this year.

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## Letter From The Publisher

### OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC

The recent rains have helped our area in excellent shape to go into Spring-time and Summer. There was considerable damage in some areas but generally this county was spared the severe damage from the storms, and certainly we are fortunate in that no one was seriously injured...On all corners we are hearing good things in the works for our towns; the way is being paved for expansions in many areas, and a lot of credit goes to the individuals and organizations who work 24-7 for the betterment of our area...The elected officials, the workers and the joyful volunteers all deserve our appreciation—and HELP... There are so many areas where just a little push here and there could mean a world of difference...We've always advocated that our area needs a central volunteer service organization to provide special helps to projects as needed. It would take a dedicated supervisor capable and willing to recruit, train, assign volunteers to tasks based on abilities and interest AND regularly reward those helpers who work for good projects which could be boosted with a nudge or two by some willing to devote the time to make things happen...We are seeing good cooperation between our various chambers, economic development groups and others who see the value in learning from each other...We'd welcome ideas for further mutual undertakings.

We are being encouraged from several quarters to re-establish our "TELL IT LIKE IT IS" column which we had excellent response from some time back. We think most readers would appreciate a listing of SALUTES to those people and projects that bring positive things to bear, and SALVOS to those things which are detrimental to our growth and prosperity. All submissions must be signed with a telephone number, and will be included but names will not be used provided the contests are not detrimental to the well-being of the area or individuals...We do not want to be party to a slander tirade by anybody, but would welcome constructive criticism, and certainly this would be an excellent opportunity to recognize those who deserve special pats on the back...Let's hear your ideas.

The Publisher

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## Wildlife Management Program To Be Held At CJC March 16

A Wildlife Management program will be held at Cisco Junior College in the Ag Building at 6 p.m. on March 16, 2004.

Kent Mills will discuss the principles of deer nutrition and supplemental feeding of deer using data he has collected from taking forage samples for deer since 1997 and using this data to develop supplemental feeding programs for individual wildlife managers. A comparison of nutritional requirements of different classes of deer as well as feeding techniques and different types of supplements will also be discussed.

Ricky Linx will discuss post drought management practices to improve habitat for wildlife. Having a firm understanding of the basics of plant growth and plants

used by quail, turkey and deer will be part of the program. The Rolling Plains—North Central Prairies EQIP program benefiting Bobwhite quail habitat will be discussed. Landowners desiring to improve their habitat for quail should look at this cost share program with incentives for resting pastures.

Mills is a livestock nutritionist in Snyder. Linx is a wildlife biologist with NRCS in Weatherford. Sponsors include Cisco Junior College and the Upper Leon Soil and Water Conservation District.

## Personally Speaking

By Sam Pendergrast

### Maybe What We Need Is A Big Country Hall of Niceness

During my enervation in Ohio in 1974 I attended a theatrical performance of some kind in Cincinnati at a seat near Pete Rose. I don't remember the performance--probably at least partly because of the aura of a famous athlete in the vicinity.

I think he was still active with the Redsocks (or whatever) at the time, so it was before the disclosure of Rose's penchant for gambling and long before he was first rejected for the baseball hall of fame. But he was demonstrably famous even then.

Which makes me wonder if we shouldn't have a "hall of niceness" for people who may or may not have done anything much but haven't gambled or gotten drunk or fornicated or the like. Then we could put people in various halls of fame on the basis of their performance in the appropriate function.

I was reminded of the Pete Rose incident by the recent supplication for nominees to the Big Country Hall of Fame and the listing of prior honorees, with several of whom I was associated.

I studied math with "Blacky" Blackburn at the old Abilene High they're now talking about junking with my earlier alma mater Valley View, and as I recall Mr. Blackburn would have qualified for the Hall of Niceness.

Pete Shotwell (the man, not the stadium) for some reason let me answer the phone at his office in the old Eagles Nest gym in lieu of senior PE in 1951.

I wrote a slew of teevee commercials for the Chuck Moser Show at KRBC while he was winning what was at the time a national record number of football games.

I helped Don Maynard with his education-class

homework at Texas Western before he went off to help win the Super Bowl (Number 3?) as the New York Jets' famous lonesome end--and before they upgraded TWC to UTEP after it proved able to handle the likes of me and Maynard.

And I occasionally visited with the recently late Gordon Wood at Texas State Democratic Conventions and found him surprisingly, well, Democratic.

And I would have nominated my long late brother, Eddie Brock, for his boxing prowess after he came home from the "Battle of the Bulge" of World War II, when he was one of the more colorful Golden Gloves contenders in Texas. (But although Eddie was pretty famous hereabouts, he would not qualify for any hall of niceness, since he was best known as a leading gambler and bootlegger at the time--the latter then a useful and not particularly frowned-on profession.)

But I understand such a nomination would not be viable because (1) I missed the deadline, (2) Eddie never attended school hereabouts, and (3) the area HOF seems particularly sacrosanct, perhaps because one of its factotems was ousted from the position of sports editor at an Abilene newspaper on grounds of conflict of interests because he owned part of a golfcourse.

But, frankly, I think it is probably more of a conflict of interest for the newspaper editor to be married to the operator of a society motel. (Maybe that's why they wouldn't print these views as a letter to the editor some time back.)

(Ed. Note: This reference is to another editor and publication, not this one.)

## Guest Slot

### COURAGE

By Hazel Stone  
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Email: hlous@juno.com  
Records of the construction of the First African Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, which was built by slaves during the Civil War, state in an old ledger: "The man who laid the first brick was the man who laid the last."

This construction took four years for the slaves worked on it at night by bonfire light. Records of the construction are almost nonexistent, but it is evident to us that those slaves, many illiterate but also many skilled carpenters and masons, had a leader. This leader was evidently a man of faith and courage.

Just what is courage? The Macmillan dictionary says it is a quality that makes it possible for a person to face danger or difficulties without fear.

I believe that courage comes from, and is empowered by, God. Joshua 19:4: Be of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Both I Chronicles 22 and Deuteronomy 31:6 tell us to "be strong and of a good courage; fear not, nor be afraid..."

When Elijah rebuked the tyrannical king, he showed great courage. It is clear that Elijah did not believe that might made right. Elijah did believe that if God is on our side that we have nothing to fear. Ordinary God-fearing people can accomplish things that are far beyond themselves with God's help.

Courage is not dependent on our getting rid of our fear, but on trusting God and offering God our fear.

When unfortunate things happen, you can face the circumstance with bitterness or you can face it with grace and courage. It means no regrets from the past, no resentments in the present and no fears of the future.

An old woman, when the doctor confirmed she had macular degeneration, said, "when cheerfulness is kept up against all odds, it is the finest form of courage." She refrained from discouraging words or thoughts.

It takes courage to follow

Christ's example as we look with discernment, at life's issues.

We may not see beggars on the streets of our town, but there are hurting people who long for a listening, sympathetic ear, those discouraged ones who need the nourishment of loving words, the disabled who could use help with shopping or a ride to the doctor, the elderly and the shut-ins who sit waiting for the doorbell or the phone to ring. They are begging for our attention, even if they are silent and out of sight.

We need the eyes of God to see the needs around us. We also need His compassion and courage to help meet the needs. Each new day we need to be brave and courageous and to be willing to ask the Lord for His help.

Webworms can devour every leaf on a tree in a matter of days. Webworms usually follow a dry season. The tree which webworms attack usually will not die and new leaves will again grow for God does not give up on life easily. When the most worn-out life is dealt a severe blow, God can refresh the spirit with His everlasting mercy.

Marjorie Holmes of Manassas, Virginia learned early in life that through fears, failures and challenges people must stand tall, must hold their shoulders back and their heads high and must smile. She believes that adversity can draw a family together if they have courage and loving hearts.

A person must not feed his/her spirit an unhealthy diet of doubt and fear. They need to get out their Bible concordance and look up verses on hope, faith and courage.

Jesus Christ forever changed human history through His singular life. We all need to have the courage to rise up and follow His example.

When we see a wrong around us, we must have the courage to speak up for what is right. We must always love the truth and have the courage to help others in any way we can, and most of all, we must have the courage to admit that we cannot do it all alone. We need to swallow our pride and allow others to help.

All kinds of things can cause fear, but in God's presence we can find courage. It is He who can give us courage to weather life's storms and embrace new experiences.

Let's remember Mark 6:50 which states: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

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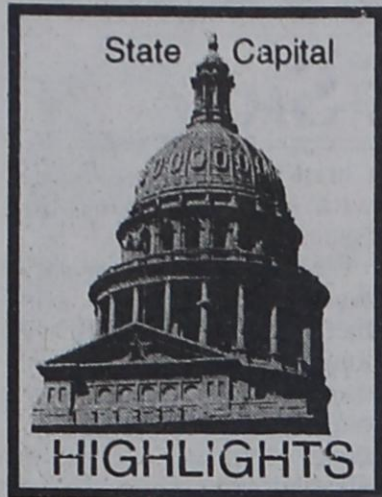


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**By Mike Cox  
Governor's new  
management council  
meets in secrecy**

AUSTIN - Some states have a cabinet similar to the federal government's, but not Texas. Of course, you can have a cabinet and call it a pantry. Or, in the case of Texas, it could be called the Governor's Management Council.

Last week Gov. Rick Perry presided over the first meeting of a newly-created group by that name. It's made up of the directors of 11 major state agencies (excluding the constitutional offices such as the General Land Office and comptroller) who will meet with Perry to discuss various issues and ideas.

The state's constitution does not give the governor much direct authority over state agencies, but he or she gets to appoint the policy-making commissions that oversee the agencies. And there's always the so-called "bully pulpit" of public office.

Open government advocates were not happy about the fact that the new council met behind closed doors.

"For true free flow of information," Perry said before shutting the door, "I think to close the doors to talk to those agency heads about what's going on over there (is) quite appropriate."

**Public schools start 2004-05 leaner**  
All Texas public schools participating in the federal child nutrition programs must comply with new guidelines for the 2004-05 school year designed to fight child obesity.

The new policy limits the number of grams of fat and sugar Texas schoolchildren may have each week, and allows a phase-in period to eliminate deep-fat frying in food preparation for meals, a la carte and snack items, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said.

French fries are one of the

foods on the hit list. In elementary schools fries may not exceed 3 ounces per serving, may only be served once a week and students may only purchase one serving at a time.

In junior high and middle school french fries may not exceed 3 ounces per serving, may only be served three times a week and students may only purchase one serving at a time.

In high school french fries may not exceed 3 ounces per serving and students may only purchase one serving at a time.

The new policy becomes effective Aug. 1, 2004.

**New Public Safety  
commissioner...**

Brownsville accountant Carlos H. Cascos has been appointed by Gov. Perry to the Public Safety Commission, the three-member panel that sets policy for the Department of Public Safety. Cascos, a former Cameron County commissioner, replaces former Commissioner James B. Francis Jr., who resigned last December after eight years' service. The new commissioner will serve a six-year term that expires

Dec. 31, 2009

Reappointed as chair of the commission was Colleen McHugh, a Corpus Christi attorney who has served on the commission since 1998.

**Death and taxes  
in Texas...**

The old saw that the only two inevitabilities in life are death and taxes may not hold true in the Lone Star state.

Anyone familiar with Texas' colorful political history knows that during the reign of George Parr - the Duke of Duval - the dearly departed still exercised their right to vote.

The marking of ballots by dead people happened decades ago in Duval County, but recently anonymous letters have been in the mail concerning the ongoing issue of the use of corporate campaign contributions in Texas. Some of the letters bore a return address of 900 Navasota St. in Austin. That is the location of the State Cemetery.

Meanwhile, the Travis County grand jury investigation into whether corporate money illegally-funded the Republican cause in Texas continues.

The handwritten note says "Coleman's E.D. Director Bob Turner is a go getter! 40 jobs leaving the Eastland area and heading to Coleman. Eastland should study Bob's notes!"

(Ed. Note: LVI is a firm located in Carbon which is technically outside the boundaries of the Eastland Economic Development Corp. jurisdiction. Certainly the members of the E.E.D.I. board, the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and county residents regret the loss of jobs. It is known that negotiations between Eastland officials and the firm were held unsuccessfully some time back. Coleman had a large, empty building available. Eastland did not.)

The pertinent points about the Coleman-LVI agreement outlined in the article written by Billie Mercer are as follows:  
"After discussing items as presented by Turner, Council agreed to EDC loaning Leon Valley Inc. \$30,000 at 5.9% interest on a ten year note. If LVI employs as many as 40 throughout this time a forgiveness clause is written into the agreement for the last four years. If LVI does not maintain the 40 employees the will pay the note in full. The \$30,000 will

be for the construction of a modular office to be placed close, but not attached to, the old Dal-Tile building.

"Also, Council agreed to EDC lending \$12,000 to a lease/purchase on the block to the south of the LVI building. LVI will pay Gaylon Bishop \$2,000 up front and then continue monthly payments to the EDC who in turn will pay Bishop the remaining balance of \$10,000.

"Council agreed to the recommendation from the

Planning and Zoning Commission a request from LVI for a variance of Ord. No. 403 Zoning (street setback) on first reading for a building to be located at Peach Street, west of Gray.

"As the council went through these and other items, they were informed of the new law (No. 2912) by City Attorney Steve Austry of the Performance Agreement that will be drawn up for each of the actions EDC will be involved."

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# 11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas  
*Proceedings (En Banc)*  
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**Affirmed**

David Lee Chambers v. State of Texas, Brown. (Opinion by Justice McCall). (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Robert Harris Brinston v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Opinion by Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCloud).

Ricardo Juan v. State of Texas, Dawson. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Marlon James Newsome v. State of Texas, Harris. (Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Receivership Dissolved; Judgment Reversed & Remanded**

McGrady Trucking Company a/k/a and d/b/a McGrady Trucking Co. and McGrady Trucking v. Amerisure Mutual Insurance Co., Harris. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed**

Trudy Nichols v. Reliant Energy, Inc., Harris. Appellant's motion for voluntary dismissal. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Motion Submitted & Overruled; Appeal Dismissed**

Jorge Acuna Bustamante v. State of Texas, Erath. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file notice of appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Motion for Writ of Mandamus Denied**

In re Alex Qualls, Orig. Pro. Relator's pro se motion for writ of mandamus. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Motions Submitted & Granted**

Walter Eduardo Orellana v. State of Texas, Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

City of Houston and Susan McMillan, in her individual capacity v. Juanita Fletcher, Harris. Appellee's unopposed motion for extension of time to file brief.

Jose Miguel Ramirez v. State of Texas, Nolan. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

Carl Raymond Hathaway v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Cody Todd Burgett v. State of Texas, Throckmorton. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Dru Allen Ewing v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's second motion

for extension of time to file brief.

Jud Walton v. City of Midland, Texas, Midland. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

Raymond Williams v. McGuire Industries, Inc., Ector. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

Michael Brian Word v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Guadalupe Hernandez v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

C.A.R.S. Protection Plus, Inc. v. Tina Young, Howard. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file notice of appeal.

**Motions Submitted & Granted in Part**

McGrady Trucking a/k/a and d/b/a McGrady Trucking Co. and McGrady Trucking v. Amerisure Mutual Insurance Co., Harris. Agreed motion to dismiss appeal and remand to trial court.

**Motions Submitted & Overruled**

Aric Danyl White v. State of Texas, Collin. State's motion to publish.

Malcolm S. Robinson v. Royce B. West; Julia L. S. Gooden a/k/a Julia L.S. Gooden Wood; and Robinson, West & Gooden, P.C., Dallas. Appellees' motion for rehearing. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Jerry Mack Gentry v. State of Texas, Nolan. Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file brief.

**Cases Submitted**

Jesse Dan Cates v. State of Texas, Stephens. Stephanie Phillips and

Charley Phillips v. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Brown.

Gerald Lynn Gantt v. State of Texas, Collin.

Elnora May Gilbreath v. H. Toby Gilbreath, Taylor.

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Jason Dean Horn & Jennifer Lynn Wright.

Johnny Dewayne Lewis & Lori Carline McCoy.

Dewayne Kristopher Mills & Melanie Ann Lapoint.

Mary Churchwell and David Churchwell v. City of Big Spring, Texas, Big Spring Animal Control, Howard.

Shirley Campbell v. State of

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## Guest Slot

By H.V.O.

OUR FRIENDS, the Postmasters in area towns have each written lengthy letters objecting to a promotional advertisement we ran recently extolling the advantage of local newspaper advertising over bulk mailings which has postage paid in Connecticut by the GIANT bulk mailer. The ad showed a photo of a post office waste basket running over with advertising circulars that patrons had tossed away. The ad suggested that ads in local newspapers get taken home, not left at the post office. This offended our friends and we regret that they took it so personally. Eastland Postmaster Glen Webb (a valuable asset to our town) wrote in part: "...I agree that advertising in your local newspaper is a great way to reach customers and active results. However, let's not forget that advertising mail is also an effective way to reach people." Cisco Postmaster Greg Sellers wrote in part: "I was most disappointed to...find an advertisement that so blatantly disparages the U.S. Postal service and offers grossly misleading information to your readers." He adds later "I consider you and your publications to be one of our most valued customers and business partners." Ranger Postmaster Norma Evans wrote that she didn't see the advertisement, but she was told that it appeared and in her words "very negative for the USPS. I expect that this was not your intent..."

One of the letters quoted a USPS statistic that says that business mailers spent an average of \$167 in direct mail per person in the United States and received \$2095 worth of sales as result. This is a return on investment of 13-to-1, by far the highest in the direct marketing industry. We're no expert on analyzing statistics, but we'd guess that there must be some averaging somewhere in there. We have never heard of a very

## Firefighters: Applications For Federal Funds Due April 2nd

Washington, D.C.-- Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) is pleased to announce that eligible fire departments may apply for federal assistance grants now through Friday, April 2, 2004.

Stenholm was among the members of Congress who voted to provide \$750 million to the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) for use in Fiscal Year 2004 through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act. The AFGP is administered by the DHS Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP).

This program aids rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the nation. The program not only helps improve firefighter safety and health, but it also improves the effectiveness of firefighting operations. Another focus is to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs.

"Firefighter safety is very important, no matter where the fire department is located or how big it is," Stenholm said. "Several departments in the 17th District of Texas have benefited from grants awarded by this program in this program in the last few months alone."

"I urge volunteer fire departments, in particular, to consider applying for these funds," Stenholm said. "Volunteers are often in dire need of new protective clothing and up-to-date communications and oxygen equipment. Many times, their communities already pitch in financially as much as possible, but still it is difficult from many volunteer departments to get ahead in these areas."

Each department that applied last year is once again eligible to apply for funding in 2004. Those departments that received funding in 2003 are also eligible to apply for additional 2004 funding.

The application and program guidance, including a tutorial on the program, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions are available on the ODP Website at [www.usdoj.gov/odp](http://www.usdoj.gov/odp) and the U.S. Fire Administration Website at [www.usfa.gov](http://www.usfa.gov). Fire departments with

high percentage of return on direct mailings. We'd guess that nationwide all bulk mailers lumped together would average \$167 each, and that nationwide, total income was \$2095 for all mailers, some high, some low.

Certainly we did not intend to offend our postal friends. We've always depended on them to carry our mail including our newspapers. And we've always regretted that the Postal Service isn't still regulated by Congress as was the original intent.

Regardless, we do all owe a tip of the hat and a "thank you" to the postal workers who deliver through rain, snow and Texas sand storms.

## Think Texas

By Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs

The movie business is booming in the Lone Star State, and rural communities are reaping major economic benefits by securing starring roles for their towns.

From "Spy Kids 3D: Game Over" to "Miss Congeniality," more than 500 film and TV projects with production budgets totaling \$2.8 million have been shot in Texas in the last 10 years.

In fact, the Lone Star State has long been a Hollywood favorite as a film subject and as a movie location. Texas locations have frequently stood in for exotic locales from Mexico to Manhattan and Africa to Afghanistan. Beyond the state's diverse landscape, Texas also offers attractive financial incentives and an experienced workforce.

Communities like Dripping Springs, where "The Alamo" was recently filmed, and El Paso, where Spike Lee's "The 25th Hour" was filmed in nearby Salt Flats, have reaped the rewards. It's estimated that half of a film's budget goes directly into the local

economy, and 75 percent to 80 percent of the film crews are hired locally.

Film and television productions with combined budgets of \$314 million were filmed in Texas in 2003. These projects had an estimated economic impact of more than \$157 million in the state, according to the Texas Film Commission.

If your rural community features an unusual or picturesque mansion, courthouse, farm, swimming hole, hacienda, riverfront home or 1950s-era gas station, let the Texas Film Commission know. Growing the film industry in Texas and growing interest in rural locales creates a win-win for all of Texas.

## Say "Yes" To Rural Texas

The Texas Department of Agriculture invites all Texans to say "Yes!" to rural Texas. The agency is launching a new program designed to spread the word loud and clear. "Texas Yes!" will be a broad-based membership and promotional program designed to

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## CHIP Enrollment Drops by More than 107,000 Children Since September 1, 2003

*New Round of Cuts Scheduled for May, 2004 through CHIP Asset Test*

The Campaign to Restore CHIP, endorsed by a broad-based group of organizations and individuals across Texas, is calling for the elimination of a second round of cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), scheduled to go into effect in May, 2004.

A proposed CHIP asset test will prevent some families with more than \$5,000 in assets from receiving CHIP. Assets would include: cash, checking and savings accounts, retirement accounts and pension plans, pre-paid burial and funeral plans, accessible trust funds. Vehicle values above \$15,000 for the first vehicle and \$4,650 for each additional vehicle would also count towards the \$5,000 limit.

"Already, CHIP enrollment has fallen by 107,000 children since cuts took effect of September 1. Another round of cuts will cause even more children to lose coverage," stated Patti Everitt, Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund of Texas.

Alan Miller, Executive Director of Alamo Workforce Development, Inc. in San Antonio expressed concern that the CHIP asset test poses a potential barrier to employment. "The asset test is a penalty for working families and a potentially significant barrier to obtaining and retaining employment. Families need access to reliable transportation to get to and from work and should not be barred from receiving children's health insurance because they happen to own a car."

Advocates also express concern that retirement accounts, pensions or accessible trust funds for a child's college education would be counted as a CHIP asset, especially in light of the troubled economy. "While our state economy is improving slowly, many families are still facing lower incomes. Do we really want working families to have to choose between their Children's health insurance and savings for retirement or a child's college education?" stated Dan Fink, President of Cook Children's Health Plan in Fort Worth.

The Campaign also calls on the Governor to use \$469 million in state funds available for the restoration of health and human services. Much of this funding is due to federal fiscal relief provided to Texas through enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates that states will receive through July 1, 2004.

According to 2002 U. S. Census data, Texas has the highest rate of uninsured children in the United States, with 22.6% of children lacking coverage. 90% of uninsured Texas children have a least one parent that works full time.

CHIP enrollment in Texas has declined more rapidly than was predicted by budget writers. If the monthly decline in CHIP enrollment continues at the same rate as in the first six months of F 2004 (4.7%, with monthly drops ranging from 16,996 to 30,524), enrollment will drop to near 300,000 by August, 2004—far below the official budgeted enrollment average of 346,818 for the next fiscal year, 2005. The Campaign to Restore CHIP believes due to the dramatic enrollment drop already underway, an asset test will not be needed to keep CHIP spending within budgeted dollars.

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

Over 1,000 organizations and individuals signed on to The Campaign to Restore CHIP.

### What is the impact of cuts to CHIP?

**\*Loss of Federal Dollars.** Texas receives \$2.59 in federal dollars for every state dollar spent for CHIP and approximately \$1.51 for every state Medicaid dollar. As a result of cuts, Texas will lose more than \$500 million in federal funds. The cost of eliminating health services to children has not been calculated.

In addition, over the past six years, Texas has passed up \$618 million in federal matching funds because Texas has not put in the required state funds to draw down federal matching dollars. When Texas does not spend enough to draw down all of its federal CHIP funds, the money is redistributed after a three year period to other states that have met or exceeded their CHIP allotment.

**\*Costs shifted to local communities:** If children lose CHIP, costs will be shifted to local healthcare delivery systems, without federal matching funds. For example, if children lose health insurance and go to local County health programs for care, local tax-payers pay 100% of the costs, without any federal or state support. Local property taxes and rents will increase as local communities absorb the costs of the cuts.

For example, Bexar county Judge Nelson Wolff estimates that the hospital district will face a projected \$25 million deficit from the CHIP/Medicaid cuts.

**\*Increased strain on local emergency rooms:** 2% of Texans lack health insurance and, without access to preventive services, often use the emergency room as their only option for healthcare. Removing children from CHIP coverage will place even more strain on already over-crowded emergency rooms. In the city of Houston alone, local emergency rooms are on divert status more than 30% of the time. A recent study of 54 hospitals across the 12 county greater Houston region found that 1 out of every 3 children taken to local emergency rooms is immediately transferred because there are not enough beds available.

**\*Increased costs for emergency, rather than preventive services.** At the Harris County Hospital District, treatment of an established patient's mild asthma attack in a doctor's office is \$94 to \$103. However, if the child goes untreated and has to be hospitalized for 3 days - the average length of stay for a severe asthma attack - the cost is \$9,200.

Submitted by The Campaign To Restore CHIP

### County Commissioners Notice of Open Meeting

The following items were on the agenda of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court March 8, 2004 Open Meeting:

- I. Review and sign minutes of previous meetings.
- II. Public Comments - no discussion or action.
- III. Discuss maintenance on county road - Kathy Hime and Steve Maxturano.
- IV. Discuss county road 221 and private road 2264 - Nancy Haynes.
- V. discuss - Designate Loss Control Officer for County.
- VI. Discuss - Approve property proposal on FM 2287 - Joyce Odom.
- VII. Discuss - Appointment of Emergency Management Coordinator - Rhonda Vestal (Information only).
- VIII. Discuss - Accept or Reject bids on 1998 Nissan Altima.
- IX. Discuss and pay approved bills.

## Baird First United Methodist Church News

### UMW News

The United Methodist Women met Sunday, Feb. 8, with nine members present. Willie Gaumond and Joy Corn were hostesses.

Yearbooks were distributed, and members gave their pledges for the year. Names for secret pals or prayer partners were drawn.

Willie gave a very moving devotionai. We are looking forward to a profitable and spiritual new year.

Our next meeting will be March 14, with Donna Geiger and Sue McNeil as hostesses.

Submitted by Lanetha Walker, President

### Youth Update

God bless you every day of your life.

Several of the youth and John and I have been to see The Passion of the Christ. It was a life changing experience for most all of us.

Please keep in your prayers this weekend the fie girls that are on the Chrysalis. Their names are Cissy, Kayla, Adriana, Crystal, and Emily. This, too, is a life changing experience. Thank you very, very, much to those of you who sponsored these girls to be able to experience this weekend, and also for the many prayers.

A boys' Chrysalis is planned for August 2004. If you know any boys age 15-18, sophomore to senior, who would be interested, let us know.

We are excited about spring. This is when we are planning our lock-in, although we are thinking about an outdoor event. This is all still in the works.

Please continue to pray for a youth center to come alive in Baird. There is a great need for this, as you well know.

Kristi & John & the Youth

### Connecting Kids to Christ Workshop

A one-day workshop sponsored by Children's Ministry magazine will take place in four locations this year:

March 13, 2004 in Dallas; March 27, 2004 in Ft. Worth; September 18, 2004 in Arlington; September 25, 2004 in Lubbock.

Everyone who ministers to children from nursery through sixth grade including ministers, ministry leaders, pastors, education directors, teachers and volunteers should attend.

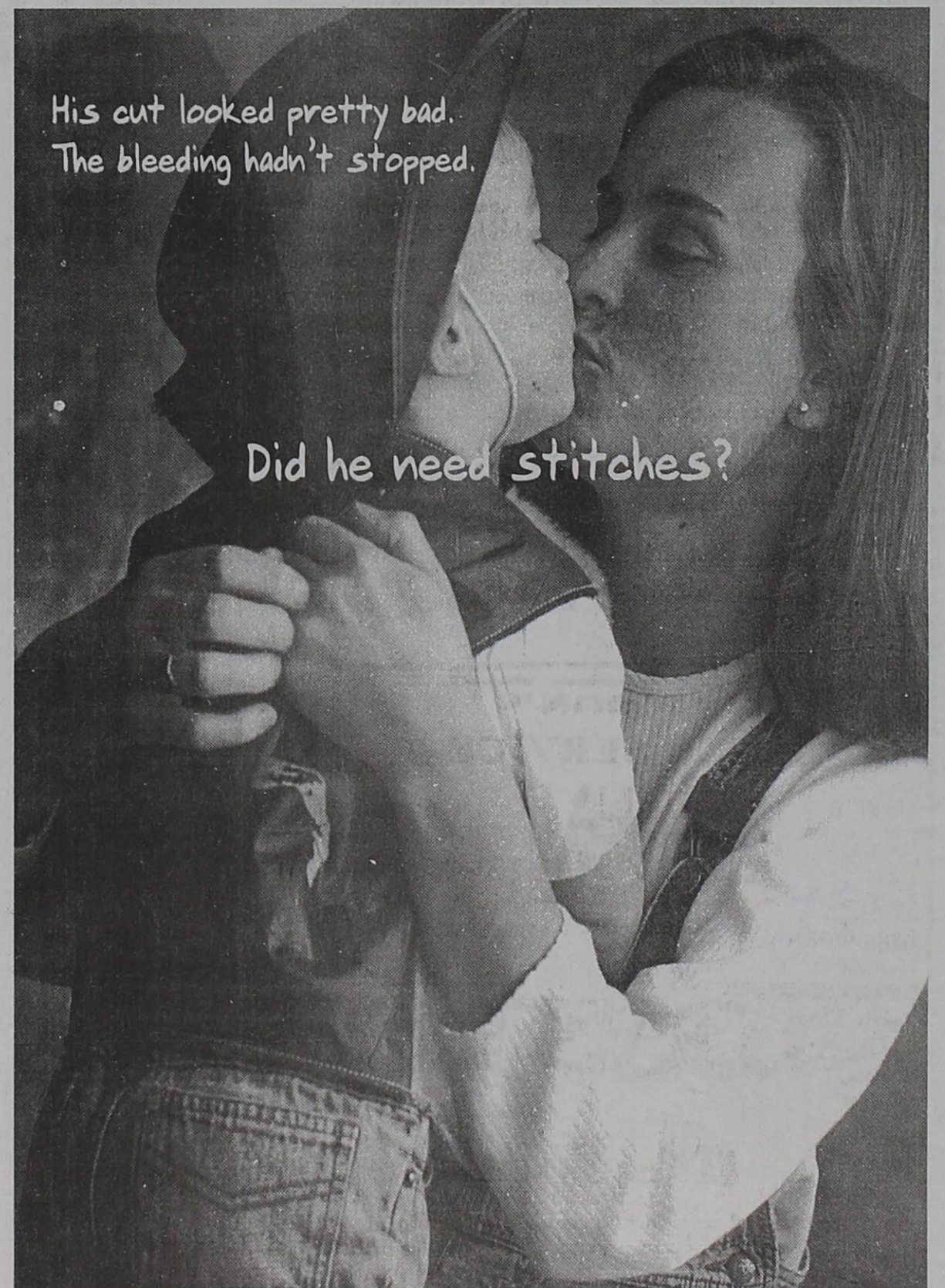
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### Abilene District Lay Speaking Ministry Training

Basic Course: Saturday, April 17, 2004, 8:30-3:30 p.m., (lunch served) and Saturday, May 1, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - noon, First United Methodist Church, Roscoe, Texas.

Advanced Course: Saturday, April 17, 2004, 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (lunch served). Cost is \$25 and Rev. Danny Cochran, Rotan, is the instructor. Contact the district Office for registration forms, or your local church.



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# Obituaries

## Ida Mae McCowen

CROSS PLAINS — Graveside services for Ida Mae McCowen, 75, a long time resident of Brownwood, were at 2 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2004, in the Pioneer Cemetery in Eastland County with Matt McGowen officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Mrs. McCowen died Tuesday, March 3, 2004, at Abilene Regional Medical in Abilene. She was born September 28, 1928, in Brown County to Charles Randolph Hubbard and Maggie Bell (Smoot) Hubbard. She married Jimmy Vincent McGowen on Dec. 19, 1947,

in Blanket. She was a Baptist.

Her parents, a son, Charles Vincent, seven brothers, and a brother-in-law, Darwin Anderson preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Vincent McGowen of Cross Plains; a daughter, Charlotte Montgomery of Cross Plains; two sons, Jimmy D. McCowen of Oxford, GA, and Mark McCowen of Greenwood; two sisters, Nelda Anderson and Netta Lou Jarret, both of Comanche; a brother, Jack Hubbard of Rising Star; eight grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

## Roy Monroe Kerbow

ABILENE- Roy Monroe Kerbow, 78, of Abilene and former Coleman County resident died Friday, March 5, 2004 at Hendrick Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2004 at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel in Coleman. Gary Williams officiated. Burial followed in the Coleman City Cemetery, directed by Stevens Funeral Home.

Mr. Kerbow was born February 28, 1926 in Brownwood, a son of Johnny Edward and Rosa Lee Forehand Kerbow. He grew up and attended school in Gouldbusk. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Olivia "Tookie" Sparks in Coleman on July 5, 1945. She preceded him in death on July 6, 1980. He moved to Abilene in 1974 from

Coleman County and did custom combining in the summer all over Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and two sisters, Viola Brannon and Marie Garner.

Survivors are one daughter, Donna Obar of Hurst; two sons, Timothy Roy Kerbow of Houston, Tony Kerbow and wife Kathy of Baird; one brother, Buster Kerbow of Magnolia, TX; one sister-in-law, Edna Tisdale of Coleman; one brother-in-law, R.C. Sparks of Coleman; six grandchildren, Tammy and Tiffany Obar of Hurst, TX, Jim Kerbow of Rogers, TX, Travis Kerbow and wife Tatum of Weatherford, Adrienne Kerbow of Goldthwaite, Heather Kerbow of San Angelo; one great-grandchild, Kaden Kerbow of Weatherford and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Baird '48 Study Club Meets

The Baird '48 Study Club met in the home of Joanie Shrader on Monday, March 8, 2004. President Tereva Hunter called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Linda Hart. President Tereva Hunter announced that the next meeting will be held in the home of Sally McGregor. It will be a salad supper. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting continued with the introduction of the speaker for the evening, Elaine Stephenson gave the program. She read a lovely poem. She continued the program with information about "gardening". Her topic was xeriscape. She explained this term and continued by informing the members about plants that can be grown in this area. All members appreciated this very interesting program.

Hostesses for the evening were Sue McNeil and Dyanne Thompson. The meeting was closed and refreshments were served. Members present were Inna Crow, Billie Ann Earp, Frances Greenway, Judy Gulley, Linda Hart, Pat Holland, Tereva Hunter, Georgie Manio, Sue McNeil, Cheryl Roach, Joanie Shrader, Elaine Stephenson, Dyanne Thompson, Dana Voigts, Debbie McElmurry, Donna Bell, and Sandra Collins.

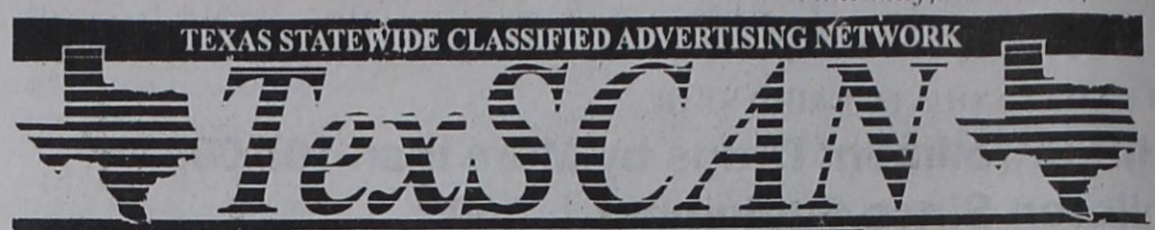
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