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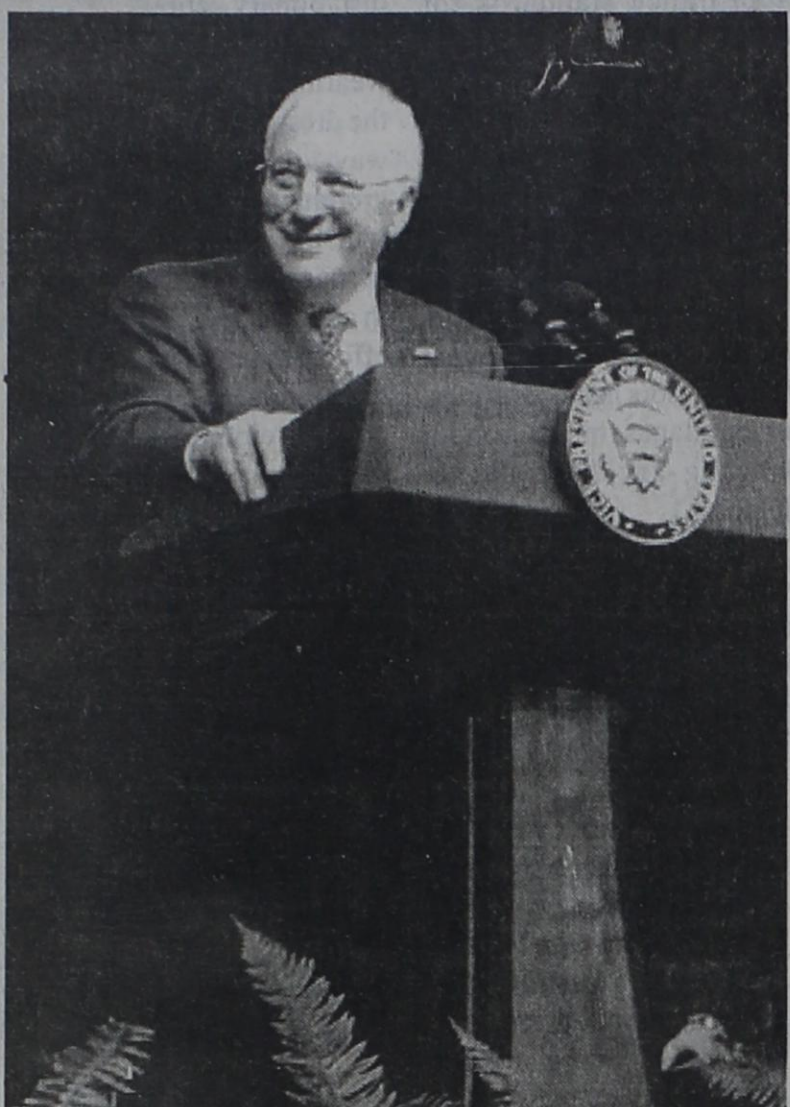
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Thursday, August 5, 2004

Vice President Visits West Texas



Vice President Dick Cheney speaks to a crowd of over 1,000 in Lubbock *staff photo*

Cheney Underlines Support Of Conservative Candidate

Vice President Dick Cheney touched base with voters in Lubbock Monday, August 2, to show his support for Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, District 19.

Cheney spoke at a reception for Neugebauer in the Lubbock Civic Center.

Neugebauer is contesting Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, 17th District, in the November election for Congressional District 19.

Redistricting by the Texas legislature this year moved Eastland and Callahan County from the 17th District into the 19th District.

Stenholm has represented the 17th District since 1979, and is Ranking Minority Member of the House Agriculture Committee.

Neugebauer was elected to represent the 19th District in a special election in June, 2003.

Cheney's speech praised the work of the Bush administration, and underlined the Administration's backing for Congressman Neugebauer.

The Vice President received a standing ovation from the audience for his comments about the Bush Administration's views on conservative issues and values, which are also those of Congressman Neugebauer, he said.

More than 1,000 people attended the event, a spokesperson for Neugebauer's office said. Over \$400,000 was raised, Congressman Neugebauer announced at the event.

September 21, 2004 marks a historic re-opening of The Western Cattle Trail, organized by Friends of the Western Trail. "Cowboys" and Long Horns will roll into Baird that afternoon to set up an over-night camp site at the Rodeo Grounds. Many activities are planned, including a parade and fund-raising supper. The event in Baird is being hosted by the Baird Chamber of Commerce and the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse. For information call Johnny Adkins @ 893-2684 or the C of C @ 854-2003.

Texas Department of Health Will hold the following Immunization clinics in Callahan County

Monday, August 9th

Baird Cafeterium 400 W. 7th

Time 10-12

Cross Plains Housing Authority

233 N. Main

Time 2-4

Wednesday, August 11th

Clyde First Baptist Church

216 Austin

10 - 12 & 1:30 - 3

Please bring child's Immunization Records
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FUNDAY Is August 14 At Baird Elementary

Baird Elementary will be having a "FUNDAY" on August 14th for all students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. The "FUNDAY" will be from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. There will be blow-up castles and lunch will be served in front of the Elementary Building.

Baird Elementary students K-2nd grade will have a new dismissal time. Kindergarten will dismiss at 2:30 P.M. and the 1st and 2nd grade will get out at 2:45 P.M. There will be a bus pe-

riod provided for those that are on a bus route. The school day for Kindergarten through 6th grade will start at 8:05 A.M.

Student Registration for Baird Junior High School will be Tuesday, August 10th at the Baird Cafeteria from 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. The Junior High will be in the Elementary Building for the 2004-2005 school year. All business pertaining to the children will be handled through the Elementary Office.

Baird Resident Participates in HSU Treshold Program

Abilene - Baird resident Emily Sturiale recently participated in Threshold, a summer enrichment program for gifted children entering kindergarten through tenth grade, held at Hardin-Simmons University.

HSU began offering this program over 25 years ago. Threshold has been recognized throughout the state as an exemplary enrichment program. Few, if any, univer-

sities in the United States provide classes which enrich and challenge students beginning at such a young age.

Additionally, students' experiences with problem solving and in-depth study enhance their education understanding.

Again this year, Dr. Mary Christopher, assistant professor in gifted and talented education and elementary education, directs Threshold.

Cisco Photographer Arrested

AUTHORITIES ARE PROTECTING PRIVACY OF PHOTO MATERIAL

Charles Gregory Qualls, A Private Commercial Photographer, 42 of Cisco, was recently arrested and charged in San Antonio with improper visual recording. According to a report from the Express News, San Antonio police were called to a university at 9:30 a.m. by campus police where Qualls was doing contract photography. An eighteen year old photographer's assistant told police she was secretly videotaped in the dorm's shower.

Local Cisco Police, Texas Ranger David Hullum and staff from the District Attorney's Office have actively been investigating possible instances where young women have been secretly videotaped in eastland County. According to Sgt. Weger of the Cisco Police Department, all of the young women suspected of having been secretly videotaped have been contacted and advised as to how to proceed with the making a complaint.

A search warrant was executed at Quall's home and place of business in Cisco wherein certain items were seized. All evidence is

being transported to Tarrant County for a computer forensic analysis by a law enforcement expert in this field and will be examined to ensure that files have not been copied or posted on the internet. Officials stress that there is no evidence at this point in the investigation that there has been any type of distribution.

When questioned as to how the evidence was being reviewed by law enforcement, District Attorney Russ Thomason stated that great measures were being taken to ensure privacy and to spare any potential embarrassment to any one of these young women. Cisco Chief Larry Weikel agreed stating, "I can not imagine the heartache and anguish the victims and their families must be going through. No one has and no one will view any video of any victim unless necessary for the successful prosecution of the case."

By all appearance, the photography studio in Cisco appears to have closed, as all furnishings and signage have been removed from the property.

Student Registration

Baird High School

Monday, August 9: 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Seniors & Juniors

Tuesday, August 10: 9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Sophomores & Freshmen

New Student Registration

Monday, August 9: 1:00 - 3:00

Baird Junior High School

Tuesday, August 10: 9:00 - 1:00 A.M.

8th Grade & 7th Grade

Registration will be held in the Baird Cafeteria.

Baird ISD Announces Registration: Student Code Of Conduct

The start of the 2004-2005 school year is only days away. Baird ISD teachers begin staff development activities on Wednesday, August 11th; and students start classes at 7:55 A.M. on Monday, August 16th.

Registration for high school students (grades 9-12) will be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 9th and 10th. Juniors and seniors will register from 9-11 A.M. on Monday, August 9th. Sophomores and freshmen will register from 9-11 A.M. on Tuesday, August 10th. New students may register from 1-3 P.M. on Monday, August 9th.

The seventh and eighth grade classes have moved to the elementary / junior high campus for the upcoming year. Mr. A. L. Hunter is the principal for the elementary/ junior high campus.

Registration for seventh and eighth graders will be held in the cafeteria from 9-11 A.M. on Tuesday, August 10th.

Administrators have been preparing this summer for the upcoming school year. The Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct were reviewed and approved by the Baird School Board on July 20th. Several changes have been approved:

ATTENDANCE: After five (5) days of absence per semester, the student may be required to bring a doctor's note for any additional absence. If the requested doctor's note is not provided, the absence will be unexcused.

DRESS AND GROOMING CODE: Shorts are allowed for kindergarten through 12th graders. Stu-

dents may wear shorts during any part of the school year. Shorts and skirts must be no shorter than fingertip length.

Males may wear their shirts untucked this school year. Shirts that are straight on the bottom (t-shirts) do not have to be tucked in.

VEHICLE ID STICKERS: Students who drive vehicles to school will need to secure a vehicle ID sticker for each vehicle they will drive to school. Students may get these stickers at the high school office by providing the license number, year, make, and model of the vehicle. These stickers will be issued free of charge.

DRINKS ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS: Students will not be allowed to bring drinks, with the exception of bottled water, on campus before school or after the lunch period.

EXEMPTION POLICY: The exemption policy for juniors and seniors remains unchanged. This year freshmen and sophomore students may be exempt from certain spring semester finals by meeting the exemption criteria.

PROHIBITED CONDUCT: Playing cards have been added to the list of prohibited items at school. (Level I offenses).

EXPULSION - EFFECT ON CREDITS: Expelled students will not receive credit for courses not completed because of an expulsion. Students may use correspondence courses or credit by examination, within the limits set by District policy, to earn graduation.

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Complaints - 125
DWI - 3
Organized Criminal Activity - 7
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - 1
Fugitive-Assault Domestic Violence - 1
Accidents
There was 1 accident investigated during this time span *****

Expanding The Reach Of Emergency Treatment

By Patti Patterson, M.D., Vice President for Rural and Community Health, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

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School Board
tion credits. Students are responsible for all costs associated with the correspondence courses or credit by examinations.
CLOSED CAMPUS: The Baird ISD campus is closed for grades K-9 for the 2004-2005 school year. An additional grade (grade 10) will be added for the 2005-06 school year. For the 2004-2005 school year, students in grades 7, 8, and 9 will remain on campus during the lunch period. If a parent or guardian desires for the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade student to go home for lunch, the parent must come - in person - to the principal's office to sign the student out for the lunch period. Neither phone calls nor handwritten notes will be accepted, and no exceptions will be granted.

There is no question West Texas relies heavily on agriculture for much of its economy. As a result of this many live and work on farms or ranches away from the crowded cities. But what happens when disaster strikes these rural communities? In most cases - waiting.
Rural communities are in need of more emergency medical personnel in order to cut down the amount of time between an accident and the start of treatment. Too often patients must wait for EMS to get to their location. Then the long drive into a hospital capable of handling the emergency begins, which often results in more waiting.

These are few of the changes that have been incorporated in the Student Handbook and the Student Code of Conduct. A through reading of both documents is encouraged. *****

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10th Annual Hico Swap Meet
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August 13, 14, 15
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We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and we expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff. The principal makes decisions about dress and grooming violations.

Student dress and grooming shall comply with the following guidelines:

- * The District prohibits pictures, symbols, emblems, or writing on clothing and accessories (i.e. jewelry, rings, or belt buckles) that:
 1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene
 2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other illegal substance
 3. Refer to satanic, cult, or gang activities
- *Shorts are allowed for K-12 grades.
- *Shorts and skirts should not be shorter than fingertip length.

*A blouse or shirt that is in tank top form must have at least a 2-inch strap. Less than 2 inches will not be permitted.

*Students will not be permitted to wear see-through clothing or have midriffs exposed.

*Undergarments may not be worn as outerwear.

*Pants, shorts, and slacks must be worn at the natural waist.

*Students must wear shoes at all times. Cleats or spikes on shoes will not be permitted.

*Boys hair may not extend past the middle of the ear or below the shirt collar of a button-down shirt. In addition, hair must be out of student's eyes.

*Capri pants must come below the bottom of the knee.

*Male students must be clean-shaven; neither hair

nor sideburns should extend below the earlobe.

*No jewelry may be visible in any pierced area of the body except for the ear. Males are not permitted to wear earrings during school hours or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus after hours.

*Sponsors of extracurricular activities may set individual dress and appearance standards for designated school-approved uniforms with the approval of the principal.

*Cheerleaders may wear their uniforms on the respective game day during football season only.

*Students may not wear or wear hats, caps, sweat bands, visors head coverings, or bandanas in the school building - (neither males nor females.)

*Sunshades may not be worn in the building or classroom during school hours unless a physician has

prescribed them for indoor use.

Any disruptive or distracting mode of clothing or grooming that adversely impacts the educational process is not acceptable.

*Students may not possess pocket knives on the school campus.

Failure to adhere to the established dress and grooming codes may result in disciplinary action.

If a child comes to school wearing clothes that violate the dress code or in any other way violates our dress and grooming standards, she or he will be placed in in-school suspension until she or he is in compliance. We will make efforts to notify you as soon as possible; and if the student changes clothes or otherwise comes into compliance with the dress and grooming standards, she or he will return to regular classes immediately. *****

People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character. ---Ralph Waldo Emerson

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AG TALK

**Weather Across
West Texas**

An abundance of rain and cool temperatures has significantly helped our cotton season and has set the stage for a possible record harvest, beating the six million bale record crop set in 1949.

Storms earlier this season have created a wetter-than-normal summer and cooler temperatures across West Texas, giving us a welcome break from the typical late-July, early-August temperatures.

In fact, in Abilene this week, we've had the lowest July temperatures since 1989, so enjoy the cooler air while you can.

Although we took a couple of hits from some bad hail storms earlier this summer, the majority of the crops have pulled through and are looking strong.

Even with the positive projections, it's important to note that producers are growing cotton on much less land as Texas' population has doubled since 1949 and vast amounts of farm land have been taken out of production.

Today, on less land, Texas' cotton producers have managed to increase their crop yields through new innovations and old-fashioned hard work. This season is no different.

With the recent cool temperatures, we need to get some sunshine and we need a cooperative frost, but right now things couldn't be looking better.

**Agriculture Drives
Rural West Texas
Economy**

Many people who are not directly involved in agriculture fail to understand the importance of agriculture to the economic development of towns and communities in West Texas.

In much of this country, due to a variety of reasons, agriculture does not have the significance today that it did a few years ago. But in West Texas, agriculture continues to be a key factor in the region's economic health.

Countless long-term investments in technology and infrastructure allow agriculture to remain strong overall in West Texas.

When you drive around West Texas as much as I do, it becomes abundantly clear that West Texas farmers work hard to increase efficiency while conserving precious resources. And experts with the National Cotton Council have studies that back this up.

Another part of the infrastructure that contributes to the agricultural strength of West Texas is the 2002 Farm Bill which Larry Combest and I crafted in a strong bipartisan fashion. The 2002 Farm Bill provides a safety

net against wide price swings and gives us an opportunity to weather short-term disruptions in commodity markets.

The 2002 Farm Bill has provided farmers with more cropping flexibility than they've had for some time and allowed them to weather a period of extremely low world prices, particularly for cotton.

It is the agricultural dollar that continues to drive the West Texas economy, including many businesses that depend on the farmer's profitability, and I assure you I will continue to do all I can in Congress to keep agriculture

on strong footing in West Texas.

**RC&D 40th
Anniversary**

This summer marks the 40th anniversary of the beginning of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Resource Conservation and Development Program (RC&D).

Originally authorized in the 1962 Food and Agriculture Act, the RC&D program stressed the conservation of water and other natural resources, in addition to soil surveys and land treatments. It also emphasized long-range planning and sustainable economic development in rural areas in addition to other goals.

The RC&D started out with only ten areas where their goals were being implemented. Forty years later, the RC&D is proud to have 375

councils and 26 applicant areas across the country. Texas has 22 RC&D areas and one area is still awaiting recognition.

Just in the 17th Congressional District of Texas, we have several functioning RC&Ds. These are the Big Country, Four Winds, Chisolm Trail, Leon Bosque, Wes-Tex, and Concho Valley councils.

In all of these RC&Ds, volunteers play an essential role. The goals of the program are usually implemented by one paid staffer with much assistance from dozens of local volunteers who serve on various committees.

More than 2,000 volunteers are involved in Texas, and there are 21,000 volunteers nationwide.

While the goals of today's RC&D program are similar to those of the past, with the

focus still on the conservation of natural resources, RC&Ds have also become involved in any number of projects that provide for the social, economic and environmental enrichment of rural communities.

This can include anything from ensuring safe drinking water, to job training programs to helping producers add value to their crops and livestock.

What RC&Ds do best, and why they've had so much support, is that the paid staff and volunteers are able to leverage funding sources of all types. For every dollar appropriated by Congress, the councils in Texas are able to find \$28 from state, local and private funding sources. All the federal government does is provide a paid coordinator to work with local volunteers.

An amazing accomplishment that shows what can

happen if local folks work together to identify problems, decide how to solve them and then put together a plan to accomplish their goals and objectives. I was proud to have ensured the continued success of RC&Ds by including a permanent reauthorization of the program in the 2002 Farm Bill.

One last comment on this issue: I want to encourage folks who are assisting their local RC&Ds to stay involved, continue to serve your community as a volunteer and please know your work is appreciated. Without volunteers, RC&Ds would not, could not, be effective.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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Local Youth Competing In KJRA Rodeo Finals This Weekend In Stephenville

The Kids Junior Rodeo Association (KJRA) will be holding their rodeo Finals on August 13 & 14 at the Erath County Rodeo Arena in Stephenville. The Kids Jr. Rodeo Association (KJRA) is an association comprised of 130 plus families from the surrounding sixteen counties with participants varying in age from 5 to 19 years of age in six different age divisions.

Local Eastland county contestants which will advance to the Finals include: Brandy Gann, Shana Gann, Billy Bob Brown, Rainey Bacon, Cody Knight, Amanda Knight, Joe Wells, Chelsi Arnold, Garrett Arnold, Colton Herrera, Britany Adcock, Zane Brooks, Collin Ethridge,

Jimbo Stewart, Josh Stewart, and Jacob Wells.

These kids have been participating in area junior rodeos all summer accumulating points towards the Finals. The top ten individuals in each event will be competing for prizes and awards. Six All-Around saddles and 56 events buckles, and other prizes have been donated by area sponsors and will be awarded the last night of the Finals.

Randolph Dodge and Eastland County Farm Bureau are both saddle sponsors for the All-Around saddles to be awarded at the Finals. Other Eastland businesses donating event buckles include Eastland

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KJRA would like to thank all the sponsors that made this year's Finals possible and would like to invite everyone to come watch the high level of competition on

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

For Whom the Bell Doesn't Toll

In an era when professional athletes' loyalty crumbles under the weight of mega-dollars, sometimes you can't know the players WITH a program. And, you might want to check periodically to make sure you know current stadium names. Just about all of them now have corporate ID's, in most cases replacing monikers recognized by generations of fans.

When the "fill in the blank" deal was consummated in Arlington a few weeks ago, "The Ball Park" designation faded to black with Ameriquest Mortgage Company's inking a long-term naming contract. Signs all around now proclaim "Ameriquest Field," and as initials go, I almost got it right (two out of three "ain't" bad). I suggested in this space a while back that "ARF" (Alex Rodriguez Field) would be a nice acronym if he would shell out the shekels to buy the naming rights..

With a liberty bell "look-alike" symbol, Ameriquest folks are careful not to take comparisons too far. The Philadelphians never did get the old original quite right, and finally quit trying some 250 years ago, soon after it had been cast and oft repaired. It still is a symbol of freedom, albeit a mute one. Despite repairs, smaller clappers and feverish bell-ringing tweakings, it cracked repeatedly, so it remains a "play-like" bell, looking the part, but not ringing.

The one at the ball yard has much in common-visually, anyway-with the Philadelphia version. It hangs 50 feet above ground in the left field stands, 471 feet from home plate. Made of foam and coated with shellac, it rocks a bit and lights up when the Rangers hit home runs or win games. Muffled "gongs" waft throughout the stadium, but they are "canned gongs."

I had hoped the bell might be placed just beyond the outfield wall—a worthy target for long-ball hitters. Alas, it was not to be, but IF, on a certain night, with winds swirling outward and IF a Ranger makes the sweetest of swings, maybe the bell will be both smacked and cracked, and perhaps more. It might disintegrate, or what if the ball sticks to it? Would it be a "bell rule" home run? (Worry not—the longest ball hit so far was a 480-foot shot by Jose Canseco a decade ago, and it didn't land 50 feet up..)

Just as knives cut both ways, fame is fleeting, and infamy seems to hang around. Bells can indeed be "all purpose," symbolizing joyous occasions—or mournful ones when August's "dog days" roll around..

Let the bells toll in memory of a great sports figure, dead at age 83. Jones Ramsey, Sports Information Director at Texas A&M dur-

ing the Paul Bryant era (he joined the University of Texas to help showcase the Longhorns when "The Bear" went to Alabama) was among the best of the "wordsmiths and stat-spewers" of the perspiring arts. Claiming there to be just two main sports in Texas—football and spring football—he grimaced that "the only thing worse than track is field.."

We "dasn't" fail to include a fib linked to the Hunchback of Notre Dame. For many years, he climbed daily to the top of the steeple to ring the bell at evening tide. When he died, a long line of successors was ready to audition, including one man who was a hunchback "look-alike," except that he had no arms.

"Let me show you what I can do," he bragged, scurrying up the cathedral tower. He rang the bell expertly—the volume and cadence identical to years past. It was beyond awesome as he rang the bell with his face!

Alas, he lost his footing, plummeting to his death on the pavement below. "Who was this man?" the villagers wondered. One man in the crowd said he didn't recall his name, but his "face sure rings a bell." Another claimed the victim was a "dead ringer" for the Hunchback of Notre Dame..

I think professional baseball is missing a bet on rainy nights. Why not offer an "umpire race" instead of the dot race? During rain delays—or in games when umpires' decisions are clearly "all wet"—they could be featured in races to the dugout.

On two occasions this year, one of the American League's "portliest" arbiters was at his first base post—well beyond the bag—when the rains came. He chugged toward the dugout, more than 100 feet away, crossing home plate a split second before the tarp covered it. Taped replays showed that he was

safe. Fans-pulling for the tarp-bood anyway..

Pity the architect who designed the new football stadium in northern Idaho. The field runs north and south, and he failed to allow space for parking lots. It turned out okay; they just put the parking lots in adjoining states..

End of the lines; everybody off..

Dr. Newbury is an author/speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. His column appears weekly in 100 Texas newspapers. He welcomes feedback at 817.447.3872; e-mail: newbury@speaker.doc.com

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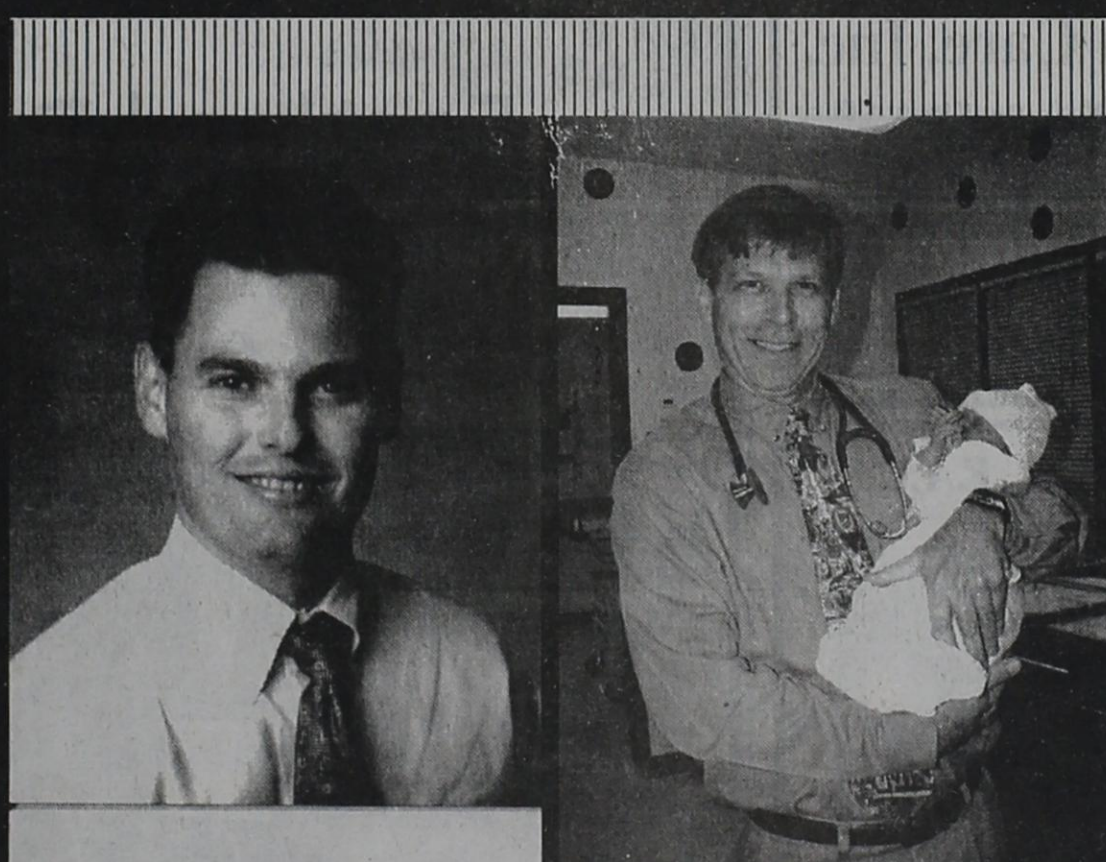
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Dr. Bob Matthews is a 1983 graduate of the University of Texas at Galveston. He is a member of the Texas & American Association of Family Practice. Since 1986, Dr. Matthews has been Board Certified in Family Practice and in practice at the B & W Clinic. His practice includes maternity & child-care.

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Men In Service

Marine Corps Pvt. Patrick Lucas

Marine Corps Pvt. Patrick M. Lucas, son of Dianna Lucas of Forest Park, Ga. and Michael P. Lucas of Albany, Texas, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Lucas and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a. m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Lucas spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They per-

formed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Lucas and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the core values mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Lucas and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

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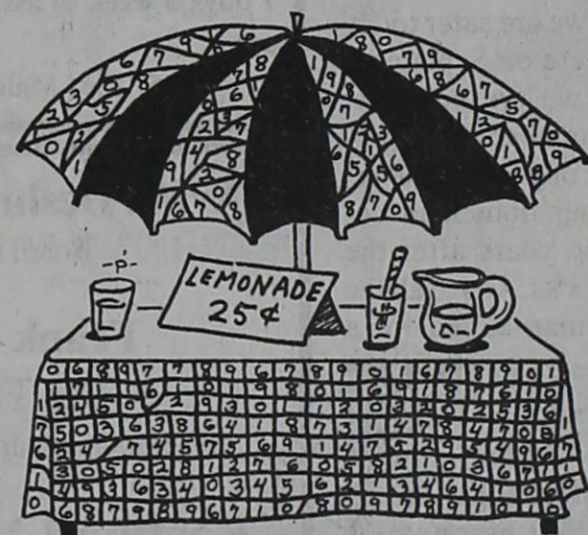
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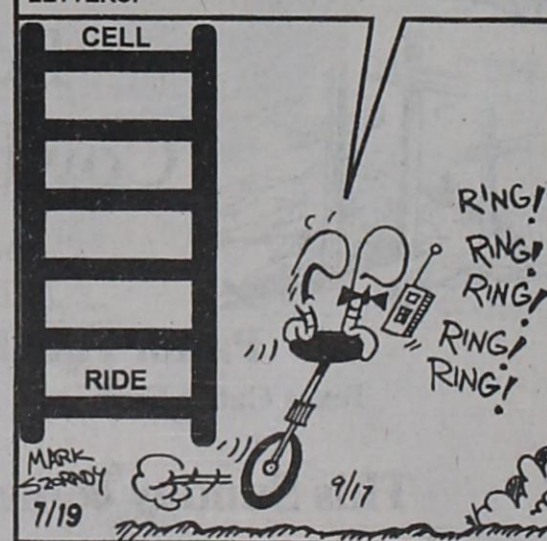


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By Mark Szorady

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9-11 Commission Report

Nearly three years later, the images, sounds and emotions are still as clear as the cloudless sky that September morning. It was the wake up call that came too late. September 11th opened the world's eyes and last week the 9-11 Commission opened our minds.

After 2.5 million pages of documents and over 1,200 individual interviews, the 9-11 Commission issued a final report on our security shortcomings before September 11, 2001. No one will dispute that we were unprepared for the terrorist attacks, but the Commission's findings help pinpoint our weaknesses, and assert that September 11th was a "failure of policy, management, capability and, above all, a failure of imagination."

No single step would have prevented this horrible day, but there were some missed opportunities to intervene. For example, the government did not discover false statements on visa applications, recognize fake or manipulated passports, nor did they require a thorough screening of airline passengers. The arrest of Zacarias Moussaoui, who was "interested in flight training for the purpose of using airplanes as a terrorist act," was not linked to heightened indications of an attack.

The bi-partisan Commission found that our failures took place over many years and administrations, and that no one individual was responsible for these attacks. As your U.S. Senator I have worked judiciously since 9/11 to make sure we are never caught off guard again.

As the Commission reminds us, we are safer today than we were on September 11th, but we are not safe. Their recommendations provide us the opportunity to re-evaluate our homeland defense three years after the horrific attacks. Above all the vice chairman called for a

need of unity within the government and within the world. The report recommends that we integrate all the elements of national power: diplomacy, intelligence, covert action, law enforcement, economic policy, foreign aid, homeland defense and military strength. Another overriding theme was that the U.S. must continue the dialogue between the West and the Islamic worlds along with sustaining a coalition of nations that cooperate bilaterally and multilaterally. To successfully implement these proposals, the Commission recommended a national counterterrorism center, and, at the top, one national director to unify the entire intelligence community. This would require major changes to the federal government and is an idea that deserves serious consideration by both the Administration and Congress.

It is important to remember however, that over the course of the last three years we've made great strides to secure our people and our nation. We have imple-

mented a new policy on terrorism by holding to account terrorist groups and the states that sponsor them. No longer will we allow dangerous threats to gather overseas unchecked.

We have transformed the FBI into an agency focused on preventing terrorist attacks through intelligence collection and other efforts. The PATRIOT ACT was adopted to give law enforcement the capability to pursue terrorists, considering the technology now used for communication.

We conducted the largest reorganization of the federal government since 1947 by creating the Department of Homeland Security, bringing unparalleled focus and resources to defending our homeland.

One area in which I have been particularly active is increasing aviation security. From my role as Chair of the Senate Aviation Subcommittee, I worked to pass air security legislation that ensured security screeners have uniform qualifications and standards, placed air marshals on flights and provided bomb detection machines in airports, among other safeguards. To better protect other transportation systems on our borders and in our ports we are providing much greater support for America's first responders - nearly tripling spending on homeland security since 2001.

And we have killed or captured a majority of al Qaeda's leadership, toppled the Taliban, which gave al Qaeda sanctuary, and liberated the people of both Afghanistan and Iraq from two ruthless regimes with well-established records of supporting terrorists.

Yet, we know our job is not over. As the 9-11 Commission declared; this is the end of the beginning, the threat is still real and we do not have the "luxury of time." If there is one thing to learn from both that clear September morning and this comprehensive report, it is that we must be eternally vigilant in defending our freedoms. Our efforts in the war on terror have been successful. Our nation and world are safer today than they were three years ago, but our job is far from over. We will stay the course, we will win the war on terror and freedom will prevail.

reported along the upper coast and along the mid coast three people are suffering from the effects of Vibrio bacteria exposure.

Even so, the Texas Department of Health says the rise in Vibrio cases is not unusual.

"Vibrio is not new to the world, and it's not new to Texas," said TDH epidemiologist Linda Gaul. "But some precautions are in order."

TDH has confirmed 20 cases of Vibrio illness since March, including three deaths. Texas averages 36 cases a year, Gaul said.

The bacteria lives in warm coastal saltwater and can be introduced into the body through open cuts or sores. Vibrio also can be contracted from eating raw seafood such as oysters.

The basic precaution is to keep any cuts or sores well-covered if getting in salt water, and to not eat uncooked shellfish, especially if you have diabetes, a weakened immune system or liver disease.

Another name on the dance card...

Latest gubernatorial candidate said to be thinking about the '06 primary is U.S. Rep. Chris Bell (D-Houston), who lost a re-election try in his legislatively realigned district.

Bell talked about his plans in a breakfast speech at the Democratic National Convention last week in Boston. He said whether he runs in the Democratic primary depends on whether U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison de-

Thursday, August 5, 2004
cides to retire from Washington and seek a new address at 11th and Colorado in downtown Austin.

If Hutchison opts for a try at the Governor's Mansion, the buzz has Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst running to replace her in the Senate, with Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn then going for Dewhurst's post.

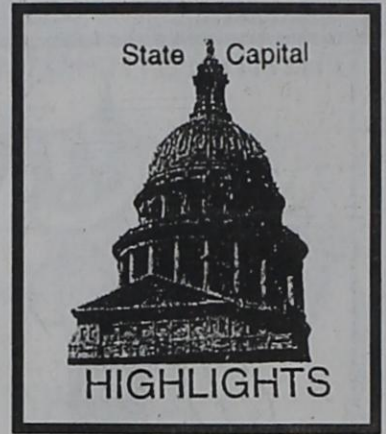
Singer-writer Kinky Friedman of Kerrville continues to blow cigar smoke about running for governor as an independent, with (he says cigar-in-cheek) Willie Nelson as head of the Texas Rangers. Friedman's also mentioned Nelson as agriculture commission, but that's an elected office.

Down on the farm... This fall, the Texas Department of Agriculture will mark the 30th anniversary of its Family Land Heritage Program.

Since 1974, the department has recognized 3,900 farms and ranches in 222 counties that have been in the same family for a century or more.

In addition to being able to prove 100 years of ownership to qualify for recognition, families must have at least 10 acres generating a minimum of \$50 in agricultural sales a year. If the farm covers less than 10 acres, sales must amount to at least \$250 annually.

Deadline for submitting applications for the 2004 class of honorees is Nov. 15. For more information, see the department's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us or call 512-463-2631.



By Mike Cox
Sharks, Bacteria Dampen Texas Coastal Trips

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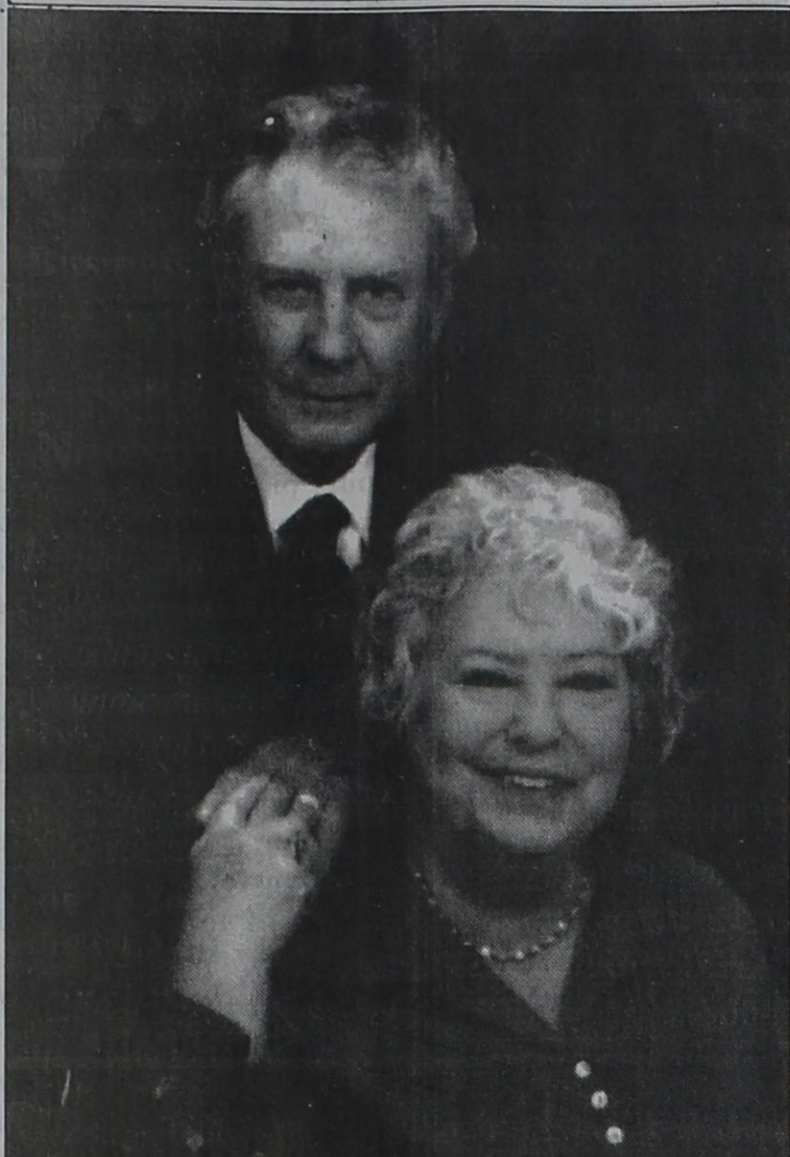
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They met at the Mt. Top Church where her Dad pastored. J.D. graduated from Cisco High School and Faye from Rising Star. Nora "Faye" and J.D. were married on July 9, 1954. They had two daughters, Cathy, who is deceased, and Cheri. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandsons. They lived in the Cisco area where he was employed by Boss Mfg. Co. and farmed also. They moved to El Paso, Texas in 1969 where he managed Boss Mfg. Co. in El Paso. He retired in 1998 after 45 years of service for Boss Mfg. Co. as General Manager for the El Paso and Juarez, Mexico plants. She retired in 1995 as bookkeeper for Chevron Oil. In 1999 they returned to the Romney Community to their ranch and remodeled their home there. He enjoys working on the ranch and gardening while she enjoys Interior Decorating and Antiques. They also enjoy traveling. They recently celebrated

their anniversary aboard a Caribbean Cruise.

Aug. 16 Deadline Approaches For Extension Filers

Most taxpayers already have filed their tax year 2003 federal income tax returns. But for almost 8.5 million taxpayers who opted for the automatic extension of time to file, the deadline is August 16.

The IRS reminds extension filers that e-filing remains available. So far this year, more than 60 million returns have been e-filed.

"Why not e-file? More than 60 million Americans already have," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "No matter what time of the year, e-filing is the fastest, safest, easiest way to do taxes. There are fewer errors, and taxpayers get their refunds in less than half the time of paper returns."

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers with extensions to file their returns by August 16 to avoid the late filing penalty, which is 5 percent per month of the unpaid tax. Help may be available, however, for people who cannot file by August 16.

Taxpayers with special circumstances, such as a hard-

ship, that prevent them from preparing and filing their tax forms by August 16 may request an additional two-month extension by completing Form 2688, giving them until October 15 to file their income tax returns. These taxpayers will be granted an extension of time to file even if they cannot send in payment of outstanding 2003 taxes with the extension request.

Taxpayers granted the additional time to file will not be penalized for late payment of tax if they pay the balance of their 2003 tax when they file the tax return by October 15, provided 90 percent of their total tax was paid by April 15. However they will owe interest on any taxes not paid by April 15.

To request the additional time to file, taxpayers must file Form 2688 with the IRS by August 16. Form 2688 is available on the IRS Web site, IRS.gov. Form 2688 can be filed electronically or mailed to the IRS.

The IRS will advise filers in writing whether or not their requests are granted. Approval for those who file electronically will be sent back on the Acknowledgement Record.

The IRS expects to receive more than 3 million Forms 2688 during 2004.

To e-file, taxpayers can use tax preparation software on their own computers or file electronically through an authorized e-file provider. Both options offer taxpayers

security and accuracy in filing their returns as well as faster refunds. Taxpayers may continue to take advantage of electronic filing and the Free File program until October 15. Free File enables qualifying taxpayers to e-file for free; 3.48 million taxpayers have used Free File to e-file their tax returns this year.

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Obit Clipping Help Asked For Files

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

I visited the Eastland library last week and discovered the last time the obits were clipped and saved in a book for the use of the public was 2003. The library has clipped them but they are in the filing cabinet and many people do not realize they are there.

I would be willing to clip from 2001, 2002 and 2003 papers if I could get some volunteers to volunteer to type these into a program like Microsoft word and then someone could index these and put them on a CD as well as print them off to have a written copy.

As I continued to clip from the older papers, I could not bear to toss the picture of the person out so I have them separate and am hoping someone will volunteer to scan them in and put them on a CD also.

If you would be willing to take on the task of doing the obits for a three month period, please let me know and we will begin to get this job in the works. Remember genealogist often search long and hard for obits for lost relatives and for their family members who passed long ago. It would be a big plus to

Eastland County to have these available in written for at least but it would be greater still to have them on a CD.

I would like to make a suggestion for those of you who will be helping write an obit in the coming days. It is so nice to find an old obit on a friend or family member that list the places the person was born, lived, went to school or college, but would it not be wonderful if the person doing the obit also sent it to the local newspaper in those towns for printing at the same time as the one came out in the home town. So many leave off this vital information and it would be a great help. It is also nice when it states the person was preceded in death by family members and lists those people.

You and I both know there are many errors in items we find in the papers as all of us are subject to mistakes and often the problem is the person giving the information is not aware of what information is needed. Please begin your own obit as you know more of the information than anyone else. After all it is your life.

Call Wanda at 254-629-8439.

Desdemona School Reunion August 13

The Desdemona School Reunion will be held Friday, August 13, 2004 at First Baptist Church Annex, Desdemona. Registration from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

At 6 p.m. there will be a program followed by a meal

to be catered by Boomtown Cafe at \$8.00 per plate.

Please call 758-2296 to let us know if you plan to attend, so we will be able to have a good head count for the caterer.

Everyone is invited!

11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
July 29, 2004

Motions Submitted & Granted

Jesse Dan Cates v. State of Texas, Stephens. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file supplemental brief.

James Harold Bryant v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the Interest of B.F.N., a child, Ector. Appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

Ruben Ortiz, Jr. v. State of Texas, Dawson. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Ryan Houston Castleberry v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Motions Submitted & Overruled

Zachary Tyler Smith v. State of Texas, Erath. Appellant's motion for rehearing. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall). Appellant's pro se motion for rehearing. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice

Eastland A.A.R.P. Chapter 2428

Rummage Sale To Be Friday and Saturday

Eastland A.A.R.P. Chapter 2428 will hold its 1st annual Rummage Sale Friday and Saturday, August 6 & 7. From 8 a.m. till 4 p.m.

The sale will be held at the Eastland Senior Citizen Center by the swimming pool and the two tall water towers, (at the South end of Neblett St.) at park hill.

We will have household items, furniture, clothes,

Wright, and Justice McCall). Roberto Avila v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for rehearing. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Cases Submitted

Jermaine Marquette Ellis v. State of Texas, Harris.

Daniel Joseph Doshier v. State of Texas, Ector.

Guadalupe Hernandez v. State of Texas, Midland.

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Affirmed in Part; Reversed & Rendered in Part; and Reversed & Remanded in Part

Jimmie R. McMillian; Bruce W. McClymond; FOAG, Inc; First National Bank Albany/Breckenridge; Orison F. "Mack" McDonald, II; McDonald Investments, Inc; and Ole Chaparral on Possum Kingdom v. Sammy J. Dooley; Myron R. Johnson, Jr; and W. Don Smith., Stephens. (Opinion by Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice McCloud).

120 Year Homecoming For Gorman First Baptist Aug. 22

First Baptist Church, Gorman is having a 120 year Homecoming Celebration Sunday, August 22.

glassware, tools, TVs, even an 8 ft. sail fish, and the prices will be low-low-low.

HUGE is an understatement to describe this sale!!!

Don't miss this sale!!! The proceeds will be used to buy supplies and needed items for the Eastland Senior Citizens Center.

For more information call 629-8164. Thank you for your support.

It will start at 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12 noon. Please come and bring family and friends.

Morton Valley Past & Present

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

This past week I had a visitor from out of my past. A girl, whose father had worked at States Oil Company and lived in the same camp as I did, visited me to see my Morton Valley History, my Class of 1954 History and buy one of the Morton Valley Cookbooks (there are still others for sale). She was also in the same class as I at Eastland Junior High and High School. We had a most enjoyable visit and renewed some of the memories of our past together. It was so much fun to get this opportunity. She and her husband are going to help me with some of the information I do not have on the Class of 1954. It seems her husband has a memory that is much better than mine. I am looking forward to the information and to the next visit. Thanks, Margie and Georgie.

Harmony has an important event coming up Sunday, August 8 and you are invited to attend our services. David Tankersley of the Logdon School of Theology will be preaching our message. There will be a vote by the members immediately following to see if we will select him as our new pastor. Brother James Teel has asked that we seek a new pastor as he feels he needs more time to spend with his family and

his other duties. It is with sad and heavy hearts we are following his request. We have been richly blessed by his work on this field the last few years. He has done a wonderful job as interim pastor and has actually done so much more than most interim pastors would have done. We send him off with our prayers for God's continued blessing on his life. God is not through with him yet and we all will miss him greatly.

David has expressed a desire to become part of not only the church but also a part of the community of Morton Valley. We are looking forward to many times of fellowship and ministry. We also look forward to the time of growth.

The sermon yesterday by Brother James Teel was on the Body of Christ and what an important role each member of the church plays in the congregation. Marie Beck is in charge of the children's sermons now and is doing a great job! Lyndell Garrett sang another old favorite, "I'm So Glad I'm a Part of the Family of God." Please make plans to attend this special service on Sunday. Sunday School will be at 10 a.m. and preaching at 11 a.m. Can't you can spare 2 hours for a time of renewal of spirit and soul.

Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Assoc. 'Hispanic Family Day' In Carbon Aug. 7

On Saturday, August 7, 2004 Cross Timbers Southern Baptist Association and Iglesia Bautista Israel, Abilene are hosting "Hispanic Family Day at Carbon Christian Camp". All the activities, entertainment and food are free of charge. Bring your whole family for a day of fun!

Carbon Christian Camp is located at 515 E. Anthracite St., Carbon.

"Hispanic Family Day" August 7th from 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. Gospel music concerts by Katalina Lozano, Los Oberos de Jehoea, and others. Youth Praise and Worship Rally with evangelist Elden Kao and music by The Vigilantes and Jesus Trip Ministries.

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Garfield Movie Coming To Majestic Theatre

Garfield, the cat with an attitude, is coming to Eastland. Called "Garfield: The Movie", the Twentieth Century Fox picture will begin at the Majestic Theatre on Friday, August 6, and show nightly through Monday, August 9.

Curtain time will be 7:30 nightly, with admission \$4 at the box office. Balcony seats are available to adults only for \$5.50. The movie is rated PG-13.

The movie is based on the comic strip by Jim Davis,

with Garfield animated and voiced by Bill Murray. The other animals and humans in the movie are real, and somehow the film does a convincing job of integrating them.

Garfield is his usual sassy self, balancing between smugness and uncertainty, affection and detachment.

In this story, the other point of view belongs to Odie, a dog that was given to Jon (Brecken Meyer) Garfield's owner, by his captivating girl friend, veterinarian Dr. Liz (Jennifer Love

Hewitt).

Garfield is shocked and astonished to have to share space with a dog, not to mention time with Jon, his caregiver.

But being Garfield, he expresses his displeasure with a subtle plot. He steers the dog outdoors, where Odie chases a car and gets lost. Then he is picked up by a little old lady and taken to the pound.

There are several other sub-plots boiling long at the same time. Although Garfield claims "I don't do chases," the movie does have a big chase scene and other standard excitement.

Critics recommend this movie as up-beat entertainment - one of the more successful new films using cartoon characters.

Registration At The Dance School

The Dance School is beginning its fifth season in Cisco and will be having registration on Friday, August 13th and Saturday, August 14th from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and also on Monday, August 16th from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. It will take place at the studio at 104 West 8th in Cisco. Entrance to the studio is by the staircase. If you are unable to attend registration, you may register by phone after August 16th. There will be a \$10 registration fee for each dancer. Ballet is taught to students starting at 3 years old. Jazz is taught starting at 6 years old with ballet experience and at 7 years old without ballet experience. Tap classes, will

be assigned according to experience, but they must be 5 years old. New classes this year are a pre-ballet/pre-tap for 3 and 4 year olds, and a boys jazz/tap class for 6 years and up. Any dance clothing may be purchased at time of registration. Classes will begin on September 7th.

Call now to ensure class placement. For more information contact: Jill Fields 254-442-4339.

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Cisco FUMC Annual Rummage Sale August 19, 20

It's that time again! First United Methodist Church in Cisco is having their annual rummage sale on Thursday, August 19 and Friday, August 20 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be many bargains. So mark your calendar.

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church are invited to come and be a part of our celebration Sunday, August 22 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Lunch is to be served at the church at noon.

Please come and bring your family and friends and spend the day visiting. Tell everyone about our Homecoming.

County Budget

Workshop August 5

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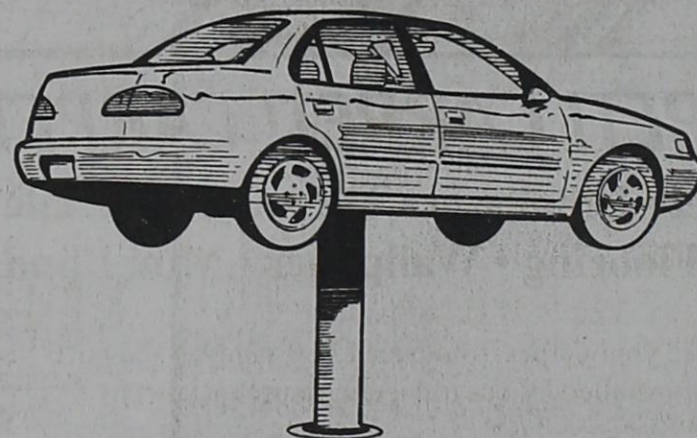
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The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) encourages the public to attend this meeting. At the conclusion of all agenda items, the commission will allow an open comment period, not to exceed one hour, to receive public comment on any matter that is under the jurisdiction of the commission. No action will be taken. Each

speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Anyone planning to make public comment must fill out a speakers comment card that will be available at the registration table, prior to the meeting.

The Texas Transportation Commission consists of five members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate to govern the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Members' six-year terms are staggered, so that an appointment is generally made every two years. The governor designates one member of the commission to serve as the chair.

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Prayer Time In Sanctuary 5:00 P.M.
Evening Service 6:00 P.M. (Nursery Provided)
Wednesday - Prayer and Bible Study In Sanctuary 7:00 P.M.
Sunday (Aug 8) - Special Worship Service with Dale Mason and the Worship Team leading 11:00 A.M. -- please dome and invite your unchurched friends and neighbors
Monday (Aug 9) - No Womens Mission Study
Tuesday (Aug 10) - Ladies Prayer Breakfast 7:00 A.M. Joanie Shrader's home 225 West 3rd, please come for time of prayer, fellowship and breakfast. All ladies from the community are invited.
Monday (Aug 30) - Ladies Night Out -- Potluck supper starting at 6:30 P.M. with Penny Bogard sharing with us after meal. All ladies from the community are invited.

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