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## Stenholm Visits Area Counties Candidate In The 19th District

By Viola Payne  
When U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm (Demo.) stopped at the Callahan/Eastland County Newspapers last Friday afternoon things almost seemed the same. He greeted Publisher H.V. O'Brien and the newspaper staff with his usual optimistic smile - glad to be back in a favorite county.

But all knew that things were different now - the Congressman was running for re-election in a new District - the 19th. This territory included all and part of 29 counties that ran from Eastland to Lubbock and the border of New Mexico.

Stenholm and his aide, Jeff Benson, took a moment to study a map of the Republican-drawn configuration, which included only a part of the 17th District the Congressman had represented since 1978.

He said he decided to run in the 19th District instead of the 13th to the north because he lived in Abilene - an area which was in the 19th.

Stenholm said one of his sons lived on the family farm in an adjoining county, which was now in the 13th District.

Stenholm also said he heard a rumor from Washington that afternoon that the Supreme Court was not going to rule on an emergency appeal from Texas Democrats to halt the redistricting for the Primary Election. So the March 9 Primaries would go forward with the new congressional maps.

"I don't like it," Stenholm said, speaking of the redistricting. "But I know you have to play by the rules."

And those rules stand for now."

He mentioned that he would need to get acquainted with about 400,000 new people. He said he didn't really mind campaigning in Lubbock, the base of the 19th District, although his opponent would be Randy Neugebauer, the freshman Republican Congressman. Neugebauer is in real estate and is a developer.

"I have a lot of friends in Lubbock, including around Texas Tech," Stenholm said. He and his wife, Cindy, both attended the University, and Stenholm obtained his Masters Degree in Agriculture there.

Before going to Congress Charlie Stenholm farmed cotton, taught agriculture, and also worked with the Stamford Electric Cooperative.

He said that during his years in Congress he has always worked closely with Texas Tech on Agricultural matters.

Charlie remarked that his opponent, Neugebauer, came with Vice President Dick Chaney to Abilene, in the 17th District, to raise funds before it was even designated as part of the 19th District. They only visited with a select crowd in one spot, Stenholm noted.

Stenholm was asked what he had done for the Eastland County area during his terms.

"To begin with, I've worked hard for good government," he replied. He then discussed specific matters involved with health care, veteran's affairs, and agriculture. He mentioned the Veteran's Clinic located in Eastland and his work on a bill to reimburse rural hospitals a fair share on

Medicare patients. He mentioned his lifelong interest in agriculture, and work with oil production.

The Congressman was asked what he thought the major issues would be in the 2004 Election

He answered that water, conservation issues, veteran's affairs, education, agriculture, health care, the national debt, Social Security, and of course the War in Iraq were all matters of special concern right now. Stenholm, top ranking member of the House Agricultural Committee, said that the cattle industry had "weathered the storm" on the mad cow disease matter.

"Cattle are selling at 82 cents a pound - the feeders are almost back where they were. People have confidence in the American cattle industry," he reported.

He was asked what he thought of President Bush's recent proposal on a NASA program to send people back to the moon, and to explore Mars.

"With a \$500 billion deficit, I'm not excited about it," Stenholm answered. "Right now I would vote 'No.'"

He explained that during his early years in office - in 1982, the United States owed 1 trillion, and everyone thought that was terrible. During the 1980's the debt jumped another trillion or so, however.

He told how he had worked for a balanced budget for years, and finally saw one achieved in the '90's But that didn't last long.

Since then the national debt has mushroomed several more trillion to an unprecedented level.

Stenholm was asked what he thought about President Bush's new immigration proposal.

"I'm keeping an open mind on that," he said. "We have to come up with a better system than what we have right now. It is reported that the United States has between 6 to 14 million illegal residents.

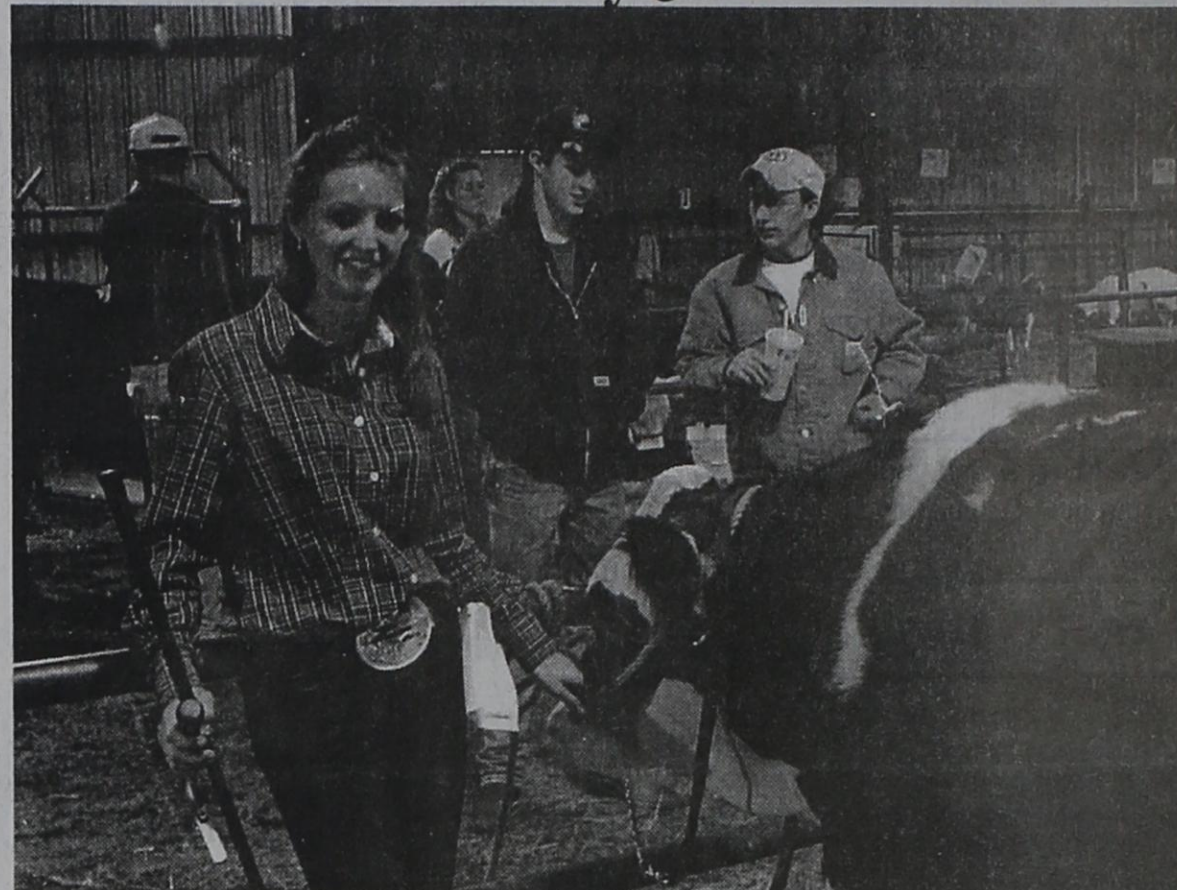
"We need to identify who they are, re-establish where they are needed, and have a legal entry system. If we're going to have homeland security, we need that legal ID system."

He mentioned that Mexico wants an open border, but there is no policing on their side of the border. "I hope President Bush and Vicente Fox can work out something on that," he remarked.

On another topic, Stenholm noted that billions were going overseas, but benefits were being cut to veterans here.

"My voting record will

## 2004 Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show



Kayla Windham of Baird FFA is shown at the Jr. Livestock Show with her Reserve Champion American Cross Steer "Rascal". Kayla, a sophomore at Baird High, said she has been showing livestock since she was in the 1st Grade.

### Please see 2004 Jr. Livestock Show Results Inside

### Callahan County Has Temporarily Lifted Their Burn Ban - Effective 1-20-2004.

show where I've stood on veterans affairs," He remarked. "Right now I'm working to create a Vet Center in Abilene. We've got to put more resources into veteran's benefits."

As the discussion ended, Stenholm was asked what he thought was the most important characteristic a person needed to be a good Congressman.

He paused for a moment, then answered, "Credibility."

He added, "That takes in a lot of other things, including honesty. Also, you have to use good judgment. Then you need experience."

"I think you know you have credibility when other

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### POLITICAL CALENDAR

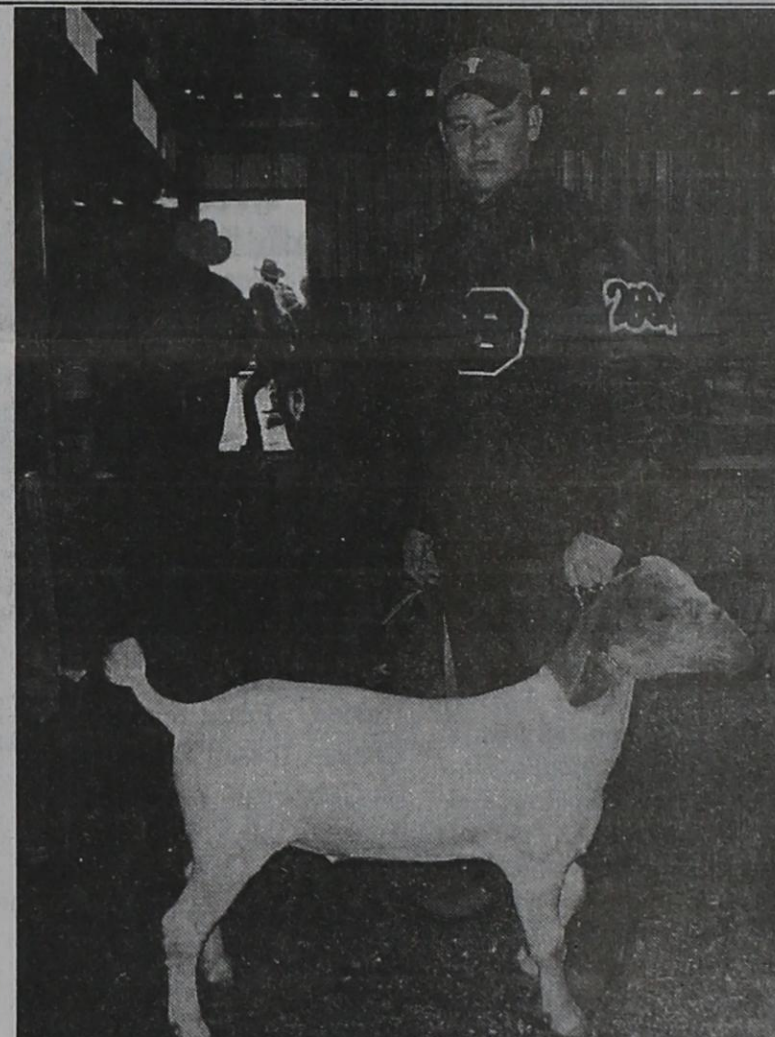
The following candidates have authorized this newspaper to announce their intention to run as candidates for the Spring Primary Election.

**Texas Railroad Commissioner**  
**K. Dale Henry, R**  
**State Senate Dist. 24**

**Troy Fraser**  
**(Reelection)**  
(Pd. Pol. Advertisement)

**\* VOTE \***  
**K. DALE HENRY**  
**Republican Candidate**  
**for Texas Railroad Commissioner**  
Primary Election  
March 9, 2004

Pol. Ad. Paid for by Brian Lenhart, Irving, Texas



Jarrett Knowles of Baird FFA received Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat at the 2004 Livestock Show.

### Baird Student Council Sells Little Caesars Pizza Kits, Cookie Dough To Raise Money For Service Projects

Baird, TX - Baird Student Council will hold a Little Caesars Fundraiser to raise money for Service projects from January 19 through January 31, 2004.

Little Caesars Pizza Kits and Cookie Dough Tubs contain all the ingredients to bake delicious pizza, bread and cookies at home in minutes. Items range in price from \$12.75 to \$18.99, and Baird Student Council will earn \$5.00 for each item sold.

There are several delicious Pizza Kit products to choose: Personal Pepperoni Pizza Kit, Personal Cheese Pizza Kit, Pepperoni Pizza Kit, Deep Dish Pizza Kit, Thin Crust Pizza Kit, Mexican Style Taco Thin Crust Pizza Kit, Italian Sausage Pizza Kit, Italian Cheese Bread Kit, Crazy Bread Kit, Cinnamon Crazy Bread Kit, Gourmet Spice Kit, Pizza Server Paddle, and Pizza Cutter. Each Pizza Kit contains all the ingredients needed to make three pizzas or three bread products.

In addition, there are eight, delicious varieties of Little Caesars Cookie Dough to choose: Chocolate Mint Chip Cookie Dough, Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough, White chocolate Macadamia Nut Cookie Dough, Make-N-Bake Colorful Dough, Double Chocolate Cookie Dough, Peanut Butter Chocolate Chunk Cookie Dough, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Dough (with Cinnamon Chips), and Peanut Butter Cookie Dough (with peanut butter chips).

Baird Student Council's delivery is scheduled for February 16. To order your items from the Student Council, please contact any student council member or call the school at 854-1400 ext 408.

### Baird Elementary Student Of The Week



Maveric Thompson - Mrs. Gerngross - Kindergarten  
Son of Mike and Angela Thompson



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**Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds**

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**Legal Notices**

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)**

Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6104-29-001 for **ULTRA THIN CONCRETE PVT/WHITETOPPING** in CALLAHAN County, etc will be opened on February 11, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of \$490,602.50.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 11924  
State Office

Constr/Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540

**Dist/Div Office(s)**

Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. (1-15, 1-22-04)

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**Stenholm**

people in government (from both parties) come around to you and ask your opinion on something, and if you will sponsor a bill with them.

"Seniority is tied in there somewhere - at least it helps. It takes some time to earn your credibility," he finished. "It doesn't come quick and easy."

As Stenholm left, O'Brien and the staff realized that his campaign in new territory would not be quick and easy either. But we hoped that many other people would get a chance to know him - as we at the Telegram have over the years.

**D. P. S. Report**

01-11-04 - 01-17-04

**Cases Investigated**

Warnings - 121  
Complaints - 108  
DWI - 1  
Fugitive Arrest - Theft of Service - 1

**Accidents**

There were 4 accidents investigated during this time.

**People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants**

9 for a total of \$2,767.00 collected

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 21**  
Turkey Pot Pie, Fried Squash, Fruit, Crackers, Milk

**Thursday, Jan. 22**  
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Corn Carrot Cake, Milk

**Friday, Jan. 23**  
Bear Burgers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookies, Milk

**Monday, Jan. 26**  
Baked Potatoes, Ham Cheese Tossed Salad, Corn on Cob, Fruit, Bread, Milk

**Tuesday, Jan. 27**  
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**2004 Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show Results**

**Rabbits**

**Jr. Showmanship-Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H**

**Sr. Showmanship-Naomi Isbell, CP FFA**

**Breeding Rabbits**

**White Bucks**

1st Place- Jenna Betcher, Baird 4-H

2nd Place- Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H

3rd Place-Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H

**Colored Bucks**

1st Place- Michael Archa, Eula 4-H

2nd Place-Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H

3rd Place-Michael Archa, Eula 4-H

**Champion Buck**

Michael Archa, Eula 4-H

**Reserve Champion Buck**

Jenna Betcher, Baird 4-H

**White Does**

1st Place-Michael Archa, Eula 4-H

2nd Place- Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H

3rd Place- Michael Archa, Eula 4-H

**Champion Doe**

Michael Archa, Eula 4-H

**Reserve Champion Doe**

Skyler Archa, Eula 4-H

**Market Rabbits**

**Fryer Pens**

1st Place- Hailey Biggs, CP FFA

2nd Place- Naomi Isbell, CP FFA

3rd Place- Ryan Payne, CP FFA

**Champion Fryer**

Hailey Biggs, CP FFA

**Reserve Champion Fryer**

Naomi Isbell, CP FFA

**Broilers**

**Jr. Showmanship-Brandi Dempsey, Baird 4-H**

**Sr. Showmanship-Amelia Carroll, Baird FFA**

1st Place- Amelia Carroll, Baird FFA

2nd Place- Kaitlyn Walker, Baird FFA

3rd Place- Jonathan Hopkins, CP FFA

**Champion Broiler**

Amelia Carroll, Baird FFA

**Reserve Champion Doe**

Kaitlyn Walker, Baird FFA

**Swine**

**Jr. Showmanship- Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA**

**Sr. Showmanship- Mykea Douglas, CP FFA**

**Breeding Swine**

Black OPB Gilts

1st Place- Jake Buford, Eula FFA

2nd Place- Mykea Douglas, CP FFA

3rd Place- Kayleen Miller, Clyde 4-H

**Champion Breeding Gilt**

Jake Buford, Eula FFA

**Reserve Champion Breeding Gilt**

Mykea Douglas, CP FFA

**Market Swine**

**Light Weight Black OPB**

1st Place- Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H

2nd Place- Dusty Cooper, CP FFA

3rd Place- Bobby Tackett, Clyde 4-H

**Heavy Weight Black OPB**

1st Place- Denise Shelton, Clyde 4-H

2nd Place- Josh Hobgood, Eula FFA

3rd Place- Sterling Rutland, Clyde FFA

**Champion Black OPB**

Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H

**Reserve Champion Black OPB**

Dusty Cooper, CP FFA

Light Weight Duroc

1st Place- Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H

2nd Place- Trendon Rouse, Clyde 4-H

3rd Place- Bobby Tackett, Clyde FFA

**Middle Weight Duroc**

1st Place- Jamie Cooley, Eula FFA

2nd Place- Haleigh Prather, Clyde 4-H

3rd Place- Christopher McBride, CP FFA

**Heavy Weight Duroc**

1st Place- Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA

2nd Place- Amber Clark, Baird 4-H

3rd Place- Chad Switzer, CP FFA

**Champion Duroc**

Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H

**Reserve Champion Duroc**

Jamie Cooley, Eula FFA

Light Weight Hampshire

1st Place- Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA

2nd Place- Mykea Douglas, CP FFA

3rd Place- Jamie Cooley, Eula FFA

Middle Weight Hampshire

1st Place- Ty Strickland, Baird 4-H

2nd Place- Ty Mullican, Eula FFA

3rd Place- Brittany Smith, Clyde FFA

Heavy Weight Hampshire

1st Place-Christine Hyles, CP FFA

2nd Place- Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA

3rd Place- Brittany Smith, Clyde FFA

**Champion Hampshire**

Ty Strickland, Baird 4-H

**Reserve Champion Hampshire**

Christine Hyles, CP FFA

White OPB

1st Place- Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H

2nd Place- Janea Rouse, Clyde 4-H

3rd Place- Kayleen Miller, Clyde 4-H

**Champion White OPB**

Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H

**Reserve Champion White OPB**

Janea Rouse, Clyde 4-H

**Light Weight Yorkshire**

1st Place- Thomas Dimitri, CP FFA

2nd Place- Cody Currens, Clyde FFA

3rd Place- Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H

**Heavy Weight Yorkshire**

1st Place- Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H

2nd Place- Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA

3rd Place- Jennifer Scaramuzzo, Clyde FFA

**Champion Yorkshire**

Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H

**Reserve Champion Yorkshire**

Rode Merryman, Clyde FFA

Light Weight Cross

1st Place- Garrett Stephens, CP FFA

2nd Place- Garrett Stephens, CP FFA

3rd Place- Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H

**Middle Weight Cross**

1st Place- Tony Held, Clyde, Clyde FFA

2nd Place- Derek Edwards, Clyde FFA

3rd Place- Keldyn Atkinson, Clyde 4-H

**Heavy Weight Cross**

1st Place- Christopher McBride, CP FFA

2nd Place- Christopher McBride, CP FFA

3rd Place- Heremy Torres, CP FFA

**Champion Cross**

Christopher McBride, CP FFA

**Reserve Champion Cross**

Garrett Stephens, CP FFA

**Grand Champion Market Swine**

Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H

**Reserve Grand Champion Market Swine**

Jagher Gray, Clyde 4-H

**Jr. Showmanship- Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H**

**Sr. Showmanship- Spencer Goldsmith, Baird FFA**

Light Weight Finewool

1st Place- Natasha Wolford, CP FFA

2nd Place- Aaron Lovell, Clyde 4-H

3rd Place- Aaron Watkins, Clyde 4-H

Heavy Weigh Finewool

1st Place- Macayla Cook, CP FFA

2nd Place- Jacob Ivey, CP FFA

**Champion Finewool**

Macayla Cook, CP FFA

**Reserve Champion Finewool**

Natasha Wolford, CP FFA

Light Weight Finewool

1st Place- Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H

2nd Place- Spencer Goldsmith, Baird FFA

3rd Place- Zach Snell, CP FFA

**Heavy Weight Finewool**

1st Place- Spencer Goldsmith, Baird FFA

2nd Place- Natasha Wolford, CP FFA

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3rd Place- Tyler Mayfield, Clyde 4-H

**Champion Finewool Cross**

Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H

**Reserve Champion Finewool Cross**

Spencer Goldsmith, Baird FFA

**Southdown**

1st Place- Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H

2nd Place- Kat Johnston, Baird 4-H

3rd Place- Emalie Harris, CP FFA

**Champion Southdown**

Garrett Scott, Eula 4-H

**Reserve Champion Southdown**

Kat Johnston, Baird 4-H

Light Weight Medium Wool

1st Place- Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H

2nd Place- Emalie Harris, CP FFA

3rd Place- Jake Snell, CP FFA

**Heavy Weight Medium Wool**

1st Place- Garrett Stephens, CP FFA

2nd Place- Tyler Mayfield, Clyde 4-H

3rd Place- Megan Thomas, CP FFA

**Champion Medium Wool**

Garrett Stephens, CP FFA

**Reserve Champion Medium Wool**

Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H

**Grand Champion Market Lamb**

Garrett Stephens, CP FFA

**Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb**

Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H

**Jr. Showmanship- Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H**

**Sr. Showmanship- Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H**

**Breeding Goats**

Jr. Does

1st Place- Ty Rhodes, Baird 4-H

2nd Place- Kaysi Dean, Eula 4-H

3rd Place- Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H

Sr. Does

1st Place- Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H

2nd Place- Hayden Wyatt, CP FFA

3rd Place- Katelynn Mitchell, Baird



## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:  
CHRISTMAS—the most wonderful, joyous season of the year! It is the birthday of God's only Son, Jesus Christ, and is His most precious gift to mankind. He also gave us the Ten Commandments housed in the "Ark of the Covenant."

Now the United Nations is promoting a false religion. It mocks and mimics the "Ark of the Covenant" and is called the "Arc of Hope." It contains the UN Earth Charter and the worship of mother Earth and states that there is no heaven and hell.

Remember that one of our founding fathers, Benjamin Franklin, stated, "God governs in the affairs of men." Lenin stated "Religion is the opiate of the people."

Search the UN Charter and you will find that the

communist co-creators of the UN agreed that there should be no mention of God and Jesus Christ. None of the UN meetings are opened with prayer. So how can the "Arc of Hope" with its UN charter be called a "Peace" organization of the world? Will you let the UN undermine the faith of your

children and family? And yes, now Earth Worship is being promoted all across America. Has it come to your church, your school, and city?

For more information see: [www.getusout.org/earthworship](http://www.getusout.org/earthworship) or call 1-800-JBS-USA1.

Sincerely,  
E.M. Holden  
8519 St. Swy W-36  
Clyde, TX 79510  
325-529-3874

## One To Another

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day. Timothy 1:12  
Many have placed their faith in the words of another person only to find the promise was only idle words and meant nothing to the one making the promise. It may

have brought physical and/or financial hurt and heartbreak to you.

There is only one who has never broken a promise and that is God. There is great assurance when you put something into His hand, it will be handled in the proper manner. Are you willing to commit the problems in your life to the one who sees the big picture?

## Stenholm Announces Service Academy Nominees

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) is pleased to announce that 18 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies. Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering this coming July.

"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of the candidates who apply to my office each year," Stenholm said. "But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult."

Ten young men and women were nominated for one appointment slot at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; seven for

one slot at the Military Academy at West Point, New York, twelve for two slots at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; and one for one slot at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. The individuals, and the academies to which they have been nominated, are: William Harding of Graham, Military and Naval; Zachary Thompson of Granbury, Naval; Brent Birchum of Abilene, Naval; Hayes Edington of Coleman, Military; Morgan Dudley of San Angelo, Military and Naval; Stephen Theus of Mineral Wells, Military; Barrett Munson of Snyder, Military and Naval; Jonathan Tomes of Bronte, Air Force and Merchant Marine; William Davis of San

Angelo, Air Force and Military; Cody Crawford of Granbury, Air Force and Naval; Trista Burton of Bryson, Air Force and Naval; Jeffrey Beene of Abilene, Air Force and Military; Nathan Glandon of Abilene, Air Force and Naval; Sean Scribner of San Angelo, Air Force and Naval; Michael Fariss of Abilene, Air Force; Joseph Ellis of Brooksmith, Air Force and Naval; Drew Powers of Clyde, Air Force and Naval; and Kyle Gunn of Post, Naval.

The nominees will now be contacted by the academies and provided with additional information and instructions, and they will be scheduled for medical and physical examinations. Final appointment decisions are made by the academies, and the academies will make appointment announcements by late spring.

## Morton Valley Past & Present

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

The slow falling rain has been an inspiration of hope of more to come to this dry, parched land. The cold temperatures have brought a chill to the bones especially of the older people. It still amazes me that the little children love to play outside no matter how cold and wet it gets. I have reached the age where I enjoy setting inside a nice warm house and looking out the window at the wonderful shows nature presents us in the way of weather.

The obit in the paper of Ken Heitschmidt brought another pain to my heart. His wife was a member of the Hearn family of long ago Morton Valley. She passed away just this month. Our sympathy goes out to the family once again.

It was so nice to enter the nice warm sanctuary of Harmony this past Sunday. Our pastor was back from a visit to Florida and a visit to his new great grand baby. Lyndell Garrett sang My God Is Real and read the Scripture. Barbara Rogers gave the childrens sermon. Our newest member, Lois Terrell led in prayer. The sermon was Partnership with the Gospel. Work from Philippians 1:1-6. I hope you have a great week, stay warm and stay healthy. Continue to pray for rain. See you next time.

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Proceedings (En Banc)  
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**Affirmed**

Anthony Finley Williford v. State of Texas, Brown. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).  
Samuel Mondragon-Garcia v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Opinion by Justice McCloud) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Eliseo Hernandez v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Melvin Allan Bowen v. State of Texas, Brown. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).  
Georg Alfred Hawkins v. State of Texas, Collin. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Wilton Gerald Powell v. State of Texas, Eastland. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

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

**Modified & Affirmed**  
Sammy Alex Fambro v. Donna Ann Eddleman, Stephens. (Memorandum Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Appeal Dismissed**  
Ray Stewart Marion v. State of Texas, Midland. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Appeal Abated**  
Anthony Scott Pope v. State of Texas, Erath. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Abated**  
Alonzo Diego Fuller v. State of Texas, Brown. Joint motion to abate appeal. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Motion Submitted & Granted in Part; Appeal Abated**

Jeffrey Balawajder v. Richard Belanger et al, Walker. Appellant's pro se motion to abate briefing schedule until record is corrected; or, in the alternative, appellant's second motion for extension of time to file brief. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Original Proceedings Denied**

In re Tri-Star Petroleum Company, Orig. Proc. Relator's petition for writ of mandamus.

**Motions Submitted & Granted**

Horatio Sprague Taveau, D.O. v. Angela M. Brenden, Individually and as Representative of the Estate of Linda Gayle Evans, Deceased, Gayle S. Maxwell, and Curtis Kirkpatrick, Taylor. Appellant's second supplemental motion for leave to supplement the record on appeal.

Ramon Reyna v. State of Texas, Collin. State's motion to view sealed records.

Brian Carlson v. State of Texas, Brown. State's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

Georg Alfred Hawkins v. State of Texas, Collin. Appellant's motion to withdraw as counsel.

John Green v. State of Texas, Dallas. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Terrell Lee Jackman v. State of Texas, Howard. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

State of Texas v. James H. Masonheimer, Taylor. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Abron Michael Henry v. State of Texas, Galveston. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Alamo Title Company v. Rodolfo Romero, Harris. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Wayne Boyd v. Winn Dixie Stores, Inc. and Texas Workforce Commission, Callahan. Appellees' joint motion for extension of time to file brief.

Janice Amanda Hayhoe v. Rick Henegar, Individually and as next friend of Thomas Henegar and Rick Henegar, Ector. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Frank Eugene Arie v. State of Texas, Harris. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Texas Motoplex, Inc. v. John Phelps and Bryce Hawk, Ft. Bend. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Robert Breault v. John Psarovarkas and Eleftheria Psarovarkas, Harris. Appellee/Cross-Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief. Joint motion for extension of time to file brief and motion to complete and supplement clerk's record.

Trudy Nichols v. Reliant Energy, Inc., Harris. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Leo Brian Montgomery v. CBI Interiors, Harris. Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file brief.

Aurelio Munoz III v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Dru Allen Ewing v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. Appellant's counsel's motion to withdraw.

In re Tri-Star Petroleum

Company, Orig. Proc. Relator's motion to permit longer reply.

Juana Rivas v. Urban Land Company, Ruth Todd and Tom Todd d.b.a. Urban Land Company and Ruth Todd as Independent Executrix of the Estate of Flmer Todd, Deceased. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file notice of appeal.

**Motions Submitted & Overruled**

Ramon Reyna v. State of Texas, Collin. State's motion for rehearing. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Melvin Allen Bowen v. State of Texas, Brown. Appellant's pro se motion to present pro se briefs and motions on appeal. Appellant's pro se motion filed to pro se briefs of appellant.

George Alfred Hawkins v. State of Texas, Collin. Appellant's motion to withdraw as counsel. Appellant's pro se motion to have counsel of record removed and new counsel assigned.

**Motion Submitted & De-**

**nied**

In re Daniel J. Vaughan, M.D., Orig. Proc. Real Party-In-Interest's motion for reconsideration.

**Cases Submitted**  
Robert Harris Brinston v. State of Texas, Dallas.

Ricardo Hinojosa v. Ashcraft Law Firm, A Professional Corporation and William O. Ashcraft, Individually, Dallas.

Robert Powell, M.D. v.

Brownwood Regional Hospital, Inc., Brown.

Clay Coffey and Gerald Cozart v. Elnor Maxine Poyner, Individually and as Independent Executor of the Estate of William Euell Poyner and as Sole Heir of William Euell Poyner, Eastland.

Leslie Glen Wright v. State of Texas, Harris.

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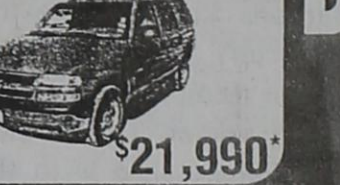
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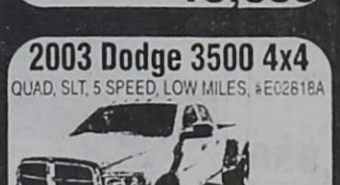
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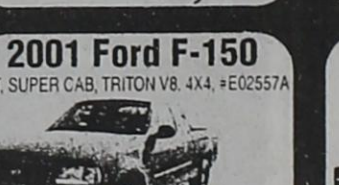
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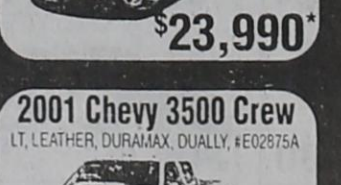
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# Some In Congress Think For Themselves

By Burl Caudle  
There are some members of Congress who put their beliefs ahead of partisan politics.

One of these is Republican Senator John McCain from Arizona.

John McCain was a Navy pilot shot down during the Viet Nam war and spent several years under harsh conditions as a prisoner of war. His father was a high ranking Naval Officer at the time. The Viet Cong offered John the chance to be released from captivity and come home. He refused because he didn't want to be treated any different than the other POWs.

Most of the time he supports the Republican leadership but when he thinks they are wrong, he is quick to say so.

He helped push through campaign finance reform against the leadership's wishes and was against the last tax cut. He has fought against the practice in Congress of tacking on costly bills that just benefit one congressman's district.

On Fox News Sunday, Nov. 30, 2003 he said fellow lawmakers were spending

money like "drunken sailors" but with more imagination.

He noted that President Bush has said Congress needs to exercise spending discipline but the President has never vetoed any spending legislation.

Another thought provoking thing he said was, "We are laying a burden of debt on future generations of Americans. Any economist will tell you, you cannot have this level of debt, of increasing deficits, without eventually it affecting interest rates and inflation."

Another individual in Congress who refuses to blindly follow his party's leadership, is 17th District Democratic Representative Charlie Stenholm. He even voted to impeach President Clinton. That probably stopped all social invitations to the White House during the Clinton years.

Stenholm is a pro life, pay as you go Democrat. He is also co-chairman of the "Blue Dog Democrats". The group was formed in 1995 to push for a balanced budget. There are 36 of them in the 108th Congress. They are pushing for ways to reduce the National Debt and other

conservative causes.

Stenholm has an excellent web page on the Internet. From reading that, I learned approximately 18% of every tax dollar taken in goes to pay interest on our National Debt. This means some good programs can't be funded because the interest on the debt is so large.

An example of what Deficit Spending means to our nation is the program entitled "No Child Left Behind." Congress passed the program but since the federal government is spending more than it is taking in there is no money to fund the program. The states can step in and pay for it but in Texas and most states, the state government is in bad shape financially.

There is a place on the congressman's web page entitled, "What Does Deficit Spending Mean to you?"

He says that as of Jan. 19, 2004 the National Debt was \$7,004,167,370.90.

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## Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

I was in Cisco the other day to appear on the Cisco Opry, and while I was there my wife and I drove all over town. I wanted to show Evelyn some of the places I had lived and where I spent many years of my life.

I was shocked when I saw the old house we lived in while I was in school from the fifth grade through High School. It is on East 12th Street, and it is evident the house has not been lived in for a number of years and is about to fall down. The weeds and shrubbery were so high we could not really get a good view of the place.

I remember when John Swindle built that house in 1923. It had no garage, but we didn't need one since we did not have a car. Our only bathroom was a commode and shower in a small building back of the house, next to the alley. That little building had a concrete floor with the shower drain in the center of it. Since there was no bathroom inside the house, my father built one soon after he bought the place.

Back in those days many houses in Cisco had old fashioned outhouses, in fact, that is what we had before we moved into the house on East 12th Street.

While we were living in that house my mother got her first Electric Refrigerator, and finally, her first Wringer Washing Machine. Mom and Dad purchased our first automobile, my first saxophone, and my first two-piece suit of clothes while we lived there. We also got our first telephone there. I suppose I could write a book about events in our lives while we lived at 603 East 12th Street in Cisco, Texas.

Arlin Agnew and his wife lived next door to us and the other day I discovered their old house is now almost gone also. It made me very sad to see those places in such disarray.

We drove along East 8th Street and I remembered the

old wooden Viaduct that once spanned the "Katy" Railroad. That Railroad was often called the "MK&T" which stood for Missouri, Kansas and Texas.

I wondered how many people in Cisco remember that Railway. I wondered how many know that it was originally called the Houston and Texas Central. The town of Cisco is named for the man who was responsible for the building of that line, Mr. John A. Cisco.

The MK&T crossed the Texas and Pacific Railroad and the two-story Cisco Train Depot was located at the Southwest corner of the crossing. I spent a lot of time around that old Depot. My father was the Night Baggage Man and had a free pass for him and his family to ride the trains.

My father's cousin, Dan McCrary, was the engineer on the Cisco and Northeastern Railroad that ran from Cisco to Throckmorton.

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--Author unknown

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The program will be sponsored by a group of companies with a common goal of preventing accidents and damages to underground pipelines and utilities.

A free dinner will be catered by Joe Allen's Pit Bar-becue for all persons involved in excavation related activities in Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Nolan, Shackelford, Stonewall, and Taylor counties.

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be

presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the importance of working with pipeline and utility

On Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon, LaVon Snider was in Stephenville to attend bridal showers for Sheri Snider.

Those visiting LaVon Snider this week were Ted Snider and Dan Snider, Belinda, Daniella and Isaac Segura ate lunch with LaVon on Friday.

companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities. The Texas law requiring notification to a one-call system before excavating will be discussed. Sponsors will provide promotional materials; including notification information for their companies, safety related brochures and other safety reminders.

Glenda Ripley of Gorman, Cassie Brasher of Carbon and Norma Webb visited with Zelda Jordan.

Happy birthday to my twin great-grandsons, Ryan and Kody Daniell of Abilene on their 7th birthday on January 23rd, from Grandma.

## Who Has Time For Cancer?

Who has the time for cancer? No one does! No one has the time to leave their families and loved ones and jobs to go to doctors offices and hospitals to be around strangers while they take treatments to try to fight the cancer growing inside them. But we can make the time to Fight Cancer and WIN through research and awareness, by joining The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life and walking and raising money to go towards helping those families that are fighting for their lives.

The Relay For Life of Eastland County is doing just that! We will be walking and raising money to go to the American Cancer Society at our First Annual Relay For Life event on April 16th, 2004, at the Eastland High School track field.

If you have the time, come join us in the fight against Cancer. I would love to see everyone in Eastland County come help us Fight this Fight against Cancer!

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## Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Wasn't the rain wonderful? Reports in our community were from about 2 inches to over three inches. Sunday was cold and damp and disagreeable, but today (Monday) has been a beautiful day of sunshine and calm winds even though the temperature was a bit on the chilly side. We've all prayed for rain, so let us all say a prayer of thanks to the Good Lord for sending it.

The special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church was rendered by the choir under the direction of Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Norma Webb and Zelda Jordan attended the Cisco Baptist Association Evangelistic Rally at the First Baptist Church in Ranger on Monday night. Wish everyone could have been there to enjoy the beautiful music and the very challenging evangelistic message.

Recent visitors with Larry and Betty Strube were Margie and Gary Bragg of Comanche and Beverly and Bob Phariss of Haskell.


Margaret and Preston Eaves of Charlotte, NC and Randy, Deliah, Chris and Jon Lewis of Ennis visited during the weekend with Delmon and Joyce Eaves. Oren and Norma Webb visited with Delmon and Joyce on Monday.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited recently in Copperas Cove with Shannon, Stephanie and Raegan Bond. Glynda was in Abilene for a medical check-up on Tuesday and got a good report.

Johnnie B. Griffith, Zelda Jordan, Sylvia Buchanan and Darlene Hampton of Carbon visited with Nancy Hendricks. Woodrow and Helen Browning attended the funeral last week of her uncle Aubrey Patton of Comanche. Aubrey was the twin brother of the late Audrey Lesley (Helen's mother). We extend our sincere sympathy to Helen and Woodrow and family.

On Sunday, January 12, LaVon Snider had the pleasure of attending the 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Albert and Jo Ann (Cappers) White. Jo Ann and LaVon were classmates in the Gorman Schools.

On Tuesday, LaVon made a trip to her dentist in Brownwood. She visited with Carolyn Eaves before her appointment.



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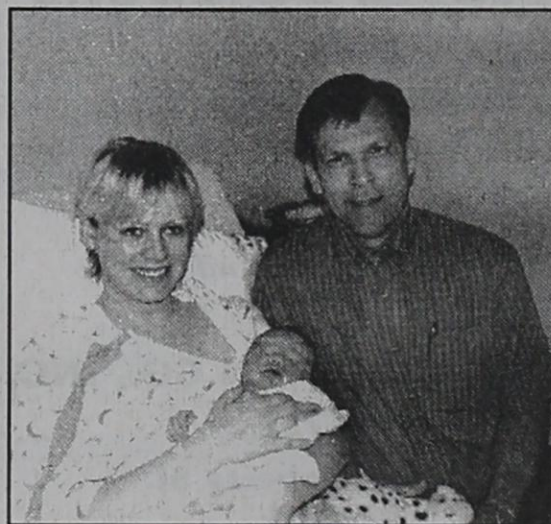
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# The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

## Column #40

There's an enthusiastic "thumbs up" in every generation for the dignity of work. Perspiring also seems noble, although I don't think sweaty palms qualify. There are such times when they see us sweat, and these onlookers—whose palms and gunpowder seem equally dry—laugh last and best.... I hone in on bygone days—now several decades worth of by-gones—when Department of Public Safety officers administered initial driving tests. We teens figured the written part would be a breeze, as would actual driving, signaling, stopping, passing and the like. Back then, kids practiced on country roads or out in the fields with moms and dads alongside, holding their breath.... In that day, they WERE "driver education..."

Driving the stake of fear into many—marked by bad dreams and palms sweating rivulets—was the prospect of PARALLEL PARKING! The big boys at the pool hall talked

about the DPS guys laughing their badges off when test-takers tipped over a traffic cone. "Too bad," they'd chortle, "Come back next month. Next...." That was it - fail parallel parking and you repeated the test.

Horrors! I couldn't let that happen, or could I? I "nightmared" about driving a bobtail truck with a trooper in the passenger seat. He laughed in a hyena-like way as I tried to park the sucker in a space the size of a Volkswagen. In another dream, I was driving a VW (one promoting an exterminating company) with big ears sprouting from the windshield and a floppy tail on the back bumper. And I was expected to wedge it into a motorcycle space. Curses! The dratted tail swatted the cone....

Makes me think of an old-timer with so many fender-benders they had his name on a paint bucket at the body shop. Passersby watched as he crept through town, seeking a

parking spot for his "boat." A pessimist and optimist saw him one day, eyeing a space that was far too small. The former KNEW it wouldn't fit; the latter KNEW he would try, anyway....

Whatzis? I was born a full half-century too soon. Over in Japan, they're introducing an automobile that will PARK ITSELF! It's a \$2,200 option on the Toyota Prius gas/electric hybrid. Such an option in my day would have saved much palm sweating for kids, and troopers would have sought other ways to get grins....

Strange, isn't it, how politicians can divert attention from the big issues? It now appears that on the Left Coast, Governor Terminator is likely to sign a law legalizing ferrets as pets, thus making California the 49th state to embrace the fuzzy little creatures. (Never mind they already are nesting in fine digs there by the millions despite being illegal for the past 70 years.) Ferret friends are more than miffed that the little guys, now numbering beyond 12 million in the USofA and a strong third among pets of choice behind dogs and cats, still are labeled as "wild." Ferrets in Hawaii—the only other state guilty of such discrimination—are watching closely....

The ferret lobby is ready for high fives in Sacramento, where there are quite a few issues most folks would rank well ahead of ferrets. As always, the squeaks get the grease, and don't forget that Arnold worked with a ferret in Kindergarten Cop.... (Lobbyists claim this movie made ferrets #1 in pet purchases for the Golden State in the 90's.)

Rodolfo, the visually-impaired pet ferret in the current movie comedy Along Came Polly, has taken note of the "up with ferrets" movement, ordering his

## 'Timeline' Showing At Majestic

Paramount Pictures new film "Timeline" is scheduled for the Majestic Theater next weekend, beginning on Friday, Jan.23.

Certain time will be 7:30 each evening through Monday, Jan.26. Admission is \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats available to adults only for \$5.50.

This sci-fi movie is rated PG-13, with parents cautioned about intense battle sequences and some strong language.

This movie is based on Michael Crichton's best-selling novel "Timeline," and he was in touch as the picture was made.

The battles are from the Middle Ages, but prove to be about as deadly as the modern ones. They are set back in time, faithful to the theme of the movie. In the story, a team of student archeologists are digging at a medieval site in France when suddenly their professor, Edward Johnston (Billy Connolly) disappears - into the 14th Century!

Embarking on a perilous journey to rescue him from a feudal war, the students find they're not just excavating the past - they're living it! Suspicious of International Technology Corporation (ITC), Assistant Professor Andre Marek (Gerald Butler) and the students head for ITC Headquarters in New Mexico, where they are stunned to learn of a new invention - a machine that can actually transmit three-dimensional objects through time and space.

Although he had meant just to revolutionize shipping, Robert Doniger of ITC had accidentally opened up a passageway in the Universe called a "wormhole". This, in sci-fi language, allowed for time travel.

"In this way I could tell the story of 21st Century people encountering a time when there were knights in shining armor and damsels in distress," Crichton says.

He adds that he wanted to illuminate the 14th century in attorneys to make sure of EQUAL billing with Jennifer Aniston and Ben Stiller next time if there's a sequel, There Went Polly....

Before ferrets are ushered into the Hall of Fame, however, please note: They smell up the place - pronto. Ferrets, like skunks, have scent glands, and their odor is not to be linked to hard work and sweat. If ferrets "raise their paws," they're joshing us about being sure....

In Dallas, they're lowering the boom on shopping cart thieves. Hefty fines and even jail terms await offenders, many of whom are street people. Look for "shopping cart/chop shops" to pop up right away....

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a way that has never been done before.

"I wanted to show how phenomenally colorful and romantic that period was, but I also wanted to show how violent the times were and how people's lives were at risk every second."

Producer Lauren Schuler Donner found Crichton's premise exciting. "Not only were these people endangered

by the world they've been thrust into, but they're also in danger of NEVER returning to the present," she points out. In casting "Timeline," the producers made a conscious decision that they didn't want a "superstar" overshadowing the story. "Everyone saw that the movie was the star in this case," says Shuler Donner. "Still, we worked hard to find the best actors for the roles, allowing us to serve the story even further."

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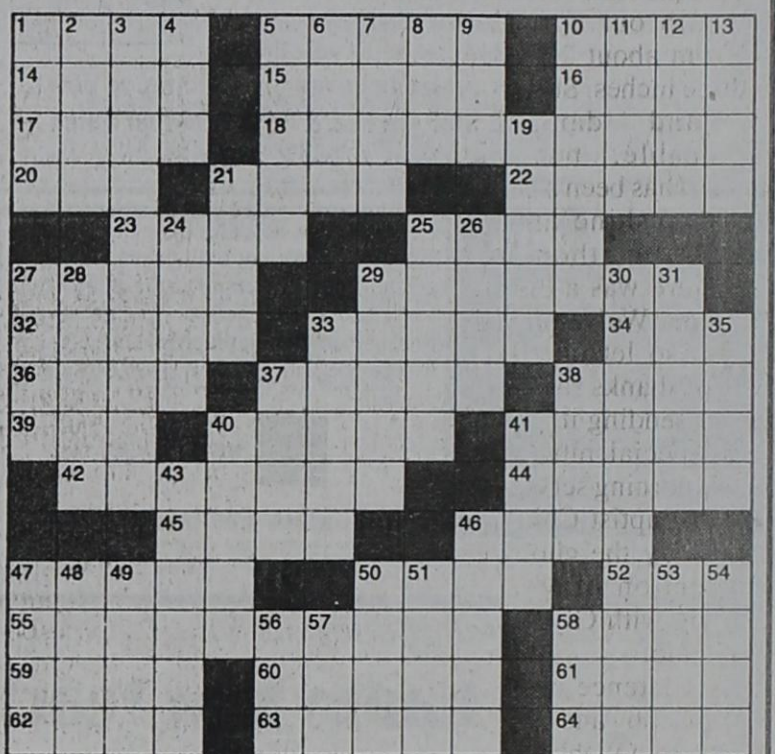
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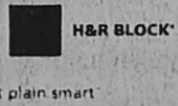


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 The 2003 Energy Bill is a good example of independent oil and gas

pumpjacks are standing idle. The Energy Bill passed by the House of Representatives with my support does a good job providing domestic producers with the right incentives to extract oil and gas from marginal, low-pressure wells in the oil patch. We have access to these resources, and our domestic consumers should enjoy the benefits of this production.

This legislation also helps our West Texas producers by providing common-sense solutions to imposing regulations from the federal government. In addition, I believe it is the responsibility of each state to manage its own environmental regulations.

The Energy Bill also gives independent producers some leverage on the business tax front, allowing them to continue producing from these marginal wells without incurring a loss when the prices of oil and gas dip low.

Agriculture and energy go hand in hand. You can't have one without the other. The natural gas that heats our homes comes from the same land that produces the small grains used to make the ethanol that we run in our cars.

West Texas ranches will now play host to a new kind of windmill thanks to the 2003 Energy Bill. Instead of pumping water, ranchers can be paid royalty payments from electricity produced from the tall wind generators that dot our landscape.

In West Texas, electricity provided by rural cooperatives is also an important issue addressed in the Energy Bill. We did the best we could to ensure electricity providers in rural America could continue to provide reliable energy at affordable rates.

I admit this isn't a perfect piece of legislation-rarely does Congress produce a perfect bill. There is no doubt that this bill should have come with a lower price tag, but it is still a good bill that America's citizens deserve. West Texas should enjoy abundant economic benefits from the 2003 Energy Bill.

**Morton Valley Extension Education Club Holds Meeting**

The Morton Valley Extension Education Club members held their first club meeting of 2004 on January 14 at the Senior Citizens building. After opening exercises, the business meeting consisted of the President reporting information obtained at the Training Meeting in November. Projects for the new year were discussed and a list was made for consideration at our next meeting. Members were

asked to bring a quilt pattern to be discussed to the February meeting. This quilt will be their yearly project for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's auction which just ended this past Saturday night. A quilt chairperson was appointed to coordinate the quilt. Report was that the high bid for the quilt donated in 2003 for the auction was \$410.00.

President, Millie Barrow announced that a schedule had been printed for the 4-H

stock show in February and said help was needed and would be appreciated for certain tasks.

Carolyn Lacy furnished refreshments for these members in attendance: Millie Barrow, Carolyn Lacy, Billie Beggs, Betty Armstrong, Barbara Bostick, Barbara Crabb, Sue Alsop, Sue Endebrock, and Gerry Zummer. The February meeting will be the 11th at the Senior Citizen's building. Hostesses for the next meeting will be Gerry Zummer and Jo Haley.

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# BAIRD BEARS



## Varsity Girls Advance To 3-0 District Record; Varsity Boys, JV Teams Give Good Showing In Last Week's Games

The Baird Varsity Girl's basketball team finished a very successful week last week with two District 9-A wins.

The Bear girls skimmed over Albany winning 55-51 on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

This win was topped with a 50-39 score over Gorman on Friday, Jan. 16.

Windham, Russell, Harris, Bell, and McDowell all scored strong for the Bears in the Albany vs. Baird game - particularly in the 3rd quarter, when Baird scored 21 points.

Baird VG moved even further ahead of their

opponent in the Baird-Gorman game, overturning a lead of 15-10 by Gorman in the first quarter, and despite a strong scoring by Gorman Panther Porter.

Windham, Russell, Sweeney, Harris, McDowell, and Bell all scored for the Bears, brining the final score to 50-39.

The Baird Varsity team now has a perfect 3-0 District record.

The Baird JV girls lost to Albany 45-35 on Tuesday, but rebounded for a super 39-9 win over Gorman.

Baird Varsity Boys lost to Albany 67-38 on Tuesday. Albany took an early lead of 17-6 in the first quarter, and held the lead throughout the game.

The Bear Varsity Boys rallied to overthrow the Gorman Panther team 42-24 in Friday's challenge.

Baird started out strong with a 15-8 lead in the first quarter.

Baird Bear Burford topped the points scored with 16. Rodriguez, Mendez, Morgan, Scott, Josh Sims, and Je. Sims also brought Baird on the scoreboard.

After the game in Gorman, the Baird Varsity Boys show a District record of 1-1.

Baird JV Boys defeated Albany in Tuesday's game, and advanced to a clear win over Gorman with a final score of 43-28.

### Basketball Scores

#### Boys

Albany 67, Baird 38

Albany 17 15 18 17 - 67  
Baird 6 9 15 8 - 38

Baird - Rodriguez 5, Burford 3, Mindez 3, Morgan 9, Scott 2, Josh Sims 8, Jeremy Sims 8.

#### Girls

Baird 55, Albany 51

Albany 13 20 14 4 - 51  
Baird 13 12 21 9 - 55

Baird - Windham 12, Russell 14, Harris 12, McDowell 6, Bell 11.

JV Score - Albany 45, Baird 35

#### Boys

Baird 42, Gorman 24

Baird 15 4 9 14 - 42  
Gorman 8 5 2 9 - 24

Baird - Rodriguez 9, Buford 16, mendez 4, Morgan 2, Scott 2, Jo Jims 6, Jc. Sims 3

JV Score - Baird 43, Gorman 28

#### Girls

Baird 50, Gorman 39

Baird 10 13 13 14 - 50  
Gorman 15 11 2 11 - 39

Baird - Windham 14, Russell 4, Sweeney 2, Harris 11, mcDonell 9, Bell 8

JV Score - Baird 39, Gorman 9

### Basketball Schedule

#### High School

Mon.-Wed., Dec. 29, 30, 31, There, TBA, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 2, Throckmorton, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Tues., Jan. 6, Munday, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 9, Cross Plains, There, 6:30, JVG, VG  
Tues., Jan. 13, Albany, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 16, Gorman, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Tues., Jan. 20, Ranger, Baird, 4:00, JVB, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 23 TBA  
Tues., Jan. 27, Cross Plains, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Jan. 30, Albany, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Tues., Feb. 3, Gorman, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Fri., Feb. 6, Ranger, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB  
Tues., Feb. 10, TBA  
Fri., Feb. 13, Cross Plains, There, 6:30, JVB, VB

#### Junior High

Jan. 5, Gorman, Here, 5:00, 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G  
Jan. 12, Ranger, There, 5:00, 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G  
Jan. 17, Cisco Tourney, There, TBA, TBA  
Jan. 19, Abilene Christian, Here, 5:00, 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B  
Jan. 26, Cross Plains, There, 6:00, 7B, 8B, 8G  
Jan. 29 & 31, Albany Tourney, TBA, TBA, TBA  
Feb. 2, Albany, Here, 6:00, 7G, 8G  
Feb. 2, Albany, There, 6:00, 7B, 8B  
Feb. 9, Cross Plains, Here, 6:00, 7B, 8B, 8G

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**Baird First Baptist Church Events**

Everyone is 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

**Jan. 25, 2004 Ladies Bible Study** ("Living Beyond Yourself") 4:00 p.m. fellowship hall.

Prayer time for anyone interested 5:00 p.m.

AWANA Club meeting for workers and helpers 8:00 p.m.

**Jan 26, 2004 Ladies Night Out.** All ladies of the community pot luck supper and time together. Special speaker will be Charlotte

Young, Pastor's wife from Quanah. Please plan to come and bring your neighbor.

**Jan. 28, 2004 AWANA Club** kick-off registration party for all children in the community, 6:30 p.m.

**Feb. 1, 2004 Prayer time** for anyone interested, 5:00 p.m.

**Feb. 4, 2004 AWANA Club** meets 6:30 p.m. in fellowship hall.

**Feb. 15, 2004 World Hunger** awareness and fundraiser. Bean and Cornbread lunch in fellowship hall following the morning service. All donations go to World Hunger.

**Continued Livestock Show Results ...**

2nd Place- Tiffany Bell, CP FFA  
3rd Place- Shala Wilson, Clyde 4-H

Class 4  
1st Place- Belinda Harris, Baird FFA

2nd Place- Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H  
3rd Place- Whitney Faircloth, Eula FFA

Class 5  
1st Place- Angela Conway, Eula 4-H

2nd Place- Randy Harris, Baird FFA  
3rd Place- Kinsey Dean, Eula 4-H

Class 6  
1st Place Belinda Harris, Baird 4-H

2nd Place- Hayden Wyatt, CP FFA  
3rd Place- Randy Harris, Baird, FFA

Class 7  
1st Place- Jarrett Knowles, Baird FFA

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3rd Place- Belinda Harris, Baird FFA

Class 8  
1st Place- Belinda Harris, Baird FFA

2nd Place- Jarrett Knowles, Baird FFA  
3rd Place- Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H

Class 9  
1st Place- Clay Koenig, CP FFA

2nd Place- Randy Harris, Baird FFA  
3rd Place- Katelynn Mitchell, Baird 4-H

Class 10  
1st Place- Whitney Hicks, Clyde 4-H

2nd Place- Ethan White, Eula 4-H  
3rd Place- Lauren Hicks, Clyde 4-H

**Grand Champion Meat Goat-** Belinda Harris, Baird FFA

**Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat-** Jarrett Knowles, Baird FFA

Beef Cattle  
**Jr. Showmanship- Bran-**

**don Black, Clyde 4-H Sr. Showmanship-** Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA

**Breeding Heifers Champion Breeding Heifer**

Logan Turner, CP 4-H  
**Reserve Champion Breeding Heifer**

Christina Avants, CP FFA  
**Market Steers**

Light Weight American Cross Steers  
1st Place - Kayla Windham, Baird FFA

2nd Place- Courtney Russell, Clyde FFA  
3rd Place- Richardo Lopez, Baird FFA

Medium Weight American Cross Steers  
1st Place- Chris McBride, CP FFA

2nd Place- Blan Scott, Baird FFA  
3rd Place- Juan Carlos, Baird FFA

Heavy Weight American Cross Steers  
1st Place- Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H

2nd Place- Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H  
3rd Place- Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA

**Champion American Cross Steer**

Brandon Black, Clyde 4-H  
**Reserve Champion American Cross Steer**

Kayla Windham, Baird FFA  
Light Weight English

1st Place- Courtney Russell, Clyde FFA  
2nd Place- Kerry Russell, Clyde FFA

Heavy Weight English  
1st Place- Shayla Lee, Clyde 4-H

2nd Place- Shayla Lee, Clyde 4-H  
**Champion English Steer**

Shayla Lee, Clyde 4-H  
**Reserve Champion English Steer**

Shayla Lee, Clyde 4-H  
Light Weight European Steers

1st Place- Laska Dillard, CP FFA  
2nd Place- River Dillard, CP FFA

3rd Place- Cierra Odom, CP FFA  
Medium Weight European Steers

1st Place- Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA  
2nd Place- Samantha Dickson, CP FFA

3rd Place- Dusty Dickson, CP FFA  
Heavy Weight European Steers

1st Place- Cierra Odom, CP FFA  
2nd Place- Zackry Whitlock Clyde FFA

3rd Place- Danya Bennett, CP FFA  
**Champion European Steer**

Laska Dillard, CP FFA  
**Reserve Champion European Steer**

Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA  
**Grand Champion Market Steer-** Laska Dillard, CP FFA

**Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer-** Kandi Anders, Clyde FFA

She married James Austin

West Texas was mostly in the 17th Congressional District, which has been represented since 1978 by Charlie Stenholm, Democrat, of Abilene. The new map eliminates that District and carves the territory - and more - into three districts, the 19th, 13th, and 11th.

Stenholm says he is disappointed but not surprised that the stay request has been denied.

"However, I still believe that once a full hearing is granted the plan could be overturned," he says.

Last week Stenholm announced that he would run in the newly-created 19th District against Randy Neugebauer, Republican, of Lubbock.

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

**Monday, February 9th**  
Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th, 10-12

Cross Plains Housing Authority, 233 N. Main, 2-4  
**Wednesday, February 11th**

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

**Obituary**

ABILENE- Gladys Marie Musick, 93, a longtime Abilene educator, died Sunday, January 18, 2004 at an Abilene medical center.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Faith, Dr. Phil Christopher officiated. Burial was in the Elmwood Memorial Park.

A native of Abilene, Texas, she was born to Dottie Inez (Williams) and Z.D. Hailey on July 6, 1910. She received a bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 1929, and a master's degree from the University of Texas, and taught in the Abilene Independent School District for 40 years, retiring while teaching at Jefferson Junior High School.

Musick in Abilene on July 31, 1929. Mrs. Musick was a member of First Baptist Church in Abilene; Texas State Teachers Association, National Retired Teachers Association, and AARP.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband (1978); a daughter, Mitzi Barnett (1993); a son, James Musick; and a grandson, Andy Barnett.

Survivors are four grandchildren, Rex Barnett of Ft. Worth, Mitra Owen of Baird, Jamie Palmer of Alvarado, and Sandra Musick of Iowa; eight great-grandchildren including, Misty Davis of Abilene and Thomas Owen of College Station; and a great-great granddaughter, Cheyenne Rose Davis of Abilene.

**Texas Cattle Exchange Reports Prices Steady To Up**

The Texas Cattle Exchange, Inc., reported prices steady to up in most classes at their Jan. 13, 2004 sale.

Cow and Bulls were steady to \$2.00 higher from last weeks trading.

All classes of Feeder Steers and Heifers were up \$8.00 to \$10.00. This was comparable to their last sale in December, a spokesperson said.

Some sample prices were: Feeder Steers (Med. & Large #1), 300 lb - 400 lb - \$107 - \$125; Slaughter Cows (High dressing), \$41.50 - \$53; Bred Stock Cows (Choice) - \$720-\$770; Feeder Heifers, (Med. & Large #1), 300-400 lb. - \$108-\$127.50; Slaughter Bulls (High Dressing) - \$52-\$65; Cows w/calves (Choice) - \$690-\$870.

In goats and sheep, Aged Nannies were selling for \$62 - \$65 per head, Young Billies - \$60 - \$75 per head.

Fifty buyers were present at last weeks auction; 126 sellers.

738 Head were sold. Cows and Bulls were 30% of Total Run.

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