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All this and much more as The Enterprise reports in this week's spring time edition!

### Gunlocks available at sheriff's department

In order to make homes safer and prevent needless accidents, the Donley County Sheriff's Office, through Project ChildSafe, is giving gunlocks away free of charge.

Project ChildSafe is the nation's largest and most comprehensive firearm safety education program. PCS is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice and managed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

Anyone needing gunlocks is encouraged to stop by the Donley County Sheriff's Office and pick up what they need.

### SBA offers low interest economic injury loans

Businesses in some Texas counties can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the US Small Business Administration (SBA).

These loans are available to help producer-dependent businesses meet normal expenses that cannot be met due to excessive rain, excessive snow, and flash flooding that occurred November 1-29, 2004, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes.

Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply: Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hutchinson, Moore, Potter, Randall, and Roberts.

To obtain an application or additional information, interested call the SBA at 1-800-366-6303.

### Tornado forecasting, safety to be discussed

The Amarillo National Weather Service, Amarillo Department of Emergency Management, and Pantex will host a Severe Weather Workshop this Saturday in the Civic Center Heritage Room.

The event is open to the public and is free of charge. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; presentations begin at 10 a.m.

This year's workshop will focus on significant tornado outbreaks across the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, the forecasting of tornadoes, and tornado safety over the past 50 years.

For information, call the Amarillo NWS at 806-335-1121.

### Women's Forum seeks nominations for 2005

The Women's Forum, Amarillo Area is seeking nominations for the 2005 Distinguished Service Awards.

Nominations are due by March 25, 2005, and should be sent to Pat Chandler, #3 Player Place, Amarillo, Texas 79124. Nomination packets may be obtained by calling Rita Bryant at 806-352-7425.

Some previous winners from Clarendon are Genevieve Caldwell, Onita Thomas, Zell SoRelle, and Kay Hayes.

## Hedley athlete lining up help for friends

Every once in a while someone comes along who makes an impression on you.

For Jaci Copelin, a sophomore at Hedley High School, that person is Amy Polito.

Amy is the wife of Tony Polito, a local state trooper, and she was recently diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma and is going to have to go through treatments at MD Anderson Hospital in Houston.

The Politos' situation is doubly trying because Amy is currently pregnant with the couple's first child, and she will have to wait until it is

safe for doctors to take her baby early before the cancer treatments can begin.

With the double cost of a new baby and cancer treatments, the Politos will need all the financial support they can get. Though the prognosis is optimistic, they still need all the love, prayers, and support the community can give them; and that is where Jaci and her friendship with the Politos come in.

Sixteen-year-old Jaci has decided to take pledges based on her track performance to raise money to help her friends at this critical time in

their lives.

During this season, Jaci will participate in the 800-meter run, the triple jump, and the 300-meter hurdles. For every first place she gets, she will seek a pledge of \$5, \$3 for every second place, and \$1 for every third place.

For example, Medina Gribble has already signed up and will donate \$9 for Jaci's performance this past week where the young Lady Owl placed first, second, and third in separate events.

Those wishing to make a pledge are asked to call Jaci or her mother,

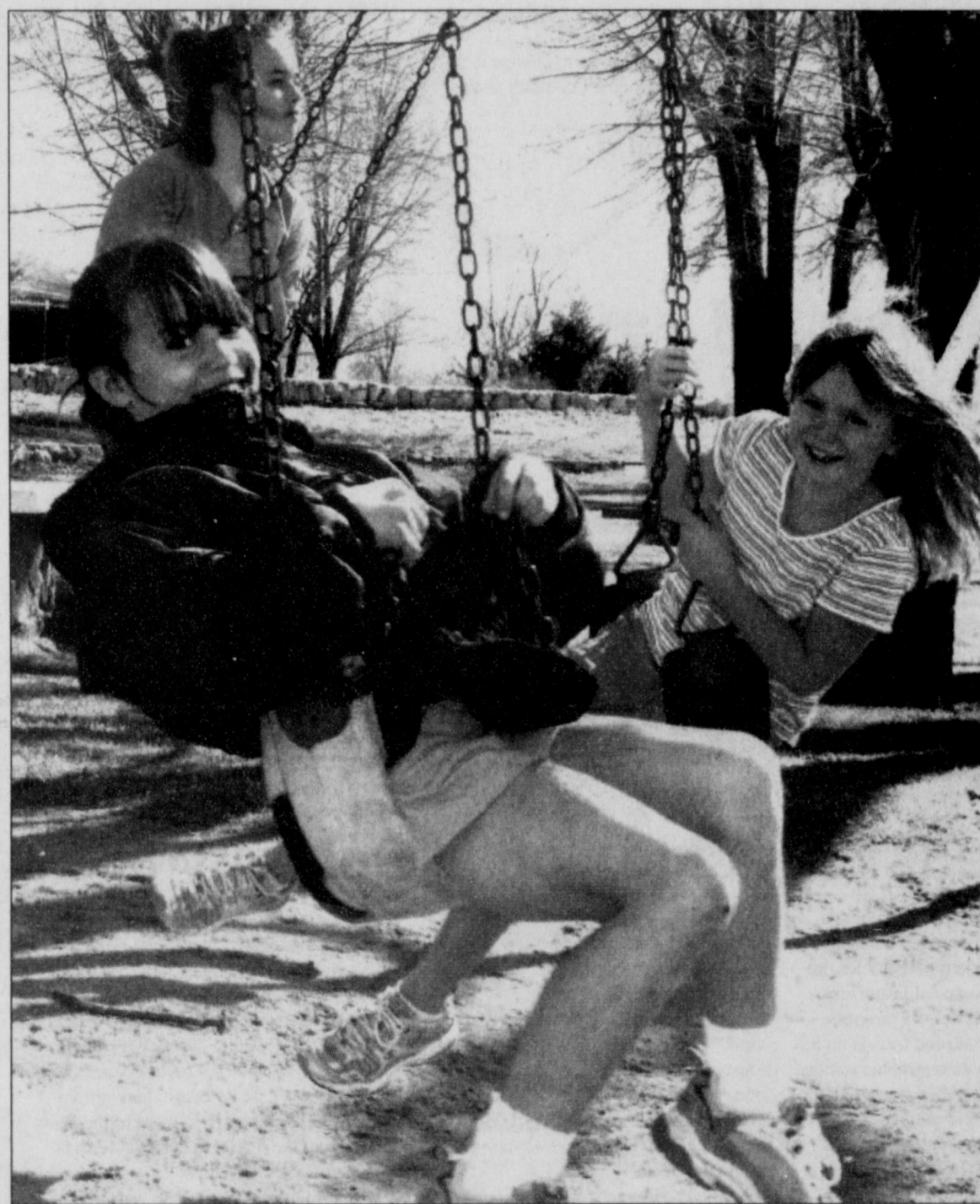
Tangela, at 856-0110 or 662-6145. If there is no answer, just leave your name, number, and address; and she will send you an envelope with the amount you owe at the end of the track season.

Or to make a one time donation to this endeavor, it can be mailed to the Copelins at RR 1, Box 50, Hedley, TX 79237.

Jaci and her mother plan to place periodic updates in the ENTERPRISE to let everyone know what places Jaci has won at the track meets and to let them know how the fundraiser is going.



Jaci Copelin



### Spring swing

Emberli Holland, age eight, and her companions, Elizabeth O'Rear, 10, and Elissa Holland, 13, took advantage of Spring Break and pleasant weather by swinging in City Park Monday afternoon. Students and faculties of Clarendon ISD and Clarendon College were all vacationing, playing, and catching up on "honey dos" this week.

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## Local boards all report lack of candidates

Based on the number of candidates for this year's local elections, citizens are either very happy with the way things are, or they just don't care.

With the passing of Monday's deadline to file for office, none of the six local governments with open seats on their boards were reporting the possibility of contested races.

Officials at Clarendon's City Hall said that all incumbents, Mayor Tex Selvidge and Aldermen Bobbie Kidd and Michael Tibbets, had signed up for reelection, and no one was challenging their reelections.

The City of Howardwick had even less interest as not even the incumbents filed for office. Mayor Nancy Davis had previously announced that she would not seek reelection due to her daughter's ongoing battle with cancer, and Aldermen Marvin Elam and Bill Barton did not sign up to run for full terms in office. They are serving out the terms of former aldermen Mike Rowland and Dewey Linley respectively.

Howardwick City Secretary Dianna Knight said if no one signs up as a write-in candidate by next Monday's deadline, all incumbents would be held over in office until appointments can be made to retain or replace them.

Hedley residents won't be seeing any changes to their city's board of aldermen. Incumbent Aldermen Bruce Howard, Pam Casteel, Tangela Copelin, and Ricki Baker all

signed up to serve, and no one else did so. Howard, Casteel, and Copelin will receive full terms in office, and Baker will serve out the unexpired term of Terry Stevens to which she was appointed.

The Donley County Hospital District had three positions expiring on its Board of Directors, and incumbents will retain those seats. Don Thornberry (Place 1) and Alan Fletcher (Place 2) filed for re-election, and Melinda McAnear (Place 3) will now receive a full term on the board after finishing the term started by Andy Wheatly.

Administrative offices at Clarendon ISD were closed this week, but a school official reported last week that only incumbent trustees Weldon Sears and Lance Thornberry had filed to run for office.

Hedley ISD also had two trustee positions open this year, and now they have only two candidates. Anthony Knowles is seeking re-election, and Brannon Stephens will be joining the board. Long-time trustee Rhonda Shaw chose not to run again, and HISD Superintendent Bryan Hill said she had done a good job in office since 1997.

"We really appreciate the service that Rhonda gave to the Hedley school," Hill said.

Local elections had been scheduled to be held Saturday, May 7, but boards with uncontested races will likely choose to cancel those elections.

## Strayhorn: Texas reaps billions from higher education

AUSTIN - Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said last week that every dollar invested in Texas' higher education system returns \$5.50 to the Texas economy, fueling the state's economic engine with \$33.2 billion per year.

"This is a remarkable return, even for a high stakes technology startup. But when it comes to the Texas higher education system, the stakes are much higher. We are

investing in our most important venture—the future of young Texans," Strayhorn said.

In an update of her 2003 special report, The Impact of the State Higher Education System on the Texas Economy, Strayhorn estimates that spending and re-spending of out-of-state student, research and health care dollars adds \$10.1 billion per year to the state's economic output. The higher earnings and productiv-

ity of a better-educated workforce eventually increases state economic capacity by another \$23.1 billion per year.

Education plays a vital economic role, but Strayhorn said state higher education funding is losing ground to other state services. After adjusting for inflation, spending on public safety and corrections increased 223 percent in the last 15 years, while real higher education expenditures

grew only 44 percent during the same period.

"I want Texas to have the most educated workforce in the nation," Strayhorn said. "I will continue to fight for legislative approval until my TexasNextStep proposal is adopted and K-through-14 education is the norm in Texas."

"I would rather spend \$2,500 a year educating a young Texan than \$16,000 a year incarcerating that

young Texan," Strayhorn said.

TexasNextStep would make higher education more affordable and accessible to more Texans, raise the skill level of the Texas workforce, and set Texas apart in the competition for jobs," Strayhorn said.

TexasNextStep would pay for tuition, fees, and books for Texas high school graduates to attend community colleges, technical colleges, or other two-year institutions.

## Texas Plains Trail group to hold meeting in Borger next week

BORGER - The Texas Plains Trail Region will hold their bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, March 17, at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch.

The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room located in the main headquarters. Any person interested in tourism, economic development, historic preservation, or community affairs is welcome to attend.

Bob O'Connor, CEO of the American Travel Center, will speak to the group about the three primary growth areas in the tourism industry today and how to capitalize on those growth areas to realize economic development potential.

O'Connor is well-known for his attention to detail and his knowledge of the promotional challenges in today's heritage and cultural tourism market. As a former Board Member of the Travel Industry Association of America, he is respected as a leader who applies new ideas, fresh information, and creative thinking in marketing travel products.

The Texas Plains Trail Region is part of the Texas Heritage Trails program, a regional tourism initiative of the Texas Historical Commission. The regional initiatives are designed to positively impact the local economy by stimulating visitor activity to cultural and historical attractions, and by promoting historic preserva-

tion and education.

The Texas Plains Trail Region aims to develop the unique cultural, heritage, and natural resources of the Region through promotion, preservation, and education.

"The charm of the Old West, unending horizons, and the rugged texture of canyons are only a few of the attractions visitors to this area can enjoy. Successful economic development can be realized in communities throughout this area by developing and promoting the Texas Plains Trail Region as a premiere heritage tourism destination," Linda Drake, Director of Oldham County Chamber of Commerce said.

The Texas Plains Trail Region encom-

passes 52 counties in the region including Armstrong, Bailey, Borden, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dallam, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hockley, Howard, Hutchinson, Kent, King, Knox, Lamb, Lipscomb, Lubbock, Lynn, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Scurry, Sherman, Swisher, Terry, Wheeler, and Yoakum counties.

For more information about the Texas Plains Trail Region, please contact Melissa Shackelford at (806) 273-0920.

WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. It could be harmful to liberals, socialists, and other small mammals. Read at your own risk.

## Democrats want votes from felons

Top senate Democrats tried to change their party's fortunes last month by getting more people to vote their way. The only problem is the potential voters they are going for are formerly convicted felons.

Hillary Clinton, along with John "Flippin" Kerry, Barbara Boxer, and others have called for legislation that would restore the voting rights of what most pundits assume would be a new Democratic constituency. Kerry lost to Bush by some three million votes, and one source says that an estimated five million Americans are currently not allowed to vote because of their criminal background.

It must be pretty embarrassing to be an honest Democrat in America. In 2000, the national party basically said its members in Florida were too stupid to vote correctly, and now they have seemingly identified criminals as being their key to winning the White House in 2008. Of course, depending on criminals didn't work too well for one Republican president back in the 1970s, but I digress.

Clinton and her band of merry liberals also have other ideas to "improve" the way America votes. They want to make Election Day a federal holiday.

Well, that's just great. What America really needs is for federal paper-pushers to do less for the same money and to give the US Postal Service another day to not deliver the mail.

The Democrats say the idea is necessary to help correct the "irregularities" that occurred last November. They never get specific, but apparently the biggest "irregularity" that happened was that George W. Bush was re-elected when obviously (to them) was meant to be that the stupid cowboy from West Texas should have been defeated by the ketchup lady's husband. The American people thought otherwise, and that has left the Democrats fuming and bewildered and in some cases clinically stressed out with Post Election Selection Trauma.

To liberals, it is way too hard to vote in this country, but actually it is way too easy. There are no standards to determine whether a person has a brain in their head or whether they know diddly about the issues. Any imbecile who's at least 18 years old can vote - whether they pay taxes or not, whether they can find Washington, DC, on a map or not, and whether they are even literate or not. Thanks to Democrats, you can sign up to vote just about everywhere you go. You don't even have to really make an effort; it's just thrust upon you.

Now they want everyone to take an entire day off to go do their civic duty. Please.

I personally think voting should not be too easy. There shouldn't be obstructions, but I don't think it's too much to ask for the American people to have to put a little thought and time into choosing elected leaders.

There is no excuse for upstanding Americans not to vote. I understand that traffic and life can get hectic in the big cities, but those people should plan ahead and cast their ballots early or through the mail. Failing that, there are 12 whole hours to vote on Election Day; and if you want to bad enough, you'll find the time to do it.

And let's be serious, how much of Memorial Day is really spent honoring veterans? How much time is spent honoring the workingman on Labor Day? Does anyone really think that Election Day as a holiday would not turn into just another reason to go to the lake or the mall? How would your mail-in ballot get to the county clerk by Election Day if the Post Office takes the day off? And besides all that, if we give all our state and local government employees the day off for Election Day, then who the hell is going to run the election? Convicts?

Clinton's plans may make sense for her party; but like most Democratic proposals, they're no good for America.

## Meanwhile...

You would think that debates over state mottos and seals nowadays would most likely be over some reference to God and the supposed separation of church and state. But that's not the case in the Land of Enchantment where the Associated Press reports the state legislature is considering changing New Mexico's motto.

It's not that "Crescit Eundo" is controversial. It's just that no one knows what the heck it means. The Latin literally translates as "It Grows As It Goes."

State Sen. Joseph Carraro, who has introduced legislation to change the motto, says he thinks its meaning might have something to do with urban sprawl, and a state historian says it might allude to progress or expansion.

Carraro prefers to make the motto "Antiqua Suspice, Crastina Accipe," which translates out like an overused Chamber of Commerce motto: "Respect the Past, Embrace the Future."

But the committee to which Carraro's bill was assigned notes New Mexico comes in almost last among the 50 states on a variety of issues like education and has proposed another motto: "Thank God For Mississippi."



editor's commentary  
by roger estlack

## Theatrical stress plays out in hair color

Every week you open your paper, and you turn to "Life's Lessons" by Carrie Helms. My little picture floats there in the middle of column two.

It's a good thing that picture never changes. I'm really glad you can't see my hair right now.

This week has been quite a chapter of accidents. The play that I have been rehearsing for the last month or so, Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit," closed on Saturday.

It was, perhaps, the most frustrating experience of my theatrical career. I had to learn a British accent, and the male lead was the most irresponsible, untalented, pompous, useless piece of flesh I have ever had the misfortune of working with. I wish we'd hired a trained monkey instead.

We were four days from opening, and he did not know any of his lines. Every night at rehearsal, we'd stumble through a scene. If he didn't know what to say he'd just say, "Oh, Ruth!" Like I'm supposed to have some sort of response to that.

All that I could think of as soon as I stepped on the stage was how soon I could get off it again. Our last dress rehearsal, I got so frustrated that I could not come up with my last monologue. I was leaving the house, and I said - and I quote - "I don't know. I'm going to go do something else.

I'll see you later."

I ran out, sliding on the rug like Kramer on *Seinfeld* - positively in a lather, seething with rage, and I spewed forth the most hideous string of profanity. I surprised myself. I lay in the floor and cried.

The monkey pulled it together (sort of) for the performances. He still called everyone by the wrong name and proclaimed at least six times in one scene that, "Whatever happened last night had nothing whatever to do with alcohol."

I like to change my hair color when a play ends, especially a play like that one. So, I shake off the old character by putting on a new shade. I was really looking forward to putting the whole experience behind me and moving on with my life.

I really liked the color I had. It was this light auburn-brown. It was subtle, and it was natural looking, and it was healthy. My hair was looking good. Like shampoo commercial good.

I resisted the urge to change it for a good solid 48 hours. I couldn't shake my



life's lessons  
by carrie helms

British accent or my hatred for my co-star, so I figured that a new hair color might help.

I opted for black. It fit my mood. My "Starry Night Bright Black" was totally blue. Not a bright electric blue, but a sort of navy black. It was comic book black, you know, where the shine is blue.

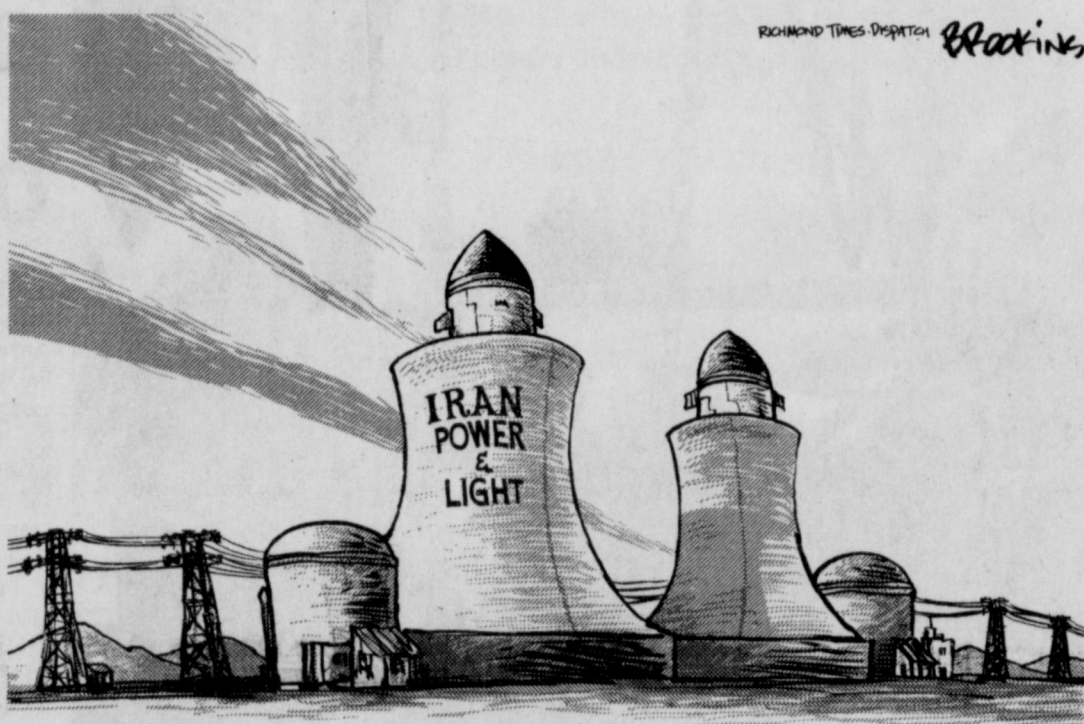
I lived with it for a few days, but I hated it. By Wednesday, I didn't feel like black hair anymore.

The thing about black hair dye is that you can't dye over it. So I bought a hair color remover kit on Thursday afternoon, and I stripped the color off my hair.

Hair color remover is a very potent chemical that more or less bleaches out hair that has been tinted. It turns hair a yellow orange and is immediately ready for coloring again. I missed a few spots, but I figured those would blend.

I was wrong. When I finished putting a light brown over the yellow orange, I still had a few little black spots in places and one huge black dot on the left side of my head.

I liked my hair last Monday. Four boxes of hair color and approximately \$50 later, I'm almost back to normal. If I part my hair in just the right place, you can't see any of the spots. If a good breeze comes up, though, my secret is out.



## US needs to tackle Social Security now

America's Social Security system is headed for trouble, two trains rumbling toward a collision. One train rumbles on tracks laid down by financial promises made when this New Deal-era program was established. The second travels on a path set by long-term demographic trends. To avoid the wreck, we need to change the courses of the trains, and the time to do it is long before the conductors on these trains can see each other.

Without significant changes, the question is not whether this accident will happen, but when. The demographic trends pushing us toward disaster are simple: birthrates are going down while people are living longer.

These trends will be amplified when 76 million Baby Boomers hit retirement age. Born between 1946 and 1964, they will begin retiring in 2008 and threaten to swamp the Social Security system.

For many years, there was no problem with Social Security because the abundance of workers paid far more into the program than it provided to retirees. The excess money was placed in something called the "Social Security Trust Fund."

Unfortunately, by law, the Trust Fund

is required to save the excess payments in U.S. Treasury bonds which are, for lack of a better word, "IOUs" from taxpayers. The money itself has been spent. This means the minute the Social Security system takes less in from workers than it pays to retirees, it will have to draw on those bonds, which will have to be made good by taxpayers. This shortfall is predicted to begin as early as 2018.

Inaction is out of the question. According to the Heritage Foundation, if Congress does nothing to reform the system, Social Security will need general fund infusions to make up the difference in tax revenues and benefit payments amounting to \$72 billion in 2020, \$275 billion in 2030, \$429 billion in 2050 and \$719 billion in 2070. The long-term projections of Social Security's financial health will continue to worsen because, with each passing year, a surplus year passes and a deficit year is added in the calculation.

Compounding this problem was the fact that changes in Social Security also weakened the financial health of the system. Originally, initial benefits at the time of retirement were linked to inflation, but in the 1970s they were pegged to the rise in wages, which tend to go up faster than prices. Coupled with demography and the impending retirement of the Baby Boomers, the Social Security system is headed for a disaster.

Numerous proposals to save Social Security are on the table, and I look forward to talking with my fellow Texans and working with my colleagues to craft policy changes which will honor present commitments while providing a permanent solution.

While we may not agree on what the best options are at this point, it is unacceptable to pretend there is no problem. The financial future of Social Security is determined not only by demographic trends; it is affected by the promises made when the program was established. We have a window of opportunity to remake the program so the promises made today will be fulfilled tomorrow without mortgaging the future of our children and grandchildren.



capitol comment  
by sen. kay bailey hutchison

## Watt kept good attitude as health failed

Thanks for the wonderful tribute to Peggy Watt.

Living in Hedley for nine-plus years gave us lots of opportunities to run into Peggy. She and her husband had once owned the property that we bought on Lake Creek. She was always of good spirit, and you never would know if she was having a bad day. Others might have gone into a depression if their waning good health required them to leave their homeplace; however, Peggy looked at it as an opportunity to see folks in town more often.

I always looked forward to getting a seat next to her on the days that I ate at the senior citizen lunches. Although we have been gone from the area for several years, she is one of the people Bob and I talk about from time to time when we talk about Hedley.

Judi Synek,  
Fredericksburg

## Visitor enjoys picking up 'fine caliber newspaper'

I am writing to commend you for publishing such a fine caliber newspaper as the ENTERPRISE.

My husband recently interviewed for the position of Dean of Students with Clarendon College. While we were in town, I picked up a copy of the paper and was quite impressed with the layout and design.

We currently live in West Texas, and I often review the newspapers from Monahans, Kermit, and Andrews in my line of work. The clean lines and modern layout of your publication far exceed comparable papers in our area. Bravo to you and your staff!

There is a strong possibility that Jeff

and I will be coming to Clarendon to work for the college. If so, I hope to meet you in person and learn more about how you produce such a fine paper.

Tracey Rhodes

## Reader says Enterprise is like 'good company'

The ENTERPRISE has been good company for the Cottonwood Ranch for several years, and we don't intend to change in 2005. So please re-enter our subscription, and we'll look forward to visiting personally, too.

Jack and Rebecca King,  
Clarendon

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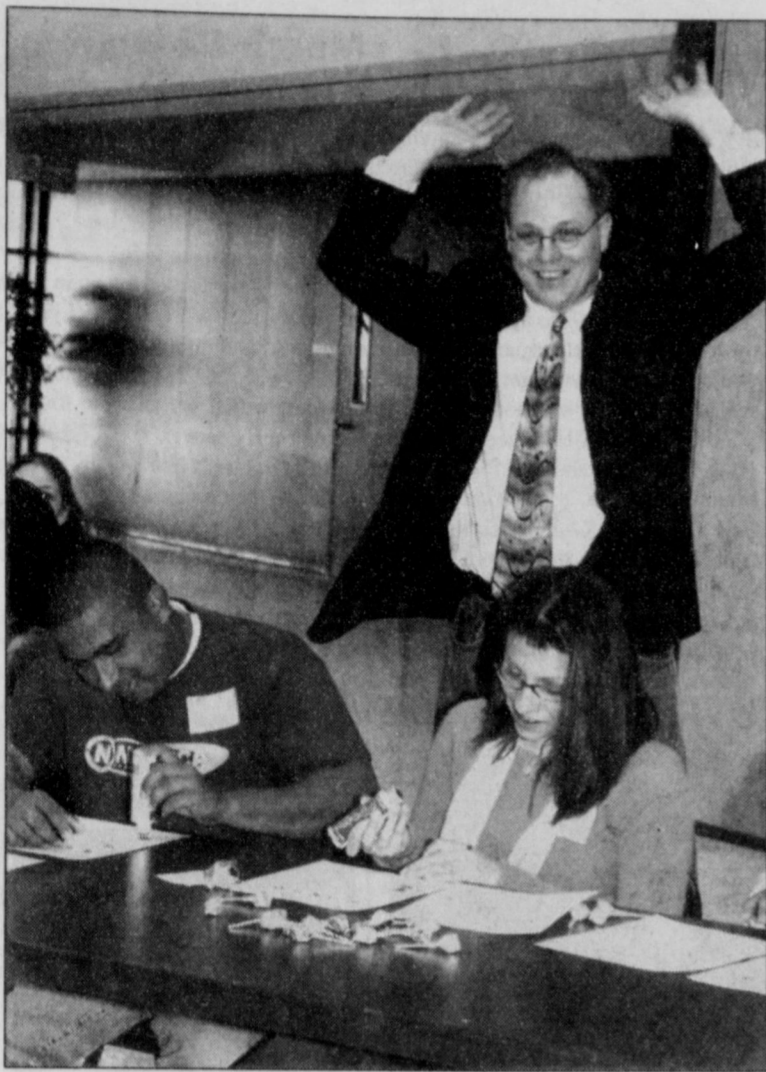
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**Bingo!**

Clarendon College Dean of Instruction Tex Buckhaults celebrates as Farwell students Luis Olmos and Beatriz Garcia play Clarendon College Bingo. High school students from around the area were at Clarendon College Friday to tour the campus during Senior Day.

Enterprise Digital Photo

**Hedley High academic teams do well at Caprock warm-up**

Hedley's UIL teams took a final tune-up for district by attending the Caprock Invitational Academic Meet on Saturday.

Stephen Howard won two gold medals and a bronze in number sense, science, and mathematics. He led the number sense and science teams to second place finishes. In the science contest, Sam Lovely placed tenth.

The calculator applications team placed second, led by Ruth Anne Howard's tie for first place individual. Betty Cruz was seventh, Gramen Garcia twelfth, and Danielle Smith fourteenth in the contest.

Ben Shaw placed second in current events while Roper Copelin placed seventh. Shaw also was first in social studies, leading his team to a first place finish.

Mariah Couch was fourth in social studies, and Daniel Allen completed the championship team. Couch also finished eighth in literary criticism.

The district UIL academic meet will be held March 22 at Happy High School, with winners moving on to the regional UIL contest on April 22, which will be held at South Plains College in Levelland.



**the lion's tale**  
*by allen estlack*

Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday noon meeting March 8, 2005, with Boss Lion Pro Tem Greg Henry in charge.

We had 13 members and one guest, Helen Estlack, guest of Lion Allen Estlack.

The college women are in the conference tournament this week in Lubbock. The baseball team is in El Paso, and the rodeo team is also competing during Spring Break.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Friday, March 11  
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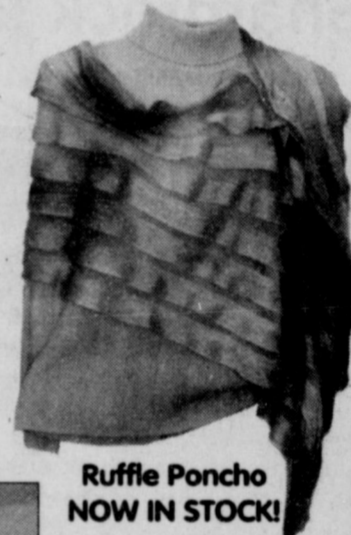
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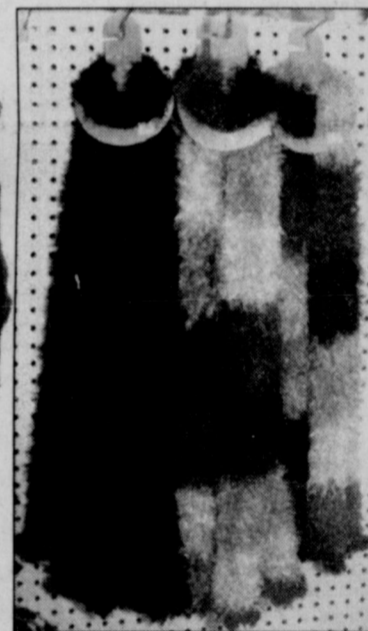
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**March 8**

Immunization Clinic • TDH Office • 9 a.m.

Lady Broncos v. Fritch • Softball Field • 5 p.m.

**March 10**

Broncos v. Hartley • McClelland Field • 4 p.m.

**March 14 - 18**

Hedley ISD Spring Break

**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day

**March 19**

Buildogs v. Western Oklahoma double-header • Bulldog Field • 1 p.m.

**March 27**

Easter

**Community Menus**

March 14-18

Clarendon Schools

**Breakfast**  
 Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk  
 Tues: Rice, toast, fruit, milk  
 Wed: Pancakes, juice, milk  
 Thur: Eggs, toast, fruit, milk  
 Fri: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk  
**Lunch**  
 Mon: Steak fingers, green beans, mashed potatoes, strawberries, milk  
 Tues: Turkey tetrazzini, mixed vegetables, fruit mix, rolls, milk  
 Wed: Baked potato with ham and cheese, broccoli and vegetable salad, carrot sticks, oranges, milk  
 Thur: Beef stroganoff, corn, applesauce, rolls, carrots, milk  
 Fri: Barbecue sandwich, fries, salad, apricots, milk

Hedley Schools

Spring Break

Donley County Senior Citizens

Mon: Frito pie, spinach, tater wedges, pears with cottage cheese, peanut butter cookies, chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
 Tues: Chicken strips, cheesy broccoli soup, buttered carrots, corn salad, sock it to me cake, biscuits, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
 Wed: Chili rellenos, Spanish rice, tortilla soup, garden salad, Vida's pie, chips, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
 Thur: Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes with gravy, green peas, okra salad, lime Jell-O with fruit, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk  
 Fri: Roast with brown gravy, carrots, potatoes, onions, asparagus, cherry salad, oatmeal raisin cookies, rolls, coffee, tea, lowfat milk

Hedley Senior Citizens

Mon: Catfish filet, broccoli soup, French fries, coleslaw, apricot halves, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee  
 Tues: Pork roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, banana pudding, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
 Wed: Steak and gravy, broccoli and rice, buttered carrots, cucumber and onion salad, roll, milk, tea, coffee  
 Thur: Beef stew with peas, carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, and celery, macaroni salad, pineapple whip, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee  
 Fri: Turkey and dressing, giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, English peas, cookies and fruit salad, roll, milk, tea, coffee

**4-H Club holds March meeting**

By Ashlyn Tubbs

The March 2005-4-H club meeting was held on March 2.

Danielle Smith greeted all the 4-H club members at the door, and President Danielle Ford called the meeting to order.

Reporter Ashlyn Tubbs led us in the inspiration, followed by Rowdy Speed, leading the club in the U.S. pledge. Dustin Willard led us in the 4-H motto and pledge, and Secretary Ty Tubbs conducted roll call, asking all the members their favorite flower, before reading the minutes.

Danielle then asked if there were any officer reports, and Ashlyn reminded the members to be sure to turn in their biographical sheets. Danielle reminded them to sell all the geraniums they can, so County Agent Leonard Haynes can kiss the biggest, nastiest pig he can find.

Vice President Paul Geotze introduced the program given by Leonard Haynes, who gave all the members packages of seeds and gave a lesson in gardening tips. After he was through, all of the 4-H club members got to plant some seeds.

The agent announcements were after that, and MaryRuth Bishop reminded the club members about the junior and senior photography classes on March 14 and 15.

The door prize drawing was then held. Ashlyn Tubbs drew, and Ty Tubbs won a gardening shovel, and Jerah Luna won a gardening rake.

Danielle adjourned the meeting to a game lead by Annie Patten and snacks provided by Tres Hommel and Rowdy Speed.

**Spring bursts out all around Howardwick**

The wind Monday reminded us it really is March, but haven't we had beautiful weather? Our daffodils are in full bloom; the forsythia, the sand cherries, and - I'm sad to say - the apricots are ready to burst into bloom. I noticed some peaches are also blooming, so this is probably another year all the fruit gets nipped by Jack Frost. In the meantime, everyone can enjoy the flowers in bloom.

Speaking of springtime, some people may not know we have a very nice public tornado shelter located between the fire station and the Dumpster areas. The stairs are wide with a gentle slope and sturdy handrails with seating for about fifty. It

contains emergency lighting, bottled water, and games to keep you entertained. Check out the shelter and plan to use it in case of severe weather. Sorry, no pets allowed.

February 25 was the first birthday of our second great-grandson, Jacob Jahay. He lives in Wichita, Kan., with his mama and dad, Sasha and Scott, and big brother, two-year-old Erik, so we took a little trip to Kansas to wish that young man a happy birthday. What a lively house that is with two little boys, one walking, climbing and jumping off everything, and the other mostly crawling because he can get around faster trying to duplicate everything his big brother tries. Jake

had a chocolate cake, and you know what that meant. Everyone around was covered with chocolate also. We had a wonderful time. I just wish we were a little closer, so we could see them more often.

A report on sick call. Nancy and Charles Davis have some good news. Their daughter Darlene got to go home Sunday. That was a long

**'wick picks**

by peggy cockerham

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**Family gathers for Green's birthday**

Thirty-one children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of Naomi Olivia Morris Green gathered at her home for a surprise 80th birthday celebration at noon last Saturday.

Meat and cheese, vegetable and fruit trays were served along with birthday cake and ice cream. The birthday cake was decorated with roses and a birdhouse symbolizing two of Naomi's favorite things, flowers and birds. Eight candles depicted each decade of her life. The floral theme was also carried out with napkins and plates.

Among the many cards and gifts presented to her Saturday was a bouquet with seven red roses representing her seven children and the

eight, a dark pink rose, representing her husband.

Present for the celebration were: Robin and Paulina Green, and Unique and Destiny Jacobo of Lubbock; Patricia and Willis Friesen of Frisco; Elena and Joel Cruce of Garland; Lindsay and Brent Wilhelm of Happy; Clint Green and David Green of Amarillo; Ellen and Micah Morehart of Fargo, OK; Jerry and Tiffany Newell, Jacoby, Katlyn and Dillon of Woodward, OK; Stephanie Patterson and Aviana of Kileen; and Katherine and Don Williams, Jerry and Mary Green, Jason and Jodi Green and Kasey, Beth Stepp, Hoss and Shelby, all of Clarendon. Connie and Bob Havens surprised Naomi and the family with a visit that afternoon.

**Little Texans**

Clarendon Head Start students have been studying about Texas and wore their Texas clothes one day last week to school. Students pictured are (front) Shaelyn Owiti, Alice McAnear, Alison Christopher, Cole English, Kendra Weatherton, Sierra Perry, Ryan Ward, Brady Miller, (back) Gene Curry, Cody Lowrie, Angel Olivas, Samuel Range, Ryan McCleskey, Whitney LaRoe, Kathryn Louis, Monique Wilson, and Justin Christopher. Not pictured is Abigail Ceniceros.

Digital photo courtesy of Clarendon Elementary.

**CC's Miss Bulldog pageant March 17**

The annual Miss Bulldog Pageant is slated for 7 p.m., Thursday, March 17, 2005, in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Clarendon College Student Ambassadors, the

Miss Bulldog Pageant features male students dressed as female beauty contestants. This year's event features a special talent competition much like the hit television show *American Idol*.

**Shamrock to host annual St. Patrick's celebration**

The 59th St. Patrick's Celebration is slated for March 18-20, 2005.

To begin the fun-filled three day weekend, Doug Wood, the Doctor of Comedy, will be entertaining at the kickoff banquet, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Shamrock Area Community Center on Friday evening.

Tickets for the kickoff banquet will be \$12 in advance (per person) available at the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce office and \$15 at the door (per person).

Those not wanting to attend the banquet can have a fun evening

under the tallest water tower in the Great State of Texas as the carnival lights are turned on, candied apples are freshly made, and screams are heard from the kiddos as they enjoy the rides of the downtown carnival.

Immediately following the banquet, the Shamrock Country Club will host a dance featuring Texas Crossroads. A cover charge of \$5 will apply, and all are invited to attend.

Saturday morning's events will begin with the Old Settlers' Reunion at the Shamrock Volunteer Fire Department, the Donegal

Beard judging contest located at the Parade Review Stand across from the National Bank of Commerce at 10:00 a.m., and the largest parade in the Tri-State area at 10:30 a.m.

Team roping will begin a 10:00 a.m. at the Shamrock Rodeo Association Arena under the guidance of Heath Mitchell.

A softball tournament hosted by the Shamrock ISD Athletics Department will be held at the softball field. For more information or to enter your team, contact Athletic Director Clay Mayo at 806-256-2241. Also held at

the Jaycee Gym will be the Arts and Crafts Show.

The motorcycle rally is once again rumored to be growing even larger as more and more enthusiasts gather under the beautiful Panhandle skies to participate.

A car show is in the works on Route 66, at the U-Drop Inn. All of these events will begin immediately following the parade.

Saturday's highlight will be the Miss Irish Rose Scholarship Pageant held at the Shamrock school auditorium at 3:00 p.m.

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However, the panel voted to recommend that all three prescription drugs continue to be available to the American public, with certain conditions or stipulations. A black box warning, referring to the increased risk to the heart, was recommended on the labels of all three. In addition, various panel members suggested that patient pamphlets from the manufacturers be made available to those for whom the drugs are prescribed. There were some panel members who preferred that limitations be placed on the dose and/or the duration of the time these drugs are taken. Some suggested restricting the drugs to low risk individuals. In the final analysis, the majority of the panel felt that the pain-relieving benefits of these drugs outweigh the dangers.

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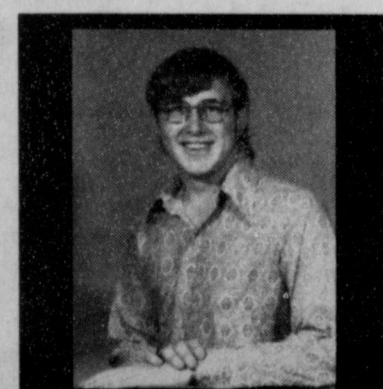
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**Obituaries**

**Angel**

Funeral services for Dean Angel, age 90, were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 4, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Canyon with Rev. David Lowrie, pastor, officiating. Burial was held at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors in Canyon.



Angel

Mrs. Angel died Tuesday, March 1, 2005, in Amarillo. She was born on July 19, 1914, in Lelia Lake to William and Mary Elizabeth Bullard. She graduated from high school at Lelia Lake in 1932 and married Wayland Angel at Lelia Lake on January 20, 1935. He preceded her in death on October 30, 1987. They moved to Randall County in 1941, where they farmed and ranched. She loved to oil paint and was a member of First Baptist Church of Canyon.

Survivors include one daughter, Mary Guilbert of Amarillo; two sons, Clifford Angel and Kenneth Angel, both of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and five great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association, 2200 W. 7th, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

**Sawyer**

Funeral services for Edward Davis Sawyer, age 72, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2005, in Robertson Chapel of Memories in Clarendon with Rev. James Ivey Edwards, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Masonic graveside rites and interment were in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc..

Mr. Sawyer died Thursday, March 3, 2005, in Big Spring. He was born July 21, 1932, in Clarendon and was a lifetime resident of Clarendon except for 1976 to 1981 when he lived in Van Horn. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He attended Sul Ross University and graduated from Texas Tech University. He was a member of Clarendon Lodge #700. He had served on the Board of Directors of the Clarendon Outdoor Entertainment Association and was a member of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association and the First Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by a sister, Marilyn McQueen.

Survivors include two sons, Dan Sawyer and Ted Sawyer, both of Clarendon; his step-mother, Gladys Sawyer of Clarendon; 4 grandchildren, Clay Sawyer, Jamie Sawyer, Kalli Sawyer, Misti Watson and husband Cody, all of Clarendon; 5 great grandchildren; a nephew, Geoffrey McQueen, and an aunt, Ruth Sawyer, both of California.

Casket bearers were Mike Smith, Fred Molesworth, Wayne Lowe, Don Thornberry, Jim Garland, and Ferol Shelton. Honorary bearers were Jack Clifford, Wayne Riggs, and Clarendon Masonic Lodge #700.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital, the Saints Roost Museum, or Citizens Cemetery Association.

**Barker**

William Earl Barker, 82, died Friday, March 4, 2005, in Groom.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2005, in First United Methodist Church in Groom with the Rev. Welson Rives, pastor, and the Rev. David Kellley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Groom, officiating. Burial was held in Groom Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of

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Mr. Barker was born April 23, 1922, in Goodnight in Armstrong County and was a resident of Clarendon for several years before moving to Groom in 1960. He married Yvonne Howerton on October 17, 1942, at Clarendon. He had been a farmer and was employed at the Groom Grain Elevator prior to his retirement. He served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Groom. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by two sisters.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 62 years, Yvonne of Groom; one son, Earl Lynn Barker and wife Wanda of Groom; two daughters, Schellon Meek and husband Gerry of Big Sandy and Carla Reed and husband Jeff of Round Rock; four sisters, Viola Graham and Nova Mooring, both of Clarendon, Mary

Murff of Brice, and Mildred Tomlinson of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; a brother, Don Barker of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to First United Methodist Church in Groom or to the Zachary Vasquez Scholarship Fund, 1600 Pecan Pflugerville, TX 78660.

**Vorheis**

Graveside services for Emma Leigh Vorheis, infant daughter of Brooke and Ben Vorheis and sister of Brenden Vorheis, will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, in Memorial Gardens in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Jeannine Wilson of Amarillo, Kevin and Linda Pillow of Redlands, California, and R.B. and Mary Vorheis of Clarendon.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to The National Down Syndrome Society.

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**Mar. 1**  
3:45 a.m. - Business alarm. 100 block Circle Dr.  
8:38 a.m. - See complainant. CC maintenance.  
9:08 a.m. - See complainant. SO lobby.  
1:10 p.m. - Out at judge's office.  
3:04 p.m. - Out at housing authority.  
3:25 p.m. - Out of vehicle. Meet with CPS. 400 block W. 2nd.  
3:33 p.m. - Out at DA's office.  
4:45 p.m. - 1000 block E. 4th.  
6:41 p.m. - HS gym.  
8:02 p.m. - HS gym.

**Mar. 2**  
7:53 a.m. - See caller. 6th and Koogle.  
3:31 p.m. - Business alarm. 200 block S. Kearney.  
7:36 p.m. - See complainant. 1400 block W. 8th.  
7:47 p.m. - Second location. 800 block W. 5th.  
9:45 p.m. - Back to residence. 1400 block W. 8th.

**Mar. 3**  
8:01 a.m. - Out at HS.  
8:08 a.m. - Escort inmate to courthouse.  
1:07 p.m. - Out at courthouse.  
1:07 p.m. - On Hwy. 287 looking for SUV. Loud music disturbance. Three calls.  
1:13 p.m. - Loose livestock. West Hwy. 287. 3 to 5 miles.  
6:06 p.m. - Stand by at fire. CR 25. Control burn out of control.  
7:18 p.m. - CC gym.

**Mar. 4**  
4:25 a.m. - 700 block W. 5th. Possible prowler.  
11:39 a.m. - Set up landing zone at CC. Wel-

ington EMS and Lifestar.  
3:54 p.m. - 400 block W. 3rd. St.

**Mar. 5**  
12:32 a.m. - Disturbance near ball field.  
7:23 a.m. - Transport subject to catch public bus.  
1:27 p.m. - Hwy. 203 @ CR 28. Control burn out of control.  
7:02 p.m. - Assist EMS. 200 block S. Goodnight.  
11:53 p.m. - Disturbance. S. Carhart. Loud music.

**Mar. 6**  
1:55 a.m. - 700 block W. 8th. Secure residence.  
7:45 a.m. - Welfare check. Co. Rd. 28.  
9:05 a.m. - Welfare check. Juveniles. 700 block S. Allen. CPS also notified.  
11:16 a.m. - Family dispute. Hwy. 287.  
11:26 a.m. - To jail with one female and one male in custody. CPS to pick up juvenile.  
11:29 a.m. - Check female pedestrian. Hwy. 287 at CR 14.  
2:41 p.m. - 5th and Allen. Reported juvenile with BB gun shooting at vehicle and people.  
2:48 p.m. - On to 700 block Burkhead.  
2:52 p.m. - Back to field.  
2:57 p.m. - Returning to 700 block Burkhead.  
3:12 p.m. - Out at residence W. 3rd.  
3:55 p.m. - Complainant requests deputy return to 700 block Burkhead.

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## Twins split up for tennis tournament

By Sandy Anderberg

Sisters and doubles' state champions, Amina and Uthala Abdullah split from their normal routine to play singles in the Amarillo Small School Tournament at the Austin Tennis Center February 25.

Uthala walked away with the first place finish after defeating Reyna (Hart) 8-1, Hill (Hedley) 8-3, Grotegut (Gruver) 8-5, and Fitzgerald (Gruver) 8-2. Fitzgerald was a 2004 state qualifier in the singles' event.

Amina defeated Rascon (Highland Park) 8-2 in the first round and then defeated Schaffer (Borger) 8-0 in the next round. She dropped the next match to Fitzgerald 5-8 in the semifinals.

"Amina and Uthala played singles in this tournament," Coach Wade Callaway said. "We wanted

them to get more playing in and work on different aspects of their game."

Todd Thompson also competed in the tournament and won in the first round as he defeated Williams (Vega) 8-0 but lost to Julian (White Deer) 8-9 in the next round.

"Todd was down pretty big early, but he showed a lot of fight to come back and force a tiebreaker against a pretty good tennis player," he said.

The Abdullahs teamed back up for the Canadian Tournament and soon fell into their championship routine as they took on Bromman/Fairchild (Vega) in the first round and defeated them 8-0. They shut out their second opponents Kidd/Schafer (Canadian) 8-0 in the next round and took Lewis/Homen (White Deer) in two sets at 6-1, 6-1.

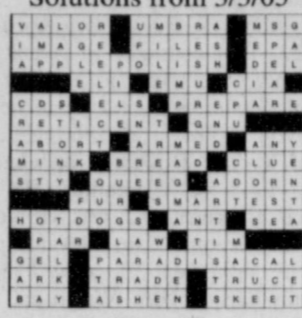
"Although the competition

wasn't as demanding as we would have liked it to be, the girls showed championship-caliber maturity in working on various parts of their game that they could control such as their serves and their signals," Callaway said.

Clarendon will host a tennis tournament March 15 and 17. The boys will play on Tuesday and the girls will play on Thursday.

"We anticipate a very high quality tennis tournament that will include not only our state qualifiers (Abdullahs and Chase Thornberry), but also state qualifiers from Chillicothe, Spearman, Canadian, Gruver, Miami, and Nazareth just to name a few," Callaway said. "You won't find better small school competition anywhere in the state than you will on these two days."

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## Lady Broncos roll over S-F, stay unbeaten

By Sandy Anderberg

It is early in the season, but the Lady Broncos are already getting a taste of how they hope their season continues. They are 5-0 for the year as of now, and they are working hard to maintain their undefeated record.

The Lady Broncos' latest wins came against Sanford-Fritch March 5 in a double-header on the road.

Clarendon took the first game 11-6, and the second game ended at 10-9. Junior pitcher Haley Shelton was on the mound, and fellow junior Kaitlyn Howard was behind the plate. Sanford-Fritch took the early two-run lead, but a huge third inning put the Lady Broncos up by four runs. They then added two more runs in the last inning, but the Lady Broncos extended their lead by another run to secure their win.

"The ladies played extremely well," Coach Gary Jack said. "Haley pitched well and hit the ball well, too. We had a lot of good hits offensively, and several players turned in good defensive play. Uthala Abdullah had a great catch in the outfield, and Shanna Shelton made some good defensive plays. It was a solid performance by the entire team."

The next win for the Lady Broncos came only by one run after trailing by three runs at the end of the first inning. Clarendon scored big in the second inning as they put up six runs on the board, compared to only two runs for SF.

Shanna Shelton and Sade Faas shared the duties on the mound, and Howard and Weatherton took turns behind the plate. Kaitlyn Howard connected with a double, and Destiny Weatherton slammed in a triple to aid the Lady Broncos in their win.

"We had really good pitching," Jack said. "We also continued to hit the ball well, too. Kaitlyn (Howard) played good, as did Erin Holland. Sarah Scrivner and Erica Depew hit the ball very well. It was another good effort by several of the ladies."

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncos traveled to Amarillo to take on Ascension Academy. It was a lopsided win for the Lady Broncos as the game was called early due to the weather. The Lady Broncos held a huge 26-2 lead at the end of the third inning.

Haley Shelton and Shanna Shelton took turns on the mound and did a great job according to Jack.

"Several players did a good job both offensively and defensively," Jack said. "Haley Shelton and Destiny Weatherton both connected with in the park homeruns, and each added a double. Shanna hit a double and a couple of singles, and Kristin White had a triple. Everyone hit well."

The Lady Broncos will open up district play March 18 at Quanah beginning at 4:30 p.m.

## Hedley runners place at Wellington

By Tangela Copelin

The Hedley Owls junior high and high school track teams competed in the Wellington track meet this past week.

Coach Giffin stated, "Considering this was the first track meet for many of these athletes ever, and they were competing against larger schools, they did very well."

In junior high, seventh graders placing were Kailee Burton, fifth 100-meter dash; Haley Hall, second 100-meter dash, fourth 100-meter hurdles, and second 200-meter hurdles; Brook Martin, fourth high jump; Danny Garcia, first 2400-meter run and fourth 1200-meter run. Eighth grad-

ers placing were Archie Sharp, third 2400-meter run, and Kelby Shields, sixth high jump and fourth 200-meter hurdles.

Also the seventh and eighth grade girls combined to place third in the 800-meter relay. That team consisted of Shandy Koetting, Kelby Shields, Kailee Burton, and Brook Martin.

High school students placing in this track meet were freshman Brandon Montgomery, first 1600 meter run; sophomore Jaci Copelin, third triple jump, second 300-meter hurdles, and first 800-meter run; and junior Eli Luna, fourth 100-meter dash and sixth 200-meter dash.

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6	Trevor Leeper	Fr
7	Michael Bruce	Jr
8	Scottie Willis	Sr
10	Austin Howard	Fr
11	Kaleb Shadle	Fr
12	Dalton Askew	Fr
14	Jon McGlaun	Fr
15	Quentin West	Jr
17	LaDez Captain	So
19	Will Betts	Jr
21	Stephen Ford	Jr
22	Morgan Robinson	Jr
23	Tim Sanchez	Sr
25	Clint Watson	So
45	Jesse Gowdy	Sr
48	Keifer Burton	Fr
50	Chase Thornberry	Jr
65	Cody Scrivner	Jr
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Lady Broncos		

Broncos	
Clarendon v. Hartley	Thurs., March 10, at 4:00 p.m. in Clarendon
Clarendon v. Pampa JV	Fri., March 11, at 4:00 p.m. in Clarendon
Clarendon v. Fritch	Mon., March 14, at 4:00 p.m. in Clarendon

Lady Broncos	
Clarendon v. Childress	Tues., March 15, at 5:00 p.m. in Childress

2	Destiny Weatherson	Sr
3	Kaitlyn Howard	Jr
4	Laura Dziedzic	Sr
5	Abby Patten	Fr
6	Erica Depew	So
7	Amina Abdullah	Sr
8	Sarah Depew	Sr
10	Uthala Abdullah	Sr
11	Haley Shelton	Jr
12	Jessie Howard	So
14	Kristin White	Jr
15	Jill Cornell	Fr
16	Sarah Scrivner	So
17	Shanna Shelton	Sr
18	Erin Holland	Fr
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[s] By: James T. Shelton,  
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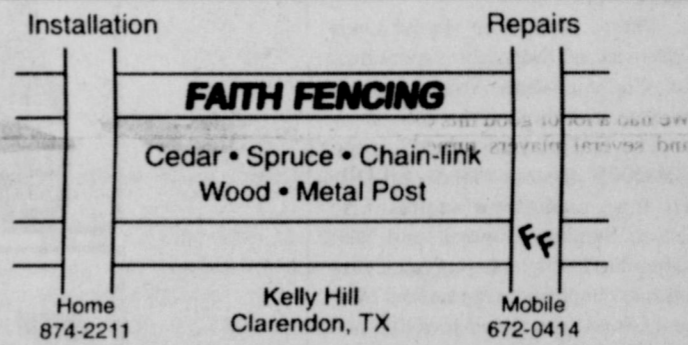
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### Lady Bulldogs secure spot at conference tournament

By Sandy Anderberg  
With a conference record of 20-10 and a three-game winning streak against their biggest rivals, the Lady Bulldogs are on their way to Lubbock to compete in the WJAC Regional Tournament.

The CC women took down Frank Phillips College 76-59, which gave the Lady Bulldogs their third win against them this season to secure their spot at the tournament to be played March 10-13 at Lubbock Christian University.

According to Coach Rusty Kennedy this is the second year in a row for the ladies to qualify for the tournament.

"The team has had an outstanding season getting back to the regional tournament and winning 20 games. I hope our fans will come support us in Lubbock," Kennedy said.

CC will play McLennan Community College from Waco at 2:30 p.m. on March 10.

Scoring: Lauren Hill 13, Meghan Hyde 11, Chelo McElrath 10, Camille Thompson 9, Whitney Warrior 8, Sedra Watkins 7, Kristin King 7, Stephanie Sanders 6, and Alisha Sladek 5.

### District coaches honor athletes from Hedley High

By Tangela Copelin  
The Hedley Owls and Lady Owls recently received district honors.

Lady Owls named to the 2004-2005 District 4-1A All-District girls team were seniors Sarah Bolin and Allison Hill and junior Julie Funderberg. Sarah Bolin was also named District MVP.

Three sophomore Lady Owls also received honorable mentions: Jaci Copelin, Ruth Anne Howard, and Katie Gregory.

The Hedley Owls named to the 2004-2005 District 4-1A All-District boys team were seniors Eric Alston, Stephen Howard, and Will Wallendorf. Owl players receiving honorable mention were seniors Matthew Glover and Cole Llewellyn and junior Wes Shields.

### Broncos hit links in Wellington meet

By Sandy Anderberg  
Five Bronco golfers traveled to Wellington to take part in the Sky Rocket 18-hole tournament March 1. The Broncos finished eighth as a team with a final total of 455.

Jeremy Utsey bested the Bronco field with a 97, and Todd Thompson turned in a 113. Andy Roberts shot a 121, Jon Vaught finished with a 124, and Ty White ended the 18 holes with a 127.

"Our scores weren't where we wanted them, but we will improve as the season goes on," Coach Kasey Bell said.

The next tournament for the Broncos and Lady Broncos will be held March 14 and 15 at Canadian.

### Miller, Johnston weekly winners

By Sandy Anderberg  
Wendol Miller bested a field of seven golfers to take the top spot in the weekly men's game at the Clarendon Country Club last Wednesday.

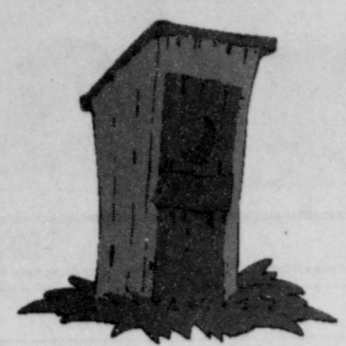
His round of 66 was one stroke better than second place finishers Dan Ashford and Ellis Knight, who each turned in a 67. Ashford, who is 84 years young, also shot lower than his age with an 82 for 18 holes.

Seven women competed in the weekly women's game on Thursday with Sherol Johnston taking top honors with a 62. Ruth Jackson was second with a 66, and Quida Gage turned in a 67.

The annual spring Skins Game is scheduled for April 3 at the CCC. The entry fee is \$240 for the six-man team plus the price of a cart.

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