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## Easter Sunrise Service To Be Held At Dyer Ranch

Easter Sunrise Service will be held Easter Sunday, April 11, at the Dyer Ranch, beginning at 7:00 a.m. The Dyer Ranch, home of Trey and Sally Dyer, is located one mile south of Baird on Highway 283. Everyone is invited, and asked to dress warm. Coffee and donuts will be served.

### Texas HB 2292

## Many Will Be Affected By Whittling Of 12 Agencies

The ongoing consolidation of Texas' 12 health and human services agencies with the passage of House Bill 2292 will affect the elderly, the disabled, children and other Texans who rely on the state for services, as well as about a third of the state's non-high education employees.

The collapsing of the 12 existing agencies into five is expected to result in possible outsourcing, or privatization of a number of state jobs.

The combined Health and Human Service (HHS) agencies operate more than 200 programs and employ about 46,000 workers. During hearing prior to passage of the measure, it was argued that attrition

would take care of much of the anticipated staff reductions as employees retired or otherwise left state employment. Outsourcing of centralized administrative services and of eligibility determination could reduce the work force.

A Public Employee Association spokesman says "We have a good idea now about how the consolidation of the 12 existing agencies into the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and into the four operating agencies will work. But we are concerned about the potential outsourcing of particular functions, including consolidated

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## Wendy Gerngross Receives W.B. Irvin Outstanding Student Teacher Award

Wendy Gerngross of Baird was recently honored at the Abilene's Hardin-Simmons University Irvin School of Education's 2004 award ceremony. She received the W.B. Irvin Outstanding Student Teacher of the Year Education Award.

The W.B. Irvin award was

established to assist teacher education graduates as they begin their teaching careers. The student selected should intend to teach, demonstrate high levels of scholarship and possess the attitude and personality essential to a quality teacher.

## Storms To Texas, Rain To Counties

In Eastland County last Friday at 12:30 p.m. the sky turned dark and then an eerie color, lightning flashed and thunder rolled - and then the rain fell in sheets. Small hail came along with the rain, pelting and bouncing off cars and buildings. It never did get large enough to do much damage, being cushioned by the heavy rain, and blown sideways by the wind.

Most cars kept on going, some fast and some slow, navigating through the water that was filling the streets. It's no fun, being caught out in a rain like that, even if the county needs the rain.

No doubt about it - the rainy season was on!

This was part of several days of unsettled weather which have brought a lot of moisture to Eastland County, Callahan County, and the whole area. It has also brought a type of

resurrection just before Easter - green grass, budding trees, and wildflowers across the countryside.

On Monday night, April 5 there was a fresh round of thunderstorms, and approx. another inch of rain fell across the county.

On Tuesday (Press Day at the newspaper office,) it appears that the heaviest of the rains have moved on to the east and south, although the local forecast calls for occasional showers through tonight.

This rain has been part of a widespread Pacific low that originated in Baja California last week and stalled over Arizona, Southeastern New Mexico, the Big Bend, and the South Plains of West Texas. Much of this area has experienced hail, flooding, and various kinds of storm damage. The mountains of

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## Callahan County Cowboy Event

By Jo Turner

Callahan County Cowboy Roundup got underway early Saturday morning, April 3. You could 'smell the cooking' all day from the brisket, chili and bean cookoff.

Winners were:

Beans Cookoff

Dana Hall, first place; Lilly Barron, second place; and Kevin Hines, third place.

Chili Cookoff

Jimmy Williams, first place; Scott Farmer, second place and Dana Hall, third place.

Brisket Cookoff

Randy Scarborough, first place; G.T. Ward, second place, and Charles Alexander, third place.

The rain seemed "threatening" at times for the event but didn't scare anyone off, as there was a good crowd with cowboys everywhere.

There were booths featuring face painting, horseshoe painting, feed bucket toss, and 'dummy steer' roping.

The horse clinic featuring Chip Sugar with 'The Touch

of the Master's Hand' was held in the afternoon at the rodeo arena.

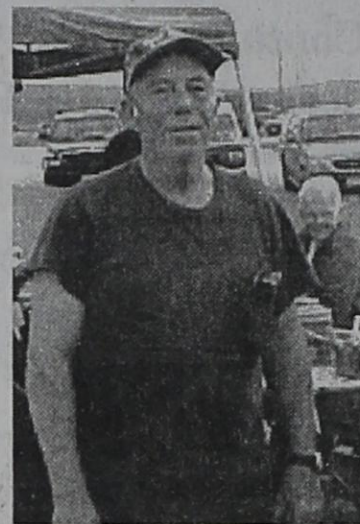
Bobby Estes, who the street dance was named after, had a delightful visit from singer Deryl Dodd. The featured Nashville recording artist performed songs for him at the Canterbury Villa where Estes resides.

Bobby Estes, born and raised in Baird is 'An Old Timer Cowboy' who was known world wide for his

promotions of rodeos and cowboys.

The featured guest band for the evening was From Dusk Till Dawn and the dance was a wonderful success with over 350 folks in attendance.

Baird Chamber of Commerce would like to thank Texas Chevy Dealers, Hanner Chevrolet, KEAS 105 Radio, The Baggage House Restaurant and Baird Motor Inn for their sponsorship and participation in the Cowboy Event.



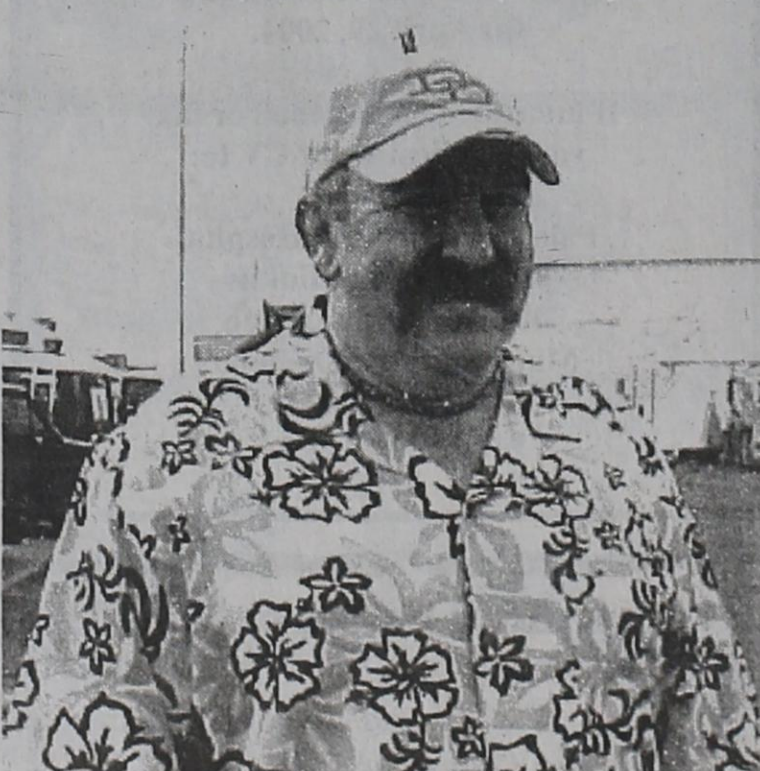
CHILI COOKOFF FIRST PLACE winner was Scott Farmer.



BRISKET COOKOFF FIRST PLACE WINNERS were Randy and Glenda Scarborough.



Martin Isenhower, pictured above, owner of M.I. Wire & More is shown with his wire artwork. He is the grandson of John D. Isenhower of Callahan County and great grandson of William Martin Isenhower of Callahan County. He uses barbed wire from the fencing on their land that began in 1879. The wire is from 1890-1902. (Callahan County Cowboy Roundup event photos by Jo Turner)



Jim 'Bobo' Richardson, 1981 State Champion Rodeo Clown, attended the Callahan County Cowboy Roundup event in Baird Saturday, April 3.



Singer, Troy Stone, is pictured with Julie Montgomery at the Callahan County Cowboy Roundup Saturday, April 3. (Photo by Jo Turner)



**TEXAS CATTLE EXCHANGE  
MARKET REPORT**

448 Head Sold March 30, 2004 Market All Cattle classes steady to \$2.00 higher Cows & Bulls 28% of run Feeder Steers: Med & Large #1 300-400 lb. \$113 to \$140 400-500 lb. \$108-\$127 500-600 lb. \$98-\$114 600-700 lb. \$95-\$107 Med & Large #2A 300-400 lb. \$95 to \$110 400-500 lb. \$92-\$105 500-600 lb. \$90-\$96 600-700 lb. \$82-\$92 Med & Large #3 300-400 lb. \$88-\$94 400-500 lb. \$86-\$90 500-600 lb. \$80-\$89	600-700 lb. \$75-\$81 Slaughter Cows: High dressing \$41.50-\$52.50 Low dressing \$32-\$37.50 Bred Stock Cows: Medium \$610-\$695 Aged \$400-\$530 Feeder Heifers: Med & Large #1 300-400 lb. \$114-\$132 400-500 lb. \$104-\$119 500-600 lb. \$92-\$105 600-700 lb. \$87-\$94 Med & Large #2 300-400 lb. \$99-\$110 400-500 lb. \$89-\$100 500-600 lb. \$80-\$91 600-700 lb. \$78-\$85 Med & Large #3
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300-400 lb. \$85-\$98 400-500 lb. \$80-\$87 500-600 lb. \$73-\$79 600-700 lb. \$70-\$77 Slaughter Bulls: High dressing \$53-\$67.50 Cows w/calves:	Choice \$700-\$890 Aged \$500-\$625 No. Buyers 46 No. Sellers 94 Goat Market not established.
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Thursday, April 8, 2004

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

<b>Thursday, April 8</b> Barbecue rib on a bun, french fries, pork and beans, jello and milk.	pinto beans, fruit, milk
<b>Friday, April 9</b> Holiday	<b>Wednesday, April 14</b> Steak fingers with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk
<b>Monday, April 12</b> Staff Development	<b>Thursday, April 15</b> Chicken quesdillas, tossed salad, spanish rice, cobbler, milk
<b>Tuesday, April 13</b> Corn dogs, oven potatoes,	

**Baird First Baptist Church Events**

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

Wednesday, April 7, join us at 6:30 p.m. for AWANA program. For transportation call the office, 854-1574. Lots of fun and excitement in learning God's Word.

Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. Choir practice in preparation for Easter Sunday.

NOTICE: The office will be closed Friday, April 9.

Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. on Sunday, April 11, at the Dyer Ranch on Hwy 283 South. Coffee and donuts will be served. Everyone in

the community is invited. Sunday, April 11, at 3:30 p.m. we will meet at the Baird Nursing Home for a special Easter service for the residents.

April 11 we will not have Ladies Bible Study. We will resume our study on Sunday, April 18, at 4:30 p.m. The study is on Revelations.

Monday, April 12, at 6 p.m. Ladies Mission Study.

Tuesday, April 13, at 7 a.m. Ladies Prayer Breakfast. Everyone invited.

Attention: All ladies in the community be making plans for Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. Ladies Night Out Potluck. All ladies in the community are invited to attend this time of sharing and fellowship with one another.

**Callahan County (Baird) Star  
Classifieds**

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**NOTICE**

The City of Rising Star is accepting bids for Maintenance of the City Park. Sealed bids need to be sent to The City of Rising Star, P. O. Box 35, Rising Star, Texas 76471 marked CITY PARK MAINTENANCE. Bids must be received by 2:00 p.m., April 7, 2004. Bid packets can be picked up at City Hall office or call (254) 643-4261 to request a bid packet. The City reserves the right to reject any and/all bids or to accept the bid most advantageous to the City. Bids will be opened at the Regular City Council Meeting, April 8, 2004. Any bid received later than the specified time, shall be disqualified.

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Storms To Texas, Rain To Counties**

New Mexico and Arizona rain fell so fast that a number of streets had water running down them and across them. Portions of Eastland County got its heaviest rainfall in that storm last Friday. From one to three inches were reported in Eastland, but it appears that Cisco caught an even heavier deluge of rain (over three inches in places) in a shorter while.

There was high water on Conrad Hilton Ave. which apparently went into a building or two. Several cars stalled in the high water crossing near the Hillside Village housing area on the east side of Cisco. The

Rain gauges showed 2.8 inches of rain southeast of Cisco, with about that much rain on across the south part of the county.

Bill Powell, Superintendent of the Eastland County Water Supply District, reports that the rain was a bit lighter toward Ranger and the Lake Leon area.

Call Margaret for all your local happenings and news 254-629-1707

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**Day Along The Trail**

Author Jim "Bobo" Richardson  
Abilene, Texas

Each mornin as I rise to the beauty of the moon giving way to the sun. I awe wonder at the great works the Lord has always done. The clouds mixture of reds, whites, blues and golds, the camp fire stories told about His son who died for Cowboys souls. Over two thousand years have come and gone since His Son carried a cross along the trail alone. I often thank him along each of the trails I've rode for the horse He gave me to ease and carry such a heavy load. Across the mountains, through valleys and streams, in my bedroll at night I ponder on His travels often in my dreams as I think of the Son of God and the King of Kings. He didn't have a horse, a saddle bag, blanket roll or canteen, but still He traveled the trails of Babylon, Egypt, Israel and Palestine. As I ride across the open plain, covered with green cactus, Blue Bonnets and Indian Paintbrushes that have bloomed without rain. The Morning colors are now becoming evening shades as I think again of His unselfish trades, His life He gave for my soul oh so very long ago, He carried my cross along this trail I have rode, So as my ride on this life's trail may one day end. I awe, in wonder at the marvels of my truest friend. There's not much else a Cowboy can say except. "Thank you Lord for riding along side of me and my Pony on this ole trail once again today."

**Texas Department of Health will hold the following Immunization clinics in Callahan County:**

**Monday, April 12th**  
Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th 10-12  
Cross Plains Housing Authority, 233 N. Main, 2-4  
**Wednesday, April 14th**  
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

**Kid Fun At Folklife Festival**

As usual, Cisco's Folklife Festival provides fun, food, shopping, and entertainment for all, however, there are a few things designed just for the kids. There will be rides and games, a sidewalk art contest which pays winners in tokens to spend at the Festival, and we will also feature face painting! The festival will be April 24 and 25. For further Festival information contact: Emma Watts (254) 442-3478 or (254) 442-2537.

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# 11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas Proceedings (En Banc) April 1, 2004

**Affirmed**  
Frederick Lee Anderson v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

June Sigler, as Next Friend for Faye Aylene Arthur v. Joe Mendoza, Jr., M.D., Baylor. (Memorandum Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Nelson Romero v. State of Texas, Dawson. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

James D. Harlow v. John Matthew Giles, Sam Trelton Cutbirth, Robert Beadel, and Bradley W. Brookshire, Brown. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Paul Poston v. State of Texas, Palo Pinto. (Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Appeals Dismissed**  
Johnnie Ray Watson v. State of Texas, Coleman. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Ramon Salazar Venzor v. State of Texas, Midland. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Motions Submitted & Granted; Appeals Dismissed**  
David Lee Clark v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

George Robbin Stephenson v. State of Texas, Midland. Appellant's pro se withdrawal of notice of appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**Order Not Disposing of Case**  
Oscar M. Telfair, III, P.C. v. Merita Bridges and Marvin Bridges, Harris. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

**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. Appellees/Cross-Appellants' second motion for extension of time to file brief.

ConocoPhillips Company, successor in interest by merger to Conoco Inc., and named as Conoco Inc. v. Incline Energy, Midland. Agreed motion for extension of time to file briefs.

Christopher Clarence Phynes v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the interest of D.D.T.

and B.D.T., Howard. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

**Motion Submitted & Overruled**  
Deborah Ann Ferrell a/k/a Deborah Ann Pierce v. The State of Texas, Erath. Appellant's pro se motion to reconsider denial of oral argument.

**Cases Submitted**  
Mark Allen Hayden v. State of Texas, Brown.  
Terrell Lee Jackman v. State of Texas, Howard.  
Pedro Castillo v. State of Texas, Howard.  
State of Texas v. Dwayne Heath Woodridge, Taylor.  
Michael G. Brown, M.D., v. Medical Office Buildings of Texas, L.P., Harris.

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# CJC Online Registration

Cisco Junior College online registration for Summer I and Summer II will begin on April 13, 2004. Deadline for online registration and payments are: Summer I (May 24, 2004) and Summer II (July 5, 2004).

Summer I is scheduled to begin May 25 and end July 1. Summer II will begin July 6 and end August 11.

Course listings can be

accessed on the CJC website at [www.cisco.cc.tx.us](http://www.cisco.cc.tx.us); click on the Student Information link; click on Course Schedules for course listings.

To register for courses you must be exempt from the Texas Success Initiative or be college ready in all three areas. For more information, call (325) 673-4567 or (254) 442-2567.

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# Cross Plains Library To Host Cowboy Poet

Pouplar western entertainer, Dennis Gaines, will be the featured attraction at a fund-raising event sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library. The award winning Cowboy Artist will be at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center on Main Street on Friday evening, April 16, to spin a few tales, recite a few poems, and sing a few songs.

A free chili supper will be served from 6 until show starts at 7:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the supper; cost for admission to the show will be \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under age 12.

Drawing on his real life experiences as a working cowboy, Gaines can turn a simple bucking bronco ride into a visual picture that leaves his audiences laughing and nodding in agreement. The weather endured by the cowboys is another typical topic as shown in his

poem, WINDIES:

"The spiders in the bunk-house hunker down inside the boots

And fellers packin' pistols has to watch the way they shoots.

'Cause bullets fired against the wind can take ya' by surprise

When they stops and turns around and hits ya' square between the eyes."

In addition to enjoying Gaines' recitations, the audience will be treated to a surprise during intermission that will be a real sight for sore eyes. So, after you've settled with the IRS on April 15, come celebrate with the library on Friday, April 16.

For more information, you may call the Cross Plains Library at 254-725-7722.

# Doctors Say Aggressive Advertising Is Endangering Patient Care

Personal injury lawyers who use advertising to scare up new business are frightening patients and having a detrimental impact on patient care and its cost in Texas, a newly released survey of doctors has found. While Texas lawmakers last year passed some of the most significant lawsuit reforms in the nation, doctors say that--through aggressive advertising--some personal injury lawyers can still strongly influence Texans' health care decisions.

The survey released by the American Tort Reform Association and sickoflawsuits.org focused on physicians practicing in four states, including Texas. Those questioned included internists, general practitioners, ob-gyns, cardiologists and gastroenterologists.

"When patients listen to a personal injury lawyer instead of their own doctor for health care advice, something is horribly wrong," said Kirsten Voinis, spokesperson for Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse of Central Texas. "Lawyers are not trained healthcare providers, and they shouldn't be allowed to act like one on TV. This survey found that lawyer advertising, in some instances, is dangerously powerful."

Among Texas doctors, the survey found: •67 percent believe advertising from aggressive lawyers causes patients not to seek appropriate care

•75 percent of Texas physicians believe that plaintiff lawyer advertising about medical lawsuits can cause patients not to take their medications as prescribed.

•92 percent of Texas physicians strongly agree and 8 percent somewhat agree that plaintiff lawyer advertising causes unnecessary medical lawsuits to be filed

•All Texas physicians surveyed--100 percent--believe that medical litigation increases the cost of patient care

"Some personal injury lawyers are using hype and scare tactics--not facts--to solicit new clients," Voinis said. "Not only can these ads spur lawsuits that drive up the cost of care for all Texans, they can also be dangerous for consumers."

The survey was conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut from Dec. 2, 2003, to Jan. 16, 2004. In Texas, 103 doctors were randomly selected from an American Medical Association list. A copy of the report can be found on ATRA's Web site at www.atra.org.

## Timely Tips

by Kate Worth

**ROLL 'EM** - Sometimes, I find that flour tortillas are too stiff to roll up for burritos and enchiladas. To remedy this, I wrap them in a damp paper towel and warm them in the microwave for a few seconds. When I take them out, they're nice and pliable. Greta P.

**EASY SLICE** - Instead of cutting my grilled cheese sandwiches with a knife, I use a pizza cutter. This way, the cheese doesn't ooze out and make a mess on the plate. Jill R.

**ON A ROLL** - I often get frustrated when I'd roll my toothpaste tube up and it would promptly unroll itself. To keep that from happening, I put a large binder clip on the bottom of the tube. This way, as I roll it up, I can be sure I'm getting every last squeeze! Claudia L.

**KEEPING TRACK** - I'm an avid user of coupons and frequently send in for rebates. To be sure I don't miss any rebates since they often take over six weeks to come through, I keep a special calendar which details when I sent a form and for what amount of money or promotional item. I then figure out a target date for the receipt of the rebate, marking it on the calendar as well. When I glance at it, it tells me if I've missed something and need to pursue it with the company. Carolyn C.

## Women In Service

Air Force Airman Stephanie A. Michael, the daughter of Krista Michael of Lubbock and Mark Michael of Eastland, arrived for duty at Minot Air Force Base, N.D. She is a security apprentice with the 791st Missile Security Forces Squadron.

## Poetry Corner

**Our Country Church**  
On a bright, clear Sunday morning  
We see the sun shining through the pines.  
On a church that's well hidden  
From a world of sin and crime.  
As we walk down that dusty road  
We hear their voices ringing loud and clear.  
Singing praises to our Lord and Savior  
For His presence seems so near.  
Oh let us join the congregation  
Please don't pass by the door.  
You may miss a blessing  
If we keep going down the road.  
As the sunlight filters through  
The colored panes we hear everyone say,  
It is good to be in the house of the Lord  
And to praise His Holy Name.

Robert Harbin

## Read the Classifieds

Answers to Crossword Puzzle

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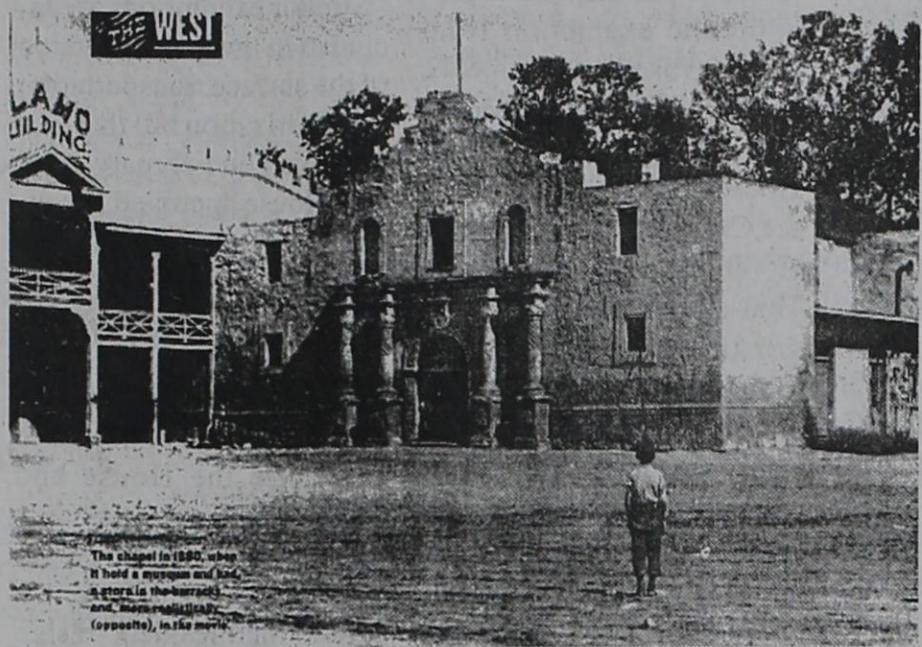
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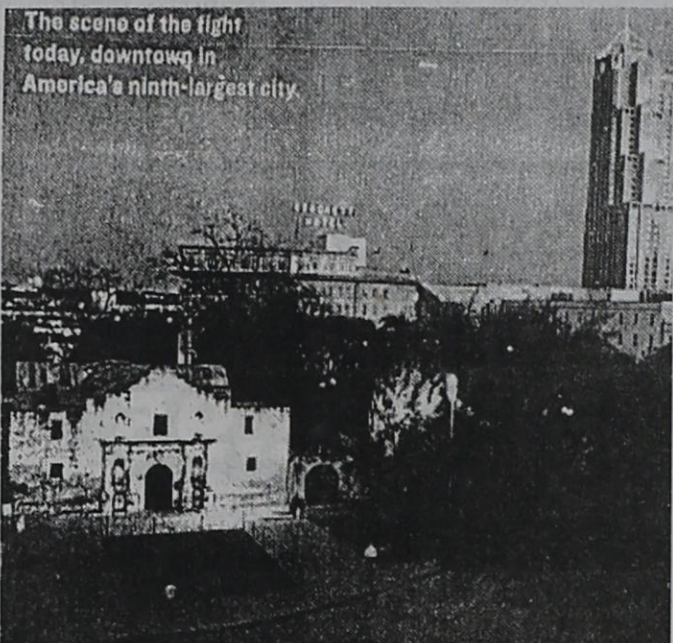
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The Alamo today

**'The Alamo' Coming To Majestic This Weekend**

Yes, the new "Alamo" picture is coming to the Majestic Theater in Eastland, with the first showing on Friday night, April 9. It will show at 7:30 nightly through the Easter weekend, with the last night, Monday, April 12. Admission will be \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats available to adults only for \$5.50. The movie is rated PG-13.

The Alamo is called one of the pivotal battles of the world, and it has a message that touches people in all countries. About every generation someone tries a re-make of the Alamo story, and most turn out very well. There is plenty to tell about the Alamo and the men who fought there.

John Lee Hancock, Director of this latest epic, wants it known that this is not just another re-make. A lot of research has come to light in recent years, and he had new material to draw on. He feels this is the most authentic depiction ever done.

He also throws a bigger net than the battle at the Alamo. The picture concludes with the battle of San Jacinto and the defeat of Santa Anna and his Army by the Texans and General Sam Houston (Dennis Quaid).

Hancock was joined in the production by Oscar-winning producers Ron Howard and Mark Johnson, and they come up with an epic event. They again bring the tale of a handful of men who stood up for freedom against insurmountable odds.

These fighters held the fort for 13 days against thousands of Mexican soldiers led by dictator Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna (Emelio Echavarría).

They were commanded by three men, 26-year old Lt.

Col. William B. Travis (Patrick Wilson), zealous,

hot-headed James Bowie (Jason Patric) and the living legend Davy Crockett (Billy Bob Thornton).

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# Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

**THE BEST SURPRISE. SURPRISE, AZ-** Their reputation precedes them, these gracious Arizonans whose volunteerism and good cheer remind us of what sports should most be about. They-plus a chunk of heavenly weather that prevails seven months each year-are the reasons a dozen major league baseball teams flock to the Grand Canyon State for Cactus League spring training, with more teams on the way.

Theirs is a state rife with contradictions. There is a melting pot of cultures and temperatures at both ends of the thermometer. It has Indian reservations and thriving cities, plus a sprawling desert running right up against mountain ranges that kiss the sky. Citizens claim to be pleased that for five months each year, they are "temperature challenged." (If not, they claim everyone would move to Arizona.) They yawn that it's a "dry heat," but admit that from May 'til September, they scurry from shade to shade, spending more time cursing the sun than worshipping it.

Some of their customs take some getting used to. They ignore daylight savings time and don't understand that in other states, some games are rained out. They offer no opinions why America West Airlines Arena claims to be "home of the Phoenix Suns" in the NBA, yet on a nearby billboard Southwest Airlines boasts that it is the "official AIRLINE of the Phoenix Suns." Go figure.

Upon arrival in this baseball mecca, you won't know the players without a program and you won't be able to sort out townspeople from volunteers. They are one and the same with the old-fashioned notion that everyone smiles in the same language. These locals with their "Arizona alohas" welcome tens of thousands of visitors who show up here annually to see hundreds of major league aspirants who gather as boys of springtime to see who among them will survive as boys of summer.

The Surprise people will shock you. They approved tax bonds to build a first-class baseball complex replete with a video board that cost nearly \$1 million. They zip around in golf carts offering rides for the weary, sell tickets, give directions and sometimes resuscitate fans who faint dead away. A certain number get light-headed upon learning that parking is free, admission is dirt cheap and each game is a journey-not a destination. There's seating for more than 10,000 and a "sunning area" for a couple of thousand more on grassy berms beyond the outfield fences. Some turn over only when they hear screams of "watch out" when home runs are flying their way.

In many ways Surprise is to baseball what Broadway's

mythical Brigadoon was to Scotland, except that it occurs annually instead of one day per century! Everyone is happy and "It's just a game" comments are common, with reminders, "They'll play again tomorrow." And indeed they do.

Chief among this band of dream-makers is Jim Korey, the public address announcer who sounds for all the world like the colorful Harry Caray. With a bit of slurring of "Korey," casual listeners might think them to have the same last name!

A 68-year-old who has just signed off on 44 years in food service marketing, he's at Surprise Stadium six days weekly for six weeks, early 'til late. He of the hairless head (came home that way from military service in Korea) keeps the stadium rocking with his ad-libbed commercials and wry commentary. When the seventh inning rolls around, he leads in singing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," peering out to the stands to make sure the fans are joining in. And all this he does for free. "I should pay them," he said.

He's grown accustomed to non-profit status; that's sort of the way the Phoenix Roadrunners (forerunner of the NHL Phoenix Coyotes) turned out. He and his wife were part-owners. "We were under-financed," he says. "And it was not uncommon for me to double as PA announcer; one night when the radio play-by-play man was sick, I filled in."

But baseball's his deep-down thing, and has been since he grew up on Chicago's north side, just a few blocks from Wrigley Field. His mom still lives there. He's worked with Caray and with current Cub broadcaster Ron Santo. Korey's spring season marked number 11 at the Cactus League microphone and he's not even thinking about quitting. Clearly, others' national pastime is Jim's perpetual present time.

"I guess we're 'All-American go-fers' out here," Korey laughed. "But it sure is fun, and there are no W-2's to mess with. The Lord has

been mighty good to my wife and me, and to our two kids and six grandkids. We are blessed."

And so are those who see the Texas Rangers and Kansas City Royals honing their skills in Surprise. They have marvelous hosts, and a PA announcer who has figured out that life at its best is about giving. Take a pad next spring to write down some of his thoughts; watch him as he leads singing. Like the late Caray, he doesn't sing all that well, but he's enthusiastic to the max. In the meantime, let's remember, it is a game. Play ball!

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## Stenholm Successfully Seeks Hours of Service Exemption For Ag Transporters

### House Approves Bereuter-Stenholm Amendment

Washington, D.C.--This week the U.S. House of Representatives approved a measure to continue the U.S. Department of Transportation (DoT) regulatory hours of service exemption for individuals hauling farm supplies and agricultural commodities. The bipartisan amendment was offered by Congressman Doug Bereuter (R-NE) and Congressman Charlie Stenholm (D-TX), and it was approved by a voice vote.

The Bereuter-Stenholm amendment was offered in the House of Representatives during debate on the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act--A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU). This amendment continues the

DoT agricultural exemption from hours of service rules for truck drivers, and it prohibits the exemption from being revoked.

Earlier in the week, prior to the vote, Stenholm joined House Agriculture Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) in sending a letter to House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman Bob Young (R-AK) and Ranking Member Jim Oberstar (D-MN), urging their support for this measure.

"As a farmer, I know we have to get our seeds in the ground and reap what we sow when the weather cooperates--often times we have less than a two-week window to get it

done," Stenholm said. "Producers and farm input suppliers around the country need this regulatory relief so they can continue operating under the current hours of service exemption."

Similar exemptions are included in the Senate version of the surface transportation reauthorization bill that was approved on February 12th. The House approved its version of TEA-LU, including the Bereuter-Stenholm amendment approved the previous day, on April 2nd. It now is up to a House/Senate conference committee to reconcile the House and Senate bills and produce a final version for both chambers to approve, before it is sent to the President to sign into law.

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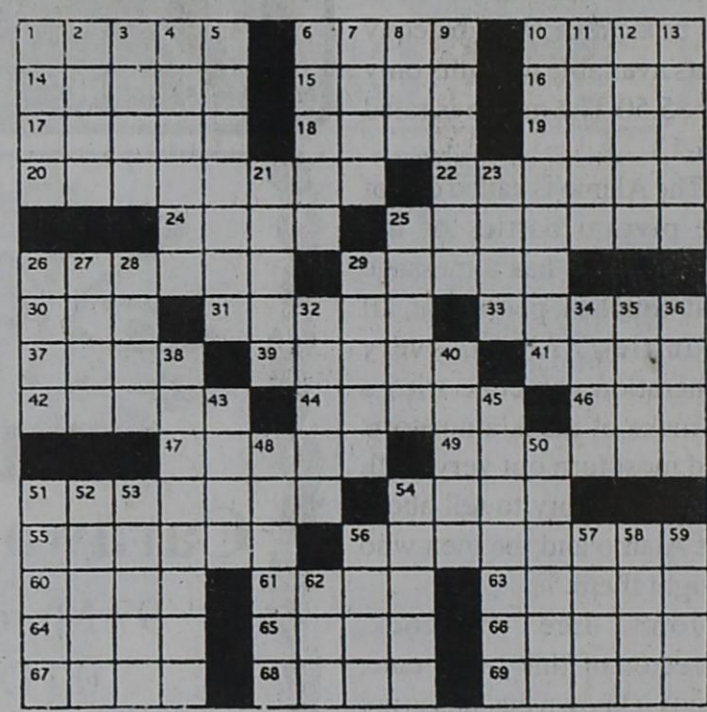
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# Pioneer News

By The Pioneer Quilt Club

Well, we did not get finished with Lou's "butterfly" quilt, but it will come out this week. It is so pretty. We have Lessie's "wedding ring" and the lone star" to work on. Everyone had a very good day working and visiting.

Glenda Phillips went with Allen and Janice to the Jr. High track meet at May. She said the wind was blowing so that it was really cold after dark.

Krista ran in the 400 and 800 m races.

Earlene Burge and Jessica Stultz were in Brownwood on evening this week to get parts for a lawnmower and did some shopping at Wal-Mart. Of course, they saw a few people they knew. That is always a good place to see someone you know! Everyone is Quilting every Tuesday and now we are working to finish a quilt for Lou Grider. It is a butterfly quilt.

Jim Chesshir came last week-end and got the west field plower on the Chesshir

farm. He went over it with a tandem then with a breaking plow. That's a lot of plowing for one week-end! He apologized for not having time to plow the garden. (Jim, you will just have to come back to do that!)

Charlene said "no more garden for me"! The first time in 50 years with no garden! Charlene says she not able to hoe or gather vegetables. (Doesn't sound like Charlene!) Charlene and Christy went to Abilene Monday for Charlene to see the eye doctor. Her eyes have changed a little, but not enough to change glasses. That is great! They did a little shopping, and visited Christene and Stewart Cooper. Stewart hurt his back ten days ago and is in a lot of pain!

Pauline Parsons from Baird visited her sister, Olena Ezzell, for about two hours Tuesday. They had a very good time.

Frankie Smith traveled

with Alene Smith to New Hope Baptist Church for a ladies Prayer and Bible study on women of the Bible. Also, a great singing and lunch after the study. Ladies from other churches attended.

Frankie went to the Clyde Musical with Freddie and Maudine Blount of Saturday. Great musical with great Pizza!

Friday as Cowan and Laverne Hutton came back from Abilene down highway 36, spring was really showing its colors. There were trees dressed in lime green yellow, and peach pastels mixed in with the dark green cedar trees and scattering of the fuchsia blooms of red buds. Saturday afternoon Leon and Jerry Shedd and Lenord and Jacie Jackson of Abilene visited with Cowan and Laverne.

Visiting in the home of James and Jean Alexander were their grandson Jack of Richardson and his friends Chris, Marty and Cliff. They did a little hunting and watched a little basketball and did some eating. James and Jean always enjoys the boys when they come down.

Oh! the road sides are looking so pretty. The wildflowers are beautiful.

Even the yellow flowers in the coastal fields look refreshing. The trees are just beginning to put on their leaves. It should be all in full color by Easter. There was a nice amount of rain on Friday! We are looking for more this week.

## Ex-GI Association Meeting April 12

The next meeting of the Ex - GI Association will be April 12 at 6:30 PM at 500 Avenue E (old VFW Building behind Cisco Post Office) in Cisco, TX.


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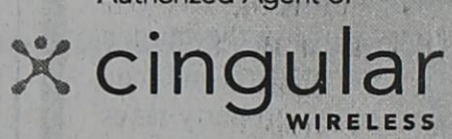
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## Every County In Texas Losing Money From CHIP Cuts

The Campaign to Restore CHIP, represented by local civic leaders, business owners, and elected officials, held six press conferences across Texas on April 1st to call for the full restoration of CHIP benefits and eligibility and to speak out about the local impact of drastic cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). April 1st was the fourth anniversary of the Texas CHIP program. Press conferences were held in Houston, Dallas/Ft. Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, the Rio Grande Valley, and Austin.

As a result of cuts made to CHIP by the 78th Texas Legislature, enrollment has dropped by over 118,000 children and all children still enrolled have lost benefits, including dental, vision, and hospice services.

In addition, Texas will lose over \$500 million in federal matching dollars as a result of the cuts to CHIP, and these dollars, if not used in Texas, will go to other states. Every county will lose a portion of these state and federal dollars, ranging from a \$11,778 loss in King County to \$136,452,782 in Harris County.

Callahan County with a 131 case load, loses \$583,012. Eastland County, 241 case load, loses \$1,074,744.00.

Harris County Judge Robert Eckels released a statement expressing concern about this cost shift to local communities and the added burden to Harris County taxpayers. "CHIP enrollment has dropped by almost 20,000 children in Harris County, shifting the burden of care from federal and state dollars to the property taxes of local homeowners," he said. "At the same time, cities like Chicago and Denver are happy to use the \$136 million we have already sent back to Washington, D.C. to improve the health care of their youngsters."

Other elected officials echoed similar concerns. Travis County Judge Sam Biscoe kicked off the statewide initiative in Austin. "Every county in Texas will feel the impact of these cuts to CHIP. These are dollars that could be spent in local communities to pay for health services for children. I don't want to send our taxpayer dollars to New York or Chicago. Let's keep our tax dollars in Texas, he said."

In addition, many Texas hospitals are facing huge revenue losses as a result of the decreasing CHIP enrollment. The Harris County Hospital District, for example, reports a \$36 million reduction in funds due to cuts to the CHIP program. The loss in revenue to the El Paso Hospital District has exceeded its predictions of \$11.2 million and may increase to over \$15

million. Pete Duarte, the CEO of the El Paso County Hospital District agreed. "The state is not saving money in the long-run. It is just shifting health costs to local communities and losing federal dollars," he said. "Our CHIP enrollment in El Paso has already dropped by 4,619--over 20%, and we must serve these children even without state support."

Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff said state legislators ignored pleas last year "not to balance the budget on the backs of our children" so that they could boast that they did not raise taxes. But Wolff said the effect of the legislators' actions on CHIP will cost local taxpayers. The University Hospital System, which provides medical care to Bexar County's indigent, will have to make up \$25 million due to the cuts to CHIP, Wolff estimated. "Guess what? They put the burden down here locally," he said.

All children enrolled have lost critical benefits, including dental, vision, and hospice services and most communities do not have adequate services available to meet the need of children who are uninsured. As a result children are having difficulty finding services that were eliminated from CHIP benefits.

"In the McAllen School District, we are seeing children with major dental problems who can't eat and have

bad headaches, but we have extremely limited resources to send them for dental care," reported Mary Chaffee, the head nurse at Crockett Elementary in McAllen, Texas. "In my elementary school alone, I've identified 43 children who need immediate dental care but can't get services any longer due to the cuts in dental benefits."

Tammie Wilburn, a single mom with three children in Houston, said she is troubled that her 13-year-old daughter has to wear broken glasses tied together with string because the insurance no longer covers vision benefits. "I feel bad," she said,

"because I have to choose between paying the utility bill and getting her glasses."

**Call for Restoration:**  
The Campaign to Restore CHIP, represented at the press conferences by local civic leaders and elected officials in six cities across Texas, is calling for the full restoration of CHIP benefits and eligibility to what they were before cuts were approved by the 78th Texas Legislature.

Patti Everitt, Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund Texas summarized the dramatic impact of the cuts to CHIP. "Just imagine if the entire population in

Midland County--every man, woman, and child--lost their health insurance. That's the situation for children in Texas; we have already seen CHIP enrollment drop by over 118,000 children--equivalent to the population of Midland County."

An immediate priority is the use of \$469 million in federal fiscal relief for the restoration of health and human services. Much of this funding is due to federal fiscal relief provided to Texas through enhanced federal matching rates that states will receive through July 1, 2004. Health groups assert that these funds should be used for the restoration of health

and human services. These funds could be allocated immediately with the approval of the Legislative Budget Board.

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

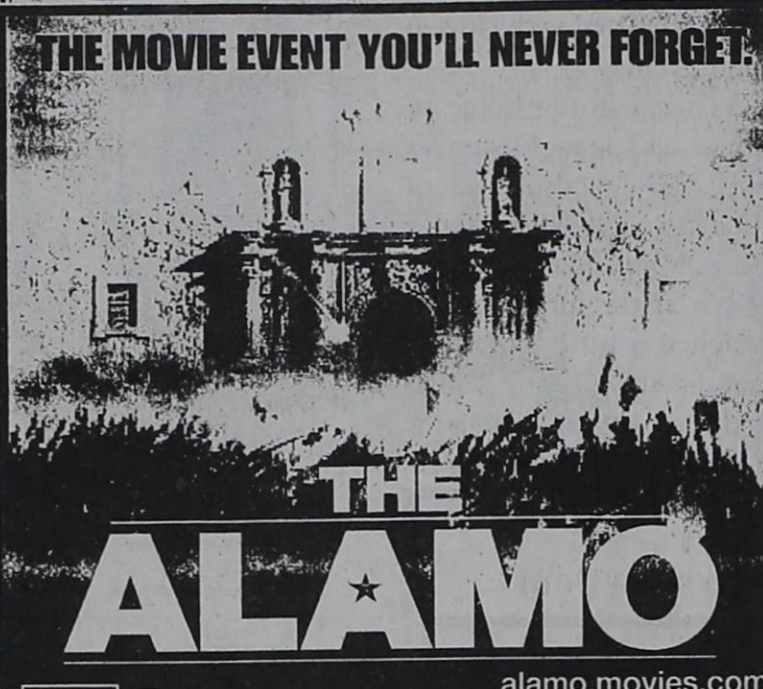
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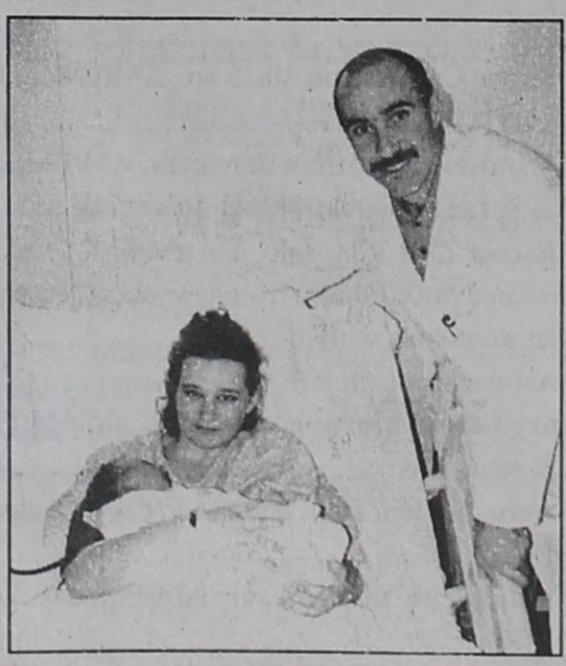
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The new department is responsible for programs previously administered by the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services (PRS) but has reorganized to offer clients easier, more convenient access to a broader range of services.

The mission of the agency remains the same - "To Protect the Unprotected" through operation of the Child Protective Services (CPS); Adult Protective Services (APS); Child Care Licensing (CCL) and Prevention & Early Intervention (PEI) programs.

To minimize costs associated with the agency name change, official documents such as contracts, legal pleadings and

publications will continue to bear the PRS name and logo for a limited period of time. Updates to the agency name will occur on an "as produced" basis.

There is no change to the ways you can reach agency staff- either by phone or email. Per one of the enabling provisions in House Bill 2292, found at Section 1.27 of the bill, "A reference in law to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services means the Department of Family and Protective Services."

Additional information regarding our name change can be obtained at [www.dfps.state.tx.us](http://www.dfps.state.tx.us). For additional information regarding House Bill 2292 or to sign up to receive the HHSC e-newsletter, please visit <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/Consolidation/Consolidation.html>

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### ENGLISH

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

### FRENCH

Car Dieu a tant aime le monde qu'il a donne son Fils unique, afin que quiconque croit en lui ne perisse point, mais qu'il ait la vie eternelle.

### GERMAN

Den also hat Gott die Welt geliebt, daf3 er seinen eigebornen Sohn gab, auf daf3 alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.

### SPANISH

Porque de tal manera amo Dios al mundo, que ha dado a su Hijo unigenito, para que todo, aquei que en ei cree, no se oiedra, mas tenga vida eterna.

### ROMANIAN

Fiindca atit de mult a iubit Dumnezeu lumea, caadat, pe singurul Lui fin, pentruca oricine crede in El, fa nu piara, ci Fa aiba viata vecinica.

### AFRIKKANS

Want so liefhet God wereld gehad, dat Hy si engigge Seun gegee het,

sodat eikeenwat in Hom gio, nie verlore mag gaan nir, maar die ewige lewe kan he.

### DANISH

Thi salades eskede Gud verden, at han gav sin Son den embarne, for at enhver, som tror pa ham, ikke skal fortibes, men have evigt liv.

### DUTCH

Want also lief heeft God de wereld gehad, dat Hij zijn eniggeboren Zoongegeven heeft, opdat een feder, die in Hem gelooft, nietverloren ga, maar eeuwig leven hebbe.

### FINNISH

Sillaniin on Jumala maailmaa akastanut, etta han antol ainokaisen Poikansa, ettel yksikaan, jokahaneen uskoo, hukkuisi, vaan hanelia olisi lankaikkinen elema.

### CHINESE

神愛世人甚至將他的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信他的不至滅亡反得永生。

## Obituaries

### William O. Hevron

PUTNAM -- William Owen Hevron, 52, died Friday, April 2, 2004 at home in Putnam following a sudden illness.

A graveside service was held at 4 p.m. Monday, April 5, 2004 at Putnam Cemetery with military honors. Glen Pruet officiated, directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

William was born November 30, 1952 in Fresno, CA. He had lived in Putnam for 20 years and was a truck driver for Crete Trucking Co. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Viet

Nam. Survivors include his mother, Dorothy Hevron of Fayetteville, AK; adopted mom, Barbara Hodges of Putnam; five sisters, Kay Wheeler of South Carolina, Lee Ann Hodges of Putnam, Pat Love of Fayetteville, AK, Arlene McAdams of Winslow, AK, and Gail Long of Centre Valley, CA; one brother, Paul Hevron of West Fork, AK; 11 nieces and nephews; friend Randy Woosley of AK; dear friend, Dusty McClellan of Houston; and friend Bobby Feely of Putnam.

### JoAnn Collingsworth

MORAN -- JoAnn Collingsworth, 75, died Sunday, April 4, 2004 at Hendrick Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 7, 2004 at the First United Methodist Church in Baird. Rev. Ricky Carstensen officiated, assisted by Pastor Larry Gaumond. Burial followed in the Moran Cemetery, directed by Parker Funeral Home.

JoAnn was born June 21, 1928 to Burette and Johnny Mae Ramsey in Callahan Co. near Putnam. She lived in Jacksboro, TX for 32 years and worked for Dr. Mask as a nurse. They moved to the Putnam area in 1981 and she became a homemaker. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in

Baird, the Putnam Women's Study Club and the Tuesday Study Club of Baird. She married E.C. Collingsworth at Moran on June 7, 1946.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Stella Mae Hughes.

She is survived by her husband, E.C. Collingsworth at Moran; two daughters, Ann Gardner and husband Joe of Chico, Regina House of Fort Worth; six grandchildren, Eddie House, Darrell House, Alison Read, D'Layna Woods, Burette Douglas and Brady Gardner; 11 great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Moran Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 102, Moran, TX 76464.

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# Texas HB 2292

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administrative services such as human resources, information technology and purchasing as well as the push to use a private call center for most eligibility determination." "Taken together, these could result in thousands of layoffs," he said.

The first step in the consolidation was achieved Feb. 1 when the 6,700-employee Department of Protective and Regulatory Services became the Department of Family and Protective Services. The most significant change was in name only; the mission and duties are essentially unchanged. The remaining agency consolidation are more massive.

The initial step in centralizing administrative support services for all health and human service entities, the HHSC has issued a request for proposal to outsource, privatize, human resource and payroll functions.

The original proposal for HHS consolidation came from the e-Texas Report then performed by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn's office. This ultimately resulted in enactment of HB 2292 during the regular session of the 2003 Legislature. Most observers agree the bill's passage was virtually guaranteed because it promised \$1 billion in savings at a time lawmakers faced a \$10-billion budget shortfall.

Most of those savings come from changes in programmatic eligibility rules for the Childrens Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and Medicaid, and other cost savings that don't

directly impact employees.

"We envision a health and human services enterprise that works better and cost less," says Albert Hawkins, executive director for the Health and Human Services Commission, which is overseeing the consolidation.

The consolidation is also a step toward a cabinet-style government with the governor—through his appointed HHS commissioner—being directly responsible for the state's health and human service agencies. Agency boards, commissions and directors cede their policy and rule-making authority to the commissioner, acting instead in an advisory role only.

The HHSC executive commissioner currently Albert Hawkins, is appointed by the governor and serves a two-year term, subject to Senate confirmation. The executive commissioner has named four commissioners, with approval of the governor, who will supervise the new agencies and report directly to the executive commissioner.

They are: Terry Murphy, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS); Dr. Eduardo J. Sanchez, Department of State Health Services (DSHS); Jim Hine, Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS); and Thomas Chapmond, Department of Family and Protective Services.

In addition to being an umbrella agency for the other four agencies, the Health and Human Services Commission's responsibilities will include Medicaid, CHIP, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Responsibilities for the four new agencies are:

**DARS**— Assumes all powers and duties of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Commission for the Blind, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Interagency Council on Early Childhood Development. It is projected to be operational in early March.

**DADS**— Consolidates mental retardation and state school programs of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, community service and nursing home service programs of the

## Air Force Airman Miller Graduates From Basic Military Training

Air Force Airman Colt W. Miller has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human

relations.

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Miller is the son of Johnny W. Miller of Baird, Texas, and Vicki Culpepper of Dilley, Texas.

He is a 2003 graduate of Baird High School.

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### Baird High Track


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Department of Human Services, and aging service programs of the Texas Department of Aging. Its current launch date is Sept. 1, 2004.

**DSHS**— Making up this agency are the former Texas Department Health, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, and the Texas Health Care Information Council, plus mental health community services and state hospital programs operated by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Sept. 1 is also its operational target date.

**TPEA**— believes the consolidation involves long-term ramifications that strike at the heart of how well state agencies and the state workforce will be able to fulfill their duties and to provide the services that taxpayers fund.

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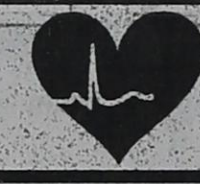
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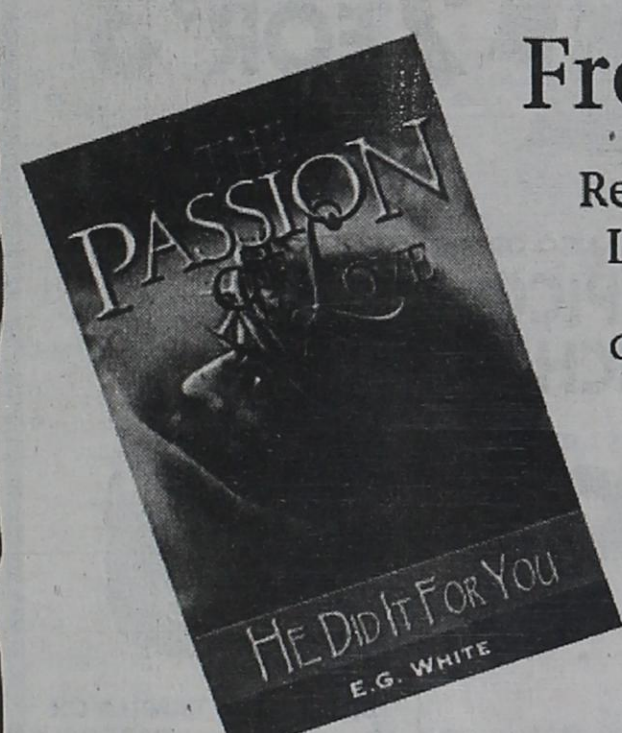
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