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Census Estimate Shows Baird-Eastland Gain

Counties Slightly Down In Population

The towns of Eastland and Baird have shown some growth since 2000, according to the latest estimate by the U.S. Census Bureau. Cisco and Ranger have held their own, with 0.0 growth and 0.0 losses. But the same estimates show that the overall population of Eastland and Callahan Counties has declined slightly.

On July 10, 2003 the Bureau released tabulations for the first time since Census 2000 for all of America's 19,451 incorporated places, as well as its minor civil divisions. This Population Estimates Program (PEP) released figures from the year 2002.

The estimates were considered accurate only for cities with 10,000 or more - so the local figures are for interest only.

The population for Eastland was listed in the 2000 Census as 3,769. It is estimated that the city has experienced a growth rate of 0.8 since that time.

Eastland County was tabulated with a population of 18,297 in the 2000 Census. The latest figures for the county are 18,210 on July 1, 2002.

In the 2000 Census Cisco was listed with a population of 3,851, and Ranger with 2,584. The Bureau hasn't tabulated any changes there.

In 2000 Carbon was listed with a population of 224, Gorman 1,226, and Rising

Star 835. No changes have been listed on these localities.

In Callahan County, Baird was listed with a population of 1,623 in the year 2000. The latest estimate shows Baird with a growth of .01.

Callahan County's population in 2000 was 12,905, and the latest estimate is 12,863. This is tabulated as a loss of 0.3.

A number of the area towns and counties took a loss in the estimate, with Breckenridge showing some decline in population. Stephens County also lost population, according to the latest figures. Albany and Shackelford County showed some gain, but most areas of rural West Texas took a hit in this PEP estimate.

Where was the population going? To the big cities, of course. The current population of the State of Texas showed 21,325,018, with much of it concentrated in the DFW Metroplex, Houston, San Antonio, Austin and El Paso areas.

Nationwide, cities in Arizona, California and Nevada were the fastest growing.

The largest U.S. cities as of July 1, 2002 were, in order, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Houston, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Diego, Dallas, San Antonio and Detroit.

Besides the influx of people from rural areas, the cities are still experiencing a lot of growth from emigration from foreign countries.

Commissioners Appoint Election Judges, Polling Places

Callahan County Commissioners voted to appoint the election judges, alternate judges and polling places for August 2003 through July 2004 at their July 14th regular meeting.

The commissioners also appropriated \$7,000 to the 2002-2003 fiscal year budget for the funding of a Con-

stitutional Amendment Election in Callahan County, scheduled on September 13, 2003.

Through State Legislature, the November Constitutional Amendment Election is mandated to be moved to September 13, 2003.

Election judges and alternate judges are as follows: Precinct #1: Judge Anita

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Producer Field Day Set For August 7th

A Helicopter Herbicide Application demonstration worth 2 CEU hours is set for August 7th, 2003 at the James Snyder Ranch north of Baird. Any producers wishing to get more information on the use of helicopters in herbicide applications are invited to come watch this demonstration.

The program will get started with a welcome and introductions by Tony Baeza, Range Management Specialist - NRCS. Mick Savage and Jeff Nelson of Dow Agrosiences will follow with a herbicide produce overview. Prior to an actual demonstration, Bob Ewing with North Star Helicopters will then

give a short presentation on Aerial Application. Following the demonstration, Walco International, Dow Agrosiences and North Star Helicopters will sponsor lunch where there will be a Question and Answer session. Dr. Charles Hart, Extension Range Specialist will be on hand to Wrap Up the presentation and make Final Remarks.

Producers wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by August 1st to the NRCS office in Albany at (325) 762-2552.

Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent-AG

Annual 4-H Awards Banquet Set For August 9th

The 2003 Callahan County 4-H Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, August 9th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria which is located off 1-20 and Hayes Road. All 4-H families that will be attending are asked to RSVP to the County Extension Office by August 1st and let us know how many will be attending and which

project each 4-H member completed.

The Annual Banquet gives us the opportunity to come together and celebrate the accomplishments of our 4-Hers over the past year. Remember to RSVP by August 1st. Hope to see you at the banquet!!

Robert Pritz
County Extension Agent-AG

Remember to Renew Your Subscription

Baird Bears

2003 Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8-16	(Scrim) Albany	Home	10 a.m.
8-21	(Scrim) Robert Lee	Home	5 p.m.
8-29	Miles	There	7:30 p.m.
9-6	Wolfe City@	There	7:30 p.m.
9-12	Hamlin	Home	7:30 p.m.
9-19	Hawley	There	7:30 p.m.
9-26	Rising Star*	Home	7:30 p.m.
10-3	Cross Plains*	There	7:30 p.m.
10-10	May*	Home	7:30 p.m.
10-17	Ranger*	There	7:30 p.m.
10-24	Tolar*	Home	7:30 p.m.
10-31	Bye		
11-7	Gorman*	There	7:30 p.m.

*District 14A Games
@ Game played at Justin Northwest

Baird Bears

2003 Junior High Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
9-11	Hamlin	There	5 p.m.
9-18	Hawley	Home	5 p.m.
9-25	Rising Star	There	6 p.m.
10-2	Cross Plains	Home	6 p.m.
10-9	May	There	6 p.m.
10-16	Ranger	Home	6 p.m.
10-23	Tolar	There	6 p.m.
10-30	Open		
11-6	Gorman	Home	6 p.m.

Baird Bears

2003 Junior Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
8-16	(Scrim) Albany	Home	10 a.m.
8-21	(Scrim) Robert Lee	Home	5 p.m.
8-28	Miles	Home	6:30 p.m.
9-4	Abilene Cooper (Red)	Home	5 p.m.
9-11	Hamlin	There	6:30 p.m.
9-18	Hawley	Home	6:30 p.m.
9-25	Rising Star	There	6:30 p.m.
10-2	Cross Plains	Home	6:30 p.m.
10-9			
10-16	Ranger	Home	6:30 p.m.
10-23	Tolar	There	6:30 p.m.
10-30	Open		
11-6	Gorman	Home	6:30 p.m.

Student Registration

Baird High School 2003-2004

New Student Registration: August 4-5

Please bring the following to register:

- Copy of student's records (transcript)
- Immunization records
- Copy of student's birth certificate
- Copy of student's social security card
- Items to secure a parking permit
 - * Year, make, model, color of vehicle
 - * License number
 - * Student's current driver's license
 - * Proof of current insurance coverage
 - * \$1.00 fee

Returning Student Registration:

- August 6: Seniors (9:00 - 12:00)
Juniors (1:00-4:00)
- August 7: Sophomores (9:00-12:00)
Freshmen (1:00-4:00)
- August 11: 8th graders (9:00-12:00)
7th graders (1:00-4:00)

A student who drives a vehicle to school will need to secure a parking permit for the vehicle. Please bring the following information to registration:

- Year, make model, color of vehicle
- License number
- Student's current driver's license
- Proof of current insurance coverage
- \$1.00 fee

Baird ISD Approves Dress And Grooming Code

On Thursday, July 17th, the Baird ISD Board of Trustees approved the following dress code for the 2003-2004 school year.

We expect students to come to school in clothes that are clean and neat, and we expect students to exhibit basic cleanliness and grooming that will not be a health or safety threat to themselves or to other students or staff. The principal makes decisions about dress and grooming violations.

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

Student dress and grooming shall comply with the following guidelines:

- * The District prohibits pictures, symbols, emblems, or writing on clothing and accessories (i.e. jewelry, rings, or belt buckles) that: 1. Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene 2. Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other illegal substance 3. Refer to satanic, cult, or gang activities.
- * Shorts are allowed for kindergarten through sixth grades.

* Students in grades 7-12 may wear shorts to school from August 18th through October 31st and from April 1st through the end of school.

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

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

* Undergarments may not be worn as outerwear.

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

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

* Extremely torn clothing will not be permitted.

* Students will be required to wear their hair well groomed and clean at all times, and extreme modes of hair design and color will not be permitted.

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

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

* Male students must be clean-shaven; neither hair nor sideburns should extend below the earlobe.

* Shirts will be tucked in at all times.

* No jewelry may be visible in any part of the body except for the ear. Males are not permitted to wear earrings during school hours.

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Estate Auction

ESTATE AUCTION SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2003, 10 A.M. 3 COUNTRY CLUB RIDGE, CISCO, TX. Directions: From Cisco take Hwy 6 north to CR 561 (left

where sign Cisco Country Club) to Country Club Ridge left to 3rd house on left. Watch for auction signs. DAN DIXON ESTATE.

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from Pg. 1 Dress Code

hours or at any school-sponsored activity on or off campus after hours.
* Sponsors of extracurricular activities may set individual dress and appearance standards for designated school-approved uniforms with the approval of the principal.

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

* Students may not wear hats, caps, sweat bands, visors, head coverings, or bandanas at school hours --7:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. - (neither males nor females).

* Sunshades may not be worn in the building or classroom during school hours unless a physician has prescribed them for indoor use.

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

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

Failure to adhere to the estab-

lished dress and grooming codes may result in disciplinary action.

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Survey Shows Majority of Texans Want Public Notice in Newspapers

Here's a strong piece of evidence for keeping public notices in print- 86 percent of adult readers believe legal notices should be published in newspapers on a regular basis.

The statistic comes from the Public Notice Survey 2002, which provides conclusive research showing that Texans support the use of newspapers for public notice.

The survey was conducted by Newton Marketing & Research of Norman, Okla., for Texas Press Association. Every county in Texas was included in the sampling of 1,002 adults taken Oct. 21-Dec. 2, 2002.

The survey found that 81 percent of adults read a Texas community newspaper. While 19 percent did not read a state community newspaper, 60 percent believe that legal notices should be published in newspapers on a regular basis.

Nearly half of those surveyed (44 percent) said they usually or sometimes read legal notices in the newspaper.

Texans overwhelmingly turn to the newspaper as their source for notice of public meetings and public notices. Forty-two percent listed the

newspaper as their primary source for such information. Local television or cable came in a distant second at 16 percent and the Internet was third with 9 percent.

The survey also measured Texans' use of governmental entities' Web sites as a source of information. Forty-seven percent said they were unlikely to look for legal notices on the Internet while 34 percent were very or somewhat likely to read notices on the Internet.

The survey margin of error is +/-3.2 percent with a 95 percent confidence level. Member newspapers can download the survey on the TPA Web site at www.texaspress.com/PublicNotice2002.pdf.

Top info sources for Public Meetings and Notices: 42% newspaper, 16% TV or cable, 9% Web sites, 4% radio, 3% public bulletin board, 3% city newsletter, 21% no response or do not look for notices

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Local Youth Plays In Abilene Actor's Guide Production



Walt Worthy

Minstrel

Crew for the activities were: Keri Henson - - - Camp Director; Thomas Pierce - - - Choreographer; Rosie Smith - - - Costumes; and Billie Williams - - - Camp Director

The recently organized Abilene Actor's Guild concluded a week-long day camp at Wylie Community Center Saturday with a performance by participants.

Christened "The Spotlight Retreat Company," this activity is slated for annual presentation by the increasing number of members interested in this addition to Abilene's variety of opportunities. All ages are welcomed as members and participants, but at present emphasis is on recruiting and training a young crop of thespians.

The older members of the work-play week presented monologs as well as participating by joining the rest of the members in presenting a play. Julie Rich's monolog was "Bag of Goodies," written by Alan Rieser; Walt Worthy chose "Who's Got His Own," by Ronald Milner; and Matt Young told the audience about "The 72oz Steak," authored by Sherry Kramer.

"In Search of the Golden Teardrop," staged by the entire cast, told the story of two brave characters, George and The Minstrel, traveling down The Endless River, and the Finale was "Singular Sensation," a Chorus Line performed by the entire company. Cast for "Teardrop": Jeremy Henry - - - King, Klunk

Stephanie Hernandez - - - Mother, Repeater Amy Huff - - - Queen, Roar Julie Rich - - - Foamy, Holler, Crush, Celia Conner Smith - - - Beatrice, Foosh. Hum, Craggy, Cecily Corisa Smith - - - Flitter, Hush, Clatter, Ceceal

Walt Worthy - - - George Kayla Young - - - Flip, Heavenly, Crowder, Neptune Matt Young - - - The

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Justice of the Peace office; and Branch Early Voting: Cross Plains Justice of the Peace office. Also approved at the July

Chapman, Alternate Silas Tucker Precinct #2; Judge Doyle Hughes, Alternate Pat Logan Precinct #3; Judge Linda Kendrick, Alternate Pat Holland Precinct #4; Judge John Swift, Alternate Dorothy Petty Precinct #5; Judge Meta Isenhower, Alternate Beth Petty Precinct #6; Judge Nicki Harle, Alternate Fannie Froman Precinct #7; Judge Trent Gee, Alternate Shirley Landers; Early Ballot Board Judge Dorothy Watson.

Polling places for county elections through July 2004 are as follows: Precinct #1 Clyde; Clyde Lions Club, FM 18 & Rusk; Precinct #2 Eula; Eula Lions Club, 603 South, Clyde; Precinct #3 Baird; Baird Housing Authority, 401 Chestnut; Precinct #4 Cross Plains; Cross Plains Community Center, 9th & Beech; Precinct #5 Putnam; Putnam Community Center, 120 West Travis; Precinct #6 Clyde; Clyde Southside Baptist Church, 604 South; Precinct #7 Oplin; Oplin Community Center; Early Voting: Baird Courthouse Room 107; Branch Early Voting: Clyde

14th meeting was a motion to take Private Road 2501 in Precinct #2 (Eula) into the County Road System. The roadway will be named County Road 251.

Read The Classifieds

ESTATE AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2003, 10:00 A.M.
3 COUNTRY CLUB RIDGE, CISCO, TX

DIRECTIONS: From Cisco take Hwy 6 north to CR 561 (left where sign says Cisco Country Club) to Country Club Ridge left to 3rd house on left. Watch for auction signs. **DAN DIXON ESTATE:** Partial list: **VEHICLES:** Kit Car - 1929 Mercedes Benz, light gray with burgundy trim beautiful. 94 Ford Explorer, 4 dr (MT), 2 w/d, 87000 mi. 94 Ford F150, s-cab 4x4, V8 automatic, 80000 mi. **LOTS SHOP & YARD TOOLS:** 17 HP Wizard Riding Lawn mower. Wizard 22" Push Mower, 8 hp Troy Built Tiller, 6 wheel cart, 5 hp Craftsman Weed Trimmer. Blower Vac, Weed eaters. Miller Welder 225 amp Thunderbolt YL-like new, 2 Craftsman table saws. Craftsman 20 & 33 gal air compressors. Router, 5/8" Drill Press, Vise, 12" Wood Lathe. 5 hp wood chipper. Small Sand Blaster, New bench grinder. Tool boxes, Workmate table. Aluminum Ladder. Propane Bar-B-Que grill. Propane Burners. Patio Table & 4 chairs. **Tackle Box, Rods, reels, fly rods, 2 guns:** Browning 12 ga. Pump Shotgun. Stevens 22 automatic rifle, model 87D. **Misc Dishes, glassware, kitchen items:** Petite Floral Ironstone, serv. 16. Correlle, Small kitchen appliances. **Appliances, furniture,** Maytag Washer & Dryer, almost new, Frigidaire upright freezer, 32" color TV, VCR, Stereo, glass stereo cabinet, CD player, Video Cam Corder. **Nice Curio Cabinet,** blue Sofa bed & 2 platform rockers. Brown Pit group. Black loveseat, 2 day bed couches with pillows. Nice desk & chair. Coffee and end tables, rocker. Queen Brass Bed, King water bed, dresser, mirror, chest, night stand. Round dining table, 6 captain's chairs, China Hutch. Glass top table, 4 chairs. Bar & 2 stools. Octagon game table, Lamps, pictures, paintings, **SPECIAL ITEMS:** Old barber chair, porcelain base- good. Barber Pole & sign. Old gas pump, with glass tube, Skelly, 2 Pin Ball Machines: Bally Nip-it Gator and D. Gollieb - Jungle Princess. gum ball machine. Old treadle sewing machine. Collection Life magazines 1940's. Records. **Beautiful old pump organ, ornate, C.K. Bell.** Upright piano. Collection brass fish, Model ships, sea paintings.

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John's Travel Notebook...

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Trolley tours are available for a historic tour of the area, including local museums. Perry has the Cherokee Strip Museum, which is even more extensive than the museum in Arkansas City. Open Tuesday--Saturday. Ponca City is Conoco Oil Company country. The "Palace on the Prairie" Marland mission, built in the 1920's is a 43,000 square foot house with elevator and 12 bathrooms and exhibits Indian artifacts from the area.

It is amazing how many travel experiences await us in such a short distance from home. Pick an interstate highway and find out what experiences are each turn-off.

Happy Traveling!

Carol Baird Asks For Update On Local Servicemen And Women

Carol Baird, owner of the Whistle Stop Cafe, is requesting that anyone having the latest information about local servicemen and women to please contact her at 325-854-1325. The information can also be brought to her at the Whistle Stop Cafe.

Some of our troops from overseas have returned, others are still stationed abroad.

"We need to keep them in our thoughts," Carol said. Carol's own son has returned from his duty overseas, and

surprised her recently, she said.

Carol was initiator of a project started in Baird during the war in Iraq to show support for our troops serving abroad, and to honor local servicemen and women.

Scranton Quarterly Meeting Set Aug. 5

The quarterly meeting will be held at 3:00 on Tuesday, August 5 at the community center.

Officers for the coming year are to be elected.

Everyone's attendance is encouraged. Your participation will be appreciated.

Interstate 35 North
One of the great fun things a family can do for vacation is to pick an interstate highway, and plan their trip around traveling that highway. My pick this month is I-35 which we'll start travel on from Fort Worth, Texas and head north.

One of the first places of interest is **Gainesville, Texas**. Not large, and certainly not fancy, but the Morton Museum of Cooke County is one-room display of artifacts from the area. Crossing over into Oklahoma, the RV and camping crowd has welcome arms into three stops. First, **Lake Murray State Park** offers horseback rides, hiking, secluded swimming, and the usual state park facilities.

Next, just one mile from S. Davis exit on US 77 there is the **Turner Falls Park**. Here is a natural swimming hole with a lovely picturesque 77 foot waterfall. Among the "things to do and facilities are: Cabins, 3 Natural caves bath houses, RV hookups, campsites, picnic sites, Rock Castle, wading areas, Geological formations, hiking trail, concessions, volleyball, novelty shops, horseback riding, fishing, sandy beaches paintball concession and climbing wall.

<http://www.turnerfallspark.com/>. Call 580-369-2917 or 580-369-2988.

The **Chicksaw National Recreation Area** is just up the road about 14 miles, and then East on Okla. 7, South on US 177 in the park. Here is a naturalist's paradise with wild turkey, road runners, lakes and streams where the Chicksaw tribe once roamed in the 1800's. With 3.4 million visitors per year, one could easily figure this place is worth a visit. It was Oklahoma's first National Park.

<http://www.nps.gov/chic/home.htm>

"Chicksaw lies in transition zone where the Eastern deciduous forest and the Western prairies meet. It has flora and fauna from both environments, and other flora and fauna specific to such transition areas. The view over Veterans Lake, especially beautiful at sunset, illustrates this transition." (from website)

The next "not to miss place", would be **Norman, Oklahoma**. The home of the Oklahoma State University and the fantastic **Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History**. On May 1, 2000, the museum opened its doors to a new century. Over 300 million years of Oklahoma's natural history can be seen in a 195,000 square feet facility. Five galleries feature thousands of artifacts in 50,000 square feet of exhibit space. Visitors can immerse themselves in the fascinating natural and cultural history of Oklahoma. A quick click on your internet service at <http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/homepage/index.shtml> will

direct you to activities that are being offered. The location is 2401 Chautauqua Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma 73072 (University of Oklahoma Campus).

Other places of interest in the Oklahoma area are: **Oklahoma City** (to be covered in more detail in other articles), with all the city has to offer. **Guthrie**, once the capital of the state in the early 1900's.

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Korea 50 Years Later

by Ron Bailey

The guns are silent. The date is July 27, 1953, and the Korean War Armistice has been signed. 36,000 Americans have given their lives; 103,000 have been wounded in action; and 7,100 have been taken prisoner. However, millions of South Koreans are free.

This was the first war in history in which troops from the United Nations (U.N.) fought to stop an aggressor nation. Total U. N. casualties were over 450,000. The United States furnished most of the troops with Great Britain, Australia, Canada, France, The Philippine Republic, Turkey, and many other countries furnishing some troops to represent the U.N. force.

Why Korea? The Korean War was actually an extension of World War II even though World War II had been "officially" over for more than four years when the Korean War began.

The Japanese had controlled Korea for over 30 years when World War II was over. At the end of World War II in 1945, Soviet troops occupied Korea as far south as the 38th parallel. The United States forces occupied the Southern portion of the Korean Peninsula. The two occupying powers could not agree on a government for all of Korea and referred the

problem to the United Nations.

In 1948, a U.N. Commission supervised democratic elections in South Korea. The Communists of the north refused free elections and set up a Soviet-type dictatorship in North Korea.

Communist ruled North Korea suddenly attacked South Korea on June 25, 1950. This attack was a surprise and the Communist forces almost pushed the South Korean forces off the Korean Peninsula before the recently arrived American forces gained a toe hold and started an offensive to the north.

The U.S. troops continued to move north and with the arrival of the British and other U. N. forces, it looked like the war would be over in a few months. This was not to be. As the U.N. forces continued their northern push, suddenly thousands and thousands of Communist Chinese troops entered the war unexpectedly from the north.

Again the U.N. forces were pushed south but regrouped and fought their way back north again by June 1951, were a few miles north of the 38th parallel (the boundary between North and South Korea).

The last two years of fighting was a "Battle for the Hills." Names such as "Old Baldy", "Bloody Ridge",

"Heartbreak Ridge", "Pork Chop Hill", "Bunker Hill", "The Punchbowl", and "Siberia Hill" all became scenes of bitter battles. Each of the hills were important because the troops who controlled them also controlled the valley supply routes. Many of the hills were not named but had numbers based on elevation.

Truce talks began in July 1951, but that did not stop the fighting.

General Dwight Eisenhower was elected President of the United States in 1952. His World War II record probably added strength to the U.N. side of the truce talks.

Finally, on July 27, 1953, the Armistice was signed. The 38th parallel again became the boundary between North and South Korea and is now known as the Demilitarized Zone of "DMZ." About 37,000 United States troops are still stationed in South Korea to this day.

The U.S. and U.N. forces had made a stand for democracy.

Young South Korean students are now free to demon-

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strate against our current troop presence in South Korea. However, the older South Koreans (over age 55) still remember what the Americans did and appreciate it very much. They have been free for 50 years, otherwise, they would still be under the control of the current Communist North Korean regime.

Highway 6, which passes through Eastland County and in front of my house, is a constant reminder of those who served because it is the official "Texas Korean War Veteran Memorial Highway."

Now, 50 years later, the North Koreans are "rattling their sabers" about having nuclear weapon capability. I pray there is not a repeat of the events that occurred 50 plus years ago.

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Letter From Editor

Dear Readers,
Last week I wrote a little article about the 50 year Korean War armistice commemorative services to be held across our nation on Sunday, July 27.

I also listed several names of Callahan County servicemen killed in the conflict. These names are listed outside the county Courthouse in Baird.

Mr. Jim Hatchett of Baird called me later, and said that he is searching for information concerning one of the names - Archie Parisher. Up to now, he has not been able to find any information about him. Anyone having information about Archie Parisher is ask to contact this newspaper or Mr. Hatchett. Information

or pictures would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Hatchett has put up an excellent exhibition in the Courthouse with photos of the Callahan County's fallen servicemen, beginning with WW I.

He also informed me that one name needs to be added to the Korean list.

Let us remember these men, who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Korea to uphold freedom and suppress oppression.

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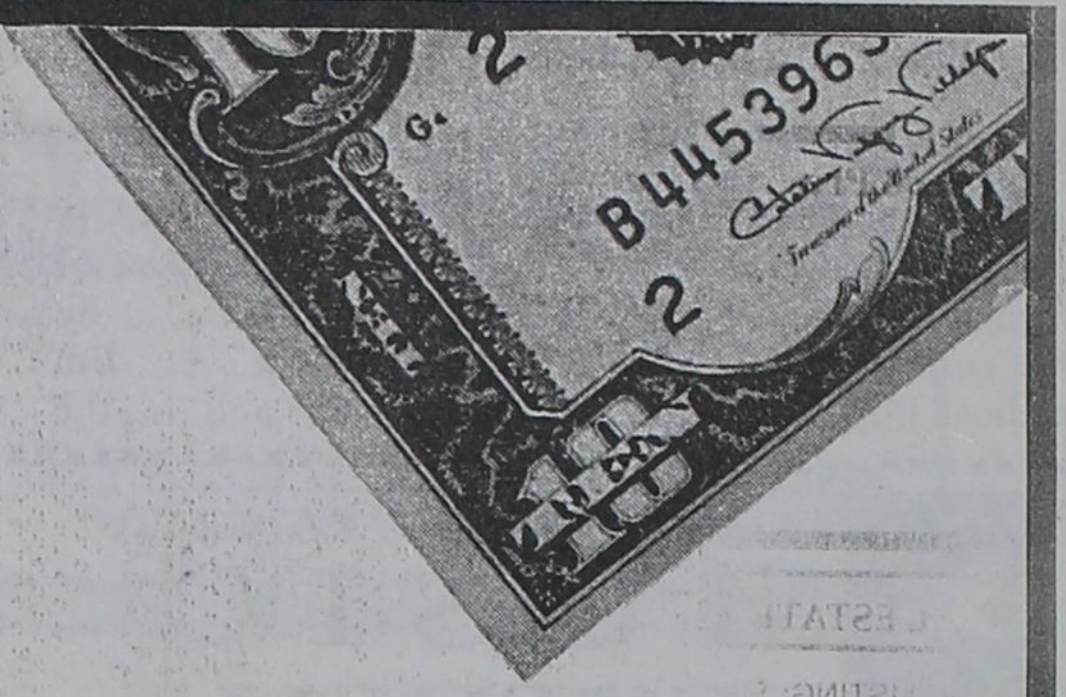
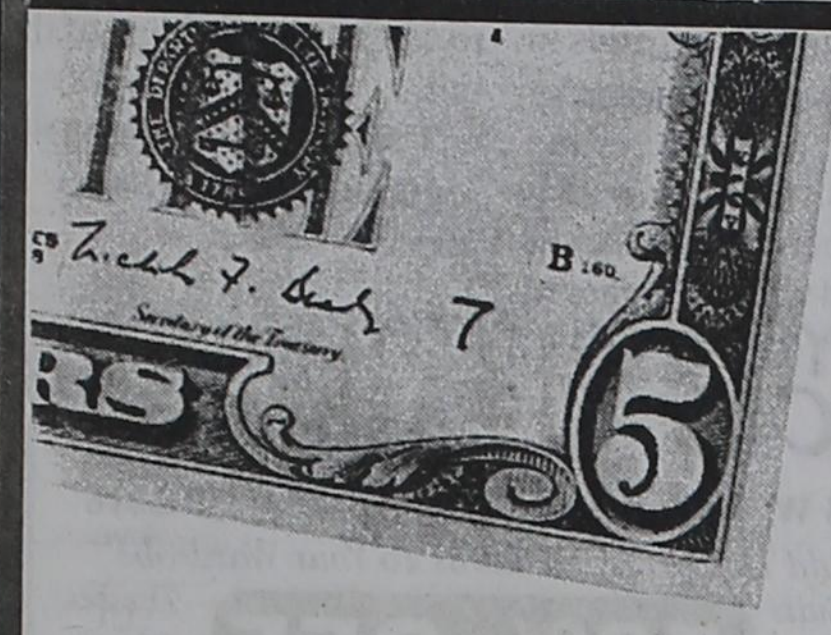
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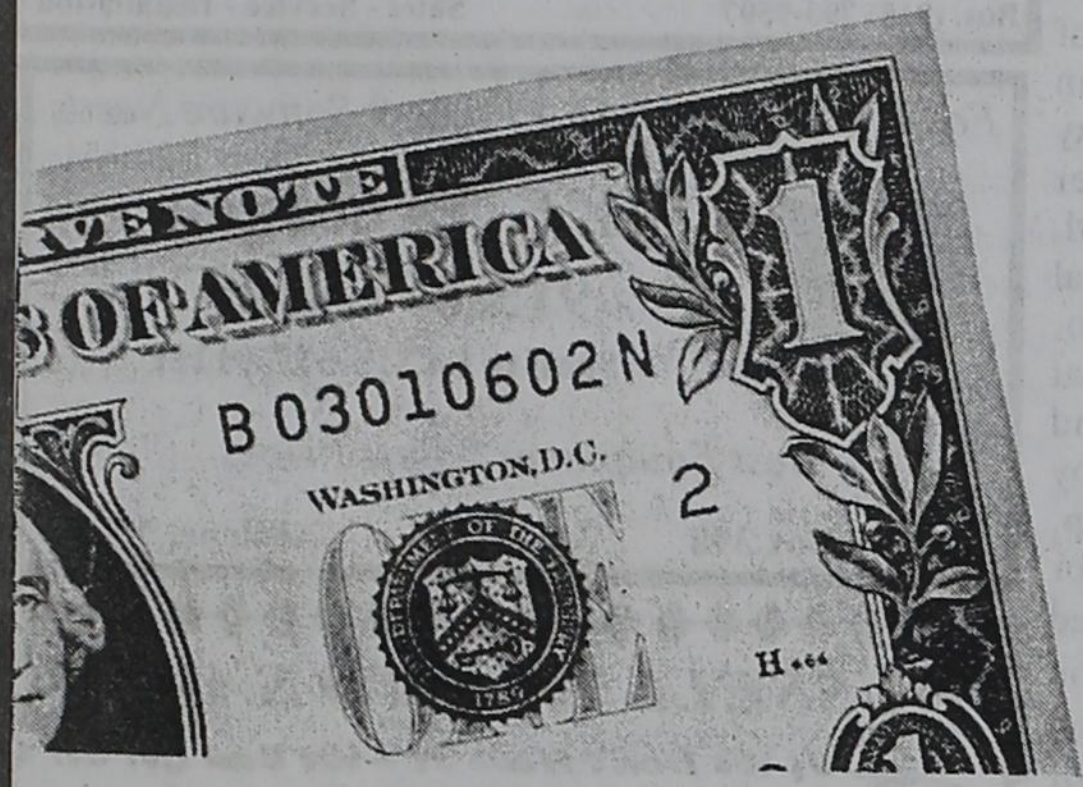
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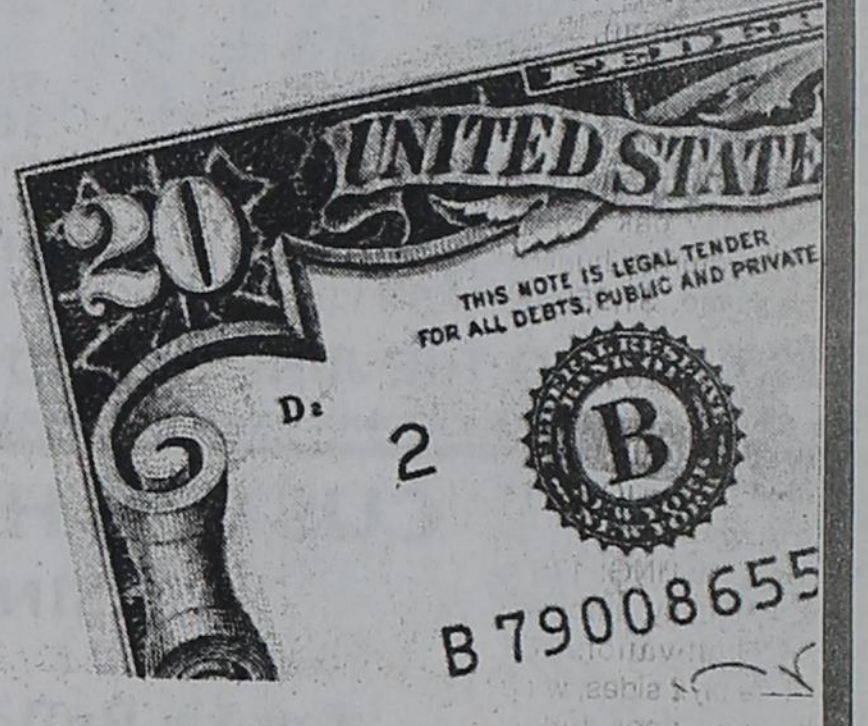
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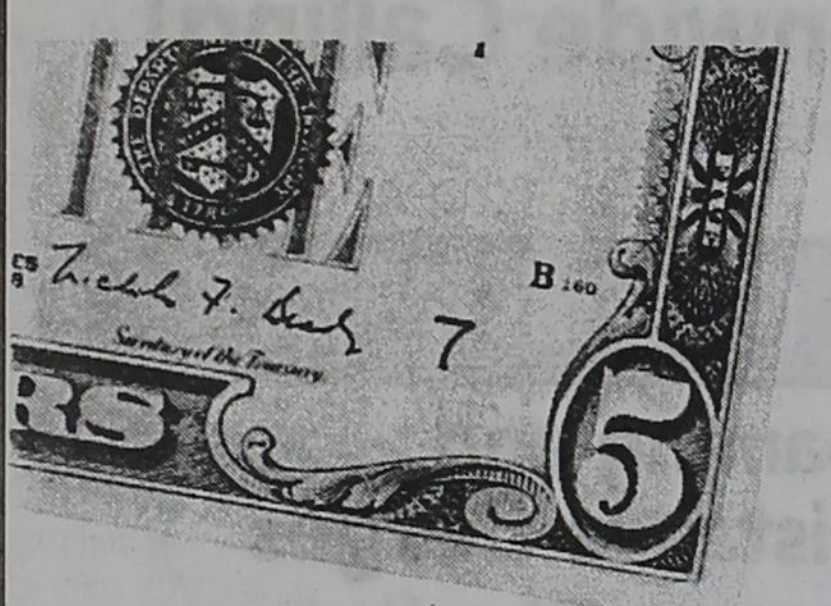
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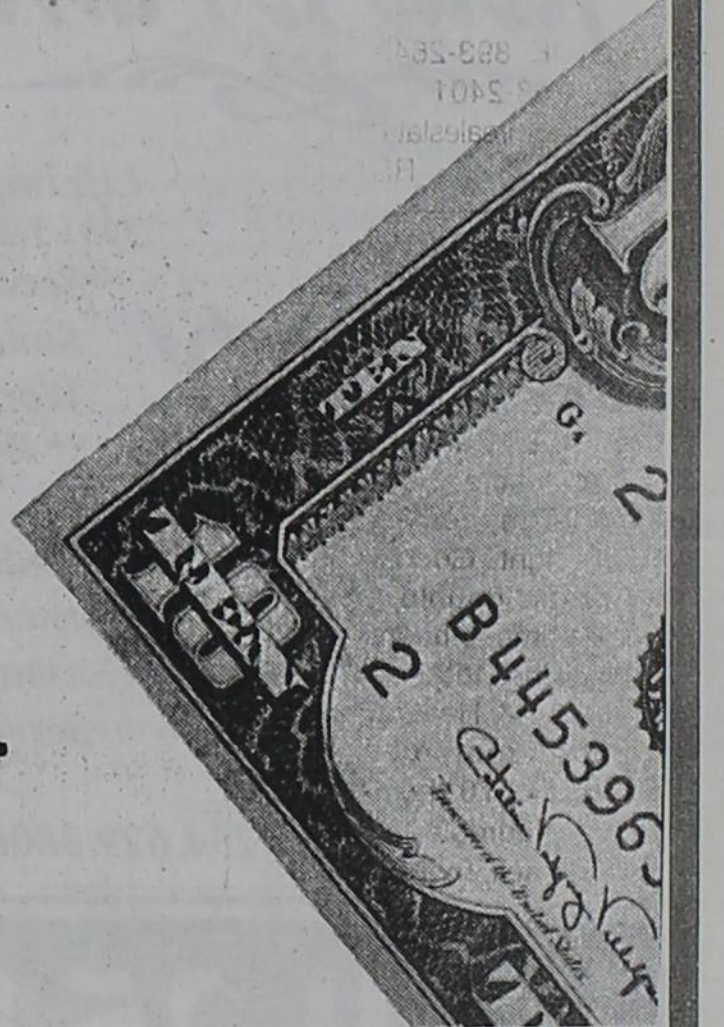


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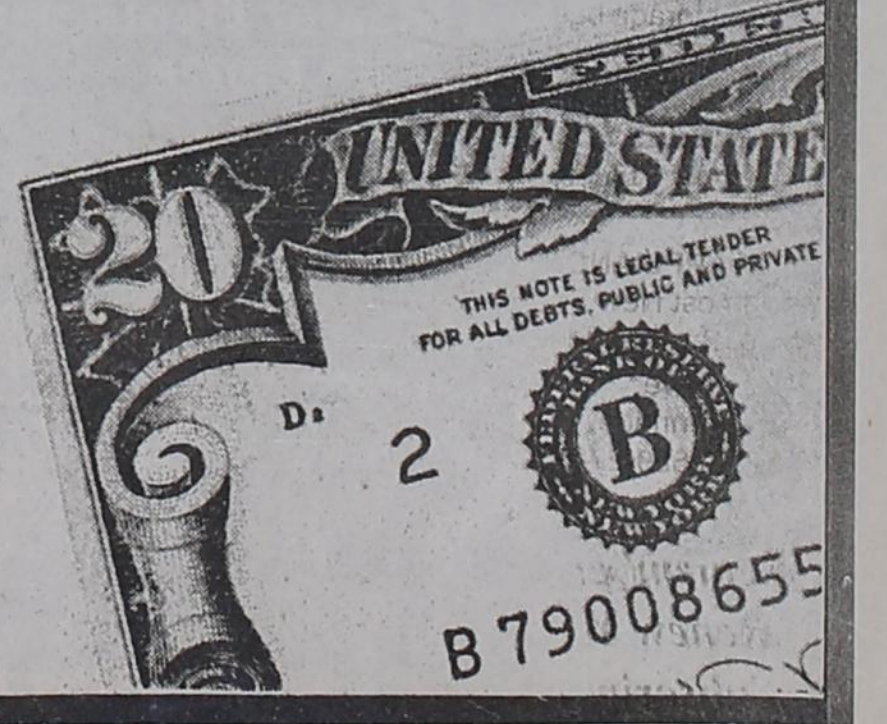
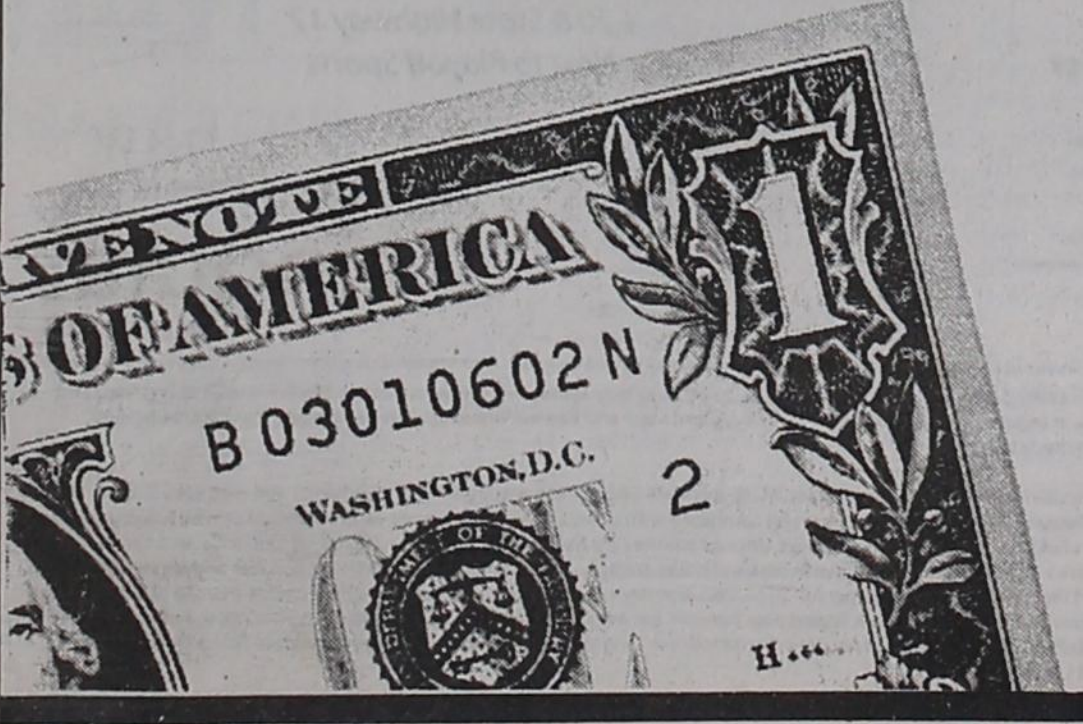
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Texas Legislature Passes Bill Allowing Listing Medical Information On Driver's License

The Texas Legislature passed a bill during the 78th Regular Session that allows the voluntary listing of medical information on a driver's license. HE 1330, sponsored in the House of Representatives by Representative Jim McReynolds and in the Senate by Senator Todd Staples, provides an applicant for a driver's license the opportunity to voluntarily list any health

condition that may impede communication as evidenced by a written statement from a licensed physician. Through this legislation a person can now voluntarily alert a peace officer, through information noted on the driver's license, of significant medical information that would assist in the communication between both parties.

Joining in support of this legislation were members of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD), the Texas Rural Health Association (TRHA) and the Texas Forestry Association (TFA). Dennis Borel, Executive Director of CTD, said, "This is a voluntary program that is pro-active in improving communications in the field. A simple code on the driver's license will go a long way in alerting the peace officer of any communication problems that a driver may have." Robert Turner representing TRHA said, "HE 1330 is most beneficial for those Texans who, because of some physical disability, cannot respond adequately if questioned by a peace officer. Rep. McReynolds and Senator Staples are to be commended for their positive action on this important issue. Ron Hufford, Executive VP of TFA said, "A TFA member in

Jasper County brought this to our attention as a means of helping one of his employees. It is a law that will benefit many other Texans and we were honored to support the passage of this bill." The effective date of this legislation is January 1, 2004.



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Obituary

Rev. James Robert Radford

ABILENE- Rev. James Robert 'Bob' Radford, 76, of Abilene, died Monday, July 21, 2003 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 2003 at Parker Funeral Home Chapel in Baird. Rev. W. Hill officiated, assisted by Rev. Lupe Palacio. Private family burial was in Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories.

He was born January 11, 1927 to William and Rosa Ellen Radford in Bandy, Virginia. He was a Church of God minister.

He spent nine years in the United States Air Force from 1948-1957, stationed at Dyess Air Force base when discharged. He then moved to Roanoke, Virginia and went to work for Sears Roebuck. He came back to Texas and built a church in Denver City, Texas before moving to Abilene in 1968. He attended Hardin-Simmons University. He married Edna Painter Brawley on November 27, 1969. He worked for Sears Roebuck on Sayles Blvd. before buying 'Bob's Super Shell' on I-20 at Lye, and 'Vibro Steam of Abilene', a commercial carpet cleaning business. In 1980, he became a sales representative for Roadrunner Furnishings and Supplies out of Dallas. He retired from the carpet cleaning business in 1996 and from Roadrunner Furnishings in 2002.

During this period of time, he pastored and built a new church in Baird, where he pastored for 28 and one-half years before resigning for health reasons April 1, 2003.

Survivors are his wife Edna; one son, Gerald Brawley and wife Donna; Lisa Radford Kaercher; four grandsons, Jeffrey Brawley and wife Ellen, Matthew Brawley and wife Jennifer, Eric James Radford and Zachary Kaercher; two great-granddaughters, Carisa and Jessalyn Brawley; one great-grandson, Mason Brawley; two sisters, Grace Wilhite of Danville, Virginia and Kathleen Quick of Indianatlantic, Florida; many nieces, nephews; and friends.

Honorary pallbearers were men of the Baird Church of God.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605.

Clara Spencer

CROSS PLAINS- Clara Nell Spencer, 86, of Cross Plains, died Wednesday, July 23, 2003 at her home in Cross Plains.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 26, 2003 at the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel, Mike Redd officiated, assisted by John Swift and Dr. Alan Byrd. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

Clara Nell was born June 5, 1917 in Callahan County, Texas to Hugh McDermett and Anne Garrett McDermett. She married R.W. Spencer in Callahan County. She taught school in Cross Plains for many years. Clara Nell was much loved by all who knew her and a very vital part of the Cross Plains community and will be missed by all. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hugh and Anne McDermett; husband, R.W. Spencer; daughter, Harriett Susan Barr; brother, Hugh McDermett.

Survivors are her son, Hugh "Bo" Carson Barr and wife, Sandra of Cross Plains; daughter, Patricia Petty "Sissy" Wiese and husband, Larry of Chappell Hill, TX; sister, Tooty McDermett Byrd and husband, Hoyt of Austin.

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Monroe Mosley

BAIRD- Monroe Mosley, 94, died Sunday, July 20, 2003 at Del Sol Medical Center in El Paso, Tx., after a lengthy illness.

Memorial services were held Saturday, July 26, 2003 at 1 p.m. at Parker Funeral Home, Baird. Rev. Chad King officiated. Interment was in the Clyde Cemetery. No graveside services are planned.

Monroe was born in Gustine, Tx. on July 6, 1909. He moved to Callahan County in the 1930s. After serving in the military during WW II, he became a longtime resident of El Paso. He was the last surviving member of the 14 children born to James Alvin and Fietta Burton Mosley.

Monroe will be missed by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, greatgrands, friends, neighbors, and caregivers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68, Section 1 would authorize the Veterans' Land Board to use excess receipts in the Veterans' Land and Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for payment of revenue bonds, and use excess assets in those funds to provide veterans homes.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest, and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds."

PROPOSITION 2 (HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to two years the period in which the former owner of a mineral interest that was sold for unpaid property taxes may buy back the mineral interest.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to exempt from taxation land owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that will be used to expand or construct a place of religious worship that yields no revenue.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 30)

SJR 30 would authorize the legislature to allow conservation and reclamation districts to use taxes to develop and finance certain parks and recreation facilities. Also, the amendment would authorize the legislature to allow local elections for the issuance of bonds to improve and maintain parks and recreational facilities in the Tarrant Regional Water District or a conservation and reclamation district located in whole or in part in Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Tarrant, Travis, Waller or Williamson County.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 25)

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to exempt from all property taxes certain tangible personal property, which could include a travel trailer not substantially affixed to real estate and not used as a residential dwelling.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 23)

HJR 23 would authorize a qualified homeowner to refinance a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of persons who make up the jury in a district court criminal misdemeanor case from twelve to six.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies to state and local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 18 applies only to local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 9 (HJR 68, Section 2)

HJR 68, Section 2 would redefine the com-

position of the permanent and available school funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state."

PROPOSITION 12 (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property taxes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or older.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 28)

HJR 28 would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue

notes or borrow money to fund highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence homesteads of disabled persons.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

PROPOSITION 18 (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivisions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office."

PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

SJR 45 would repeal the legislature's

authority to create rural fire prevention districts. Effective September 1, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts."

PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations."

PROPOSITION 21 (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

PROPOSITION 22 (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis llamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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Letters To The Editor

Dear fellow citizens of Baird, I am writing this letter to publicly show my support for and give my thanks to the faculty, administration and staff of the Baird Independent School District. My oldest child just finished Kindergarten and will be enrolled in the first grade this coming school year. I have nothing but good things to say about the teaching performances in the two Kindergarten classes this past year. I have no doubt that he and his classmates will be as fortunate in the years to come.

I feel compelled to express this gratitude and appreciation publicly because of a great

deal of misinformation that I have been hearing lately. As many of you know, the enrollment in the school is declining, as it is in many west Texas towns. Much of this is due to a decrease or shift in population. Unfortunately, some of it is also on the account of students transferring out of the school district. Some have had problems in school and have been unable to deal with them successfully. Other, perhaps, desire to attend a larger school with more students, larger classes, and increased competition from within the school with the resultant loss in individual

opportunity and attention.

Apparently some have personal problems with the school or its personnel and have decided to take their children elsewhere. That attitude is rather foolish in my opinion, but within every parent's or grandparent's right to choose. However, when such people begin to falsely malign the school and its personnel in an attempt to legitimize their own actions, they have crossed the line. Encouraging other parents to abandon the school district on the basis of inaccurate and misleading information is inexcusable.

Students from Baird have gone on to be doctors, architects, lawyers, nurses, engineers and members of virtually every other profession which comes to mind. At no time during my own pursuit of higher education did I feel the least bit unprepared. That is due in very large part to the education I received in the Baird Independent School District. Every year, over half of our graduating seniors go off to college, and a large percentage earn at least one degree. We have many things of which to be proud, and a bright future ahead. Every year our young people reach new heights academically and athletically.

The school system in a small town is the lifeblood of the community. It is most often the largest employer as well as an institution with which most of the town identifies and takes great pride in supporting. Certainly, our school and our town has its share of problems; but all things considered, we are in a much better position than most. If you have a child in school or ready to enter school and have concerns about the school district, take the time to visit with the administration and the school board about issues that you find important.

Shane Deel

Red Steagall Announced As Official Spokesman For WTRC

When Red Steagall was a 15-year-old boy living with his parents in the Texas Panhandle town of Sanford, he was diagnosed with polio.

That was in 1954 - just twelve months after the West Texas Rehabilitation Center was founded...and started treating Abilene-area youngsters who had polio and other disabling illnesses and injuries.

Fifty years later, Steagall's left arm is still partially paralyzed from that long-ago illness, but it hasn't kept him from pursuing a remarkable career in entertainment that led to international recognition - and, ironically, to a recent handshake and commitment to be an official spokesman for WTRC.

"I couldn't be prouder to announce that Red Steagall is the honorary chairman for our 44th Annual Round-Up for Rehab," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "In addition, he'll be a featured entertainer on the Rehab telethon in January and throughout the coming months, will be Rehab's ambassador at a variety of events."

"It's just so 'right' that this icon of our western heritage, who's a rancher and horseman, is teaming up with Rehab as a spokesman for Round-Up - a fund-raising program through which friends in the ranching industry donate livestock for benefit auctions during Sept. and Oct.," Gilliland continued. And add to that the fact that Red is joining us in the year Rehab is celebrating its 50th anniversary! Truly it couldn't be a better match - or come at a more meaningful time."

Steagall returned the accolades: "My passion for preserving our western heritage and my devotion to 'old-fashioned' virtues like honesty,

hard work, straight talk, and compassion for all of God's creatures are clearly as important to the folks at Rehab as they are to me. 'Neighbor Helping Neighbor' is more than a catchy slogan at Rehab...it's a way of living and doing business. So, I'm delighted to have my name associated with West Texas Rehab Center."

And what a name Steagall has made for himself! In April of this year, he was officially inducted into the Hall of Great Westerners at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. The men and women receiving this coveted honor represent the heart and spirit of western heritage and include such notables as Will Rogers, Teddy Roosevelt, Charles Goodnight and Charlie Russell.

Though he began playing guitar and singing in coffeehouses/clubs in the early 60's while traveling as a sales representative for Shamrock Oil, Steagall's first big step on the entertainment ladder came in 1967 when he co-authored "Here We Go Again" which was first recorded by Ray Charles and later by Nancy Sinatra, Glen Campbell and eventually George Strait.

In 1985, Red's life - and career - took a dramatic turn when he attended his first cowboy poetry gathering in Elko, Nev. That's when he found his true love - writing songs and poems about the West, going to cowboy poetry

festivals and chuck wagon cook offs. Though he and wife Gail live on their ranch near Fort Worth, Ted's on the road more than 200 days a year, performing at rodeos, major fairs, conferences and festivals.

A graduate of West Texas State University with a degree in animal science, Steagall's songwriting career has produced more than 200 compositions recorded and as a recording artist, he's had 26 consecutive records on the national charts and has released 20 albums. He's a familiar face a major rodeo performances and fairs throughout the U. S. and has completed tours of Germany, Spain, Australia, the Middle East, Far East and South America.

Red appeared as a regular on NBC's series Music Country USA and has had significant roles in several motion pictures. He also has two books to his credit - "Ride For The Brand" and "The Fence that Me and Shorty Built" - both of which are collections of poetry and songs Steagall has written about the western lifestyle he loves and lives.

Since 1994, he's been host for a weekly on-hour syndicated radio show COWBOY CORNER, which is heard on 170 stations in 43 states. Not surprisingly, the program celebrates the lifestyle of the American west through the poems, songs and stories of the American cowboy.

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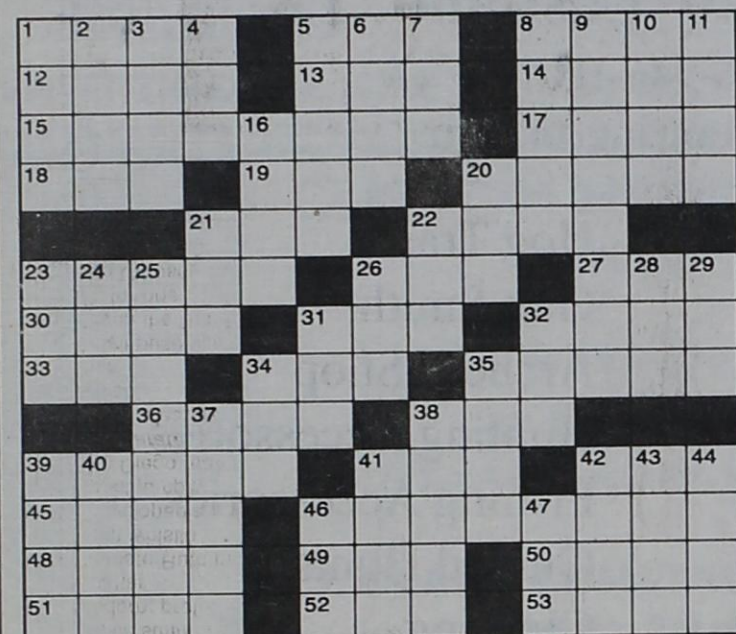
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