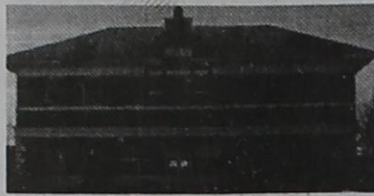


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Commentary Corner

I would like to encourage readers of the Callahan County "Baird Star" to send any comments as to how our Newspaper could better service the town of Baird

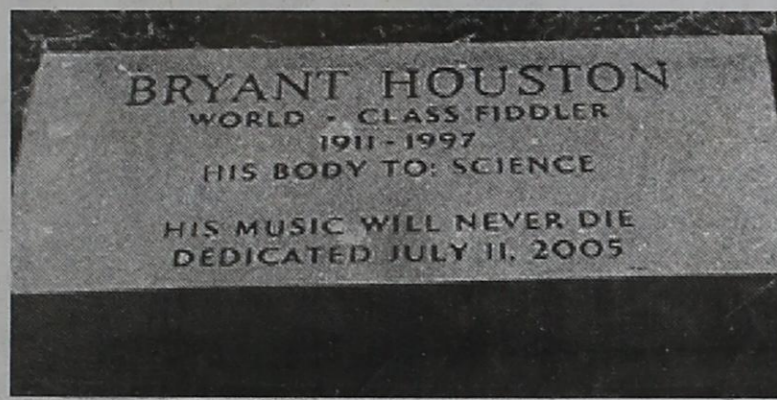
Civilian James A. Roberts, son of Janet A. Burks of Baird, Texas, recently enlisted in the United States Navy under the Delayed Entry Program at Navy Recruiting District Dallas, Irving, Texas

Roberts will report for active duty to undergo basic training at the Navy's Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill

Roberts is a 2005 graduate of Baird High School of Baird, Texas

Former Short Time Resident of Baird (Fiddle Player Bryant Houston) is Given Monument in His Honor

from
Gary Grady



History of Bryant Houston

Note: During the program at the Cemetery Monday Judge Bailey gave out copies of a history of Bryant Houston.

This is taken from that account.

Bryant Houston was born April 6, 1911 about two and one-half miles southeast of Cisco, Texas on the Leon River. He was the oldest of two children born to Annie Helen and Captain Poe Houston.

Starting at age 14, and being blessed with an excellent teacher, his father, Bryant remembers that about 1925 the whole family went on the road playing at theaters and school houses in West Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas.

They would put on a musical concert with an amateur contest and end the performance with a fiddle contest. His Dad would award a fiddle to the winner, who was sometimes judged by the audience. This was quite a prize, because most winners were usually awarded ribbons.

The family would headquarter in a small town and usually play all the towns within a 100-mile radius. Shortly after this, the family headed west to Long Beach, California, where they established themselves in the Silver Spray Twin Ballroom doing mostly floor shows.

After a few sessions on the West Coast, they moved back to Texas, doing road shows on their return.

In 1931 or '32, Bryant decided that he would learn to read music. He was impressed by his idol, Fritz Kreisler, but lessons were five dollars a session and money was hard to come by. So he turned to the more popular musicians like Lum Sellers and 'Big Howdy Forrester,' and later played a concert with Georgia Slim at the Arcadia Theater in Dallas.

Bryant felt that being an accomplished musician was having a good instrument when possible - preferably an Italian violin with round, full tones.

In 1973 he was invited to play in the Grand Masters Championship in Nashville, Tenn., but was much too busy playing the good Texas contests - trying to beat the Morris boys, the Franklins, Wade Stockton, Bill Gilbert, Straley Allsup and Carl Hazelwood.

Many people have always thought that Bryant Houston's "Limerock," "Kelly Waltz," and "Grey Eagle"

were hard to beat. He played for more than 60 years in innumerable contests, and won many of them. The world will long remember his contribution to Texas Fiddle Music.

Bryant Houston departed this life on March 4, 1997 at a State Nursing Home in Camp Wood (Real County) Texas. His body was given to medical science. A marker honoring his life and talent is being placed at the graves of Annie and Cap Houston in Oakwood Cemetery, Cisco.



MEMORIAL TO BRYANT HOUSTON PLACED AT CISCO CEMETERY

Friends of Bryant Houston gathered at Oakwood Cemetery in Cisco Monday for the dedication of a monument honoring this musician.

The gray stone marker was crafted by Sterling Monument Co., and the words they inscribed say it all:

Bryant Houston
World-Class Fiddler
1911-1997
His Body To: Science
His Music Will Never Die
Dedicated July 11, 2005

The stone was placed beside the graves of Bryant's parents, Captain and Annie Helen Houston, and his brother Leck. These are in the southwest part of the cemetery

Judge Scott Bailey officiated at the ceremony. He told of the life and music of Bryant Houston, and how it is woven into the history of Eastland County. He explained that Bryant did not have a Memorial Service after his death in 1997, for his body was given to medical science. So there had been nothing tangible to mark the passing of this highly gifted man.

"I thought something should be done to recognize this person - not just let him disappear from the earth," Judge Bailey said.

He explained that recording techniques were pretty crude during the time that Bryant was doing most of his playing, but there were copies of some of his material.

He added, however, "None of us would be having this ceremony today if some historians and other interested people hadn't decided to save what they could of Bryant's music."

He especially recognized the work of Dr. Duane Hale,

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CJC History teacher, Clifton Williams, Cisco businessman, and Wesley Valek, CJC History teacher.

Duane Hale made tapes of Houston in the 1970's. Last year he combined them with recordings made by Wesley Valek in the same decade. Cliff Williams produced the CD, called The "Texas Mockingbird Genius." It has created quite a stir among musicians.

For Bryant Houston was one of the first - and probably the greatest player - to use the Texas fiddling style, a technique which is copied by fiddle players across the country now.

Judge Bailey noted that presently there is a Fiddle Camp at Cisco Junior College where many fine young players come to work on their technique.

"Many will probably not realize that they are in the home town of one of the greatest of fiddle players," he remarked.

He called on Dr Duane Hale to speak, and Hale told of his visits with Bryant Houston, his recording sessions, and the last time he saw Bryant - in the Nursing Home in Rising Star.

Several others shared memories of the Bryant Houston they had known. A picture began to unfold of Houston's music rising above the pain and discouragement he sometimes had to deal with. One thing was certain: Eastland County was his home, and he loved it.

Judge Bailey asked Duane Hale and Clifton Williams to unveil the memorial. Duane offered a prayer of commemoration.

All hoped this marker would help keep Bryant Houston's memory and music alive.

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Callahan County Commissioners Court

The July 11, 2005 Callahan County Commissioners' Court meeting was called to order by Presiding Judge, Roger Corn.

The minutes of June 27, 2005 and June 30, 2005 were approved as presented.

Public comments - Tammy Walker Tax Assessor - Collector told the Court she has a DRE in her possession for 2 weeks. She is contacting as many organizations as possible to allow the public to experience voting on a Direct Recording Electronic Machine. It will be in her office through Friday July 22, 2005.

The Contract with Hart for voting machines had not been received. No Action.

The Burn Ban was reinstated on June 28, 2005. Commissioner Hicks made a motion to ratify the Burn Ban. Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Judge Corn made a motion to approve Brenda Booth as Chief Deputy District Clerk. Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve the purchase of a new Criminal Docket Book for the District Clerk out of record management. Judge Corn seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Judge Corn made a motion to approve the Proposal for Callahan County Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 4-0.

North American Hair Sheep Symposium Sets Speakers/Topics for Oct. 6-8 Event

The North American Hair Sheep Symposium set for Oct. 6-8 in San Angelo, has confirmed its speakers and named their topics.

The event will be held in San Angelo's Spur Arena adjacent to the San Angelo coliseum and fairgrounds.

The symposium, which targets the first-time hair

Judge Corn made a motion to accept a committee of Judge Corn, Tammy Walker, Dianne Alexander, Donna Bell and Bobby Voigts for the Sick Leave Pool. Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 4-0.

There were no bids for the building in Clyde. No Action.

Judge Corn made a motion to approve raising District and County Clerks probation fees to \$40.00. The person on probation pays this fee and it goes to the Probation Office. Commissioner Hicks seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Judge Corn read a letter from Rick Hanson on the progress of the Tower Project. Construction is on schedule. No Action.

Commissioner Grider made a motion to pay current bills. Commissioner Hicks seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Hicks made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Grider seconded and motion carried 4-0.

Officers present to wit: Roger Corn, Judge Presiding; Harold Hicks, Commissioner Precinct No. 1; Tommy Holland, Commissioner Precinct No. 3; Doris Grider, Commissioner Precinct No. 4; Dianne Alexander, County Treasurer; Jeanie Bohannon, County Clerk.

Also present: Tammy Walker, Eddie Curtis

sheep producer, is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Hair Sheep Association.

Dr. Frank Craddock, Extension Sheep and Goat Specialist at San Angelo and the
(Continued Inside See HairSheep...)

Neighboring News

We invite all our neighbors in Putnam, Moran, Cross Plains, Gorman, Desdemona, Morton Valley, Carbon, Olden, Strawn, Mingus, Santo, and Gordon to submit your local news and events to our newspapers: The Callahan County Baird Star, Cisco Press, The Rising Star, Eastland Telegram, and Ranger Times. We welcome your community news! Contact the Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers by phone at 254/629-1707; Toll Free: 888/227-1708 Fax: 254/629-2092; Email: telegram@eastland.net

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90 acres wooded and open fields, trees include live oak, post oak & mesquites, 1 pond, seasonal creek, turkey, hogs, dove, quail. \$120,000.

110 acres mostly wooded w/large mesquite timber, Eubank Creek runs through the property, 3 ponds, 2 hills, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail. \$995/ac.

117 acres mostly wooded with oak and mesquites, 3 fields, 3 ponds, pens, buildings, hilltop view, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, duck, \$995/ac.

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3 BR, 1 bath home, large rooms, separate dining room plus space in kitchen for table, some wood floors, WBFP, carport, 2 storage bldgs, \$25,000.

3 BR, 1 bath home inside has been recently repainted & floor covering replaced, also has CH/A, 5 ceiling fans, carport with storage, fenced back yard, \$34,000.

2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CH/A, carport, corner property, reduced to \$36,000.

3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer home, separate dining room and breakfast nook with built in cabinets, storm windows, detached garage/storage, corner property, \$39,500.

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, some wood floors, separate den and LR, many kitchen cabinets, CH/A, WBFP, storm windows, covered patio, shop or storage, fenced backyard, 3 space carport.

2 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, brick veneer, CH/A, WBFP, attached garage, covered patio, detached guest room, fenced back yard, \$49,500.

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Affirmed on Remand

Eric Jerome Gilmore v. State of Texas, Taylor. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Reversed & Remanded

Carlton Proctor v. Glenda Sue White, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Clyde C. White, deceased; and C. Carlton White, Inc., Midland. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

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Pete Lopez v. Tia Lisa Lopez, Jones. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

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

Original Proceeding Overruled

In re Juan Martin Cano, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se motion for leave to file original application for writ of mandamus. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Cross Appeal Dismissed

Carastar Industries, Inc. and McQueeney Gypsum Company v. Elcor Corporation, Midland. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Motions Submitted & Granted

City of Houston & Susan McMillian v. Juanita Fletcher, Harris. Appellant's (City of Houston) motion for extension of time to file motion for rehearing.

Bluestar Energy, Inc. and SOIS Operating Company v. Bill W. Murphy Operating Company and Bill Murphy, Scurry. Appellants' notice of appearance and motion to substitute counsel. Appellees'

second motion for extension of time to file brief.

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Cherrie Elizabeth Preston v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion to withdraw motion to substitute counsel. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

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Lisa Meeker Love v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and Besam Automated Entrance Systems, Inc., Collin. Appellee Besam Automated Entrance Systems, Inc.'s motion to dismiss and stay briefing deadline. Appellee Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.'s motion to dismiss and stay briefing deadline.

Motions Submitted & Denied

Antawn Thomas v. State of Texas, Grimes. Appellant's pro se motion for rehearing. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Case Submitted

In the Interest of M.L.L. and R.J.L., children, Comanche.

Hunting Buddies

By J.B. Johnston,
Carbon, TX

I have this hunting buddy whose name I will not divulge, in order to protect the innocent. We have been hunting together for more years than I can remember and have had some pretty good times. We have killed our share of game and also missed a few good shots. The truth of the matter is that I probably missed the last two shots at the same deer on two different days. Neither shot was over a hundred yards and was with two different rifles that later checked out dead on for accuracy. I still think that this was a buck with a charmed life or I was hallucinating. Either way I had two empty shell casings and no deer. But this story isn't about me, it is about this anonymous hunting buddy.

We were hunting on a lease near Fredricksburg, Texas and my buddy shot this exotic aoudad sheep. As luck would have it the shot only crippled the animal, so he and I began the search to try and locate it. As any good hunter does, he had marked the spot where the animal was standing when he had shot, but the problem was he had used his camouflage coat as the marker. Now you can imagine just how much fun it was looking for a camouflage coat hanging on a stump somewhere in a hundred acres of woods. While looking for the coat we did manage to pick up the trail of the aoudad and he began taking off other articles of clothing to mark the trail as we progressed through the woods. This was

a precautionary measure just in case we lost the trail and had to return to the last marker. You can imagine; a long john top here, a pair of long john pants there, a T-shirt here, etc., until luckily we lost the trail for good before it got embarrassing. About the time that we abandoned the search a couple of our friends, that had been hunting near by, came over and reported that they had found the aoudad and finished him off.

All that was left after field

Thursday, July 14, 2005

dressings the aoudad was to retrieve my friend's wardrobe. The white long johns were no problem as well as the T-shirt but the camouflage jacket was another story. It took us a day and a half to locate the jacket and I can truthfully say that hunting a camouflage jacket is more difficult than hunting wild game. The moral to this story is to always take some marking tape, like surveyors use, to mark a trail in case you wound an animal. It's a lot easier to spot and you won't have to embarrass yourself by coming out of the woods half naked.

Estate Planning Seminar To Be Held In College Station

On August 3-4, 2005, Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a two-day seminar in College Station, Texas. This seminar is designed to help families reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate planning decisions. This seminar is held each year in conjunction with the Beef Cattle Short Course, which will be held August 1-3, 2005 in College Station.

"The goal of our Ranch Estate Planning Seminar is to help families make wise decisions by providing a wealth of information on tax and estate planning matters," states Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Extension Economist Management. "It is useful for married couples, spouses, potential estate executors, trustees, and those who want to make estate settlement less burdensome for their loved ones."

In addition to discussing estate planning systems, tax savings possibilities will be discussed from corporations, partnerships and trusts when

family members are involved in the business.

Hayenga is an attorney as well as an Extension Economist. He works extensively with farmers, ranchers, and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate-tax planning.

Some in Eastland County may recall when the Extension Service sponsored him in an estate-planning seminar here. It was held at the Hilton Center in Cisco, and drew a crowd from Eastland County and surrounding counties.

Hayenga gives interesting talks illustrated with practical examples.

The seminar in College Station is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on August 3, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on August 4. Registration fee is \$100 per person, and includes printed material, refreshments and lunches. For a brochure and registration information, email Sharon at s-wehring@tamu.edu or call (979) 845-2226.

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

The hot, dry summer is here. If we could get just a little bit of the rain that Florida and Alabama and several other states are getting we would be very thankful. And I'm sure those people would gladly share with us.

"I'll Rise Again" was the special music presented by Daryl Hirst at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Frank Shirley of Gorman, Karen Patterson of Eastland and Bailey Underwood of Gorman were visitors. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Bailey, and Daryl and Cecilia Hirst were wished a "Happy Anniversary". Bro. Clarence Wilson's message was on "Time". There is a time and a season for everything. Jesus taught the disciples to go out and teach others what He had taught them. We too should take time to share Jesus with others.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Sunday afternoon were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Joe Bond, Johnnie B. Griffith, Nancy Hendricks, Ann Warren and Zelda Jordan.

Recently LaVon Snider enjoyed attending birthday parties for Scott Collum in Huckabay and Rachel Snider in Gorman. LaVon says "What fun kids!"

Gary and Emily Browning of Graham visited with Woodrow and Helen Browning.

Karen Patterson of Eastland, and her granddaughters, Laura and Rebecah Mullen of Aspermont visited recently with Betty Little. Karen, Laura, Rebecah, Ashley and Breckley Little visited in Arlington with Nelda Fails and Karen and Nelda took the girls to the Omni Theater and Six Flags for a real good time.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland, Joe Little of Las Cruces, NM and David Little of Denver CO and Karen Patterson visited recently with Betty Little. Joe and David also visited with Charles and Carolyn Little.

Shannon, Stephanie, Raegan and Sydnie Bond of Copperas Cove visited during the weekend with Joe and Glynda Bond and they all attended the Family Reunion of the descendants of James Bascom and Minnie Morton at the Regency Inn and Suites

Daily Devotion

Rushed or Relaxed?
By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and sup with him, and he with me."

As I read this Scripture the words seemed to touch a tender spot in my heart. So often I find my self thinking about the things I have to do. I begin to answer questions with the old saying, "I am too busy. I will talk to you later." I thought on the words from Revelation and I realized that Jesus is asking us to open the door and allow Him to come in and abide with us.

You and I have many things calling for our attention but I can make a guarantee that none are important that relaxing and allowing Jesus to visit with us by His Word and His Holy Spirit. Spending special time alone with Him might make a big difference in how rushed the rest of your day will be.

Prepare to face the things of this day with a beginning of relaxing with Jesus who often spent time while He walked on earth in private with His Father.

in Abilene on Saturday.

Oren and Norma Webb visited in Sweetwater with Gary and Janet Setliff.

Cassie Brasher of Carbon, Jimmy Nelson of Carbon, Pat Reneau and Trisha Rose of Ranger and Zelda Jordan enjoyed dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Thursday night, July 7 in celebration of Cassie's and Pat's birthdays.

Ashley and Breckley Little spent Friday night with their grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little. Nelda and Jarad Fails of Arlington visited on Saturday and Sunday with Jimmy and Verna Lee. On Saturday afternoon they visited in Eastland with Ray Neal and Melissa Little and with Emily Little and Kourtney of Abilene who were visiting there.

We extend sincere sympathy to Truett Guy, and his family, of Oklahoma City at the death of his wife, Toby, last week. Truett was a member of the 1945 class of Carbon High School and lived near the Kokomo Community. Toby (Gilbert) was a member of the 1948 class of Carbon High School. They weren't able to attend the class reunions the past two years due to Toby's illness.

We extend get well wishes and our prayers to Mary Margaret Hudson who recently underwent surgery.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Sylvia Buchanan, Norma Webb, Johnnie B. Griffith and Zelda Jordan.

Zane Mauney of Santo and Justin Little are visiting this week with their grandparents, Charles and Carolyn Little. Zane will also visit with his other grandparents, Donnie and Nelda Mauney in Gorman. Zane's parents, Scotty and Caye Mauney are in Midland this week attending a County Agricultural Agent Convention.

Carol Walt To Be Featured At "Meet The Author" July 19

The friends of the Cross Plains Library invite you to join them for another entertaining "Meet the Author" evening at 7:00 Tuesday, July 19, at the Cross Plains Community Center. Author Carol Walt will be on hand to talk about her book *West Texas Classified*, a collection of short stories set in the fictional town of Rosewood.

Many of you already know Carol, and you'll enjoy meeting folks like Rowdy Tate, a retired rodeo cowboy who is now looking for a female companion; Bessie Bickerman, the town gossip and busybody; Neva Coulter, a local rancher's wife; Bert Eggans, church deacon and self appointed

ally Little is attending church camp this week at the Big Country Baptist Camp at Lueders.

ZANE MAUNEY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Zane Mauney of Santo was honored with a party in celebration of his 10th birthday on Monday night, July 11th at the Little cabin at Lake Leon. Those attending and enjoying the hot dog supper, birthday cake and homemade ice cream with Zane were Charles and Carolyn Little, Donnie and Nelda Mauney, Betty Little, Karen Patterson, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little, Alan, Shellie and Justin Little, James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little and Danny and Charla Burgess. Danny was also celebrating his birthday. One of the big events of the evening was the beautiful fireworks display that they all enjoyed so much.

"Happy Birthday" to my granddaughter, Kayla Jordan, of Lubbock on her 15th birthday on Sunday, July 17th, from Grandma Jordan. Kayla is visiting this week with cousins, Joe, Viki and Justin Miles in Austin.

missionary; and Cora Casey, the richest woman in Rosewood and the recipient of a mysterious gift. Each story in *West Texas Classified* ends with an article or ad from the local newspaper telling, as Paul Harvey says, "the rest of the story."

Light refreshments will be served, and Carol's books will be available for purchase. Carol is donating part of the price of each book to the Library, and she's looking forward to visiting with you and signing her books for you. You may call the Cross Plains Public Library at 254-725-7722 for more information or directions to the Community Center.

Carol Walt lives in the Pioneer Community where she moved five years ago

after retiring from her career as a social worker. She graduated from UT-Arlington with a Bachelor's degree in foreign languages and a Master's in social work. Though she lived most of her life in Dallas, she spent some years working for Child Protective Services in San Angelo, and it was there that she came to love West Texas. For Carol and her husband, Eddie Walt, being able to move here where they can hunt, fish and own horses and cattle has been the fulfillment of a dream for both of them. Carol and Eddie have three children and four grandchildren, and Carol says she has always written poetry, stories, and songs for the enjoyment of her family and friends. Because they love to travel, Carol has published travel articles in magazines and newspapers.

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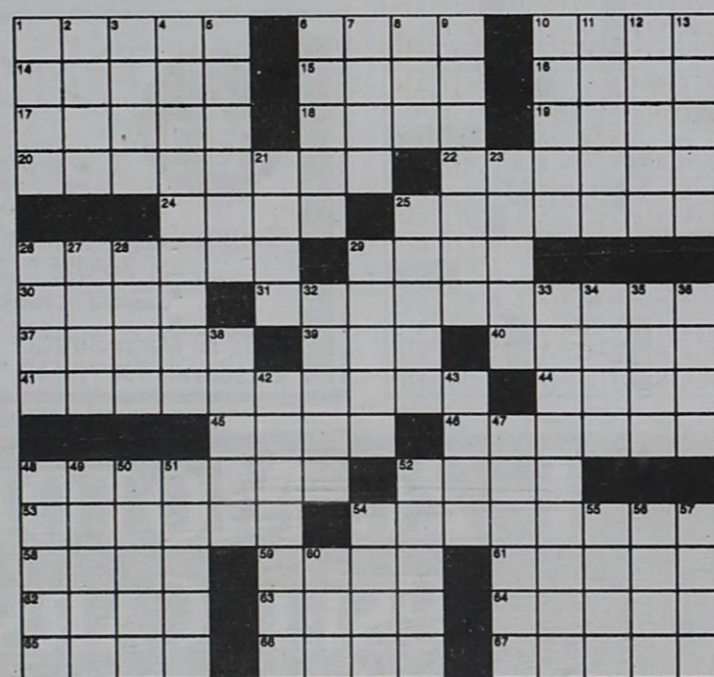
Cross Cut Reunion To Be Held July 17

The annual Cross Cut Reunion will be held Sunday, July 17th at the Cross Plains Community Center. All alumni, friends and family are invited to attend this event, as we enjoy a covered dish luncheon and silent auction followed by the annual business meeting of the Cross Cut Cemetery Association.

Lunch is at noon but the doors will be open at 9 a.m. for those wanting to drop off their covered dishes and/or items for the silent auction. Please call Anita Newton Lane (254) 918-7288 for more information or to be placed on the mailing list.

attend the "Meet the Author" evenings, and there is no charge, but a \$5 donation will be mostly cheerfully accepted.

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- Across
- Series of links worn as an ornament.
 - Circlet worn on the finger.
 - Connects the head with the body.
 - Henrich, founder of the modern football.
 - Abbreviation for American Medical Informatics Association.
 - Rickman, Professor Severus Snape in Harry Potter.
 - Mally, Austria philosopher.
 - Banned on grounds of morality.
 - To cloy with overabundance.
 - Men who are employed to stand guard.
 - Small pointed beard on a man's chin.
 - To raise upright.
 - People who sound a bugle.
 - Series of steps for passing from one level to another.
 - Fabric used in propelling a wind-driven vehicle.
 - Acronym for Illinois Association of Mortgage Brokers.
 - Good deeds.
 - Brief, authoritative formula of religious belief.
 - Adult female deer.
 - To contract the brow in an expression of displeasure.
 - Excited interests.
 - Vera Zubarev, Russian-English poet, writer, and scholar.
 - To sever by repeated blows of a sharp instrument.
 - Marked by the most skill.
 - Old testament patriarch and founder of the Hebrew people.
 - To help a baby expel gas from the stomach.
 - Martha, a central figure in the modern dance movement.
 - Rectangular boards for mixing paint.
 - Assistant.
 - Deep, wide trench around a castle.
 - Relating to the ear.
 - People associated together in work.
 - Single person.
 - Group of animals moving together.
 - Chases, mistakes.
 - Name of a Chinese racing team.
 - Fastened by stitches.
- Down
- To grind with the teeth.
 - Sister and consort of Zeus.
 - Am not.
 - Engraves characters upon.
 - Situated beneath the earth's surface.
 - Person who estimates.
 - Acronym for Integrated Mapping and Navigation.
 - Sharpened point of a quill.
 - Paul, French artist.
 - Helmet's nosepiece.
 - To fill with joy or pride.
 - To supply what is required.
 - Joint protected by the patella.
 - Device covering the face.
 - Amorous or coquettish glances.
 - Center of the German Liberal Movement.
 - Attacks.
 - Seed of a vetch.
 - Expression of hearty approval.
 - To look into sneakily.
 - Language peculiar to a class.
 - Raised marking on a plant or animal part.
 - Undersurface of a foot.
 - Mature female sheep.
 - Auxiliary airfoil at the leading edge of an airplane wing.
 - Summer Russian country cottage.
 - Tenth month of the year in the Jewish calendar.
 - First king of Israel.
 - Baked, leavened foods made of flour or meal.
 - Fine-grained, variegated, striped chalcidony.
 - Prickly plant or shrub.
 - Analysis of high-frequency radio waves to detect objects.
 - Troat clearing sounds.
 - Pieces of fabric used as batting.
 - Physical suffering.
 - Believe, think.
 - Overhanging lower edge of a roof.
 - Vehicle with runners.
 - Single unit or thing.

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FREE Stroke Awareness Seminar Thursday At EMH

Eastland Memorial Hospital will present a free educational seminar program called "You Don't Need Another Stroke" to inform patients and caregivers about how to help protect against a future stroke. The seminar is designed to provide stroke patients with information to help them become effective partners in their own recovery.

The seminar includes an educational video featuring Mark Alberts, MD, Professor of Neurology and Director of the Stroke Program at Northwestern University Medical School and Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. In the video, Dr. Alberts addresses: the definition and causes of strokes, why an individual is at an increased risk of having a future stroke, lifestyle changes that a patient can make after experiencing a stroke, and the importance of appropriate medications and how they work.


The seminar, which was developed by Bristol-Myers Squibb/Sanofi Pharmaceuticals Partnership, will be presented by Dana McKelvain, R.N., Education Manager at Eastland Memorial Hospital on Thursday, July 14, 2005 at 2 p.m. in the hospital's downstairs board room. Educational materials will be distributed to all attendees. For more information about the program, please contact Dana McKelvain at 254-629-2601, ext. 207.

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Columnists/ Optometrists See Eye to Eye...

It was an odd mix—optometrists, the sublime, and columnists, the ridiculous—landing at the same hotel for annual meetings on the same weekend. I won't trot out the bromide about "20/20 hindsight"—what we remember two weeks later is fuzzy at best.

Hindsight remains light years behind corrected foresight. For most folks—including all of advanced age—sight in either direction falls far short of 20/20....

American Optometric Association reps outnumbered the National Society of Newspaper Columnists by about 10-1. They were 2,000 strong; at 200, we fell a zero short of that.*

For both groups, it was mostly participants talking to each other; but for the eye docs, continuing education credit was trumpeted. Some writers, school drop-outs beating chests and drums about being "self-educated," saw no merit in such credit....

Shared intent included the letting down of hair, with said "letting down" in the eyes (or over the eyes) of beholders. Most optometrists didn't stray far from their daily attire, but men removed ties and women wore sensible shoes. For both groups, meetings were generally uneventful, but one writer did fall into the moat. The accident went unnoted in the press.

Columnists were more casual from the get-go, mud-

dling about in flip/flops and loose-fitting clothes. Theirs was a general nose-thumbing at conventional dress.

Several wore "goofy glasses" plucked from convention packets. Slinkies sprang from the frames, with eyeballs of bloodshot plastic bobbing at springs' ends, as if the eye doctors were being watched....

Hotel personnel identified convention affiliations, with or without glasses. "The optometrists actually left tips, and the writers promised that if we served them well, they'd put our names in the paper," one waitperson said, eyes rolling.

Another staffer who checked pay phone coin return slots, hopeful to find coins left behind, had to hustle. Some columnists got there first....

Writers were from wide-ranging publications, and with varying degrees of success. Some are read by hundreds of thousands of people weekly; other aspirants continue to scramble to get their work into ANY periodical, like Car Wash Monthly.

Some were pleased to be away from deadlines and their workaday worlds. Others glanced often at their watches, itching to check emails and whip out another column, ready to bring another deadline to its knees....

"How to" topics dominated the writers' program. Keith Woods, Dean of the Faculty of the Poynter Institute and Pulitzer Juror for Commentary, was terrific—until the end of his presentation. His final point was aug-

mented by a large visual reading "Purse accuracy aggressively."

He meant "Pursue," of course, but he gets style points. Muttering about the dangers of trusting spell check, he admitted to preparing the visual himself. And no, the goof was not intentional....

Another refreshing personality was Wil Haygood, Washington Post writer and Pulitzer finalist. Warning against errors of assumption, he spoke of decade-ago research efforts for his book about Sammy Davis, Jr.

He found reams of information about Sammy Jr. and Sammy Sr., but he was chagrined that he could find no obituaries of the star's mother. He shared his puzzlement with a colleague. "Well, for starters, she's not dead," his friend answered....

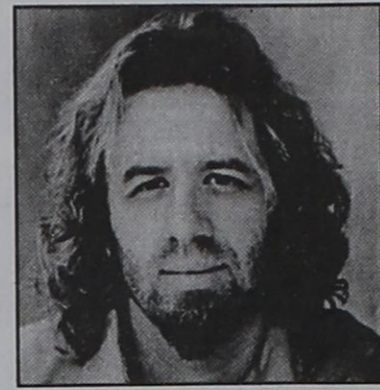
Truth to tell, we should bow at optometrists' feet. Without them, there'd be fewer readers.

Many newspaper aficionados have corrected vision, and they have markedly different "druthers" than counterparts with impaired hearing. "I hear as much now as I want to hear," some hearing aid hold-outs contend, but I've never heard similar expressions concerning sight....

The optometrists peered at us with envy when we rode the mechanical bull. It was really more of a waltz than a ride, several snorts short of slow motion. (I felt particularly smug, having been privileged to ride a dog sled atop a glacier a few days earlier.)

The next day, we all left, some with eyes wide open, others—like always, wide shut. We pondered a speaker's claim that our aim should be for readers who really didn't intend to read the column. If you read this far: Thanks! (And check eBay for good buys on goofy glasses....)

Benefit Concert, Silent Auction For Jimi Jackson July 23



JIMI JACKSON

A Benefit Concert & Silent Auction will be held in Austin, TX, on Saturday, July 23rd, at Momo's (618 West Sixth,) from 7pm to 2 am. All proceeds go to lend a hand to one of Austin's own vibrant, talented musicians, Jimi Jackson.

In March 2005, hard-hitting drummer Jimi "Fathand" Jackson was diagnosed with a life-threatening, cancerous brain tumor. Jimi, a former Lava /Atlantic recording artist of "The Boondock Saints" and current member of the rock band "SunMachine," has been unable to work since his diagnosis. He is currently undergoing expensive medical treatments. He is loved and respected by many in the music community.

Additionally, all attendees will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win an autographed Fender Guitar signed by legendary guitarist Jeff "Skunk" Baxter, formerly of the illustrious "Doobie Brothers" and "Steely Dan."

A Silent Auction will be held throughout the evening with items ranging from The Boondock Saints autographed movie memorabilia to an original prop from "Boogie Nights" to a cruise on Town Lake.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information on the event or to read more about Jimi's story, please visit www.TheFathand.com

*Numbers estimated. Hotel holds tightly to actual figures, citing confidentiality policies.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author whose weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in several states. His website: www.speakerdoc.com He welcomes comments by phone, 817-447-3872, or by email, newbury@speakerdoc.com

current circumstances, he's still optimistic he'll be healed and can get back to living his life—but with a clearer vision of what's important and a greater appreciation for the small things in life.

Jimi is married to Jodi Gregory and is the beloved son-in-law of long time Eastland residents Grady and Diana Gregory. His sister-in-law is Angela Gregory Sharbino. The Gregory's would like to extend a special thanks to everyone for their heart-felt cards and well wishes and ask for your continued prayers and support for Jimi as he continues on his journey on the "Road to Recovery."

Child Safety Seat Program

"Tech*Star EMS Education will be presenting a child safety seat distribution class on July 20th at 7pm at Eastland Memorial Hospital. This class is for those that have a child that is required

to use a car seat, and are not otherwise able to afford one.

This program will be held at Eastland Memorial Hospital on the third Wednesday of each month, unless it should fall on a holiday.

Class size is limited to 5 couples/families per class, so we ask that you pre-register for this class by called in 254-734-4526 or 734-5989."

Man Sentenced To Prison For 330 Days For Forgery

Jimmy Wayne Daniels, 26, formerly of Dallas, Texas, is now an inmate awaiting transfer to state prison to serve a 330 day sentence for the felony offense of Forgery By Making.

Daniels had forged a travelers check and presented it for payment to a local merchant.

The Honorable Judge Steven Herod of the 91st District Court sentenced Daniels. Gary D. Peak of Eastland represented Daniels at his hearing.

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Toddlers Go High Tech

(NAPSI)—Your PC might help make important lessons compute for the imaginative mind of your toddler. That's the word from experts who say that new types of software designed for users between 1 and 5 years old can help children learn.

For instance, parents can find software packages designed to work specifically with the developmental stage their child may be in. One package even comes with a "toddler-friendly" keyboard, which plugs into the PC with a USB cable. The keyboard has large, decorated buttons,

a spinning wheel, color keys and a telephone receiver to help keep kids' interest.

The software and keyboard are made by Comfy EasyPC. The technology includes beginner, intermediate and advanced software that has been tailored to suit children's motor, sensory, cognitive and social skills. For instance, the "beginner" package doesn't require toddlers to touch any keys.

However, at the intermediate level, toddlers touch appropriate buttons to explore cause and effect, puzzles and more.

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symposium's coordinator, said interest in hair sheep production is growing. "We've literally scoured the nation to compile the list of leading speakers featured in this program," Craddock said. "We'll have researchers and Extension specialists and other experts from across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

We'll also offer a healthy dose of reality provided by some top producers currently in the hair sheep business.

The first day will provide a history of the better-known breeds currently in the U.S. The second day will cover marketing issues, general production and budgets. And the final day will deal with breed and breeding stock selection. A Texas Hair Sheep Association-sponsored sale will follow the symposium on Oct. 8.

Activities on Oct. 6 will start at 1 p.m. Topics and speakers will include: - History of Hair Sheep, Dr. Maurice Shelton, Experiment Station geneticist, emeritus, San Angelo; - Potential of Hair Sheep in the United States, Dr. Dave Notter, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Va.;

Hair Sheep Production in Canada, Shannon Richardson, Airdrie, Alberta, Canada, and - Integration of Hair Sheep into Existing Operations, Dr. Bob Steger, consultant, Mertzon.

The topics and speakers on Oct. 7 will be: - Buying and Selling Hair Sheep: How Do They Fit the Ethnic Market?;

Donald Jordan, Hamilton Commission Company, and Susan Schoenian, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension, Keedysville, Md.; - How Do They Grow? Are They Good To Eat?;

Dr. Kreg Leymaster, U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat Animal Research Center, Clay Center, Neb., and Dr. Sam Jackson, Texas Tech University; - What Do We Do With the Hides? Managing the Hair Sheep Leather Supply Chain to Benefit Producers,

Dr. Dennis Shelly, Texas Tech; - Can You Make Money Raising Hair Sheep?, Dr. Jason Johnson Extension economist, San Angelo; - Are They Healthy, Hardy, and Easy to Raise?;

Dr. G.F. Kennedy, Pipestone Vet Clinic, Pipestone, Minn.; - What and How Much Do They Eat?;

Dr. Rick Machen, Extension livestock specialist, Uvalde; and - Do They Have A Lot of Babies All Year

Long?, Dr. Stephan Wildeus, Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia.

On Oct. 8 topics and speakers will include: - What Do We Look for in Selecting and Evaluating Hair Sheep?;

Dr. Charles Parker, Columbus, Ohio; - Hair Sheep Research Across the United States, Dr. Dan Waldron, Experiment Station geneticist, San Angelo, and - What About the Various Breeds?, with individual presentations on -

Katahdin - Jim Morgan, Fayetteville, Ark; Dorper - Philip Glass, Water Valley and Warren Cude, Fort Stockton; St. Croix - Dr. Thomas Bunch, Utah State University; Barbados Blackbelly - Carol Elkins, Pueblo, Colo.

Royal White - Bill Hoag, Hermleigh, and Cross-breeds - Art Roane, Ozona.

Registration deadline is Sept. 16. Individual registration before that date is \$150 plus \$50 for

each additional adult family member. Children 18 and younger can attend free. The fee covers a CDROM

proceedings and two meals.

Individual registration after Sept. 16 is \$250 and \$100 for each additional family member.

A spouses' tour is planned for those not attending the symposium.

Register on-line at www.peopleware.net/1542b or contact Joani Groce at (979) 845-7694, jgroce@tamu.edu.

For more information, contact Dr. Fank Craddock at (325) 653-4576, or bcraddock@tamu.edu

Why Gardening Jobs Just Got A Whole Lot Easier



(NAPSI)—The garden of your dreams is more likely to come up roses if you have time-saving tools.

Quite a few gardening and landscaping jobs involve extensive digging, which means investing many man hours of labor.

That's where a compact garden tractor can be a handy thing to own. A garden tractor is a big timesaver, whether you're planting potatoes, creating a patio or digging a pond.

Some subcompact tractors—designed to be useful in small spaces—can be surprisingly versatile. With a variety of attachments, these tractors can till, dig postholes, backhoe, mow and even throw snow.

For example, the Legacy XL subcompact garden tractor from Simplicity Manufacturing, Inc., features a powerful 27-hp gas or diesel engine, a heavy-duty frame, four-wheel drive and hydraulic attachment operation.

"We've designed a front-end loader especially for this tractor," says Harold Redman, vice president of product development for Simplicity. "It features a 500-lb. lift capacity and features a walk on/off design. A four-way joystick control lets you easily disconnect

the loader from the tractor without leaving the tractor seat."

Other front attachments include a dozer blade that can be easily attached and features hydraulic lifting and angling, as well as single- and two-stage snowthrowers up to 47-inches wide.

With its category "1" three-point hitch with an available rear 540-rpm PTO (standard on most four-wheel drive units), the tractor can operate a 50-inch tiller, a posthole digger, such as a backhoe and many other rear implements.

The transmission will operate the mid/front PTO or the rear PTO either together or separately with a simple touch of a lever.

Customers can select a 48-, 54- or 60-inch mower deck. Any size mower can be matched with any engine choice. All mowers are shaft-driven and Free Floating with full-width rollers.

Additional information is available at www.simplicitymfg.com.

The right subcompact tractor can perform a variety of tasks from mowing to snow-throwing.

Digging holes is much less work if you use a powerful subcompact tractor.

BOOK NOTES

(NAPSI)—Many people struggle every day—every hour—with the question of how to live an ethical life. In "Life Principles: Feeling Good by Doing Good" (Emmis Books, \$17.95), Bruce Weinstein demonstrates that keeping those core values is easy to do and can give you much more satisfaction in your life.

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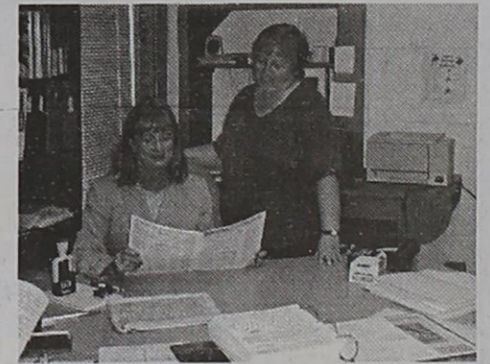
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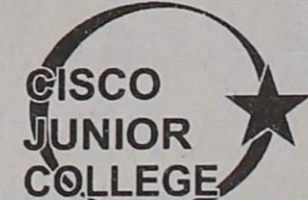
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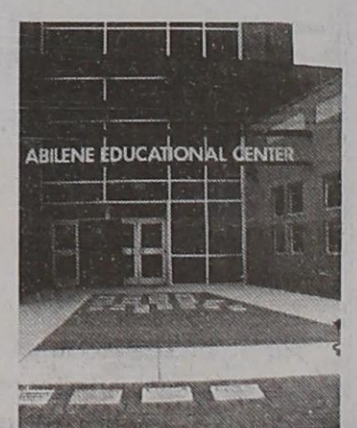


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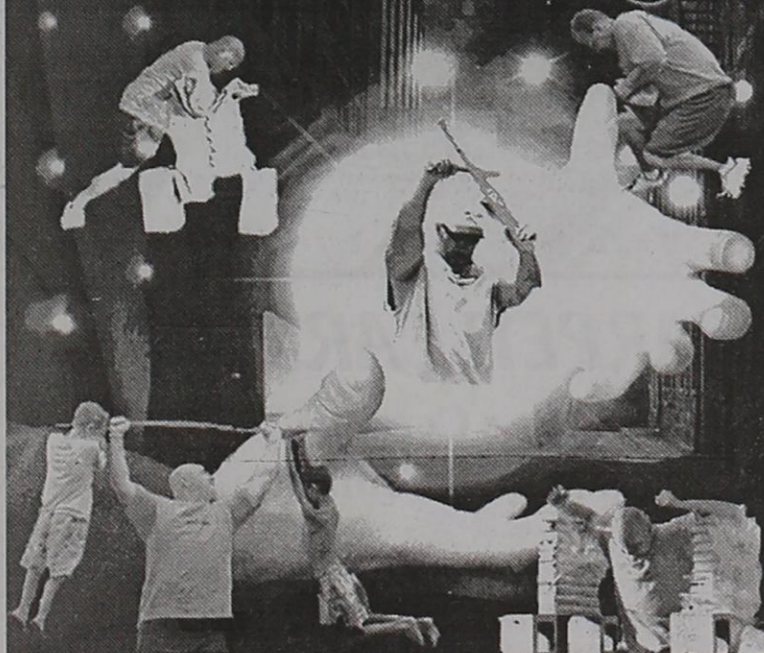
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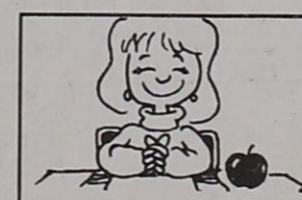


Power Source Feats of Strength



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Sunday, July 24th
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Football Stadium

Liberty is the result of free individual action, energy and independence.
—Samuel Smile



Throughout the world, more people belong to the teaching profession than to any other.

Safety Sense On The Water

(NAPSI)-If you're planning to head out to your favorite waterways on a boat or personal watercraft you may want to first navigate your way through a safety checklist.

Sure you've got all the legally mandated equipment and supplies aboard your boat, but do you have the most important item for a fun and safe family boating weekend?

According to familyfunonthe water.com, good old fashion common sense and good judgment go a long ways towards making your time on the water safe and fun for your family and those around you.

Here's a list of smart boating practices you and your family can use to make sure your time on the water is safe and fun:

Always operate at safe speeds within your ability and obey posted limits. Conditions on the water can change quickly and speeds that were appropriate just minutes before can be hazardous as wind and chop pick up.

Keep a safe distance away from people, objects and other boats. You should constantly scan for swimmers, windsurfers, objects under

the waterline and other boats.

Be especially careful when scanning for others prior to making turns. Make sure your turns are predictable so that other boats understand the direction you are going.

Be sure you understand the "rules of the road" when it comes to passing and overtaking other vessels. Information on the rules of the road is available from the U.S. Coast Guard at www.navcen.uscg.gov.

Whether you're skipping a watercraft or a larger open-bow boat, using common sense, good judgment and courtesy while on the water is your safest bet for a fun-filled day on the water.

For a free online boater safety course that you can take with your family members, visit Yamaha's H2O Info Center at www.yamaha-motor.com.

Check into a boater safety course before you start making waves. Some safety courses are free.

Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save.

- Will Rogers -

Local CARES Advisory Panel Selects Next Public Hearing Date for West Texas VA Health Care System in Big Spring

The Local Advisory Panel (LAP) meeting for the West Texas VA Health Care System has officially confirmed the date for their public meeting. Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX 19th) is planning on attending.

The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at the East Room of the Howard College Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The time is yet to be determined.

At this meeting, the public will hear more about the options VA contractor PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) has developed based on their first overall review conducted from May 16-18, 2005.

This is the second of four such meetings that will take place under the Federal Advisory Committee Act designed to gather public input about potential options and corresponding recommendations as they relate to the West Texas VA Health Care System located in Big Spring and its surrounding areas.

The public will again be given the opportunity to provide feedback via open testimony at the meeting, via the internet site at www.va.gov/cares; or via postal mail at VA Cares Studies - Big Spring PO Box 1427 Washington Grove, MD 20880-1427. The comment period after the meeting will be for two weeks. All of the public's comments will be incorporated in the report provided to the VA Secretary for consideration.

The process for the decisions of the options is as follows:

1. PwC will present a broad range of options at the next LAP administrative meeting.
2. Stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide their comments on the presented options during the public meeting on September 1. PwC must reflect in their report to the VA Secretary the public's comments regarding the

options presented. A report will then be presented to the Secretary shortly after the public meeting. In that report all options will be presented along with the public comments received. The options to be presented at the public meeting will be posted on the CARES website a week prior to the meeting.

3. The Secretary will then select up to six options for further analysis which will occur during the following months. At the fourth LAP meeting PwC will present all of the analysis along with their independent recommendations.

"Gathering public input at this next meeting will be crucial in determining what options may best serve our veterans," said John Fears LAP Chairperson.

"We are so pleased that Congressman Neugebauer will be assisting us in this effort. We are firmly committed to the LAP process under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and we hope that the community will take advantage of this process to share their thought. That is something that was missing under the first Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced (CARES), and this is an excellent opportunity to fix that," he added.

The West Texas VA Health Care System located in Big Spring is one of 18 sites nationwide currently being considered for changes under this third phase of CARES. The purpose of the review is to ensure that VA is offering the best health care services for veterans to meet their needs in the future. Under the process access and use of services by veterans will be closely scrutinized as will stability and functions of buildings. Changes are expected to be announced at each phase of the LAP meetings that will be conducted between 2005 and 2006. Final recommendations for options are anticipated to be presented to VA Secretary Jim Nicholson early to mid year of 2006.

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then.....Penny

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(Reminder: NO PRAYER MEETING July 20)

VBS Family Night will be on July 22 -more details next week

Coming Soon!!! FEATS OF STRENGTH-Community Wide Event Sunday, July 24 at 7:30 pm Baird High School Football Stadium

Sunday, July 31 Community wide Singing and Ice Cream-so come on over to FBC and worship through song and bring your favorite ice cream for after the singing.

Let us respect gray hairs, especially our own.

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