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Baird Students Experience History At The Frontier

By Walter Williams

The 7th grade Texas History classes from Baird left the hustle and bustle of pre-TAKS preparation to hear tales of stampeding buffalo herds, the snarl of hungry wolves, and the sage words of early Texas pioneers and Native Americans at the newly opened Frontier Texas Museum.

Students thrilled to the auditory, 3-D holographic image of Cynthia Ann Parker. Captured by Comanches as a child, she explained how living among these regal horsemen of the plains forever changed her life, and gave her an appreciation for other people and cultures. Chevin Brothers commented, "I actually felt like I was talking to the past and I really learned a lot. What I really liked the most was the reality of the museum."

As white settlers pushed across the frontier, inevitable conflict with the Comanches, Kiowas and other plains Indians resulted in the construction of several military installations like Fort Phantom, Fort Chadbourn, and Fort Griffin. Kay Wetteman, curator and guide for the group, explained that the purpose was to serve as a buffer zone between the Native Americans and the settlers as well as protecting the San Francisco bound Butterfield Overland Stage line. These forts became not only an economic boost for their area, but also, in the words of one observer, "an oasis in the desert for weary travelers." Unfortunately, the inadvertent result was to also facilitate the demise of the great buffalo herds.

In the Spirit Gallery, students met J. Wright Moorar, the man that created the Great American Hide Trade. His sale of 57 hides to a tanning company in New York started the buffalo hide business. He is also credited with shooting over 20,000 buffalo, one being a rare white buffalo. Moorar's contemporary in the Spirit Gallery was Esihabitu, a Comanche Chief who fought against the disappearance of his nomadic lifestyle and culture. He championed the cause of Native Americans when he made the trip to Washington D.C. to meet the "Great White Father." "Frontier Texas did an outstanding job of contrasting both sides of what are often considered divisive issues" stated Mr. Williams, one of the class sponsors, "this allowed the students the opportunity to

see the big picture and to make informed decisions based upon fact and personal interpretation."

After visiting the museum, the 7th graders dropped in on the Paleteria on Treadway to sample such authentic Mexican delicacies as Pineapple Chili ice cream and Horchata, a titillating, old world Aztec drink made from rice and milk aromatized with cinnamon. Reviews by students ranged from "This is the best ice cream I have ever eaten" to Isaac Dickey's slow-burn comment, "You must be crazy to put chili peppers in ice cream and then eat it." By the end of the day, students and sponsors agreed: the trip was enjoyable and also a learning experience for everyone.

Championship Title Returns To Baird Girls Golf Team Wins State Tournament For Seventh Time

They had dreamed about it all year and worked hard to achieve their goal.

Tuesday night at Morris Williams Golf Course in Austin, the dream came true as the Lady Bears brought home the Class A state championship in golf.

The Bear girls had won the championship for six straight years, but were defeated last year by Throckmorton.

Now the Baird team claimed the championship title again with a 13-stroke lead over the Lady Greyhounds, finishing at 725.

Throckmorton shot 738, Shamrock came in third with 741.

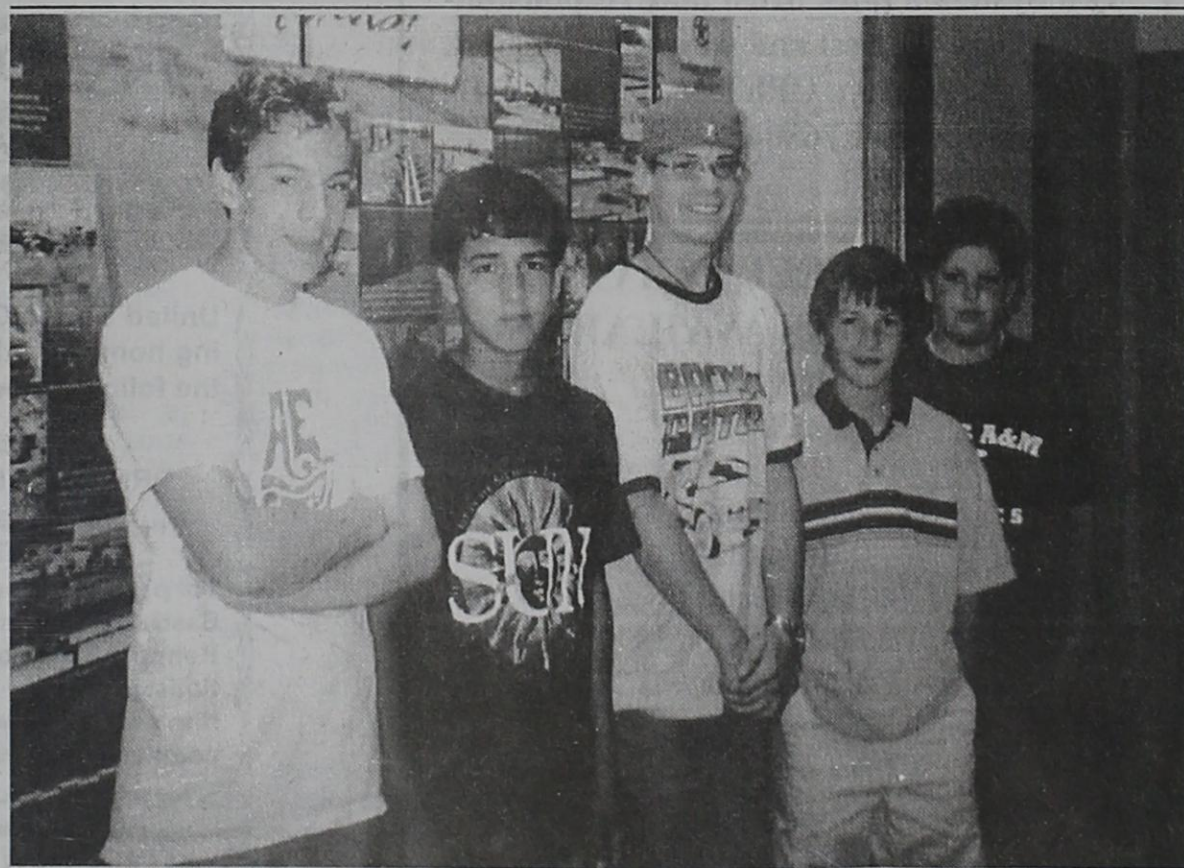
Baird's Misty McDowell and Jodi Neal also were in a playoff with Memphis' Haley Hutcherson in a three-way tie for second place. All three shot 162.

Other members of the Baird girl's golf team of note were Tamar Vestal with 195, Kayla Windham with 206, and Lea Sweeney with 229.

Baird's Jay Calvo also made a good showing at the state Class A boy's tournament, placing fifth.



Seventh Grade class at Frontier Texas Museum



Shown above are (Right to Left) John Edwards, Jesse Mendez, Garrett Jennings, Chris Chitworth, Bradley Neal during their visit to the museum.

Commissioners, Residents Discuss Flooding, Roads At Open Meeting Assistance To Manufacturing Company Approved

by Margaret Hetrick

Although rain is always welcome in Callahan County, the flooding that goes with it is not, residents of Clyde emphasized at the May 10, 2004 Commissioners Court's open meeting.

Recent rains of 4 to 6

inches had made the problem acute, but even rains of 1 1/2 inches caused flooding, they said.

During the recent heavy rains, there was 3 ft. of water standing in some places, a Clyde resident commented.

"On Friday, the water was 6 inches from my house, and on Sunday it was 2 inches," Dennis Grogan said.

Curtis Smith of Smith &

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Saturday, May 15

Baird City Council Election
Baird I. S. D. Board Trustees Election
Baird City Hall, 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Baird City Council Candidates

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Menu, served by the Booster Club, includes

beef or chicken fajitas, beans, salad, desert

Sen. Fraser

Would Cut Property Tax; Level, Broaden Consumption

Following is a rather lengthy statement from Senator Fraser regarding his thoughts on school finance as requested.

The Legislature is working toward a consensus on the best approach to address the method of funding our public schools.

So far, finding that consensus has proved to be very difficult. The reason is simple: solving the school funding problem is nearly impossible without tinkering with the state's tax structure and adding additional revenue.

In sorting through the options, I start with the basic premise that property owners, through their school taxes, have for too long carried a disproportionate share of

the tax burden. In 1980, state government funded 52 percent of public education while local property taxes funded 48 percent. Today, state government funds about 38 percent and property owners contribute 62 percent. Clearly, we cannot continue this trend. Property owners need tax relief.

Another fundamental problem with the current system is that nearly half of the state's 1,031 school districts have reached their \$1.50 tax cap allowed to pay for maintenance and operations. According to the Texas Association of School Boards, 691 districts — roughly 70 percent — are at \$1.45 or above. Simply put,

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Baird Chamber Hosts Fundraiser; Antiques Market/TradeDays

The Chamber of Commerce will host the Antiques Market & Trade Days on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 11-13 with guest dealers from around the state joining local antiques merchants on Market Street.

The event features antiques, collectibles and crafts from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. (1-5 p.m. on Sunday); and a Tea Time Appraisal Fair on Saturday afternoon. A scale model railroad display on Friday and Saturday will inspire the most knowledgeable railroad enthusiast, as well as those not familiar with trains or the highly skilled hobby.

Booth spaces are filling up as the May 31 deadline

approaches. Local organizations are encouraged to participate.

The Tea Time Appraisal Fair is a popular audience-interactive antiques forum hosted by professional appraisers Donald King Cowan, ISA and C. L. "Sam" Cowan, ISA of Dallas. The Appraisal Fair offers guests the opportunity to have everything from fam-

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Cases Investigated

Warnings - 120
Complaints - 139
DWI - 1
Possession of Marijuana - 1
Driving While License Invalid - 1
Possession of Drug Para-

phernalia - 2
Fugitive Arrest - Theft by Check - 1
Public Intoxication - 1
Accidents
There were 3 accidents investigated during this time span.

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Confidential Notice To Grad Parents

This is among friend, but sometimes graduating seniors are so busy with the last minute activities that they fail to write and turn in the biographical material we ask for to be included in the annual graduation editions of this newspaper.

Invariably, we are deluged with inquiries from parents after the edition is printed and delivered, asking us "Why wasn't my child's story and picture included?" We always hate to report that no information was turned in from that child.

We prepare simple forms and distribute to the schools

From Page One ...

Commissioners

Sons Farm Eqpt., Inc. said that at one point they could not get to trailers and equipment on their company yard, and that there was still mud in some areas.

Grogan said that a spokesperson for Soil and Conservation had looked at the problem, and said that a bigger culvert was needed on the near by county road.

In discussion was the area in and near Gas House Road and Pecan Road.

Judge Roger Corn commented that there had been problems ever since the construction of Interstate 20 and the building up of the area.

Other residents who had lived in the area for more than 20 years said that the flooding problems had "gotten worse and worse."

Commissioner Hicks, Prect. #1, commented that a larger culvert would not solve the problem.

A deep channel was needed, he said, in order to carry the water back to the

for the graduates to complete and turn in with their photographs.

It is a much better record when all are included. Wouldn't it be something if the graduates of 2004 were 100 percent represented?

(As a tiny, commercial side note, parents are also reminded that we offer a "Congratulations" space to be included in the graduation edition to let youngsters know that their parents are proud of them. Those who would like to participate in this program are invited to contact Jo at 254-629-1707.)

east, across the rail road tracks and into a creek there.

It was noted that just channeling the water to the rail road tracks would cause flooding in that area.

After a long discussion between the court and the Clyde residents, Commissioner Hicks suggested that getting easements from residents in the area to dig a channel would be a starting point.

Otherwise, he could not just "go across their yards to cut a channel."

In summary, the Court said they would help all they could, but that they did not have all the equipment needed for the project.

It would be a big and expensive project - maybe costing as much as \$2 million to get the best results, it was noted.

Perhaps grants or help could be obtained from Soil Conservation and the State, the Commissioners suggested.

Again on the agenda was discussion concerning

county road conditions in Precinct # 4.

Mike Konczak ask if the Court now had a plan [to improve the roads].

Commissioner Grider said that the county was working there now on Cnt. Rd. 464. Gravel was being hauled to fill in holes.

Commissioner Grider explained that everyone had kicked in to help with the recent flood in Clyde.

"I know you are short handed," Mike Konczak said, adding that he was willing to help as a volunteer with brush trimming.

Commissioner Grider said that he would check into that [as to liable issues], but that it was a dangerous job.

Konczak replied that he was willing to sign a waiver, and didn't mind helping.

Richard Burdine, representative of the Abilene Economic Development, ask the Commissioners' Court to approve assistance to Wilson Trailer Manufacturing.

The company had operated out of Anson for a number of years, but apparently had problems with labor - among other issues - and now had recently purchased 10 acres in Callahan County near Abilene to open a facility, Burdine explained.

The company's products were mostly shipped out of state, he continued, and the facility would create up to 40 jobs - which would amount to approx. \$200,000 paid over 3 years after job creation.

Since the company would be located within a five mile perimeter of Abilene, the City was asking for approval and nothing else, Burdine said.

Judge Corn commented that it would mean a big economic tax base boost for Callahan County.

The Commissioners approved assistance to Wilson Trailer Manufacturing unanimously.

Also approved unanimously was the SB 1074-Racial Profiling Law annual report from the office of County Sheriff Eddie G. Curtis, and the Callahan Nu-

trition Annual Report.

In a comparative analysis of the total number of licensed drivers in Callahan County - 10,073 - and the total number of stops/contacts - 123 - the following difference between the % of licensed drivers by race and the % of stops/contact by race were as follows: W - 1%; B - 30%; O - 2%; I - 0.7%; A - 5%.

(Please see complete report in this edition.)

The Callahan County Nutrition Annual Report, submitted by Katie Dunn, Project Director, showed total units of congregate meals and Meals on Wheels/home delivery of 45,620 for Oct. 2001/Sept. 2002 and 46,257 for Oct. 2002/Sept. 2003. This was an increase of 637.

The totals were from all centers in Baird, Clyde and Cross Plains.

The totals for Baird were 3,990 congregate meals and 10,147 Meals on Wheels.

Cross Plains had 7,189 congregate meals and 5,392 Meals on Wheels.

The figures for Clyde showed 7,064 congregate meals and 12,475 Meals on Wheels during the time span.

CBA meals were reported at 3.47 - .06 less budget, 2003-2004; CCAD were 3.18 - .05 less budget.

Callahan County Nutrition expressed their appreciation for the subsidy support from each town and from the County in the report.

Further on the agenda: Minutes of previous meetings were signed with no additions or corrections, and the court voted to pay approved bills.

There were no requests for public comment.

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NEW: In Gorman: 5-3 frame, 2 story, partially remodeled, app. 4000' LA, several window A/C units, 3/4 acre lot. **REDUCED TO \$34,500.**

NEW: 10 A, pavement frontage, seasonal creek, some timber \$1,250/acre.

NEW: 14.9 A Brown Co. 183 S. Rising Star, 3-2-2 brick 2000', CH/A, irrigated coastal, pond, barn. \$149,500.

NEW: 15 A, near Gorman, nice remodeled 2-2 brick, central H/A, carpeted, fireplace, large game room, 24 x 60 metal garage- cement floor, guest house, water well + city water and sewer, pecans, pavement. **REDUCED TO \$130,000.**

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NEW: 47.65 A 4 miles west of Gorman, 25 A coastal, 20 A cult, 2 ponds, barn/pens, good deer area. \$1050 acre.

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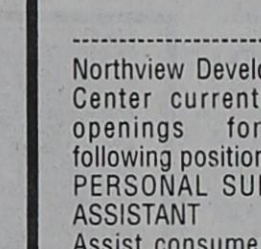
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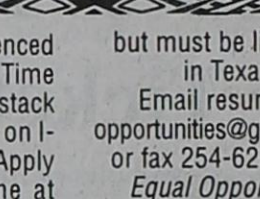
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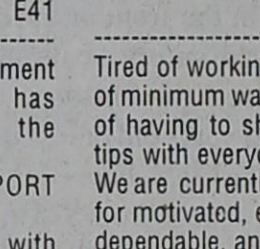
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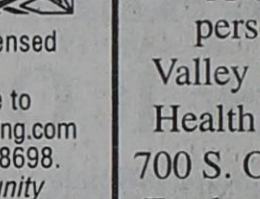
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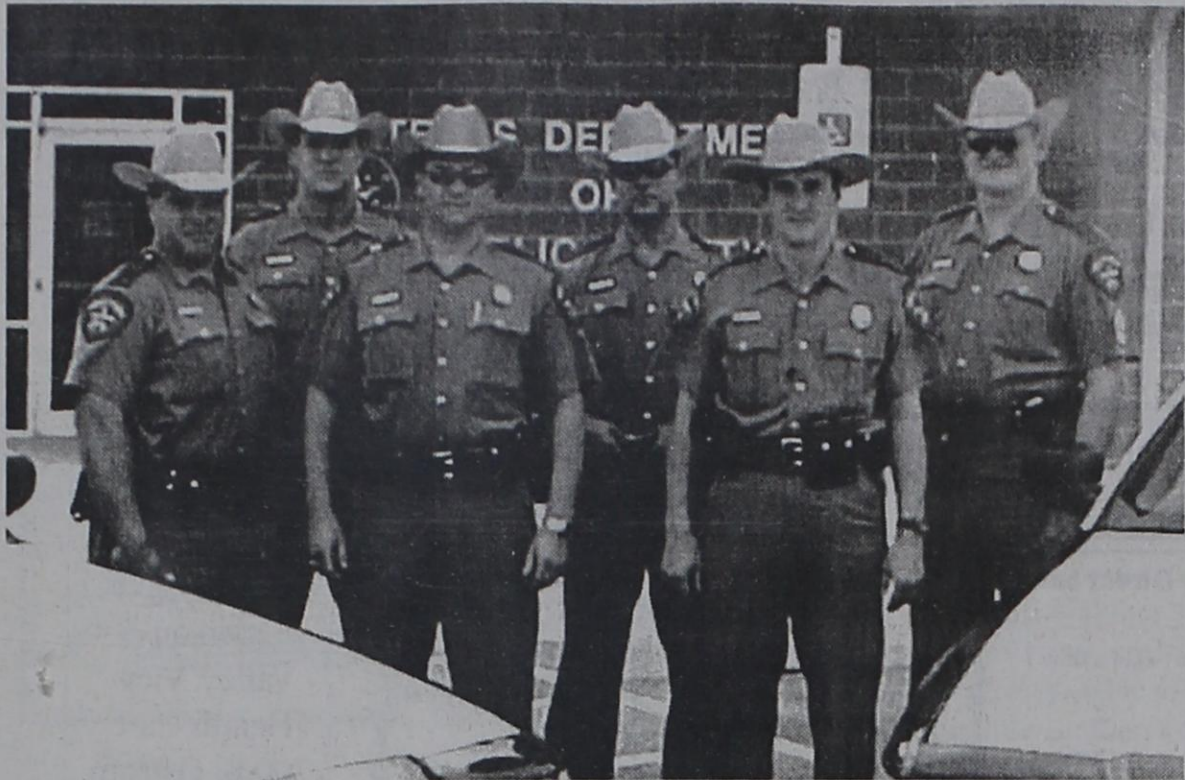
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Officers throughout Texas have a message for motorists: Click It or Ticket. From May 24 to June 6, which includes Memorial Day weekend, state troopers and law enforcement will be out in force for the annual crackdown on drivers and passengers who do not buckle up themselves or their children. State Troopers shown above are (right to left, front row) Grant Atkinson, Brandon Smedley and Chris Ledbetter. Back row, left to right, are Buddy Wise, Reuben T. Mankin and Sgt. Stan Waters. (Photo by Jo Turner)

State Announces Return Of 'Click It Or Ticket' Campaign

Austin -- State officials announced today that Texas will once again participate in the national Click It or Ticket program to get more motorists to buckle up.

The Texas Department of Transportation reports that safety belt use in Texas in the last year has increased from 81% to almost 85%, thanks in large part to the campaign's combination of extensive advertising and stepped up enforcement of the state's safety belt and child safety seat laws.

From May 26 to June 6, which includes Memorial Day weekend, the Texas Department of Public Safety and hundreds of local law enforcement agencies will participate in the statewide crackdown on drivers and passengers failing to buckle up themselves or their children.

TxDOT says pickup drivers are a major focus of this year's effort.

"Though pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll as cars, pickup drivers and their passengers are the worst offenders when it comes to not buckling up," said Carlos Lopez, director of traffic operations. "Wearing a safety belt increases your chance of surviving a pickup rollover crash by 70 percent."

Campaign supporters are counting on new television, radio and billboard advertisements to drive home the point that wearing a safety belt can save motorists from death or serious injury in a crash, not to mention a ticket and a fine. The TV public service announcements feature both humor and drama. In one, state troopers and officers from law enforcement agencies statewide deliver a musical buckle up reminder; the other depicts a graphic pickup rollover crash.

Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers to

use safety belts. Children under 17 have to be buckled up in the front or back seat. Child safety seats are required for children under four years old or less than 36 inches tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200.

Since the Click It or Ticket campaign first began in 2002, Texans have responded by buckling up in record numbers. With almost nine of every 10 motorists in Texas now using safety belts, TxDOT estimates that in the last two years 205 lives have been saved and nearly 5,000

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Baird Antiques Market Trade Days

The community of Baird, Texas will again celebrate its official title, the "Antique Capital of West Texas," with an annual event spotlighting the town's historic shopping district.

The Chamber of Commerce will host the Antiques Market & Trade Days on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 11-13 with guest dealers from around the state joining local antiques merchants on Market Street.

The event features antiques, collectibles and crafts from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. (1-5 p.m. on Sunday); and a Tea Time Appraisal Fair on Saturday afternoon. A scale model railroad display at the Depot on Friday and Saturday will inspire the most knowledgeable railroad enthusiast, as well as those not familiar with trains or the highly skilled hobby.

Market Street has been drawing antiques shoppers and history buffs from all over the country since antiques businesses became the

nucleus of retail trade following the restoration of downtown Baird several years ago. Merchants are quartered in restored 19th and early 20th century establishments along the wide three-block business district.

The layout is perfect for Antiques Market/Trade Days which is the biggest shopping weekend of the year. Outside booths line the street from the Courthouse to the soon-to-be restored Texas and Pacific Railroad Depot. Inside booths with air conditioning are located in restored buildings, and inside a partially enclosed structure that once housed a silent movie theater.

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The 16-foot module railroad, complete with roundhouse and turntable, will be shown at the T&P Depot by Jack Gacke of Abilene. Gacke, whose interest in the hobby has spanned more than 50 years, has displayed his craftsmanship and shared his railroading expertise across the country from Minnesota to Texas. He invites the public to participate with switching and operating. The display is scheduled from 9-5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday during the Antiques Market. There is no charge to view the railroad display.

Booth space and other information are available by calling Baird Chamber of Commerce at (325) 854-2003.

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Kristi Dyanne Tittle and Braden Graham Brock were married Saturday, May 8, 2004 at 3 p.m. in a garden ceremony.

Kristi was given away by her father Bill Tittle of Abilene.

Jeremy Kirles, Associate Pastor, Beltway Park Baptist Church officiated.

Kristi is the daughter of Bill and Phyllis Tittle and Jan and Verlon Strickland of Abilene. Braden is the son of Harrison and Jeannie Brock of Surprise, Arizona and Judy Brock of Cisco. Kristi is the granddaughter of Selma Tyree of Abilene.

Jan Strickland, mother of the bride, was Matron of Honor, and Sheri Bearden of Lubbock, was Bridesmaid.

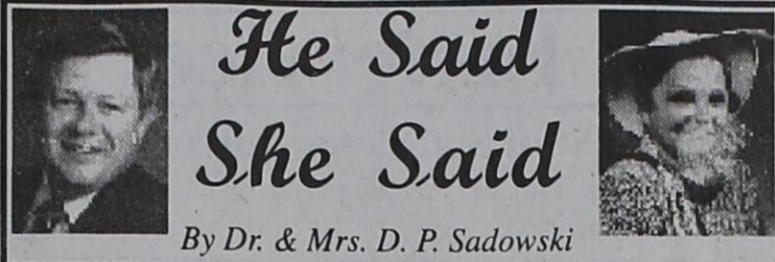
Harrison Brock, father of the groom, was Best Man,

and Brennon Brock, the groom's son, was Ring Bearer. Verlon Strickland and Kenny Corder were ushers.

Kristi is a 1994 graduate of Cooper High School in Abilene. She attended Hardin-Simmons University, Southwest Texas State in San Marcos, and Hendrick School of Respiratory Care. She is employed by Hendrick Medical Center as a Respiratory Therapist.

Braden is a 1989 graduate of Cisco High School in Cisco, Texas. He graduated from Cisco Junior College and attended Hendrick School of Respiratory Care. He is employed by Hendrick Medical Center as a Respiratory Therapist.

The couple will live in Abilene after honeymooning in Negril, Jamaica.



He Said She Said

By Dr. & Mrs. D. P. Sadowski

THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT!

HE SAID:

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: and the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgements, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) That the land spue not you out also, when you defile it, as it spued out the nations before you." Leviticus 18:22-28

"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." Leviticus 20:13

There is nothing to do in these articles except let the Bible speak for itself. I thoroughly realize it does not matter with some people what the Bible says. You can see that by the way they live. But that is not going to change the Word of God one little bit. Neither will it change the fact that this library of sixty-six books bound together that we call our Bible will be opened at the judgement to decide our eternal fate of heaven or hell. You can either live by it or not. But you will never change it.

SHE SAID:

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this cause God gave them up into vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." Romans 1:24-28

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Affirmed

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Appeal Dismissed

Theodore Flanagan v. Eric Glenn, Mitchell. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed

Michael G. Brown, M.D. v. Medical Office Buildings of Texas, L.P., Harris. Joint motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Cases Submitted

Luis Hernandez Cruz v. State of Texas, Harris.

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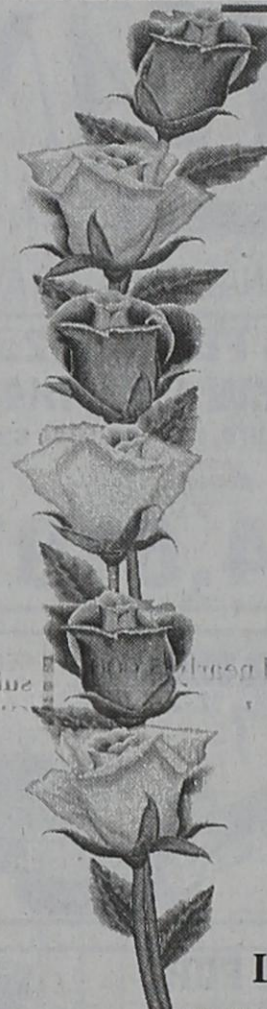
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Engagement Announcement



Massimino - Blankinship

Jerrell D. Bible of Rising Star, Texas and Rita and Kenneth Buris of Brownwood, Texas are very pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Danetta Jo (Bible) Massimino and Billy Blankinship.

The wedding is scheduled for July 17, 2004 at the Rising Star Park Pavilion. Danetta is an 8-year veteran teacher who is currently teaching Theatre Arts at Palo Alto Middle School in Killeen, Texas, and is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, Cisco Junior College, and Rising Star High School.

Billy is currently working for Cross Country Health Care in Brownwood and also starting up a new business of antique furniture repair and refinishing in Rising Star called 'Southern Sanders'. He is a graduate of Santa

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Your letter with the time and special events will be mailed at a later date.

If you know of anyone that didn't get a letter or wasn't at the last homecoming, and you would like for them to know about it, please call Pam Thomas at 629-2387.

So mark your calendars and get ready for some wonderful memories and fun from the past also to update your classmates on what has been happening in your life since the last time we were all together.

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So she can stop trouble before it starts.

An angel said "Why not make a robot and that way you can have eyes all the way around"

God said you've missed the point.

She must have love and compassion.

Another angel said "It will never work

Humans are full of lies, stealing and hate."

God smiled "I have the perfect name for my representative

Let's call her Mother."

By Bob Harbin

Thursday, May 13, 2004

forces have been mobilized, activated and deployed to support the war against global terrorism outside the borders of the United States. U.S. troops serve in Southwest Asia, the Arabian peninsula, islands in the Pacific, and Europe.

The sergeant, an information management

supervisor with 14 years of military service, is normally assigned at Eielson Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska.

He is the son of Charlie and Jo Nell Torrez of S. Upton St., Gorman, Texas.

Torrez is a 1986 graduate of Gorman High School, Texas.

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Guest Slot

WHAT LIES ahead? Presently in a special session attempting to solve the state's school finance dilemma, the Texas Legislature is already attempting to draw up a game plan for the next regular session which is only a little over half a year away, on Jan. 1, 2005.

The Texas Association of Business, a business-positive membership organization, is already testifying, calling for unemployment insurance program overhaul and measures to reduce costs and improve the quality of care in the state workers' compensation program.

(The abbreviated TAB mission: To build the best business climate on the planet through legislative action on state and federal levels.)

Surprisingly, TAB favors the governor's Educational Excellence Program which focuses on maximum achievements, not just minimum standards. At a cost of \$500 million it could be funded through unappropriated funds, TAB says. The plan is an incentive-based program that rewards teachers and districts for increased student performance. "Incentives for employees are the cornerstone of success in the business world and can work just as effectively in the schools," TAB says.

Before discussing TAB's suggestions for raising money, one should also consider that the organization always looks out for employers who foot the bill. According to TAB, Texas employers already pay 54 percent of the state and local taxes, compared to a national average of 41 percent. Thus Texas is now in a less competitive position than other states for new major employers.

Here are TAB's recommendations to raise school money: repeal the corporate franchise tax which would fuel economic growth by attracting new business to Texas; consider a business activity tax, a levy that seems to carry weight with some at the capitol, which would place an across the board 3.5 percent levy on employers based on profits, wages, benefits and depreciation less capital expenditures which would generate some \$8 billion; allow video lottery terminals at horse and dog tracks which alone would raise \$800 million per year provided it was okayed by voters in the November election.

Of the measures, one would be considered a sin tax and the other, an equally distributed business tax on all businesses. In total, TAB suggests incremental but forward-looking reforms that lay the groundwork for economic growth.

At the TAB bi-annual trip to Washington May 18-20, they will be brief by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Delegation, and Karl Rowe and Condoleezza Rice and others have been invited.

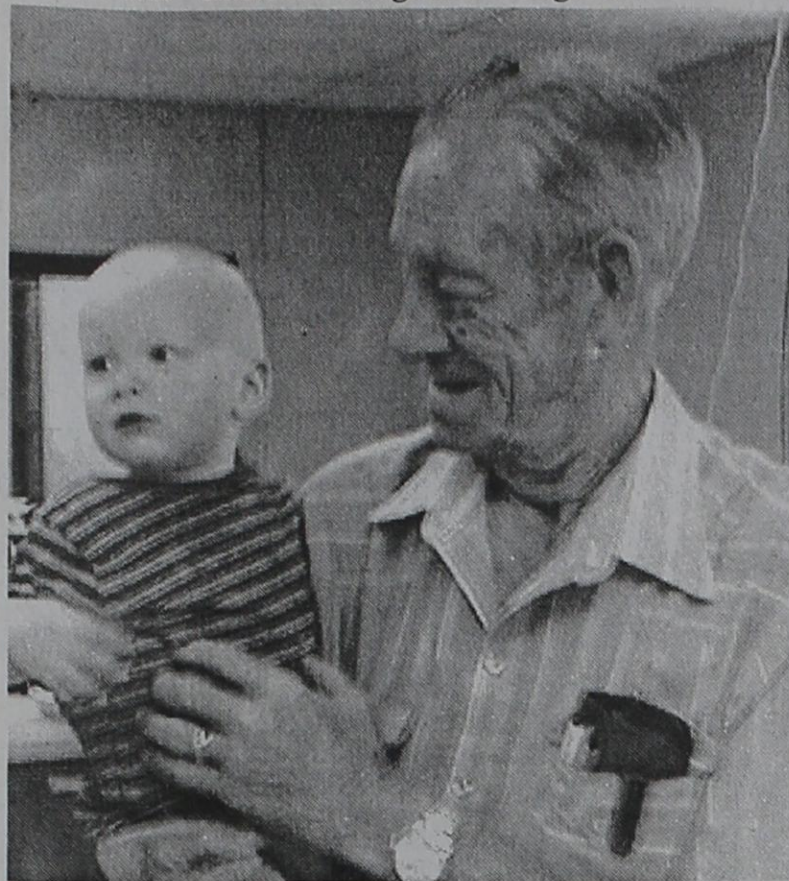
THINKING AHEAD: May 15 is ELECTION DAY and ARMED FORCES DAY: Monday, May 30, Memorial Day.

Civil war era, however, and did most of their photography there.

This picture opened in the U.S. last December with tickets at \$10 each. It will open in Eastland at the Majestic Theater on Friday, May 14,

with admission \$4 at the box office. There are also balcony seats available for adults only at \$5.50.

The movie will show nightly at 7:30 through Monday, May 17. It is rated R, mostly for the graphic violence of war.



Blake Freeman and Grandpa Freeman



Payton and Blake Freeman

FREEMAN TWINS UPDATE--The Freeman twins, Payton and Blake, are now 1 year and 3 months old. Blake came in the office here at the paper with Grandpa Freeman and he's a typical 15 month old- running around happy as a tot should be. Payton on the other hand is still waiting on his transplant that should be in 6 months. He's still in the hospital in Fort Worth with feeding tubes.

A fund is still set up at First American Bank in Eastland. Bobby and Jessica, the twins parents, are holding on and Bobby will be attending college.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"Thanks" to everyone who helped in any way with the Christal Koonce Cogburn Benefit last Tuesday night, May 4 at the Desdemona Community Center. A large crowd attended this event. It is wonderful when family and friends can come together with their donations, their concern and their love to help in this way. Remember Christal in your prayers at this time.

Visitors over the Mother's Day weekend with Robert and Ima Brown were their son, Robert Alton Brown and daughter, Julie of Fort Worth.

Larry and Gay Moore spent Friday and Saturday of last week in Midland visiting with their relatives. They reported a good trip.

Dorothy Roberts spent Mother's Day weekend in Fort Worth with her family, Ulenda Weaver- Heather Caddell and children, Kelsey and Cameron- Heath Weaver and son, Hayden- Ashley Weaver and sons, Tanner and Noah- Shelly Mendez and son, Samuel all of Fort Worth; Jeff Roberts of Dallas; Mark and Emily Williams and daughter, Kena of Granbury.

Pug and Vonnie Guthery attended the 50th wedding anniversary reception for Alton and Clea (Clark) Coffman last Saturday, May 8 at the Bullock School House north of Ranger. The old school house building holds lots of good memories for the residents of this community. One interesting thing about the school house is the south 1/2 of the building is in Eastland County and the north 1/2 is in Stephens County. The ladies of this community do lots of quilting on a regular basis- in fact they have a quilt started and ready to finish at the present time. The building is used for school reunions, socials, quilting groups, etc. Alton attended school in this building.

Betty Jane (Clark) Guthery of Irving is having some

health problems. She is in the Baylor Hospital at this time. Jane is a former resident of Desdemona where she attended school and graduated with the Class of 1941. Jane and Clea are sisters- their mother is the late Eula (Gofforth) Coffman Clark who owned a cafe in Desdemona all thru the 40's.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of Addie (Fonville) Slaughter, 93, who passed away May 2, 2004. She was born, July 8, 1910 in Desdemona to Joseph Lafayette and Henrietta (Carter) Fonville. Burial was on Tuesday, May 4 in the Howard Cemetery north of Desdemona.

Alta Mae Wilcoxson, Terry and Kerry all of Odessa and Judy of Goldthwaite visited last Saturday evening with Gary and Jody Walston-Travis Walston and son, Trevor- Grant Walston all of Desdemona.

Remember those in our community who are on the sick list and shut-ins at local rest homes with your cards and prayers.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thanks and have a nice day, Vonnie.

Eastland County X-Treme Football Playoffs Sunday

After a long season it is now play-off time for the Semi-Pro football teams. Eastland County X-Treme will be hosting the Odessa Colts Sunday, May 16. This is the first round of the play-

offs and will be held at Maverick Stadium, Eastland, Texas at 2 p.m. Eastland has a 5-3 record and would like to invite everyone to come watch in the final home game of the year.

'Cold Mountain' To Show At Majestic

It has been some time since a well-done Civil War picture has been shown, and "Cold Mountain" is reported to be interesting. It is taken from a best-selling novel by Charles Frazier - a runaway

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L-R: Margaret Richmon, Richard Arnold, Edith Wampler, Tom Hart

Flatwood

School Reunion

Flatwood School Ex-Students celebrated the 60th year of the school closing in 1944 on April 24, 2004 at ZJ's in Gorman. A dutch treat dinner was enjoyed by all. The same officers were elected again by a railroad margin.

It was decided to donate the extra monies collected for the Flatwood School Marker to the Flatwood Cemetery Association. They in turn will take care of the mowing around the marker. Donations will still be appreciated for the mowing fund.

A good time was had for renewing old acquaintances and a picture taking session. Those present were: Edith Wampler from Hutto; Margaret E. (Arnold) Richmon from DeLeon; Clay and Barbara Caudle from Rising Star; John and Cissy Snell from Rye; Burl and Janie Caudle from Conroe; Grover and Ruth Hallmark, Richard Arnold, Kenneth and Joann Johnson, Bryan and Jolene Johnson, Troy and Betty Cross, Cleo Duncan, Pat and Patsy Collins, Darlene (Johnson) Basham and Darrell, Tom Hart and Webb and Ruth Jordan all from Eastland. There were twenty-six present and thirteen were ex-students of Flatwood School.



Back row: L-R: Webb and Ruth Jordan, Janie and Burl Caudle. Front row: Grover and Ruth Hallmark

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Back row: L-R: Delwin Caudle, Pat Collins, Darrel Basham, Clay Caudle. Front row: Cleo Duncan, Patsy Collins, Darlene Basham, Barbara Caudle



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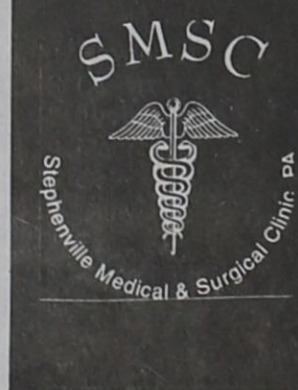
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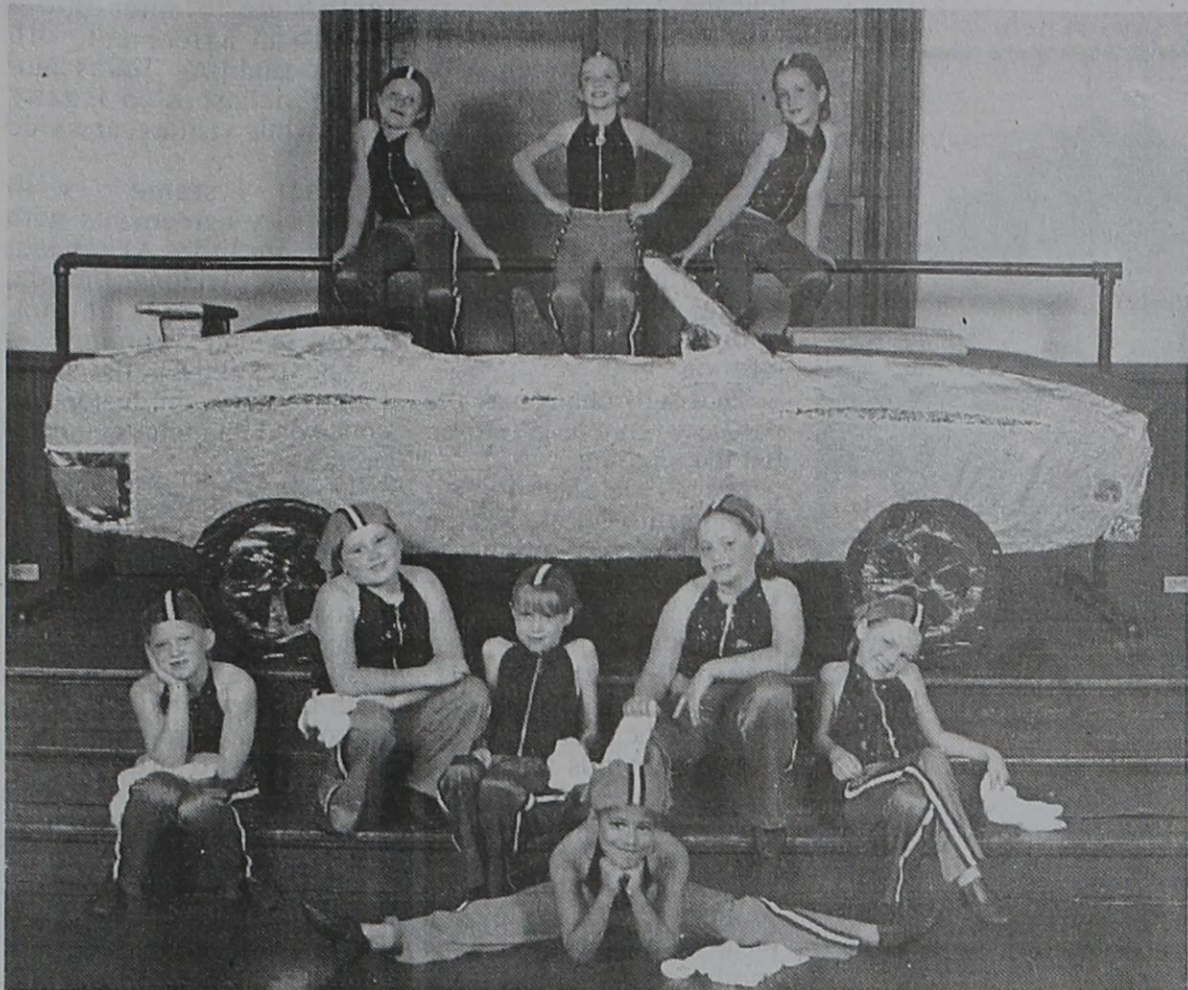
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"Car Wash" Dancers: 1st row: Jasmin Goates. 2nd row: Hailey Hodges, Tierra Matthews, Savannah Wells, Molly Blankenship, Rebecca Pearson. 3rd row: Calli Conger, Kristin Tucker, Mattie Moylan.

The Dance School's 'Disco Dancing' Recital

The Dance School will present its annual spring recital on Sunday, May 16 at 4 p.m. in the Cisco Junior College Auditorium. The recital is open to the public with free admission and all are invited to attend. The show this year is "Disco Dancing". The dancing consists of jazz, classical ballet, lyrical ballet and tap. Jill Fields is the owner and artistic director of The Dance School. She has 30 years experience, which includes studies at Texas Christian University and New York City. She was the artistic director of the Abilene Civic Ballet Company, Inc. in 1987.

Sixty-three students throughout the area will be performing in the recital. From Cisco, they are: Molly Blankenship, Calli Conger, Jasmin Goates, Ashlee Lilley, Tierra Matthews, Abigail Fields, Courtney Hindman, Jinger Posey, Cheyenne Rodriguez, Jaime Dodson, Mary Reid, Alicia Floyd, Sarah Schaefer, Carrollee Sitton, Whitney Wilks, Cooper Conger, Emilee Flores, Hannah Stuart, Emma Jacobs, Janna Anderson, Amber Carney, Taylor Conger, Cassie Sanders, Riley Scroggins, Tori Stuart, Carrie Watson, Camille Webb, Ashley Andrews, DJ Lambeth, and Dalas Vaughn.

From Eastland: Mattie Moylan, Rebecca Pearson, Savannah Wells, Celeste Hernandez, Kaleena Burt, Madison Lemaster, Mary Ann Rice, Jessica Avalos, Morgan Davis, Shana Gann, Jennifer Hill, Sarah McNabb, Elena Mendoza, Derrick Gonzales, Christen Hagan, and Amy Rice.

From Ranger: Hailey Hodges, Kelsey Hodges, Carlie Darden, Kaitlin Olguin, Taylor Lucky, Lyndsey Slaughter, and Ashley Slaughter.

From Cross Plains: Mackenzie Byrd, Hannah Cowan, Sierra Robinson, Piper Winfrey, and Kersey Wyatt.

From Albany: Katie Waller.

From Gorman: Lauren Spivey

From Carbon: Kristin Tucker

From Abilene: Cassie Kimbrough

Miss Kimbrough will be choreographing a special number for the recital this year. The dance is a 'family affair' which includes, Mrs. Jill, her sister Julia Hanna, Julia's daughter Molly Galbraith, Mrs. Jill's niece Katie Waller and daughter Abigail Fields.

Another special treat is that the Eastland High School Technical Theatre Class taught by Traei Wells, has constructed the set for the opening number "Car Wash".

The students who worked on the set are Jennifer Blaylock, Hugo Delgado, Martin Hernandez, Emmanuel Inocencio, Tristin Lee, Omar Madera, Sarah Penece, Thomas Tomsky, and Kallye Weathers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many people who have helped with this year's recital and Folklife Festival parade and performance. I could not have done it without you! Thank you and may God bless you, Mrs. Jill.

Registration for the new school year 2004-2005 will be held in mid-August. The first day of class will be September 7. Two new classes will be offered next year. The first is a pre-ballet and pre-tap class for 3 and 4 year olds. The second one is a boy's hip hop jazz and tap class. For more information please call Mrs. Jill at 254-442-4339.

Personally Speaking

By Sam Pendergrast

Never Mind The Walls of Abu Ghraib Prison; Let's Get Rid of the Thinking That Drove It

Several of the Senators and Congresspeople who grilled Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld about American G.I. mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners there suggested the infamous prison be razed, and Rumsfeld agreed it might be a good idea.

The three-star general most locally responsible mumbled quietly that the notorious area of the apparent prisoner tortures and the bombshell photography is only a small area of the large complex that would be difficult to replace. (He didn't explain that available buildings in Iraq are limited in number because we've leveled so many of them in search mythical weapons of mass destruction, nuclear materials, al Qaeda, and evil people.)

But I listened to all six hours of the separate hearings and didn't hear any suggestion that the mud walls could have been used for a flower garden or a chocolate shop; what needs to be gotten rid of is the thinking that apparently caused a few National Guard enlisted men- and, alas, at least one woman- to strip prisoners, blindfold them, stack them like cordwood, and stand at least one of them on a box in a hood with so-called live electrical wires attached to body parts.

Everybody is shocked by the inhumanity (nobody more than I), but Rumsfeld was most heated in his repeated disclosure that secret files- and those damnable pictures- were released to the likes of Dan Rather. The im-

plication was if the photos hadn't escaped the miscreant GI's could have been dealt with quietly and Rumsfeld and Co. could go on pretending we're doing everything right in Iraq. But he couldn't disclose trial evidence.

(Senator Hillary Clinton recalled Rumsfeldians encouraged disclosure of an Islamic cleric arrested at Guantanamo as a spy- and later released for lack of evidence. And some Karl Rowe type around the White House gleefully- and treasonably- outed a CIA agent whose husband dared to tell the truth about mythical Niger atom powder. So the Bush Leaguers are pretty selective about their anger over leaks.)

Democratic grillers were predictably unfriendly in questioning and a few Republicans-particularly in the House and notably the chairman from California- tossed softballs.

But I was most impressed with three surprising displays:

The schoolgirl-looking Congresswoman from Albuquerque who cited the official report indicating the MP's at Abu Ghraib were placed under control of Military Intelligence last Winter (an insightful recognition of potential pressures from interrogators for the MP's to "soften up" the prisoners for questioning);

Carolina GOP Senator Graham (who was such a barracuda against Bill Clinton over a relatively minuscule personal pecadillo), who suggested Rumsfeld might ought to resign sacramentally- and who hoped "it won't just be sergeants and privates" charged;

And a schoolboy-looking black Congressman from Florida who asked Rumsfeld to prayerfully resign and said it's 'way beyond Democrats and Republicans; it's a world crisis for this country.

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Obituaries

Martin Luther Mitchell, Jr.

Martin Luther Mitchell, Jr., 74, of Cisco died Tuesday, May 4, 2004. He was cremated and no services are planned. Arrangements were made by Kimbrough Funeral Home.

He was born December 16, 1929 in Santa Ana, California to Ruby (Hill) and Martin Luther Mitchell. He served in the US Air Force in Vietnam. He was a Graphic Engraver for a

newspaper. His wife, Frances Marie Mitchell, 64, died February 19, 2002, she was also cremated. She was born Sept. 27, 1938 in Ida, Louisiana to Thomas Virgil and Ida (Stanley). She worked for Mobil Oil. They were married on March 16, 1955 in Reno, Nevada and were both Baptists.

They are both survived by two daughters, Jackey



Martin Luther Mitchell, Jr. and Frances Marie Mitchell

Corgill and husband Allen Corgill of Cisco and Pam Mitchell of La Center, Washington; five grandchildren, Donnie Garcia of Terrell, Texas, Drew Garcia and Keisha Garcia both of Red Oak, Texas, Daniel Demaree and Nathan Demaree both of Terrell, Texas; one great-grandchild, Jordan Garcia of Red Oak, Texas.

Mr. Mitchell is also survived by a brother, Charles W. Mitchell of Wickenburg, Arizona; and a sister, Reba Pricer of North Carolina.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by sisters, Bernice Hall of Vivian, Louisiana, Ruth L. Fielder of Silsbee, Texas, Martha Land of San Antonio, TX, Linda Ayres of Oakville, Washington and Gail Comeaux of Las Vegas, Nevada; a brother, Robert Beckham of Ocean Park, Washington.

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The banana isn't a tree. It's actually an herb, the largest known of plants without a woody stem or solid trunk.

Butterflies "taste" with their hind feet.

The cash register was invented in 1879 by James J. Ritty. He owned a tavern in Dayton, Ohio, and came up with the cash register to stop customers from stealing his profits.

revenue. Work on the bill begins in the Senate this week with the special session clock ticking toward a May 19 adjournment.

Election '06 update... Still more than two years away, the 2006 general election in Texas is almost getting more buzz than the upcoming presidential election.

That will change as the party conventions get closer, but the ongoing

Gov. Rick Perry-Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn feud continues to feed speculation about the '06 race - particularly the Republican primary.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has added to the buzz by saying that she intends to run for state bean counter. Combs would not talk about what conversations she has had with Strayhorn, but she did say that she did not expect the incumbent to be seeking another term.

Strayhorn had nothing to say about why Combs thinks it will be an open primary. Being comptroller, Strayhorn said, "is my total focus right now."

She did add, however, "I always say that I never say never when the people of Texas ask me to serve."

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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Mothers were honored at the Sunday morning Service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Mother's Day, and corsages were presented to the oldest Mother present, Mrs. Johnnie B. Griffith; the youngest Mother, Mrs. Mike (Crystal) Snider and daughter Rachel; the Mother with the most children present with her, Mrs. James (Jill) Little; and the mother that came farther to the service, Mrs. Doug (Carole)

Little of Midland. The church flower chairman, Nancy Hendricks pinned the corsages on the ladies.

Visitors in the service were Doug and Carole Little of Midland and Leon and Glenda Black of Abilene. Woodrow and Helen Browning rendered the special music singing "Suppertime". A song that we could all relate to as we remember hearing our mothers call us in from play

or work at mealtime. Bro. Clarence Wilson brought a very timely message to honor all mothers. During the service "Happy Anniversary" was sung to Glenda and Leon Black who will be celebrating their wedding anniversary next week.

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

Woodrow and Helen Browning went to Graham on Thursday for a visit with Gary, Rebecca and Emily Browning and Donna, Gary, Lesley, Melanie and Garrett Gatlin and to see Garrett's T-Ball game. They remained for an overnight visit, and Garrett and Emily came home with them on Friday morning. They took Emily and Garrett home on Saturday and attended Melanie's dance recital.

James Webb and family of Glen Rose and Stacy Webb and family of Comanche met Oren and Norma Webb at Proctor Lake for a Mother's Day weekend get together. Many friends joined them for a fun time.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little were shopping in Weatherford on Thursday and enjoyed a meal before returning home, a Mother's Day gift to Verna Lee from James Little and family. Ray Neal and Melissa Little of Eastland and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little visited with Jimmy and Verna Little on Mother's Day. There was also a telephone visit with Emily Little of Lubbock. Jimmy and Verna Lee met Nelda, Cody and Jarad Falls of Arlington in Fort Worth for supper and an early Mother's Day celebration on Friday night.

Jimmy and Verna Little visited with the family of Joyleen Hicks of Ranger at the Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland on Sunday night. Mrs. Hicks was buried in the Flatwoods Cemetery following her funeral in Eastland on Monday. Mrs. Hicks was a cousin of Verna Lee. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

Joe and Glynda Bond visited

during the Mother's Day weekend in Copperas Cove with Shannon, Stephanie and Raegan Bond and attended church with them on Sunday.

Sunday visitors with Sylvia Buchanan were Tina Billingsley of West Columbia, her dad Charlie Sisson of Stephenville, Julieanna Young of Lake Jackson, and Nancy Hendricks.

Glenda and Leon Black of Abilene visited with her Mother, Zelda Jordan on Sunday and they enjoyed lunch at the Hiway 6 Cafe in De Leon. They enjoyed a telephone visit with Glenda's son, Joe Miles of Austin. Zelda also enjoyed a telephone visit with Cindy and Kayla Jordan of Lubbock.

Beverly and Bob Phariss of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Saturday.

Doug and Carole Little of Midland visited during the weekend with Betty Little. Karen Patterson of Eastland visited with them on Saturday.

Those visiting with Nancy Hendricks were Monie Fay Craddock of Stephenville, Julieanna Young of Lake Jackson, Charlie Sisson of Stephenville, Tina Billingsley of West Columbia, Charlie and Jonell Torrez, Charlie Torrez, Jr. Ike Torrez and Reid Torrez of Gorman, Darlene Hampton of Carbon, Johnnie B. Griffith, Sylvia Buchanan and Zelda Jordan.

Gene and Kay Snider and Bill and Helen Collum of Desdemona visited with Dale, Kathy, Scott and Matt Collum at Huckabay on Friday night. Mike, Crystal and Rachel Snider of Gorman visited with Gene and Kay Snider.

Those visiting with LaVon

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Snider recently were Carolyn Eaves of Brownwood, and Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville. Saturday, LaVon was invited to the home of Clay, Susan, McKinsey, Caitlin, and Kyann Wheat at Ranger for a back-yard cookout to help Kyann celebrate her 8th birthday.

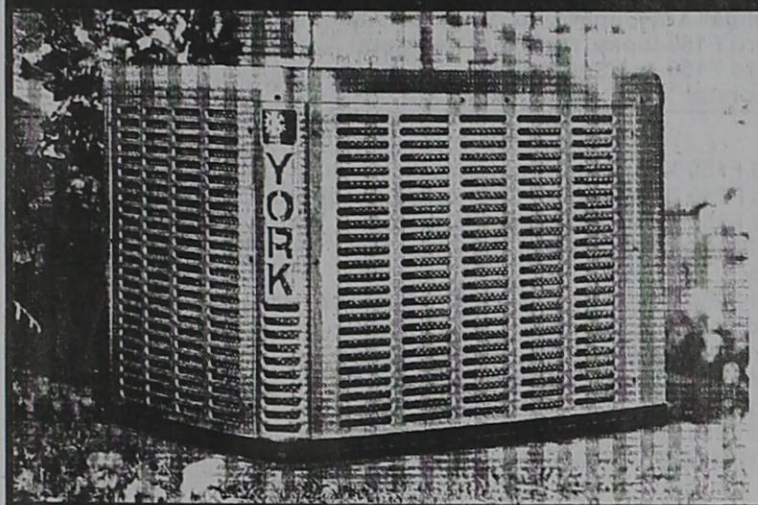
Family Reunion and 60th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Aline Garrett of Gorman and her sisters, Anita and George Thompson of Palo Alto, CA, and Adina Coke of McKinney and their sisters-in-law, Earline and Thomas Moore, Myrtle Kimmell and Jewel Kimmell all of De Leon and their families gathered at the Senior Citizen's Building in De Leon on Sunday, May 9, 2004 for a family reunion and to honor Anita and George Thompson on their 60th wedding anniversary and to celebrate Mother's Day.

Aline's daughter and family, Aletha and Durwood Burgess of Kokomo, Billy and Cheryl Burgess of Granbury, Angela, Jeff, Haley and Chelsea Buckley of Desdemona, Danny and Charla Burgess of Gorman and Ben Burgess of Gorman were among those attending. The entertainment was by the Kimmell nephews and a niece.

Aline, Adina and Anita and George are visiting in De Leon this week with the sisters-in-law, Earline and Thomas Moore, Myrtle Kimmell and Jewel Kimmell.

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Guest Slot

Texas Worker's Compensation System is Broken

By Jeffrey L. Brown, D.C.
How much are you willing to pay for something that doesn't work? Probably not much.

And yet Texas businesses each year are paying escalating insurance premiums for a worker's compensation system that doesn't work. It doesn't work for employers, injured workers or health providers.

Consider these facts:

- From 2000 to 2002, worker's compensation insurance premiums paid by Texas employers increased 39 percent while insurance company payments for treatment of injured workers declined 14.5 percent.

- The amount of benefits insurance companies paid out per covered worker in Texas was less than in 40 other states in 2001, even though insurance premiums in Texas are among the highest in the country.

- 44 percent of all workers compensation claims are denied or disputed by insurance companies. Whenever claims are disputed, the burden of proof falls on injured workers to prove their case, unlike any other type of insurance.

It is obvious that the system only works to the benefit of insurance companies that keep raising rates more and more while engaging in deny and delay tactics to pay out less and less for on the job injuries. There are little or no consequences for insurance companies that arbitrarily deny claims.

The good news is that five legislative committees are studying the worker's compensation insurance system and looking for ways

to fix it. But the bad news is that those committees and the state agency that regulates worker's comp insurance are using statistics cooked up by the insurance industry to place the blame for higher insurance rates on health care providers.

The insurance industry, and some business leaders who accept the insurance industry statistics, have proposed cutting insurance costs by further limiting the health care options of injured workers. They are telling the Legislature that the solution to the problem is dictating who can provide medical care to injured workers and limiting their treatment options.

In other states, attempts have been made to single out chiropractic treatment represented only 6.9 percent of total workers' compensation costs over the past five years. Chiropractic care clearly can't be blamed for the double digit increases in insurance rates.

The Legislature needs to put the burden of proof back on the insurance companies,

where it belongs, when they deny a claim. The state must start enforcing penalties against insurance companies deny and delay paying legitimate claims.

Before taking any action that further penalizes injured workers, our lawmakers need to get all the facts and get them from reputable, objective sources instead of relying on the data bought and paid for by insurance companies.

Only then can we debate what solutions are best for Texas workers and Texas businesses. Above all, we should reject knee-jerk reactions that call for rationing health care for our citizens or removing health care choices.

Dr. Brown is President of the Texas Chiropractic Association.

THE MECHANIC'S CORNER

If you're driving an older vehicle these days, you will need to look at your tune-up and routine maintenance schedule. Keep in mind that you need to record when your last minor and major tune-ups were done. If you don't generally perform a lot of maintenance, be sure to check all fluid levels, tire pressure (including rotation), and check the brake system. By keeping track of this, your vehicle will give you those extra miles you desire.

Meet The Author At Cross Plains May 18

The Friends of the Cross Plains Library invite you to Meet the Author Donald S. Frazier on Tuesday, May 18, 7 p.m., at the Community Center in Cross Plains. Don is Chair of the History Department at McMurry University and Executive Director of the Grady McWhiney Research Foundation. He co-authored, with Robert Pace, **Frontier, Texas**, written for the opening of the Frontier Texas Museum in Abilene, and was chosen as West Texas Author of the Month for April. As a historian, he has specialized in Texas and the War Between the States. His 1995 book, **Blood and Treasure: Confederate Empire in the Southwest** (Texas A&M Press) was a History Book Club selection for that year. **Cottonclads! The Battle of Galveston and the Defense of the Texas Coast** was published in 1996, and in 1998, **The U.S. and Mexico at War: Nineteenth Century Expansionism and Conflict**.

Don Frazier is a creative and entertaining speaker and teacher. He has even had his students participate in close order drill so they could

better understand the life and training of soldiers during the War Between the States! A member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, he has received many honors, including an award for the best book on Trans-Mississippi Civil War history, and he has been a staff writer for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* and a publications

Thursday, May 13, 2004 analyst for General Dynamics in Fort Worth.

Be sure to join us on Tuesday, May 18, 7 p.m., at the Community Center in Cross Plains. There is no charge for the program and everyone is welcome. Don will be happy to answer questions and visit with you after he speaks, and copies of his books will be available for purchase. If you need directions to the Community Center, please call the Cross Plains Public Library at 254-725-7722.

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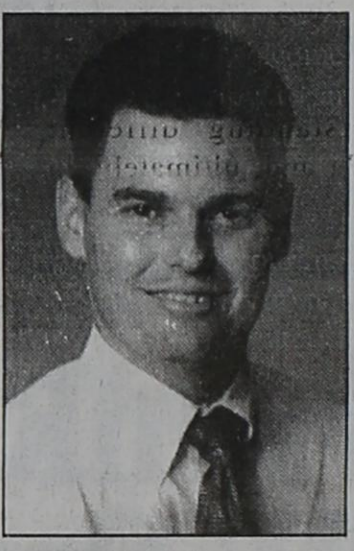
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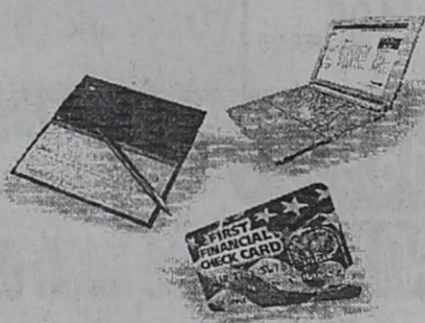
Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Historical Commission will meet in a regular called full commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at the Lela Latch Lloyd Museum, (Old Cisco City Hall Bldg.) West 7th St., Cisco, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

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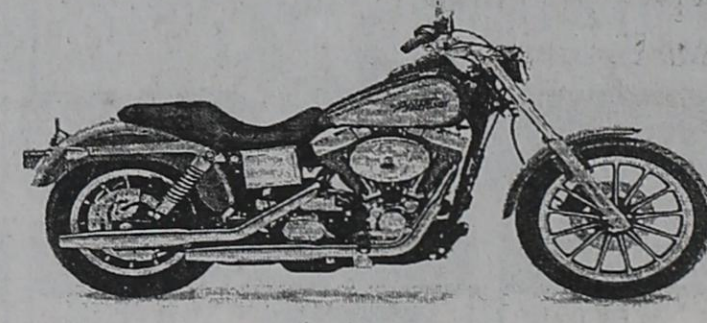
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Eastland Missionary Teaches Culture To Baird Students

by Walter Williams

"The country of South Africa is populated by four distinct groups. Each has its own unique culture," explained Sherry Purdom, the guest speaker for Mr. Walter Williams's History class on Thursday, May 6. Sherry recently returned from a trip to South Africa as part of mission project with the First Baptist Church in Eastland. "When you go to a place like Africa, you really learn to appreciate America and the good things we have in this country," she told the attentive 7th graders. Sherry's presentation taught students that culture is the glue that binds people together. The study of different cultures helps in understanding different people and, ultimately, in respecting people with different values and ways of life. Too many students live in a monolingual and monocultural environment, so they tend to make premature or inappropriate judgments. Sherry displayed several items she purchased on the trip and

also modeled a Sari, the feminine apparel of the Indian population of South Africa. Comprised of 18' of continuous, unstitched fabric, the Sari is a perfect fit for every figure. It is often described as "the apparel that covers all...yet reveals all". Originally brought to South Africa by the British to help harvest sugar cane, the Indian population has grown into a major cultural group in the country.

The students asked several questions about crime. "Crime is high and disease is rampant, especially AIDS, but the people are simply wonderful" responded Sherry. Having just finished a unit on civil rights, students wanted to know about Apartheid and Nelson Mandela's work in South Africa. Sherry noted that while there are still racial and gender inequalities in America, these differences are especially apparent in South Africa. Only in the last few years have beaches been opened to all races. Sherry added fact and detail to the

Dark Continent. Students learned that Africa is Simba, Tarzan, and Mighty Joe Young, but it is also a place of diversity and beauty, of challenges and opportunities.

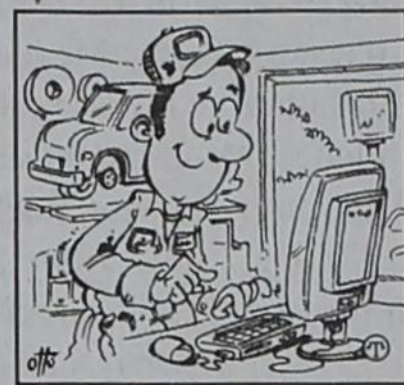
Carrie Walls, a teacher aid to the class noted, "What really intrigued me was when Sherry talked about the number of Christians that there are in Africa and how Christianity is growing there right now. It really made me want to go overseas and be a missionary." Mr. Williams uses Texas History as a doorway through which students learn about other people and cultures. "Baird is a small place geographically," maintained Mr. Williams, "but I want my students to see themselves as part of something as large as the world and as exciting as the universe. The Indians of Texas are an ocean away from the Indians of South Africa, but the lessons learned about both people help students become not only culturally literate, a requirement for TAKS, but also culturally sensitive, a requirement for life."

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1. Tier 1 Date collected from Callahan County Sheriff's Department stops/contacts January 1st, 2003 thru December 31st, 2003.

A. Total # of stops/contacts 123

W 108/88%, B 13/11%, I 0/0%, A 1/0.5%, O 1/0.5%

2. # of stops/contact by race with search

W 9/99%, B 1/1%, I 0/0%, A 0/0%, O 0/0%

B # of consensual searches 4

1. # of consensual searches by race

W 4/100%, B 0/0%, I 0/0%, A 0/0%, O 0/0%

C. # of searches with probable cause 2

1. # of searches with probable cause by race

W 7/98%, B 2/2%, I 0/0%, A 0/0%, O 0/0%

D. # of stops/contacts that ended with custodial arrest 10

1. # of stops/contacts that ended with custodial arrest by race

W 8/98%, B 2/2%, I 0/0%, A 0/0%, O 0/0%

2. Comparative Analysis

A. total number of licensed drivers in Callahan County 10,073

1. # of licensed drivers by race

W 9,851/98%, B 42/0.4%, I 128/1.2%, A 18/0.2%, O 34/0.3%

B. total number of stops/contacts 123

1. # of stops/contacts by race

W 108/88%, B 13/11%, I 0/0%, A 1/0.5%, O 1/0.5%

Difference Between % of Licensed Drivers by race and % of stops/contact by race

W 1%, B 30%, O 2%, I 0.7%, A 5%

From Inside

Chamber

ily heirlooms to flea market finds evaluated by experts who then provide market values and other relevant information during the course of an entertaining and educational presentation. Tickets are available by reservation only.

The 16-foot module railroad, complete with roundhouse and turntable, will be shown at the T & P Depot by Jack Gacke of Abilene.

Gacke, whose interest in the hobby has spanned more than 50 years, has displayed his craftsmanship and shared his railroading expertise across the country from Minnesota to Texas. He invites the public to participate with switching and operating. The display is scheduled from 9-5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday during the Antiques Market. There is no charge to view the railroad display.

Antiques Market/Trade Days is sponsored by Texas Chevy Dealers, Hanner Chevrolet, KTXS TV, KEAN Radio, the Baggage House and The Arches. The annual event is a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce. Reservations for the Tea Time Appraisal Fair, booth space and other information are available by calling Baird Chamber of Commerce at 854-2003.

Obituary

Harry Holt

ABILENE - Harry Holt, 89, a longtime farm and ranch journalist, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

The funeral service were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2004 in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary with Dr. Phil Christopher, Paige Baize, Congressman Charlie Stenholm, and Downing Bolls officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Eastland County (on CR 190), directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory, in Abilene.

Harry Holt was born to the late Ethel (Howell) and Malon Henry Holt on June 3, 1914, in Sweetwater, Texas. In 1937, he moved to Abilene from Sweetwater, where he worked for the Sweetwater Reporter News. He spent 50 years with KRBC-TV in Abilene as farm and ranch editor, and was a radio farm and ranch newscaster for 50 years.

During his long career, Harry Holt was twice named Honorary Agriculture Commissioner of Texas, and was the Texas Agriculture "Man of the Year" in 1971. In 2003, he was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award given by West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Abilene, and the Masonic Lodge in

Hylton, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Clark Sturdivant Holt of Abilene and Carbon, TX; two daughters, Mary Jo Holt Smith and husband, Jerrell Smith, of Carbon, TX, and Betty Ann Holt of Dallas; two sisters, Billye Meadows and Katherine Dyess both of Abilene; two grandchildren, Matt Smith and wife, Rachel, of Abilene, and Leigh Ann Smith of Fort Worth; three great-grandchildren, Morgan, Chandler, and Eliesabeth Smith; and a brother-in-law, Max Sturdivant and wife, Oneta, of Waco, TX.

Active pallbearers will be Gary Bomer, Louis Brooks, Randy Carson, Charles Malon Meadows, J. T. Smith, Matt Smith, Jim Snyder, and Jim Sturdivant. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. David Blackwood, Dr. George Dawson, Woody Gilliland, Paul Graham, Danny Isbell, Elmer Kelton, Clyde Kennedy, James Snyder, Dr. Floyd Taylor, and Joe Wilson.

Memorials may be made to The Harry & Mary Clark Holt Scholarship Fund, c/o Texas Cooperative Extension, 1982 Lytle Way, Abilene, TX 79602; West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79604; or Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, TX 79604.

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved.

—Helen Keller

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From Inside Fraser

the system is maxed out, and teachers and administrators are calling for a cash infusion.

With these challenges in mind, elected officials, including the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker, business leaders, policy think tanks, and others have begun to discuss a multitude of options.

Some members of the Legislature say lost property tax revenues could be replaced with a higher cigarette taxes, legalization of video gambling at existing horse and dog racetracks, and closing some of the business franchise tax loopholes that are currently exploited by some of the state's largest companies.

While I have never been a supporter of the franchise tax, I believe if we're going to have one, it ought to be fair. I would consider closing the loopholes so that every business pays its fair share, but I would insist that the current tax rate be lowered at the same time.

Any changes to the gambling laws would require a two-thirds vote in both the House and the Senate to place the issue on the ballot for a constitutional amendment that requires voter approval. A significant number of us in the Legislature have reservations about educating our children with a gambling tax.

In the meantime, I continue to support an immediate school property tax cut of up to 75 cents per \$10 assessed valuation. The lost revenue from property taxes would be replaced with a much broader consumption tax. To me, that is the fairest approach because a sales tax is paid by individual consumers and businesses alike.

Baird First Baptist Church Events

ATTENTION: Sign up now! BCBA-Lueders Camp Registration (call office)

Fee are Due by May 15, 2004.

Announcements: Services - Morning Worship 11 am, Evening Worship 6 pm (Nursery Provided)

Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 pm - Welcome to prayer meeting

See You in Choir Practice tonight following prayer meeting

Sunday, May 16 following morning worship we will elect the pastor search committee.

Sunday May 16 Ladies Bible Study will meet at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Sunday May 16 at 5:00 pm Prayer time in the sanc-

tuary. This is a time for all the community to pray together. If you have a prayer concern and cannot attend please call the office 854-1574.

Sunday May 16 at 6:00 pm the regular monthly business will be held.

Youth Bake Sale - The bake sale went over very well. Thanks to all who participated and made it possible. Our youth are looking forward to camp.

Senior Recognition Day will be on Sunday, May 23.

Each one of you are invited to join us at the First Baptist Church, 240 Race Street Baird, Texas

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574

May 27 Is Brush Appreciation Day

Callahan County Extension and the Natural Resources Conservation Service has scheduled a "Brush Appreciation Day" May 27th at the Baird Activity Center.

A minimum of four Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available to participants.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, said "The name of the series is appropriate, but misleading."

"Some folks shudder at the thought of 'appreciating brush,'" said Rollins. "But the paradox of 'brush' and 'appreciation' in the same sentence is intentional. The word 'appreciate' not only means 'to value or admire highly,' it also means 'to judge with heightened perception' and 'be cautiously or sensitively aware of.'"

"Landowners today are more concerned about managing their landscapes for multiple uses, not just for livestock. I'm amazed at how quickly the phrase 'Brush Sculpting' and its practice has caught on. Since it was first coined in 1997, this practice of intentionally leaving some wildlife cover in an aesthetically-pleasing pattern has been used on literally thousands of Texas

acres. "Whether you look at brush from under the brim of a cowboy hat (livestock prospective) or a camouflaged cap (hunter's perspective), you'll find good, useful information to help you achieve your brush management goals at these workshops."

Judo Fambrough, senior lecturer with the Real Estate Center at Texas A & M University, will be the keynote speaker at each workshop. His message will be to understand the impacts brush has on land value, both positive and negative.

Morning topics will include: "Plant Biology Relative to Management," "What Species Are Out There," "How Much Brush is Enough/Too Much?" and livestock, quail and deer considerations.

The afternoon programs will be field studies, weather permitting. They will include talks on plant identification, brush management site inspections and discussions and demonstrations of various brush control methods and equipment.

Adjournment is set for 5 p.m.

Individual pre-registration is \$10 by May 17th; \$20 thereafter and at the door.

For more information or to pre-register contact the Callahan County Extension office at 325-854-1518.

submitted by Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent-Ag

Cisco Junior College

Summer I Registration

First Class Day: May 25, 2004

Registration at Cisco Campus: May 24- 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Cisco Campus Course List

DEPT	NBR	SC	DAYS	STARTS	ENDS	INST	COURSE TITLE
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ENGL	1301	01	T R	6:15PM	10:15PM	MOODY, W	ENG COMP & RHETORIC
ENGL	2322	01	M W	6:15PM	10:15PM	MOODY, W	READING IN ENG LIT
GOVERNMENT							
GOVT	2305	01	T R	6:15PM	10:15PM	TRUSSELL, D	AMERICAN GOVT
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HIST	1301	01	M W	6:15PM	10:15PM	TRUSSELL, D	HIST OF US TO RECON
MATHEMATICS							
MATH	0303	01	T R	6:15PM	10:15PM	FIELDS, J	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA
MATH	1314	01	M W	6:15PM	10:15PM	BRAY, C	COLLEGE ALGEBRA
MATH	2415	01	R S	6:15PM	10:15PM	BRAY, C	CALCULUS III ANAL GEOMETRY
COSMETOLOGY (12 Weeks)							
CSME	1447	01	M W	TBA		WILLINGHAM, E	SKIN CARE/FACIAL
CSME	2237	01	M W	TBA		WILLINGHAM, E	ADV. COSM TECHN
CSME	2541	01	T R	TBA		WILLINGHAM, E	PREP FOR TCC EXAM
ENGLISH (12 Weeks)							
ENGL	1302		TBA	ONLINE		SORRELL, J	ENG COMP & RHETOR
ENGL	2323		TBA	ONLINE		CALLARMAN, J	READING IN ENGLISH LIT

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