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Graduation Exercises Set Thursday and Friday

Eighth Grade Graduation

Thursday, May 25th

7:30 P.M.

Processional
John Howard

Invocation
Andrea Files

Salutatory
Casondra Cooper

Valedictory
Lacy Howard

Class History
Marcie Davis

Awards
Linda Glover

Presentation of Certificates
Crystal Snider

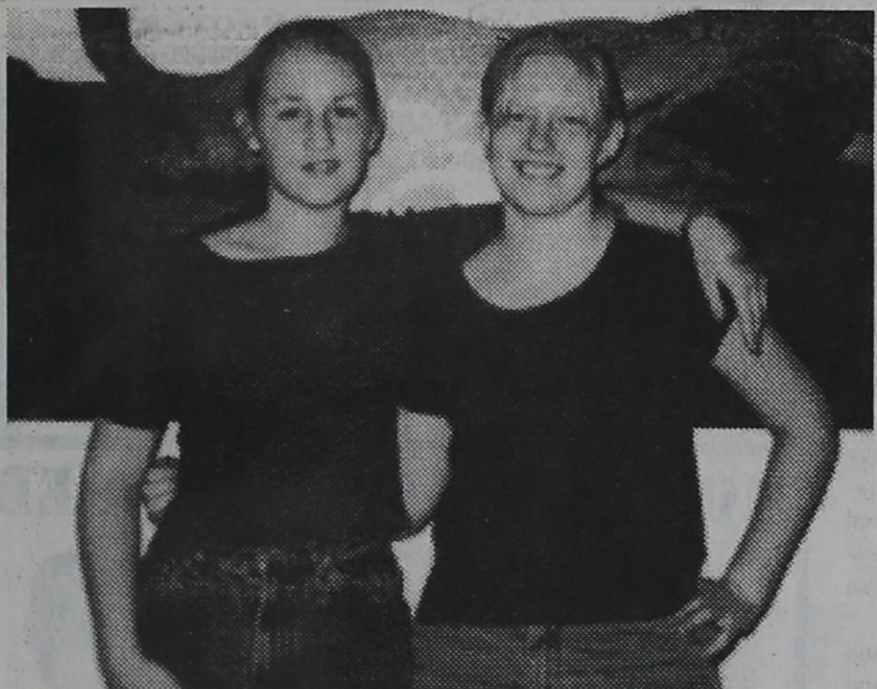
Benediction
Crystal Williams

Recessional
John Howard

Eighth Grade Class Roll

Holly Ranec Abbe	Thomas Allen Hurd	Brittane Rachael Roman
David Barron, Jr.	Antemio Landa	Lydia Ann Royster
Jose Refugio Caldera, Jr.	Melinda Sue Leal	Christopher Tate Smith
Casondra Hope Cooper	Nicole Dawn Longoria	Emily Ruth Thornton
Claudia Marceil Davis	Douglas Wayne McCullough	Blake Thorton Van Dusen
David Eric Earles	Victor Martinez Mendoza	Cystal Ann Williams
Andrea Michelle Files	Angela Kalyon Porter	Sawyer Ray Wright
James Britt Hagood	Patricia Rodriguez	Chad Barron Young
Lacy Nicole Howard	Roberto Tomas Rodriguez	

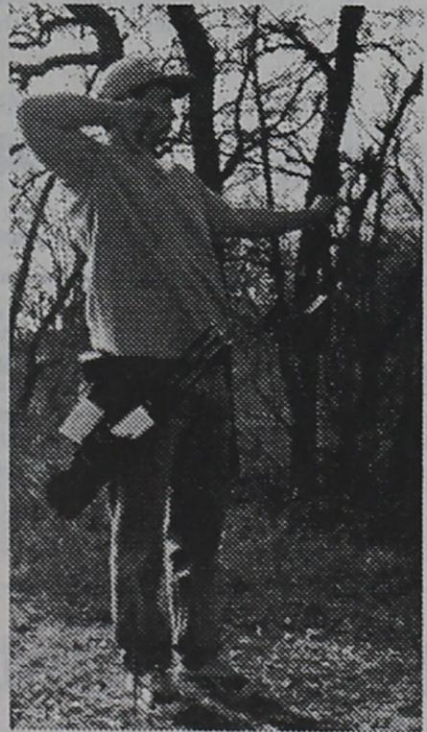
Valedictory and Salutatory



Valedictory - Lacy Howard / Salutatory - Casondra Cooper

Lance Sharp - Local Archer Receives Southern Triple Crown All Around Winner On May 7th

Lance Sharp received the Southern Triple Crown All-Round Winner on May 7th. To compete for the Overall Champion in the Tournament, it requires participation in all 3 tournaments, which is sanctioned by the International Bowhunters Association. These shoots were held in Abilene, Brownwood and Fort Worth. Lance participated in all three shoots in the Open Division. There are no restrictions to accessories on the bow, and the archers sights and scopes can be adjusted to dial in the exact yardage for each target. If you misjudge yardage it will reflect in your scoring. At each tournament there are 30 3-D animal life-like targets with scoring rings designated by X - 10 - 8 - 5 - or 0 for a miss. The center X ring counts as 10 points and is also used to break ties. Your 3 scores from all three shoots is then totalled giving you an average and final score. Lance's overall score was 286 making him the Overall S.T.C. Winner. Lance will be competing again on June 10th for an Eastland Jackpot.



Valedictory



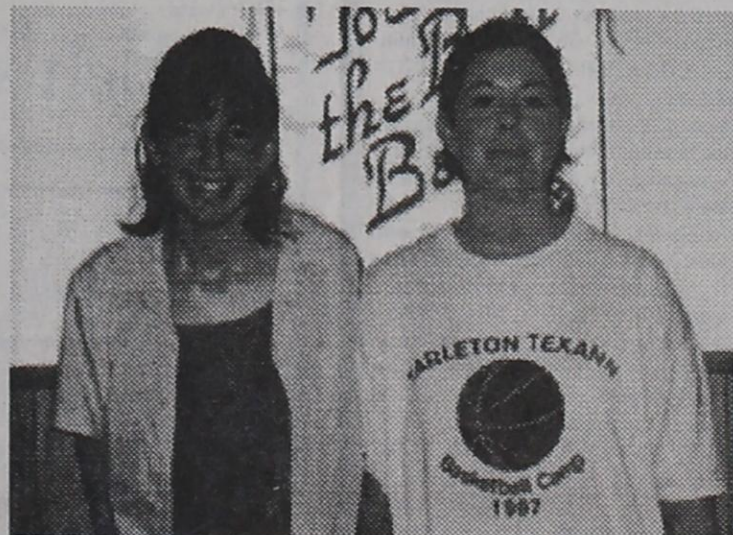
Madelyn Wilkins
Madelyn Wilkins is the daughter of the late Gary Wilkins and Sheila and Nathan Jones. She was born on June 6, 1982 in Crawley, La. She entered Gorman Schools in 1996. Madelyn's future plans are to attend Trinity University and major in Drama. Then she will teach Theatre Production in High School. Some of Madelyn's accomplishments were National Honor Society; UIL Regional Qualifier - 2 years; One Act Play - Best Actress at Zone and Area; Volleyball; Powerlifting - Regional Qualifier; Band - Twirler. Her hobby is Acting. Madelyn's favorite food is Mediterranean and her favorite music is Blues.

Sandra Osborne and Amy Wood Honored

On May 8th, the Gorman 4-H Club honored Sandra Osborne and Amy Wood with Appreciation Plaques recognizing their outstanding work with the 4-H Club. Sandra and her late husband Philip started the Gorman 4-H Club nearly 30 years ago. All five of their children, John, Phil, Kathi, Sue Ann and Pamela have been 4-H members. Although amy has been a Leader for only a few years, she has done an excellent job. Amy became acquainted with the 4-H Club when her son Leslie became a member. Officers for Gorman 4-H Club were elected for the 2000-2001 year. They are President - Natasha Ritter; Secretary and Council Delegate - Kristina Everton; Treasurer and Alternate Delegate - Carrie Shipp. We congratulate these girls on their elections.



Sandra Osborne (left) and Amy Wood (right)



Natash Ritter (left) and Kristina Everton (right)

Salutatory



Bobbie Jo Grissom
Bobby Jo Grissom is the daughter of the Bobby and Donna Grissom. She was born on December 14, 1981 in Fort Worth, Texas. She first attended Carbon Schools then transferred to Gorman Schools in the Third Grade. Bobbie's future plans are to attend Howard Payne University and major in Para-legal and minor in pre-law. Eventually, I may work toward becoming a lawyer. Some of Bobbie's accomplishments were UIL - Competed since Elementary and went to Regionals in Headline Writing her Junior and Senior years; Band - Participated 1992 thru 2000 - she played a Flute and was in Color Guard. She was Color Guard Captain her senior year; FHA member from 1996 thru 1999; Gifted and Talented - active member since Elementary; Freshman Class Vice President; Senior Class Treasurer; One Act Play - Participated from 1997 to 2000, received 2 Honorable Mentions as a Junior and one as a Senior and All Star Cast as a Senior; Staff member of Yearbook since 1996 and Editor my Junior and Senior year; Recipient of the Top Junior Award from Hardin Simmons University; Recipient of the Celebration of Educational Excellence Award from the State Board of Education, awarded at Tarleton State University, both junior and senior years; National Honor Society since 1997, President my senior year; Member of Spanish and Physics Clubs; AP student. Her hobby includes swimming, dancing, shopping, being happy and spending time with friends and family. Bobbie's favorite foods are anything found on the menu at ZJ's, Chili's, Pulidos, Pizza Hut or Burger King and her favorite music is Country, more Country, Alternative, and Whatever's on 97.1 EAGLE.

GHS Commencement

Friday, May 26th

7:30 P.M.

Processional
"Friends Forever"

Invocation
Bill Campbell - Minister, First Baptist Church

Salutatory
Bobbie Jo Grissom

Parent Recognition
Senior Class

Valedictory
Madelyn Wilkins

Presentation of Scholarships
Linda Glover

Presentation of Diplomas
Doug Bowden, Principal
Gene Shackelford, Superintendent
Windell Treadway, President of the Board

Benediction
Paul Denton, Minister, Church of Christ

Recessional
"Higher"

Dathan Wright Named To All-Star Team



Dathan Wright of Gorman High School has been selected to play on the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association All-Star Team. The game will be played at the Ballpark in Arlington on June 17th at 3:00 p.m. There were over 2,800 Class A players in the state and only one is selected for this honor.

Dathan has had two good years at Gorman and has lead the state in batting average both years, hitting .789 this year. He has a four year batting average of .580. Along with an outstanding bat, Dathan was 37/39 in base stealing this season, had eight homeruns, four triples and eight doubles on the year. Along with his offensive numbers Dathan has a 1.97 ERA when pitching for the Panthers. Dathan also had seventeen intentional walks this year. Dathan has been a district MVP and First Team All-State selection the past two years.

Dathan has also been selected to play in the Big Country All-Star Classic Football game in Abilene this summer and the All-Star Baseball game in Ranger, Texas.

Dathan is the son of Ronny and Dee Dee Wright, grandson of Cap and Carole Nowlin of De Leon and Jerry and Nita Wright of Comanche.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT WILL BE JUNE 21ST FROM 9 - 12 NOON.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Kenneth Good, Worshipful Master — Pat Moseley, Secretary.

NOTICE!!!

Effective June 1st -
Trash Charges will increase
from \$11.38 plus tax to \$12.00 plus tax.

Services Held For John Dawkins

John H. "Donkey" Dawkins, 89, of DeLeon passed away on Saturday, May 20, 2000 at the DeLeon Hospital. Services were Monday, May 22, 2000 at the Nowlin Funeral Home Chapel with Kenneth Wilson officiating. Burial was in the DeLeon Cemetery.

Mr. Dawkins was born on November 10, 1910 in Phoenix City, Alabama to the late John Harkness and Bertie Mae Parker Dawkins. He married Bessie Martha Nowlin at Rock Bluff on October 4, 1931. He was a farmer, member of the Morton Chapel Methodist Church and had resided in the DeLeon area most of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Dawkins of DeLeon; brothers, Houston Dawkins of DeLeon and S.T. Dawkins of Goodwater, Alabama; sisters, Lorraine Head of Roby, Jenne Ross of Miles, Verna Wright of Rotan, Louise Kelly of Sweetwater and Joyce Shirley of Quanah.

Also preceded by brother, Walter Dawkins and sisters Willa Dell Morgan and Edna Childress.

Thank You

Thank you for all the many kindnesses shown me and my family during my recent hospital stay. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for all your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, inquiries and phone calls. Also, a special thanks to Dr. Long and staff at the DeLeon Hospital. May God bless you all.

Tommy Clark

Thank You

We would like to thank all the parents who help with the beach party at Coach Wright's. You got all the seniors together one last time to have fun, and we had a blast. You made the kid in all of us come out again.

We love ya'll.

Thanks for your support.

Sr. Class of 2000

Look Who's New

Mr. and Mrs. Andres and Claudia Cruz are proud to announce the birth of their son, Andres Carlos Cruz. He was born on May 2, 2000 in Eastland Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Carlos and Delia Ibarra of Gorman. The paternal grandparents are Gonzalo and Octaviana Cruz of Wisconsin. The great-grandpa and great-grandma are Rafael and Margarita DeLaTorre.

Kirk Reunion June 4

The 14th Annual Kirk Reunion will be on June 4, 2000 at the Senior Citizens Center in Gorman.

Family and friends are invited to bring your favorite dishes and desserts. Please come early and visit.

For more information, contact Linda Wooldridge at 254/629-1113 or Brenda Newton at 972/986-8431.

Local Servers Win Recognition in National Contest

Sara Overstreet of ZJ's Steakhouse has been honored by Certified Angus Beef (CAB), LLC as a weekly winner in CAB's national servers contest. Knowing life can't have too much flavor, Overstreet helped ZJ's customers enjoy some of the finest, fresh beef available. The Certified Angus Beef™ (CAB) brand is renowned with servers, chefs and customers as tender, juicy and flavorful entrees. ZJ's Steakhouse, located in Gorman, is a licensed partner of the CAB brand.

As the first place winner, Overstreet has won \$100 and will be entered into a regional drawing. A national winner will be selected from regional finalists by the brand. Second and third place winners at ZJ's were Bridget Gillen and Jennifer Weaver, respectively. Their prizes were \$75 and \$50. Patricia Rodriguez won a set of CAB steak knives for best team spirit.

Wright Reunion

The Wright Reunion was held at Kokomo Community Center on May 13, 2000. Nine grandchildren of Wilson Sylvester Wright and Perna Darnell Wright were in attendance, as all the children are deceased. The children were Dimmitt, George, Ed, Stallard, Walter, Viola, Bertie, Nesa, Homer and Earnest.

Shirley (Reed) Warren, granddaughter of James Edward Wright and Lillie (Hall) Wright gave out genealogy books to one family member to pass on to all. She did a wonderful job and lots of hard work, but we all appreciate them so much. Thanks to Shirley and Billie Stewart, they did lots of searching on the internet.

We had lots of food at lunch time and all ate well. Lots of pictures were taken to add to the book. All talked till took a day to get rested.

Those in attendance were: Eva Grice of Hollis, Ok., Linda and Mabel Davis of Amarillo, Vivian Osborn of Eastland, Billie Stewart of Gorman, Shirley Warren of Dublin, Kellye and Stephanie Johnson of Hewitt, Alpha Mae Andry of Gorman, Beth Walker of Austin, Randy and Sandy Wright of Stephenville, Harland and Zulean Moore of Austin, Gene and Virginia Wright of Eastland, Sherry Massey of Watanga, Sarah Wright of Mineral Wells, Gabe Wright of Stephenville, Gearldene Wright of Gorman, Billy and Pauline Simpson of Lubbock, Marcelle Butler and friend, Harold of Abilene, Cecil and Rena Robertson of Lake Brownwood, Vernon and Phyllis Wright of Eastland, Dalton and Monie Craddock of Stephenville.

There were 30 in attendance and we hope to double that at the same time next year, if Lord willing.

s/ Monie Faye (Wright) Craddock

Sheri L. Snider Texas Tech Law School Graduate

The Texas Tech University School of Law held its May Hooding Ceremony on Saturday, May 13, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. in the Lubbock Municipal Auditorium. Texas Supreme Court Justice Greg Abbott delivered the main address to the 172 members of the class. Sheri La Von Snider of Stephenville was one of the graduates.

Sheri daughter of Dwayne and Connie Snider of Stephenville, and the granddaughter of Hazel Snider of Gorman and Norman Park of DeLeon.

Keeping Up With Friends

Becky, Christopher and Matthew Smith attended graduation at Memphis, Texas on Friday, May 19 to see John Reagan V, graduate. John is the son of Donna (Tate) Reagan and the brother of Sonya Reagan who graduated last year.

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KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN - PHONE 254-639-2289

I didn't get the news in last week because I was out of town. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day. I did. My daughter, Glenda Priest of Abilene, and I went to Lubbock for the Mother's Day weekend with my daughter-in-law and grandchildren, Cindy, Kyle and Kayla Jordan. Others enjoying Mother's Day in Cindy's home were her parents, Carl and Wanda Thompson of Littlefield, and her sister, Bonnie Shannon and Jamie Morris and Jamie's friend, Mary of Lubbock.

Remained in Lubbock for the week for a visit with Cindy and Kyle and Kayla and to attend Kyle's band concert and the Junior High plat at the Ed Irons Junior High School, and Kayla's 4th grad recognition program at the Preston Smith Elementary School. The play was "The Sound of Music" and Kyle was a member of the orchestra for the play. He plays the trumpet. It was very good. Kayla's class sang several songs and then was presented their achievement awards. Kayla received an achievement award in Social Studies. Kyle received a perfect attendance award, academic achievement award for honor roll and Citizenship Achievement award at Irons Jr. High School.

Others visiting with me in Lubbock were my sisters, Laverne Winn of Muleshoe and Barbara and Bo Bell of Denver City, my brother, Arvel Lewallen of Lubbock and sister-in-law, Wanda Russell of Floydada. I enjoyed a telephone visit with an aunt, Berniece Webb of Levelland.

On Saturday before going to Lubbock, Wade, Sheri, and Ryan and Kody Daniell treated Glenda and me to a breakfast at IHOP. On Saturday this past week, Wade, Sheri and the boys met Cindy, Kyle and Kayla and me in Snyder and brought me back to Abilene so I could return home. I had a wonderful week. My thanks to all who made it such a happy time for me.

The mothers were honored at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Mother's Day. Corsages were given to Jill Little, Sylvia Buchanan of Brazoria, Hope Joiner, Naoma Morrow and Aline Garrett of Gorman.

The special music was rendered by Woodrow and Helen Browning with Daryl Hirst at the piano. Visitors were Sylvia Buchanan of Brazoria, Karen Patterson of Eastland, Joyce Bramlett and Lucy Joiner of Stephenville, Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Scotty, Caye and Zane Mauney of Santo.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor in Gorman for the church service on Mother's Day were Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Nancy Hendricks and guest Ruth Bryant. Woodrow and Helen Browning rendered the special music.

The special music at the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church on May 21 was rendered by Daryl Hirst. The Sunday night services were dismissed for the Gorman High School Baccalaureate.

Joe and Glynda Bond, Shannon and Stephanie Bond of Copperas Cove and Brian Bond of Coppell spent the Mother's Day weekend in Bullard with Joe's sisters, Mell Bond and Elolise Shock.

Gloria Hart of Fort Worth visited recently with a sister-in-law, Johnnie B. Griffith.

Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little of Eastland and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little of Lake Leon had lunch with their parents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little on Mother's Day.

Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little and Jimmy and Verna Lee Little attended the recital of Mrs. Wester's stu-

dents at the First United Methodist Church in Cisco on Sunday afternoon, May 21. Emily is a student of Mrs. Wester and played the piano and flute and sang a solo.

Don O'Neal of Houston and Sylvia Buchanan of Brazoria visited with Nancy Hendricks during the Mother's Day weekend. They also visited in Abilene with Mrs. Mary (Lydia) Adams who has been quite ill, but is improving. Others visiting with Nancy were John and Troy Scitern, Doris Bradshaw of Gorman, Monie Fay Craddock of Stephenville, Ruth Bryant, Hope Joiner and Zelda Jordan.

Visitors with Clifford Nelson the past week or so were Jimmy and Maggie Nelson, Teresa, Quinton and Samantha Findley and a friend, Kevin all of Fort Worth, Cassie and David Brasher, Travis Gladys Nelson of Fort Worth, Bobby and Imogene Burns of Fort Worth, Cecil Self, Buddy Lovell of Brownwood, Bill Brown of Carbon, Raymond Lane of Carbon.

Mother's Day visitors with Mrs. Hope Joiner were Howard and Barbara Joiner of Arlington, Joyce and Ernie Bramlett and Lucille Joiner of Stephenville, Billie Jeanne Grisham, Kathy Skaggs and Craig and Shana Mahan all of DeLeon and Wayne Grisham of Dallas.

David Luttrell of Saginaw visited with Delmon and Joyce Eaves.

The rain on Friday was wonderful. The reports around the community were from a little over two inches to three inches. About a tenth of an inch

CJC Wrangler Belles Auditions

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Saturday, June 10, at 1:00 p.m. in the Cisco Junior College gymnasium. Students that are accepted into the group are recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$850 to \$1,250 per year.

The Wrangler Bells actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country. This organization also provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise, and self esteem. Anyone that would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College (254-442-2567 ext. 140) to confirm an appointment for the audition. Those who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition later in the summer.

The Wrangler Band and Belles have recently accepted an invitation to perform in the ABC/Bosco's Thanksgiving Day Parade in November of 2000. This will mark the first appearance for them in Philadelphia. The students and staff are very excited about visiting this historical city and performing in one of the nation's premier parade events. Anyone interested in traveling to Philadelphia with the Band and Bells may contact the college at 254-442-2567.

The first dog to ever receive star billing in a movie was a German Shepherd that went by the stage name of Strongheart. The movie, made in 1921, was 'The Silent Call.'

fell on Sunday morning. May we be sure to thank the good Lord for it.

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FMC's Steve Austin (l) congratulates Editor's Choice award winners (l-r) Josh Forehand, Christian Clark and Bill Kendrick.

Three Tarleton State University students were singled out for special recognition in the 2000 edition of "Anthology", the student literary magazine. Christian Clark of Gorman, Bill Kendrick of Brownwood and Joshua

Forehand of Stephenville received the "Editor's Choice Awards" presented to individuals who contributed outstanding works to the publication. Each recipient was presented a \$100 check

from Steve Austin of Stephenville's FMC.

Clark was selected as "Outstanding Artist" for his works which included photographs and water colors.

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(Eph. 4:15)

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In previous articles we have seen that Jesus has ALL authority over His church of what He did: (1) JESUS FOUNDED THE CHURCH and He (2) JESUS BUILT THE CHURCH. As we continue with this study, we will notice that He still has ALL authority over His church because (3) JESUS PURCHASED THE CHURCH. Jesus was the only One who was authorized to purchase it. (Acts 20:28) Therefore take heed to yourselves, and to all the flock, among which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of the Lord, which he purchased with His own blood. (Eph. 5:25) Husbands, love your wives, just as also Christ loved the church, and gave Himself for her: What other religious leader has ever purposely shed his blood and died for the purpose of purchasing a church? This fact makes the death of Jesus unique in its relationship to His church. He died for her. He gave himself for her. Paul writes to the Christians in Corinth when he says, "For you were bought at a price..." (1 Cor. 6:20). The church building was not bought with the blood of Christ, but rather the people. Those who have obeyed the gospel (Acts 2:37-47). Those who are then considered Christians (Acts 11:26) in the sight of God. The church (which really means the people) was purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ. "Knowing that you were not redeemed [brought back] with corruptible things, like silver and gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, (1 pet. 1:18-19). If you shed your blood and gave up your life, as Jesus did for His church, wouldn't you have earned the right to call that church your own? The answer is, "Yes!" Jesus earned that right. Jesus' church is His church because He bought her with His precious blood. Is the church where you attend that church Jesus calls His own? You might say, "Well the church has nothing to do with my salvation. Jesus saved me, not the church." But the Bible does say the church plays a part in our salvation because when people wash their sins away with the blood of Christ by being buried in a watery grave (baptism), after believing, repenting and confessing, they are added together (Acts 2:41) and that group is collectively called the church (Acts 2:47). The New Testament church. Christ's church (Rom. 16:16). His

Gorman Exes 5th Annual Golf Tournament

The Gorman Exes 5th Annual Golf Tournament will be held at the Par Country Club on June 3. Sign in is from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Tee off is at 9:00 a.m. Any questions call: Andy--254/445-3108, Larry--254/734-3374, Jack--254/734-2675, Chuck--254/734-2668, or Bimbo--254/734-2193.

PUC Tips

Customers should check bills for slamming evidence

Have you been slammed? Slamming is the unauthorized switching of your local or long distance telephone service. And it's illegal in Texas.

Your best defense against slamming is to read your telephone bill carefully each month. If you find unfamiliar charges or if you are being billed by a company other than your chosen local or long distance provider, call your local phone company immediately.

Some unsuspecting customers are slammed when they register to win a prize in a contest. They think they are simply filling out a form in hopes of being a lucky winner. What they don't know is that the fine print on the registration form they signed authorizes switching their phone service to another carrier.

Some are slammed in a "negative option" scam. The customer receives information by mail about a local or long distance phone company. Included is a form customers must fill out if they do not want the service. By not filling out and returning the form, they are authorizing the switching of their service.

Some are slammed when telemarketers take advantage of children or housekeepers who may answer your phone. Although they are not authorized to make such decisions for you, they accept offers by telemarketers promising lower rates and better service.

Unfortunately, some customers are even slammed without any customer contact at all.

What can you do to prevent being

slammed?

Pay close attention to telemarketing calls. Verify the caller's identity.

Don't make an immediate decision on offers to change your service. Ask for information in writing. Read the small print.

Remember, if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Ask your local phone company for a phone "freeze form." It protects you from having your phone service switched without your permission.

If you have been slammed, contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to file a complaint. Call your local phone company and tell them you did not request a change in your local or long distance service. Ask the company to reconnect you to your previous carrier and have unauthorized charges removed from your bill. If your long distance was switched, call your preferred long distance carrier and ask to be reconnected.

State law requires the company that slammed you to pay the cost of switching you back to your original provider and to provide billing records to that provider. They must also refund any payments you made that would not have been charged if you had not been slammed.

For more information about slamming or if you have other questions relating to your telephone or electric service, call the PUC toll free at 1-888-PUC-TIPS (1-888-782-8477). You may also write the PUC Office of Customer Protection at P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3266, email at customer@puc.state.tx.us or visit our Web site at www.puc.state.tx.us.

Source: Public Utility Commission

CARBON NEWS

By MICHELLE THACKERSON

Carbon Community Baptist Church will be having Vacation Bible School June 5th-9th from 6:00 to 8:30pm. We invite all children ages 4 through completed grade 6th to join us on The Fantastic Good News Odyssey. Everyday will include an exciting Worship Rally in the Worship Rally Submarine. The kids will scuba dive through adventure filled Bible stories, create ocean crafts, experience extraordinary Ocean Odyssey Music, taste delicious snacks, and dive into creative recreation. We are happy to offer this "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity to every child in our community. Our focus will be "Diving into the Depths of God's Faithfulness." We will be running our church van in our community. For more information

call Michelle at 639-2244 or Martha at 639-2361.

Chance Bryant had a Winnie the Pooh Birthday Party, Sunday, May 21st, for his ninth Birthday. Chance's grandparent were there along with his cousins, aunt and uncle. The kids had a lot of fun swimming, playing, and eating cake. Happy Birthday, Chance.

Happy Birthday Cathy Sandlin May 26th.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Psalms 34:4

Pray for rain.

Have a good week and God Bless.

Don Eddy

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Don Eddy Basketball Camps will be conducting a camp for both boys and girls, July 23-28, 2000, Sunday through Friday at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Don Eddy Basketball Camps are nationally recognized for expertise in the instruction of shooting and one on one offensive skills. Students from age nine to eighteen are eligible to attend.

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Food Pantry Second Thursday of each month.

church, the church He purchased with His own blood. Call or write us if we can help you in any way as you seek to know the truth (John 8:32).

Sunday Services

Bible class 10:00 a.m.

A.M. Worship 10:45 a.m.

P.M. Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

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Stroke Awareness Month

May is Stroke Awareness Month. Stroke is defined as the lack of blood flow to the brain caused by a blocked or ruptured blood vessel.

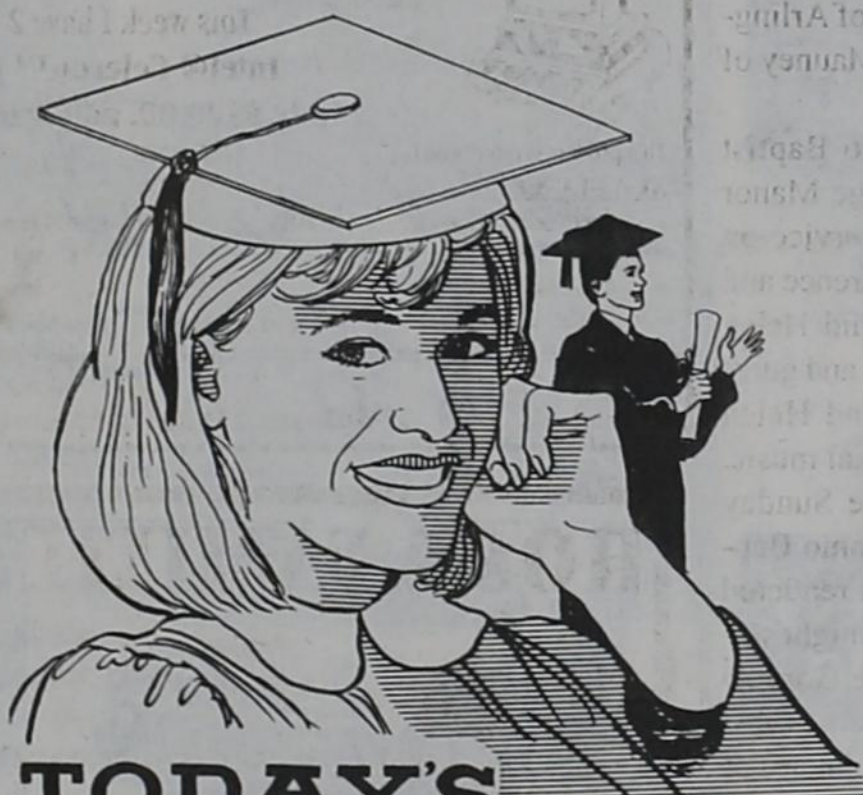
Imagine one minute you're fine, and in the next moment, your vision is blurred and one side of your body goes numb. You're disoriented and dizzy. You're having a stroke. The people around you don't understand what's happening and don't know what to do. You're scared but think that maybe these symptoms will stop soon. Meanwhile your chances of severe stroke and your risk of death are increasing with each minute that passes.

This is a scene that is played out several hundred times a day in America. Stroke is the No. 3 cause of death and the No. 1 cause of serious long-term disability. The sobering fact is that more than 70 percent of adults in the U.S. don't know the symptoms of a stroke. As a result, people wait too long before seeking medical attention and either die or suffer severe disability.

Many don't realize that there is a lot you can do to help someone suffering from a stroke. If you get to the emergency room within three hours of the onset of symptoms, doctors can provide medical treatments that can help reverse the effects of a stroke. The sooner appropriate treatment is begun, the better the chances for recovery. This is why it is so important to know the warning signs for stroke. These symptoms constitute a medical emergency and 9-1-1 should be called immediately:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
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DESDEMONA NEWS

By Vonnie Guthery

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had average attendance last Sunday for the morning service. Special music was presented by Helen Collum and Freda Riggs with Nell Ragland at the piano. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Estelle Lindley. Estelle said, "I am not gonna tell you my age—but 50 years ago I was a young woman of 34." Visitors were Ann (Lindley) Miers and Johnnie Ruth (Dixon) Sparkman of Stephenville, Eddie and Linda (Carr) Lindley and Lana (Stacy) Sharp all of Desdemona.

Brad and Priscilla Keith and children, Jenna and Brett, of Louisville, Kentucky visited this week with his parents, Bernard and Ann Keith. Other visitors in the home on Sunday were Billy and Nikki Befinger and son, Christopher, of Stephenville.

Desdemona monthly musical will be on Saturday, May 27 at the Community Center. All area musicians and visitors are invited to attend. Those musicians coming to play are Bill Comeaux and Si Tucker Band from Lingleville. Make your plans to come early to enjoy good food at the concession stand which opens at 5:30 p.m.

Lelan Pack of Lubbock and Phillip Pack of Proctor visited the past weekend with their mother, James and Dixie Ryon.

Wayne and Karen Eaves and granddaughter, Lorin, was in Lubbock over the past weekend to attend the graduation of Wayne's granddaughter, Jennifer Eaves, from Texas Tech. She is

the daughter of Johnny and Catherine Eaves in Gorman.

Dorothy Roberts attended the 60th wedding anniversary of Jr. and Lovella Trice last Saturday night in Lingleville. "Congratulations" to this lovely couple.

"Congratulations" to Talisha Rogers who will graduate this week from the DeLeon High School. She is the daughter of Rusty and Carolyn Rogers and granddaughter of Bobbie McKillip, all of Desdemona.

"Get Well Wishes" goes to Juanita (Kincaid) Langlitz in Eastland who is at home now recovering from recent back surgery in an Abilene hospital. Juanita attended school in Desdemona with the Class of 1949.

Victor Cemetery Working will be on Saturday, May 27. A covered dish luncheon at noon followed by the business meeting. Make plans to attend to enjoy fellowship with your friends and neighbors.

This reporter received a phone call from a former resident, W.D. "Pat" Tarpley who lives in Baytown, Texas. Pat is having some health problems and recently had part of his leg removed. He is now learning to walk with an artificial leg and has plans to attend the Desdemona Homecoming and School Reunion on Saturday, August 12. He was in the Class of 1950. Also asked if his class plans to have a 50th class reunion.

Our though for today—"Every minutes of anger you have, you have lost 60 seconds of happiness." Have a nice day--Vonnies

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Final applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. boys and girls ages 7-19 can apply. Players are selected by invitation only. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill, Bobby Hurley, Anawtn Jamison, Christian Laettner, Tom Gugliotta, and Trajan Langson. Camp locations include: Commerce, TX, Riverside, CA, Babson Park, FL,

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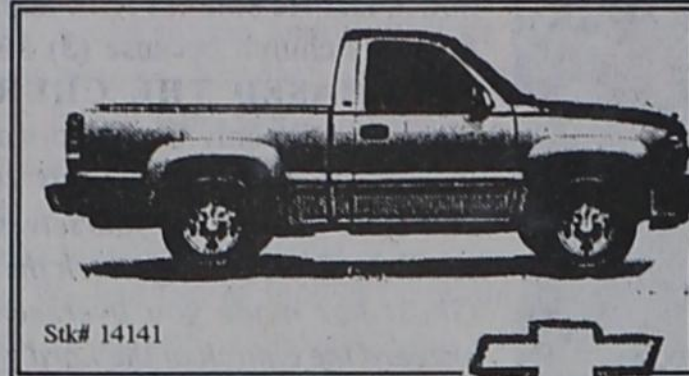
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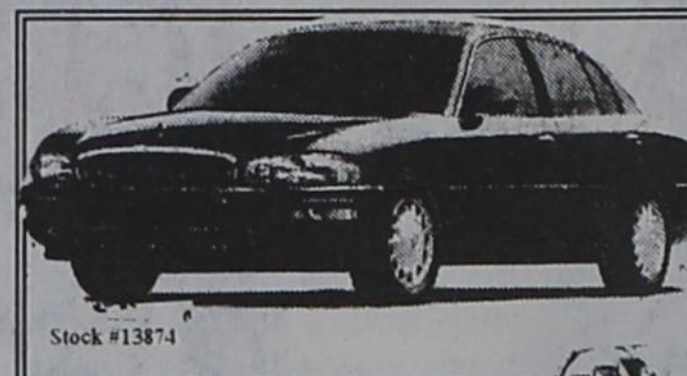
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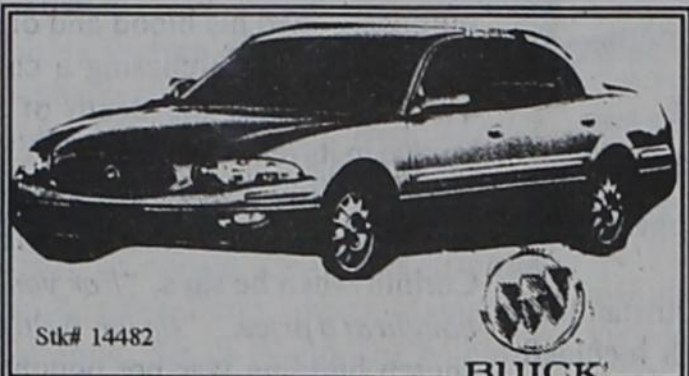
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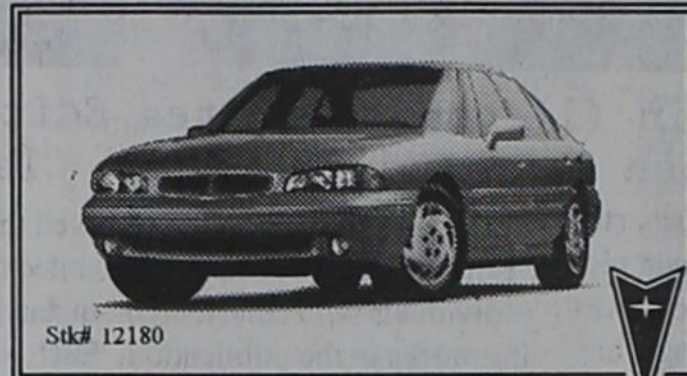
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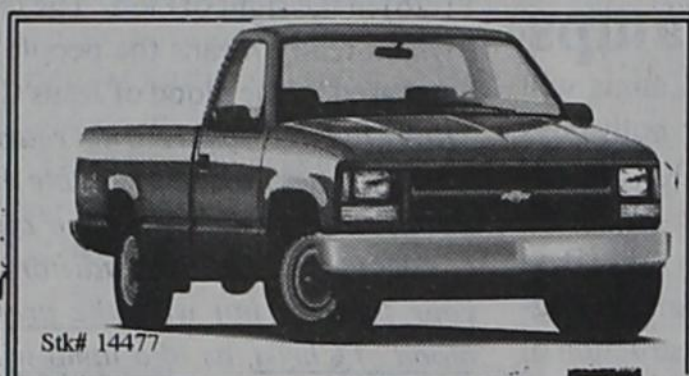
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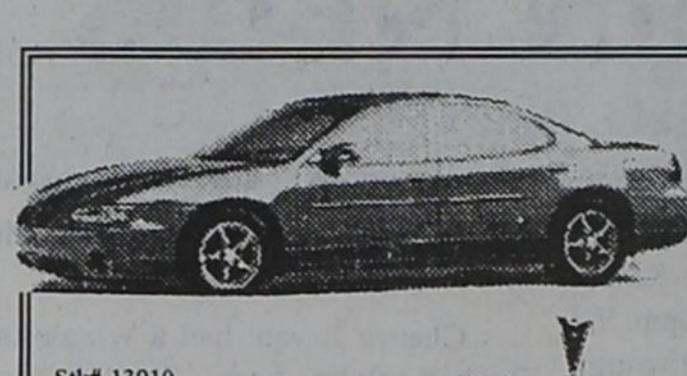
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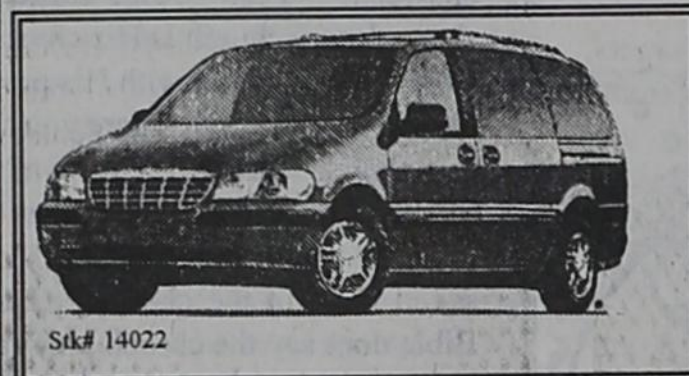
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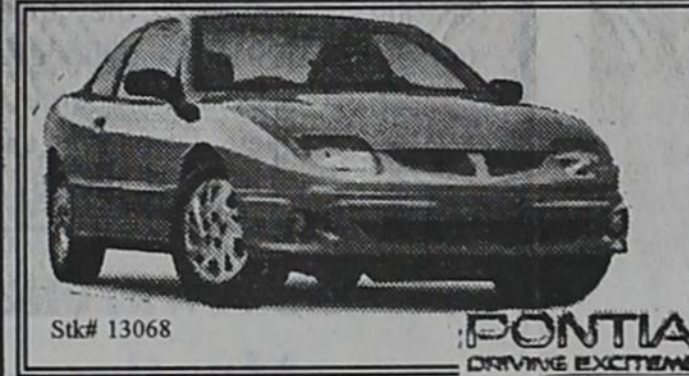
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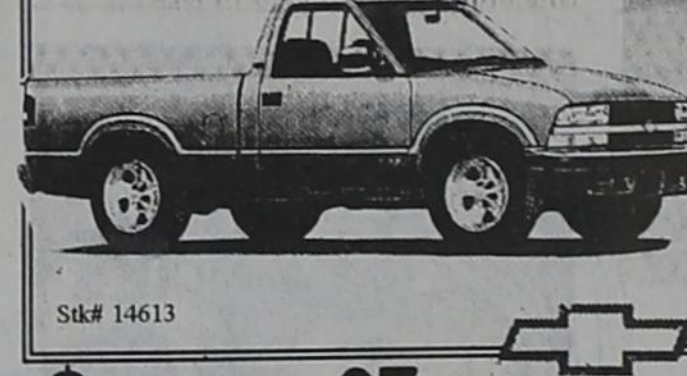
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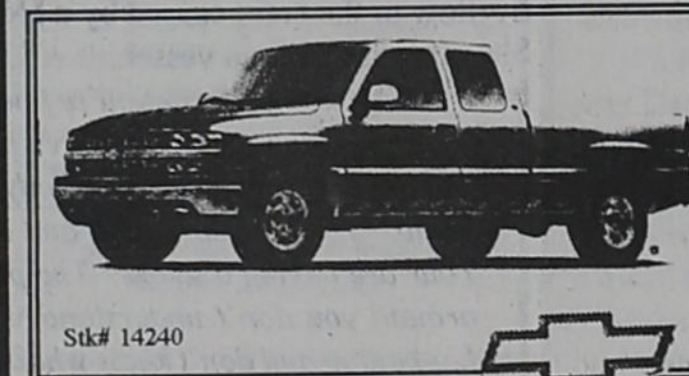
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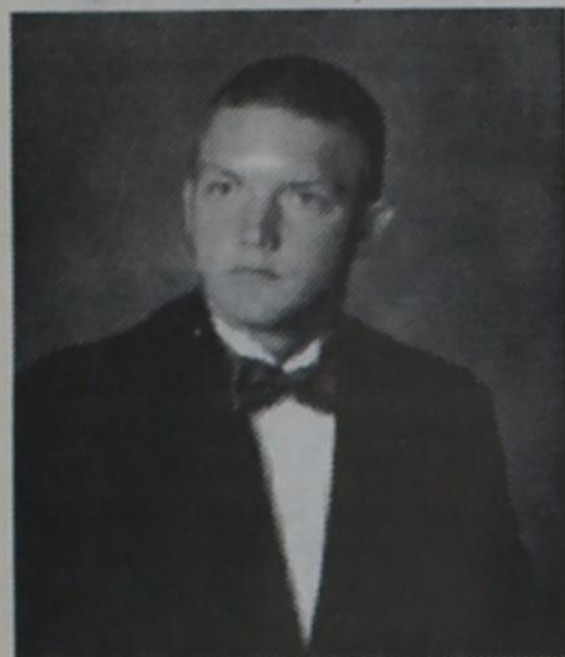
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Dathan Wright

Dathan is the son of Ronny and DeeDee Wright. He was born on March 14, 1982 in Brownwood, Texas. He transferred from DeLeon to Gorman in 1998.

Dathan's future plans are to go to college, play baseball and become a coach.

His activities include football, baseball, Ag, and FFA.

Dathan's hobbies include hunting, fishing, and playing sports.

His favorite foods are hamburgers and steaks. Favorite music is oldies.



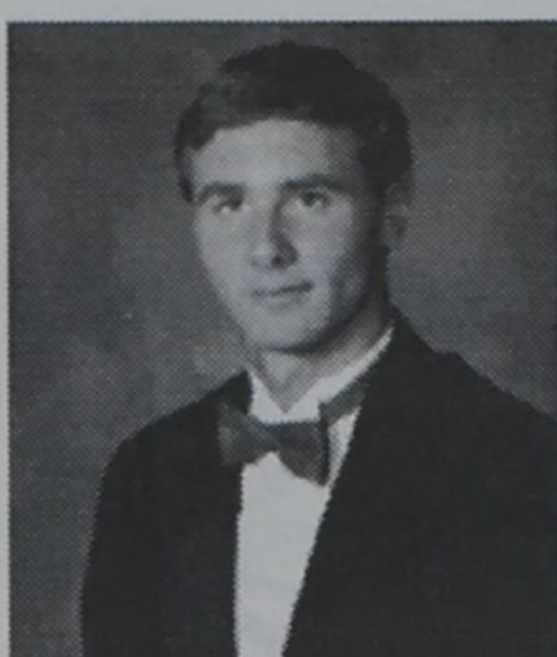
Heather Denise McGlothlin

Heather McGlothlin is the daughter of Wayne McGlothlin and Rebecca Cook. She was born on May 6, 1982 in Gorman.

Heather's future plan is to attend Cisco Jr. College.

Heather was in the band Freshman through Senior years, softball-Sophomore, Junior, Senior years, Cheerleader-Senior year, Drum Major-Junior year, Junior Class Reporter, FHA, and FFA. Honors include National Honor Society-Senior year, All District Honorable Mention--Volleyball her Senior year; All District Honorable Mention--Softball Junior year; 1st Team All District Softball--Senior year; Senior Princess; Band Sweetheart-Junior year.

Heather's hobbies include hanging out with friends and fishing. Favorite foods include steak and baked potato. She enjoys all types of music.



Bradley Gilmore

Bradley Gilmore is the son of Freddie and Kathy Gilmore. He was born on May 26, 1982 in Comanche, Texas.

Bradley's future plans are to work as an auto mechanic with his dad.

His activities include football, track, band, went to Regionals in track 2 years.

Bradley's hobbies include hunting, fishing, mudding.

Favorite foods include hamburgers, steaks. Favorite music is the oldies and country.



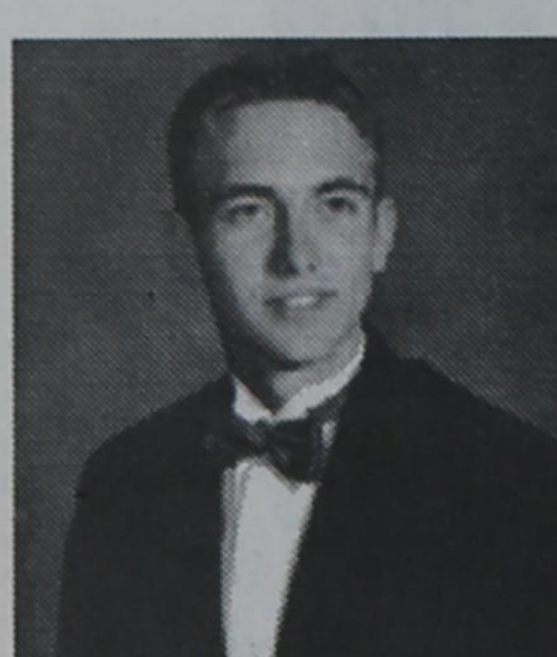
Pam Osborne

Pam Osborne is the daughter of Sandra Osborne. She was born on November 16, 1981 in Fort Worth.

Pam's future plans are to attend Tarleton State University and major in hydrology/water resources.

Her activities include participation in FHA, FFA, NHS, band, Flag Corp throughout High School.

Pam's hobbies include shopping and hanging out with friends. Favorite foods include Chinese, Italian, Mexican and Taco Bell and anything with bread. Favorite music includes most music.



Robert Lewis

Robert is the son of Philip and Donna Lewis. He was born on September 9, 1981 in Ranger, Texas.

His future plans are to attend Tarleton State University for 4-year degree in business computer systems.

Robert's honors include Class Favorite--Junior year; Friendliest--Senior year; Most Likely to Succeed--Senior year; NHS-Sophomore, Junior and Senior years; Yearbook staff--Senior year; State Board of Ed. Academics Excellence Award--Senior year; basketball-Freshman and Sophomore years; baseball-Freshman year; Golf-Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years.

His hobbies include swimming, friends, and cars.

Favorite foods include steak, barbecue and pizza. Favorite music is rock'n'roll, country, dance.



Alma Mireya Sanchez

Alma Sanchez is the daughter of Rosendo and Wehcelada Sanchez. She was born on July 7, 1982 in Durango, Mexico.

Alma's future plans are to attend Tarleton State University and major in Business.

Her honors include cheerleader-Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior years; basketball 1st team all district; softball 2nd team all district; track regional qualifier (sprint relay); volleyball, UIL-regional qualifier in calculator; National Honor Society Vice President; Sophomore Princess, Junior Princess, Homecoming Queen--Senior year; Prom Queen--Senior year; Class Favorite--Freshman and Senior years; Most Athletic, Most Spirited, Friendliest, Wittiest, FHA Vice President, Class Officer.

Alma enjoys hanging out with friends and fishing. Favorite foods include steaks, Mexican food and Sonic Burgers. Her favorite music is alternative, hip-hop, country, and Spanish music.



Ashley Rich

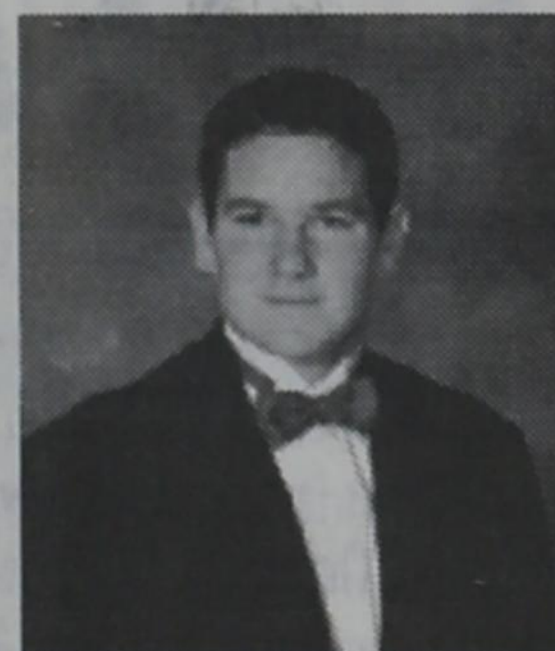
Ashley is the daughter of Bobby and Vicki Rich. She was born on February 10, 1982 in Gorman.

Ashley's future plans are to attend Cisco Jr. College and then Tarleton State University.

Ashley's activities include volleyball- Honorable Mention All District; powerlifting, track, cross-country; FFA- treasurer Junior year, FFA Sweetheart-Junior year, Sentinel-Senior year, NHS-Senior year.

Her hobbies are spending time with friends and her animals, and also going shopping.

Ashley's favorite food is Mexican food. Favorite music includes Christian and country.



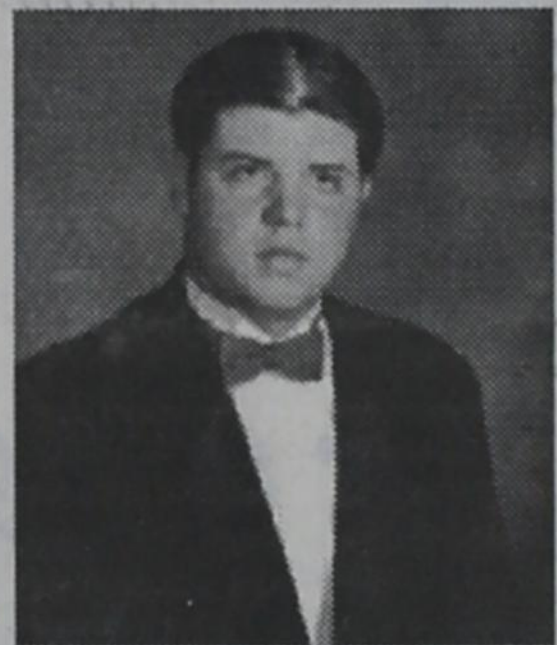
Cole Sandlin

Cole is the son of Bill and Cathy Sandlin. Cole was born on July 20, 1982 in Eastland. He transferred from Carbon to Gorman in 1988-1989.

Cole's future plans are to go to college and become a government trapper.

His hobbies are hunting, fishing and archery.

Favorite foods are hamburgers and pizza. Favorite music is a little bit of everything.



William Nolan Curb

William is the son of Don and Cindy Curb. He was born on February 24, 1982 at the Blackwell Hospital in Gorman.

William's future plans is his enlistment in the Unites States Navy.

His activities includes softball, basketball, baseball, and track. Honorable Mention All District Tackle-Senior.

William's hobbies include being with Andrea, riding around with friends, and partying on weekends.

Favorite foods include Chinese and American. Favorite music is alternative and some R&B.



Tara Howard

Tara is the daughter of John and Charlotte Howard. She was born on April 30, 1982 in Wichita Falls, Texas. She transferred to Gorman in 1998 from Temple Christian Academy.

Tara's future plans are to enroll in Tarleton and major in music and art, with a 5-year degree.

Her honors include the All-State Treble Choir in San Antonio with first chair; Maribeu Lamar Award for good citizenship.

Tara's hobbies are singing and completing art projects.

Favorite foods are Chinese and Italian. Favorite music is Gospel, Classical, Contemporary, and Alternative.



Patricia Madera

Patricia is the daughter of Francisco and Margarita Madera. She was born on September 16, 1981 in DeLeon.

She plans to attend Cisco Jr. College.

Patricia's activities included FFA, FHA, and volleyball.

She enjoys all kinds of food and all kinds of music.



Maricela Oronia

Maricela is the daughter of Maria and Margarito Oronia. She was born in DeLeon on April 5, 1980. She transferred to Gorman in 1996 from Colegio Dias Lopez.

Maricela's future plans is possible attending college and having a job. Her hobbies include walking, watching TV and riding bikes.

Maricela's favorite foods include Mexican food and Chinese food. Favorite music is Spanish music.



Brenda Judith Ibarra

Brenda Judith Ibarra is the daughter of Delia and Carlos Ibarra. She was born on March 28, 1982 in Gorman.

Brenda's future plans are to attend college and get a good job.

She has been active as Representative Student Council, Senior year; Class Officer-Senior as President, Sophomore as Reporter; FHA-Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior; FHA Officer-Junior year--Reporter and Senior year--President; Homecoming Princess-Senior year; One Act Play cast Junior and Senior years; Senior Class Favorite; Spanish Club Junior and Senior years; Spanish Club Vice-President Junior Year.

Her hobbies are spending time with family and friends, and writing poetry.

Brenda's favorite foods are Mexican, Chinese, and Seafood. Her favorite music is R&B, Country, and Spanish.



Melissa Ann Tarver

Melissa Ann Tarver is the daughter of Philip and the late Sue Ann Tarver. She was born on December 5, 1981 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Melissa's future plans are to go to Grayson County College and then transfer to TCU.

She was active in basketball, softball, cross country, tennis, volleyball. Honors include National Honor Society-Senior year, Junior Class Vice President and Secretary of the Spanish Club-Junior year. Senior year--debate and One Act Play.

Her hobbies include running. Favorite foods include crackers and cheese. Favorite music is heavy metal.



Miranda Hogan

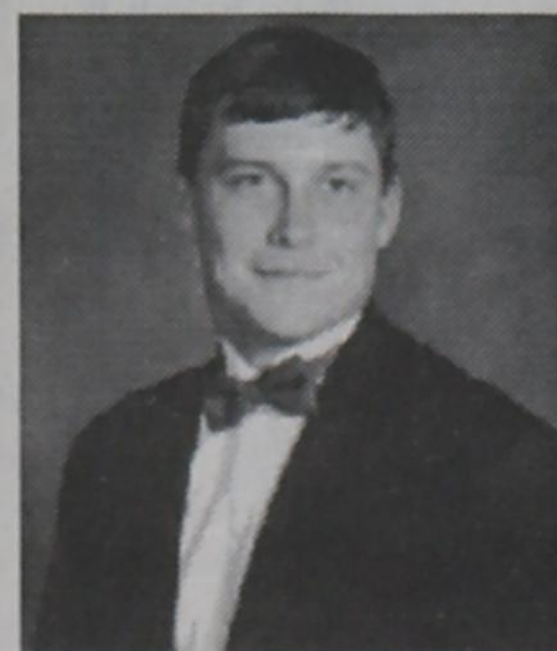
Miranda is the daughter of Bubba and Susan Hogan. She was born on August 27, 1981 in DeLeon.

Miranda's future plans are to attend Tarleton State University to become a volleyball coach or Cisco Jr. College for cosmetology.

School honors and activities include Yearbook-Sophomore, Junior and Senior years; Senior Class Officer--Secretary; varsity volleyball-Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years; varsity softball-Freshman and Senior years; One Act Play-Crew Manager--All Star Crew Dist-Sophomore year, Honorable mention crew Zone-Junior year; All Star Crew Dist-Senior year; Football Sweetheart-Senior year.

Miranda's hobbies include horseback riding, sports and taking care of son, Jarod.

Her favorite foods include Chinese, hamburgers, and a good steak. Favorite music is country and rock.



William E. Hagood, III

William is the son of William Hagood and Shelby Hagood. He was born on September 26, 1981 in DeLeon, Texas.

William's future plans are to go to Tarleton State University and get a Veterinarian Degree.

His honors and activities include National Honor Society; varsity football-Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years; varsity basketball- 4 years, 1st Team All District--Senior year; baseball-4 years, 1st Team All District--Junior year.

William's hobbies are horseback riding, sports, taking care of Jarod.

Favorite foods are anything that doesn't eat me first. Favorite music is country and some rock.



Sheryl Ann Everton

Sheryl is the daughter of Cecil and Kathy Everton. She was born on July 10, 1982 in Gorman.

Her future plans include going to college and becoming a nurse.

Sheryl's honors include National Honor Society Sophomore-Senior years; UIL calculator, mathematics; One Act Play--Senior year; Spanish club--Junior year.

Sheryl's hobbies include shopping, fishing, swimming and being with friends.

Favorite foods include salad and hamburgers. Her favorite music is alternative and classic rock.



Manuelita Madera

Manuelita is the daughter of Zenon and Maria Madera. She was born on December 18, 1981 in DeLeon.

Her future plans are to go to college at Cisco Jr. College for basics and then transfer to a four-year university.

Manuelita's activities include softball-Sophomore year, volleyball-Junior year, National Honor Society-Sophomore, Junior and Secretary Senior year; Calculator UIL- Senior year.

Her hobbies are hanging out with friends and fishing.

Favorite foods are Mexican and ribeye steaks. Favorite music is all types of music.

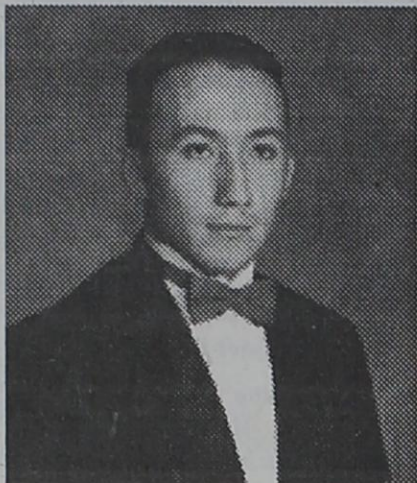
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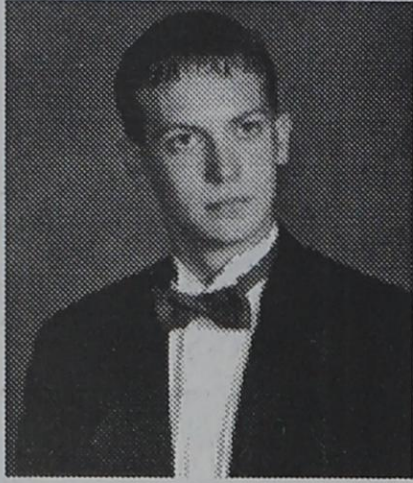
James Hogan

James Hogan is the son of Dale and Debby Hogan. He was born on March 11, 1982 in Gorman. He transferred from Abilene to Gorman in the 2nd grade. His future plans are to get a job and move to Ft. Worth. James was active in basketball and band. His hobbies include playing basketball, playing guitar and drums, and watch TV. Favorite foods include pizza and steak. Favorite music is alternative.



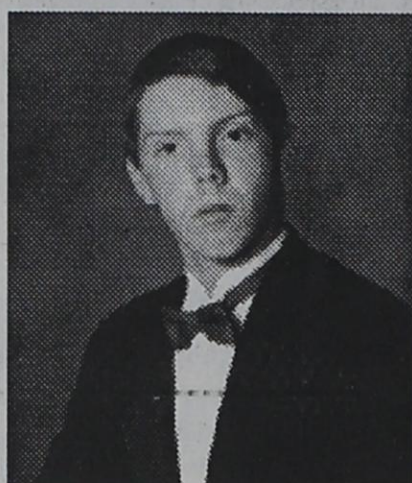
Eric Madera

Eric is the son of Alfonso and Gloria Madera. He was born on May 31, 1980 in Orange, California. Eric's future plans are to move to Stephenville and then go to the Army. His activities include football, basketball, baseball--Rookie of the Year, Freshman year, and track. Eric's hobbies are playing sports, fishing, riding around and being with friends and family. Favorite food is T-bone steak. Favorite music is alternative.



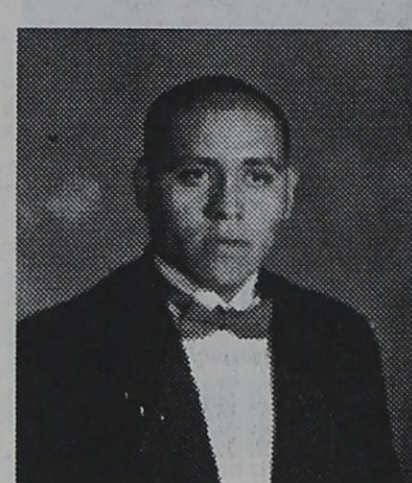
Levi Roberts

Levi is the son of Marshal and AnnaLee Roberts. He was born on April 19, 1982 in Brownwood. Levi's future plans are to attend Cisco Jr. College. His honors as a Senior were Drum Major, Wittiest, and Most Spirited; One Act Play--Best Actor Zone, Best Actor District. Levi's hobbies are having fun with best friends, movies and fishing. Favorite food is anything Italian. His favorite music is alternative rock and heavy metal.



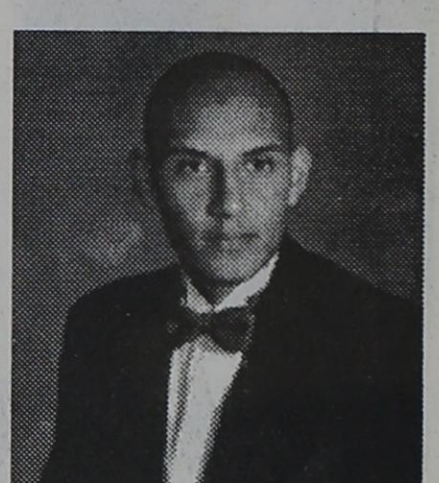
Chris Fox

Chris is the son of Eddie and Pat Fox. He was born on February 18, 1982 in Stephenville. His future plans is the Air Force and college. Chris's activities are baseball, Yearbook, One Act Play, Student Council, and Band. Hobbies are fishing, camping, and swimming. His favorite foods are pizza, hamburgers, and steak. Favorite music is rock.



Jose Reyes Raygoza

Jose is the son of Praxediz and Paulina Raygoza. He was born on November 26, 1979 in Sinaloa. He transferred to Gorman in 1995 from Ninos Heroes. His future plans are to work. Jose's hobbies are fishing, watching TV, work, etc. Favorite foods are rice, beans, salad, cake, etc. Favorite music is Latin music.



Adrian Torres

Adrian is the son of Juan and Emerita Torres. He was born on September 8, 1981 in DeLeon. Adrian's hobbies include fishing and being with friends. His favorite food is Mexican, and his favorite music is Slipknot.

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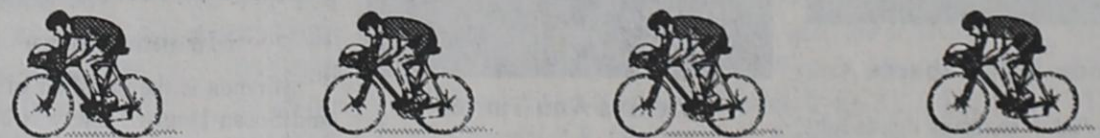
There will be frequent rest stops stocked with water, juice, snacks, fresh fruit, and more. Sag wagons will be available should you have any mechanical trouble or need medical assistance.

Registration Info-

You may register by mail with the form on the reverse side (photocopies are acceptable). Entry fees are listed on the form. ** Registration will open on tour day at 6:30 AM, at the Start/Finish area in the City Park. **Pre-registered riders will receive one of our classic T-shirts, a colorful Peanut Tour coffee mug and other assorted goodies, and be eligible for drawings for some great prizes. **Dry-camping is available at the Start/Finish area. Nearby DeLeon and Eastland each have motel and camping/RV sites.**

For More Information-

Tour of the Peanut Country
P.O. Box 212 phone 254-734-3810
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Rules Info-

Helmetts are required for all riders. For your own safety and protection, you are required by law to abide by all traffic laws throughout the ride. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Riders under 18 must have their entry form and waiver of liability signed by a parent or guardian. The officials of the Tour of the Peanut Country reserve the right to adjust starting times, and routes, remove riders, and cancel or combine events.

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When the unclean spirit is gone out...he walks...seeking rest; finding none,

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First, if Christ spoke these words and he did, then this is a true and correct statement. This is not something that happens to everyone who encounters the Lord Jesus. Furthermore, it doesn't have to happen to anyone, but it can. We need to learn how this happens.

If Christ lives in a person's heart, is it possible that an evil spirit can somehow cause Christ to vacate in order that he an evil spirit can take up residence? Is it possible for an unclean spirit to triumph over Christ and gain entry into our hearts? According to the scriptures, the preceding scenario is impossible.

1 John 4:4...because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. Yet Luke records this passage in 11:24-26. It seems that the only way an evil spirit could possible re-enter a heart is if the heart is empty. So, is it possible that Christ can grant us the power to clean up our lives and yet not reside in our heart? Is it possible that we accept Christ's ability to save us, but refuse him in the lordship of our lives?

More next week. Address comments or questions to:

John Howard, Jr.
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College Tuition Assistance

A conservative estimate of college costs for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$30,000; high cost colleges can run from \$40,000-\$100,000! Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with excellent grades, low-income families, or the athletically inclined. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, Scholarships for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for Minorities and much, much more.

Though the majority of scholarships are from the Federal Government and are merit and/or need-based, billions of dollars are available to students from private sector scholarships. Much of private sector financial aid goes unused because the parents and students do not know how or where to apply.

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For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed,

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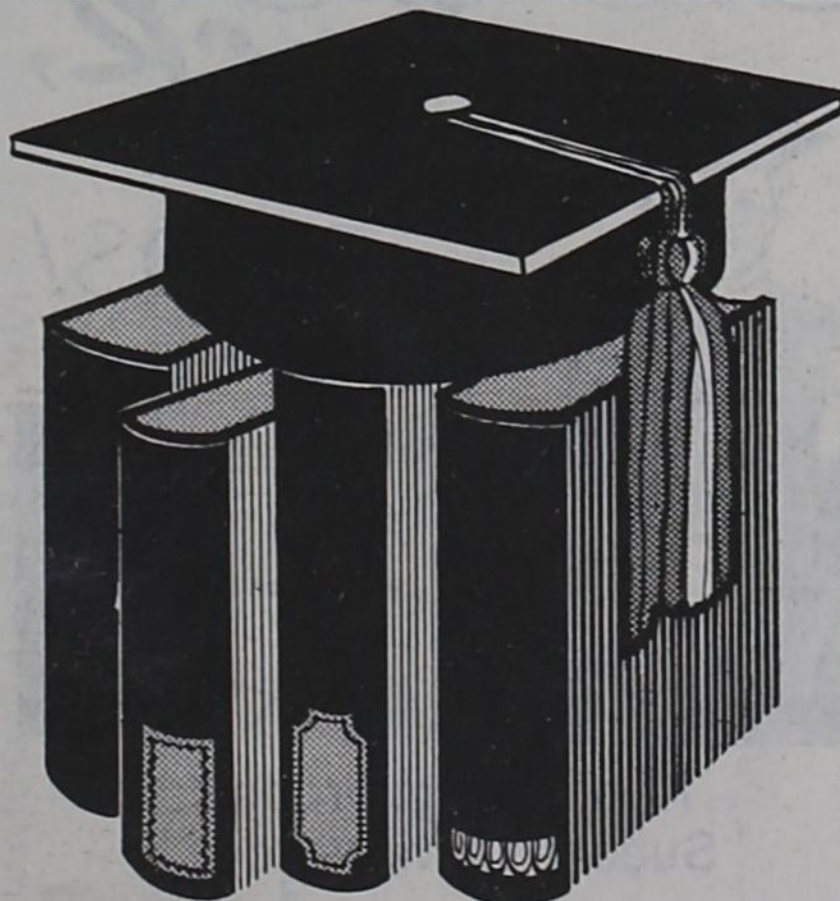
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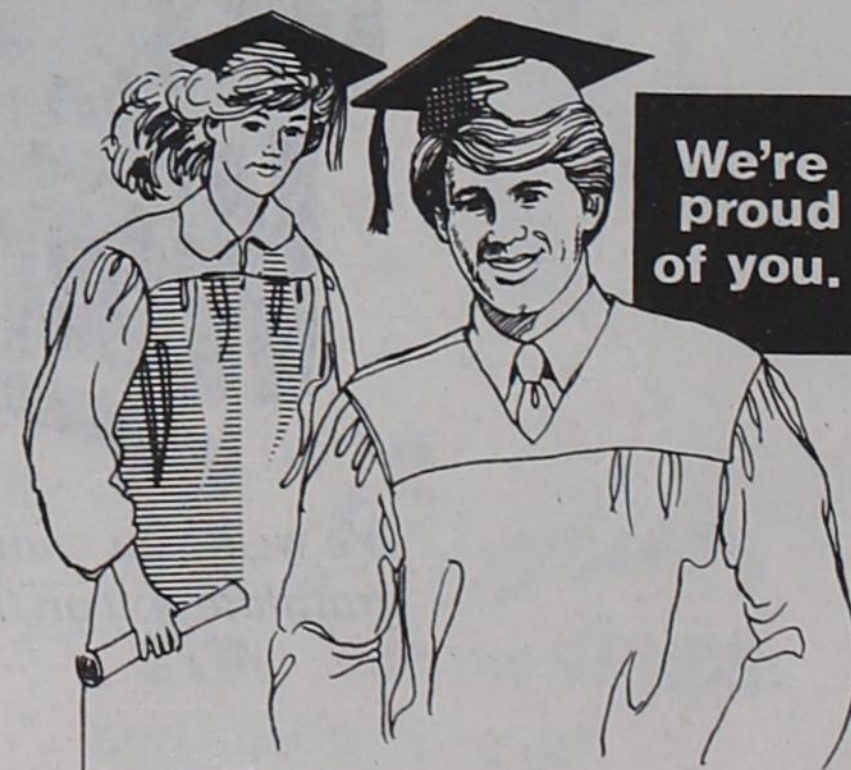
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By Nancy Hendricks

A Note from the Administrator

Mother's Day! Mother's Day is one of the real special holidays that we celebrate. We can never honor our mothers enough. Our mothers take whatever we dish out and then tell us how much they love us. When a child is in pain, who do they want—their mother. To this day, I still am careful how I talk in front of my mother. She deserves that much respect. I hope that each of you honored your mother this past Sunday. They love us unconditionally. The least we can do is love them the very same way. See you at the Nursing Home.

/s/ Jeff

Happy to report Mildred Bellows is home after several days in the Eastland Hospital. Some of their guests were Darrell and Pat Hagood, Howard and Pat Hagood, Nancy Hendricks, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

Some of Stella Reynolds guests were LeRoyce and Mackie Brantley, Stella Fay Scott, Samantha Krause, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson, Ruth Bryant.

6th Graders Entertain

On Wednesday at 2:00 p.m., Mrs. Hampton's and Mrs. Chew's 6th grade classes came and put on a little skit.

After a very good time by all, Ina Smith served delicious snowcones to every.

Mrs. Hampton's students were: Krista Brown, Blake Gibbs, Timothy Guerra, Nikki Keith, Sandra Lara, Cindy Lopez, Sterling McCauley, Summer Olvera, Timothy Patel, James Perez, Sharla Perez, David Wilkins, Justin Willey, Hollyann Wright, Clayton Roman, Tonya Sanders.

Mrs. Chew's students were: Andy Abbe, Corey Brown, Zachary Bryan, Amber Ervin, Ben Hughes, Esteban Leal, Amber Lewis, Kevin Lewis, Kent Long, Samantha Regian, Nathan Ritter, Jesse Simpson, Kendra Swanter, Hank Rainey, Heath Sellers.

Residents were Stella Files, Doris Fowler, Veno Hale, Modess Self, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, Myrtle Hale, A.V. Seay, Jack Bellows, Inez Rogers, Frankie Jarrett, Patti Whitehorn and S.D. Gilmore.

Visiting Ava Rodgers were Sylvia Buchanan of Brazoria, Samantha Krause of Carbon, Ruth Bryant, Ima Brown, Jana Grice, Mayvis Lasater, Jim and Wilda Rodgers of Midlothian, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rev. Clar-

ence and Leona Wilson, Nancy Hendricks, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Jolene Gilliland, Lou Evelyn Rodgers of Midlothian.

On Sunday morning, Kenneth Good of First Baptist Church taught the Sunday School lesson for Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Modess Self, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers and Velma Bennett.

Visiting Patti Whitehorn and Frankie Jarrett were Rev. T.D. Whitehorn, Mary Estes, Sylvia Estes, Marie Cook and Samantha Krause of Carbon, Kay Watson, Mark Watson, Clifton Jarrett, Rita and Jerry Hall of Kerrville, Eunice Love, Ruth Bryant, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Eunice Love, Nancy Hendricks, Zena Simpson, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Sunday afternoon, those coming from the Kokomo Baptist Church were Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Browning, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Modess Self, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, Velma Bennett, Frankie Jarrett, Jack Bellows.

Visiting Inez Rogers and Ora Mae Atchison were Jim and Donna Knapp of Mullin, C.J. and Eli Knapp, Buddy Rogers of Ranger, Cathy Yarberr of Dallas, Neal and Lugene Morris of DeLeon, Kay, Kim, Kacey and Kristopher Hodges, Jim and Janet Morris of Stephenville, Bryan Morris of DeLeon, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood, Samantha Krause, Eunice Love, Dixie Ryon, and Violet Watson, Fay and Denzel Ables.

Some of Idell Warren and S.D. Gilmore guests have been Jerry and Linda Warren of Rankin, Ann Warren, Jessie Woosley, Dixie Ryon, Violet Watson, Wesley and Linda Warren, Tod and Nikki Forbus, Shannon Stewart, Matt Stewart, Dwayne Snell, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Curley Lipson, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Zena Simpson, Eunice Love, Denzel and Fay Ables, Samantha Krause.

On Monday morning, Ina Smith had bingo for Iola Johnson, Zedie Terry, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Velma Bennett, Modess Self, Inez Rogers, Hallie Clark, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Ora Mae Atchison, and Patti Whitehorn.

Visiting Stella Files and Hazel Wis-

dom were Nell Files of Carbon, Ken and Pat Kincannon of Hico, Donna Moore of Jacksboro, Inez Rogers, Leo and Eloise Williams, Bob and Merlene Wisdom of Desdemona, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Samantha Krause, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Doris Fowler guests were June Salik and Kathy, Samantha Krause, Howard and Pat Hagood, Fay and Denzel Ables.

On Monday afternoon those coming for the Sing-A-Long were Nell Files of Carbon, Billy Joe and Betty Sue Dennis, Ernestine Campbell, Marjorie Treadway, Ethel Weaver, Daisy Slaton, Anna Rush, Alpha Mae Andry, Ruth Bryant and Nancy Hendricks. Residents were Frankie Jarrett, Modess Self, Patti Whitehorn, Cynthia Earles, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, S.D. Gilmore and Veno Hale.

Visiting Mary Williams were Fred McMullen of Melrose, Maxine Frasier, of DeLeon, Mary Estes, Ima Brown, Nelda Mauney, Anna Rush, Geraldine Wright, Ina Reynolds, Pat Hagood, Irene West, Brent and Tabatha Carey of Stephenville, Dan and Jo Carey of Midlothian, Howard and Pat Hagood.

Some of Cynthia Earles and Modess Self guests were Fay Earles, Darren, Amanda Renfro of Wichita Falls, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson, Denzel and Fay Ables, Howard and Pat Hagood, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Nancy Hendricks, Ruth Bryant, Ken and Betty Heathington, Christine Self.

On Tuesday morning Betty Duke of Desdemona came played the electric organ and led singing for Mildred Bellows, Ora Mae Atchison, Cynthia Earles, Iola Johnson, Frankie Jarrett, Modess Self, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Myrtle Hale and Veno Hale.

Visiting Muriel Prewitt were Durwood Webb, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson, Mayvis Lasater, Nancy Hendricks, Bro. Paul Denton.

Gorman Band Concert

On Tuesday afternoon, Gorman Band members gave an outdoor concert. Residents were Myrtle Hale, A.V. Seay, Inez Rogers, Cynthia Earles, Iola Johnson, Ora Mae Atchison, Ava Rodgers, Modess Self, Patti Whitehorn, Frankie Jarrett, Stella Files, Ollie Halcomb, Mildred Bellows, Doris Fowler and Velma Bennett.

Visiting Bea O'Neal were Ann Holt of Austin, David and Jennifer O'Neal of Houston, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Wednesday, Bro. Paul Denton of Church of Christ brought chapel for Iola Johnson, S.D. Gilmore, Hallie Clark, A.V. Seay, Mae Eison, Inez

Rogers, Muriel Prewitt, Ora Mae Atchison, Dorothy Beaty, Ollie Halcomb, Frankie Jarrett and Veno Hale.

Some of Zedie Terry guests were Glen and Nancy Lawless of DeLeon, Howard and Pat Hagood, Eunice Love, Mayvis Lasater, Denzel and Fay Ables.

Visiting Mae Eison were Jolene (Eison) Gilliland, Ima Brown, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood, Mayvis Lasater, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Thursday morning, Ina Smith had Concentration for Inez Rogers, Patti Whitehorn, Zedie Terry, A.V. Seay, Modess Self, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Frankie Jarrett, Velma Bennett, S.D. Gilmore and Myrtle Hale.

Visiting Veno Hale and Iola Johnson were Ina Reynolds and Ruby Norris of Carbon, Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Howard and Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson.

Some of Irene Heathington guests were Ken and Betty Sue Heathington, Dave and Laneta Freeman, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Mayvis Lasater, Pat Hagood, Denzel and Fay Ables.

On Thursday afternoon residents were painting lovely pictures. Coming and going were A.V. Seay, S.D. Gilmore, Iola Johnson, Inez Rogers, Modess Self, Frankie Jarrett and Patti Whitehorn.

Visiting Voleta Richardson were Jo Etheredge, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson of Stephenville, Pat and Howard Hagood.

On Friday morning, Ina Smith had Bingo for Ollie Halcomb, Veno Hale, Cynthia Earles, Hallie Clark, Patti Whitehorn, Iola Johnson, Velma Bennett, Modess Self, Zedie Terry, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay and Inez Rogers.

Visiting A.V. Seay and Myrtle Hale were Vicki Seay, Gerald and Betty Hale of Brownwood Lake, Janice Glover of Lubbock, Ennis and Nina Joiner, Argie and Margie Hale, Rev. Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville, Eunice Love and Mayvis Lasater.

Friday afternoon, Amy Wood came and gave a talk on "Herbs" for Hallie Clark, Ollie Halcomb, Dorothy Beaty, Myrtle Hale, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Patti Whitehorn, Inez Rogers, Iola Johnson, Jack Bellows and Modess Self.

Visiting Ed Johnson and Buddy Winn were Harvey Winn and Ruby Norris and Samantha Krause of Carbon, Fay Johnson, Dale Johnson, Clarence and Leona Wilson of Stephenville.

A 'Salute to Moms' was given by residents who told about their mother's life. Ina Smith serve cookies and punch and gave all the mothers beautiful colored broaches. Present were Ollie Halcomb, Ora Mae Atchison, Zedie Terry,

Mary Williams, Veno Hale, Inez Rogers, Frankie Jarrett, A.V. Seay, Cynthia Earles, Modess Self, and Velma Bennett.

Visiting Ollie Halcomb and Dorothy Beaty were David and Denna Halcomb, Joe Beaty of Dallas, Juanita

Spence, Nita Jane Cardnel of Little Elm, Mayvis Lasater, Eunice Love, Zena Simpson.

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STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOLS

The ability to find and hire good teachers is a key ingredient for success in any school system. But in Texas and other rapidly growing states, this is a real problem. And it particularly vexes for small- and medium-sized school districts without the ep talent pool of teachers from which to draw that larger metropolitan areas joy.

The Senate recently passed my proposal to address this shortage. A few years ago a textbook case of this situation arose in Greenville, own with a population of about 35,000 northeast of Dallas. A friend of mine moved to Greenville with her husband. She majored in French in college and had taught French at a private school before her marriage. Once settled in Greenville, she was eager to go back to the classroom and teach French. Greenville High School, which could not offer French to its students because it did not have a qualified teacher, was eager to have her. But she would not return to the work she loved because she did not have a teaching certification.

My friend had to commute 30 miles to the nearest college for two years to become certified to teach in Greenville. While she was commuting back and forth, Greenville students were denied an educational option routinely available to those in larger cities.

This type of situation is being repeated all over the country. We should be smoothing the way for skilled professionals who want to become teachers, not putting obstacles across their path to the classroom. This is another one of those instances of applying common-sense solutions that, when explained, enjoy overwhelming support.

So when the Senate adopted an education tax relief bill in March, it included an amendment which I added that aims to reverse the critical shortage of teachers with special skills.

The program, called "Careers to Classrooms," addresses this shortage by knocking down barriers that for too long have kept some of our most talented professionals away from classrooms. It encourages states to grant an alternative, expedited teaching certification to professionals who have a demonstrated competence in the appropriate subjects.

This frees the professionals who might want to teach from the lengthy and traditional licensing requirements that have discouraged so many. The subject areas outlined in the legislation include science, mathematics, computers and languages — the very subjects our students need to master in order for the United States to continue to be successful in increasingly competitive world markets. In addition, if they desire, states can deem other school subjects critical and pave the way for easier teacher entry into the classroom to meet their individual school systems' needs.

Careers to Classrooms actually expands on a successful Defense Department program, called "Troops to Teachers," that encourages retired military and other defense professionals with substantial career experience to enter the classroom and teach. This program already has placed more than 500 new teachers in Texas, and more than 3,000 nationwide. The same pool of talent and skills that fuels our world class economy and military can do the same for schools across the country. We want to build on that positive example.

The Senate has taken an important step toward providing parents and school districts with more options — and greater access to the best minds the nation has to offer. We have people who retire at the age of 55 (or even 35) from high-tech companies, or homemakers who decided not to continue their careers when they had children but who are experts in French or Spanish or computer technology, whose talents are badly needed in our schools. Their presence can mean the difference between mediocrity and excellence in America's schools.

There is no more important issue facing our country than ensuring that our public schools prepare our children for the challenges of the next century. The more first-rate education options we can offer them, the better chance all children in America will have to reach their full potential.



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TEXANS EYE WORLD TRADE ASSOCIATION

Texas exports are valued at nearly \$100 billion a year, and 98 percent of the more than 7,000 companies exporting from Texas have fewer than 500 employees. Any trade pact which expands world markets would have a direct impact on our state's economy and on the financial future of those whose livelihood depends on the healthy growth of exports. So one question I included in last fall's annual survey had to do with Texans' perception of the World Trade Organization (WTO). When the results were counted, 51 percent of you replied that the WTO isn't perfect, but it is worth trying to make it work and 49 percent of you indicated you think the United States is at too great a disadvantage and should go it alone when it comes to trade arrangements and deal with each trade conflict that arises independently.

Here are some of your comments:
From Houston: "Opening our doors to more imports will best serve American consumers, who will gain increased access to affordable, quality merchandise from around the world."

Quinlan: "I am a strong proponent of free trade but do not support the concept and structure of the WTO, particularly in respect to its restrictions on national sovereignty."

Austin: "I know there are many who object to the WTO, but high tariffs and government subsidies for some industries lead to inefficient manufacturers supplying consumers with second-rate products. Ultimately, jobs disappear despite protection and subsidies. Everybody loses."

Houston: "The well being and ongoing freedom of the American people is much more important than the principle of free trade. Our forefathers fought and died for our right to make decisions for ourselves. We dishonor them by allowing the WTO to direct American law and policy."

University Park: "Social change throughout the world can be achieved through economic ties. The WTO is a step in the direction of global interaction and increased social change where needed, such as China."

Richardson: "The WTO has destroyed America's industrial infrastructure, exemplified by the projected \$400 billion to \$500 billion trade deficit. We risk the U.S. becoming a beggar nation controlled by the International Monetary Fund."

Georgetown: "We need to look at some of the positive aspects of WTO."
Irving: "We need to fight for our national sovereignty and freedom, not cede it to an organization that consistently acts against our best interests."

Killeen: "The WTO does not represent fair trade. We have lost enough jobs already to overseas operations. When will it stop? I believe in fair trade, when it's truly fair. The WTO isn't."

Houston: "It is my sincere belief as an advocate of individual liberty that the U.S. should withdraw from the WTO. WTO promotes and prolongs mercantilist, managed trade and implicitly assumes that free trade, especially unilateral reduction in barriers to trade, is undesirable. We should withdraw."

Dallas: "U.S. membership in WTO cedes authority to an unaccountable, international institution and therefore weakens U.S. sovereignty. We don't need an outside organization, which may or may not have our best interests at heart, dictating our trade policies."

Rockport: "Thank you for supporting the WTO. It is the only way we are going to bring the rest of the world along to our standards of living, and democracy."

The United States is trying to lower barriers to free trade around the world. I believe it is in our country's best interest to increase the amount of goods and services we sell overseas, creating more American jobs and boosting the world economy.

By a large margin, the United States has prevailed in cases of unfair trade it has brought before the WTO. This is leading to increased trade, investment and job creation, as well as consumer choice and low prices in the market place — a big win for Texas.



CONGRESS RESTORES BENEFITS TO WORKING SENIOR CITIZENS

By U.S. SEN. PHIL GRAMM



I am proud to say that Congress has approved and sent to the President a new law that lets workers over 65 collect their full Social Security benefits, abolishing the Social Security "earnings test." Last year, I had introduced legislation to do exactly that.

The so-called test limits the amount many senior citizens can earn without having their benefits cut. Currently, benefits are reduced by \$1 for each \$3 of earnings over \$17,000. This test takes money out of the pockets of nearly a million seniors, and provides a disincentive for seniors who want -- or need -- to work.

The policy is a relic of the Great Depression, and it should have been eliminated long ago. Back in the 1930s, with unemployment over 20 percent, the idea behind the earnings test was to prod seniors to quit and turn their jobs over to younger workers.

Today, we do not have a labor surplus, but a labor shortage. Unemployment is at an all-time low of 4 percent, one-and-a-half points lower than the so-called 'full employment' mark of 5.5 percent. America needs people who want to work more than ever in our history.

Another reason to ditch the test is that it treats work as bad and punishes people who engage in it. When combined with federal, state and other Social Security taxes, taxes on the elderly can total more than 80 percent. An individual who is struggling to make ends meet should not be faced with an effective marginal tax rate that grabs half or three-quarters of his paycheck.

Worst of all, the test amounts to old-fashioned discrimination against people simply because they are no longer young. Nobody, regardless of creed, color, gender, or age should be penalized for wanting to work, or lose the money they earned because the law deems them "too old."

If the President accepts the legislation, the change will be retroactive to Jan. 1, generating refunds for many of the senior citizens who are already working.

It marks the first significant change in the 65-year-old Social Security program since 1983, when Congress voted to gradually raise the age at which workers become eligible for benefits.

According to a news report in *The Los Angeles Times*, "Although Republicans have been pushing for years to repeal the earnings limit, Democrats have opposed the move for fear its cost would reduce the amount of money available for other domestic programs."

"President Clinton initially opposed repealing the earnings limit unless it was coupled with longer-term reforms in Social Security," the *Times* said.

Now that we seem to have finally defeated the earnings test, I hope we can focus on full-scale reform of the Social Security system in order to prevent it from going bankrupt. I want to make certain that Social Security is there not only for my mother, but for my children, too.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on this and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at <http://gramm.senate.gov>)

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SUSAN COMBS

The first person to discover the greatness of a fresh, juicy peach would be in a state of confusion right now. Same goes for the person who first reveled at the softness of cotton, the scent of a freshly cut flower or the tenderness of a perfect cut of beef.

They would be confused by the fact that marketing now plays a key role in spreading the wealth of these natural luxuries. They would be baffled by the full-blown marketing campaigns that urge people to indulge in the fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and wines that get their

beginnings in the soils of the Earth. The stuff should sell itself, they would say. And they're right. But, truth is, while most folks don't need an advertisement to know the goodness of a slice of watermelon or a crunchy pecan, they do need information about the quality, nutrition and origin of the products they choose.

But this is a challenge for many small produce companies or medium-sized pecan processors that simply don't have the budgets to create widespread, educational and promotional campaigns to sell their products.

That's where the Texas Department of Agriculture's new marketing initiatives come into play. TDA created its GO TEXAN logo and campaign to teach people that Texas products are the way to go — everything from oysters to ostrich meat, goat cheese and Christmas trees. Using one campaign and one logo we can focus our energy more effectively on behalf of

Texas agriculture.

But marketing doesn't stop with one campaign. True success comes from working together and building partnerships in Texas. That's why we created the GO TEXAN Partner Program (GoTEPP). It pairs TDA with people who want to promote products grown or made right here in Texas. It's a million-dollar matching fund program geared toward maximizing resources for the promotion, marketing and sale of Texas agricultural products.

GoTEPP projects are as diverse as beef training seminars for chefs in Poland, market development for high beta carotene maroon carrots, and a media kit promoting landscape plants that require less water and fewer chemicals to maintain. Recipients include small busi-

nesses, marketing associations and a professional organization.

For farmers and ranchers, production is often the easy part. The sales process and marketing techniques can be the biggest obstacles in getting their goods to consumers. And marketing isn't just about selling products to people in Texas — it's about selling to global markets as well.

Working together as one team makes it possible to create sales for our producers and manufacturers, revenue for our state, and jobs for Texans. I want consumers to know that whether they're shopping for food or fiber, wine or plants, if they're looking for the best, they should GO TEXAN.

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RECLAIMING OUR ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

We are truly blessed to live in an independent country. There are many in the world that cannot chart their own political and economic destiny free of outside coercion. But when it comes to the resources that fuel our economy, we need to regain our independence.

At the beginning of the Clinton Administration in 1993, we imported only 48 percent of our oil from foreign nations. Today, we import 55 percent. By comparison, during the energy crisis of the early 1970s, we imported only 36 percent of our oil.

We have watched U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson fly hat-in-hand from one foreign oil producing nation to another, asking them to increase oil production to keep U.S. gas prices from topping \$2 per gallon.

Scenes like this indicate we have no energy policy. That is not really accurate. The United States does have an energy policy: it is the *wrong* one. Our policy today is to discourage domestic exploration. And in those areas where exploration is allowed, oil and gas producers struggle with punitive taxes and regulations.

These government-added costs make wells that pump less than 15 barrels a day — called 'marginal wells' — unprofitable when oil prices drop, as they did during the 1997-98 price crash. When oil prices fell below \$10 per barrel more than 150,000 such wells were closed. At one time, these wells added 1.4 million barrels per day to America's energy independence — roughly the same amount of oil that we import from Saudi Arabia. But now, marginal wells are producing 300,000 fewer barrels per day.

We need a long-term solution. I have introduced a bill in the Senate that would encourage producers to bring many of these low-volume wells back on line.

At the heart of my legislation is a \$3 per barrel tax credit when oil prices fall below \$14 per barrel. The credit would phase out once prices rise above \$17 per barrel. There is a corresponding price trigger for natural gas. This would apply only to low-volume 'marginal' wells producing less than 15 barrels of oil or less than 90,000 cubic feet of natural gas. It is estimated that, if enacted, the bill would spur the short-term reopening of approximately 75,000 domestic oil wells able to produce 250,000 barrels of oil a day. More important, the bill would eliminate the boom-to-bust cycle in our domestic oil industry while also encouraging the development of hundreds of thousands of new wells.

Though prices are higher today, many independent producers are reluctant to incur the high costs associated with reopening low-volume wells. They need to be assured that they will not face additional financial losses if prices again fall below break-even levels.

You know, I have great empathy for the family farmer. So does Congress and so does the President. When prices are artificially low for agricultural products, we help them stay in business because they are the ones who fill America's breadbasket. We've passed tax relief allowing farmers to spread profits and losses over several years to offset the impact of wild price swings in their market. We know it's in all of our interest to do this. But somehow, when small oil producers are facing a similar plight, people don't think of them in the same way — even though they are just as important as farmers. That must change.

We should regain control over our own economic destiny. An energy policy that requires us to go hat-in-hand to foreign oil producers is not a short-term cure — it is an embarrassment for a superpower.

It's time for a declaration of energy independence.

Some scientists predict continental drift will eventually separate North and South America.

Spring Lawn Care

A lot of lawns are in bad shape this spring; weeds have taken over where grass died due to improper watering or disease.

Homeowners can get the lawn into good shape by proper mowing, fertilization and watering rather than by using lots of herbicides.

Water should be applied in large enough quantities at a time to penetrate into the soil and encourage the grass roots to grow deeply so that they are drought tolerant. Water very 7 to 14 days to put about one inch of water on the lawn if we do not get adequate spring rains. Watering lawns (other than newly planted ones) for 15 minutes every few days wastes water and does not develop a strong turf. Increase watering to once a week this summer as temperatures increase.

Now is the time to begin fertilizing lawns. A good way to know when to fertilize is to wait until you have mowed the actively growing turf grass twice. If you fertilize too early, you will be fertilizing the winter weeds! Most warm season turf grasses respond best to a 3-1-2 ratio fertilizer at 6 to 8 week intervals during the growing season. Apply about half a pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet at each fertilization interval. Usually in the spring we have rains to incorporate the fertilizer, but it should be watered in if there is no rain within a couple of days to prevent burning your lawn. Extension specialists recommend slow release nitrogen fertilizer. They do cost a little more, but they last longer and can help to prevent nitrogen runoff and leaching. Slow release fertilizers are also excellent fertilizers for shrubs and trees.

Some people prefer to use organic fertilizers; there are now some excellent complete organic fertilizer mixtures on the market.

Compost can also be used, if it is a finely-screened, well-composed mixture so that it can spread evenly and not upset the neighbors due to odor.

Words are things; and a small drop of ink, falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps millions, think.

—Lord Byron

Few men during their lifetime come anywhere near exhausting the resources dwelling within them. There are deep wells of strength that are never used.

—Richard E. Byrd

newsworthy trends

Southern Communities Party 'Til The Ants Don't Come Home

(NAPS)—A study done by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Bryan, Texas, revealed that the key to controlling fire ants is strength in numbers. As a result, neighbors in fire ant areas are throwing fire ant block parties, essentially to "bite 'em back."

The key to a successful block party is broadcasting, the process of applying bait, like AMDRO® fire ant bait, across yards versus treating individual mounds. Broadcasting has been shown to significantly reduce the number of fire ants and generally costs less than treating individual mounds. It's easy and inexpensive, just a few dollars for a typical yard.

When all of your neighbors apply bait at the same time, you all achieve better long-term fire ant control. The ants eat the bait and die, but not before spreading it throughout the colony, including to the queen ant which is the only one capable of reproducing. The entire colony perishes and, because the queen dies, no more ants will be reproduced. When the fire ants in a whole community are wiped out, reinfestation is less likely.

When planning a block party, find out your neighbors' availability, then choose a date and alert everyone to the time of the party. Remember to establish a rain date also (fire ants won't take soggy bait). Correct timing is also important.



Working together, communities can more effectively control fire ants.

Fire ants usually forage for food around middle to late morning or later afternoon to evening.



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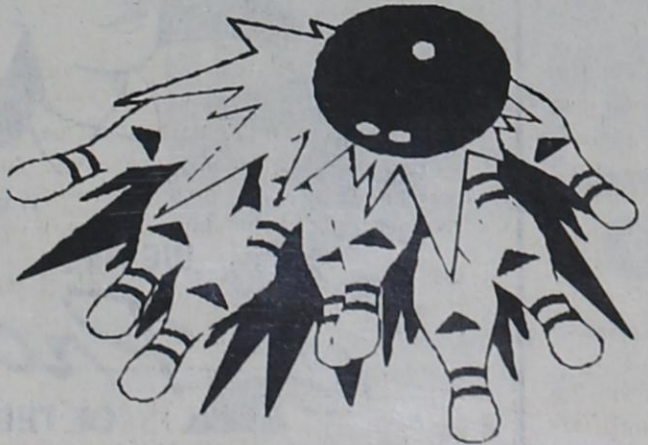
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