

## O'Brien files for City Council

By Billy Harris  
Baird Correspondent

**Baird** - Pat O'Brien has filed for a place on the City Council ballot. No one else has filed for the three positions to be filled in the May election.

Baird ISD is closed this week for spring break but will be open on Friday, March 14th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. to accept applications for School Board.

**Baird** - Callahan County's Extension Agent turned in his resignation to the County Commissioners during their regular meeting Monday, March 10th.

Greg Gerngross will be ending his almost 28 years as Callahan County Extension Agent on March 31st. Gerngross said he will be retiring so he can do some things he has wanted to do for the past 30 years he has been with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service. He spent two and half years in Falls County before coming to Baird in May of 1969.

Greg compared the Extension Agents job to running a dairy, both are real confining jobs as far as taking any length of time off. He added that extension

agents post is a young man's job and the long hours are getting harder for him to cope with.

When asked if he had any regrets about the last 28 years Greg proudly said "no" and he would do it all over again and not change anything. There is no measure for the "million friends" from Callahan County, the Big Country and all over the State he has become acquainted with and he would not trade those friendships and the last 28 years for "anything". He spoke of kids he had in 4-H 25 years ago and now is assisting their kids in 4-H.

The Gerngross family will continue to live in Baird after Greg's retirement.

Callahan County Judge Bill Johnson said he had to do some research to find out how the County would replace Gerngross. "It's been 28 years since the county has done this," stated Johnson. Applications for the job are made to Texas A&M Extension Service and they will

recommend to the County Commissioners an applicant that will be accepted or rejected by the commissioners.

## Callahan Co. Water Supply Annual meeting March 24

**Baird** - The annual meeting for all Callahan County Water Supply Corporation members is scheduled for March 24, at 7 p.m. in the District Courtroom, 3rd floor, County Courthouse at Baird, Texas. The following agenda items will be addressed at this meeting:

I. Report of Credentials Committee on membership - Cathy Goldsmith, chairperson.

II. Reading of 1996 Annual Meeting minutes - Cathy Goldsmith, Secretary.

III. Financial Audit Report, Ray and Company, Hobby Stevens and Darrell Lindbert, CPA.

IV. Engineering Report - Billy Jacobs and Darin Jennings, P.E.

V. Rural Development (FmHA), Progress Report. Larry Jones, Ass't Rural

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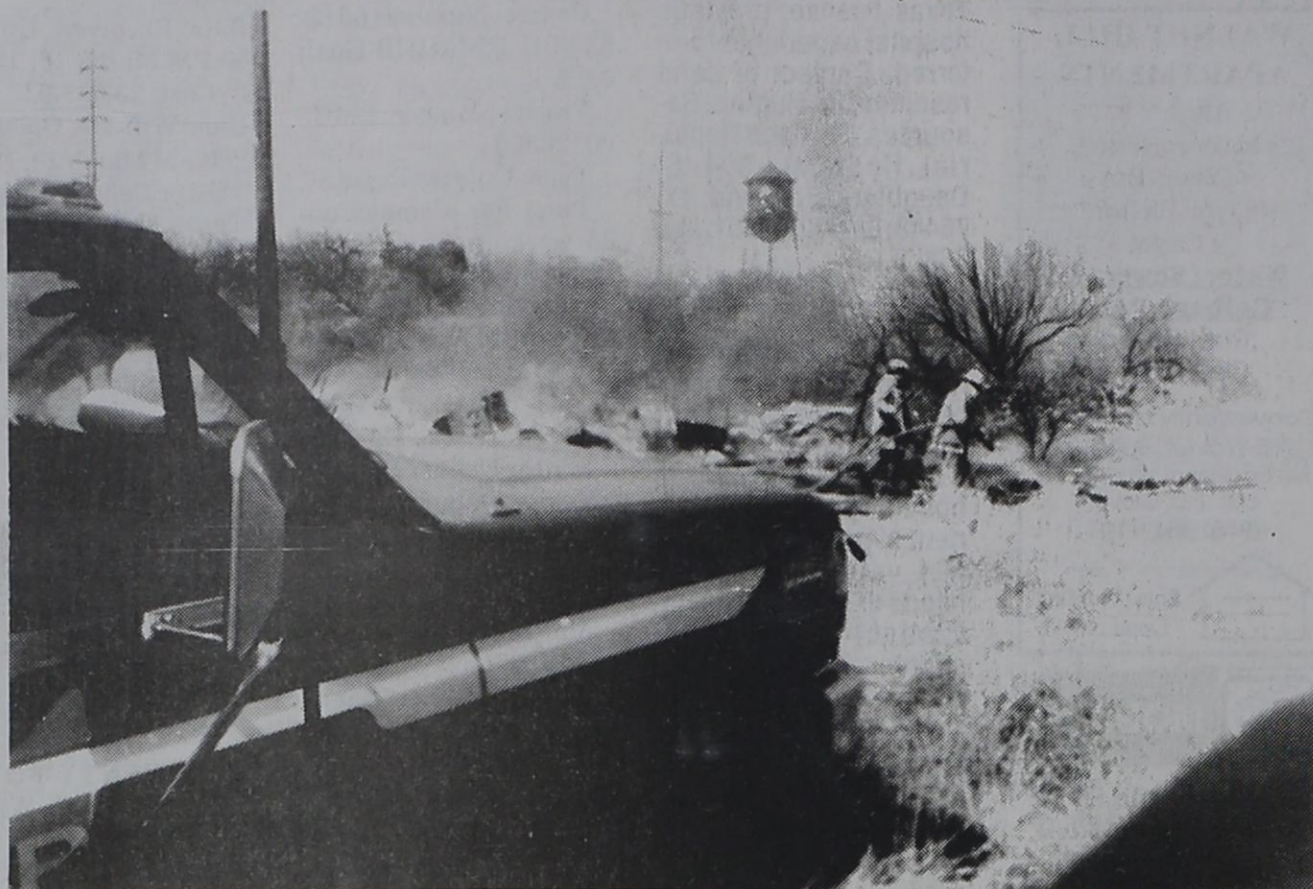
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Baird fireman put out the remains of a Putnam home. The home was unoccupied and was located west of town.

## Putnam home burns to ground

**Putnam** - An unoccupied residence on the west edge of Putnam burned to the ground just after noon Thursday, March 6th.

Baird Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched at 12:22 p.m. and firemen said there was a heavy smoke column visible from Baird as they were

responding. When they arrived the two story home was on the ground. Baird responded to the call with 3 trucks and 6 firemen.

Callahan County Sheriff Eddie Curtis said a utilities employee said the electricity had been turned off last week.

The house was said to have not been lived in for some time but witness's said they had seen some transients around the area recently.

Baird Fire Chief Tom Windham requested for the State Fire Marshal to investigate the fire and determine a cause.

The State Fire Marshal will work with Baird Fire Marshal Russell Robbins on the investigation.

The Zoie Wagley family that owned the home now lives in Clyde and it was not know if they had insurance on the structure.

## Red Cross offers class

**Baird** - American Red Cross will offer a water safety instructor class for persons wishing to be certified to teach swimming lessons. Applicants must be 17 years of age and have the ability to pass the precourse testing of swimming skills and water safety. Enrollment will be accepted until April 9th, the class will begin on April 14th and complete on April 28th.

Interested persons may call 677-2622 or 1-800-927-6771 for more information.

## Baird C of C 6th Annual Art Show

**Baird** - Come visit Bairds 6th Annual Art Show and Sale on Saturday, March 15, 1997 at 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Baird Activity Center at 228 Walnut. Local artists and artists from all over the area will have their work of art on display for he public to view.

Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 13, 1997 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Baird Activity Center. Entry fee is \$3.00 per entry with a limit of six paintings. Judging will be Friday, March 14, 1997 and winners will be notified by phone. Friday afternoon. For more information contact the Baird Chamber of Commerce at 915-854-2003.

Plan to make a day of it and come see the art, have lunch at the great restaurants and visit the wonderful antique shops in Baird, Texas. "The Antique Capital of West Texas."

## Nominations taken for gifted and talented program

**Baird** - Baird I.S.D. conducts a Gifted and Talented Program for students with above average potential in academic and creative-productive thinking skills areas in grades K-12. This gifted education program is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to

## Shriners visit Baird

By Billy Harris  
Baird Correspondent

**Baird** - Shriners came to Baird by the bus load Saturday for a salad and soup lunch and Antique shopping.

The Shriner Clowns were having convention in Abilene and the Abilene Chamber of Commerce supplied the two busses to transport them and their wives to Baird for the shopping trip. The meal was furnished by donations from business's and individuals in Baird.

Over 80 Shriners and wives came to town to shop. Potentate (a high ranking shriner official) Barney Johnson and three other officers were among the visitors. They said they were very impressed with out town and would plan on returning in the future.

City Wide Garage Sale coming soon!

nominate a student believed to be an intellectually and creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the Elementary Principal's office and complete the necessary forms. These forms need to be completed by March 18th.

Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure, which requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing.

Baird I.S.D. tiene un programa inteligente y talentoso para estudiantes con promedio potencial en

academico y habilidades para pensamiento creadoras por grados K-12. Este programa de educacion inteligencia se disena a desafiar estudiantes y acelerar el plan de estudios normal.

Alguien ese deseos pueden nombrar a un estudiante que usted cree es dotado por completar las formas necesarios en la oficina de la Principal del Elemental. Las formas deben ser completadas por el dieciocho de marzo.

Los estudiantes nombrado seran dado comprobacion especial. Padres deben dar permiso por la prueba al tiempo de la nominacion.

## Read the March classifieds for great bargains!

### Eight Texas Counties eligible for USDA Emergency Farm loans

**Washington, D.C.** Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman has named eight Texas counties as eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans because of losses caused by drought, that occurred from October 1, 1995, through July 10, 1996, and continuing.

Eastland County was named as a primary disaster area on February 28, 1997. Also eligible, because they are contiguous to Eastland County, are Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Erath, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, and Stephens counties.

Farmers in all eight counties have eight

months to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.



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## Bee's force family to evacuate home

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Baird Correspondent

**Baird** - A family was forced to evacuate their home about three miles east of Baird Thursday evening March 6th when bee's swarmed inside and outside the residence.

Callahan County Sheriff's Deputy Daroll Ratto, who was the first to respond to the 911 call said there was "a big bunch of bees" flying around and collecting on portions of the house.

Ratto said none of the occupants of the home, a woman and her two young daughters, were stung by the insects, but were very shaken by the experience. Ratto was stung three times and another deputy, Greg Wilkinson was stung once. The

family's dog was stung numerous times and was taken to a veterinarian and was to be kept overnight for observation. Ratto said there were quite a few bees inside the house.

Callahan County Dispatcher Valarie Walker said this was the first time she has had a call of this type. She said she received the call at about 4:47

p.m. and was at first a little unsure who to send to answer the call.

Deputy Ratto said he did not know what the family was going to do about the bees. They did tell him they had lived in the house for about three years and knew that there were bees in the walls but they had never acted like they did today.

## Coupon Ad in Mail-Box Express offers \$500.00 machine discount

If you'd like to see a \$500-ad, look on the front page of the MAILBOX EXPRESS.

It didn't cost that much; that's how much the ad is worth toward the purchase of an already-discounted new Toshiba copier at Arther Business Products in Eastland.

Veteran Office Machine Professional Phillip Arther is introducing the Toshiba special in connection with the official opening of his Business Products Service, located at JC Penney on East Main St. in Eastland, where he is also proprietor of that catalog facility and the

video rental center. Local financing is available through Arther as well as professional maintenance person for nine years with a previous company.

The copier offered in connection with the ad is the 1550, one of the in-

dustries' leading machines today. He already has the popular model discounted by \$493.95, so with the ad coupon, a buyer could save almost a thousand dollars toward the purchase.

Further details are available at 817-629-2618.

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# Fire Ants Management Plan Announced

Research and community-wide control programs are the cornerstones of a plan which

joins together several leading state universities and state agencies with communities to lessen the sting of the red imported fire ant in Texas. The proposal provides

short-term relief as well as a commitment to developing a long-term solution to the problem which has plagued people, livestock and pets in most of the state.

"The fire ant is an aggressive invader and it continues to spread across Texas," said Dr. Bart Drees, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Texas officials will present the plan to the legislature during its current session. The proposal includes a \$2.7 million

annual budget for the next six years.

"Many people do not realize how fast fire ants are multiplying and what damage they can do to industry, to farms, to utilities, to wildlife—all those things are affected," said Rep. Tom Ramsay, D-Mount Vernon. "And my legislation is not only let people know about the problems but to coordinate the efforts of the research universities in Texas and to give information to the people in the state."

Red imported fire ants cause an estimated \$300 million in losses in Texas each year, Drees said.

Fire ant colonies have infested 56 million acres, about two-thirds of Texas. The pests invade lawns, gardens and occasionally homes, leading to increased medical costs for people and pets, reduced property values, structural damage and contaminated water systems due to pesticide overuse or misuse.

In the five major metropolitan areas of the state (San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth and Houston), it's estimated that homeowners lost nearly \$100 million to the fire ant during 1996.

Fire ants infest electrical equipment such as air conditioners, traffic boxes and airport runway lights, which can cause electrical fires, equipment failure, costly repairs and injury to service personnel and the general public.

"Although we don't have a way to eradicate the fire ant today, we do know how to control them where

they are a problem in urban areas. And, we can do a lot better job if we work together in neighborhoods, homeowner associations or communities to coordinate control efforts," Drees said.

This plan differs from past plans in that this is a coordinated effort among all major Texas organizations addressing the fire ant problem through research, educational and regulatory programs, said Larry Gilbert, researcher with the University of Texas.

These include the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, University of Texas, and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The research segment of the plan will include several phases, including evaluating available technology that looks promising, investigating integrated pest management solutions and exploring new technology such as

biological control agents and potential weaknesses in the ants' biology that could be used against them, Gilbert said.

Community-wide management and education programs also will be an integral part of the plan.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be committing personnel, expertise and resources to help selected community groups organize, implement and evaluate area-wide programs, Drees said.

The Texas Department of Agriculture will oversee regulatory programs to prevent the further spread of fire ants.

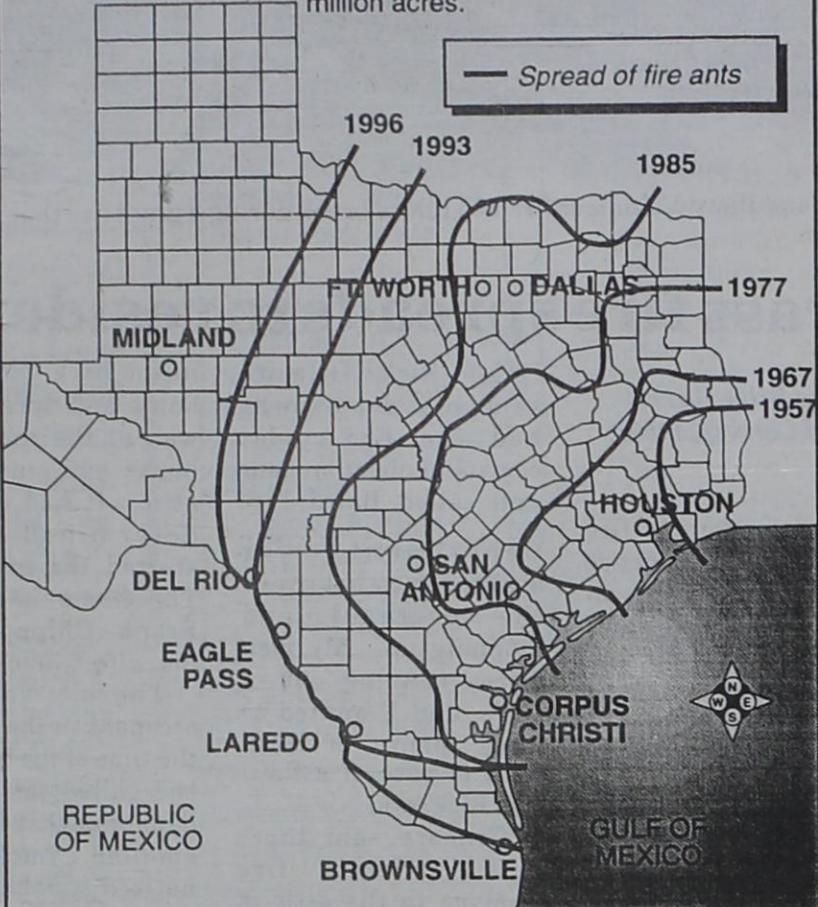
Additionally, all of the agencies will be involved in developing and disseminating information about the pest to assist the public in implementing effective fire ant management.

The plan was developed under the auspices of the Texas Fire Ant Research and Management Account Advisory Committee, established in 1995 by the Texas Legislature.



## Spread of the imported fire ant

The red imported fire ant was accidentally introduced into the United States from South America around the 1930s to the port of Mobile, Alabama. It spread naturally through mating flights and was transported through intra- and interstate commerce, reaching East Texas during the 1950s. Since then, it has spread over the eastern two-thirds of Texas and now infests about 56 million acres.



Source: Fire Ant Research and Management Advisory Committee  
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M University System

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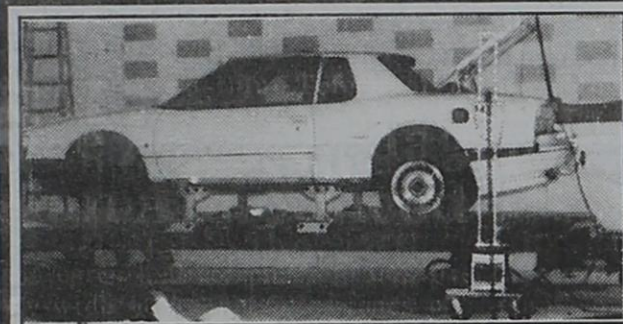
Rural Development will facilitate the meeting. Information on USDA grants and loans will be presented for bank officers, commercial loan officers, certified loan officers, certified public accountants, commercial realtors, chamber of commerce and economic development officers. Carriker will be assisted by Shelton Rhodes, USDA Business and Cooperatives Specialist.

Topics will include borrower and project eligibility, lenders responsibilities, underwriting criteria and requirements, project structuring and loan processing. Time will be allotted for questions from participants.

For more information call the TMCN Office 915-893-2099.

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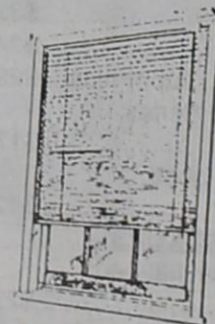
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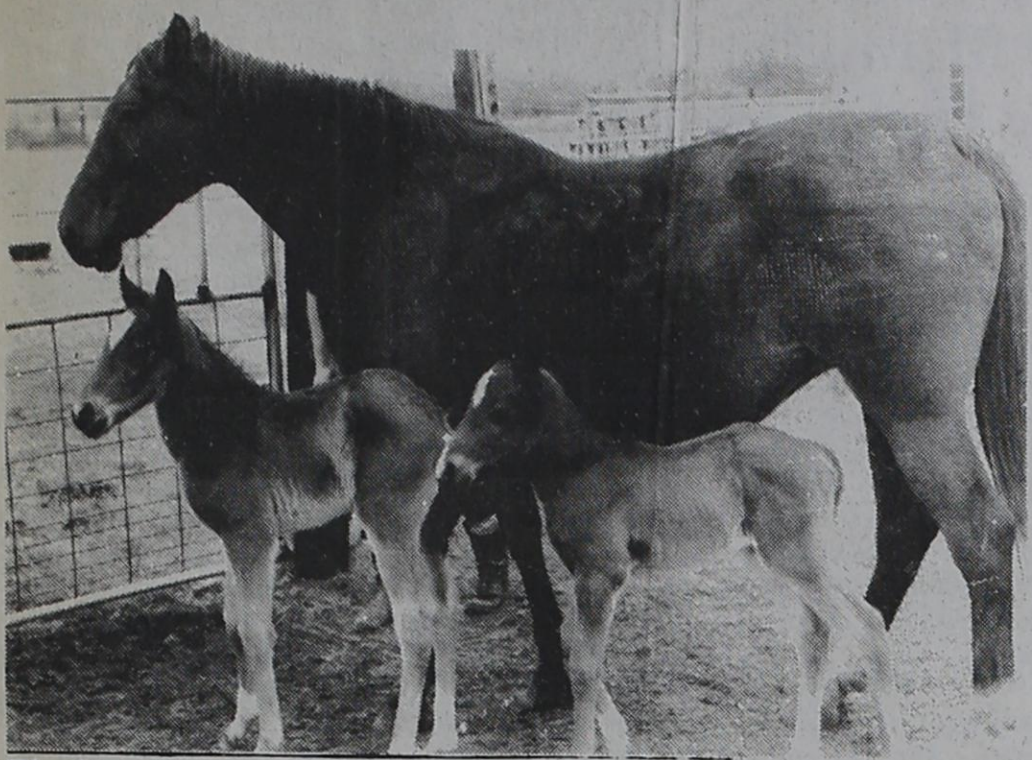
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**Flash, a Tennessee Walker buggy horse belonging to Archie and Carolyn Balzen, gave birth to twins early Monday morning at their ranch southwest of Cisco. Named Thunder and Lightning, the twin colts were only the thirteenth set born alive in the breed, according to breed registration officials. They may become a matched pair of buggy horses.**

**13 Convicted In County Court... continued**

tenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. He was ordered to pay court cost and fine in the amount of \$612.00.

Lars Keith Elliott, 32, a resident of Cisco, was convicted of the offense of Assault Causing Bodily Injury and was sentenced to One (1) year confinement in the Eastland County Jail, Suspended with Community Supervision for a period of One (1) year. He was ordered to pay court cost in the amount of \$152.00; and

Lars Keith Elliott was convicted of the offense of Evading Detention and was sentenced to One Hundred and Eighty (180) days confinement in the Eastland County Jail; Suspended with Commu-

nity Supervision for a period of One (1) year. He was ordered to pay court cost in the amount of \$157.00.

**February 21, 1997**  
Gregory Warren Stephens, 37, a resident of Ranger, was convicted of the offense of Assault Causing Bodily Injury and was sentenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. He was ordered to pay court cost and fine in the amount of \$257.00.

Charles L. Moore, 24, a resident of San Antonio, was convicted of the offense of Driving While Intoxicated and was sentenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. He was ordered to pay court cost and fine in the amount of \$512.00.

Jose Marie Recendez, 23, a resident of Gorman,

was convicted of the offense of Tampering With A Governmental Record and was sentenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. He was ordered to pay court cost and fine in the amount of \$257.00.

Betty Lavon Floyd, 45, a resident of Rising Star, was convicted of the offense of Theft By Check, \$20.00 or more but less than \$500.00 and was sentenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. She was ordered to pay court cost in the amount of \$187.00. Restitution was paid to the victims in this cause.

**February 27, 1997**  
Travis David Vinson, 27, a resident of Eastland, was convicted of the offense of Driving While License Suspended and was sentenced to confine-

ment in the Eastland County Jail. he was ordered to pay court cost and fine in the amount of \$462.00.

**February 28, 1997**  
Jason Neil Barton, 22, a resident of Eastland, was convicted of the offense of Driving While Intoxicated and was sentenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. He was ordered to pay court cost and fine in the amount of \$512.00.

Marcos Patricio Diaz, 30, a resident of Roscoe, was convicted of the offense of Theft By Check, \$20.00 or more but less than \$500.00 and was sentenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. He was ordered to pay court cost and fine in the amount of \$287.00. Restitution was paid to the victims in this cause.

Ricky Allen Cagle, 26, of Carbon, was convicted of the offense of Theft by Check, \$20.00 or more but less than \$500.00 and was sentenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. He was ordered to pay court cost and fine in the amount of \$237.00. Restitution was paid to the victims in this cause.

Patsy Wayland McDowell, 47, a resident of Ranger, was convicted two (2) charges of Theft by Check, \$20.00 or more but less than \$500.00 and was sentenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. She was ordered to pay court cost and fine in the amount of \$474.00. Restitution was paid to the victims in this cause.

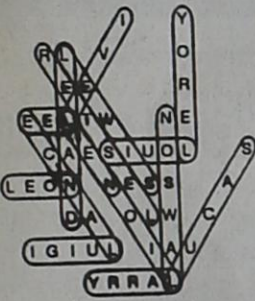
**March 3, 1997**  
Israel Mendiaz Rodriguez, 51, a resident of Carbon, was convicted of the offense of Theft by Check, \$20.00 or more but less than \$500.00 and was sentenced to confinement in the Eastland County Jail. He was ordered to pay court cost in the amount of \$187.00. Restitution was paid to the victims in this cause.

**Star Dates For Rising Star, May And The School**

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| 9  | 10<br>Rising Star<br>Boys Golf<br>Meet     | 11<br>School Spring<br>Photos, Rising<br>Star Girls<br>Golf Meet,<br>Family Photo<br>Night | 12   | 13                    | 14<br>Santa Anna<br>Tennis<br>Meet                     | 15<br>Cross Plains<br>Track<br>Meet |
| 16 | 17<br>High School<br>UIL Writing<br>Events | 18   | 19<br>East Zone<br>One-Act Play<br>Contest | 20<br>Band<br>Concert | 21<br>Rising Star<br>Junior High<br>Track Meet         | 22                                  |
| 23 | 24<br>30                                   | 25<br>District<br>One-Act<br>Play  | 26<br>High School<br>UIL Events            | 27                    | 28<br>Brownwood<br>Tennis Meet,<br>School<br>Holiday   | 29                                  |

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| 2  | 3 Eastern<br>Star 7:30 pm<br>Athletic<br>Booster Club<br>7:00 pm,<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens | 4 Star Pride<br>Meets; May Vol.<br>Fire Dept.; May<br>American Leg-<br>ion Dance<br>Al Anon 12:00<br>at May       | 5 Saturday<br>Club 2 pm,<br>Clothing Sup-<br>ply Room, May<br>Sr. Citizens<br>May FCE<br>Meets | 6 Rural Fire<br>Dept. 6:00 pm<br>R. S. Firefight-<br>ers 7:00<br>City Library<br>9:30-11:00<br>Sr. Citizens | 7 Putnam<br>Musical<br>Bar Mack<br>Ranch Musi-<br>cal<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens     | 8<br>Bingo, Ameri-<br>can Legion Hall<br>Cisco Musical<br>May American<br>Legion Dance                 |  |
| 9  | 10 School Board<br>Meeting<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens  | 11 Union<br>Center Baptist<br>Church Singing<br>6:00pm<br>May American<br>Legion Dance<br>Al Anon 12:00<br>at May | 12 Clothing<br>Supply Room<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens  | 13 City Library<br>9:30-11:00 am<br>Sr. Citizens<br>Club  | 14 Coleman<br>Musical<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens                                     | 15 Lake<br>Brownwood<br>Musical<br>Bingo, Ameri-<br>can Legion<br>Hall<br>May American<br>Legion Dance |  |
| 16 | 17 Band Booster<br>Club<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens   | 18 Masonic<br>Lodge 7:30 pm<br>May American<br>Legion Dance<br>Al Anon 12:00<br>at May                            | 19 Saturday<br>Club<br>Clothing Sup-<br>ply<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens                           | 20 City Library<br>9:30-11:00<br>am<br>May Masonic<br>Lodge 7:00<br>pm                                      | 21 Cottonwood<br>Musical<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens                                  | 22 Echo Jamboree<br>Musical<br>Bingo, ameri-<br>can Legion Hall<br>May American<br>Legion Dance        |  |
| 23 | 24 May Sr.<br>Citizens 31  | 25 May Ameri-<br>can Legion<br>Dance<br>Al Anon<br>12:00 at May   | 26 Clothing Sup-<br>ply Room<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens  | 27 City Library<br>9:30-11:00 am<br>Sr. Citizens  | 28 Rising Star<br>Country<br>Musical<br>Bar Mack<br>Ranch<br>May Sr. Citi-<br>zens | 29 Carbon Musi-<br>cal<br>May Ameri-<br>can Legion<br>Dance  |  |

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To whom it may concern:

America's food supply is being held captive by several megacorporations which routinely pay far more for advertising than they pay the American farmer and rancher for the basic raw products. Since they control the market where farmers and ranchers must sell their products, they are able to basically set the price of raw products in this country. With the passage of NAFTA they have set their sights on competing on the world market. By paying ridiculously low prices for raw agricultural products here they can sell into countries such as Mexico, where the common peasant has little money and cannot afford to buy products at American prices. The result is that America's farmers and ranchers are being held hostage and forced to directly subsidize the megacorporations and the growth of agricultural exports from this country.

Our government officials point to our agricultural exports and NAFTA with pride but they're not the ones having to FOOT THE BILL. In 1993 (the year before NAFTA's implementation) the average income of farmers and ranchers in Texas was \$20,000 per year net income. Since NAFTA's implementation average net income has fallen steadily throughout the agricultural production sector even though American consumers continue to pay steady increases in the price of food. In the last 2 years the OFFICIAL average income for farmers and ranchers in Texas as compiled by the Texas Agricultural Statistics has fallen to less than \$12,000 per year NET income. That's below what our federal

government considers as the poverty level for a family of four in this country, and most farmers and ranchers in Texas are family operations. That's the average income for all 202,000 farmers and ranchers in Texas who have an average investment of nearly \$500,000 and are currently reaping a poverty level income for their efforts. In a free country where everyone is supposed to have an equal opportunity to make a profit there sure seems to be some HOGS at the economic trough.

Consider for a moment what has happened to the ranching industry in the last few years. I would like to point out that the ranching industry in Texas is by far the largest single employer and accounted for more than 47% of all the agricultural products sold in Texas in 1995 (which just happens to be the second worst year economically for ranchers in history-1996 will be the worst). Again, by comparing the OFFICIAL STATISTICS taken directly from the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service 1995 bulletin #254 page 30 in comparing 1991 to 1995 marketing we see that in 1995 Texas ranchers produced an additional 2.1 billion pounds of beef but only gained a GROSS increase of 252 million dollars in income. In other words we Texas rancher was forced to directly subsidize the packing industry by furnishing them with 2.1 billion pounds of beef at 12 cents/lb. and remember that's 12 cents/lb. gross income. It cost the Texas rancher approximately 60 cents/lb. to produce that extra 2.1 billion pounds of beef in 1995. I predict that the 1996 statistics will show

ADDITIONAL production at 2 billion pounds with ZERO gain in income for ranchers. In essence the balance of trade with Mexico is being subsidized by Texas ranchers to the tune of \$1.26 billion dollars per year and that's why NAFTA's balance of trade has looked good so far. Anyone can take 12 cent/lb. beef (or free as in 1996) and sell it to another country for a profit, even one as poor as Mexico, if you're able to manipulate the market and ESSENTIALLY rob American ranchers to do it.

When you dominate a market enough to force an industry as large as the ranching industry to sell to you at a price below their actual costs of production then I believe it would be safe to call that a monopoly. A monopoly that, in my opinion, has committed robbery - it may not have been illegal but it's still robbery!!!

If you think I'm trashing the American packing industry and blaming them directly for the plight of the American rancher then you are dead wrong. I don't blame the U.S. government for the same reason, if we are not willing to stand up and defend our rights - be they economic or basic freedoms, then we don't have the right to blame someone else with the outcome. Fellow ranchers, if you want to see who's to blame for our economic misery then go take a good long hard look in the mirror - nothing

personal, but it's our lack of unity in demanding a better price for our product that has allowed the packing industry to take advantage of us. It's true most of us felt we had no choice, and individually we certainly didn't, but our individual lack of action in finding a way to support our industry is directly responsible for our economic condition. It's perfectly true that up until now we were helpless as individuals to demand fair treatment in the market place and basically our national organizations were not designed to do battle with the packing industry over the prices that we as ranchers receive.

But now, right here in Eastland County, Texas, a company has been formed with some very lofty goals that gives the American rancher the means to regain control of our livelihood and thus our destiny. The company's name is the American Cattleman's Marketing Network, Inc. doing business as AMCAT. We intend to change the future of agriculture in America and we can succeed but only if you as an American rancher have the guts to stand up and join with us. We believe it's time for the American farmer and rancher to stand up for their economic rights and demand a fair market value for their products. If you're a rancher and are fed up with what you have been receiving in the market place, then you owe it to yourself and your family to come to our meeting and learn about our program. The meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Siebert Elementary School Cafeteria located at the corner of Sadosa

## On Homestead Exemptions Is This The Minority Or Majority Opinion

By Viola Payne

In Austin right now two separate bills on Homestead Exemptions have been referred to Committees. At least one of them is expected to make it to the floor of the House of Representatives during the Legislative session.

One of the proposals will allow the homeowner to take a loan on his equity and use the money for anything he wishes.

The other will allow loans, but only for specified purposes, such as hospital bills and perhaps education.

Texas is the last state in the Union to retain the Homestead Exemption, where a home and up to 160 acres of land cannot be used as collateral on a loan.

Nor can that home and/or 160 acres be taken from him - except for a forced sale to pay off the original mortgage, property improvements or taxes.

As I write this I realize that all of us tend to judge the facts and statements we read by our own experiences.

My own experiences have led me to favor the total repeal of the Homestead Provision as written into the Texas Constitution.

In 1980 my husband died after a lengthy illness. The major part of my estate consisted of a 213 acre farm in Scurry County, near the Colorado River.

and Madera streets in Eastland. For more information contact 647-5193. Larry Williamson

We had lived on this land at times, and inherited it some years before. I had known I could not borrow any money on the farm, due to the State Homestead laws.

Before, I had never really wanted to. But now I realized that another medical crisis or some other calamity could force me to sell the land to raise funds.

About that time, of course, taxes took a sharp jump - and the jumps continued, cotton crop or not.

I was reminded during the 1980's that taxes and interest and penalties could mount up on farmland until it could actually be seized and sold.

Or at least that's what an unpleasant letter from a firm of Tax Collection Attorneys inferred to me. (Somehow I pictured these Tax Lawyers as dressed in designer clothing and living in luxurious quarters in their distant cities).

I decided I was in an interesting situation - I had a valuable piece of property I could barely afford.

At least it was valuable to me. It might not look like much to anyone else, but to me it was superimposed with images and memories.

I could visualize my Grandfather arriving in the area with a covered wagon - with all he owned packed inside it.

I could see my father on the old homestead nearby, climbing up a hill to watch for rain.

And my Mother - how could I describe the infi-

Sunday, March 9, 1997

nite things she did to make life better for her children?

I decided I was not going to get into any situation where I was forced to sell my farm. The fruits of my parent's labor and sacrifice were not going to taxing entities, lawyers, or any undeserving person.

With God's help and a supportive family, all turned out well. Although the 1980's had its share of droughts and boll weevils, there were many blessings.

One of these was proceeds from a denim mill - the one Congressman Stenholm discussed at the recent Farmers and Ranchers meeting at Carbon.

The future of cotton farming is still very uncertain. But if the Homestead Law is changed it probably won't make much difference in what I do now.

Yet I wonder about other people who have a small tract of land or maybe just a house. Shouldn't they have the same privilege to borrow on their Homestead equity that the rich do on their vast land holdings?

With judicious financ-

ing, some might make a little money on other investments. Or younger people could further their education or start a small business.

It might also stop people from turning to loans with high interest rates, such as credit cards, and other high-interest loans.

Also, there are a number of abuses under the present system, in which wealthy people can set up expensive "Homesteads" which are protected from bankruptcy.

A number of people do not agree with my ideas on dropping the Homestead provision. They say that bankers and others will take advantage of people who make loans on their homes, and will force a lot of people out on the streets. That's not a fair statement to imply that all bankers are evil.

Obviously anything that is borrowed on a Homestead will have to be paid back or you are in big trouble.

But I still believe that dropping the Homestead provision would free up some credit and buying power for people who need it the most.

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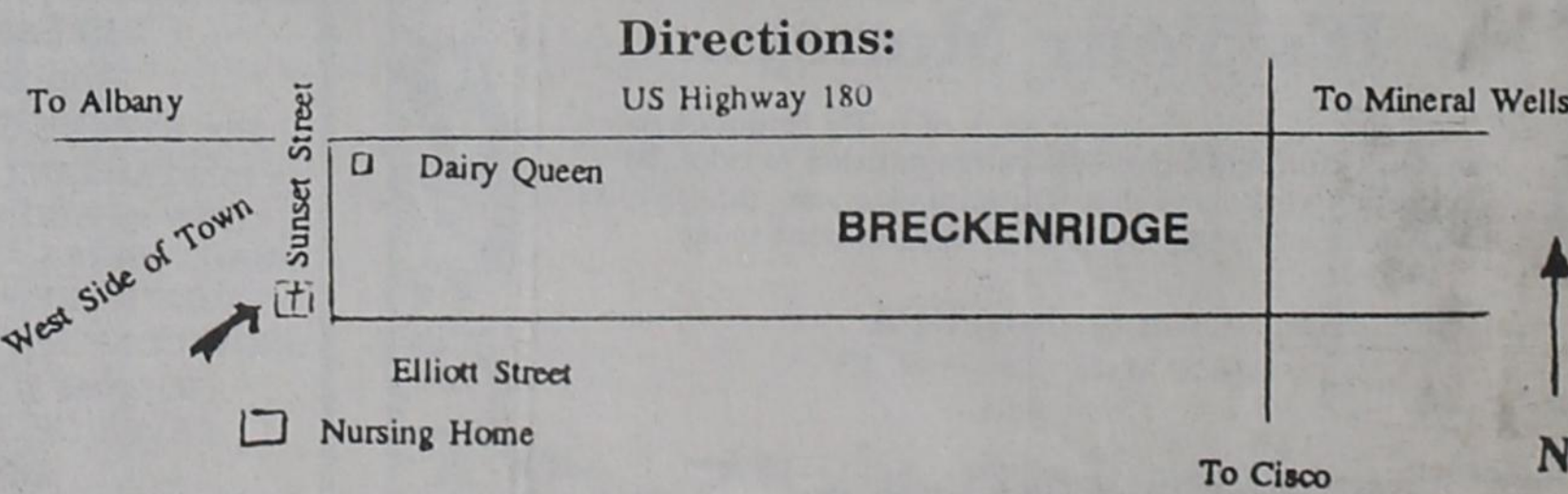
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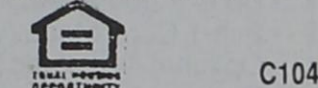
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**WANTED - Concrete Truck Driver.** Must have Class B-CDL. Apply in person Tri-Cities Ready Mix, Eastland, TX.  
 T20-104

**AVON - \$8-\$15/hr.** No door to door. No minimum order. Bonuses/benefits 1-800-827-4640, ind/sls/rep.  
 T23

### Employment



**TRUCK DRIVERS**  
 KOCH Industries, Inc. is a privately held, multibillion dollar, diversified international energy company. Currently we seek Truck Driver candidates that possess a CDL with hazardous materials and tanker endorsements, good driving record and the ability to pass a DOT physical and drug screen. KOCH offers competitive wages, excellent benefits and pleasant, professional working conditions in a smoke free environment. We have positions available in: Breckenridge and Graham, Texas. Apply in person Wednesday, March 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, March 13, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**KOCH INDUSTRIES INC**  
 1383 FM 287 - Industrial Loop Breckenridge, Texas 76424 (817) 559-2606

**RN CASE MANAGER**  
 Career opportunity for self-starting RN with home health experience in Eastland & surrounding area. Excellent benefits package & competitive salary. EOE. Send resume to:  
**HUMAN RESOURCES**  
 Mediplex Home Health  
 Two Village Dr., Ste. 500  
 Abilene, TX 79606  
 (915) 691-9696

**Ranger Independent School District** is seeking part time bus drivers. Applicants will need to have or be able to get a CDL with passenger air brake endorsements. Interested persons should contact Joe Wesley at the school business office or call 647-1187.  
 R23

**HELP WANTED:** Western Manor is taking applications for Experienced Medicare Nurse with knowledge of all aspects of medicine. Apply in person at Business Office 460 W. Main, Ranger, TX.  
 R104

**Western Manor** is now taking applications for weekend RN. Competitive wages and benefits. Apply in person or call Business Office - Western Manor 647-3111.  
 R104

**WANTED:** Certified Nurses Aide. Top pay for this area, 6 paid holidays. Apply in person at Rising Star Nursing Center.  
 RS104

**NEEDED RN** Relief Sat. & Sun. Hours 6-2 or 2-10. Salary competitive. Contact Russell Gray, Rising Star Nursing Center 817-643-6700.  
 RS104

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 C26

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 T27

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 T25

**CASH!** Junk cars, old trucks, vans, buses or tractors. Titles or no titles.  
**JIM THE JUNKMAN**  
 817-629-2471  
 T104

**HELP WANTED:** Relief LVN, Apply in person 460 W. Main in Ranger.  
 R104

**HELP WANTED:** Weekend RN. Apply in person 460 W. Main, Ranger.  
 R104

### Business Services

 For home repairs, plumbing, fencing, or tree trimming or removal Call Ivan Hurley at 442-2253. Free Estimates.  
 C104

**FENCES**  
 Chain Link, Residential, Commercial, Privacy, White wood, Cedar, Vinyl, Wrought Iron, Custom Gates, Farm & Ranch.  
**STEINMAN FENCING**  
 817-629-1649  
 T104

Tired of coming home to a dirty house? Call Tammy at 817-647-1852. I do housework. Call for references and estimates.  
 T21

House leveling, floor bracing, foundation repairs. A better job for less money with references to prove it. Free estimates. David Lee, 915-675-6369.  
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### Training

**ACTION CAREER TRUCK DRIVING TRAINING** JTPA approved 1-800-282-8658. 273 CR 287 Merkel, Texas 79536.  
 T26

### Child Care

**CHILD CARE**  
 18 months - up. Home setting plus learning environment. Planned activities, meal and snacks provided. Preschool Teacher. Call 629-3129.  
 T21

### Mobiles

Huge used 4 BRM Doublewide - Just like new - \$2000.00 down - 11% APR - 240 mos. - \$395.00 per month - Free Delivery & Set Up. For details call 800-460-3537.  
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 T20

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 T20

Banks says we must move Repo's. Over 40 to choose from. 1-800-976-5341.  
 T20

Abandoned Doublewide. Set up. Must Sell. 915-676-5341.  
 T20


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### Automobiles For Sale

 '87 Ford Ranger, 647-3755.  
 T20

### Garage/Yard Sales

**CISCO**  
 Children's clothes, odds and ends, shoes, furniture, plus much more.  
 Come by  
 302 East 19th in Cisco  
 C-20

**GARAGE SALE:** 705 E. 22nd St., Cisco, in alley. Sat., March 8, 8 until 3 families items.  
 C20

### EASTLAND

**MOVING SALE:** 601 S. Lamar. Living room set with tables, white full/twin bunk set, refrigerator, old dryer, table, chairs, children's clothes, toys, baby clothes, asst. curtains, odds and ends. Sat., March 8, 8:00?  
 T20

**GREAT MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** "Rain or Shine" Saturday, March 8, 8 a.m. till 7 500 Oakwood, Eastland. Many Household items, Easter decorations, nice clothes, and much more!!!  
 T20

### OLDEN

**OLDEN - INSIDE & OUTSIDE SALE:** I-20 East. North Service Road. Saturday, March 8th, 8 till 7 Nintendo and games, child's nice vanity and stool, large chrome free standing clothes rack, dishes, children-adult clothes, and lots of misc.  
 T20

### Rummage Sale

**GIANT RUMMAGE SALE:** Furniture, toys, clothes, etc. Saturday, March 8th, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Ranger Methodist Church, 417 Elm St.  
 T20

### Video Rentals

99¢ Video Rentals Monday - Thursday (1.99 weekends) Hunchback, Space Jam, & More!  
**VIDEO 99**  
 108 West 8th, Cisco.  
 C20

### Wanted/Needed

**WOULD LIKE TO BUY AND LEASE PEANUT QUOTA.** Call Jimmie Grissom at 968-3607 or 965-3515 or 968-2056, leave a message.  
 T27



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### Wanted/Needed

**PEANUT QUOTA NEEDED** By individual farmer to lease. 806-447-5289. T24

**PEANUT QUOTA** I will buy or lease your peanut quota. Call 915-758-6296 after 5 p.m. T27

**Want To Lease Quota** Peanut Pounds: Contact Bill Hall Rt. 2 Box 128, Wellington, TX. 79095 or Phone 1-800-220-7861 or 1-806-858-8951. T24

**WANTED:** 250,000 pounds of Peanut Quota. This quota WILL STAY in Eastland County. Paying 30¢ a pound. Call Ken Simpson 817-877-2318. T26

**Hunting Lease Wanted:** 972-466-2872 or 972-242-4986. T23

**Want To Lease or Buy Quota for Peanuts?** Call Bill Prince at West Gaines Seed & Delinting 915-758-3628. T21

**Peanut Quota Wanted: Buy or Lease.** Contact Tommy Mason 1909 East Reppto, Brownfield, TX 79316. 806-637-4730. T23

**Want To Lease Quota** Peanuts. 806-447-2078. T34

**WANTED:** 67 people to lose weight. All Natural, #1 in Europe. "I lost 21 pounds in 21 days." Call J.D. (801) 350-7944. T21

**PEANUT QUOTA** I am interested in leasing your peanut quota. Call Gary Matthews, 915-758-5439. T25

**WANTED:** Would like to buy or lease peanut quota pounds. 806-456-2166. T26

### Antiques

**R & F ANTIQUES** Collectibles, glass and furniture. Buy 1 piece or estates. Restorations available. 321 W. Main, Ranger, TX. 817-647-1411. T26

**FOR SALE:** Antique glass and furniture and other collectibles. "We Buy Estates." The House of Antiques, 908 S. Bassett, Eastland, Texas. Open every day. 817-629-1124. T104

### Notices

**MOM'S CHOCOLATE SHOP** has moved to 116 W. Commerce St. (Antiques & Uniques Bldg.). We will have Easter Eggs for hiding (order early please). We will now be open 7 days a week. Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. 817-629-1889. We have Chocolate Old Rip Candy Bars. T21

The City of Ranger is accepting bids for property located at the intersection of Wayland Road and Sunset. The property currently houses the City's old Cemetery House. The house has been sold and the lot only is for sale. Bids will be received until 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 1997, and will be opened at a Regular Meeting that same night. The City of Ranger reserves the right to reject any and all bids not in the best interest of the City. R24

### Notices

**OPENING** March 10th Thrift Shop at 305 West Main, Ranger, TX. T21

I will no longer be responsible for any other debts but my own. Al Gaeta, Sr. T20

Offers will be accepted through March 31, 1997, for Holy Trinity Episcopal's Church Chapel and adjacent building located at 708 South Seaman, Eastland, TX. Address inquires to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church P.O. Box 1071, Eastland, TX. 76448 or call 817-629-2591 or 629-1314. T26

The City of Ranger is accepting bids to re-roof the City Hall building located at 400 West Main. Bids will be received until 5 p.m. on March 10, 1997, and will be opened at a regular meeting that same night. The City of Ranger reserves the right to reject any and all bids not in the best interest of the City. T20

**Subscribe to the Dallas Morning News; satisfaction guaranteed or money back. Information, Call Melba Kidd at 442-4085.** T104

### Cards Of Thanks

To our many, many friends, who sent flowers, cards, food, your Prayers, a pat on the back, hugs, visits and the many other acts of kindness - Our family will forever be grateful. Our entire family appreciates the care, concern, TLC from all employees at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Cisco. Mother was a resident there for 5 1/2 years and she received care above and beyond the call of duty. Canterbury Villa is devoted to the care and concern of welfare to each and every resident - they have a mission - to take care of our loved ones - and their mission is accomplished everyday. Our heartfelt "Thanks" to the ladies of Cisco's First Methodist Church for the lovely lunch served to 114 sad but happy family members. Mother lived a good, happy and healthy 100 yrs. and we know she was ready for her heavenly home -- where there is no more pain. Appreciation goes to Brad & Sherry Kimbrough for their services and friendship - We love you. To Brother Gary Turner for the nice service and prayers - a big thank you - we will always remember your kindness. We will always be thankful to Dr. De Luca for his caring attention given to Mother for the past 6 years. Our family is very large - but compared to the love and concern shown to us, during our loss, by friends and neighbors our family seems so small. Our love and appreciation goes out to everyone. May God bless each of you in HIS Special Way. The family of Sopha Belknap Eudy Maurine (Eudy) Thompson & family Virginia Mae (Eudy) & Dayton & family Mary (Eudy) & Pete Schulle & family Bill & Dottie Eudy & family Martha Lee (Eudy) & Ron Emerich & family Marilyn & Kenneth Kinney & family C20

### Cards Of Thanks



The family of Jack Brown wishes to say Thank You for all the wonderful acts of kindness shown us during this time of sorrow. We sincerely appreciated the delicious meals served to our family, and all the flowers, cards, phone calls and visits. Wilma Brown Ronnie Brown Bobby Brown T20

We wish to say Thank You to each and every one for your thoughtfulness, kindness, prayers and visits to our loved one during his illness and death. Larry, Julie Mary & Jake T20

Welse Frank and Sue Welse Tye, Alisa and Brandon Brooks and Blanche Welse C20

### ? Miscellaneous!

**Certified Nurse Aide Classes - 80 hours, Central Texas Commercial College, Brownwood, 1-800-861-1622.** T20

**ATTENTION LANDOWNERS** Will trade custom window treatments of your choice for your home or office, up to \$1000.00 in value for a Spring Turkey and Fall Deer Hunting Lease. Phone (817) 629-3667 after 6 p.m. If no answer, please leave name and phone number. T22

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### Read the Classifieds

**AA MEETINGS** Tuesday & Saturday 8:00 p.m. 413 S. Seaman in Eastland, yellow & white house next to First Baptist Church across from City Hall. For more info. call 442-4462. T104

New & Used **BOOKS** Children's Mysteries Teenage Mysteries Assorted Titles Paper & Hardback **ALL OFF PRICE** At **EASTLAND TELEGRAM** 215 S. Seaman

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**EMU OIL** 1 oz. btl...\$ 5.00 2 oz. btl...\$ 8.00 4 oz. btl...\$14.00 To order or request FREE info-pac Call: 1(800) 610-8366 V.E.M.MERCHANDISING T104

**Small Piano:** Take on monthly payments. Will arrange to see locally. Call 1-800-343-6494. T-C22

**For Sale:** Health insurance for the self-employed for affordable rates. Call 800-292-9125. T-C31

**Pine trees about 2 feet \$2.** Dig your own or I will. 10 for \$15; 20 for \$35. 725-7459, Cross Plains. C21

**Books, books, books for sale** at the Eastland Telegram 215 S. Seaman, Eastland. We have a variety to choose from. Come in and look at our various selections. T104

**"Therein Lies The Tale" & "Horses I Have Known"** by William O. Beazley for \$7.50 plus tax available at the Eastland Telegram 215 S. Seaman. T104

**Do you need Wedding invitations?** If so, come by the Eastland Telegram. We have a selection to choose from at the Telegram 215 S. Seaman. T104

**FOR SALE:** Quality business and / or personal cards. Order them at The Eastland Telegram 215 S. Seaman. T104

**Do you need stationary or note cards?** We have all kinds and colors to choose from. Come by the Eastland Telegram 215 S. Seaman. T104

**FOR SALE:** Forget the Alamo and Exploring the Alamo Legends for \$7.50 each plus tax. Available at the Eastland Telegram 215 S. Seaman. T104

**We have Bibles for sale** at the Eastland Telegram. T104

### For Sale

The Santa Claus Bank Robbery and Old Rip booklets available at the Eastland Telegram 215 S. Seaman. T104

**"This Dog'll Hunt"** an entertaining Country Dictionary is available at the Eastland Telegram 215 S. Seaman. T104

**Books such as 100 Days in Texas, The Alamo Letters and The Story of Texas** and some other books available at The Eastland Telegram 215 S. Seaman. T104

We have books like "Little Rabbit in My Garden," by Duluth Jackson; "Classic Clint," Fishing Texas, "Painting for Freedom," "America in Prophecy," for sale at the Eastland Telegram. Come by and see the various selections. T104

## BANK REPO SALE

Eastland National Bank is accepting written bids on the following vehicles and equipment:

| Vehicle:                       | Location:           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1990 Pontiac Grand Am          | Fisher's Auto Sales |
| 1978 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Pickup  | Fisher's Auto Sales |
| 1986 Ford 1 Ton Pickup         | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| 1986 Pontiac Parisienne, 4dr   | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| 1985 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Pickup  | Fisher's Auto Sales |
| 1991 Mercury Capri Convertible | Fisher's Auto Sales |
| 1988 Ford Escort               | Fisher's Auto Sales |
| 1985 Chevrolet Pickup          | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| 1984 Ford 3/4 Ton 4x4 Ext Cab  | Bill's Auto Salvage |

| Construction Equipment:            | Location:           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1979 Chev 3 Ton Bucket Unit Truck  | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| 1975 Int'l 5 Ton Truck with Digger | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| 1965 Int'l 3 Ton Bucket Unit Truck | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| Augers and Core Barrels            | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| Pole Trailer (15 pole capacity)    | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| 16' Tandem Utility Trailer w/ramps | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| 6' Pickup Bed Trailer              | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| 5 h.p. Electric Air Compressor     | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| Craftsman Generator                | Bill's Auto Salvage |
| Misc. Shop Tools, Tires, Parts     | Bill's Auto Salvage |

For more information contact any loan officer at Eastland National Bank, 629-6100.

## Classifieds Get Results



**ADOPTION**  
ADOPTION: A BRITISH/American couple long to adopt newborn to share warm, loving and secure family in London, England. Call Jane and Neil's attorney at 1-800-440-9185. It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond medical/legal expenses.

**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**  
FAMOUS TOYS: FAMOUS toys! Licensed toys. 28 existing locations. Earns big \$\$\$ grow at your own pace. Limited offer. \$6,000 invest. req. 1-800-660-5579 24hrs/7 days.

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ARROW TRUCKING COMPANY \*flatbed and van operation \*regional or long haul \*four terminals in Texas \*assigned conventional \*experienced drivers - owner operators. 1-888-277-6937, inexperienced training available. 817-246-3733. EOE.

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The market was good this week. Prices are still holding. Everything is still wet from the recent rain, but we needed it.  
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300-400 lbs.-70.00-82.00  
400-500 lbs.-70.00-90.00  
Yearling Steers: 500-850 lbs.-62.00-85.00  
Young Springers: \$375.00-600.00  
Older Springers: \$350.00-425.00  
Young Pairs: No test  
Older Pairs: No test  
Stocker Heifers: 200-300 lbs.-57-85  
300-400 lbs.-60-90  
400-500 lbs.-60-75  
Yearling Heifers: 600-900 lbs.-55-65  
Utility Cows: 32-42  
Shelly Cows: 20.00-30  
Bulls: 1200 lbs. & up: 43-53  
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**Percy Wants Your Opinion, and He'll Pay For It**

Dear Readers: I'll soon be embarking on my 15th year in print as author of this column. It doesn't seem possible because I never intended to live this long. I was a young man of 66 when my first column was printed in March of '83. I'm now 80 years old and although I'm extremely fortunate and grateful for these past years, I'm also extremely concerned. Quite honestly, I don't see where the economy has changed for those who continue to write me. Need I mention my mail has increased every year I've been in print? Why do things seem to continue to get worse instead of better? Then I stop and remind myself that my mail takes a slanted view. I invite people who need things to write me so that's who I hear from. I understand that. What I don't understand is why our social ills are on the upswing. Could it be that the family unit has been relegated to something from the dinosaur age? I recently heard from an elementary school teacher who claimed out of her class of 24 students, 22 of them come from single parent homes. And we wonder why substance abuse, teen pregnancy, violent crime and complete apathy toward society is common place among our young people. When I started this column HIV represented 3 letters in the alphabet. Now it represents a fatal disease for which there is no cure. I get letters from junior high students telling me about STD's. I wouldn't know an STD if it hit me over the head-then I learned that stands for sexually transmitted disease. Be mindful of the fact, however, these are the good kids because they use condoms. Why couldn't they just not have sex? It used to be that kindergarten teachers would write me for supplies like colorful building blocks and crayons. They still write, but for items such as an anatomically correct doll so they can teach children what constitutes molestation. How tragic that we

must teach 5 and 6 year olds that the adults (their parents, relatives, etc.) who they trust the most are the very ones doing the most harm. At a high school level I've supplied anatomically correct dolls which simulate a real baby. They're even available in a "crack baby" version. These dolls are used in parenting classes to give teenagers a more realistic view of what it would be like to raise a real baby. Someday this won't be an optional class, it will be mandatory. Mark my words!  
Here again, just like a proctologist might feel that the entire world is riddled with hemorrhoids (because that's what he's exposed to), I feel like society is going to hell in a hand basket. If you take a different view, please write me. I'd love to hear what color the sky is in your world. If you support my view, I'd like to hear from you, too. In addition to your support, please include how you think we, as a society, can reverse some of the damage already done.  
Write me in c/o "A Snowball's Chance In Hell", P.O. Box 39000-D, Mpls., MN 55439. And if you're lacking the incentive to write, I'll sweeten the pot. For every response I print in this column I'll award \$1,000. Let me hear from you and let's make 1997 not only a good year, but a year in which we all did something to make a positive difference.  
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# Wedding



## Stevens-Knesek

Natalie Dawn Stevens and Timothy Scott Knesek were joined in marriage December 28, 1996 at three o'clock in the afternoon. Vows were exchanged in St. James Catholic Church, Gonzales, Texas. Father Frank Macias officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph and Kathy Stevens of Wichita Falls, formerly of Eastland. The groom is the son of Bernice and the late Stanley Knesek of Gonzales.

The church, adorned from Christmas, featured a nativity scene at the altar, brilliant red poinsettias, and a gold trimmed Christmas tree. The stain glass windows were appointed with greenery and candles. Purple bows were added to the pews for the wedding.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a candlelight Italian satin gown featuring a modified empire waist and chapel train. Beaded lace

overlays in a rose pattern were placed to highlight the a-line of the dress. The beaded lace also emphasized the v-necked bodice, long sleeves, and train.

Her shoulder length veil trimmed with baby pearls was attached to a halo of candlelight baby roses and pearls. She carried a cascading bouquet of orchids, bridal roses, ferns, and English ivy accented with ribbon and pearls.

The bride borrowed her mother's pearl and rhinestone earrings worn in her parents' wedding. Something old was a diamond pendant given to the bride by a long time friend. Something new included three garters designed by the bride's mother and the wedding coordinator. The bride carried a penny in one of her satin pumps for good luck.

Matron of honor was Tracy Maynard Cole of Fort Worth. Bridesmaids were sister of the bride, Jennifer McMillian of Bangs, sister-in-law of the bride, Suzanne Stevens of Arlington, and Amy McDonald of Des Moines, Iowa. They all wore long purple crepe gowns with

short sleeves. The narrow line dresses featured an empire waist and an overlay jacket trimmed with beads. Each carried a simple bouquet of white snapdragons and bridal roses.

The groom wore a traditional black tuxedo with tails and a purple paisley vest. Best man was Daniel Tomas of Gonzales. Groomsmen were brother of the bride, Greg Stevens of Arlington and brothers of the groom, Kevin and Ben Knesek both of Gonzales.

Ushers were cousin of the groom, Gary Behring, Brian Pirkle, Brian Buesing, and Charles Pavliska all of Gonzales. Groomsmen, ushers, and the father of the bride were attired in traditional black tuxedos. Groomsmen wore purple paisley vests. Ushers and the father of the bride wore black vests. All men wore black ties.

Flower girls were niece of the bride, Ashlea McMillian of Bangs and niece of the groom, Kelsey Knesek of Gonzales. They wore long plaid taffeta dresses of burgundy and

teal. Gold metallic and purple threads in the dresses carried out the color scheme. The dresses were short sleeved and had sweetheart necklines. The dresses were highlighted with lace, purple satin roses, and gold lame ties. Each carried a purple basket trimmed in gold and filled with purple and white roses.

The ring bearer was nephew of the groom, Kurt Knesek of Gonzales. Candlelighters were nephews of the bride, Brandon and Tyler McMillian of Bangs. All wore vests of the same fabric as the flower girls dresses. Black pants and long sleeved banded collar shirts completed the attire. The ring bearer's heart shaped satin pillow was made by the bride's aunt, Rosemary Barrett of Wichita Falls. All children's attire was constructed by the brides mother.

The mother of the groom was attired in a three piece purple paisley suit. The mother of the bride wore a lined purple crepe dress with a sheer overlay jacket accented by a rose at the neckline. Both mothers wore corsages of bridal roses.

JoAnn Hajovsky of Gonzales provided piano and organ throughout the ceremony. Candles were lit to "On the Wings of a Dove" sung and performed on guitar by Debbie and Albert Jozwiak of Victoria. Other music included "Claire de lune", "Silent Night", "Trumpet Voluntary", and "Bridal Chorus". Agnes Darilek of

Gonzales provided the vocals for the Eucharistic service. She also performed "The Greatest Gift" and "Wherever You Go." Elaine Brzozowski of Gonzales sang "May the Lord Bless You" to the lighting of the unity candle.

The Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree served as Honor Guards. Dressed in full brigalia were Jerome Pavliska, Kermit Thiele, Emil Kocian, James Yackel, John Floyd, Joe Vana, Bernard Hajovsky, and Max Tiekien all of Gonzales.

Honor attendant was cousin of the bride, Amy Morris of Athens. Readers were Frances Becan of Rosenberg and Tim Pustka of Angleton. Eucharistic minister was Max Tiekien of Gonzales. Altar server was Terry Spring also of Gonzales. Faith Ballard Massingill of Hamilton served as wedding coordinator. Photography was provided by Bill Culverhouse of Eastland and videography by Michael Moeller of Shiner.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's family in the parish hall of the church. A meal of fried turkey, sweet rice, green beans, and homemade pies were provided by a large host of family friends.

The reception and dance was held in Hermann Sons Hall. Tables were decorated with bright colored candles, confetti, bookmarks, and chocolate candies. Carolyn and Billy Mikesch, and Carolyn

Kocian all of Gonzales assisted in serving kolaches and seating guests.

The brides table was appointed in white linen and adorned with the bridal bouquet and attendants flowers. The three tier white and chocolate wedding cake centered the table and was flanked by two cascading votive candle holders. The cake was decorated with Italian icing, white chocolate shavings, and fresh bridal roses. Serving for the bride were Heather Adams of Fort Worth, Amy Morris, and Cindy Baker of San Antonio.

The grooms table featured two red velvet cakes prepared by the groom's aunt, Emmy Behring. The cakes were decorated with white and purple icing, a volleyball court, cattle pens, cows, a chicken house, and a cowboy. A smaller round cake had a mailbox with a chicken on top holding a sign that read "Home Sweet Home." Mock champagne punch

was served with the cakes. Serving at the grooms table were sister-in-laws of the groom Charlotte and Lisa Knesek, Emmy Behring, and Carolyn Kocian, all of Gonzales.

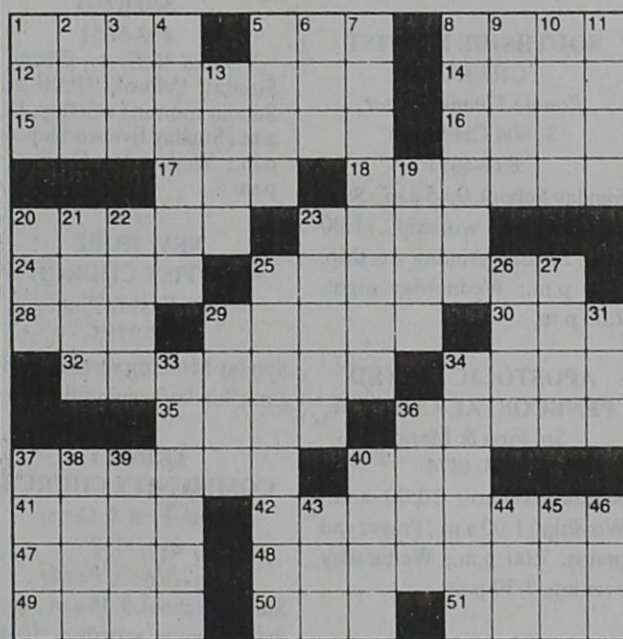
Following the reception the newlyweds honeymooned for a week on Oahu, Hawaii. The couple is now residing in Gonzales.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Eastland High School. She graduated magna cum laude from Tarleton State University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. She is teaching Home Economics and Theatre Arts at Gonzales High School.

The groom is a 1986 graduate of Gonzales High School. He graduated in 1991 from Tarleton State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Services and Development. He is the production manager for Cal-Maine farm in Waelder.

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# Obituaries

## George Lara Lopez

SAGINAW- George Lara Lopez, 48, died Sunday, March 9, 1997 at Fort Worth, Texas.

Rosary was at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at Greenwood Chapel.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, 1997 at All Saints Catholic Church. Burial was in the Greenwood Memorial Park.

He was born on June 29, 1948 in Baird, Texas. He was a beloved husband, father, son-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and dear friend. He was a corrections officer. He was a Vietnam Veteran and served in the US Army, 1st Calvary Division.

He was preceded in death by his father, Pedro Garcia Lopez and his mother, Juanita De Lara Lopez.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Lopez of Saginaw; one son, Kevin Lopez of Saginaw; two daughters, Pamela Lopez and Melanie Lopez of Saginaw; a foster child, Robert Hall of Saginaw; father and mother-in-law, Joe and Tomasita Aguilera of Fort Worth; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jesse Aguilera and Terre Bosilio of Arlington, Ron and Pam Aguilera of Arlington, Richard and Gracie Escovedo of Fort Worth, and Chris and Sally Jekel of Bedford; sisters, Angie Mendez and husband, Pete of Baird and Sandra Wise and husband, David of Saginaw; one grandchild, Caitlyn Lopez of Saginaw; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Clemente De Lara, Reynaldo De Lara, Al Anque, Raymond Ortiz, Phillip Botello, Chris Perales, Richie Hill, and Gregory Escovedo.

Memorials may be made to The American Heart Association.

## Raymond Leroy Jackson

BAIRD-Raymond Leroy Jackson, 68, died Sunday, March 9, 1997 at Rising Star.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, 1997 at Parker Funeral Home Chapel, James Radford officiated. Burial was in the Cross Plains Cemetery.

Mr. Jackson was born in Caddo County, OK, and was a former resident of Cross Plains, Albany and Clyde. He was self-employed and retired and attended the Church of God. He married Cleta Myrl Simmons in 1951 in Cross Plains.

Survivors include three daughters, Judy Lee Ancell of Abilene, Patricia Gail Rutledge of Rising Star and Elsie Beatrice Dugan of Clyde; two sisters, Myrtle Beatrice Strange of Victoria and Mary Louise Booth of Grand Prairie; one brother, Delmer Clarence Jackson of El Dorado; 10 grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.



Lt. Col. Rich Greenway

## "48" Study Club

Baird - The 48 Study Club met at 7:30 p.m. on March 3, 1997 in the high school home making department. Linda Maikell called roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read. Frances Greenway gave the treasurer's report. It was approved as read. Jo Ann Vestal read a note from Sue McNeil.

Reports from the officers and committee chairmen for the year were given. The business portion of the meeting was declared closed by president Lynette Bowen. The members were lead in the American Creed by Tina Betcher. Frances Greenway, the proud Mother of the speaker, introduced the program for the evening. The program was entitled Wings of the World. The guest speaker for the night many of the members know. He grew up in Baird and as Frances said, "In fact he grew up in my house". He has been in the Air Force since receiving his commission upon graduation from Texas Tech.

During the years since, he has not only earned his wings, but he has used them many times, first flying the large helicopters and since 1985, the C130.

He has been assigned to bases in Germany, New Mexico, Texas and Washington, D.C. While in Washington, he served on the U.S. Air Force staff as C-130 and C27 Programs Element Monitor. In 1993 he

moved to the Joint Staff where he worked on issues involving relations of various foreign countries with the U.S. and NATO. Lieutenant Colonel

Greenway's present assignment is commander of the 7th Airlift Control Squadron at Dyess Air Force Base. This is his second tour at Dyess and Frances and Charles feel fortunate to have he and his family so close.

He has worked in and visited many interesting places and agreed to share with the club some of what he discovered in the Wild Blue Yonder.

He gave a slide presentation of the many places and experiences that he and his family have experienced. The program was enjoyed by all and we found that Rich inherited his mother's quick wit.

Lt. Col. Greenway is married to the former Lynn Holland and they have two children: a son, Christopher (age 14), and a daughter, Erica (age 12).



## PRAYER CORNER

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

I know not when He sends the word  
That tells me fervent prayer is heard:  
I know it cometh soon or late,  
My part is but to pray and wait.  
I know not if the blessing sought  
Will come in just the guise I thought.  
I leave all care with Him above,  
Whose will is always one of love.  
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Isaiah 40:31

but they who wait for the Lord shall  
renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like  
eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary, they  
shall walk and not faint.

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Please grant us the will and the faith to  
bring everything to you in prayer. Please  
grant us the peace of Jesus to know that  
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In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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a.m.; Sunday evening service,  
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#### HWY 36 CHURCH OF CHRIST

12 miles SE of Abilene  
on Hwy 36  
529-3818  
Ed Headrick, Minister  
Bible School, 10:00 a.m.; Sun-  
day Morning, 11:00 a.m.; Sun-  
day evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed-  
nesday Evening, 7:30 p.m.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EULA

529-3768  
Johnny Hailes, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sun-  
day morning worship, 10:55  
a.m.; Discipleship Training, 5:00  
p.m.; Sunday evening worship,  
6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer,  
7:15 p.m.

#### CHERRY HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

N. 4th & Cherry Ln.  
893-5630  
Jimmy Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sun-  
day morning worship, 11:00  
a.m.; Sunday evening worship,  
7:00 p.m.; Wednesday night,  
7:00 p.m.

#### BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

South 604  
893-5851  
David McGraw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.;  
Sunday morning worship, 11:00  
a.m.; Sunday Eve worship, 6:00  
p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00  
p.m.

#### NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

No. First & Pine  
893-2783  
Sunday Morning service, 10:30  
a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:00 p.m.

#### TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

North First & Cedar  
893-4438  
Sam Nichols, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sun-  
day morning worship, 10:45  
a.m.; Sunday evening worship,  
7:00 p.m.; Wednesday night  
7:00 p.m.

#### EULA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

529-4241  
John Bill Hedrick, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sun-  
day morning worship, 10:50  
a.m.; Sunday evening worship,  
6:00 p.m.; Youth Fellowship,  
7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible  
Study, 7:00 p.m.

#### CLYDE CHURCH OF CHRIST

So. 4th & Austin  
893-4723  
Rick Cunningham, Minister  
Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.; Sun-  
day worship, 10:55 a.m.; Sun-  
day evening worship, 6:00 p.m.;  
Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.



### AREA CHURCHES

#### OPLIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Riley Fugitt, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.;  
Sunday morning worship, 11:00  
a.m.; Sunday evening, 5:00 p.m.,  
Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m.

#### COTTONWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Knox Waggoner, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Wor-  
ship, 11:00 a.m.; Choir practice  
6:00 p.m.; Sunday evening 7:00  
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# Jr. High Track meet results

**7th grade girls results:**  
 K. Windham-3rd  
 M. McDowell-4th

**2400m Run**  
 Megan Hunter-1st  
 Lauren Lewallen-2nd

**400m Relay**  
 Chelsa Clark, Mandi Cauthen, Krystal Windham, Megan Hunter-1st place.

**100m Hurdles**  
 C. Clark-5th

**800m Run**  
 Kim Shields-2nd  
 Alicia Carroll-5th

**100m Dash**  
 Krystal Windham-6th.

**400m Dash**  
 Mindy McDowell-1st  
 Teri Windham-3rd

**200m Dash**  
 Mandi Cauthen-3rd

**1600m Run**  
 K. Shields-2nd  
 Sarah Mendez-3rd  
 Brittney Burkhalter-6th.

**1600m Relay**  
 M. McDowell, A. Carroll, T. Windham, L. Lewallen-1st

**800m Relay**  
 K. Windham, M. Cauthen, C. Clark, M. Hunter-1st.

**Shot Put**  
 L. Lewallen-3rd

**Discus**  
 L. Lewallen-5th

**Triple Jump**  
 M. Hunter-1st  
 M. McDowell-6th

**Long Jump**  
 M. Hunter-3rd

**Ranger Jr. High Track Meet-March 1**

**8th grade girls results:**

**400m Relay**  
 Chasity Hardy, Mary Horner, Heather Kerbow, Alicia Wylie-1st.

**100m Hurdles**  
 C. Hardy-4th

**800m Run**  
 Shanna Taylor-2nd  
 Tisha Bogard-6th

**100m Dash**  
 A. Wylie-1st  
 Amber Johnson-5th

**400m Dash**  
 Dwan Nordquist-6th

**300m Hurdles**  
 C. Hardy-6th

**200m Dash**  
 Karli Jennings-6th

**1600m Run**  
 S. Taylor-3rd  
 A. Johnson-5th

**1600m Relay**  
 K. Jennings, M. Horner, D. Nordquist, H. Kerbow-1st

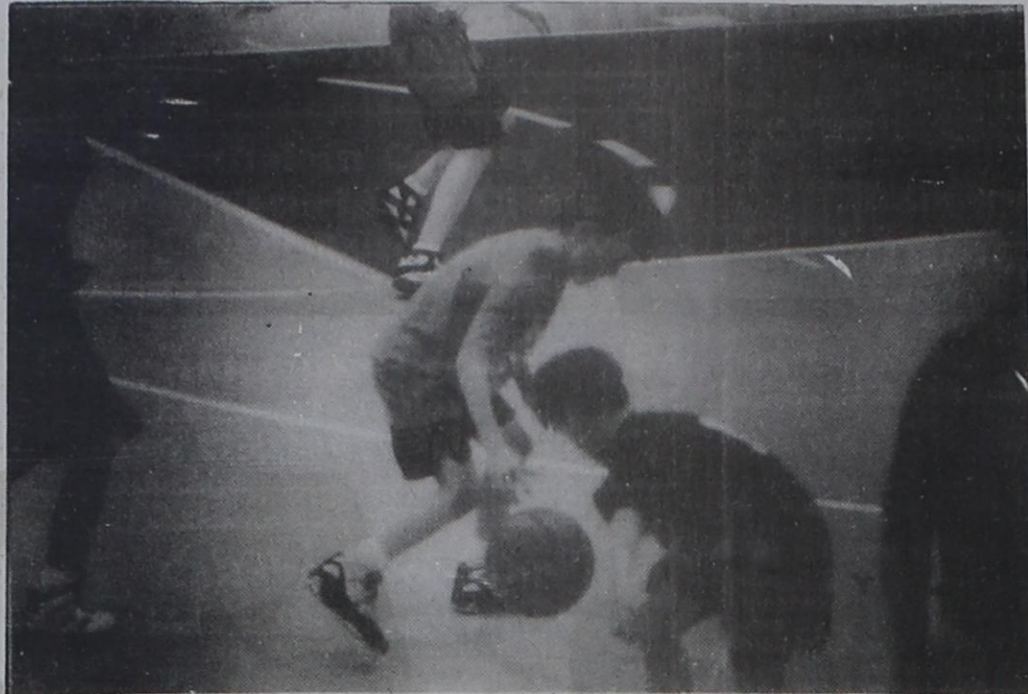
**800m Relay**  
 M. Horner, K. Jennings, H. Kerbow, A. Wylie-3rd.

**Discus Throw**  
 A. Johnson-5th

**Triple Jump**  
 H. Kerbow-4th

**Long Jump**  
 H. Kerbow-3rd

**High Jump**  
 A. Wylie-6th



Randy Harris dribbles around a defender during Saturday's Baird Youth Basketball championship games.



Belinda Harris tries to drive inside the lane during the last weekend for Baird Youth Basketball.

## Baird Youth Basketball

**3-4 Boys**  
 Bulls 30 - Suns 13  
 Bulls 8 12 4 6 30  
 Suns 5 2 2 4 13  
 Bulls: Sawyer Smith 18, Zach Green 6, Kelby Cauthen 4, James Roberts 2.  
 Suns: Joshua Atkins 5, Justin Armstrong 4, Thomas Glaze 4.  
 Celtics: 2 4 2 0 8  
 Spurs: 2 6 4 1 13  
 Celtics: Blain Scott 6, Chancey Pierce 2.  
 Spurs: Blake Mendez 4, Chance Rodriguez 4, Blake Manning 2, Will Green 2, Malcolm Martin 1.

**5-6 Boys**  
 Bulls 29 - Celtics 5  
 Bulls 6 12 9 2 29  
 Celtics 0 0 5 0 5

**3-4 Girls**  
 Rockets 10 - Magics 8  
 Rockets 4 2 2 2 10  
 Magics 2 2 2 2 8  
 Rockets: Jodi Neal 6, Kayla Windham 2, Cissy Chavarria 2.  
 Magics: Misty McDowell 6, Adriana Diaz 2.

**5-6 Girls**  
 Celtics 35 - Magic 9

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 From Comanche, go 16 miles East on Hwy 36 to FM 1702, turn South for 7 miles to sale site, Mrs. Ray Powers, owner. No Consignments.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 14 1:00 P.M.**  
 Household goods; refrigerator, side by side Kenmore, chest-type deep freeze, upright deep freeze, gas range, Whirlpool washer, Kenmore dryer, CB base Midland 1388, Maverick 250 bird view satellite system, Kero-heater, 2 old trunks, beds, chests, & chairs, coches, pictures, frames, sewing items, BBQ grill & old fruit jars, old pine quilt box, lots, lots, more.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15 10:00 A.M.**  
 Mrs. Ray Powers, Owner No Consignments  
 Case 2290 tractor, air, 5293 hrs, duals available; 970 Agri-king Air Cab, 530 Case w/Case front end loader, Antique "B" Farmall, 6 ft. brush hog folding shredder, 10-wheel "V" take on Caddy, 535 JD round baler, 495 haybine 12 ft cutter, 8300 JD grain drill 16 drop (nice), JD 13 ft. double off-set disk, Case 10 shank drag type chisel, 9 ft. JD BW tandem, Case 2 row planter, 2-3 PH7 hyd. bale forks, 1 pt. grubber, 2 row Dearborn Cultivator, 2 row bedder, 1 near new Rhino post hole digger, 514 New Holland manure spreader, 4 bale round bale trailer near new, Case 5 bottom semi-mount MB, Contentinal Belton spraying on wheels, tumble bug bale mover, 500 gal. fuel tank on stand, log splitter, cement mixer, 8 disk, 1 way, dozer residue, (2) pickup bed trailers, 28 ft. covered gooseneck stock trailer, piles of farmall tractor parts 582 JD riding lawn mower, lawn mower trailer, 2-250 Korm 3-wheelers.

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 Windham 3, Amanda Manning 3.

**Seniors About Town**

**Baird** - Each month we celebrate the Birthday of our Seniors with a Birthday cake of their own. This month we want to wish Jim Cunningham "Happy Birthday" on March 13th.  
 Seniors if you didn't join us for our regular monthly evening out, you missed a good time. This month we choose Abuello's Mexican Restaurant in Abilene. Nineteen people went in our two Senior Citizens vans - Robert and Minnie Martin drove one and Billie Unrein drove the other. We Seniors really appreciate you for taking us out for a fun night, for good food and company. Seniors be thinking about where you would like to dine out next month. We always have a great time out no matter where we go. Please join us on our next night out on the town, which will be April 10th.

We had a full van for our Shopping Trip on Wednesday the 5th to Abilene. Beginning Tuesday, March 13th our Shopping days will be changed from Wednesday to Tuesday each week.  
 Coming up the 20th of March is our "Annual Fund Raiser" for "Meals on Wheels" ad "Baird Seniors".  
 Come on over to 4th and Chestnut between 5 and 8 p.m. and enjoy Skip Parkers' delicious chile - Best ever! Also, wonderful homemade deserts our ladies are famous for. Some cakes and deserts will be auctioned off.  
 Seniors we would like for more of you to join us each day for lunch and activities at Seniors who need a ride to the center, may get a ride on the van at 9:30 a.m. and returns them in the afternoon. Just call 854-1937.  
 If you would like to join us, you are very Welcome.

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