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Hardin-Simmons University Announces Spring Graduates

Baird Resident Among Degree Recipients

Abilene, TX - June 17, 2004 -- Hardin-Simmons University announces that Carmen Crane of Baird was among approximately 287 students that received degrees during the spring commencement exercises on Saturday, May 8, 2004.

Crane received a bachelor

of behavioral science degree in interdisciplinary generalist studies with a minor in education and graduated cum laude by completing at least 65 credit hours of residence at HSU and earning a cumulative grade point average of 3.5-3.69.

Texas Unemployment Rate Edges Down Again: Callahan County Shows Slight Increase

Austin - Texas employers added jobs for the eighth consecutive month. Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas gained 12,900 jobs from April to May and 102,100 jobs since September 2003. The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.9 percent from April to May. Initial claims for unemployment compensation continued to fall for the week ending June 5, 2004, declining more than 30 percent over the last 12 months.

"The Texas labor market is showing steady signs of growth," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "Employment is up, claims are down and the unemployment rate is declining - all signs of a steady recovery from the recent economic slowdown." Since the beginning of the year, 60,700 jobs have been added. The annual growth rate climbed from 0.6 percent in April to 0.8 percent in May, the highest job growth level since July 2001. Six major industries in Texas have shown sustained job growth over the year. Education & Health Services has led all industries showing a gain of 36,000 jobs over the last 12 months.

"I am pleased to see continued expansion of business activities over the last several months," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Job growth is one of the strongest signs of economic expansion, and Texas employers continue to add jobs in many sectors of our economy."

Employment in Construction grew by 2,100 jobs in May, marking the third monthly gain this year and the largest since January. Employment in Leisure and Hospitality increased for the third straight month with an

addition of 1,800 jobs in May. Over the past three months, 7,500 jobs have been added in this industry.

The number of unemployed Texans declined 14,467 from April to May and has declined 105,323 since May 2003.

"The large decline in the number of unemployed over the last year is great news for Texas workers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "As I have said before, getting Texans back to work remains my primary task, and we will continue to focus our energy on helping the unemployed find jobs."

Metropolitan Statistical Area reports show unemployment of 2.1 thousand in Abilene, TX for May 2004 from a work force of 62.1 thousand.

Sixty thousand were employed, giving a total unemployment rate of 3.4.

Abilene was only slightly over Amarillo, which had an unemployment rate of 3.1, and San Angelo with 3.2.

Bryan-College Station had the lowest May 2004 rate in Texas - 1.8.

Data for the State of Texas (in thousands) was C. L. F. - 10,919.0, Employment - 10,296.9, Unemployment - 622.1. The unemployment rate for May 2004 was 5.7.

According to Texas labor market data, the May 2004 unemployment rate for Callahan County showed a marginal increase. A rate of 3.5 compared to 3.4 in April 2004 was listed.

A labor force of 6,575 was shown for Callahan County in the May 2004 data. Of this labor force, 233 were unemployed; 6,342 employed.

Kyla Neal Selected To NCAA All Star Team:

Golfers Will Represent USA in All Star Orient Tour



Kyla Neal, a senior at Texas A & M, has been selected to represent the United States along with nine other women on the NCAA All Star Golf team for the 22nd All Star Orient Tour.

After playing in the All-Star Invitational at the National G.C. in Seal Beach, CA (where Tiger Woods learned the game), the ladies will travel to Korea where they will represent the U. S. in four tournaments including the Transpack International NCAA All Stars vs. Korean All Stars.

Their next stop will be Japan where they will participate in nine tournaments, including the NCAA All-Stars vs. the Japan All-Stars as well as conduct two golf clinics.

They will then travel to China where they will play three tournaments before the final leg of their trip to Thailand.

At Thailand, they will play two tournaments including the NCAA All Stars vs. the Thai All-Stars, conduct a clinic and visit Father Joe's Orphanage.

Neal, a 2000 Baird High School Graduate was chosen for the team based on her performance in May at the Central Regional Challenge in Normal, Illinois when she set the course record by two strokes, firing a 4 under 68.

This gave the Aggie women the 8th and final spot to advance to the NCAA Division Championships for the first time since 1997.

TCU Names Spring 2004 Dean's List

Fort Worth (June 22, 2004) - Having completed Spring 2004 classes with at least a 3.4 GPA, the following local students were recently named to the Dean's

List at Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth:

* Rachel Marie Skinner of Baird, TX

* Tanner Alexander Wilson of Baird, TX.

Three Day Callahan County 4-H Camp Starts June 29

This year's Callahan County 4-H camp will be like none before it. Callahan County 4-H is teaming up with McCulloch, Coleman, Brown and Concho Counties 4-H to have a multi-county camp.

This promises to be an enjoyable experience for all youth

The camp will be three days and two nights at the

Brady Bible camp in Brady, Texas from June 29th - July 1.

Other events: For those 13 years and under the District 4-H Fashion Show will be July 20th in San Angelo.

The 2004 Awards Program and Banquet will be held Saturday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria. Mark your calendars now!

Poetry? Short Story? The Great American Novel? Cisco Writers Club Invites Baird Authors To Participate In 28th Annual Contest

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Check the rules below, then finish and submit the pieces you're working on. Poetry? Three categories to choose from. The Great American Novel — or family history book? It's there. Short story? Got it. Children's story? Yep. Nostalgia, inspiration, information, opinions? All there. Just make sure to comply with the rules. Call or write (see below) if you have questions.

The contest opens July 31, so get your story in the mail today.

Cisco Writers Club 28th Annual Contest Summer 2004

WHEN: Entries may be made from June 1, 2004 through July 31, 2004.

WHO MAY ENTER: If you are not judging contest entries, you may enter as many categories as you wish, but no more than two entries per category. Judges may enter any category except the one they are judging.

CASH AWARDS: \$10, \$5, \$3 and \$2 respectively will be made to judges' determinations of first, second, third and honorable mention at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 7, 2004, in the Community Room at First National Bank in Cisco, TX.

FEES: \$4.00 for each prose entry and \$2.00 for each poetry entry.

CATEGORIES AND MAXIMUM LENGTHS: Limit two entries each category.

1. Christine Reich, Rhymed Poetry, 30 lines.
2. Dr. Joe Stamey, Unrhymed Poetry, 30 lines.
3. Jasper Cook, Humorous Poetry, 30 lines.

4. Short Shots (brief anecdotes like those in Reader's Digest), 200 words.

5. Columns of General Interest, 740 words.

6. Children's Stories written FOR ages 12 and younger, 1,200 words.

7. Articles of General Interest, 2,000 words.

8. Articles of Inspiration, 2,000 words.

9. Articles of Nostalgia, 2,000 words.

10. Short Stories, 2,500 words.

11. Books Brief Synopsis and first two chapters.

IN CATEGORIES RECEIVING LESS THAN FIVE ENTRIES, entries will be returned unjudged.

SELECTED JUDGES, competent in their categories, will be asked, but not required, to critique entries.

MANUSCRIPTS must be your original work, unpublished as of May 1, 2004, and must not have placed first previously in this contest. Entries must be typed. You may send the original type manuscript (dark ribbon, please), a clear photocopy or a letter-quality computer printout. Retain a copy for your records. Note: While Cisco Writers Club exercises reasonable precautions, it is not responsible for lost or stolen material. All manuscripts must be typed on only one side of standard typing paper with margins no smaller than one inch all around. Prose must be double spaced. Poetry may be single spaced. Make books synopses brief summaries, covering basic plot or theme and revealing the ending.

COVER SHEET: In the upper left corner, put your name, complete address, telephone number and E-mail address (if any). In the upper right corner, put the name of the category and number of lines if poetry, words if prose (except books). In the middle of the sheet, center the title. DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON ANY OTHER PAGE.

FIRST PAGE: In the upper right corner, repeat the category and number of words or lines. Double space eight times; center title; double space twice; begin manuscript, book synopsis or first chapter page. (Center chapter titles two double spaces below book title.) DO NOT PUT

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11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
June 17, 2004

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Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. v. Stephanie Robin Cook, Taylor. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

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In re Alan Dee Hulslander, Orig. Pro. Appellant's pro se motion for credit time served on an ankle monitor. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice

McCall)

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State of Texas v. Tonie Christine Soto, Taylor. Appellant's (State's) motion for extension of time to file brief.

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In re Shane Williams, as Trustee of the Shane L. Williams Living Trust, Orig. Proc.

Relator's motion for temporary (emergency) relief. (Per Curiam Order) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Motions Submitted & Overruled

Charles Aaron Maines v. State of Texas, San Jacinto. Appellant's pro se motion to dismiss appointed attorney of record and appoint new attorney.

In re Tracey Wilfred Murphy, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se motion for rehearing. (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

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AG TALK

Voluntary Country of Origin Labeling Proposal Unveiled

This week I partnered with my colleague on the House Agriculture Committee, Chairman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia, to unveil legislation to establish a voluntary country of origin labeling bill.

Our voluntary labeling bill would apply to meat, seafood, fruit and vegetables produced here in the U.S.

The Food Promotion Act which is the name of our bill is supported by 325 different groups, including the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

The Food Promotion Act would allow producers to work with processors and retailers to provide labeling information in the marketplace in such a way that it informs consumers while at the same time benefiting producers.

The bottom line is that this is a marketing issue, not a food safety issue.

As you may recall, I worked closely with Larry Combest of Lubbock, the former Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, to pass the 2002 Farm Bill.

The bill Larry and I produced provided two years to review the mandatory country of origin labeling provisions in order to fine-tune them as necessary. Although the time period has slipped a bit, we now begin the legislative process of making the country-of-origin labeling provisions work, and I am confident we will end up with a better product as a result.

To those who still believe mandatory country-of-origin labeling is the best answer, it's not if it costs the producer, and it will cost the producer tremendous amounts of money. By working with the retailers and the wholesalers, I truly believe we are going to have most products labeled by country-of-origin within a year or two. But it will be done in an efficient way, meaning with the most benefit to the consumer and the least cost to the producer.

New Agricultural Energy Users Caucus

I recently joined with three of my colleagues here in the House of Representatives, and together we formed the Agricultural Energy Users Caucus. The Ag Energy Users Caucus is designed to highlight the effects of increasing energy prices on farmers and other members of the agricultural community.

As a farmer in Jones County all my life, I know first-hand the extent to which

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farmers are dependent on energy in all its various forms.

Obviously, farmers need fuel to run their tractors and other machinery, but they also rely on natural gas to run irrigation pumps.

Natural gas is also used in the manufacture of fertilizer.

In other parts of the country, propane gas is used to heat poultry and hog houses, and propane's often used to dry cotton in the cotton gin and corn and soybeans in the fall after harvest.

U.S. farmers are increasingly dependent on foreign sources for their fertilizer. Despite the importance of

nitrogen fertilizer to American agriculture, the U.S. supply base is being outsourced to foreign producers.

Imported fertilizer accounts for about half the market, compared to 30 percent just four years ago.

I am working with Congressmen Steve King (R-IA), Sam Graves (R-KS) and Earl Pomeroy (D-ND) to launch this caucus.

House Considers Energy Bill Once Again

This week, the House passed a comprehensive energy bill that was identical to legislation we approved last November. Unfortunately, the energy bill has been stalled on Capitol Hill for many months.

As many of us in the West Texas oil patch know, agriculture and energy go hand in hand. Of course, oil and gas are drilled from farm and ranch land, and now many of

our newest energy resources are crop-based and renewable.

For example, corn, sorghum and wheat are used to produce ethanol; soybeans and tallow are used to make biodiesel, and now large electric generators are perched atop tall windmills on the West Texas plains.

So it's easy to see why so many farmers and ranchers have a vested interest in the energy bill legislation that was passed again in the House of Representatives this week. This bill could be one of the most important pieces of legislation for farmers and ranchers in West Texas since the 2002 Farm Bill.

The reason the House approved the same legislation this week that it approved last fall is because we want to send a message to the Senate that America needs an

energy bill. We have to take steps to help lower fuel prices and increase domestic production of all types of energy.

I have worked to voice the concerns of both the West Texas Oil Patch and agricultural producers throughout this debate. And I hope, when this is over, folks will see incentives to produce oil and gas as well as increase production of renewables like ethanol and wind energy.

Agriculture Figures Heavily in U.S. Economy

Finally this week, the Wall Street Journal's June 18th edition contains a front page story reminding everyone of the importance of agriculture.

The article points out that twelve percent of our nation's gross national product is agricultural and seventeen percent of all jobs in America are agriculture-re-

lated. So to those who say, "Why should I be worried about agricultural policy?" I say this, "If you eat, you're involved in agriculture."

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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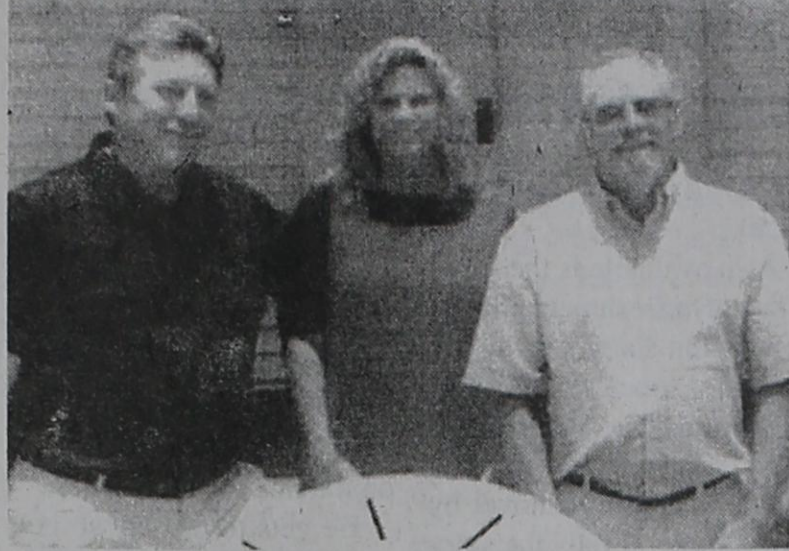
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The Truth Trio To Be In Eastland July 4th

The Truth Trio from Gainesville, Georgia consisting of William and Ruth Pirkle accompanied by Perry House will be singing the gospel message of Christ in Eastland, Texas Sunday, July 4th at 11 a.m. at Kingdom Builders Fellowship located at 301 South Lamar St. in Eastland.

Following an evening service at Bethel Baptist Church located at 1306 West Main St. in Eastland.

Eastland County 4-H Horse Playday

The Eastland County 4-H Horse Program had a great turnout at their playday on May 30, 2004. The hot day started with a fun event where the participants walked, trotted, and lopped their horses with water balloons in their mouths. The participants who could last the longest without bursting the balloon would be the winner. The winner took home a new halter with a lead rope.

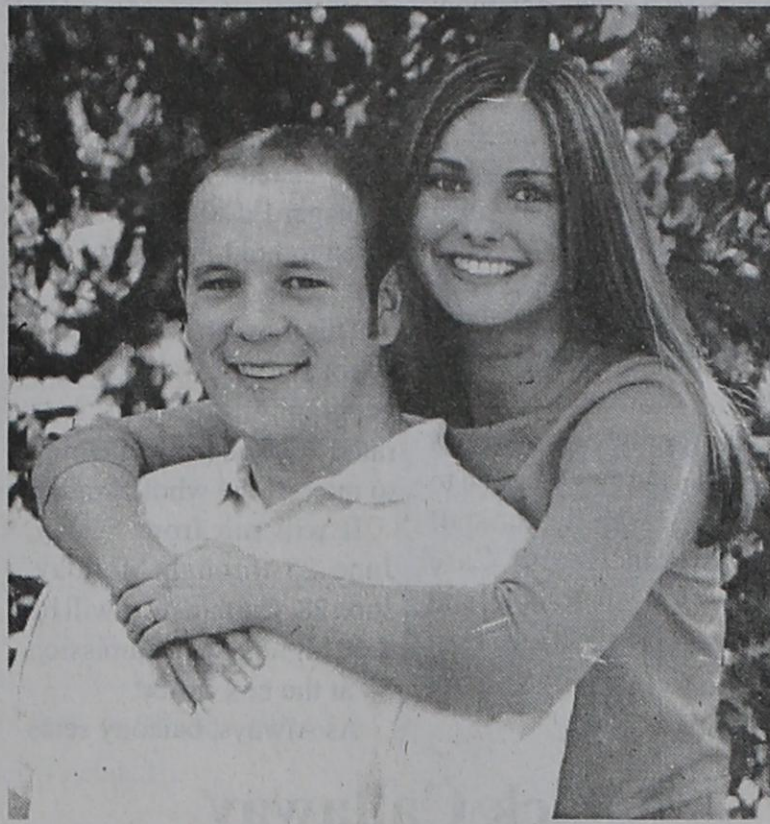
The results for the May 30, 2004 playday are as follows:

Leadline Girls- 1st Mia Cherry (from Ranger). Barrels 46.441, Poles 68.043. Flags 48.564 0-6 Boys 1st Barrels, Zane Brooks (from Early) 35.172, 2nd Kobe Conring (Cisco) 75.390, 1st Poles, Zane Brooks 43.41, 1st Flags Zane Brooks 20.304, 2nd Kobe Conring 33.858. 7-10 Girls, 1st Stakes Ryann Jameson 22.02 (from Early), 2nd Shayla Cozart (from Ponder) 27.47, Poles 1st Ryann Jameson 28.939, 2nd Shayla Cozart 44.455. Barrels 1st Ryann Jameson 18.619, 2nd Shayla Cozart 39.88. Flags 1st Ryann Jameson 10.31, 2nd Shayla Cozart 13.82. 11-14 Girls 1st Stakes, Laci Boyett (Albany) 7.97, 2nd Ashley Stegemoeller (Cisco) 8.47, 3rd Britany Adcock (Cisco) 9.02, 4th Heather Patterson (Albany) 9.19, 5th Sarah McKneely (Ponder) 9.57, 6th Shelby Davis (Albany) 13.13. Poles 1st Laci Boyett 22.37, 2nd Heather Patterson 25.79, 3rd Kirstin Noble (Albany) 26.12, 4th Britany Adcock 26.25, 5th Ashley Stegemoeller 26.51, 6th Sarah McKneely 27.18, Barrels 1st Laci Boyett 18.02, 2nd Britany Adcock 20.32, 3rd Ashley Stegemoeller 20.38, 4th Heather Patterson 20.98, 5th Shelby Davis 21.95, 6th Sarah McKneely 26.85. Flags 1st Heather Patterson 10.17, 2nd Britany Adcock 10.60, 3rd Ashley Stegemoeller 10.87, 4th Britanni Gattis (Cisco) 12.0, 5th Laci Boyett 13.527, 6th Shelby Davis 15.61. 11-14 Boys 1st Flags, Colton Herrera (Eastland) 10.24. 15-19 Girls Stakes, 1st Megan Reynolds (Eastland) 8.46, 2nd Wendi Bolton (Eastland) 15.12, Poles 1st Megan Reynolds 28.96, 2nd Wendi Bolton 33.67, Barrels 1st Megan Reynolds 20.58, 2nd Wendi Bolton 25.74, Flags 1st Megan Reynolds 10.62, 2nd Wendi Bolton 13.62.

Overall winners in each group are as follows: Leadline Girls 1st place, Mia Cherry 24 pts. 0-6 Boys 1st place Zane Brooks 24 pts. 2nd place Kobe Conring 10

pts, 7-10 girls 1st place Ryann Jameson 30 pts, 2nd place Shayla Cozart 26 pts, 11-14 girls 1st place Laci Boyett 26 pts, 2nd place (tie) Britni Adcock 23 pts, 3rd place Heather Patterson 23 pts, runner-up Ashley Stegemoeller 21 pts. 15-19 girls 1st place Megan Reynolds 24 pts, 2nd place Wendi Bolton 20 pts.

Engagement Announcement



Grizzard-Ferguson

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Grizzard of Weatherford and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Ferguson of Eastland are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Holly Michelle Grizzard and David Floyd Ferguson.

Holly's maternal grandmother is Betty Gibbs of Ranger. Her paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Bursley Grizzard of Stephenville. Holly gradu-

ated in 1998 from Weatherford High School and graduated in 2003 from Baylor University with a Public Relations major and completed her teaching certification this year.

David's maternal grandparents are Floyd Watson and the late Maxine Watson of Pampa, Texas. Paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Clint Ferguson of Marlin, Texas. David graduated from Eastland High School in 2000 and will graduate from Baylor University in May 2005 with a Business Management and pre-med degree.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on July 31, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Weatherford, Texas.

From Whence Came I

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Many ago school houses dotter our land. It is with great interest that many people study about the small country schools around the county. Have you not enjoyed Webb Jordan's stories about the schools?

Today I am asking for information concerning South Ward Elementary School that was on South Seaman Street in Eastland, Texas. Many of my high school classmates in the class of 1954 attended that school. They graduated from there in 1947. I am looking for information for that year. I need names of classmates, teachers, and principles; hopefully someone has a program from the graduation exercise. I would love a picture of the building. I sure would appreciate your help with this project.

Genealogy stories can be enhanced by those willing to share humorous stories and memories of students and teachers. I look forward to hearing replies on this impor-

tant query. Next year in June the all school reunion will be held in Eastland. I encourage you to begin to gather information for your class today. It is very simple to make a small notebook of memories from your school years and place them in protective sleeves so that others can view them. Our class is preparing their information even now. We are getting a lot of response from class members who have e-mail. This is cheaper and faster than the postal system. If you have an e-mail address, send it to the person who is the contact for your class or to Norman Owens the contact for all classes. If your address has changed make certain they know that also. Remember many zip codes and areas codes have changed over the last five years. It would be nice if you know of someone who has deceased that you let that be known also.

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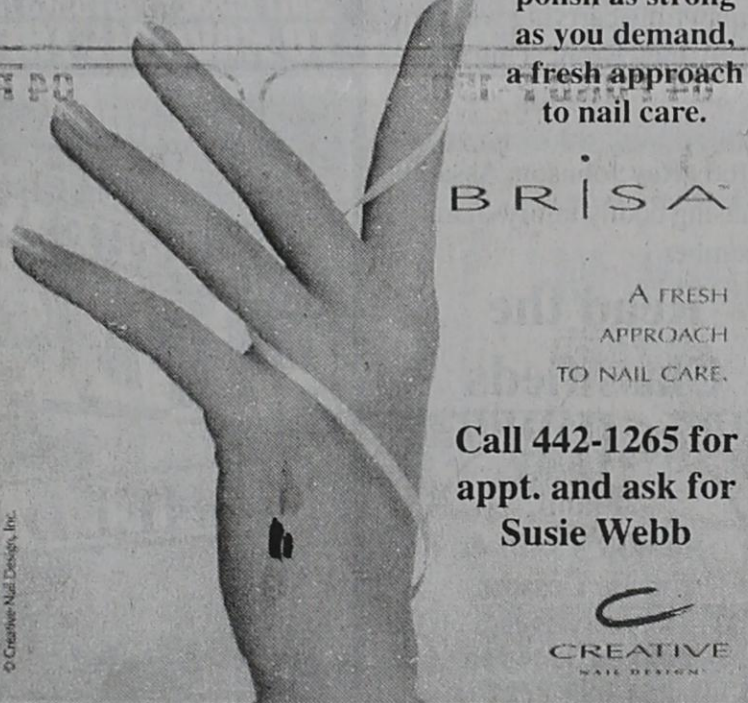
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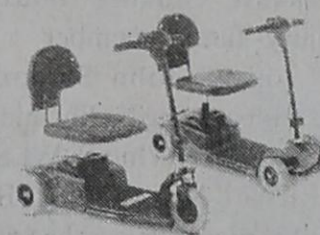
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Obituary

Angie Iola Ashley Dorn Chapman

Eastland - (Angie) Iola Ashley Dorn Chapman, 95, of Eastland, died Friday morning, June 18, 2004, at an Eastland nursing home. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 21, 2004, in Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple, Tx.

Iola was born in Ocilla, Georgia on January 31, 1909, to Joseph Eugene and Sarah Janette (Sikes) Ashley. At an early age, Iola moved with her family to Duncan, Oklahoma. Iola married Roy Dorn on October 8, 1933, in Lawton, Ok. Roy and Iola had two children, Joe Bob and Sue. They opened Temple Dry Cleaners in Temple, together they began to learn the business. Shortly afterwards, Roy passed away on May 18, 1962. Iola continued to operate the business. Later she married Clarence Chapman on September 28, 1974, in Temple, Texas. Clarence died in 1980.

Iola operated Temple Cleaners and did alterations until retiring at age 85. She moved to Eastland in the fall of 2001 to be near her daughter Sue Bakker.



Iola was an active member of Immanuel Baptist Church in Temple, Texas where she taught Sunday School. She taught the Ruth class for over 60 years. Iola had a strong love of life, for work, family and for her Lord.

Iola is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Joe Bob and Sarah Dorn of Belton, Tx., by her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Dale Bakker of Eastland, Tx., by four grandchildren Rusty and wife Cheryl Dorn of Belton, Tx, Beth and husband, Mark Gardner of Roundrock, Tx., Jeff and wife Reba Bakker of Decatur, Tx., and Jodie and husband Breck Pruitt of

Eastland, Tx., and by nine great-grandchildren. Iola was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Matthew Caroway Ashley, and her husbands.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 405 S. Seaman, Eastland, Tx, 76448 or The West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford Street, Abilene, Tx. 79605.

The family expressed its gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Sandra Hazelip, the staff of Eastland Health Care Center, LaDell Randle and all those who made Iola's last years comfortable and pleasant.

'Around The World In 80 Days' Held Over At Majestic

The Walt Disney movie "Around The World In 80 Days" had a good turnout last weekend, and Majestic Manager Ed Allcorn has decided to hold it over for another run.

This movie has adventure, action, humor - and a lot of geography thrown in. It is rated PG, and has something to interest the whole family. It will run from Friday, June 25 through Monday, June 28. Curtain time will be 7:30 nightly, with admission \$4 at the box office.

As Always, balcony seats

are available to adults at \$5.50.

Also available is the usual array of refreshments at the concession stand - including that tasty popcorn

"Around The World In 80 Days" is a fresh new remake, based on the sci-fi novel by Jules Verne. It tells the story of an outrageous wager that takes the heroes to the most amazing places by land, sea and air. There is a sampling of many cultures in the process.

There are a number of international stars in the picture, including Steve Coogan, Jackie Chan, Cecile De France and Jim Broadbent.

The photography is mainly done in Berlin, Thailand, and Hong Kong.

Hong Cong born Jackie Chan says he welcomed a chance to be in this movie. Born to working-class parents, he trained at the Peking Opera School from age 7 to 17. There he learned the various skills required for Chinese Opera, including acrobatics, gymnastics, martial arts, weaponry, dance, singing, and dramatics. By the time Chan graduated, Chinese Opera was declining in popularity and he gravitated to film.

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He was China's biggest box office star for 20 years before he came to the west. In the early '70's Chan worked as a bit player and action director, inspired by such clowns as Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd.

He has invented a unique style for film which combines humor and death-defying stunts, putting his life on the line for his movies.

He gets to display some of his best skills in "Around The World In 80 Days." But there is still much more to the film.

Director Frank Corachi says, "It's a wild, imaginative ride that's about embracing all cultures, valuing true friendships, and realizing how we can all help each other.

"It's a movie I believe the world can use, especially right now."

Jack Callaway

CARBON - Jack D. Callaway, 63, died on Saturday, June 19, 2004 at Charlton Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church in Rising Star, under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Rising Star.

Mr. Callaway was born September 13, 1940 in Gorman, Texas. He married Betty Jenkins in Rising Star, on April 15, 1960.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Callaway of Rising Star; his two daughters, Rebecca Callaway Hout of Little Rock, AK, Rochelle Callaway Hughes of Dallas; one sister, Barbara Nicholes of Abilene; three grandchildren, Tyler Creamean who is serving in the US Army; Courtney McNally of Dallas; Jillian Hout of Little Rock, AK.

Eastland County Courthouse News

County Clerk Criminal Filings

June 1—June 15, 2004

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Lina Erna Flores, TBC \$20 or more but less than \$500

Eric Ryan Stark, DWLS

Ronald William Wurm, DWLS

William Herman White, POM 2 oz. or less

Tonja Yvonne Stone, POM 2 oz. or less

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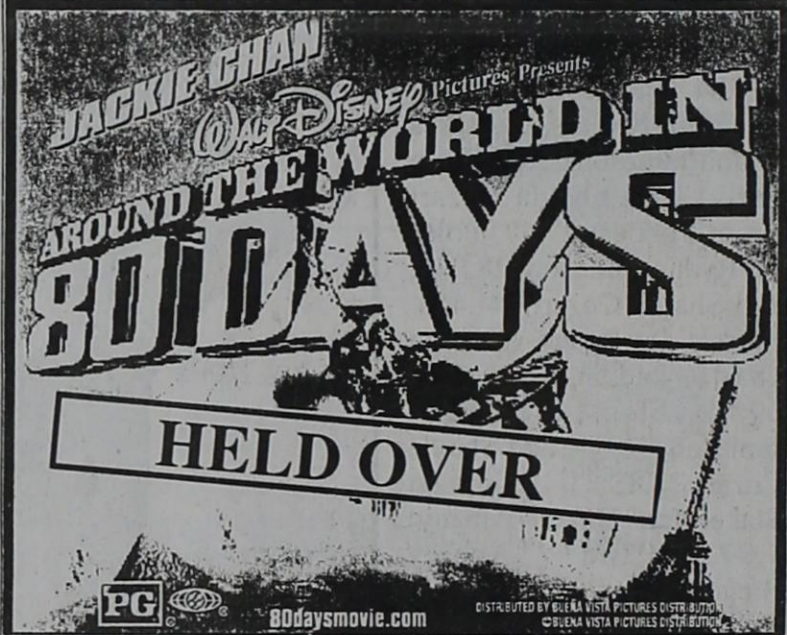
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The Junior Miss contest is open to young ladies ages 8-13. The Queen contest is open to ladies ages 14 and up.

ALL CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO RIDE IN THE PARADE ON FRIDAY, JULY 9TH.

Contestants are judged as follows: 50% Horsemanship, 25% Personality, 25% Attire/Appearance

Winners of each contest will be required to represent the Ranger Chamber of Commerce by participating in at least 3 parades the following year. Winners are required to participate in the crowning of the new Junior Miss and Queen at the 2005 Rodeo. All Contestants are

required to have a sponsor. Please submit current picture along with completed entry form and \$25.00 entry fee payable to the Ranger Cham-

ber of Commerce by July 2, 2004 to: Ranger Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 57, Ranger, TX 76470. For further info. please contact the Chamber office at 647-3091 or Kelly Bond at 647-1566 after 5 p.m.

2004 Roaring Ranger Rodeo Queen and Junior Miss Entry Form

Name: _____
 Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ Zip: _____
 Parents Names: _____
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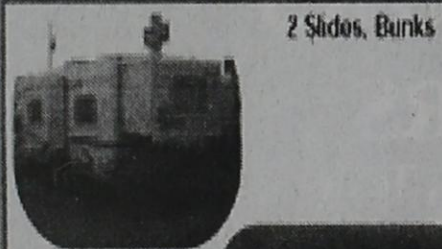
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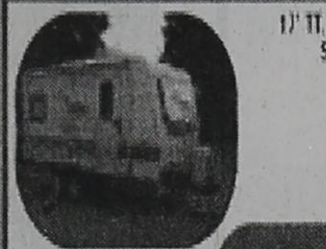
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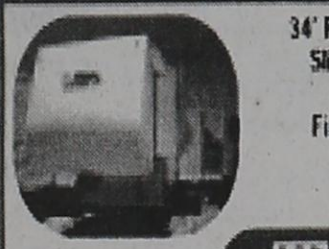
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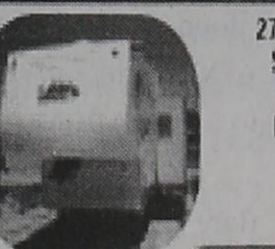
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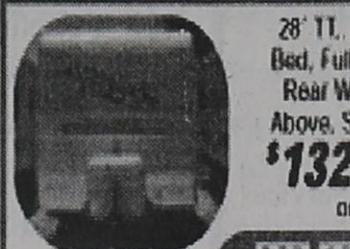
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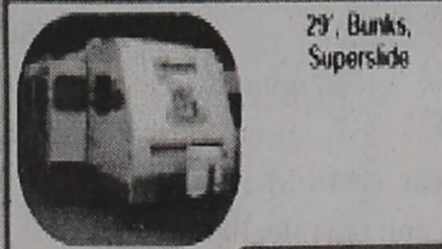
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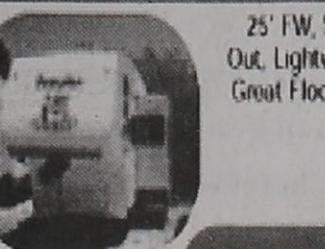
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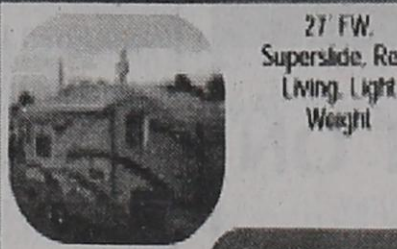
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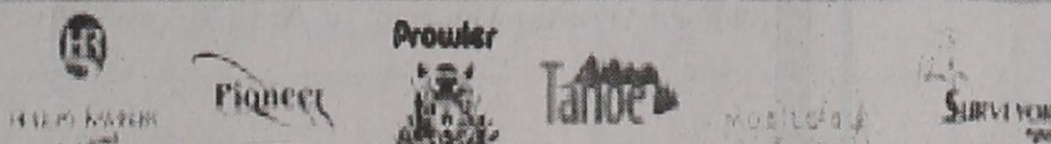
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Owning the American Dream

In 1954, the median salary was \$3,200. A loaf of bread cost 22 cents.

The U.S. population was 163 million. And a gallon of gasoline cost 29 cents. Fifty years later, our population has nearly doubled and the median household income is \$41,000. A trip to the grocery store will reveal that a loaf of bread can cost up to \$4, and if you've filled your car up at the pump lately you've undoubtedly been shocked by the \$2+ per gallon price. Fortunately, rising right along with the cost of living, has been the number of American homeowners. In the first quarter of this year, homeownership hit a record rate of 68.6 percent, meaning more Americans than ever are pulling up to a driveway they own.

For many people the pinnacle of the American Dream is owning their own home -

saying goodbye to a landlord and taking the reins on their own future. Homeownership enables Americans to build credit and create wealth. Perhaps more importantly, it also allows people to put down roots in a community, and develop a sense of pride and establishment.

June is National Homeownership Month, a time for Texans who've been dreaming about owning a home to take the first steps toward achieving this goal. In this year's proclamation announcing June's designation, the president said, "Homeownership remains an essential part of the American experience and plays a critical role in strengthening families, their communities, and our entire nation. We must not be satisfied until every family that seeks to own a home, gets put on the path to homeownership."

And while most Americans would agree that home-

ownership is an important part of our nation's foundation, they would also concur that buying a home can be a confusing and complex process, especially for first-time buyers. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has developed a helpful ABC guide to buying a home:

ABC's of Buying A Home

A. - Aim for a home you can really afford. The rule of thumb is that you can afford a house that runs about two-and-one half times your annual salary. If your salary is \$50,000, and your credit is good, you could look at homes selling for \$125,000.

B. - Begin by looking at your credit. Since you will most likely need to get a mortgage to buy a house, you must make sure your credit history is as clean as possible. Before you start house hunting, get copies of your credit report. Make sure the facts are correct and fix any problems you discover. The three major credit-reporting agencies are: Equifax, www.equifax.com <http://www.equifax.com/> , 888-202-4025; Experian, www.experian.com <http://www.experian.com/> , 888-397-3742; and, TransUnion, www.transunion.com <http://www.transunion.com/> , 800-916-8800. Start by call-

ing them, getting a copy of your credit report and examining it closely.

C. - Consult with the experts. HUD is a great resource for helping you through this process. HUD has a list of approved housing counselors who can walk you through this process step-by-step. You can find a counselor near you by visiting www.hud.gov <http://www.hud.gov/> .

With our nation's economy continuing to strengthen and more Americans finding work, now may be the time for you to consider buying a home. In May, 248,000 jobs were created, bringing the three month total to nearly one million new jobs. The unemployment rate was 5.6 percent, lower than the average of each of the past three decades. And after-tax incomes are up 11 percent since December of 2000, meaning Americans are keeping more of their hard-earned dollars.

There are a number of federal programs for which many Texans can qualify, such as the American Dream Downpayment Initiative, which will help make homeownership a reality for 40,000 families this year. Housing education programs, grants for low-income families and tax cred-

its for developers who build affordable housing are other initiatives that can bring you one step closer to writing your last rent check.

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VA Secretary Hails 'Six Decades of Opportunity' for GI Bill

The following was provided by the Hometown News Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs:

WASHINGTON (June 18, 2004) - Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J. Principi marked the 60th anniversary

of the "GI Bill of Rights" on June 22, calling it "one of the greatest pieces of legislation in American history."

"The GI Bill made home ownership and college education available to millions of Americans," Principi said.

"By harnessing the talent and drive of America's veterans, it created six decades of opportunity for the men and women who served in uniform."

About 21 million veterans, service members and

family members have received more than \$77 billion in GI Bill benefits for education and training since 1944. Administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), the educational program has undergone several major changes over the years. The current version is the Montgomery GI Bill.

The GI Bill's home-loan guaranty program has been used by 17.5 million people for loans totaling \$830 billion. Last year, more than 90 percent of participants took advantage of the program's unique no-downpayment feature.

"VA is proud to play a part in holding open the door to the American dream for millions of veterans," Principi said. "We will continue this legacy by looking for new ways to adapt this marvelous program to the changing needs of veterans."

To view and download VA news release, please visit the following Internet address:

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USDA Rural Development Value Added Producer Grant Meeting To Be Held

USDA Rural Development State Director Bryan Daniel announced today that the Agency will hold a seminar to discuss the Value Added Producer Grant program. The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on July 9, 2004, at the Comanche Community Center, 100 Indian Creek Drive, Comanche, Texas.

"This grant program will foster the development of value-added projects to help create the opportunity for economic development and job creation in rural areas," said Daniel. "USDA Rural Development is committed to providing the necessary tools to help rural businesses create jobs and improve the quality of life for their communities."

Authorized as part of the 2002 Farm Bill, the Value-Added Agricultural Product Market Development Grants program provides an opportunity to refine agricultural commodities and products to increase their value in the marketplace. Grants may be used for planning activities and working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy. Eligible applicants are independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and majority-controlled producer-based business ventures.

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George Orwell's real name was Eric Blair.

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford sent out 40,000 Christmas cards.

The longest indoor corridor in the world is the *Grande Galerie* in the Louvre, built in 1607 by Henry IV of France.

interested in USDA Rural Development's Value Added Producer Grant Program to attend this seminar and to contact their local office. The USDA Rural Development local office that serves this area is located at 2608 Highway 377 South, Suite A, Brownwood, Texas. The telephone number is (325) 643-1585, ext.4.

USDA Rural Development is the economic development agency for USDA, and the lead federal entity for rural development. For additional program information, you may also log onto the state's Rural Development website at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx.

USDA Rural Development is an Equal Opportunity Lender, Provider, and Employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 and includes Business Programs, Housing Programs, and Utilities Programs. Its mission is to use the

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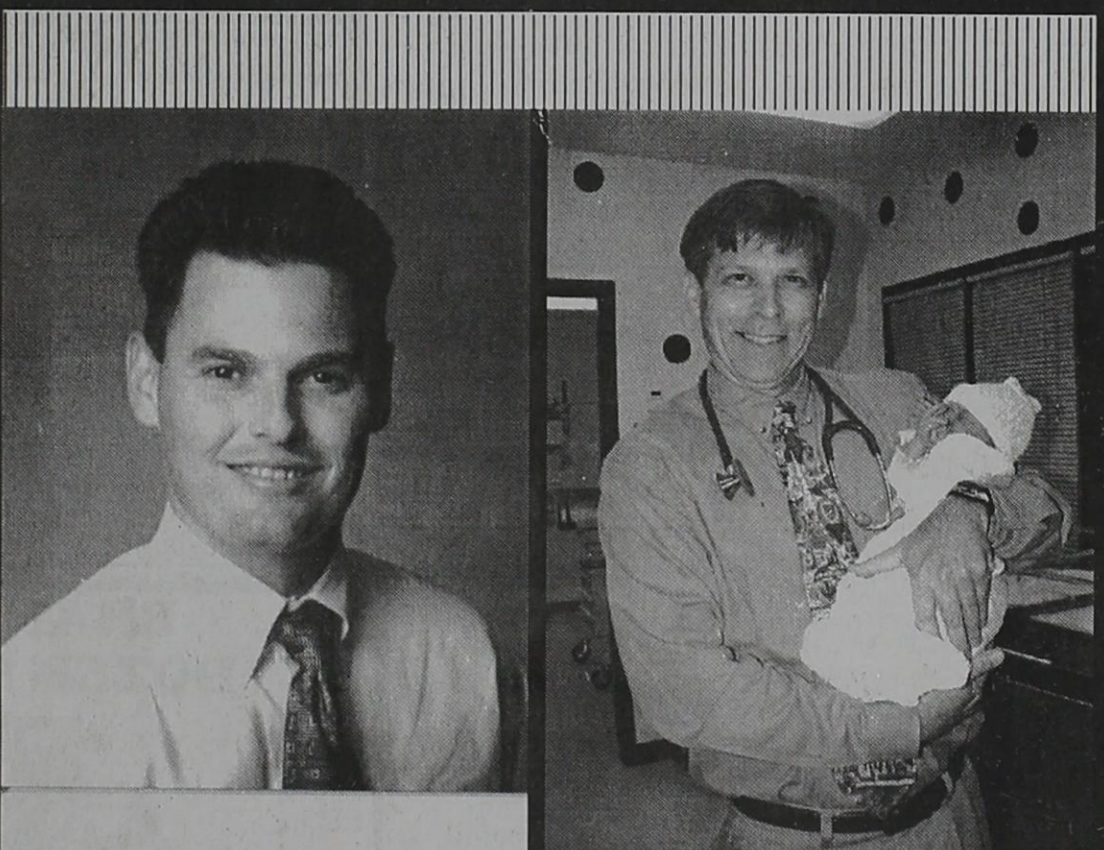
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On behalf of Eastland Memorial Hospital we would like to welcome Dr. Cox

Dr. Bob Matthews is a 1983 graduate of the University of Texas at Galveston. He is a member of the Texas & American Association of Family Practice. Since 1986, Dr. Matthews has been Board Certified in Family Practice and in practice at the B & W Clinic. His practice includes maternity & child-care.

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Signature of contact person _____

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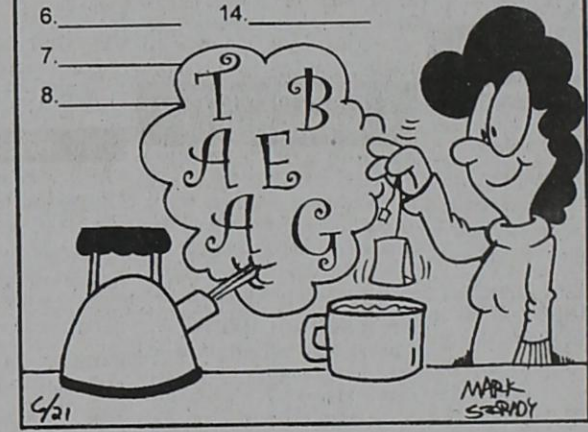
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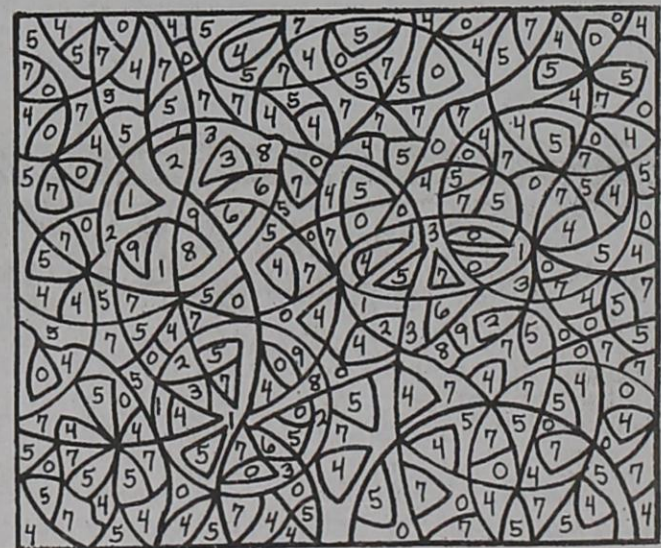
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Emergency Farm Loan Applications Being Accepted: Callahan County Farmers Eligible

"Applications for emergency farm loans caused by drought and high winds that occurred from January 1, 2003, through November 25, 2003, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Richard G. Young said today.

"Callahan County is one of 11 in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from drought and high winds that occurred January 1, 2003, through November 25, 2003."

Richard G. Young said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for a FSA emergency loan," Rich-

ard G. Young said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until December 28, 2004 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U. S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U. S. citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

TxDOT Hosts Meeting To Discuss Transportation Grant Program

Abilene, TX - the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a meeting on Friday, June 25, 2004, to discuss the FY 2005 Section 5310 Grant program and the recipients of the grant. The projected FY 2005 allocation for the 13-county Abilene District is \$120,332.00.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Texas Department of Transportation District Office, 4250 North Clack, Abilene, Texas.

Recipients scheduled to receive funding for Elderly and Disabled transportation are: Central Texas Rural Transit District, CityLink of Abilene, Spartan, and West Texas Opportunities.

Central Texas Rural Transit District will receive approximately \$68,000.00 for the purchase of a Type 3 van and approximately \$7,000.00 in preventative maintenance to offset operating expenses for their Elderly and Disabled transit service in Callahan, Nolan, rural Taylor and Shackelford counties.

CityLink will be given approximately \$22,000.00 in preventative maintenance to offset operating expenses for their curb to curb Elderly and Disabled transit service.

Spartan will get approximately \$12,000.00 in preventative maintenance to offset operating expenses for their Elderly and Disabled transit service in Mitchell and Scurry counties and West Texas Opportunities will receive approximately \$11,500 in preventative maintenance to offset operating expense for the Elderly and Disabled transit service in Borden and Howard.

All interested citizens are invited to attend this meeting to express their views, and discuss the project with TxDOT representatives.

Those interested in attending the meeting who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Debra Rector, district public transportation coordinator, at 325/676-6811 at least two days prior to the meeting. Because the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should also be made at least two days prior to the public meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

For additional information, please contact Rector.

Texas Cattle Exchange News - Eastland, Texas

June 22, 2004 - Feeder Cattle were steady to \$2.00 higher. Slaughter Bulls were \$2.00 to \$3.00 higher. Cows steady.

Good quality bred cows were \$25 - \$50 higher.

Feeder Steers: Med. & Large: 300 lb - 400 lb - 138 - 150; 400 lb - 500 lb - 115 - 124; 500 lb - 600 lb - 112 - 119; 600 lb - 700 lb - 105 - 113.

Feeder Heifers: Med. & Large: 300 lb - 400 lb - 118 - 130; 400 lb - 500 lb - 112 - 120; 500 lb - 600 lb - 103 - 116; 600 lb - 700 lb - 100 - 111.

Slaughter Cows: High Dressing - \$52 - 57.50; Low Dressing \$37 - 47

Slaughter Bulls: High Dressing - \$68 - 75.50

Bred Stock Cows: Choice - \$900 - 1010; Medium - 650-770; Aged 425 - 500.

Cows w/calves: Choice - No Test: Medium - 800-900; Aged 575 - 725.

There were 43 buyers and 111 sellers present.

Receipts totaled 584 head.

Baird First Baptist Church Schedule of Events

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

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

Sunday School
9:45 am

Worship Service
11 am

Prayer Time
5 pm

Evening Service
6 pm

Wednesday Service
7 pm

(nursery provided)

June 28 (Mon) Women's Night Out with Pot Luck

supper and speaker Barbara Skinner (Sheffield) 6:30 P.M.

All Ladies in the community are invited.

Coming Soon! VBS, July 19-22, 6:00 p.m. Preregistration is July 10th from 10-12 in the fellowship hall. You will have a sneak peek at this exciting vacation Bible School!

We will have a New Testament for each child. Our goal is to purchase 100 Bibles.

If you would like to give a Bible - the cost is \$1.49 each.

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