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Internet access due with new free dialing

Toll-free calling from Baird, Clyde and Putnam and 10 other area cities to Abilene makes it possible for telephone customers in these locations to be able to count on GTE to provide high-speed, local dial-up and dedicated access to the Internet.

The nationwide service, marketed as GTE Internet Solutions (http://www.gte.net), is available in the Abilene area market, providing customers having toll-free calling to Abilene with unlimited monthly local dial-up access to the Internet for \$19.95.

Areas that can toll-free to Abilene include Albany, Baird, Blackwell, Buffalo Gap, Clyde, Hamlin, Merkel, Nolan, Putnam, Roby, Stamford, Trent and Tuscola.

Technical support is available from GTE's Internet help desk seven days a week, 24 hours a day. To order GTE Internet Solutions, customers can call 1-800-3NETGTE (1-800-363-8483).

"We have designed our Internet access service offering to meet the needs of what our customers have told us they want - immediate access connections, exceptional customer and technical support, and high reliability at an affordable price," said Alex Coleman, vice president-general manager of online services for GTE.

"The offering of Internet access increases the wide array of telecommunications services that GTE offers its customers, including local, long-distance, voice, data, video, paging and wireless services," he added. "This is another example of how GTE is providing complete communications solutions."

To guide customers through the Internet, Microsoft Internet Explorer 3.0 browser software is provided at no

additional cost. Consumers can still request other browsers offered by GTE, and GTE Internet Solutions service is compatible with all browsers and applications using standard Internet protocols.

Subscribers receive five megabytes of free Web space to develop their personal home page, and receive full Internet access, including e-mail and news groups services.

Dial-up analog access is available for \$19.95 per month for unlimited use, or \$8.95 for five hours of Internet access per month, and \$1.95 for each additional hour. Under a separate plan, users can order GTE Internet Solutions for \$17.95 (discount good for one year) per month when ordering GTE long-distance service or a second telephone line.

With either plan, 800 number access is available for use outside of the local or Extended Calling Service (ECS) area at an additional charge of \$4.50 per hour. For convenience, existing GTE customers can have their Internet charges included in their regular monthly phone bill.

Earlier this year, GTE became the first local telephone company to sign up more than 100,000 Internet subscribers. To support the growing usage of the Internet, GTE has doubled, and in many cases quadrupled, the amount of dial-up capacity in the more than 420 markets it serves in all 50 states.

With GTE Internet Solutions, customers can access the Internet using a dial-up modem up to 28.8 kbps, dedicated lines operating at speeds of 56 kbps through 45 Mbps, or, in many areas, an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) line up to 128 kbps — five times faster than a 28.8 kbps analog modem.

Business customers can

also subscribe to a full suite of services including dedicated Internet access, web site hosting services, Intranet development, corporate e-mail, firewall and encryption services.

With revenues of more than \$21 billion in 1996, GTE is one of the largest publicly held telecommunications companies in the world. In the United States, GTE offers local and long-distance service in 29 states and long-distance service in all 50 states. GTE was the first among its peers to offer "one-stop shopping" for local, long-distance and Internet access services. Outside the United States, where GTE has operated for more than 40 years, the company serves over 6.8 million customers. GTE is also a leader in government and defense communications systems and equipment, directions and telecommunications-based information services, and aircraft-passenger telecommunications. Additional information about GTE can be found on the Internet at http://www.gte.com.

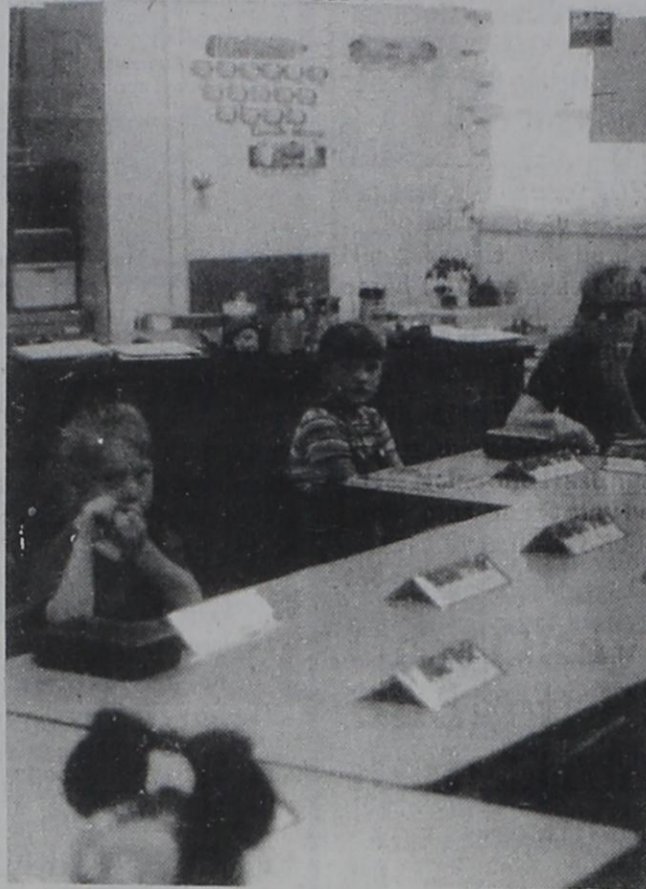
Baird Dairy Queen to become Smoke-Free

As of September 1, 1997, the Dairy Queen store in Baird will be all non-smoking, according to Doris Richeson, president.

Richeson states, "We have had complaints from our customers, especially families with children, who wish to be able to enjoy their meals in our dining room without being harmed by secondhand smoke. While we appreciate the right of our customers to smoke if that is their choice, we now ask that they abstain during their Dairy Queen visits. We have received requests from the American Cancer Society for a smoke-free environment, and have had numerous positive comments from customers in our stores are already smoke-free."

Currently, 78% of the American people do not smoke, and many of those are offended by smoke which is part of a common ventilation area, as is the case in the Dairy Queen stores.

"This is a decision previously made by many foodservice operators, and by city councils in major cities, including Austin and Arlington, in which the entire city is non-smoking," said Pat



Mrs. Copeland's school room has a couple of students anticipating the new school year last week at Baird elementary. (Staff Photo)

Citizens of Baird can perform miracles

Touted as the "Antique Capital of Texas," Baird has seen the "Resuscitation" or "Revival" of our city's business district. This turn around is the result of a joint community effort and a commitment to the goal. Baird has made a name for itself in our neighboring communities as a friendly example of small town living, at its best. In a time when families are looking for alternatives to the high tech, fast paced, competitive and often dangerous lifestyle of "big city" living, Baird is often mentioned as a community with positive growth potential for new business and a welcome haven for families to "put down roots" for the benefit of existing and future generations.

Baird has an opportunity to demonstrate its collective ability to unify toward a common cause and to show that we are a community of caring people. While publicly showing off some of our best traits we have an opportunity to help save a life or perhaps several lives... maybe someone we all know. This is the season with the highest emergency blood utilization due to acute traumatic injury. With several major holidays coming up, potential needs donor emergent lifesaving blood administration will increase, resulting in rapid depletion of precious banked blood supplies.

On Wednesday, August 27th, the Baird Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a blood drive in cooperation with the Meek Blood Center. From

4:30 pm to 8:30 pm, the Meek Mobile Blood Unit will be located at the Baird Fire Station, staffed by Blood Center professionals and assisted by local volunteers.

Last time Baird had a blood drive, we had only ONE DONOR... OUCH!

On August 27, Baird will be challenged with the goal of confirming what we already know... We can rise to the occasion. We have come to the aid of our neighbors before, procuring money and volunteer services for transplant recipients, and victims of catastrophic illness or injury.

Good news! This is the easiest and most economical way to "give" of yourselves in helping others! For the bargain price of: About 45 minutes of time during which, 1) you will be interviewed about your health to determine if it is safe for you to donate and whether your blood can be used; 2) Your blood pressure, pulse, temperature and a quick blood test for anemia will be taken to assure that you are healthy for donation; 3) Stretch out in a recliner for 10-15 minutes while the technicians take your donation of about a pint of blood (which involves a brief pinch to access a vein that is a painless procedure); 4) Rest a few minutes and enjoy a light refreshment before returning to your normal activities! You'll feel great afterward! The early evening hours have been selected so that your work day won't be interrupted.

Your single pint can help several individuals in need! By separat-

Don't forget to travel to DeLeon on Friday as uncle and nephew scrimmage against each other. Grady West, uncle of Bear head coach Kelly West, will lead his Bearcats in this first test of the season for Baird.

Baird C of C 4th Saturday Farmers Market/Trades Fair Aug. 23

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Girl Scout registration signup set for August 26

The Girl Scout sign-up for the new year will be August 26 at the Baird Elementary Cafeteria from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$7.00. You will need to bring the girls social security number and the dates of her shots for her health card. Those adults wishing to be leaders, assistant leaders or committee members for their daughter's troop may come and register at this time. If you would like more information please contact Melinda Hill at 893-2344.

The girl scout experience starts in Kindergarten with the Daisies. Daisies are the newest and youngest members of the Girl Scout family. As a Daisy you can:

- * put together a scrapbook about yourself and your family.
- * explore a city park or a real farm, and learn how we share the world with plants and animals.
- * visit an adopted grandparent with your troopmates.
- * make homemade applesauce or bread.

Brownies are girls in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade. If you're an explorer or a discoverer or would like to be one Then Brownie Girl Scout are for you. As a Brownie you can:

- * pack a lunch and take a day hike or bike trip with your troop.
- * visit your neighborhood radio station.
- * sing new songs and play new games.
- * plant flowers in a local park and watch

them grow. Junior scouts are for girls in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Do you look around at new and interesting things and think, "I'd like to try that!" That's what Junior Girl Scouting is all about. As a Junior you can:

- * try your hand at everything from photography and dramatics to fashion and computers.
- * sharpen your outdoor living skills on weekend camping trips or at summer camp.
- * tour backstage at a musical or play.
- * go cross-country skiing or snowshoeing.

Girl Scouting for Cadettes and Seniors takes on a whole new dimension and lets you be the one to take the lead. As a Cadette or Senior you can:

- * participate in "Wider Opportunities" and travel across the country or around the world.
- * take on a challenging backpacking, canoeing, rafting or cycling adventure.
- * join in on make-up, fashion and fitness seminars.
- * exchange ideas about drug awareness, peer pressure and careers with other teenage girls and adults.

If you are unable to come to registration please call Melinda Hill.

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Star attraction Courtney Ray doesn't appear to be very excited to start the new school year as school doors opened last week in Baird. (Staff Photo)

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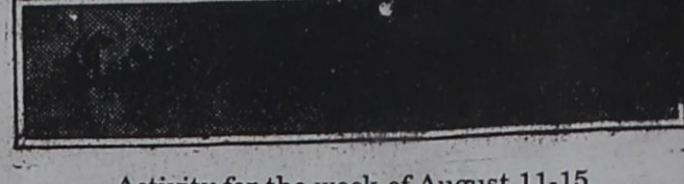
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Misdemeanor Filings
-The State of Texas vs. Glenn Thomas Woody DWI
-The State of Texas vs. Apostilis Anthony Likkas, Deadly Conduct
-The State of Texas vs. Tony Holmes, TPC

Misdemeanor Minutes
-The State of Texas vs. Victor Lee Cruz, Motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant
-The State of Texas vs. Mac Foster, motion to dismiss
-The State of Texas vs. Charlie Ray Guinn, motion to dismiss
-The State of Texas vs. Ed Moore, defendant is hereby released and discharged from community supervision
-The State of Texas vs. Mary E. Baker, motion to dismiss
-The State of Texas vs. Audra Simpson, order extending community supervision
-The State of Texas vs. Corey Micheal Miller, motion to dismiss
-The State of Texas vs. Kathy Brady, defendant is hereby released and discharged from community supervision
-The State of Texas vs. Ronald Dwain Henderson, order amending conditions of community supervision
-The State of Texas vs. Deborah Kay Abshari, motion to dismiss
-The State of Texas vs. Richard Wayne Jagers, JR, motion to revoke supervision
-The State of Texas vs. Woodrow W. Davis, II, motion to revoke community supervision and adjudicate
-The State of Texas vs. Jenny McDowell, motion to revoke community supervision and adjudicate
-The State of Texas vs. Nancy J. Chapman, motion to revoke community supervision
-The State of Texas vs. Carmen Hayes-Marin, order granting probation under misdemeanor probation act
-The State of Texas vs. Glenn Thomas Woody, Judgment plea of Guilty
-The State of Texas vs. Glenn Thomas Woody, sentence DWI, 10 days in jail
-The State of Texas vs. Randall E. Yawn, Judgment plea of Guilty TPC

Jill Kilmer children, motion to Modify
Dedra Gail Wood and Christian Davon Wood, Divorce.
Franklin Pierce Shackelford IV and Marion Erline Shakelford, Divorce.
David Cecil Smoot and Mary Elizabeth Smoot and in the Interest of Jonah Saul Hensly.
Deborah Ann Smith and Thomas Leonard Smith, Divorce.
Karen Bryant and Jon A. Bryant, Divorce
Donald Little and Vicki Leigh Little, Divorce.
Cathy Lynn Wiginton and Joel Wiginton and in the Interest of Jacob David Wiginton and Joshua Paul Wiginton children.

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MEN IN SERVICE

Pvt. Victor T. Johnson

Marine Pvt. Victor T. Johnson, son of Virgil G. and Vita E. Johnson of Cross Plains, Texas, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Johnson successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Johnson and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Johnson spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Johnson and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values -- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Johnson and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Johnson joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1995 graduate of Midlano High School of Midlano, Texas.

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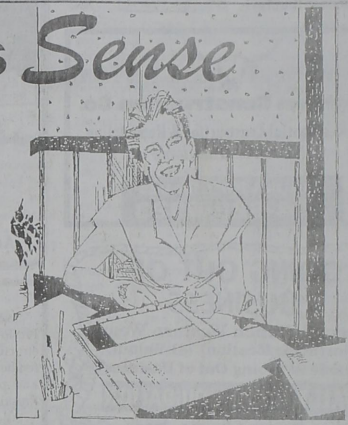
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News And Views For The 17th District

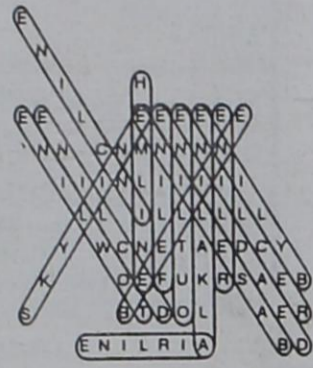
By Charlie Stenholm

Small Business: America's Economic Engine

The balanced budget agreement which the President signed into law on August 5 came with a one-two punch. The first swing took on dozens of spending programs, while the second enacted numerous changes to the tax code. In my opinion, those tax cuts most directly linked with economic stimulation are the provi-

sions which can most legitimately lay claim to having a part in balanc-

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ing the budget.

No business tax cuts are more important to the 17th District and, I would claim, to the whole Country than those which aid small business. Small businesses account for about two-thirds of the job growth since 1970 and those businesses now

produce nearly 40% of the Gross Domestic Product. An astonishing 90% of all American businesses employ fewer than 20 people, and more than half employ fewer and five.

The role of our current robust economy played in actually reaching a bipartisan deal to balance the

budget cannot be overestimated. Unemployment is 5%, inflation is low, consumer confidence is at a 28-year high and more Americans than ever are gaining impressive profits in a stock market which seems to break new records every week. All of that translates into very healthy revenues for the federal coffers, allowing a much easier match-up between "in-coming" and "out-going" for the federal treasury.

Supporting our small business men and women through the tax code will help to keep this good news pouring in. That's why I was pleased to work

for the inclusion of several tax provisions specially targeted to small business.

The budget agreement reduces the basic capital gains tax rate to 20% for taxpayers in the top tax bracket and an even more encouraging 10% for those in the lower bracket. An additional reduction to 18% and 8% respectively is provided for assets bought after 2000 that were held for at least 5 years.

Increasing opportunities for businesses to be passed from generation to generation, the new law includes a special \$1.3 million estate tax exemp-

tion, effective immediately, for closely-held small businesses passed to family members. The unified credit for estates that do not qualify for closely-held will increase to \$1 million by 2007.

America's seven million self-employed individuals will be able to deduct a gradually increasing percentage of health insurance costs, up to 100% in 2007 from the current 40% deduction.

The agreement expands a definition to allow deductions for home offices where important administration or clerical functions are conducted. This will make it much easier

for small businesses to claim deductions for legitimate expenses related to a home office.

Penalties for small businesses which do not file taxes electronically were delayed for six months from previous law, meaning that they will now apply July 1, 1998.

The budget also provides an exemption from the Alternative Minimum Tax for incorporated small businesses.

While no single provision is huge, taken together these tax provisions should provide some welcomed relief for America's small business men and women.

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All work will be awarded under the general contract, including all plumbing, heating, ventilating and air conditioning, and electrical work.

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Note: The owner (The Board of Regents) will make progress payments monthly for 90% of completed work.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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Bullock asked the committee to submit a status report by March 1, 1998 and a final report by Oct. 1, 1998. The panel is to make recommendations to the Legislature in 1999 if it is determined that problems exist in the public information process, Bullock said.

Nursing Home Exec Punished

The Texas Board of Nursing Home Administrators voted 8-0 last week to place a Rockdale nursing home administrator on probation for six months.

According to a 1994 report, state inspectors found urine and fecal odors, filthy linens and rooms; roaches in the kitchen and flies on residents; a broken emergency call button system; and bottles of prescription medication in an unlocked box on the floor of the administrator's office.

In the four years the state board has been in existence, the Rockdale case is the only one that has resulted in the punishment of a nursing home administrator.

The board, however, voted to close 109 cases of complaints against nursing home administrators.

On Sept. 1, the board's duties will transfer to and office in the Texas Department of Human Services, which licenses and inspects the nearly 1,200 nursing homes in Texas.

The Texas Legislature voted to create that office after the *Austin American-Statesman* reported on the failure of the current, industry-dominated board to punish administrators of substandard homes.

Voters Approve Tax Break

About 94 percent of those who cast ballots in the Aug. 11 constitutional amendment election voted in favor of the tripling of the homestead tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

The tax break will save the average homeowner about \$140 a year.

Gov. George W. Bush lauded

the results. "The people endorsed my efforts and the efforts of the Legislature to cut property taxes," he said.

The final count was 690,678 votes for the \$1 billion property tax cut and 41,388 against.

In November, voters will decide on 14 other proposed constitutional amendments, including whether increases in property values should be capped at 10 percent per year.

Math Scores Up, English Down

Texas students showed improved math skills on the ACT test this year, but English and reading scores dipped slightly, according to test results released last week.

Assessing the scores, Education Commissioner Mike Moses said he believes a statewide focus on reading in the early grades and new curriculum standards will help turn around the dip in English and reading scores.

On math, the average Texas score rose from 19.9 in 1996 to 20.2 this year. The national math average was 20.6.

Other Capital Highlights

■ After Dec. 31, the public will no longer have access to audits that determine whether oil and gas companies are paying the royalty they owe the state for operating on public land in West Texas. Gov. Bush signed the audit-closing legislation into law in June.

■ Under a plan signed by Education Commissioner Mike Moses and officials from Spain, teachers from Spain will be allowed to teach in Texas classrooms for one to six years. Under the same initiative, Texas teachers who teach Spanish will exchange jobs for one year with Spanish educators who teach English.

■ The Texas Lottery Commission is considering contracting with more than one company to operate its online games. Vendors who want to bid must file a letter of intent by Aug. 22 and submit a proposal by Dec. 3. The commission will announce the winners, if any, in March.

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Moran News

By Mrs. Luke Huskey

Funeral for Mrs. Joe Moore, 92, was held at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Moran with Rev. Jack Clack officiating, directed by Godfrey Neese Funeral Home. Mrs. Moore, a homemaker, died Wednesday in an Albany nursing home.

Fairy Thompson of Bridgeport spent a few days at her place in Moran and visited with friends.

Mrs. J.D. Collinsworth of San Angelo visited with relatives in Moran last week.

The citizens and members of the Moran Clean and Proud Committee met last Tuesday night at the Moran Community Center and enjoyed a covered dish supper. Various places in town that had been cleared of debris and places the still need to be cleared was discussed. Buster Cottle was master of ceremonies. Comments were made by those present. Another work day was held Saturday and workers were served lunch at the American Legion Hall. Much improvement in the town has been made since the start of the clean up campaign and people are interested in keeping the town clean.

Fifteen were present for the Moran Birthday

Club meeting on Thursday evening, August 14, at the High Lonesome Cafe in Albany. Two guests were present, Ethel Collinsworth of San Angelo and Fairy Thompson of Bridgeport.

The "Happy Birthday" song was sung to Mrs. Marvin Kays and Mrs. Bill (Donna English) Moore, but she was not present for the meeting.

Audrey Brooks gave a reading about the meeting that the Birthday Club had in September 1977, when the club met in Eastland. Points of interest of various cities on the East Coast was discussed and points of interest visited by the members were very interesting.

Those present were Mae Delle Jones, Audrey Brooks, Ray Spurgeon, C.L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dub Midkiff, Elma May Huskey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kays, Hubert Brewster, Mildred Smith, Ethel Collinsworth and Fairy Thompson.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, September 11, at the High Lonesome Cafe in Albany.

Nineteen were guests of Mrs. Gladys Matthews for Sunday dinner. Five members of the family celebrated

birthdays in August and the celebrations were held jointly.

Roger Ellis of the Island of Roatan, Honduras, Central America, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Wanda Lee Ellis. Kay and Sharon Ellis of Dallas spent the weekend with their mother, Mrs. Ellis and brother, Roger.

Rep. Stenholm's Statement On President Clinton's Veto Of Farmer Cooperative Tax Provision

Note: This statement regarding President Clinton's recent action came from the office of Congressman Stenholm to the local newspaper this week. Congressman Stenholm was a co-

sponsor of the Hulsoff-Stenholm Farmer Cooperative Legislation, and feels very strongly about it.

The bill had a lot of support in congress, and was included with another measure that reached the President's desk. It was singled out and vetoed under the new line-item provision.

Congressman Stenholm says: "Obviously, I am very disappointed that the President chose to exercise his line-item veto on the provision of the tax bill that would facilitate the sale of agricultural processing and refining facilities to farmer cooperatives.

"I am particularly disappointed that this decision was apparently based on the incorrect impression that this provision was enacted in order to benefit one individual.

"This provision applies broadly to the agricultural cooperative community. That is why it is supported by the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, the American Farm Bureau, the National Farmers Union, the Farm Credit Council, and National Grange and several commodity

groups." Stenholm goes on to say:

"As the ranking member of the House Agricultural Committee and a long-time supporter of agricultural cooperatives, my motivation in cosponsoring this proposal has been the benefit it would have for small farmers and ranchers facing an increasingly competitive marketplace. The real losers with this veto are the farmers who would have benefited if their cooperatives were able to purchase processing facilities.

"This provision would make it easier for farmers and ranchers to become involved in the value-added process. Refining and processing of commodities represents an ever increasing share of total profits in agriculture.

"Farm commodities represent less than 25 percent of the cost of the final product purchased by the consumer. It is imperative for the American farmer to

increase his ownership stake in processing and refining in order to survive in an increasingly competitive market."

Stenholm adds that the provision makes sense as a matter of tax policy as well. "It is similar to the tax treatment available to the owners of businesses that sell to Employees Stock Ownership Plans (ESOP's)," he says.

"The growth of ESOP's, which allow workers to have a greater share in the profits resulting from their labors, has been extremely beneficial to working men and women. I believe this provision will have the same benefit for small farmers and ranchers. "I intend to work extremely hard with other members who share my support for small farmers and ranchers to convince my colleagues in Congress to reverse the President's action.

"If this provision is preserved, I am confident that, ten years from now, we will all look back and see that this was one of the most beneficial actions that Congress took to help our farmers."

Note: These statements of Congressman Stenholm indicate that he is ready to try to override the Veto of President Clinton on the Farmer Cooperative Tax Provision. A call Monday to Stenholm's Washington office verified this.

He is ready to begin the complicated process to overrule the line-item Veto, and this requires special steps.

First must come the Disapproval Bill. According to information on the phone, the Congressman plans to submit a Disapproval Bill sometime in September. This Bill will need a simple majority of both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The President will most likely veto the Disapproval Bill. And this time he will stamp the Bill with a traditional Veto, requiring a two-thirds majority of both house to overturn it.

If the override succeeds, the contested provision becomes law. If not, the President's line-item Veto will stand.

The only other thing that can happen, according to an aide in the office, is that President Clinton might take a new look at the Cooperative Tax Provision, and decide to seek some sort of middle ground.

In that case, if some sort of compromise could be worked out, Cong. Stenholm or others might bring a new version of the bill to the floor.

But it appears that Stenholm is in no mood for much compromise on this Bill. And anyone who studies the provision will realize that its outcome will affect not only farmers and ranchers, but also the small towns located in agricultural areas.

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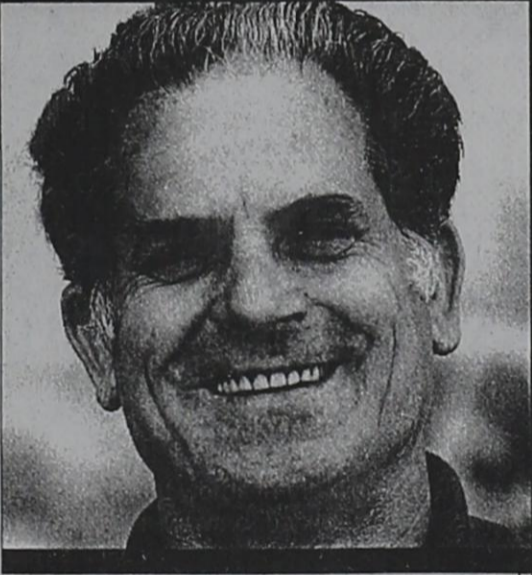
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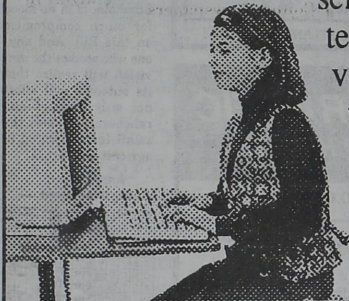
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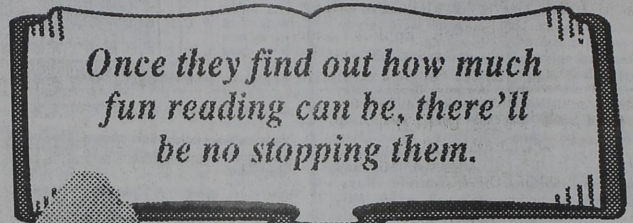
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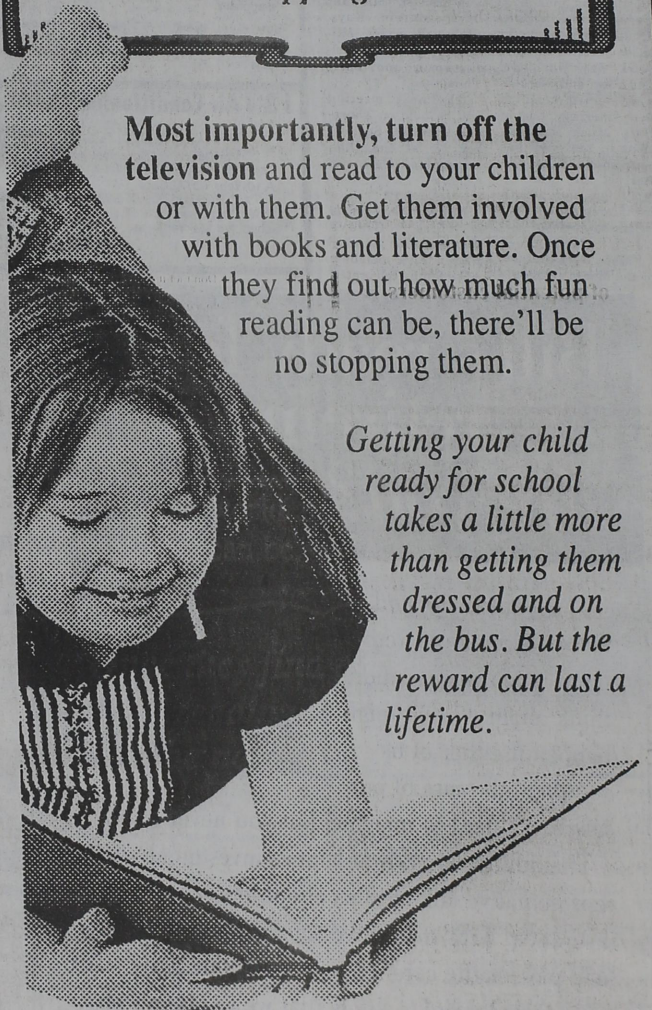


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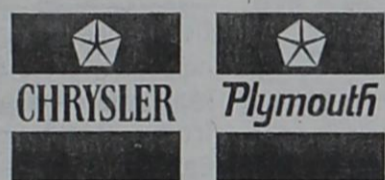
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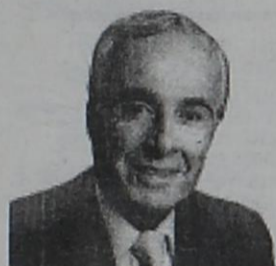
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Ms. T. N. ... Thrifty Nickel, Indianapolis, IN

Dear Ms. N.: The older I get, the more angry I get about child abuse—be it physical abuse or molestation. Take two children—one suffers from malnutrition, the other suffers from sexual abuse. While both children are greatly affected, at least with proper nutrition the malnourished child can reverse the damage done. However, the child who has been sexually abused, at best will learn to live with the damage done, but it will never completely go away.

I'm sending you a \$500 teddy bear fund, in addition to 20 copies of my favorite children's book titled *Princess Patty In Peace On Earth* by author-illustrator Betsy Bradford. The story deals with self-esteem and sends an excellent message to children. If any of my other readers are interested in purchasing this book contact: Scope Publishing, 936 Pleasant View Court, Northfield, MN 55057 or call (507) 663-0517. It's an investment sure to become a family favorite.

As for the children who will receive the copies I'm sending, listen carefully to the words while

hugging your teddy bear. The world is scary and it can be cruel, but it also can be loving and warm.

Dear Percy Ross: Time is ticking away fast, time on the meter of life that is. I'm 83 years old and arthritis has crippled my body so badly that it is an effort to get out of bed each day. Before the fated day arrives that I leave this world and am finally reunited with my late husband, I'd love to host a small party at a restaurant for my children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a few close friends. In total, about 50 people.

I can cover the costs (just barely) but it will leave me virtually penniless. I figure I came into this world cold and naked and that's exactly how I intend to leave. However, I would like to look nice for my goodbye party by purchasing a new dress and maybe getting my hair done. I'm old but I'm still vain. Would \$150 be asking too much? I'll get plenty of wear out of this dress because I also plan to be buried in it. Is it possible that you can put a smile on the face of this very old, tired woman, just one last time?

Mrs. W. D. ... Bargain Bulletin, Appleton, WI

Dear Mrs. D.: I can do so, but only if you graciously accept the \$300 I'm sending. Why the extra? So you can purchase matching shoes and a handbag to accessorize your dress.

You see, sometimes Mrs. Ross helps me with my mail and she thought this would be a nice touch. Also, she suggested that when selecting your dress, do so on the basis of what you'll look good in at the party and not your casket. Party dresses are for the living and that's exactly what you'll be doing.

Editor's note: You may visit Percy Ross' web site at www.thanksamillion.com

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BORROWING FROM YOUR 401(K) - PART TWO

In my last column, we looked at the tax consequences of borrowing against your 401(k) savings. But you should consider other factors besides taxes.

A 401(k) loan is tempting because you're borrowing your own money and the interest you pay goes back into your own account. The interest rate is often based on prime and usually compares favorably to other types of loans. Typically, you can borrow up to half the balance in your account (\$50,000 maximum), with repayments to be made uniformly over five years (longer if you're buying a home). The process is simple, with no credit check needed because your remaining balance secures the loan.

If this sounds too good to be true, consider the drawbacks. First, taking a loan usually results in lower savings at retirement time. That's because the money you take out is no longer growing along with the rest of your investments. True, it's earning interest at the loan rate, but that's usually less than your investments will make in the stock or bond market. You could be lucky and take your loan just when the stock market crashes, but don't bet on it.

Another risk is that most loans must be repaid almost immediately if you lose your job or resign. If you can't come up with the repayment, the loan will be treated as a taxable distribution and an additional 10% penalty will apply unless you've reached retirement age.

Remember, the purpose of your 401(k) is to save for retirement, so don't borrow for frivolous items. But if your job is secure, you can afford the interest payments, and you need the money for something important, a 401(k) loan may be the option to consider.

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Letter To The Editor

Congressman Answers Letter of Putnam Man

Mr. Doran Cline
P.O. Box 944
Putnam, Texas 76469
Dear Mr. Cline:
Thank you for your letter regarding alternative control mechanisms for boll weevils on cotton. I appreciate your sharing your views on this matter.

Your suggestions related to the use of garlic and hot peppers for control of crop insect were very interesting. While I am not qualified to speculate on the potential efficacy of such a remedy, I am aware of numerous agricultural research projects related to Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Agronomists and

plant pathologists are currently working to develop plant protection strategies that are more environmentally benign and cost effective.

Through the introduction of biological controls, establishment of treatment thresholds, and development of new insecticides, we have taken important steps toward a more targeted approach to pest control. Most farmers are very supportive of these efforts since reduced chemical usage often can mean lower operating expenses. Even more important, farmers were the first environmentalists and continue to occupy the forefront with regard to meaningful land stewardship.

Next time I'm in

Baird's Farmers Market And Trade Fair To Be Saturday

The historic stone arches in Baird are the location for the monthly Farmers Market and Trade Fair this Saturday, August 23, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Every 4th Saturday of the month, as long as weather permits, area farmers, gardeners and vendors are invited to sell their wares in Baird. Depending on location,

booth spaces and parking spots are available for \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20 rates for the day. Call the Baird Chamber of Commerce (915-854-2003) for details.

Shoppers enjoy a double treat. In addition to the Farmers Market and Trade Fair, more than a dozen antique malls and specialty shops are also open for business on Saturday.

CJC Registration Continues

Cisco Junior College's Dean of Admissions, Olin O. Odom, III, reminds areas residents that registration is underway and will continue through September 5 at the Cisco campus and the CJC Abilene Educational Cen-

ter. Though there will be no problem in registering as late as September 5, Mr. Odom urges those who wish to take college credit courses to register now in order to begin attending classes. Classes began on August 25 and a minimum amount of missed time is beneficial to the student.

Mr. Odom said, "Cisco Junior College offers a wide range of opportuni-

ties for expanding knowledge. We invite anyone, college age or older, to enroll in one of the many programs we offer."

Students may register at the main campus in Cisco or at the Abilene Educational Center at 841 North Judge Ely Blvd. during regular office hours. For more information call the appropriate campus at one of the following numbers: Cisco (254) 442-2567 or Abilene (915) 673-4567.

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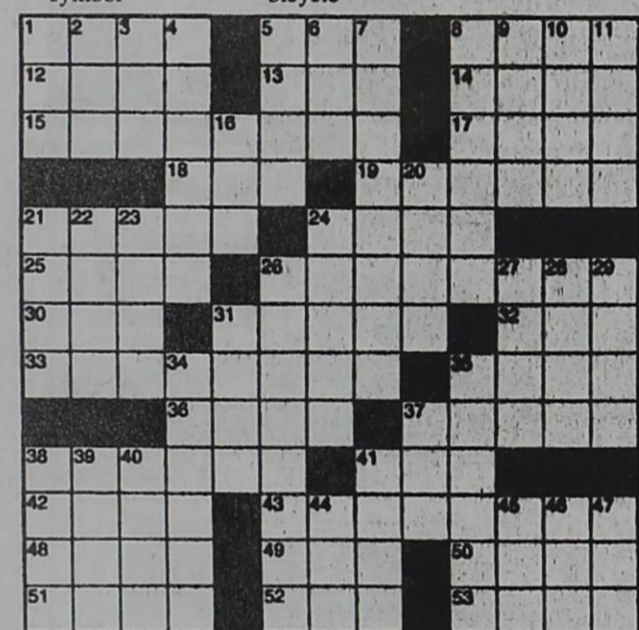
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Take up thy cross and follow me.
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A stranger's voice we would not obey.
All we need is for Him to speak
And then to lead the way.
As the trumpet sounds

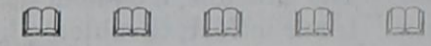
And we close our eyes in peace.
Will we hear the Good Shepherd
When He calls home His sheep?
Bob Harbin

Read to Succeed Contest Under Way.

There is a statewide literacy project under way in Texas called "Read to Succeed." The purpose of the project is to get students to read their grade level by the third grade. Last year 20 percent of children grades kindergarten through three were not reading at their grade level.

Sponsored by this newspaper, there is a contest to draw the logo to be represented on the "Read to Succeed" license plate. Each community will select winners to be sent to a blue ribbon committee to select the overall winner. That winner's drawing will appear on the license plate.

Simply draw on an 8 1/2" by 11" piece of white paper and submit your drawing to this newspaper or to TDNA/TPA-Read to Succeed, 816 Congress, Suite 960, Austin, TX 78701. The contest runs through September 16, 1997. The overall winner will be selected before September 30, 1997.

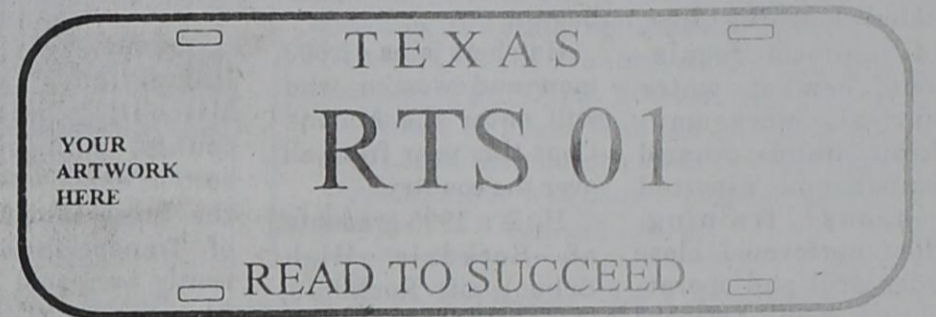


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Please mail entries to this newspaper, or to:

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Pvt. Brent H. Hatchett

Marine Pvt. Brent H. Hatchett, son of Linda Wilson of Cherry Street, Baird, Texas, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Hatchett successfully completed 12 weeks of Training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Hatchett and fellows recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Hatchett spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Hatchett and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values-- honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Hatchett and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Hatchett joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

He is a 1995 graduate of Rockdale High School of Rockdale, Texas.

Baird C of C to host 4th Saturday Farmers Market/Trades Fair

The Baird Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a 4th Saturday Farmers Market /Trades Fair in the newly refurbished historic "Arches." This is a covered open air pavilion with a concrete floor and electrical outlets. There will be fresh vegetables, arts, crafts, antiques, toys, etc. Bring the family and come and browse and shop through the different vendors and booths. Booths will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00p.m. The Farmers

Market Trades Fair will be August 23. This event will continue every 4th Saturday as long as weather permits and will pick back up next spring.

If you have a garden and are over run with tomatoes, onions, squash or any fresh vegetables that you would like to bring and sell, or if you make arts and crafts and are interested in a booth, please call the Baird Chamber of Commerce at (915) 854-2003 and ask for a booth application.

Callahan County Veterans News

by Tom Ivey

36th Division Reunion World comes from Larry Powell's column in The Dallas Morning News that Veterans of the U S Army's Texas 36th Infantry Division known as T-Patchers will reunite in Dallas August 27 -31. Call 214 363 9244 for reunion information.

The 36th Division was called up on November 25, 1940, more than a full year before Pearl Harbor. Camp Bowie at Brownwood was head-

quarters for most, if not all, of the Division. The 36th was in the heaviest of the fighting in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Europe.

General Sam Houston organized the Washington Guards on March 7, 1836, the day after the fall of the Alamo. From their humble beginning at Washington-on-the-Brazos, the 36th has brought honor to Texas throughout the world. Hats off to these brave troops.

Call (214) 363 9244 for Reunion information.

Callahan County employees compete in 1997 rodeo

Abilene, Tx-- Kevin Hagan and Steven Mitchell, Callahan county maintenance section employees with the Texas Department of Transportation, recently competed in the Abilene district's rodeo.

Hector Aguirre and Steven Mitchell, both maintenance technicians, earned the right to compete at district level by taking first and second place respectively in the Callahan county rodeo. However, when Aguirre was unable to compete, Hagan was selected to take his place.

"For most of us here in West Texas, the word rodeo congers us thoughts of bronc riding and calf roping," an Abilene district official said. "But, at TxDOT rodeo spells stiff competition between driving 7 1/2 ton dump trucks down long, winding and narrow passages and challenging each other to see who can stop closest to a line and an alley dock."

In addition to TxDOT's rodeos testing precision driving skills, they also test the employees preventive

maintenance knowledge.

"This year," Steve Batko, Abilene district safety officer and rodeo coordinator, said, "we continued our strict rules regarding preventive maintenance.

For instance, the competitors were given five minutes to find ten defects on a vehicle."

Contestants at both the county and district meets took dump trucks through a six-part precision driving course that tested such skills as stopping on a line, backing up to a loading dock, navigating a serpentine course and driving through narrow corridors. According to Batko, the drivers started out with a 12 foot wide corridor that diminished to an eight and one-half foot wide path.

"The employees look forward to this annual event and each year they seem to be more and more enthusiastic by the competition," Batko added. "We've discovered that in addition recognizing the skills and pride exhibited in the safe operation of TxDOT equipment, it inspires camaraderie between the em-

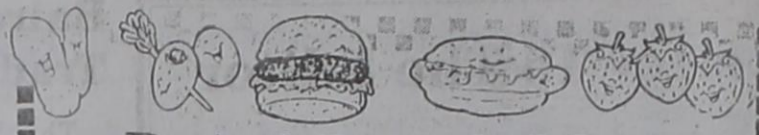
ployees and boots morale."

From the maintenance section supervisors to the Abilene district engineer, supervisors agree this program gives the department drivers the recognition they deserve.

"Everyday our employees drive these dump trucks in some of the most dangerous situations possible. They're expected to analyze every situation and react immediately in a vehicle that doesn't go fast or respond as easily as a car." Blair Haynie, former Abilene area engineer, said. "We're glad to have a program that gives the drivers the recognition they deserve."

This is the third year the Abilene district has participated in the statewide TxDOT event. First place winner, Danny Chris Medford from the Haskell county maintenance section, along with second place finisher, Jim Hill out of TxDOT's Shackelford county office, will compete in the state finals at Austin in November.

The top two winners from that event will go on to the nationals.



Baird Lunch Menu

August 25 - 29

Monday Breakfast - Donuts juice milk. Lunch - Macaroni with cheese, pinto beans, fried okra, corn bread, fruit, milk.	Tuesday Breakfast - Cinnamon Toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Corn dogs, Cole slaw, tator tots, chocolate cake, milk.	Wednesday Breakfast - Cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch - Oven fried	Thursday Breakfast - Hot rolls, applesauce, milk. Lunch - spaghetti in sauce and cheese, corn, salad, garlic bread, jello, milk.	Friday Breakfast - pancakes, juice, milk. Lunch - Hamburgers with cheese, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, rice crispy bars, milk.	chicken, mashed potatoes, green peas, rolls, applesauce, milk.
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Obituaries

Lee Bowman

CLYDE- Lee Bowman, 83, died Tuesday, August 12, 1997 at an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 14, 1997 at the Kendrick Cemetery at Denton Valley, Richard Adkisson officiated, directed by Bailey Funeral Home.

He was born in Rising Star. He married Pearl Carroll Baker in 1938 in Cedar Gap. They moved to Clyde from Abilene in 1976. He was a truck driver for Scurlock Oil Company and later farmed. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and fought in World War II serving in Africa, Ireland and Italy.

Survivors include his wife, Pearl Bowman; one son, Mac Arthur Bowman of Buffalo Gap; one daughter, Mary Betty Hardin of Clyde; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Eva Mae Glaze

ABILENE- Eva Mae Glaze, 71, died Tuesday, August 12, 1997 at a local hospital.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 1997 at Cedar Gap Cemetery, Richard Adkisson officiated, directed by Fry-Bartlett Funeral Home of Tuscola.

She was born in Cedar Gap where she attended school. She was the widow of George W. Glaze whom she married in 1939 in Cedar Gap. She moved to Abilene in 1972 and was employed as a seamstress at a clothing factory in Abilene.

She was a member of Oak Street Church of Christ. Survivors include three sons, Joe Glaze of Merkel, Roy Glaze of Abilene and Tony Glaze of Clyde; one daughter, Judy Franklin of Abilene; one sister, Doris Whitehurst of Graham; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Dora Gobert Wilkins

BROWNWOOD- Dora Gobert Wilkins, 89, died Monday, August 11, 1997 at a local nursing home.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, August 15, 1997 at Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Lynn Turnbow officiated. Burial was held at Rocky Creek Cemetery, directed by the funeral home.

She was born in Alvarado and had lived in Brownwood since 1943. She was the widow of Fay Guber, whom she married in 1927. She was a member of the Pentecostal church and was a homemaker.

Survivors include five sons, Billy Gober of Lometa, William Gober of Brownwood, Jimmy Boring of Kansas City, MO., Cecil Gober of Brownwood and Tommy Gober of Brownwood; six daughters, Treva Richardson of Lampasas, Bertie Hathcock of Early, Ruby Thames of Abilene, Mary Steffey of Coleman, Wanda Reynolds of Granbury and Linda Bamber of Clyde; one sister, Ada Oneita Kenny of Coleman; 40 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and four great-great-great-grandchildren.

Courthouse News continued

Civil Minutes

Ann Lisa Smith and Timothy Ray Smith, order on Motion for Judgment Nunc Pro Tunc.

Cynthia Jan Kilmer and Micheal Howard Kilmer and in the Interest of Calista Jan Kilmer, Micheal Howard Kilmer, II Cortni Jill Kilmer and Casce Janette Kilmer, Parent - Child Relationship.

Patricia Jean Toon and Bobby Reid Toon, final Decree of Divorce

Micheal G. McRea and Tammy Kay McRea and in the Interest of Michelle Leann McRea a child, order on motion to modify in suit affecting the Parent Child-Relationship.

Ann Maria Jackson and Brian Keith Jackson, Agreed Final Decree of Divorce

Criminal Filings

none

Criminal Minutes

The State of Texas Daniel Rodriguez III, possession of cocaine, 1,000.00 fine two years in state jail, probated for five years.

The State of Texas vs. Joseph Lee Williams, motion to Dismiss.

The State of Texas vs. Joseph Lee Williams obstruction.

The State of Texas vs. Jason Lynn Kilough, theft five years state jail probated.

The State of Texas vs. Cliff H. Varnado possession of controlled substance.

The State of Texas vs. William Robert Henley, Theft.

The State of Texas vs. Jason Lee Monsey, theft.

The State of Texas vs. Bobby Don Chittum, theft

The State of Texas vs. Jason J. Higgins Aggravated Assault.

The State of Texas vs. James Lee, motion to dismiss

Marriage Licenses

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Civil Filings

Leslie Ann Gillreath and Terry Glenn Gillreath, and in the Interest of Savannah Nicole Gillreath, Divorce.

Jeanmy Whitehead and Russell Belton Whitehead, Divorce.

Rose Ann Smithurich and Donald Dwayne Smithurich, Divorce.

Airshow Scheduled

Dyess' Big Country Appreciation Day is Sept. 14. Gates open at 9 a.m. and flying activities begin at noon. More than 100 air and ground demonstrations and displays are planned and organizers say people of all ages should find something of interest.

Admission and parking are free, food and beverages will be on sale. Featured aerial demonstrations this year include Dyess' B-1 Lancer bomber and C-130 Hercules airlifter. A frontline fighter aircraft from Air Combat Command is also scheduled to fly.

Casting Kids Contest at Fiesta Cisco Aug. 23

The Texas Bass Federation and B.A.S.S. will again hold a Casting Kids lure casting contest at the city park August 23, 1997. This contest will be held during this years Cisco Fest scheduled for the weekend of August 23 and 24.

This is a national sponsored contest open to children between the ages of 7 and 14 years of age. There is no charge to those entering this contest, however a parent or legal guardian must be present at the time of registration.

All fishing rods, lures and equipment will be furnished by the following sponsors, Rubbermaid, Zebco, Ranger Boats, Stren, Johnson Outboard, Berkley Power Baits, MotorGuide, and Delco Voyager Batteries. Entries will be taken at 8 a.m. the morning of August 23, at the baseball field at City Park.

Make plans to come out and enjoy the Cisco Festival, and enter your young ones in this years Casting Kids contest. Remember it's free.

Will Johnson
Region 915\254
Director
Texas Bass Federation

Delicious foods will again be Fiesta Cisco feature

The second annual "Fiest Cisco" August 23-24 will again offer excellent foods from well known vendors in the Cisco area. Friday night CCDAP will be serving one quarter pound mesquite grilled hamburgers, beans, French fries and cokes from 5-8 p.m. This will be Friday night only; while the Blue Grass Festival is beginning.

Saturday a large selection of food will be available:

Cisco Volunteer Firemen- Barbecue plates and sandwiches/tea

Brookshires- For CCDAP- Fried catfish dinner

CCDAP- Hamburgers, tea, cokes and homemade desserts

First Baptist Youth-Mexican grilled corn and burritos

Wal-Mart for "CMN"- Nachos and sausage on a

Mt. Top Church- Sno-

Cones, cotton candy, and lemonade

Grace Fellowship Church- Beans, taco

salad, fresh squeezed lemonade

Lindermear's- Crazy Taters

Jeanna Johnson's- Flavor Burst Ice Cream: includes cones, floats and sundies

Most booths will have one or more drinks, some include bottled water.

We look forward to seeing everyone from Cisco and surrounding communities. Again this year there will be no gate admission. So come eat with us at Fiesta Cisco Friday night and Saturday. You will also enjoy the Bluegrass Festival, crafts, booths, antiques, games for the children, classic cars, antique tractor show, tractor pull, and many other activities

Christian Poetry

By SUSIE WYLIE



Jesus is coming soon. Let us get off our seat and pick up our feet.

He won't ask if his children can say a prayer in school or if his picture can be hung on a wall.

If the judges can display the ten commandments in the court.

If the churches can open their doors

If the sun can shine and if it could rain.

No, he will not ask you anything.

The earth will be filled with his glory.

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It is then that we can sing and praise his name.

We are all like sheep that have gone astray.

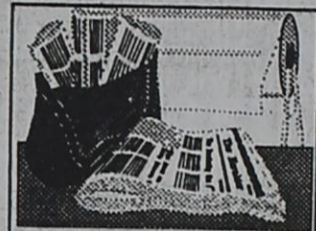
If you don't want Jesus, don't take him away from our children.

They want to pray, our children are our future leaders when we are gone.

Let us teach them about Jesus for he is the only way home.

Give them a moment of prayer to let them know you care.

As we onward trod, let us be led by the hand of God.



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Thursday, August 21, 1997

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Hebrews 12:1-2
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

GROWTH

Go to God in prayer daily (John 15:7)
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Obey God, moment by moment (John 14:21)
Witness for Christ by your life and words (Matthew 4:19)
Trust God for every detail of your life (1 Peter 5:7)
Holy Spirit - Allow God to control and empower your daily life (Galatians 5:16-17; Acts 1:8)

Dear Father, Help us to grow daily to be more like you. Thank you for your love and understanding. In Jesus' Name. Amen

To communicate with Representative Keffer or his staff, or to arrange a tour of the Capitol, write to P.O. Box 2910, Office #E2.802, Austin, TX. 78768-2910, or call (512) 463-0656. His staff includes his Legislative Director, Gayle Gilmore, and Legislative Assistant, Paul Dyck. You can also visit the State of Texas Web site at <http://www.state.tx.us>. Both a fax line and toll-free number will soon be set up in the Capitol office.

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Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.

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Worship Service, 8:30 a.m.;
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a.m.; Worship Service, 10:50
a.m.; Jr. High Youth, 5:30 p.m.;
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High Youth, 7:00 p.m.; Tues.
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SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
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893-4611
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sta-
day morning worship, 11:00
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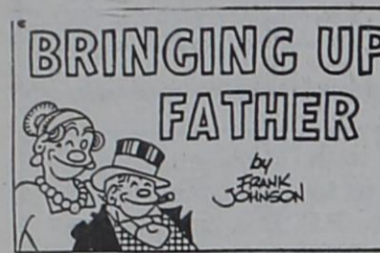
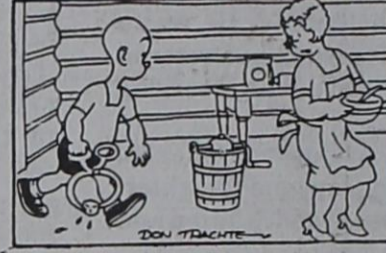
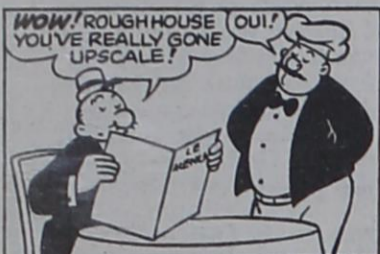
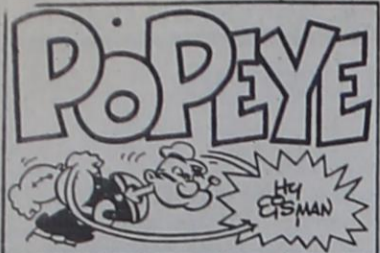
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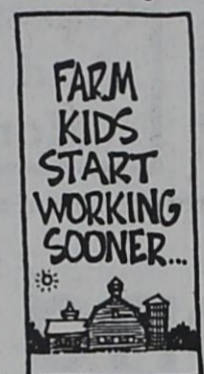
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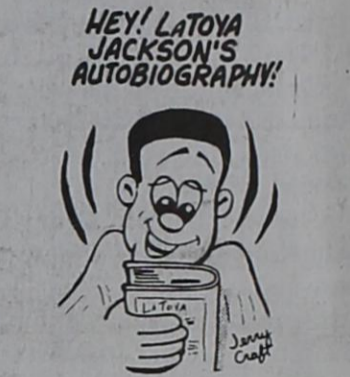
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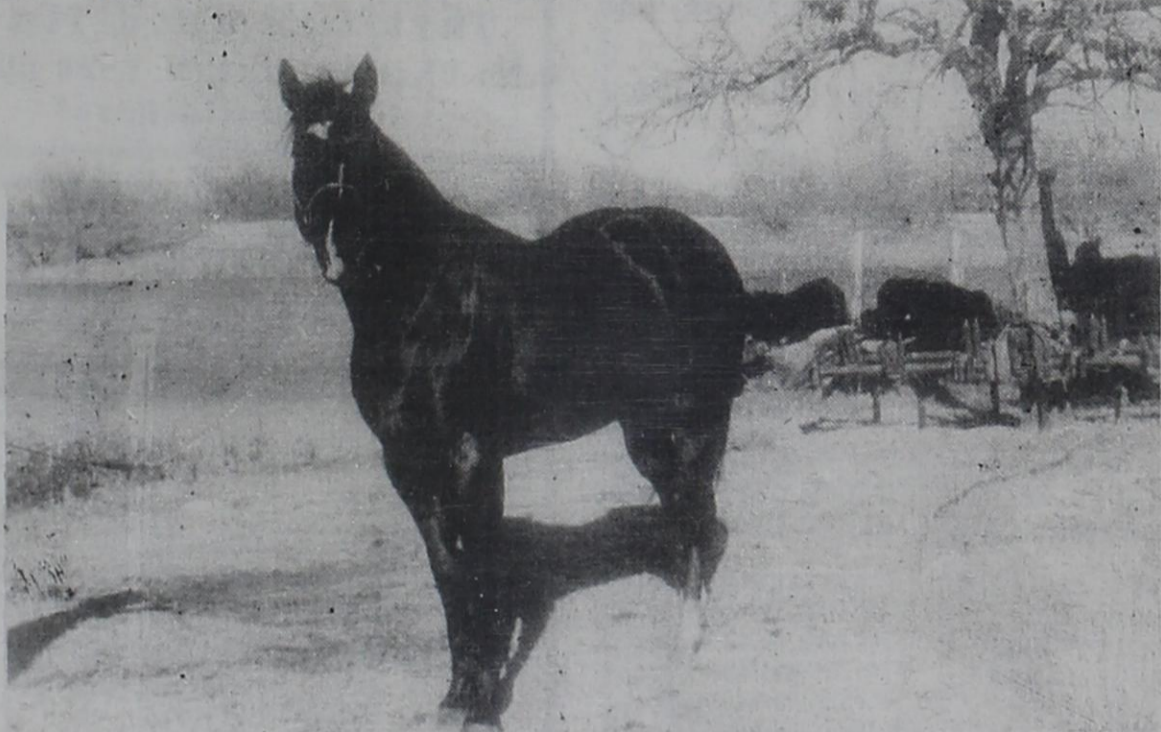
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