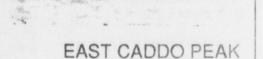


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Banquet Tickets

Tickets for the Annual Banquet of the Cross Plains Chamber of Commerce are on sale now. The banquet

will be held Thursday evening, July 16, at the Cross Plains Community

Center. The speaker for the banquet

will be Jack Scott, retired editor of

the Cross Plains Review and tireless

community volunteer and booster.

The Chamber will honor the Cross

Plains Library and the volunteers

who take the time to manage it. The

library is celebrating its 20th Anni-

The banquet will include a dinner

and the popular silent auction of

locally donated goods and a live

auction of baked goods donated by

Tickets are \$10 each and may be

purchased at the Chamber office,

Citizens State Bank, Greenwood

Insurance Agency, and Tim's Floral.

For further information call the

Homecoming

Sun., July 19

The annual Cross Cut Homecom-

ing/Reunion will be held Sunday,

July 19, at the Cross Plains Com-

munity Center. A covered dish

luncheon will kick off the event,

followed by the business meeting.

Once again there will be a silent

auction along with many items for

All alumni, friends and family are

urged to attend this, the Diamond

Jubilee Anniversary of the Cross

Chamber at 254-725-7251.

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versary this year.

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"Table Talk"

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH Editor

For several years Mother has wanted me to tell the history of the antique round table in her kitchen, and after the fire at her house a couple of weekends ago, I decided now was the time. We came very close to losing it.

My grandmother, Ethel Anderson, acquired the table from a Swede neighbor while living in Lueders. When she and Grandad moved to the Brightwell Ranch they left the table with my great-grandmother Julia Conger who resided in Cross Plains.

Following her death, the antique remained in her vacant house for years before my dad took it home to restore. He began stripping the layers of varnish and attempted to remove the scars of its lifetime. It held the burn marks of pressure cookers used to preserve food and even his initials mischievously carved therein. He finally sanded the letters away, but the circles from the hot cookers would not budge.

Daddy refinished it completely and four antique straight back dining chairs were bought from the Hall Ranch to complete the set.

our house took place at the kitchen table and if it could talk -- the stories it would tell. Like mother said, some would be joyful and some sad.

When it was in Grandma's possession it heard the woes of World War II, the concern for her grandson, and her delight upon his return home.

It heard the plans of reunions,

weddings, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren births and the death of dear loved ones. The table witnessed the discussion of historical moments such as the astronauts walk on the moon, tales of more wars, and hopes of the future. Financial and health challenges were always discussed here. Throughout the years a wide variety of problems were worked out at the old table. The recent fire is a new experience for our family. However, from each situation you learn, grow

My children will relate to all the delicious meals served at this table. Daddy prepared breakfast when we visited and he specialized in pancakes and waffles. Mother's famous fried chicken, potato salad and baked beans were always a favorite. Granny Ethel and Grandma Conger were both wonderful cooks,

and become stronger. Isn't that what

life is all about?

In the fast pace world of today, many families find it difficult to meet together around the comfort zone of their kitchen table for even one meal together. Throughout the years I tried to have my family together at least once a day around the table to talk. Now, we gather once a month for Sunday lunch and it is a time to look forward to. Some things we must not let get away from

COLONIAL OAKS **SERVICES**

Cottonwood Baptist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, July 12, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED AT CITIZENS STATE BANK JULY 4TH CELEBRATION - Local musicians played under the shade of the Higginbotham awning to a large crowd.



ENJOYING HOT DOGS PROVIDED BY CITIZENS STATE BANK -- Area residents had lunch and celebrated the Fourth. All the activities brought a new spark to downtown Cross Plains.

Basketball Most important conversations at Camp Begins Mon., July 13

The Sixth Annual Boyd's No Frills--Just Skills Basketball Camp will be held at the new Cross Plains High School Gym July13-17 for boys and girls entering Grades 4-9.

The first session is for Grade 4th, 5th, and 6th and will last from 8:15 to 10:15 a.m. The second session is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$25 and includes a Tshirt, certificates and award

Coach Cavender and an assistant will be conducting the camp.

Revival at Cottonwood **Baptist Begins** This Sunday

Stanley Coppinger will be returning to Cottonwood Baptist for summer revival services July 12-15. Stan's messages were a blessing to so many last summer that he has been asked to return.

The Sunday morning service will begin at 11:00, the Sunday evening service at 6:00, and Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7:00 p.m. Stan will be preaching on the theme "People of Revival." The message titles are as follows: Sunday AM "People of Revival Walk by Faith" (Elijah Part I), Sunday PM "They Pray Earnestly and Expectantly" (Elijah Part II), Monday "They Believe In The Power of God" (Paul), Tuesday "They Embrace a Personal God" (Esther), and Wednesday "They Have a Passion For God" (Ezra).

Stan has a special gift for making Ditte characters seem to come back to life. You are all invited to come as often as you can for blessing and challenge,

Neighborhood Watch to Meet Tues., July 14

There will be an organizational planning meeting of the Neighborhood Watch Program on Tuesday, July 14, at 2:00 p.m. inside City Hall. All interested citizens are urged to come and participate.

Cut Oil Boom! Fund-raiser planned for restoration of Cross Cut **Baptist Church Saturday** & Sunday July 11 and 12

By VANDA ANDERSON CREECH Editor

Scott and Keeka Byrd, along with other relatives, friends and community residents have been working on the restoration of the Cross Cut Baptist Church for approximately four years. The church building was a wedding gift to Keeka from Scott and has turned into a "labor of love."

The 1994 tornado took its toll on the structure, removing it from its foundation. The sub-floor has been replaced and now sits on cinder blocks and concrete. Scott's mother, Juanita Byrd, donated a metal roof which Eddie Strickland graciously installed at a nominal fee. Mike and Bonnie Rogers installed the colored glass in the windows. Bonnie located some glass which was very similar to the original in pattern and

The sanctuary of the church has been dedicated to the memory of Scott's father, Jack C. Byrd, and his mother, Juanita.

As the destoration project has progressed Cross Cut residents (present and former) have become interested -- donating furniture, fixtures and Cross Cut memorabilia

to be displayed therein. It is the only public historical building remaining in the community.

Keeka's sister, Christina Taylor of Dallas, is planning to be married in the church. She met her future husband, Stephen Davis, at Cross Cut and felt that this would be the perfect location. Stephen's father, the late Creath Davis, was once a guest preacher at the church and Stephen's brother, David Davis, will be officiating the marriage ceremony for the couple.

Easter services were held in the building last year and more services are anticipated. Keeka stated that she always loved the old church and she has great plans for it. She hopes that other weddings will be held

If you would like to help with the restoration of the Cross Cut Baptist Church remember the huge garage sale scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12 from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. There will be furniture, appliances, clothing, jewelry, depression glass, bedding and much more The church is located in Cross Cut on Highway 279, 6 miles south of Cross Plains and 26 miles north of Brownwood. Look for the garage sale signs.



LOCAL POLICE RECEIVES GRANT -- Darrin Barker, LCRA staff, (from left) and John Weldner, LCRA Director, presented a check to the Cross Plains Police Department represented by Police Chief Tim Sanders, Mayor Ray Purvis and City Secretary Debble Gosnell.

LCRA Grants \$3,000 to **Cross Plains Police** Department to purchase video camera & equip.

The Lower Colorado River economic development and Authority (LCRA) recently awarded a \$3,000 grant to Cross Plains Police Department to purchase a video system.

The Cross Plains Police Department plans to use the new video system on traffic stops, accident scenes and any other incident where video documentation could be useful. The grant will pay for a miniature camera, color monitor, wireless audio system, a VCR and a vault to store the system. Cross Plains is in southern Callahan County.

The grant was one of 44 grants totaling \$537,617 that were awarded in June through LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program, now ending its third year. The program provides

community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in LCRA's 58-county electric and water service area. For more information on the grant program, or to request an application, contact Lori Vitek at 1-800-776-5272, Ext. 3393.

The LCRA is a conservation and reclamation district that generates electricity, manages the waters of the Texas Colorado River, operates parks and assists communities in economic development. The LCRA operates on revenues from the sale of electricity and water and other services it provides. It cannot levy taxes and receives no tax money.

AA Group Meeting in May on Tues.

The May New Life Alcoholics Anonymous Group will meet every Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. in the May First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. These are open meetings.

Rain does little in assisting firefighters

ABILENE -- Sporadic rains that moved through Texas over the weekend did little to assist firefighters with fire starts, as a number of new wildfires started in Potter and Modey counties and the Big Bend country of the Trans Pecos

"Rains helped us just enough over the Fourth of July holiday," indicated Incident Commander Ron Davis with the Texas Forest Service's Wildfire Mobilization Staging Area in Abilene, "to keep fires caused by fireworks to almost

Two new wildfires caused by lightning started in Potter and Motley counties on Sunday. The Potter County Wildfire is estimated at 1.500 acres The Motley County Wildfire is estimated at 1,000 acres, and is threatening some structures.

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Baker, Clifford & Kim.

D. Austin of Clyde.

Yancy, Charles A. & Demitri G., and in the interest of minor children. Kendrick, Barton E. & Angela R., and in the interest of minor child.

Felony Indictment Dawn Michelle Rogers, tampering with a governmental record.

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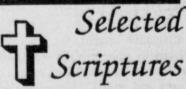
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Reassure me of your promise, which is for those who honor you. Psalm 119:38 NLT Paid Advertising - Irma Miller

Wed. Prayer Service

COLLEGE STATION - With a hot summer approaching, Texans are faced with the dilemma of how to conserve water while keeping their

lawns and gardens green. Texas Agricultural Extension Service horticulturist Dr. Doug Welsh said to look at the plant to determine when to water.

"Add about an inch of water to the lawn so that it will soak in about 6 inches deep in a clay soil," he said.

The best time of day to water is in the late evening or the early morning, Welsh said. Welsh said another way to prevent

evaporation during the summer months is to mulch vegetable and flower gardens.

"The key is to get a barrier between the soil and the atmosphere so that we prevent that loss of water," Welsh said.

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Geroge Bush, Jr., Governor, Room 200, State Capitol, Austin, TX 78711.

Jim Keffer, District 60 State Representative, P.O. Box 2910 Office #E2.802, Austin, TX 78768-2910 or call (512) 463-0656.

Washington

Bill Clinton, President of the United States, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20000.

Charles Stenholm, Congressman, 17th Texas District, 1211 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Phil Gramm, U.S. Senator, Room 370, Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-

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OBITUARIES

Ella (Mrs. Cleo) Edington

Ella (Mrs. Cleo) Edington, age 90, passed away Friday, July 3, 1998, at Holiday Hill Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 1998, at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with David Ross Cathey officiating. Burial was in Burkett Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Mrs. Edington was born May 25, 1908, in Burkett, the daughter of the late Otto and Dora Graf Thate. She grew up in Burkett and attended school at Comal and Burkett. On October 22, 1927, she married Cleo Edington in Coleman. He preceded her in death on November 30, 1995. She was a long-time resident of the Burkett-Crossroads area, where she farmed and ranched with her husband. She was a homemaker and a member of Burkett Methodist

She was preceded in death by a brother, Freddy Thate.

Survivors include two daughters, Lelia (and husband David Ross) Cathey and Lavada Young both of Coleman; one sister, Lilly Porter of Coleman; four grandchildren, David Keith Cathey of DeSoto, Patricia Dickeson of Hillsboro, Shirley J. Bethel of Coleman and Sandra Slate of San Angelo; six great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Keith Cathey, Raymond Bethel, Johnny Slate, Richard Dickeson, Donnie Neff, Brian Bethel, and Brad Slate.

Memorials may be sent to Hospice of the Big Country, 3113 Oldham Lane, Abilene, Texas 79602; or a favorite charity.

R.L. "Andy" Andrews

Mr. R.L. "Andy" Andrews, 77, passed away Friday, July 3, 1998, in Coleman County Medical Center. Services were held Monday at

10:00 a.m. in Walker Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James Posey pastor of Jesus Saves Ministry officiating. Burial was in Coleman City Cemetery under the direction of Walker Funeral Home.

Mr. Andrews was born May 12, 1921, in Albany to Edward and Laura Andrews. He married Bertha Mae Hanke May 21, 1941, in Cross Plains. He was a retired sales person for Gresham Ind. Supply. He was a World War II Veteran, a life member of the VFW of Odessa and the American Legion of Bangs. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and seven brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Andrews of Coleman; one daughter Juanita Gideon of Odessa; one son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Kathy Andrews of Coleman; four grandchildren, Leslie Gideon, Amy Andrews Neeb, Greg Palmer, Michelle (Palmer) Bailey; and five great-grandchildren, Colee Gideon, Mitze and Bridgette Neeb and Zachery and Kyleigh Bailey.

Pallbearers were grandchildren. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Admiral Cemetery Assoc. Gifts Received

The Admiral Cemetery Association has received gifts and memorials totaling \$565.00 from the following persons during the first six months of 1998. Robbie Black, Jim and Dorothy Chittum, Ralph and Pam Cummings, J.M. & Emily Harrell, Joe and Cubelle Harris, Harold and Rosa Hass, Byron and Debbie Hatchett, Jo Esther Jones, Goldia Mae Kilpatrick, Nadine Gary McKinney, M/M A.J. Musick, Cheryl J. Norris, Wes and Vonnie Rutherford, Charles R. Walker, and Lanetha Walker.

All donations to the Admiral Cemetery Maintenance Fund are greatly appreciated and are accepted at the First National Bank of Bairdor may be maned to 1231 County Road 474, Baird, Texas 79504.

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Hollis N. Kellar

Hollis N. Kellar, 80, of Chandler, passed away Saturday, July 4, 1998, in a Tyler Hospital.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday in Davis-Morris Funeral Home Chapel in Brownwood with Rev. Sam Tomlinson officiating. Burial was in Lost Creek Cemetery in Brown County.

Hollis Kellar was born November 8, 1917, in Brownwood. He married Leila Doss in 1980 in Brownwood.

Mr. Kellar was a retired farmer and rancher. He lived all of his life in Brown County until moving to Chandler 6 months ago. He was also a former Woodman of the World, a World War II veteran and a member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Leila Kellar of Chandler; two sons, Danny Kellar of Gilmer and Lanny Kellar of Coppell; one step-daughter, Nita O'Neal of Brownwood: three stepsons, Tim Doss of Tyler, Monty Doss of Blanket and Kyle Doss of Brownwood; one sister, Tula Hudnall of Neaderland; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; 20 step-grandchildren; several great-step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Business & Agriculture Honored Congressman Stenholm

ABILENE -- U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm was saluted by the men and women who make up the business and agricultural communities in the 17th District July 1. Celebrated by some 200 attendees at Briarstone Manor, the Congressional leader was honored for his hard work and dedication as a member of U.S. House of Representatives.

Dr. Royce Money, Abilene Christian University president described Representative Stenholm as someone who "cares deeply about education and asks our opinions." "Having compassion for the needs of businesses," Rick Rhodes, president, First National Bank, Sweetwater stated, "he stills keeps the community perspective."

The Congressman was praised for his integrity, intelligence and common sense while maintaining a close connection with the people who sent him to Washington. In a letter from a co-owner of Joe Allen's Pit Barbecue, Sharon Allen, the small business woman explained that "his history as a farmer has kept him grounded. You do what you say and say what needs to be said."

In addition to the variety of speakers from the 17th District, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Lawrence Summers, attending from Washing D.C., expressed his appreciation for Congressman Stenholm's ability to work with both sides of the aisle in Congress. "There are not many people who they instinctively trust with these big issues and because they will do what is right."

Dr. Jesse Fletcher, Chancellor of Hardin Simmons University and Vice Chairman of Abilene Military Affairs Committee captured the essence of what make Congressman Stenholm so beloved and respected by the citizens throughout his congressional district. "He opens doors for us and his door is always open to us. A strengthening influence on his community. You're absolutely vital to our well-being."

No Thursday **Evening Service At Living Water Ministries This** Week Only

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Colleen Anderson, pastor of Living Water Ministries Fellowship, has announced that they will not be having their Thursday evening ser vices (THIS WEEK ONLY) due to the church going to a convention. Services will resume on Sunday morning at the regular time of 10

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VETERANS NEWS

JULY 9, 1998

good rain on July 4! The fireworks an increase of \$197,022 from the around the country were much more enjoyable knowing that the danger of grass fires had been greatly reduced. Hope that your July 4th holiday was safe and happy. Happy 222nd Birthday America!

ENROLLMENT -- You will recall that earlier columns stated the ease of getting enrolled in the V A Healthcare System. Many knew that there was no way V A could allow anything to be so easy. Sure enough, we are now told that more information must be obtained from the Veteran upon enrollment. Your County Service Officer will attend a meeting in Big Spring July 10 to get the new scoop on what forms are now required. I will report back to you following the meeting.

V A PAYMENTS -- Figures have just been received showing that V A paid \$2,110,319 in Callahan County during Fiscal Year 1997 (October 1, when they were needed.

It is wonderful that we had such a 1996 - September 30, 1997). This is: previous year. Compensation and Pension increased by \$205,945 while Schooling and Insurance both decreased by a combined total of \$8,923. Compensation and Pension. are payments made direct to Veterans, dependents and survivors. to help them with the expenses of. everyday living. Compensation and Pension payments for the entire statetotalled \$1,520,708,997, slightly more than half of the \$3,029,111,137 spent by V A in Texas. V A Medical Services and Administration \$1,217,836,966 plus another \$53,136,324 spent on Construction.

TAPS -- Air Force Veteran Barney McCoy Haynes and Navy Veteran Andrew "Jack" Jackson both answered the last call on June 26, 1998. Hats off and hand salute to these men who served their country

WCTCOG Area Agency on **Aging Director Named**

ABILENE -- Gail Kaiser, Director of the Nonprofit Resource Center for the past five and one-half years, has been named Director of the West Central Texas Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging, announced Brad Helbert, Executive Director of WCTCOG. The appointment was effective July

Dr. Nancy Jones, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Abilene, of which the Nonprofit Resource Center is a program, said, "While of course we'll miss such a valuable member of this organization, we're so pleased for Gail to be able to accept this opportunity; there's no doubt that she'll be a significant asset to the Area Agency on Aging, as she shares her expertise on a regional level."

Kaiser has worked with many facets of human services and program management, according to Helbert. Her background, after graduation from the University of Texas and completion of a Masters at Southern Methodist University, also includes tenures as a classroom teacher. Ms. Kaiser has worked in financial management of family businesses, and is involved locally

with boards of Hope Haven, Abilene Crime Stoppers and others. She is an Abilene native.

"Ms. Kaiser brings to her new role as Area Agency on Aging Director considerable experience with many of the agencies and governments with which WCTCOG does business," said Helbert. "As our older population is changing, needs for services are changing. The ways WCTCOG provides services to these persons likewise will continue: to change," Helbert added. "Ms. Kaiser's management experience and her first-hand knowledge of other key agencies will be highly valuable to WCTCOG as we take our aging programs in new directions in response to the area's older persons in a climate of change," he said. "We are excited. about her assuming this new; leadership role with WCTCOG,"

The Area Agency on Aging administers services for older persons, including senior centers; and congregate meal programs, throughout a 19 county area in west central Texas. In operation since the early 1970s, the Area Agency oversees Older Americans Act programs for the Texas Department on Aging.

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LINDA MERRITT **Activity Director**

The residents enjoyed their 4th by having hotdogs and watermelon.

Thoughts and prayers for Irma Deen Haddox who is in the hospital. We always enjoy having Debbie Griswold come and sing-a-long with Bob Wallace.

Minnie Swann was our winner for a free meal at Jack's Place. Thanks Wanda and Jack.

We are all sending out our prayers and get well wishes to a fellow employ, Becky Smith. We Love You!! Ruby and Naomi McCowen visited Blanche Brooks.

Kenneth Brooks from Arlington visited with Howet Wilson and Blanche Brooks.

Jess and Lou Geer from Bowie visited with Minnie Swann.

Lurene McNutt and Charlou Cowan visited with Louise Richardson.

Activities during the week were: Monday: Bingo winners were Inola Wilcoxen (2), Ruby Harrell (2), Louise Richardson (2), and Vera Belyeu. Exercise class.

Tuesday: Sing-a-long with Bob Wallace. Popcorn social. Skip-Bo

Wednesday: Art class. Exercise

Thursday: Bingo winners were Louise Richardson, Vera Belyeu (2), Ruby Harrell (2), Inola Wilcoxen, Howet Wilson and Falba Shofner. Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace. Sit-down-basketball. Sunday: Cottonwood Baptist.

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.

Area Students Graduate from TSU During Recent **Commencement Exercises**

PUBLIC FAX

AT THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

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What Is A Generic Drug?

The first version of a drug is marketed under a brand name.

A generic drug is a version of a drug that is equivalent to the

brand-name drug. A generic is not marketed until the brand-

name drug's patent exclusivity has expired. The FDA

ensure equivalence of generic drugs. However, generics are

not required to replicate the extensive clinical trials that

have already been used in the development of the original,

brand-name drug. Instead, they must show they are

bioequivalent to the pioneer drug and fall into acceptable parameters set for bioavailability, which is the extent and

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the rate at which the body absorbs the drug.

Three commencement exercises were held to accommodate the large number of graduates at Tarleton State University. Commencement speakers included Dr. Dennis Michaelis, President of McLennan Community College in Waco, retiring faculty member Carl Chumney and Dr. Charles Patterson, superintendent of the Killeen Independent School District.

The following area students graduated on May 16:

Baird - Shawn Larry Campbell -MS-Agriculture, Christopher Luel Lynn - MS-Agriculture Education and Gary Eston Shelnutt - BS-Horticulture and Landscape Mgmt

Clyde - Kenneth Robert Russell -BS-Ag Services and Development Coleman, Claudette Elise Coats -BS-Interdisciplinary Studies, Geoffrey Kyle Huff - BS-Exercise and Sport Studies

Cross Plains - Linda Anne Cooper - BS-Interdisciplinary Studies, April Chantel Cowan - BS-Agribusiness, Joy Klingberg Dixson - BS-Horticulture and Landscape Mgmt, Jennifer Wheeler Fowler - MS-Agriculture, Michael Dustin Hinyard - BS-Agribusiness

Rising Star - Mary Ardis Kanady BSW-Social Work, Wendy Green West - BS-Interdisciplinary Studies

Clips, Quips & Comments By KAY DENNIS MOSLEY



EVAN MEADOR MADDOX

"Vacation and Visitors"

Last column I expounded on the subject of visitors and visiting. In this weeks column I plan to expand on that same subject.

Recently I became one! Yep, I became a -- "you guessed it" -visitor; as a matter of fact a rather long ranging, long drawn out one.

Me and my entourage! We left Cross Plains on a nice, pleasant Saturday morning, myself, my good friend from Abilene, my husband, our daughter, Allison and our little granddaughter, Paige Marie. We had our private escort or chaperone, my friends ginger and spice colored

We spent two and one half weeks at my sister and brother-in-laws home. in (what is fast becoming) "greater Lubbock." While in Lubbock, I visited by telephone Pauniece

Oglesby, formerly of Cross Plains, and a friend and acquaintance of many of you.

We also visited with our son Rex and our daughter, Melody and sonin-law Tom and our grandchildren, Summer and Zachary. Other friends and relatives were also privy to our time and rhetoric.

In particular my sisters daughter

Belinda, her husband, Mel and sons, we were able to spend some time with them several days in a row. You see Belinda and Mel had a rather "brand new visitor." It had come to pass that in addition to sons Andrew Rian (Drew) and Landry McCrae they had welcomed a new born son, Evan Meador Maddox into the world on May 15. Since Evan arrived via cesarean section, Belinda was recovering from surgery and was unable to lift Landry, who was one year old June 5. So, as her husband, Mel worked weekdays, Belinda and the children spent those days at her mothers, my sister, Ann and husband, Sonny, with whom we were also visiting. Hence, it is our pleasure to welcome into our extended family, and to introduce to you via this photo, Evan Meador Maddox. Evan received the middle name of Meador in honor of his great-great grandfather, Jack Meador, a long-time resident of Cross Plains until his demise in the mid-1960's. Upcoming in this column, another in my series of visitors. Titled "The Midnight Visitor." It is just another of life's little mysteries to titillate our interest -- It happened

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COTTONWOOD NEWS

By BEVERLY BROWN

On Saturday cooler temperatures and varied amounts of rainfall was reported in the community. From east of Cottonwood one tenth and the further westward at the old Cottonwood Hill an inch and a half was reported. In town three tenths of an inch was recorded.

The Cottonwood Baptist Church is having revival services starting Sunday morning, July 12 through Wednesday, July 15. Coppinger will preach the services. The Sunday evening services will be held at 7:00 p.m. We cordially invited everyone to attend.

On Sunday, July 12, the Cottonwood Baptist Church will hold the Sunday worship services at the Co-Ionial Oaks Nursing Home.

The Cottonwood Musical will be held on Friday, July 17 at the Cottonwood Community Center. The country-western music entertainment emceed by Smokey Callaway will start at 6:30 p.m. All area musicians are invited to participate on the evening program. Special this month will be ice cream, along with sandwiches and desserts on sale in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be available starting at 5:30 p.m.

On Sunday, July 19, at the evening services in the Cottonwood Baptist Church will be "Hispanic Emphasis Night" starting at 6:00 p.m. Brother Daniele Castro, Southern Baptist Ministry from Cisco will speak and bring Hispanic musicians for special music. Becky Camacho Martinez will give her testimony. Do plan to attend these special services. We cordially invited all Hispanic residents and friends of the surrounding

and local communities to attend.

Mrs. Clare McInnis was in Spicewood on June 13, to attend the annual Spicewood Homecoming, which is held on the 2nd Saturday in June. She visited with lots of friends she had not seen in over 20 years. Her daughter and husband, Janice and David Bristow of Fort Worth took Clara there. She spent a week with her sister, Alma Naumann in Spicewood. Temperatures ranged from 108 to 110 during her stay. The girls had to tough it out like in the good ole times. Due to Alma's air conditioner going on the blink, she spent her second week with her daughter, Virginia and Kenneth Durst in Mason. She traveled on Wednesday evening of that week with Virginia down to Austin, spent that evening and the following day with her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rosenbusch, and all their family. She attended Sunday school and church in Mason on both Sundays and return home on June 28th. She reported a wonderful time but glad to be back at the Old Cottonwood Hill home place.

Teri Brown and Gilbert Ibarra of Houston were here visiting with her parents Wayne and Beverly Brown recently and did many handy man chores around the place.

Floyd and Louise Weaver of New Waverly and grandchildren, Ross and Elizabeth Fisher of Kansas City, Missouri were here visiting Mary Weaver, Billie and Bill Kelly; Dena and Bill Nickerson, Sr. and Herman and Mary Weaver for a couple of

By PIONEER QUILTING CLUB

PIONEER NEWS

Thursday morning Larry and Elata Martinuea and daughter Tabitha who have recently moved from the state of Washington to Cross Plains, came out to the Hutton farm to watch the hay cutting and baling process. Friday Laverne spent most of the day in Brownwood and had lunch with her daughter Wanetta Parson. Saturday, Laverne's granddaughters Brandy and Samantha Hutton spent the day with her, while Cowan, Danny and Anthony went to a farm auction. Laverne helped both Brandy and Samantha work on their nine patch quilts. Sunday, the Martinuea's had dinner with Cowan and Laverne.

Rudolph and Sarah and two grandchildren, Kevin and Courtney, all from Denton visited Earlene Burge. Jon Ochoa spent one day with her and did some mowing. Earlene visited Laverne Hutton one day. Their place looked so pretty with freshly mowed hay. Enjoyed the visited.

Skip Jones of Big Spring visited with his son Pate and parents D.P.

and May. We had a good time talking, eating, watching baseball, and golfing.

The 42 players had a "great" time game night. Remember the next game night will be July 16. Come on

The Quilting Club finished Sandy's "Flower Garden" and Lou's "Tulip." We work long hours Tuesday in order to have 2 months vacation. The club will meet again in September. We treated ourselves to another "eat out" at Jack's Place. Thank you Jack and Wanda for a "super" good meal and treats.

We are very thankful for the rain we received on Saturday. Everything looks so-o-o refreshed. Know the farmers and ranchers were glad to have the rain.

· Words of Wisdom #44: Good character like good soup, is made at

NOTICE: Anyone with Pioneer News should call Laverne Hutton at 725-7342. She will take care of this article during the summer.

By JAMES NICHOLS



BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes, preacher Cross Plains Church of Christ 433 N. Main At 12th (254) 725-6117

There are some "diseases" -- not of a physical nature, rather of a social and spiritual nature -- which keep relationships between people with one another from being what they ought to be and could be. (It can even affect people's relationship with God.) One such is that of "sophistication" -- to the degree that the very idea of complimenting another, saying something nice to another, is considered beyond ones dignity. Such a person is usually so "cool" (as in "first-rate" -- and "opposite of warm and friendly!") that he/she (usually a "he") would not dare stoop so low as to affirm someone else, build another up.

Paul the apostle speaks quite differently when he says, "In humility, consider others better than yourself," Philippians 2:3b. "Let your speech always be full of grace," Colossians 4:6a. I understand him to be saying, among other things, "Always be building others up, not tearing them down."

Now the philosophy may not be "cool" -- may not be too sophisticated. It may not appeal to the sophisticated - but it will make a friend, it will build good relationships. It might be the breakthru that would save a marriage. I wonder how many teens, even younger children, could be snatched out of despair by it? A simple "thank you" -- or maybe an enthusiastic "You're great!" Or perhaps a loving, gentle reminder like someone shares with me occasionally: "God loves you."

The church is a great "place" for affirmation. See you Sunday?

Sunday Morning Bible Class ... 9:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

It was 1926 and Johnny Walker was on his way home from the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri. He stopped by to tell Jo Ann, Ma and Pa's oldest girl, all about it. Johnny had been sparking Jo Ann for some time and wanted to make a good impression on Ma and Pa, especially Ma.

He also wanted to express the fact

that he now had a job at the Western Union Office over in Round Grove and it paid the unheard sum of \$14 a

Later that evening, Ma made the statement, "Pa, you know that Jo Ann thinks that Walker boy hung the moon." "Yee--up, --most likely the one on the outhouse door!" replied

RISING STAR GOLF **CLUB NEWS**

The Tuesday Scramble, June 30 at Rising Star Golf Club resulted in the following winners:

1st Place Team - Score 30 Prize

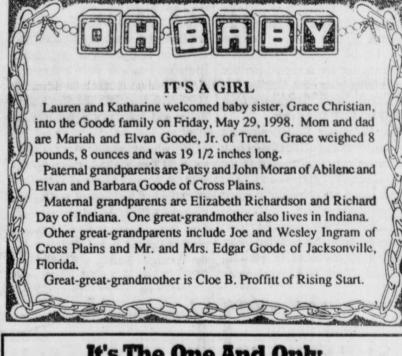
Phillip Cockerell, Judy Porters Counte Thomas and Johnny Salazar 2nd Place Team - Score 30 Prize

Sherri Bowden, Bill Porter, Wade Hays and Terry Pruitt Closest-to-Pin - Walt Williams,

3 Skins were out paying \$17

each.

Rising Star Golf Club hosts a 9 hole scramble every Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Teams are shosen by a blind draw. Prizes are awarded for the winning team, skins and closest-to-pin. For more information call (254) 643-





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The Final Frontier"

That was the title of one of the more unique opportunities available to area students in grades K-12. The opportunity was and ART CAMP offered through two of the Abilene universities: McMurry and Hardin-

The 5-day camp involved two days of activities at each of the universities and one day was spent divided between Abilene's Center for contemporary Arts, the National Center for Children's Literature, and the Grace Cultural Center.

This camp gave students the chance to participate in the study and hands-on creation of several different types of fine art which, for various reasons, they may not have the opportunity to do otherwise. This year's activities for the K-5 group included painting, clay, masks, bookmaking, sculpture, jewelry drawing, printmaking, art appreciation and art history. For students in 6-12, there were sessions in painting, photography, the potter's wheel, computer graphics, sculpture, jewelry casting, printmaking and figure drawing. These various sessions were conducted by 13 different artists, many of who are also teachers at either the high school or college

Three Cross Plains students took advantage of the opportunity this summer and attended the camp that was held June 22 through June 26. Shane Sharp and his sister, Tiffany, attended along with Blake Dunn. This was Shane's second year to participate, and Tiffany's and Blake's first year. They each thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and eagerly displayed their choice of one of their new creations at the student art show held on Friday, June 26, at the Grace Cultural Center.

According to Shane, there was about 200 students in the camp this year which was a large increase over the number from last year. His favorite sessions were working on the potter's wheel and the photography in which they not only took pictures but learned the basics of developing film and printing the finished pic-

Hopefully, in the future, more Cross Plains students will take advantage of the truly unique opportunity to have exposure to this variety of media and facilities.

CJC Wrangler **Belles Auditions** Sunday, July 12

The Cisco Junior College D.C. and Mexico. Wrangler Belles will hold an open audition at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, in the CJC gymnasium. Students that are accepted into the performing group are recipients of an activity grant that ranges from \$1,000 to \$1,300 per year.

The Wrangler Belles actively 1989. promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country, year round. The with the Wrangler Belle director for organization also provides training in professionalism, individual the next audition to be announced. character, and self esteem. In recent For more information, please years, the group has traveled often, contact Debbie Baker, Director of making appearances in Hawaii, the Wrangler Belles, at (254) 442-England, New York Washington 2567.

The Cisco Junior College Band and Belles have recently accepted an invitation to perform in the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, VA, Washington, D.C., in April of 1999. The last time the Band and Belles performed in this parade was

Girls who are unable to attend the audition can make arrangements an individual audition or watch for

Lady Wrangler Basketball Camp Set For July 19-23

Cisco Junior College will be conducting the 17th annual girls basketball camp July 19-23. It is open for girls in the 5th grade through 12th grade. Campers will be grouped by skill and age levels and will be given intensive instruction in the fundamentals of basketball.

The deadline to enter is July 17. The cost for overnight campers is \$150 and commuters will cost \$100. For more information, call Ronnie Hearne at (254) 442-2567 or (254) 442-4630.

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WTU Company Wins 4-H Service Award

COLLEGE STATION -- West Texas Utilities Company in Abilene has been awarded a Citation for Outstanding Service to the area's 4-H programs.

The company has given freely to the 4-H programs in the far west, west central and rolling plains areas for more than 40 years.

Toby L. Lepley, Texas Agricultural Extension Service 4-H specialist, says the West Utilities Company has donated more than \$1 million in financial and in-kind support to the 4-H program.

"Despite corporate mergers and company downsizing, West Texas Utilities has continued to increase their support of the area's 4-H programs," he adds.

Their dedication can be attributed to the company's keen understanding of the value and power of the upcoming youth in Texas Lepley said. "WTU has always seen the value of employee involvement and leadership to

West Texas Utilities demonstrates this understanding through employee involvement and youth leadership. Employees volunteer as lifeguards and square dance callers at 4-H events and have also served as the Texas 4-H Foundation Directors Lepley said.

Furthermore, the company has sponsored and helped conduct various district 4-H events such as the Gold Star Banquet and the District Fashion Show and donated ribbons for all of the 4-H events in Districts 3,6 and 7.

Texas FFA Plans 70th Annual Convention July 14 thru 17

Plans are currently underway for the 70th annual Texas FFA State Convention to be held July 14-17, in Fort Worth. The Tarrant County Convention Center will be headquarters for over 7,000 students, agriscience teachers and guests associated with the agricultural youth organization.

"The 1998 convention theme, Ignite Young Ambition, symbolizes the agricultural education organization's mission to prepare students to create the best possible future for themselves, their communities, the agricultural industry, the nation and the world," State FFA President Bubba Shipley

The convention will feature motivational speakers, entertainment and recognize students with agricultural scholarships and achievement awards. Over \$850,000 in scholarships will be presented to proficiency.

Guy Rice Doud, an educator from done.' Brainard, Minnesota and a past National Teacher of the Year Award team is lead by Shipley (Fairfield). recipient; Cody Nash of Tolar, the The nine Vice Presidents of the state 1997-98 National FFA Western organization are J.J. Akin Region Vice President; and (Henderson); Scott Stedje (Gruver): humorist and hypnotist Dr. Jim Jamie Ellis (Colorado City); Cole

A new addition to the FFA Convention will be an Agriscience Jeff Klose (Lometa); Jared Harrell

Fair to be held on Thursday, July 16, in the Convention Center Exhibit Hall, FFA members will compete in Agriscience competition related to Biochemistry, Environmental Sciences, Zoology, Botany and Engineering.

There are over 950 FFA chapters across Texas in high schools offering agricultural science curriculum. The Texas FFA Association has over 58,500 active FFA members. The National FFA Organization, formally known as the Future Farmers of America, has over 449,000 members located across the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands.

FFA's mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

"The Texas FFA is an organization that teacher leadership in its finest students, as well as recognition of form," Shipley said. "It stresses individual achievement and tangible work skills and encourages members to develop a respect for The diverse line-up of speakers themselves, their organization and include Governor George W. Bush; their peers, and value for a job well-

The 1997-98 Texas FFA officer Young (Katy); Ryan Mott (Quanah); Joanna White (Bland); (Livingston); and Kellie Krebs (Calallen).

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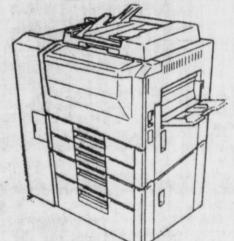
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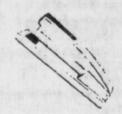
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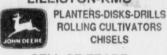
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Thomas Jefferson told a friend shortly before his death in 1826 that: "I believe the States can best govern our home concerns..." I'm not sure he had bankruptcy laws in mind when he said that, but with Congress proposing to reform federal bankruptcy laws in a way that could endanger the Texas "homestead exemption." I'm beginning to wonder.

There's no doubt we need bankruptey reform. Congress should close loopholes in the law that allow irresponsible individuals to slide out from under what they lawfully owe. Too many people are taking advantage of current laws. Many debtors have failed to make good on their promises to creditors to repay debt by filing for bankruptcy. This raises costs for everyone, as businesses raise their prices to account for bad debts.

As Congress considers what do to about this, though. will be working with my Texas colleagues from both parties to ensure that the Texas homestead exemption is not

The homestead exemption protects a family's home even if everything else is lost to bankruptcy. Specifically. the law protects a Texan's primary residence located on 200 acres of rural land or one acre in the city. While several states have copied it, the idea was born in Texas. This

basic protection grew out of the United States Panic of 1837 and subsequent depression in which many families lost their homes and farms through foreclosures. Business stagnated. Money was scarce. No one could obtain credit.

The idea had three purposes: to protect families, the basic unit of society: to give debtors a second chance after bankruptcy rather than force their families into becoming a public burden; and to preserve the individual freedoms that are critical to democracy

So important to those early Texans was the homestead exemption that, upon joining the Union in 1845, the new state preserved it in its Constitution.

Congress has the authority under the U.S. Constitution to establish "uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptejes throughout the United States." Federal lawmakers have used this authority more than once to streamline bankruptcy proceedings among the states. In the past, reforms were carefully crafted to avoid undoing state law

But the bankruptcy reform bill now before Congress goes too far by trying to set one homestead exemption on all 50 states. Texas' elected representatives, who are closer to the situation than federal officials, are well aware of the problem of bankruptcy abuse. But at the same time they appreciate something legislators from other states cannot: the history and values of our state.

The proposal in the Senate puts a \$100,000 cap on the amount that can be claimed under the homestead exemption. The Texas Constitution bases its exemption on acreage and not value, to protect against inflated property values. Our state law ensures that families will still have a home even if their property has grown in value over time and would otherwise be lost. I will work to see that protection is included in the federal law.

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Other wildfires caused by lightening strikes in the Trans Pecos area started on Sunday, but no acreage determination has been provided to date. Several volunteer fire departments (VFDs) are working these fires.

Since May 1st, 4,426 wildfires have burned over 260,000 acres and Texas Forest Service officials indicated that most of Texas west of I-35 is still under an Extreme Fire Danger Alert, and requesting that no outside burning be attempted until adequate rainfall has been received, which is not expected until the

middle of August or later. "What we worry about is people thinking because we have a little rain it is going to be alright to do some outdoor burning," stated Information Officer Lou Sloat with the Texas Forest Service's (TFS) Wildfire Prevention Team in Abilene. "But people need to realize that it is going to take a steady rain over a several day period to help

relieve the fire danger situation." Some 162 Texas counties have issued burn bans, and Texas has staged some 869 wildland firefighters from 27 states strategically around the state to move on any wildfires that start. The firefighters have over 160 pieces of firefighting equipment and over 45 aircraft and helicopters to assist

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The bridegroom is a graduate of Cooper High School and is attending Texas State Technical College in Waco. He is employed by

with a grade point average of 3.5. Cole is a junior majoring in Finance and Computer Science. Plains High School and has attended Angelo State University in San

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Women's depression often linked to hormonal changes

HOUSTON - There are three times in a woman's life when she is at higher risk for depression.

"The greatest risk for depression occurs a week-to-10 days before the period starts, after the birth of a child and one-to-two years before menopause. In general, women's depression falls between the ages of 22 and 45," said Dr. Lucy Puryear, director of The Women's Clinic at Baylor College of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry.

Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD) can occur each month before a woman's menstrual period. It affects six-to-eight percent of women and can be severely disabling.

"PMDD shouldn't be confused with the common PMS symptoms of slight tearfulness and irritability," she said. "Women with PMDD cannot function during the week-to-10 days before their period.

Symptoms include an inability to work or go to school, excessive crying and relationship problems. Once the period begins, the woman's functioning returns to normal.

Treatment with anti-depressants provides immediate relief of the symptoms. "Other types of depression need three-to-six weeks for the medication to take effect. It is not clear why PMDD responds differently," Puryear said.

Women with PMDD have the same hormone levels as other women, but women with PMDD may be more vulnerable to hormonal changes before their

Post-partum depression occurs in one out of 10 women and can last for six months to a year if left untreated. Not to be confused with the "baby blues" which can last for a couple of weeks, women with post-partum depression feel extreme sadness and guilt and are unable to function and to enjoy caring for their baby.

"Post-partum depression interrupts the bonding between a mother and child," Puryear said. "The newer anti-depressants allow mothers to continue breast feeding while being treated."

Researchers believe the rapid drop in estrogen that occurs immediately after birth triggers the depression. Prevention tactics being studied include using oral estrogen or estrogen patches to taper the estrogen decline.

"Women who have been sensitive to hormonal changes in the past should be watchful for signs of major depression one-to-two years before menopause," Puryear said.

Estrogen replacement therapy will treat the mild tearfulness and moodiness that women often experience before menoplauses but anti-depressants are needed to treat severe depression.

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Aid In Locating Vital Records

Vital Records are just that... vital. contains a list of government offices You need access to them.

In this age of bureaucratic documentation, everyone has need of copies of records of birth, death, marriage or divorce. An application for benefits from the Veterans Administration or Social Security, a records themselves.

All these records are stored permanently by municipalities, counties, states and the Federal government. Everyone knows this, but where each document is kept is frequently unknown.

The Consumer Education Research Center, a national non-profit consumer group, found there was little uniformity on where the records were available and the costs. In some states, birth records are kept by the city and in others by the county or state. To further complicate matters, often older records are held in different places than current one. In addition, the addresses where the records are kept are changed quite often.

The consumer group found many people had difficulty in locating the records they needed. Often, it was necessary to make expensive long distance calls just to find out where to write, what information was required and how much money to send. For that reason CERC has been publishing a book entitle Where to Write Worldwide for Vital Records which contains a state-by-state listing of the addresses and telephone numbers of the archives where each record can be found, the cost of a copy of the document and sample form letters containing all the information needed to get these and other vital documents. For those needing information from foreign countries, the book

where you can get help in locating vital records kept in almost country. Even U.S. citizens born overseas, on a ship or aircrast can locate the place where their records are kept.

CERC found that many people have used previous editions to locate their passport or marriage license requires family trees or roots. For those, the not only the information in the book includes information on the records but usually copies of the Family History Library of the Mormon Church. This library contains over 200,000 volumes of family history records and a list of almost a quarter-million people who are willing to share information to help you find your family roots.

> CERC has just released an updated 1996 edition. To get a copy of this useful book, send \$9.97 (Plus \$2 s&h) to Consumer Center-Documents, 1980 Springfield Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040 or call 800-872-0121 with credit card. More information can be found on the World Wide Web http://www.planet.net/

> Robert L. Berko, executive director for CERC says that originally the book was published to satisfy the needs of persons applying for various benefits but many others have found ituseful. He has received letters from libraries, coroners, law enforcement, social agencies, credit grantors, collection agencies, stock ownership tracers, lawyers, persons searching for missing heirs, adoptees and those interested in searching their family roots. All these and others have found use for a book that help them locate and prove the status of individuals.

> Many times documents can be used to prove things other than what they record. For instance, one woman wrote to the group telling them that a birth certificate for her child proved her residence at that time in the United Sates and helped her become eligible for legal residence and citi-



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