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Baird High School History Instructor To Speak At Area Writers' Club

The Cisco Writers Club invites you to a dynamic, fast-paced presentation by writer and archaeologist Walter Williams, History Instructor at Baird High School, Tuesday, April 6 at 7 p.m. It will be held at the First National Bank Community Room in Cisco. Admittance is free.

"I am a third generation migrant worker," Williams says. "I saw that form of lifestyle — popularized in the 1930s with Steinbeck's book, *Grapes of Wrath* — come to an end by the late 1970s. Factors included the formation of OPEC and the gasoline crisis during the mid-70s.

"This is documented in a book written about my family called *Fruitfields In My Blood*. I'll discuss that as well as *Grapes of Wrath* and some of Woody Guthrie's work during the Great Depression.

In addition, I'll show some Dorothea Lange photographs. She was a WPA photographer during

the depression. "But I will also display some of my archeological artifacts. And I'll share how I got started writing professionally for archeological publications. Included in that is a PowerPoint presentation on a particular type of lithic material known as the Darl Horizon. I will show how we are able to trace the lineage of this particular artifact back approximately 8000 years.

"I also hope to talk about ways writers can use the internet to get published, with an emphasis on travel writing. I will have some of my newspaper articles on travel as well as some internet publications for writers to see."

Williams did undergraduate work at Cisco Junior College and Tarleton with a MA from Tarleton State. He has taught at Baird High School for 12 years.

Don't miss this evocative and informative presentation by an established area writer.

Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off Is March 27

The Baird Chamber invites everyone to participate in an early local version of the Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off on Saturday, March 27th.

A Chamber spokesperson said the project will get underway a week early because the actual April 3rd date for the annual statewide Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off conflicts with the Cowboy Roundup.

The Chamber, an active

supporter of the Texas Adopt-A-Highway program and Keep Baird Beautiful, will clean its adopted stretch of highway beginning at the caution light at Bus. 20 & Highway 283. The cleanup will start at 8 a.m. Vests and bags will be provided.

Individuals or groups not able to participate Saturday morning are asked to call the Chamber Office to schedule participation at another time.

Baird Elementary Student of the Week



Brenna Coffman - Mrs. Barton's 3rd Grade Daughter of Tommy and Jena Williams

Residents Invited To Forum On Community Issues

What does our community need? What could be improved? What would make life better for everyone who lives here? All local residents who are interested in a better future for themselves, their families and our community are invited to participate in the Texas Community Futures Forum at 6:30 p.m., April 1, 2004.

The Forum is being conducted in every county as a statewide effort of Texas Cooperative Extension, an agency of the Texas A & M University System, to bring together a diverse group of individuals, groups and organizations to identify issues and concerns.

"We want to get broad-based input into this process so that a plan can be developed for the future of each county and for Texas as a whole," said Dr. Chester Fehlis of College Station, Extension director. "We also want other local, state and federal agencies and organizations to participate. Many of the

needs and concerns of people can best be addressed through cooperation and part ships among the agencies and organizations that serve them."

The Futures Forum process will help Extension develop its long-range plan for the next four years, 2005 through 2008. However, the true goal is to facilitate the identification of common needs and define a process of addressing these needs to create a better economic, environmental and social situation in communities across the state.

Everyone is encouraged to let their voices be heard in the Callahan County Forum on April 1st. This is your opportunity to speak to the future.

Please call the Callahan County Extension office at (325) 854-1518 if you want to attend, to help us plan for facilities and supplies.

Submitted by Robert Pritz, County Extension Agent-AG

Commissioners Adopt Regulations; Approve Appointment, Receive Report

Callahan County Commissioners approved a number of items at their March 22, 2004 Open Meeting.

They approved the appointment and deputation of Kevin Weiss to the Sheriff's Office, and adopted subdivision regulations for Callahan County.

The regulations are patterned on subdivision regulations approved and adopted by the Coryell County Commissioners' Court, and fit state required regulations and meet specifications, the Court commented.

(A summary of the regulations will be in next week's paper.)

Also approved was the waiving of branch early voting at Clyde and Cross Plains for the Republican Primary Runoff Election scheduled for April 13, 2004.

The election is for Texas Railroad Commissioner, and will be between incumbent Victor Carrillo and opponent Robert Butler.

Early voting will be held from April 5 - 8, room 107, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the County Courthouse, and for all precincts on April 13 in room 107 of the Courthouse from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Commissioners also approved the assignment of County Road #123 to Vicki Lane in Herndon subdivision, and received the County Attorney's Annual Report.

The report was presented by County Attorney, Allen Wright.

(Please see inside for the complete report.)

Minutes of previous meetings were review and signed, and approved bills paid.

There was no Public Comment.

Coupon-Snipping Days In This Edition

Readers are advised to look for the special COUPON SNIPPING supplement in this issue of The Local Newspaper.

Each coupon offers EXTRA SPECIAL bargains and incentives to shop with local merchants FOR BIG SAVINGS.

The bonus feature is an additional FREE \$50.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE which some lucky reader will find on their COUPON SNIPPER supplement. This certificate will be good for \$50.00 in trade with either of the COUPON SNIPPER participants.

Coupons will be found in subscriber and newsstand copies.

Coupon supplements will be available at the local offices.

Make Plans To Attend Cowboy Roundup

Baird Chamber President Rick Oliver is reminding everyone to make plans to attend The Callahan County Cowboy roundup on Saturday, April 3.

He said entry forms for the Chili/Beans/Brisket Cookoff are available at the Chamber office, the Baggage House Restaurant and KEAN Radio. First, second and third places in each category will be presented to the winners at 5:30 p.m.

The Musical Talent Contest will start at 3:00 p.m. Contestants will pay a \$10 entry fee, and the winner will perform on stage Saturday night. Entry forms are available at the Chamber office.

Market Street will also be the scene of all-day events including special retail promotions, merchandise offered by visiting vendors and youth activities.

A Street Dance featuring Nashville recording artist Deryl Dodd and guest band, "Dusk Till Dawn" will begin at 9 p.m. in front of the Depot. Tickets for the Street Dance are priced at \$10 per person.

A Horse Clinic is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. at the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo Arena. Unbroken horses will be haltered and ridden during the Clinic featuring Chip Sugar with "Touch of The Master's Hand." There is no admission but donations will be accepted.

The Cowboy roundup is sponsored by Texas Chevy Dealers, KEAN 105 FM radio, The Baggage House Restaurant and Baird Motor Inn and RV Campground. For information contact Baird Chamber of Commerce at (325)854-2003.

Finalists For Baird ISD Superintendent Narrow To Six

Board approves May 15 Election Judges, Personnel Contracts

Blanker ISD, and Cliff Gardner - Prin. Tahoka ISD.

Baird ISD has named six finalists for the position of Superintendent out of ten applicants. They are listed in the order of application received: Allen W. Law - Supt. Lefors ISD, Steven Self - Supt. Rochester ISD, Henry Lind - Supt. Cranfills Gap ISD, Glen Waldo - Supt. Darrouzett ISD, David Hutton - Supt.

Three special board meetings have been set for March 29, March 31, and April 1 starting at 6:00 p.m. to interview the six finalists.

At the Baird ISD March 19, 2004 Board meeting, the ballot position drawing for the May 15, 2004 school board election was as follows: 1. Matthew S. Rogers, 2. Gerry Rogers. Continued Inside

Please see Finalists

Big Dumpster To Be At City Barn

Until March 27, 2004 the "Big Dumpster for Cleanup" will be located at the City Barn, 233 East 2nd in Baird.

The hours are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The dumpster is for residents of the City of Baird only. A current water bill receipt is required.

The dumpster will be available four times a year for one week each time.

Cowboy Funday Saturday, March 27, 2004

Cowboy Up With God's Arena
722 Sunset, Clyde, Texas
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Baird First Baptist Church Events

Each one of you are invited to join us at the corner of Race and 3rd St. Baird. For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574.

March 28, 2004 Ladies Bible Study will begin at 4:30 pm in the fellowship hall

Study on Revelations - Come and bring a friend

March 28, 2004 Prayer time 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary

Evening worship 6:00 p.m.

March 29, 2004 Esther Sunday School class meal and film, fellowship hall

March 31, 2004 AWANA Club 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Prayer meeting, continues study of 1 Cor, Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice 7:30 p.m.

April 4, 2004 Choir presents Easter Cantata 11:00 a.m.

"Man of Sorrow King of Glory"

Humor is the great thing, the saving thing. The minute it crops up, all our irritations and resentments slip away and a sunny smile takes their place.

—Mark Twain

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Legal Notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Susie M. Herrell, deceased, were issued on March 17, 2004, in Cause No. 5491 pending in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, to: Sammie F. Loper, Independent Executrix.

The mailing address of the Independent Executrix is in care of her attorney in Taylor County, Texas, as follows:

Sammie F. Loper
 c/o S. Clinton Nix
 P.O. Box 59
 Abilene, Texas 79604

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED March 18, 2004.
 BRADBURY & NIX
 P.O. Box 59, Abilene, TX 79604
 (325) 673-7317
 (325) 673-3833 FAX
 Attorneys for the Estate
 By: Clinton Nix
 S. Clinton Nix
 State Bar No. 15043300
 (3-25-04)

D. P. S. Report

03-14-04 to 03-20-04

Cases Investigated

Warnings - 110
 Complaints - 149
 DWI - 1
 Possession of Marijuana - 2
 Possession of Controlled Substance - 1
 Unlawful Carrying Weapon - 1
 Driving While License Suspended - 1

Accidents

There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.

People Arrested On Outstanding Warrants

27 for a total of \$7,559.00 collected

From Page One

Finalists
 McDowell, 3. Richie Crow, and 4. Larry McIntire. Elaine Hopkins of Baird and Meta Isehwor of Putnam were approved as Election Judges.

Following a closed session, motions were made and approved to re-hire the secondary staff with a 1-year contract, Luke Moody, Donna Sikes and Jerry Fleming, II with a 1-year probationary contract, Larry Riney as a Ω time teacher, the elementary staff with a 1-year term contract, and Jennifer Clyburn with a 1-year probationary contract.

Complete Baird ISD March 18, 2004 minutes inside ...

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—John Muir

Baird Bear Sport Schedules

Baird Baseball
 March 30 * Albany Here 5:00 PM
 April 2 * Ranger Here 5:00 PM
 April 5 - Jim Ned JV
 April 9 - * Gorman

Baird Golf
 March 30 Eden (Girls)
 March 31 Eden (Eden)
 April 5* Maxwell Golf Course, Abilene (District Golf Tournament) (Boys & Girls)
 April 13* Riverside (District Golf Tournament) (Boys & Girls)

Baird High Tennis
 March 25 Practice Match with Ballinger at Rose Park 4:30 PM
 April 2,3 Abilene Tourney at AHS
 April 6,7 District Tourney at San Angelo

Baird High Track
 March 27 Baird
 April 3 Cross Plains
 April 8 District @ Elmer Gray (ACU)

Baird Jr. High Track
 April 1 Cross Plains
 April 6 District Meet @ Cross Plains

Base Ball Scores District 9 A March 16

The Baird Bears topped Lueders-Avoca 11-0 in their first District 9 A game of the season on March 16. Stats: Lueders-Avoca 000 00 - 0; Baird - 214 4X - 0 Battery - Jodray and Smith; Casey Burford and Carter Burford, Extra Base Hits - Womack, W - Burford (4-0) L - Jodray. Records: Lueders-Avoca 0-1; Baird 11-0, 1-0.

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- 50 - Pairs First Calf - black & black baldy. Nice set of calves, will be gentle and cake broke.
- 20 Pairs First Calf - Angus. Gentle & broke to cake.
- 100 - Brangus Heifers - wt. 1050 lbs. bred to LBW Angus Bulls. Heavy Springers
- 25 - First Calf Black & Black WF pairs.
- 20 - Black Pairs 5-6 years old with big calves. Calves will weigh 250-400 lbs.
- 25 - Bred cows, 4-6 years old.
- 20 - Chi-Angus Heifers - bred to LBW Angus Bulls. These are Northern Heifers and will be fall calvers.
- 10 - Bred Brangus Heifers, all heavy bred to Angus Bulls.
- 50 - Bred Heifers, mostly black - all heavy springers
- 4 - 2 year old Brindle Baldy Pairs
- 4 - Reg. Angus Bulls
- 20 - First Calf Angus Pair

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FIRST QUARTER, '04 SALES TAX CHECKS

CALLAHAN COUNTY:

	Rate	Mar., '04	Mar., '03	Change
Baird	1.50	\$ 4,957.39	\$ 4,619.64	+ 7.31%
Clyde	2.00	\$25,768.61	\$22,363.46	+ 15.22%
Crs.Pl.	1.75	\$ 7,943.80	\$ 6,449.87	+ 23.16%
Putnam	1.00	\$,935.65	\$,969.23	- 3.46%
TOTALS		\$39,605.45	\$34,402.20	+15.12%

EASTLAND COUNTY:

	Rate	Mar., '04	Mar., '03	Change
Carbon	1.00	\$ 217.15	\$ 222.07	- 2.21%
Cisco	2.00	\$26,278.68	\$27,212.41	- 3.43%
Estlnd	1.50	\$50,237.96	\$49,320.38	+ 1.86%
Gorman	1.50	\$ 3,379.65	\$ 3,728.95	- 9.36%
Ranger	2.00	\$19,134.40	\$17,229.69	+11.05%
Rsg.St.	1.5	\$ 2,637.04	\$ 2,976.03	-11.39%
TOTALS		\$101,884.88	\$100,689.53	+ 1.18%
SPECIAL DISTRICT				
E.M.H.	.5	17,549.26	17,752.82	- 1.14%

Callahan Leaps 15.12%; Eastland Up 1.18%; E.M.H., State Up 6.2%

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced that state sales tax revenue in February totaled more than \$1.26 billion, up 6.2 percent compared to February 2003.

Strayhorn delivered \$303.6 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, an 8.3 percent increase compared to March 2003. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are up 7.4 percent compared to the first three months of 2003.

"Texas' economic recovery is gaining momentum," Strayhorn said. "The latest economic data indicate that the Texas economy will outpace the nation through 2005."

State sales tax revenue for February, and the payments made to local governments in March, are based mainly on sales that occurred in January.

Comptroller Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$206.1 million to Texas cities, up 9.3 percent compared to March 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 8 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$17.4 million, up 4.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 6.5 percent higher than last year.

Another \$7.6 million went to 82 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up

1 percent compared to last March. Nine local transit systems received \$72.3 million in sales tax rebates, up 7.6 percent compared to a year ago.

How Long Has It Been Since You Read?

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Joel 3:14: "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision, for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."

Have you stopped and thought about the number of decisions you make every day: what will I wear, what will I eat, what things will I do? They are too numerous to mention here. These are little decisions but we do make them every day. Some make little difference in our life or the life of others. One decision makes a great difference: What decision will I make concerning the Lord who has created all things? This is one decision that makes a difference for not only today but for this life and the life to come when it is the Lord's Day to take you

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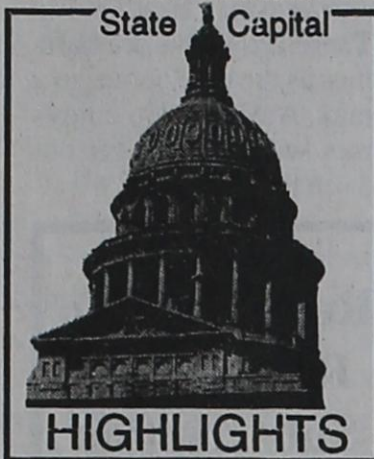
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By Mike Cox
Home insurance rates show slow decline

AUSTIN - In spite of reform legislation passed during the last session, two consumer groups - Texas Watch and AARP Texas - are not happy with insurance rates in the state.

The average Texas homeowner pays \$1,390 in premiums, a 4 percent decrease from 2003. But the new legislation was expected to drop rates by 12 to 18 percent.

The groups said last week that Texans have overpaid some \$287 million in premiums just since last August, based on an analysis of data from the Texas Department of Insurance. But Jerry Johns, a spokesman for the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, disagreed with the consumer groups' figure.

Johns said rates have stabilized in Texas and should begin dropping once more loss information is available. The process may take three years, he said.

Based on the new legislation, last year the Department of Insurance ordered Texas' largest insurers to roll back their premiums.

State Farm and Farmers took the matter to court and the litigation still has not been resolved. Twenty-seven other companies settled with the state, but the amount of their rollback was reduced as part of the settlement.

Loss ratios were only 58 percent last year compared with 108 percent in 2002 and 118 percent in 2001, a trend the Insurance Council of Texas said will be good news for consumers "in the long run."

The Department of Insurance also says it still sees an overall improvement in the rate situation.

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residency status or citizenship forms. No work was actually performed. Garza operated primarily from a bingo hall in Seven Points, southeast of Dallas. In February, she was convicted in federal court on charges of mail fraud and impersonation of a U.S. immigration officer. At her sentencing hearing on May 18 she faces up to 68 years in prison. The attorney general worked closely with the local police department in Tool, and with the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

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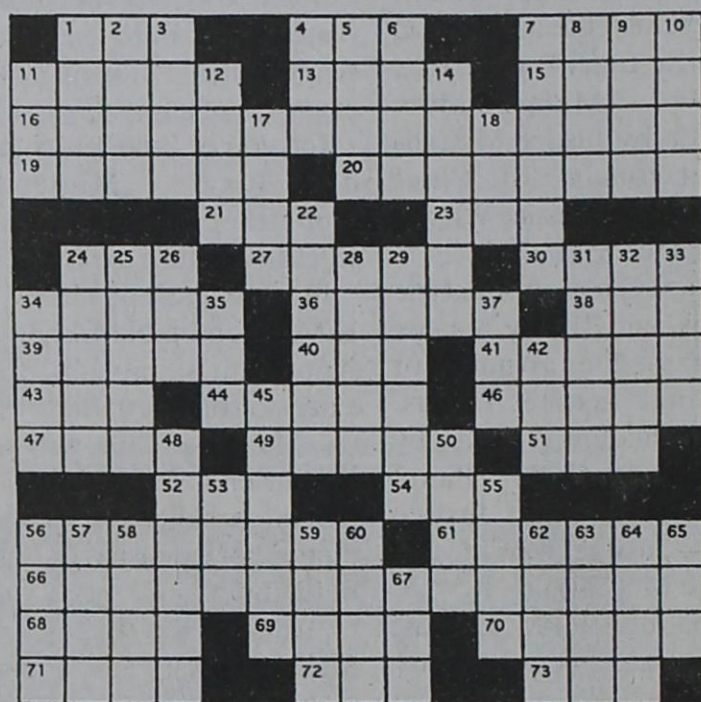
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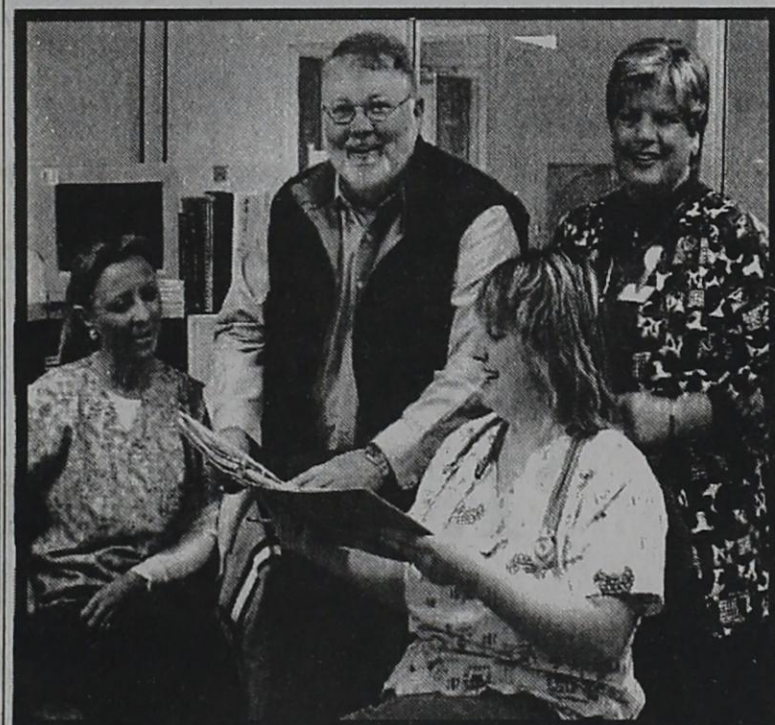
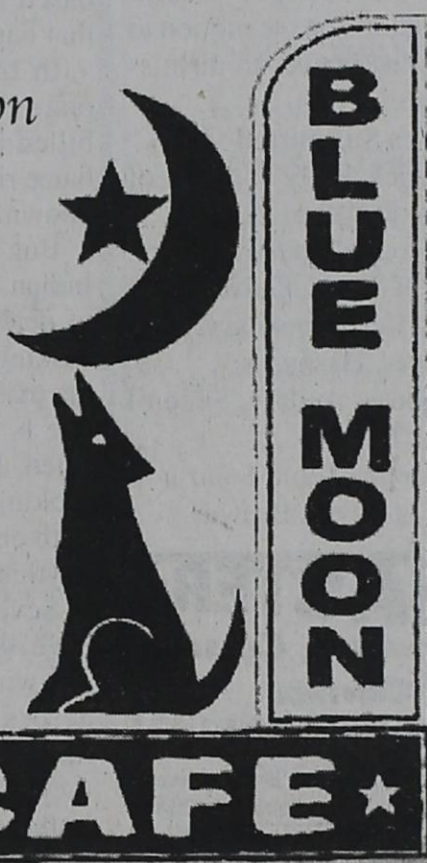
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Motions Submitted & Denied

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'Hidalgo' To Show At Majestic This Weekend

A new Walt Disney Picture called "Hidalgo" is scheduled to show at the Majestic Theater in Eastland next weekend.

This exciting movie, a "western" set in the Middle East, will open on Friday, March 26 and show nightly at 7:30 through Monday, March 29.

Admission will be the usual \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats available to adults only for \$5.50.

It is rated PG-13 for some adventure, violence and mild innuendo.

The picture stars Viggo Mortensen, Omar Sharif, and a wonderful horse named Hidalgo. It is filmed in Morocco, with a few scenes wrapped up in the deserts of Southern California.

But another thing that really makes it interesting to Texans is that the director, Joe Johnston, was born in Fort Worth and grew up there. This film includes desert intrigues, sandstorms, and three thousand mile horse race and every sort of culture clash - that's what made it a challenge to Johnston!

And yes, the picture is based on a true experience that happened around 1890.

In the story, Mortensen plays Frank T. Hopkins, once billed as "the greatest distance rider the west has ever known."

But Hopkins - who is part Indian - has faced moments of death and despair, and is looking for some reason for his existence. Of course his life is wrapped around his steed, Hidalgo, an ordinary looking, homegrown horse with enough spirit to outrun anything.

Several Arabian princes have issued a challenge - who can win in a 3,000 mile race across their desert? They have an array of purebreds - they are certain no American horse can beat them. Frank thinks he knows one that can.

There are a number of characters in this odyssey. Most of the Arabs are churlish, and one of the princesses is interested in women's equality. The British are not too appealing, being mainly rich and aristocratic.

But Frank accepts the challenge of the race, keeps to himself, and goes in it to win. Most of his talking is done to his horse Hidalgo,

whom he calls "Brother." There are some dramatic scenes as the race comes to a climax. Anyone who enjoys horses will want to get out and see this picture.

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From An Eastland Paper
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There have been many stories written about this battle and about the men that fought, that began on February 23 and climaxed on that cold Sunday morning in March. The battle was not yet ended when the lies and propaganda began. Santa Anna, in his official report to Mexico City stated that the Mexican siege took the lives of 600 Texans, when in truth Travis lost not a man in the siege and the official count of Col. Travis in all his dispatches to the Texas authorities was 150. And then after the reinforcements of 32 men from the town of Gonzales it was 188. This is the correct number chiseled into the cenotaph that stands before the Alamo chapel now.

Another lie Gen. Santa Anna sent to Mexico City was that he lost 70 killed and 300 wounded. His secretary, Ramon Caro who was beside Santa Anna constantly, stated 400 Mexicans died. The mayor of San Antonio who was also present and had the unpleasant task of burying the Mexican dead, soon overwhelmed the cemetery (Campo Santo) and began to order the corpses thrown into the San Antonio River where they clogged the waterway for more than a mile. And he had to get help to dislodge the corpses for days after. He said there were 100 buried and 1,500 thrown into the river (Texas Almanac 1860, pages 56-57).

In later years during an interview in Washington Santa Anna stated, "We suffered more than a thousand dead or wounded, but when the battle was over not a Texan in the Alamo was left alive." (Craford 51)

Most of the Mexicans in the battle later stated that all the Texans fought to the death. Ramon Caro stated that Crockett was killed by the gate on the south side by the chapel. Susanna Dickerson said she saw Crockett's body lying in front of the chapel where he defended. Joe, Travis' 25-year-old slave stated the same, with 20 to 25 dead Mexicans piled up around Crockett.

Madam Candelaria, Bowie's nurse gave an interview on Feb. 19, 1899 on the death of David Crockett. "He was one of the strangest men I ever saw. He had the face of a woman and his manner that of a girl. I could never regard him a hero until I saw him die. He looked grand and terrible, standing at the front door and fighting a whole column of Mexican infantry."

"He had fired his last shot and had no time to reload. The cannon balls had knocked away the sand bags, and the infantry was passing through the breach. Crockett stood there, swinging

something over his head. The place was full of smoke, and I could not tell whether he was using a gun or sword. A heap of dead was piled at his feet, and the Mexicans were lunging at him with bayonets, but he would not retreat an inch."

"Poor Bowie could see it all, but he could not raise himself from the cot. Crockett fell and the Mexicans poured into the Alamo." (San Antonio Light, 1899)

Eulalia Yorba, a teenage resident of San Antonio who witnessed the battle and was later pressed into duty by the Mexican army to wash the face of all combatants so no Mexican would be burnt, said, "I remember seeing poor old Col. Crockett as he lay dead by the side of a dying man. His coat and rough woolen shirt was soaked with blood. He must have died of some ball in the chest or a bayonet thrust."

As David Crockett was easily the most famous man in the Alamo and even the Mexicans had heard of the exploits of Davy Crockett, they naturally assumed any defender in buckskins and a coonskin cap was Crockett. And in after-years stated that Crockett and several defenders were captured and

executed by Santa Anna, when in truth none of these Mexicans knew Crockett. The only people that knew Crockett in life and recognized him in death was Yorba, Candelaria, Dickerson and Joe, and all said he died at his post.

The reason the Mexicans lied about the death of Crockett was "propaganda." Pure and simple, and the people that perpetuate this propaganda to this day are Yankees and other malcontents that have no history of their own, so they try to destroy ours out of jealousy.

Also, so-called historians with Yankee pedigrees scorn the story of Travis drawing a line in the sand with his sword the day before the battle:

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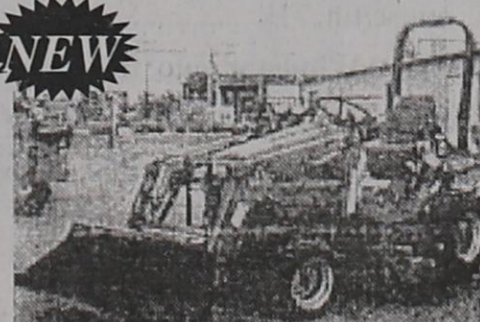


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Stenholm, Colleagues Remember Iraqi Liberation With House Vote

Washington, D.C.--Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) joined his colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to remember the first anniversary of U.S. forces entering Iraq. The House of Representatives approved House Resolution 557, legislation that commemorates the liberation of the Iraqi people and honors the valiant service of U.S. and Coalition forces.

"I appreciate the sacrifice of our brave troops who have performed so well under extreme conditions and in extreme danger," Stenholm said. "As I have done under

five Presidents during my tenure in Congress, I stand behind our Commander-in-Chief, our President."

"I support military missions that create a safer nation and world by liberating oppressed peoples, freeing men, women and children from the despair of poverty, ignorance and tyranny," Stenholm continued.

"To the men and women of the United States Armed Forces, I give my deep gratitude and profound respect," Stenholm said. "I will continue to support you and may you return safely to your families and friends."

The Documents Of 50 States Acknowledge Need Of God

(From the Internet, shared by friend, James Massey on the Subject of Governed by God or Ruled by Tyrants?)

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Alaska 1956, "We the people of Alaska, grateful to God and to those who founded our nation and pioneered this great land..."

Arizona, 1911, "We, the people of the State of Arizona, grateful to Almighty God for our liberties..."

Arkansas 1874, "We, the people of the State of Arkansas, grateful to Almighty God for the privilege of choosing our own form of government..."

California, 1879, "We the People of the State of California, grateful to Almighty God for our Freedom..."

Colorado 1876, "We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of Universe..."

Connecticut 1818, "The People of Connecticut, acknowledging with gratitude the good Providence of God..."

Delaware 1897, "Through Divine Goodness all men have, by nature, the rights of worshipping and serving their Creator according to the

dictates of their consciences..."

Florida 1885, "We, the people of the State of Florida, grateful to Almighty God for our constitutional liberty..."

Georgia, 1777, "We, the people of Georgia, relying upon protection and guidance of Almighty God..."

Hawaii 1959, "We, the people of Hawaii, Grateful for Divine Guidance..."

Idaho, 1889, "We, the people of the State of Idaho, grateful to Almighty God for our freedom..."

Illinois 1870, "We the people of the State of Illinois, grateful to Almighty God..."

Indiana 1851, "We, the People of the State of Indiana, grateful to Almighty God..."

Iowa 1857, "We, the People of the State of Iowa, grateful to the Supreme Being..."

Kansas 1859, "We, the people of Kansas, grateful to Almighty God..."

Kentucky 1891, "We, the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are grateful to Almighty God..."

Louisiana 1921, "We, the people of the State of Louisiana, grateful to Almighty God..."

Maine 1820, "We the People of Maine, acknowledging with grateful hearts the goodness of the Sovereign Ruler of the Universe..."

Maryland 1776, "We the people of the state of Maryland, grateful to Almighty God..."

Massachusetts 1780, "We...the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging with grateful hearts, the goodness of the Great Legislator of the Universe..."

Michigan, 1908, "We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God..."

Minnesota 1857, "We, the

people of the State of Minnesota, grateful to God..."

Mississippi 1890, "We, the people of Mississippi in convention assembled, grateful to Almighty God..."

Missouri 1845, "We, the people of Missouri, with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe..."

Nebraska 1875, "We, the people, grateful to Almighty God..."

New Hampshire 1792, Part I, Art I. Sec. V. "Every individual has a natural and unalienable right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience..."

New Jersey 1844, "We, the people of the State of New Jersey, grateful to Almighty God..."

New York 1846, "We, the people of the State of New York, grateful to Almighty God..."

North Carolina 1868, "We the people of the State of North Carolina, grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations..."

North Dakota 1889, "We, the people of North Dakota, grateful to Almighty God..."

Ohio 1852, "We the people of the state of Ohio, grateful to Almighty God..." Oregon 1857, Bill of Rights, Article I. Sect. 2. "All men shall be secure in the Natural right, to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their consciences..."

Pennsylvania 1776, "We, the people of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God..."

Rhode Island 1842, "We the People of Rhode Island grateful to Almighty God..."

South Carolina 1778, "We, the people of the State of South Carolina, grateful to God..."

South Dakota 1889, "We, the people of South Dakota, grateful to Almighty God..."

Tennessee 1796, Art. XLIII. "That all men have a natural

and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their conscience..."

Texas 1845, "We the People of the Republic of Texas, acknowledging, with gratitude, the grace and beneficence of God..."

Utah 1896, "Grateful to Almighty God..."

Vermont 1777, "Whereas all government ought to...enable the individual who compose it to enjoy their natural rights, and other blessings which the Author of Existence has bestowed on man..."

Virginia 1776, Bill of Rights, XVI... "Religion, or the Duty which we owe our Creator...can be directed only by Reason...and that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian Forbearance, Love and Charity towards each other..."

Washington 1889, "We the People of the State of Washington, grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe..."

West Virginia 1872, "Since through Divine Providence we enjoy the blessings of civil, political and religious liberty, we, the people of West Virginia...reaffirm our faith in and constant reliance upon God..."

Wisconsin 1848, "We, the people of Wisconsin, grateful to Almighty God..."

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The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

NELLIE AND MAVERICK STAR TO THE RESCUE..

They were a team for 53 years-Woody and Fern Woodall-and when he died, she seemed ready to cancel the rest of the schedule. Thankfully, a doggedly determined daughter was convinced there was some fire left, and she called on the Dallas Mavericks to fan the flame.

Why the Mavericks? Some background may help. As community leaders for several decades, the couple was interested in whatever went on in their towns. They had owned weekly newspapers in a half-dozen communities. Both wrote columns, took pictures, handled complaints, covered events (and non-events) and jointly crusaded for community betterment. Both had been cited as "citizen of the year," and Woody had served as Grand Saline mayor. When emphysema's grip tightened on Woody in the mid-90's, the Woodall's interests dwindled to just two-travel and the Dallas Mavericks. Finally, it was just the Mavericks..

What a pair they were in Grand Saline and Tyler hospitals! That's where Woody spent the final two months of his life, and his wife was ever present. Breathing wasn't coming easily, but if the Mavericks were on TV, he perked up. Caregivers and loved ones smiled to see Fern and Woody, scrunched together on his hospital bed. They held hands while watching the Mavericks. The phone was unanswered, medication was delayed and visitors could come back later.

The Woodalls were caught up in the games. Woody made it a few weeks into post-season, dying June 17, 2002.

The Woodall children—sons Bill and Bert and daughter Lisa—didn't know what to do about their mom. Fern was listless and generally disinterested in living; her quick gait had become a mope. She rarely watched TV; her life had faded to black.

When the next season started, her kids and grandkids urged her to resume watching Mavs' TV games. She saw a few on the tube, but still was very much in low gear..

Then, Lisa had an idea. She and daughters Meagan and Kelsey decided to take Fern to a Mavericks' game. They found four ideal tickets on the Internet a few rows behind the Dallas bench and cheerfully paid a four-figure price. Utilizing the mail, phone and e-mail, Lisa contacted the Mavericks' PR office, pleading for her mom to have the chance to meet coaches and/or players. Fern particularly wanted to meet Michael Finley.

Front office people promptly responded, offering cautious optimism that she

might get to meet a Dallas coach for a "meet/greet" howdy a few minutes before game time..

It was sweaty palm time for the Woodall bunch. Fern rediscovered her smile when she learned of the evening's "maybes." She clutched her homemade sign, ready to wave it in the air. It read: "I'll be Michael Finley's Grandma."

A few minutes before game time, the foursome was escorted to the court to meet Coach Don Nelson. He was convivial and relaxed. (The stats show that he hugged Fern TWICE!) They talked for a few minutes. It was as casual as all get-out, like friends do in the post office lobby. A photographer snapped a picture..

Finley didn't play that night. He sat behind the bench in a suit and tie, laughing out loud a time or two when his friends yelled and pointed to Mrs. Woodall's sign. She continued to wave it enthusiastically.. The Mavericks won. Coach Nelson looked her way,

flashing his biggest NBA smile. Finley saluted her and his wink sealed the deal that he had a new grandma..

It was a good news day at the Grand Saline Sun. Fern's and Nellie's photo took up a full quarter of the front page, and there was a happy story accompanying..

The upshot is that Fern is back. She is happily at home in Grand Saline, active in First United Methodist Church and in community affairs. She's moving briskly about, her green eyes brightened, and her smile-well, if she were pitted in a smiling contest with Nellie, there'd be co-champions.. She welcomes calls from friends-but not during a Mavs' game. Call then, and you'll get voice mail.. Visit, and she'll show you her picture with Coach Nelson, who inscribed, "To Fern, Our Best Fan." And beside her favorite chair is her Michael Finley sign..

Dr. Newbury is an author/speaker/columnist in the Metroplex. The Idle American appears weekly in 100 Texas newspapers. He's never met Coach Don Nelson, but if Fern Woodall says he's an OK guy, that's quite enough! (Dr. Newbury welcomes comments at 817.447.3872 or by e-mail, newbury@speakerdoc.com)

Timely Tips by Kate Worth

LETTUCE - I've noticed the price of lettuce is very high this year. To get the most for my money, I weigh the heads before buying them. While a head of lettuce may appear larger than another one, it might weigh less. By weighing before you buy, you get the most for your money. Rose L.

SOUP IT UP - If you have a little bit of an end of parmesan cheese, don't throw it out. The next time you're making soup, put it in the pot with the rest of the ingredients. It adds just a little extra zing, plus it's delicious to eat when the soup is done. Marianne C.

HOW SWEET IT IS - Don't give in to temptation when waiting at the checkout at the supermarket by buying the candy on display. The bagged candy in the candy aisle is much cheaper. Randi P.

WARM IT UP - My church has a lot of potluck dinners. However, I find that dishes like soups, stews and mashed potatoes don't stay warm long enough. I place them in an attractive, insulated ice bucket. This way, when people serve themselves, they'll eat the food at just the right temperature. Edna M.

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Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

Do you remember when the newspaper comics were called, "The Funny Papers"?

That was back in what some of us like to call the good old days.

Some people criticize anyone who refers to the 1920s and 1930s as "The Good Old Days." I believe the reason they criticize, is because they didn't experience them, therefore cannot really know what they were like.

I sure remember such comic strips as Barney Google with his old horse, whose blanket covered his entire body and reached down to the horse's ankles. Then, there was Moon Mullins with his banjo eyes and little derby hat, Mutt and Jeff, the short one and the tall one. I remember Maggie and Jiggs, and how Jiggs was always getting into trouble. Sometimes he had the gout

and had to sit with his foot and leg in a huge cast. I can never forget Andy Gump and his escapades. The Katzenjammer Kids, (I hope I spelled their name correctly) were the favorite of every youngster I knew. Not only did they do a lot of funny things, their language was also humorous.

Like so many others today, I read the paper every morning at the breakfast table, and I always conclude by reading the comics. (After I have read the obituaries). Our paper has 35 comic strips and I only read five. I can't understand some of the others.

My grandchildren have spent a small fortune on comic books. The actions of the comic characters in those books are anything but funny. Most of the scenes show fighting among creatures amid the galaxies, or some other un-real, far out action. The name "comics" in some of those books is a misnomer.

A great number of people collect comic books. When I had my Auction House I was glad to have comic books in the sale because

Making A Difference

By Rex M. Rogers

From guns to butter, morality plays a role

Whenever a citizen doesn't like what another citizen is advocating, Citizen they always brought good money; however, I never had one that sold for more than forty dollars. I recently read where one sold somewhere for more than a thousand dollars!

A lot of us in this old world have a good sense of humor and enjoy a little giggle now and then. For a few years I watched some of the so-called "funny" shows on T. V. Many of them now have vulgar or suggestive material and I don't watch them anymore.

I was raised in an environment where we were only allowed to use such mild expletives as "gee," "heck," "shucks," and phrases like "I'll Swanee," "Oh shoot," and "Well, I declare!"

I don't hear those phrases any more. I suppose they have taken them out of the modern vocabulary.

Oh well, I think I'll go borrow my grandson's comic books and try to learn something.

I says to Citizen 2, "Don't force your morality on me." Or maybe, "You can't legislate morality." This ironic comment seems to suggest Citizen 1 does not realize that he or she is doing exactly the same thing. Indeed all of us are involved in "morality" every time we engage in either economics or politics.

Think about it. American laws make the American economy possible. If I develop a product from my own creativity and natural resources and then you steal the product, how can I ever make a profit and support my family? Theft is illegal. This is a fundamental underpinning of our free enterprise system and it is a moral statement.

We teach our children stealing is wrong. Why? Because, for the sake of order and the collective good, property rights are recognized by our legal system. We teach our children that they are individually responsible for their actions, that they should "do their best," that they should not lie or cheat. These character principles are the

essential ingredients of a freely and smoothly working marketplace. Whenever these moral conditions are violated, others suffer economically.

The tax code is about moral choices, not just financial or political choices. Whether or not to bomb Afghanistan in retaliation or retribution for violent acts perpetrated upon Americans is a moral question. How much force to use and when—whether for the street cop or for the Pentagon general—is a moral issue. The amount of money Washington earmarks for education vs. health and welfare vs. scientific research vs. weaponry, e.g. the old "guns or butter" argument, is a moral matter.

Economics and politics are about making decisions, and decisions cannot be made without values. We're all expressing our morality every day.

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By Michael A. Guido, Metter, GA.

The visitors from the city had picked the farmer's fruit and his flowers, and their car was full of loot. Pointing to a highway, they asked, "Shall we take this road back to the city?"

"Why not?" snapped the farmer.

"You've taken everything else."

There are many people who are long on grabbing, but short on giving. They're covetous, not charitable.

But the Living Bible says, "Dear friends, let us practice loving each other. For love comes from God and those who are loving and kind show that they are the children of God, and that they are getting to know Him better. But if a person isn't loving and kind, it shows that he doesn't know God--for God is love."

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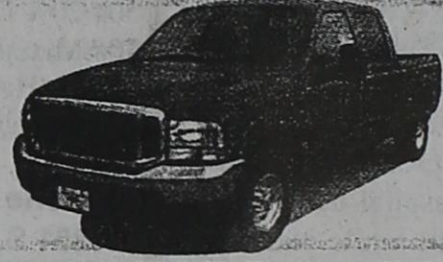
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The caseload in the Callahan County Attorney's Office rose again slightly last year due primarily to hot check collection cases. While the total number of cases filed with the courts fell off by about 17, the number of hot check cases rose by 24. The good news is that the number of anhydrous ammonia related cases dropped off markedly, indicating less activity in that area.

In 2002 the office handled 31 anhydrous ammonia cases and disposed of 21. Last year only six new anhydrous cases were filed and 13 were disposed. This is a positive development and reflects well on the sheriff's office and police agencies who have been actively pursuing and arresting persons involved in these thefts.

According to office records, 297 cases were filed in county and district courts during the year compared with 314 in 2002. This number does not include hot checks collected out of court, juvenile cases, appeals, writs, probation revocations, or forfeitures, however. The office also participated in several justice court cases and trials. 755 hot checks were handled during the year, compared to 731 in 2002. Most were collected by the office without filing in court resulting in a total collection of \$50,167.48 in 2003, up from 48,652.45 in 2002. Five years ago the office handled 427 check totaling \$41,023.36. Restitution of \$38,987.41 went to victims. Collection fees of \$11,180.07 were collected in 2003. This amount does not include restitution and fees collected through court and the probation office as the county attorney's office does not have those records.

A hand counting of office files shows 233 criminal cases were filed in county court in 2003 compared to 212 in the previous year. 259 cases including investigations were disposed, up from 203 in the year 2002. 64 cases were filed in district court which was down one from the previous year. 151 felony cases and investigations were disposed compared to 121 in 2002. These numbers reflect files the office has opened on cases. Many cases and investigations are disposed out of court and are not reflected in the official court records. Only 7 traffic cases were filed compared to 34 in 2002 and 17 were disposed which included some pending from 2002. Most traffic cases are now being disposed through justice and municipal courts without appeal to county court. 72 check cases were filed with the court and 68 disposed compared to 94 filed and

92 disposed in last year's report.

According to office records, 40 misdemeanor cases were disposed in county court in September and 24 cases felony were disposed in district court in May, making those months the busiest of the year respectively. These numbers include criminal cases, motions to revoke, forfeitures, and cases closed out for any reason. These figures are somewhat different from the official records because they include cases not filed with the courts but were worked by the office.

The office filed seven new drug and money laundering asset seizure cases during 2003. Including cases pending from the previous year, ten cases were disposed resulting in forfeiture of the assets. \$15,705 in currency and seven vehicles including a large flatbed trailer were forfeited to the county. The vehicles are sold at auction and the proceeds distributed to law enforcement agencies. A television and video surveillance system was also forfeited to the Callahan County Sheriff's Office for that agency's sue. These assets are now helping fund law enforcement efforts to combat drug trafficking and other crimes.

In addition to these cases the Juvenile Probation Office reports that the Callahan County Attorney's Office processed 22 juvenile cases by adjudication of referral during the year.

Official District Court Monthly Reports indicate that 64 new cases were filed in 2003 and 88 disposed, including cases pending at the beginning of 2003. This does not include probation violations, Grand Jury, habeas corpus cases, juvenile cases and forfeiture cases. County Court Monthly Reports indicate that 239 new cases were filed and 229 cases were disposed during 2003.

Court records indicate that the district court's busiest month was May with 14 dispositions. 31 cases were disposed in county court in both April and May making those two months the busiest in misdemeanor dispositions according to official court records. County court started out the year of 2003 with 223 cases pending and ended with 229 cases pending. 74 cases pending on January 1, 2003 and 70 cases pending on December 31, 2003.

Office numbers differ from official court reports because they reflect different activities. Cases which are no billed by a Grand Jury or investigations which are

closed out with charges being filed are not reflected in official court reports but do represent the work the office and police agencies have done. Office activity is determined by a computer list of cases and hand counting of case files.

Allen Wright has been a prosecutor for fifteen years and is in his twelfth year as Callahan County Attorney. Janece Tucker is the office administrator and Bob Lowe is the office investigator. Lynette Bowen assists with the check collection and other jobs. Everyone in the office is proud to serve the citizens of Callahan County and the office is open to the people we serve.

Baird Senior Citizens' News

We have started to serve our noon lunch at 12:00 noon. We are hoping that this will be more convenient for our residents. We welcome anyone to join us. There are always games and visitation before our lunch but we have enough time to serve our noon meal. We enjoy visiting and seeing our friends.

In the month of February we served 804 meals to our shut-ins and 215 meals in the center. Several of us went out to eat at a local restaurant. Since the weather is getting pretty, we will be taking filed trips. One trip we are planning is to go

to the nursery in Rising Star. Most of us love to plant some flowers in the spring. If any one wishes to join us, please call me at 854-1937.

We went to Abilene for shopping on Wednesday, March 17th to Walmart and United. We had a good group going on Wednesday and we saw the world around us. The Wednesday before we drove around Clyde and saw some of the storm damage.

If anyone would like to ride in our van to do a little shopping, please call me at 854-1937.

Submitted by Delores Stewart

Thursday, March 25, 2004 County Commissioners March 8, 2004 Meeting

Dianne Alexander was appointed as the Loss Control Officer for Callahan County by the Callahan County Commissioners' Court at their March 8, 2004 meeting.

The motion was made by Commissioner Bryan Farmer and seconded by Judge Roger Corn. The motion carried unanimously.

The Court was also advised by Judge Corn of his appointment of Rhonda Vestal as Emergency Management Coordinator.

Ten sealed bids for a 1998 Nissan Altima were opened at the meeting. Judge Corn made a motion to accept the high bid for \$3,500.00 from Ronny and Sandra Collins. Bryan Farmer seconded and motion carried unanimously.

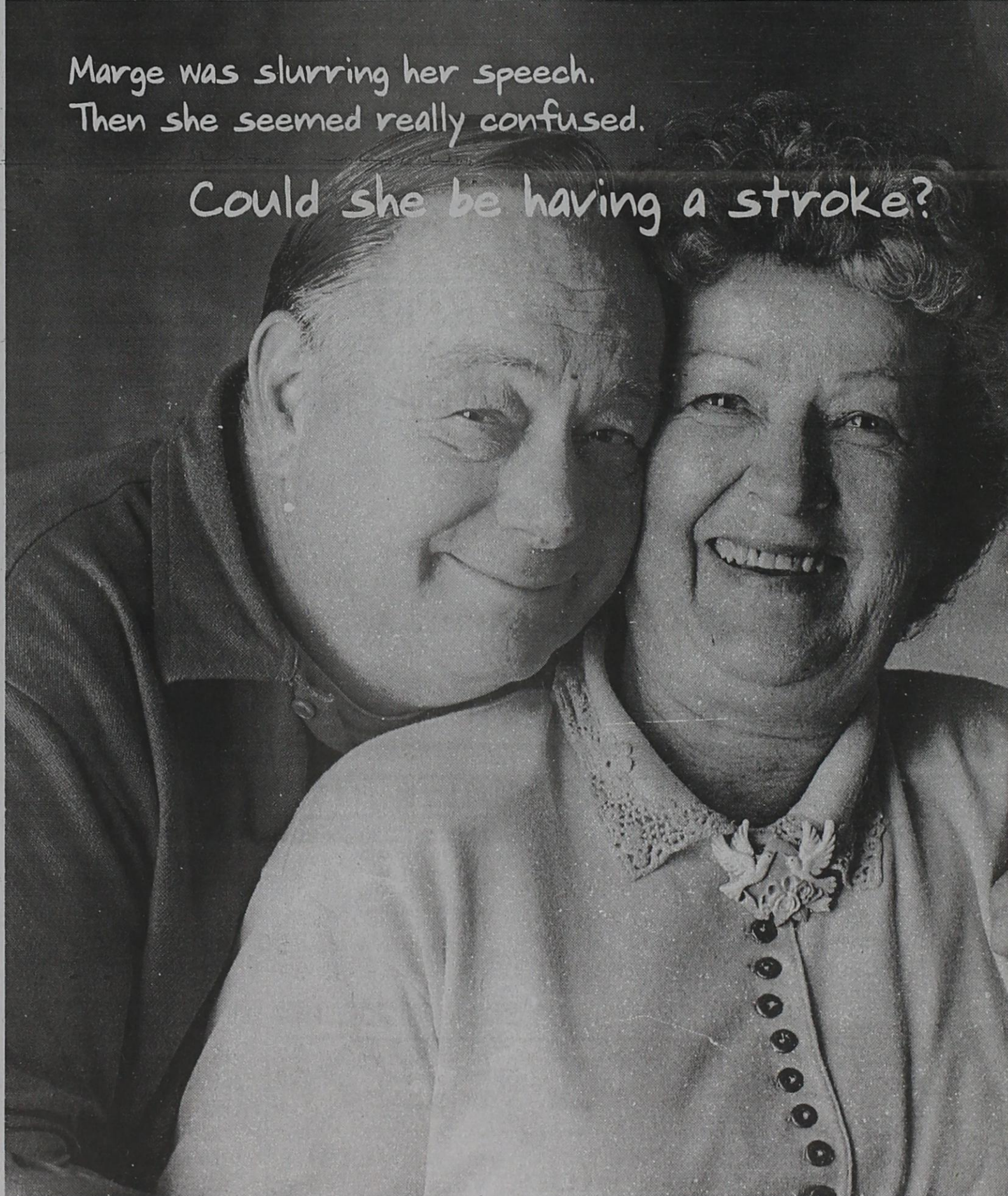
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Obituaries

Kenath E. Boyd, Sr.

Kenath E. Boyd, Sr., 55, died Sunday, March 21, 2004 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004 at Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home Chapel of Memories with Chaplin Royce Taylor officiating. Burial will be in the Breckenridge Cemetery directed by Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home.

He was born on February 19, 1949 in Breckenridge. He was married to Linda Lee Posey on October 16, 1967 in Breckenridge. She preceded him in death on Dec. 14, 1999. He married Sharon Rickles on June 16, 2000. He had worked as mechanic for Blodgett Motor Co. and later for Carstens Motor Co. He was a member of the Gunsight Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death

by his parents; and two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Boyd of Breckenridge; one daughter, Wendy Fullerton of Clyde; two step-daughters, Rhonda Sacrison of Waverley, South Dakota and Melissa Gonzales of Las Vegas, Nevada; a son, Kenath Boyd, Jr. of Breckenridge; a step-son, Jody Scherr of Belle Fourche, South Dakota; five sisters, Edna Poteet, Samantha Pesch, Eva Latham, Mildred McCullough and Vaneta Dodds, all of Breckenridge; two brothers, L.C. Boyd of Athens and David Boyd of Breckenridge; 17 grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society and may be left at the funeral home.

Baird Independent School District Minutes Of The Board Of Education March 18, 2004

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on March 18, 2004 with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Joe Clark, Burke Robinson, Miller Scott, Allen Wilson, and Gerry McDowell. Other school personnel present: Lacy Hogue, Lana Walls, Martha Lynn, Al Hunger and Sandra Carter. Other present: Al Pickett, Matthew Rogers, and Larry McIntire.

Kenneth Brock called the meeting to order at 7:44 P.M.

The final reading go update 72 was given.

Superintendent Hogue reported enrollment at 375; there was discussion of some of the staff retiring and possibly teaching Ω time next year, and some continuing to work full time after retirement.

A motion to approve the minutes from last meeting was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to pay the bills for March was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve Update 72 of the TASB policy manual was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Joe Clark. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to table the Textbook Adoption was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Allen Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

The ballot position drawing was as listed: 1. Matthew S. Rogers, 2. Gerry McDowell, 3. Richie Crow, 4. Larry McIntire.

A motion to approve the ballot position drawing was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Allen Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve Elaine Hopkins of Baird and Meta Isenhower of Putnam as the May 15, 2004 Election Judges was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Joe Clark. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn to closed session at 7:52 P.M. was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn from closed session at 8:57 P.M. was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to re-hire Larry Riney as a Ω time teacher was made by Miller Scott and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to re-hire the elementary staff with a 1-year term contract was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Joe Clark. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to re-hire Jennifer Clyburn with a 1-year probationary contract was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to interview the six finalists for superintendent as follows - Allen Law, Steven Self, Henry Lind, Glen Waldo, David Hutton, and Cliff Gardner was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to set three special board meetings for March 29, March 31, and April 1 starting at 6:00 each night to interview the six finalists was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Allen Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to set the next regular meeting for April 15, 2004 at 7:30 P.M. was made by Joe Clark and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn at 9:10 P.M. was made by Joe Clark and seconded by Miller Scott. Vote was unanimous.

DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time, in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

Remember:

Hell's Hot
Life's Short
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and, "There Ain't No Exits In Hell."

NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord they God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Any way that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that, "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 is says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon the name of the Lord. Jesus Himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." God reaffirms this truth in I Timothy 2:5 saying "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than believing. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ, **The Only Mediator between God and man**. Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first, you believe in **Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior**. By believing as Acts 16:31 indicates, you are saved! Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I do to be saved?" God answering through Paul said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior, and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God, because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my go-between for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by believing only. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is **always believe**. Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only through the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." For with the heart man believeth (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or "repeat this prayer after me," instead of **believing** John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us." But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise. **You don't fool Jesus**. Jesus knew that this man believed in Him; that this man believed that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing, the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or anything first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do anything to go along with believing, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's word is true. You don't (really) you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, **believe**. Psalm 119:89: "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18, 19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein - nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: **believe**. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," believe. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

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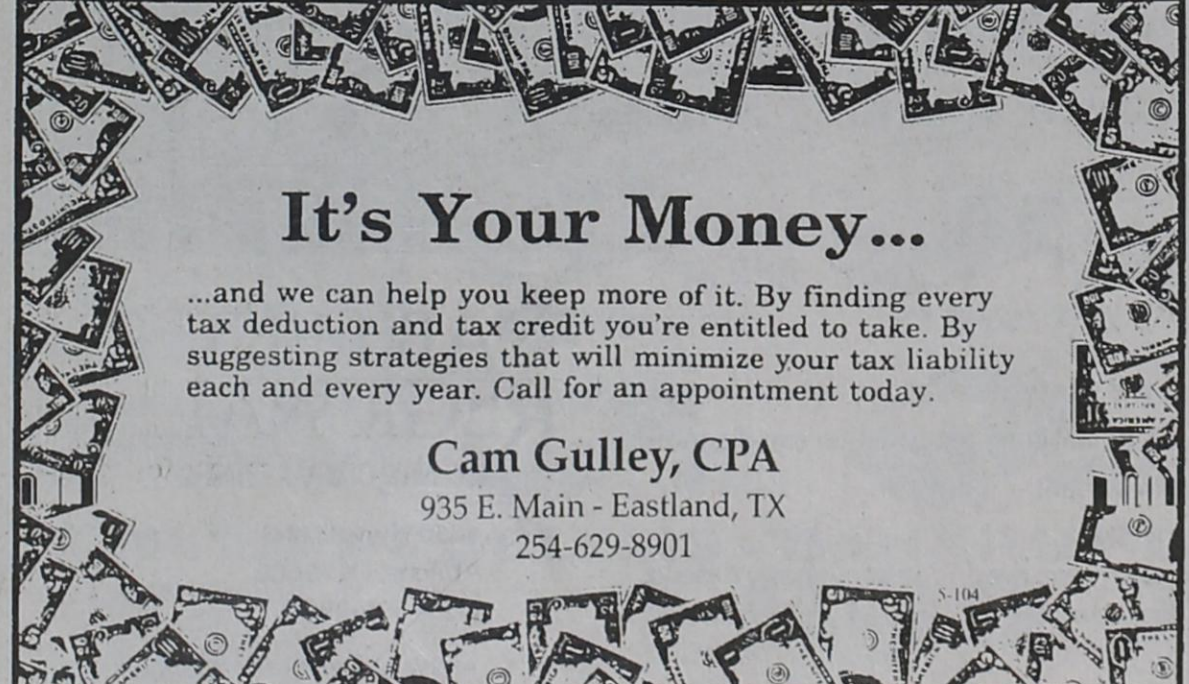
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