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Thursday, August 27, 2009

Callahan County Library News

With school and homework just around the corner I would like to remind everyone of the TexShare Databases that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission supplies to the citizens of Texas free of charge, a couple of them are: ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE. The world's most valuable and comprehensive scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text data-base, with more than 5,300 full-text periodicals, including 4,400 peer-viewed journals. In addition to full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for more than 9,300 journals and a total of 9,810 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. This scholarly collection offers unmatched full text coverage of information in many areas of academic study.

AGRICOLA- Contains bibliographic records from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Library. Coverage for AGRICOLA dates back to 1970 and includes more than 2.5 million citations. The citations are comprised of journal articles, monographs, theses, patents, software, audiovisual materials, and technical reports related to agriculture.

Some new books at the library are: Razor Sharp the latest in Fern Michael's Sisterhood series, Heartless by Diana Palmer, Dropped Dead Stitch: a knitting mystery by Maggie Sefton and Janet Evanovich's latest Stephanie Plum book, Finger Lickin' Fifteen (in large print). These books were purchased with Loan Star Libraries grant money.

From the Past

Callahan County Clarendon

Sept. 25, 1880

We were shown, yesterday morning, by John Merchant, two cows which he bought for beef. They were raised from Mexican cows and a Durham bull and are as fine as one would wish to see. Mr. Merchant bought them, paying \$20.00 a head, of Parson W. C. Sparks, who raised them on his farm on Turkey Creek. Their estimated weight is 1150 pounds each. Who can beat this for grass-fed beef? The Parson says he has more just as good or better than these, but these are A-one.

Messrs. G.W. and J.D. Merchant have their herd of cattle gathered. John has about 800 head of fine cattle here under herd and George is receiving 800 head from Byler & Waddell at their ranch in Mitchell County. They will start the herd to market in a few days.

Mr. Turner informs us that on Friday the 17th inst., as he was returning from Weatherford, while the train was on the down grade, the valve of the engine became deranged and would not pump water into the boiler, and fearing that he might set the train on fire the engineer cut the locomotive loose and shoved ahead, but it became unmanageable and the train was then thundering down the grade and nearly all of those on board jumped off. When the train struck the locomotive, Mr. Johnson, the jail contractor, one of the passengers, was somewhat injured but not seriously. The engine was badly injured and several cars considerably smashed up.

4-H Registration Meeting Aug. 31

Callahan County 4-H will be holding its first meeting on Monday, August 31st at the Clyde Elementary Cafeteria. The meeting which will be hosted by the Clyde 4-H Club will start with reg-

istration for Baird 4-H Club, Clyde 4-H Club, and Eula 4-H Club at 7 p.m.

Clyde 4-H members are required to be there for officer elections at 6:30 p.m.

DPS Report

8-16-09 to 8-22-09

CASES INVESTIGATED

Warnings- 133

Complaints- 60

Driving While License Invalid- 2

ACCIDENTS

There were 6 accidents investigated during this time

span

Commissioners Court Agenda

Callahan County Commissioners' Court

Notice of Open Meeting

Date of Meeting: August 24, 2009, 9:30 A.M.

Location: 100 West 4th, Suite 200

Callahan County Courthouse

Baird, Texas 79504

Complete Agenda:

Call to Order

Deliberate and Consider

Action on the following items:

I. Review and Sign

Minutes of Previous Meetings

II. Public Comment

(5 minutes per speaker)

No Discussion or Action

III. Discuss - Consider

Purchase of Tractor &

Mower for Prec. 1

IV. Discuss - Consider

Speed Limit Signs

on County Roads 279, 527, 276, 504, and South 4th.

V. Discuss - Consider

Renewing Lease - Human

Services - Building West

of Courthouse

VI. Discuss - Consider

Consolidating Voting Pre-

cincts 2 & 7, 3 & 5, and 4

& 6

VII. Review & Pay Ap-

proved Bills

Adjourn

Pursuant to the authority

granted under Govern-

ment Code, Chap. 551, the

Commissioner's Court may

convene a closed session

to discuss any of the above

agenda items. Immediately

before any closed session,

the specific section or sec-

tions of Government Code,

Chap. 551 which provides

statutory authority will be

announced.

Elvis Impersonator

Coming To Baird Sept. 5th

Las Vegas style entertainment is coming to Baird, Sept. 5th featuring Kraig Parker with what has been called the world's greatest Elvis Presley Tribute.

Parker, with the Royal Tribute Band and Orchestra, has been hailed as the premier Elvis imitator by fans who flock to his concerts from Las Vegas to London. He has been joined on stage and endorsed by Elvis' original singers including the Jordanaires, The Stamps Quartet and the Sweet Inspirations. He is managed by Charles Stone Management. Stone was the tour producer for Elvis from 1972 until 1977.

Baird Chamber of Commerce and sponsors are hosting the show at the Baird

High School Auditorium. Chamber President Rick McElmurray said, "We are extremely fortunate to have entertainment of his caliber."

Concert goers are amazed at Parker's uncanny likeness to Presley's look, vocal style and charisma. A Chamber spokesperson said the best evidence of Parker's popularity is seen in the number of people from around the area who have seen one of his performances and are buying tickets for the Baird concert.

Tickets are \$20 per person for the 7 p.m. performance. There are no reserved seats. For tickets and information call Baird Chamber of Commerce at (325) 854-2003.

Grand Ole Oplin August Line-Up

The Grand Ole Oplin announces the band line-up for the month of August. On August 28th Muddy Creek will be returning to play some more of your favorite country dancing tunes.

The Grand Ole Oplin is located at the intersection of FM 604 So. and FM 2926. The dances start each Friday at 7:30 p.m. and end at 10:30 a.m. Admission is

\$4.00 per person.

Everyone is invited to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all during the band's break. Alcohol and smoking is not allowed at any of the functions.

Meet The Bears Thurs.

Meet the Bears is scheduled for Thursday, August 27th at 7 p.m. at the Bear's Den. This Meet the Bears will be for the fall athletic programs. We will have a Meet the Bears again later for the spring programs.

Commissioners Court Minutes

COMMISSIONERS' COURT MINUTES

1100 W. 4th St.

Baird, Texas 79504

August 24, 2009

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF CALLAHAN

COUNTY

The Meeting of the

Commissioners' Court was

held at its regular meeting

place in the Courthouse

on August 24, 2009 A.D.,

with the following officers

present to wit:

Roger Corn, Judge

Presiding

Harold Hicks, Commissioner

Precinct No. 1

Bryan Farmer, Commissioner

Precinct No. 2

Cliff Kirkham,

Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Dianne Gunter, County

Treasurer

Donna Bell, County Clerk,

and ex-Officio Clerk of

the Commissioners' Court

and the following items of

business were transacted:

The meeting was called to

order at 9:30 A.M. by Judge

Corn. All Commissioners

were present.

The minutes of the previous

meeting were reviewed and

signed.

Under Public Comment

- None

Commissioner Hicks

made a motion to purchase

a John Deere Tractor from

Johnson Implement Co. for

\$51,987.75 and a Diamond

Boom Mower for \$38,474.88

from Triple Blade &

Steel, Inc. for precinct

1. Commissioner Farmer

seconded the motion. The

motion carried 5-0. Exhibit

Commissioner Windham

made a motion to set the

speed limit at 40 miles per

hour and to post speed limit

signs at County Roads 276,

279, 504, 527 and South 4th.

Commissioner Kirkham

seconded the motion and

the motion carried 5-0. Residents of county road 527 Mary Lynn Melton, Joanne Moomaw and Ted Moomaw voiced their concern over the high speed at which cars and trucks travel on the road. They were grateful for the new speed limit.

Commissioner Hicks

made a motion to renew the

lease with the Department

of Human Services on the

building they are currently

leasing. Commissioner

Hicks included in the motion

that DHS will be responsible

for all new improvements.

Commissioner Kirkham

seconded the motion. The

motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Farmer

made a motion to

consolidate precincts and

open just the early voting

location, at the courthouse.

The motion was seconded

by Commissioner Hicks and

carried 5-0. The precincts

consolidated will be 2 & 7

at Eula Community Center,

3 & 5 at Baird Activity

Center, and 4 & 6 at Cross

Plains Community Center.

The one Early Voting

Location will be at the

Courthouse in Baird.

Commissioner Farmer

made a motion to pay

the approved bills.

Commissioner Windham

seconded the motion which

then carried 4-0.

A motion was made by

Commissioner Hicks and

seconded by Commissioner

Windham to adjourn. The

motion carried 5-0. Meeting

adjourned at 10:19 A.M.

Roger Corn County

Judge

The foregoing minutes

were read and approved

this ____ day of ____

____, 2009

Donna Bell County Clerk

Also attending:

Mary Lynn Melton

Ted Moomaw

Joanne Moomaw

Callahan County Riding Club 2009 Play Dates Announced

The 2009 Callahan County Riding Club season kicked off on Saturday, May 2nd at the arena on FM 603 in Eula with other dates throughout the summer.

At 6 p.m. there was a membership drive so that everyone can get the required Coggins papers filed and membership dues paid. The play day began at 7 p.m. with a grand entry and fun for everyone. The concession stand was up and running. Everyone is encouraged to come out to these playdays.

The schedule for the 2009 season is below. All regu-

larly scheduled play days will begin with trainers/exhibitions at 6:30 and the events beginning at 7 p.m. Check us out on the web for updates at hyperlink <http://www.callahancountyrisingclub.com>

Saturday, August 29th.

Any rain-outs or make-

up days will be held on the

open weekend or on Fri-

days or Sundays, depend-

ing on weather and options

of membership. If you have

questions call Sue Under-

wood at 325-669-9411.

High School Football

Friday, August 28

Menard @ Baird 7:00 p.m.

Newspaper Deadline:
Tuesday by 4 p.m.

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American Life In Poetry

Column 231

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

This column originates on the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and at the beginning of each semester, we see parents helping their children move into their dorm rooms and apartments and looking a little shaken by the process. This wonderful poem by Sue Ellen Thompson of Maryland captures not only a moment like that, but a mother's feelings as well.

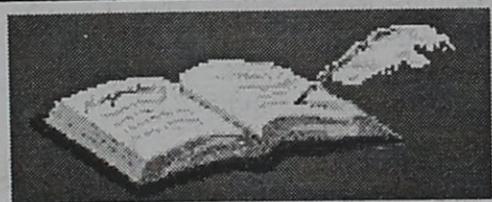
Helping My Daughter Move into Her First Apartment

This is all I am to her now:
a pair of legs in running shoes,
two arms strung with braided wire.
She heaves a carton sagging with CDs
at me and I accept it gladly, lifting
with my legs, not bending over,

raising each foot high enough
to clear the step. Fortunate to be
of any use to her at all.
I wrestle, stooped and single-handed,
with her mattress in the stairwell,
saying nothing as it pins me,
sweating, to the wall. Vacuum cleaner,
spiny cactus, five-pound sacks
of rice and lentils slumped
against my heart: up one flight
of stairs and then another,
down again with nothing in my arms

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Wanted: Writers & Poets



The pen is mightier than the sword

Writers And Poets!

The Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers announce that the Baird Star will be publishing submitted poetry and short stories. We will also be publishing a literary journal in the near future.

1. We ask for first-time publishing rights. All other rights will remain with the author.
2. There will be no payment, but you will get your works before the general public. We will be sending sample copies to other organizations, the literary world and libraries for their archives and your notoriety.
3. Short stories should be brief. Poetry should be no longer than 24 lines.
4. Each submission should be typewritten, single spaced, with author's name and contact information in the top right hand corner. You must include a SASE for the return of the submission.
5. Please address all submissions to:

Literary Editor
Eastland/Callahan County
Newspapers
P. O. Box 29
Eastland, TX 76448

email: thebairdspotlight@att.net

Submissions sought to:

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P.O. Box 29

Eastland, TX 76448

email: thebairdspotlight@att.net

S.A.S.E. for returns

--WANTED--

20 lines,

double spaced or less

Poetry

Fiction or Non

Each entry with brief biography notes. All must be family oriented; no smut, slander or liable material.

Rhyming Words To Know

Block

Tick-tock

Loch

Woodcock

Ad Hoc

Poppycock

Crock

Fetlock

Mock

Words To Use Wisely:

Mesencephalon: This is a name for the mid brain. No word was found for half brain.

Naupathia: When you get sick from being at sea, you can say you suffer from this.

Neomenia: This is when the new moon arrives. There was once a song "New Moon," sung by Nelson Eddy and Jeanette McDonald.

Ochlesis: When there is overcrowding, it can make for an unhealthy condition. This is a generic word for that.

At Summer's Close

Despite the bitter
northwind
You stuck tight 'til bitter
end
But I suppose, at summers
close
There's other things to
attend.

Looking upward to the
sky
And there you are flying
high
I can't believe, a little leaf
Could reach such heights
when it dies.

Jostled by each windy
breeze
You shimmered, you shook,
you teased
You wouldn't loose, your
favorite roost
Not even if they say please.

Then at once, without a
word
You were flying with the
birds
You danced and danced,
the sky romanced
And no sound was ever
heard.

Then up and away you
go
As sparks from a fire...
although
You go higher, than any
fire
And come down ever so
slow.

And now you're a part of
this
Your freedom is fortune
kissed
No anchor holds, this leaf
of gold
Even though you've been
dismissed.

You hustle and run
around
In the richest part of town
You scuttle about, the town
without
Your anchor that held you
down.

How about a brighter day
You can help in your own
way
Spread it around, your gold
and brown
You can do it while you
play.

-Weldon L. Smith
Eastland, Texas

A NAMELESS VOCATION

In her memoir *The Winter Sun*, poet Fanny Howe explores the possibilities and impossibilities of a writer's calling.

By Ange Mlinko

Poetry Media Service

The Winter Sun, by Fanny Howe. Graywolf Press, \$15.00.

At the outset of *The Winter Sun*, an apologia for the writing life, Fanny Howe confesses, "Since early adolescence I have wanted to live the life of a poet. What this meant to me was a life outside the law; it would include disobedience and uprootedness. I would be at liberty to observe, drift, read, travel, take notes, converse with friends, and struggle with form." The outlaw poet has a long lineage, from the Beats and Rimbaud back to the troubadours, and it doesn't accommodate the vulnerabilities of womankind. What it would mean for Howe, born in the United States in 1940, to pursue a life of poetry and self-definition—without sacrificing eros and motherhood—unfolds in a series of essays that might take as its motto "lower limit: memoir, upper limit: lyric." The Winter Sun is an indispensable companion to Howe's last book of nonfiction prose, *The Wedding Dress* (2003). Both collections circle around the theme of word and life, the via negativa, in an increasingly positivistic and cynical world. She subtitled *The Winter Sun* "Notes on a Vocation" but states at the outset that hers is "a vocation that has no name," collapsing the mystical and the literary, Simone Weil and Samuel Beckett.

Fanny Howe has written young adult novels and experimental fiction, but she is best known as a lyric poet of fragmentary serial works that call to mind Hölderlin and Dickinson. She is a reluctant memoirist, circling and digressing around a subject she finds difficult: herself. As a child, she remarks, "I was often mute in the background, sucking my thumb and daydreaming." Howe's background would turn any littérateur green: her father was Mark DeWolfe Howe, a law professor at Harvard descended from the illustrious Quincy family; her mother was Mary Manning, an Irish-born actress, writer, and general impresario of the arts in Cambridge. Life in that household was lively, sociable, and privileged, but it comes filtered through Howe's introversion. Her prose is condensed and cadenced to imply silence and shadow. Nameless fears persist around the edges; her earliest memories were marked by her father's absence while he served in World War II, then by the revelation of the concentration camps. "While we learned languages, poetry, science, and athletics, the prevailing social attitude was nihilist. Not officially so, not with reference to Nietzsche, but in the stirring cavities of decision making and imagination: Mass murder, global destruction, and genocide were idle topics."

The child sensitive to these intimations of cynicism and apocalypse would grow into a rebellious adult. *The Wedding Dress* opens with a powerful testimony of her youthful marriage and separation from her husband, Carl Senna. They were activists in Boston during the busing crisis (Jonathan Kozol introduced them). After four years of increasingly tense relations, mirrored too perfectly by the tensions outside their door, they were divorced and she, a white single mother, had three interracial children to support in a climate of fear and unrest. "There were many women like me—born into white privilege but with no financial security, given a good education but no training for survival." This crisis, and the example of her much-loved mother-in-law, a black woman from the South, precipitated Howe's conversion to Roman Catholicism.

Howe is well aware of how highly her "invisible-faithful" Catholic values are esteemed by "materialist-skeptical" intellectuals. Bitingly she acknowledges that people like herself "anxiously well-adjusted people because weakness is not meant to survive." In pitting herself against the evo-devo celebration of competition that permeates our culture, Howe's unorthodox Catholicism (she quotes liberation theologians) is just as countercultural today as her civil rights activism was in the 1960s.

Howe is fully comfortable neither with entertaining nor with instructing. Instead, her memoirs and meditations are driven by the revelation that "the future is only the past turned around to look at itself." Like her daydreaming child self, she is bewildered by the demands of time, and finally doesn't really acquiesce to them. She repeats the trope over and over again: "The future is only the past recognizing itself at another location." "We move forward into a past that will be censored." Her digressive, meditative form mirrors this conviction: meditations subvert the demands of linear narrative, modeling a life outside ordinary time.

So what are we, if we are indeed enlightened and well adjusted, supposed to make of a woman who holds incompetence as an exemplary value; who distrusts words but uses them specifically, in the age of Richard Dawkins, to trace experience back to God; who would rather "hide out" caring for children than "get to work!" à la Linda Hirshman?

I find that Howe's essays clarify two contemporary issues. One: "The atheist is no less an inquirer than a believer," she writes. "In living at all, she is no less a believer than an unbeliever" (emphasis mine). Hence Camus's opening sentence in *The Myth of Sisyphus*, from 1942, is as pertinent as ever: "There is only one really serious philosophical problem, and that is suicide." We must determine for ourselves a *raison d'être*; in this, as in everything else about Darwinian capitalism, we are on our own. (Howe reminds us that the sign over the gate to Buchenwald reads *Jedem das Seine*—"to each his own," or, as she clarifies, everyone gets what he deserves.) In rejecting suicide, we are all creatures of faith.

Determining for ourselves a *raison d'être* is also, of course, the chief prerogative of those who choose the writing life, and the second issue, which Howe's "Notes on a Vocation" clarifies, is the role of the poet in an age of widespread scientism that peremptorily decides what questions are worth asking and how best to answer them. Quoting Johann Metz, Howe advocates "rebellion against being partially described—be it by a science or by another person." A poet—just by persisting in that weak, useless, embarrassing role—contests authoritarian definitions of the self. Until the suave proponents of Darwinian fitness and success can solve the problem of "living at all," until such time as they can make us—mothers, fathers, children, poets—happy to be partially described, governed by those descriptions, we cannot do without Fanny Howe and this nameless, wide-open vocation.

Ange Mlinko is the recipient of the 2009 Randall Jarrell Award in Poetry Criticism. Her latest book of poems is *Starred Wire*. This article first appeared in *The Nation*. Distributed by the Poetry Foundation. Read more about Fanny Howe, and her poetry, at www.poetryfoundation.org.

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REDEEMED member of South Texas Gospel Music Association Live In Concert. Fifth Sunday singing in Moran at the Country Gospel Church located at corner of Ground and Pearl Street in Moran, TX Sunday, August 30th starts at 3 p.m. Free Admission- Love Offering 325-518-8792.

Carbon Golden Exes To Meet October 3rd

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 3, 2009 Carbon School grounds-east end of Anthracite St.

The Carbon High School Class of 1959 will be honored.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the old school location and will last until the program begins at 10:30 a.m.

Carbon Community Center

will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m. The Carbon School trophies and other memorabilia are there for viewing.

The noon meal will be served in the camp dining hall on the north end of the school. The building is air conditioned with plenty of seating.

Meal tickets are \$10.50

each and can be picked up at the registration table. If your address has changed from last year be sure and make that change when you register so you will receive notice for next year's event.

Reservations are required for the noon meal.

Please send check or money order addressed to: Carbon Golden Exes, P.O. Box 635,



BILINGUAL REVIVAL - Louis and Shara Rubio at Country Gospel Church, Moran, Texas September 11, 12, 13 Friday, Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday 3:30 p.m. 1-325-945-3011. The church is located at corner of Ground and Pearl Street in Moran.

Carbon, TX 76435.

Deadline for reservations: September 19, 2009.

Schedule:

Open visit and walk through the Carbon Community Center (previously Carbon Methodist Church) 8:30 to 10 a.m.

Registration 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Open visitation 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (bring pictures, annuals, etc.)

Program 10:30 a.m.

Meal: 12 noon or immediately following program

The Carbon Community Center will host a Spaghetti Supper as a fundraiser Friday night Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m. Cost will be donations at the door of the Community Center.

2009 Committee, CHS Class of 1958
Larry Greer, Chairperson

Cisco High School Class of 1999 Reunion Sept. 25 and 26

Attention Cisco High School Class of 1999! It's time for our ten-year reunion. We'll meet up at Cisco's Homecoming Game on Friday, September 25, 2009. We'll have our official reunion the following day, Saturday, September 26, at 1 pm at the Cisco Country Club. We'll also have dinner in Abilene that night. Please contact Serenity (Norman) Rasmussen at 972.697.7427 or serenity.rasmussen@gmail.com for more information and to RSVP. Official invitations with more information will be sent out soon, so make sure I have your mailing address! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone!

2009 Moran Homecoming Set For October 23, 24

The 2009 Moran Homecoming will be held on Friday, October 23 and Saturday, October 24, according to an announcement by the Moran Ex-Student & Teacher Association. The Moran Bulldogs are scheduled to host the Blackwell Hornets for the homecoming football game on Friday night, with the remaining homecoming activities scheduled on Saturday as usual. A parade and street dance are among the activities being considered this year, in addition to the traditional exes program. The Ex-Student & Teacher Association will hold a meeting very soon to discuss plans for this year's homecoming, although a meeting date has not yet been finalized. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer to help with this year's homecoming or if you need further information, please contact Duston Brooks at (325) 945-3145, Aline McCormack at 945-3715, Jo Ellen Hise at 945-2199 or send an e-mail to moranhomecoming@aol.com. Please make plans to attend this year's homecoming.

Send your news to ecn@att.net

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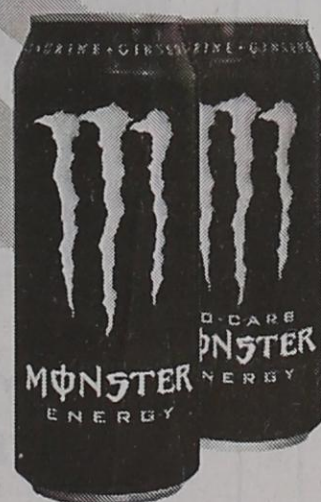


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#5	SPICY POPCORN CHICKEN & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.79
#6	3 TAMALES, HOWLERS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.69
#7	2 HOT LINKS WITH BREAD & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.59
#8	2 CORN DOGS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.69
#9	CHIMICHANGA & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.49
#10	2 BEEF & BEAN BURRITOS & 32 OZ. TALLSUP	\$2.69

Slow Aging With Blueberries

Millions of people enjoy blueberries because they taste good and are versatile enough to be part of many different menu items. Blueberries, however, are also nutrient-rich and offer a host of health benefits, one of which may be slowing down the aging process.

This isn't to say that blueberries can turn back the hands of time, but they may help slow down some of the typical side effects of aging, most notably diminished mental capacity. In a USDA Human Nutrition Research Center laboratory study, researchers fed blueberry extractions to lab mice. The extractions were the equivalent of a human eating one cup of blueberries per day. The mice were then run through a series of motor tests. The mice who were given the blueberry extractions performed better than the control group on motor functions and memory. They also showed an increase of exploratory behavior.

The antioxidant components of blueberries that give them their vivid color help reduce oxidative stress, as observed after looking at the brains of the treated mice. Oxidative stress is damage to cell membranes and DNA from free radicals. Antioxidants are known to find and eradicate free radicals. Oxidative stress is thought to be a main culprit in many of the dysfunctions and diseases common to aging.

Because of their neurological, motor-function link, blueberries may be essential to reducing the severity of neurological diseases, such as Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Stay Healthy During Grilling Season

When it comes to warm weather parties, few ideas are more popular than a backyard barbecue. However, as enjoyable as such gatherings can be, they can cause problems as well, particularly if certain steps aren't taken when it comes to cooking and handling food.

* **Clean your hands:** Most backyard barbecues feature a host of standard fare when it comes to the menu. Burgers, steaks, hot dogs, and poultry are some of the most popular items. If you're handling raw meat and poultry, wash your hands between touching the meat and then touching the poultry.

* **Don't marinate outside:**

Any good grillmaster knows that the key to a successful barbecue is how well the food is marinated. If marinating food for an extended period of time, keep the food refrigerated while marinating. Also, be sure not to apply leftover marinade to food that's already cooked. If you're wary of wasting the marinade, boil it before applying to cooked food. The boiling will remove any bacteria left in the marinade by the raw meat or chicken.

* **Use a meat thermometer:** Many grill chefs have heard cries that their food isn't cooked well enough. Typically, this is heard after someone puts all the fixin's on their food. That can make

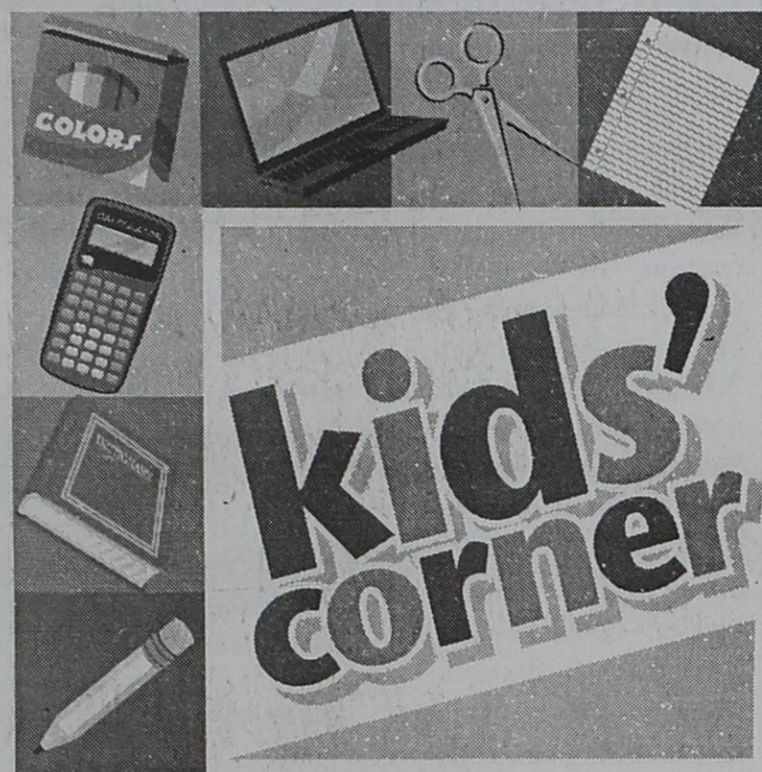
continuing to cook the food a messy ordeal. To avoid such instances, use a meat thermometer on burgers and steaks. In general, burgers should be cooked to 160 F, while meats such as steaks, roasts or london broil can be cooked to 145 F (medium rare) or 160 F (medium). Undercooked poultry can be especially dangerous, so cook to 170 F.

* **Change utensils and plates:** Once the food is cooked or if you're checking to see if it's finished, don't use the same utensils to remove or check food that you used to place it on the grill. Also, carry the uncooked food out on one plate, and present cooked

food on another plate to avoid food contamination.

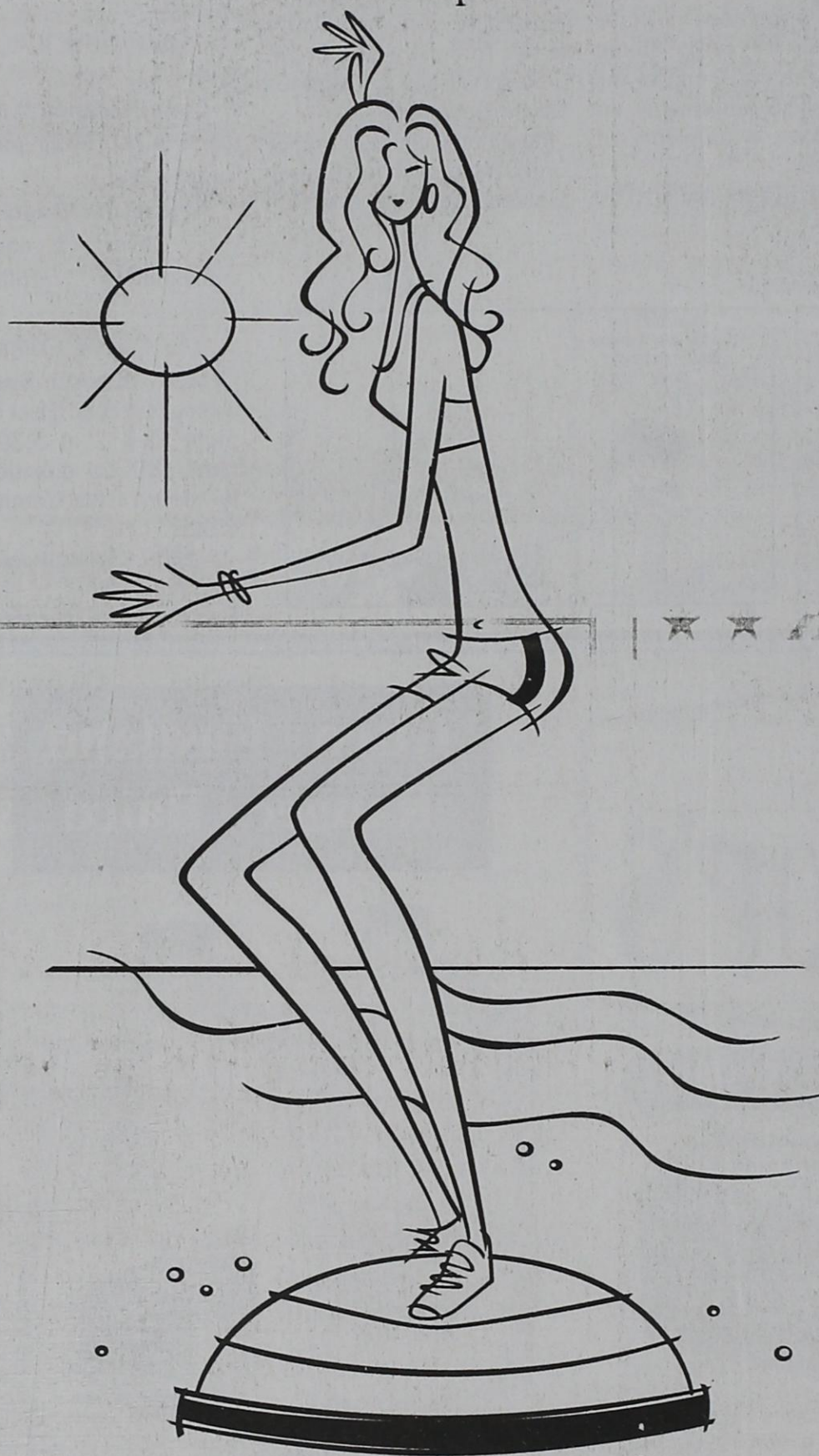
* **Heat a charcoal grill properly:** If you prefer to use a charcoal grill, make sure the coals are heated for 20 to 30 minutes before you put any food on the grill. Coals should not still be black if you're about to commence cooking. Instead they should be gray.

* **For tailgaters,** cool your food as well: Grilling out isn't confined to summertime or backyards. Sports fans across the nation often take their grills to the stadium and tailgate before the big game. In such cases, make sure you bring a food-only cooler along. Keep food separated and refrigerated in the cooler and until it's time to do some cooking.

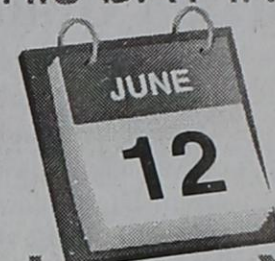


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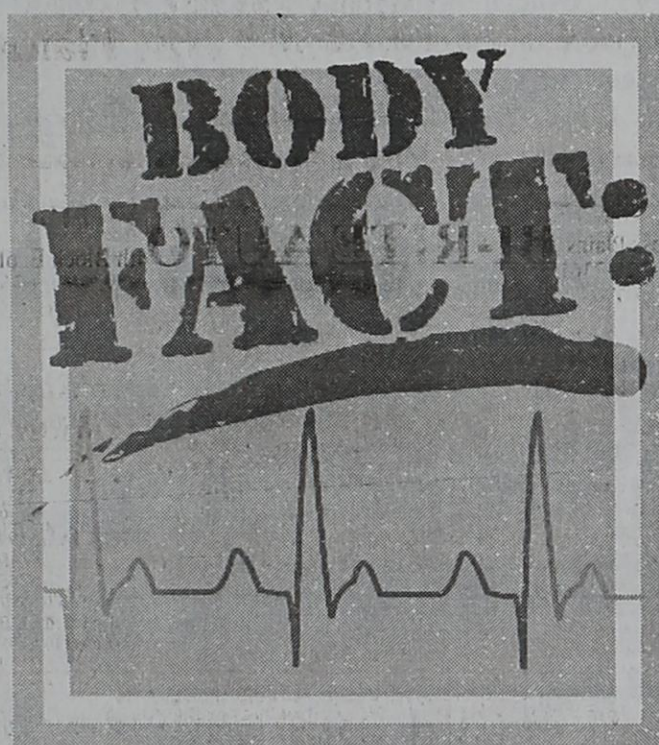


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• **1880:** A PERFECT GAME WAS PITCHED BY JOHN LEE RICHMOND.

• **1939:** THE BASEBALL HALL OF FAME OPENED IN COOPERSTOWN, NY.

• **1942:** ANNE FRANK RECEIVED A DIARY FOR HER BIRTHDAY.



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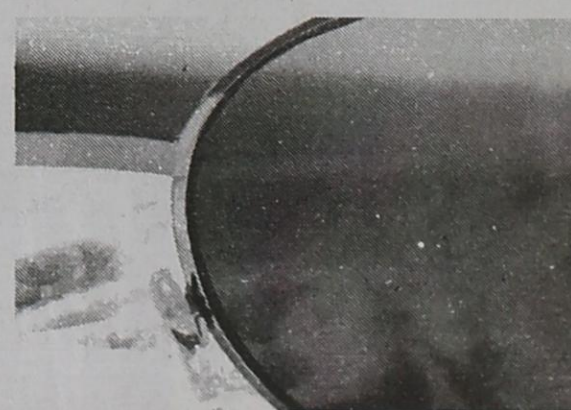
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The number of layers during July averaged 17.4 million, down 4 percent from last year but up 1 percent from June 2009. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,284 eggs, up 2 percent from last year's 2,244 eggs but up 5 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 58.9 million, up 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.59 billion eggs during July 2009, down slightly from a year ago. Production included 6.51 billion table eggs, 1.01 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 71 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 333 million during July 2009, down 1 percent from a year ago. Production per 100

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4 (1/3-inch thick slices pound cake

4 tablespoons butter, room temperature, plus 3 tablespoons cold butter

2 cups bananas, cut into 1/3 inch semicircles

1/4 cup light-brown sugar

1/3 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg

2 tablespoons vanilla extract

pinch salt

Marble Slab Cheesecake Ice Cream

Mint leaves, for garnish

(3/4 cup rum optional)

Place 12-inch saute pan over medium heat. Butter each side of pound cake slices with 1 1/3 teaspoons of room temperature butter. Saute for 1 minute a side. Remove cake slices. Return pan to the stove. Increase heat to medium-high. Add 2 tablespoons cold butter, when melted, add bananas and saute, stirring often for 1 minute. If desired, add brown sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg, vanilla extract and salt. Cook 1 minute, and remove pan from heat. If desired, add rum, ignite and let burn out. Return pan to stove. Cook 30 seconds. Swirl remaining butter into mixture. Place 1 scoop of Marble Slab Creamery's Cheesecake Ice Cream on each slice of cake and top with equal portions of banana mixture. Garnish with mint. Serve immediately. -NAPS

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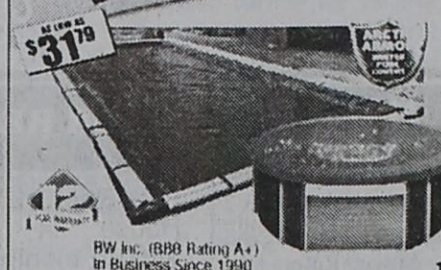
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 8/20 Jim Ned/Sonora at San Angelo Scrimmage
 8/28 Wichita Falls Hirschi at W.F. 7:30 p.m.
 9/4 Graham at Clyde 7:30 p.m.
 9/11 Early at Clyde 7:30 p.m. Homecoming
 9/18 Sweetwater at Clyde 7:30 p.m.
 9/25 Vernon at Vernon 7:30 p.m.
 10/2 Open
 10/9 Merkel at Clyde 7:30 p.m. District
 10/16 Cisco at Cisco 7:30 p.m.
 10/23 Anson at Clyde 7:30 p.m.
 10/30 Hawley at Clyde 7:30 p.m.
 11/6 Eastland at Eastland 7:30 p.m.

2009 Clyde 9th Grade, JV Football

8/15 Comanche at Comanche Scrimmage
 8/20 Jim Ned/Sonora at San Angelo
 8/27 Wichita Falls Hirschi at W.F. 5, 6:30 p.m.
 9/3 Graham at Graham 5, 6:30 p.m.
 9/10 Early at Early 5, 6:30 p.m.
 9/17 Sweetwater at Sweetwater 5, 6:30 p.m.
 9/24 Vernon at Clyde 5, 6:30 p.m.
 10/1 Sweetwater 9th TBA
 10/8 Merkel at Merkel 5, 6:30 p.m. District
 10/15 Cisco at Clyde 5, 6:30 p.m.
 10/22 Anson at Anson 5, 6:30 p.m.
 10/29 Hawley (JV only) at Hawley 6:30 p.m.
 10/29 Comanche (9th) at Clyde 7 p.m.
 11/5 Eastland at Eastland 6:30 p.m.

2009 Clyde 7th & 8th Grade Football

9/10 Early at Clyde 4:30 p.m.
 9/17 Sweetwater at Clyde 4:30 p.m.
 9/22 Breckenridge at Breckenridge 4:30 p.m.
 10/1 Jim Ned TBA
 10/8 Merkel at Clyde 4:30 p.m. District
 10/15 Cisco at Cisco 4:30 p.m.
 10/22 Anson at Clyde 4:30 p.m.
 10/29 Hawley at Clyde 4:30 p.m.
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Healthy Lunch Box Makeovers

When preparing packed lunches for school-age children, don't forget the essential whole grains, protein, fiber and nutrients. If this seems like a lot to fit in a brown sack, think again. The nationally recognized authority on nutrition says it's easy to integrate sound eating into busy lifestyles—any parent can provide wholesome lunch options for children at affordable prices.

A child's lunch should re-energize the body and fuel the mind. Whole grains, lean protein, fruit, vegetables and fortified foods that are low in fat will make kids feel revived and ready to pay attention in classes, says Dr. Mitchell. She recommends these top lunch box tips:

•Whole grains are packed with fiber, vitamins and minerals; therefore, it is important to incorporate a whole grain selection of pitas, minis, bagels, tortillas and bread for sandwiches. You can also use a cookie cutter for bread to create fun shapes.

•Sneak in extra nutrition by adding shredded carrots or chopped vegetables to egg, chicken or tuna salad. Add some extra crunch to sandwiches with thin-sliced layers of green peppers or cucumbers.

•Pack baby carrots or small pieces of broccoli or cauliflower with hummus for dipping.

•Weave extra vitamins

and minerals into a child's diet and include a small bottle of fortified water in addition to milk or soymilk.

•Mix it up. To help children look forward to what's in their lunch box, vary the items. Alternate sending backed chips with black bean dip or low-fat popcorn, which is a source of whole grain. Parents can also add a granola bar or try an Archer Farms Strawberry Fruit Bar, which provides 100 percent of the daily value for vitamin C and is a great source of fiber. The Target exclusive Archer Farms collection offers premium-quality foods at great value, including all-natural and organic options. All the products also contain zero grams of added trans fat.

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Packing a nutritious lunch does require some thought, but with just a little planning on your part, your children will have a healthy lunch that will keep them energized throughout the entire school day.

**Clyde ISD School Menu****Thursday, August 27**

Breakfast: Cereal & toast or breakfast burrito or breakfast sausage pizza, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch:

Catfish strips, chicken tenders, sliced turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes, wheat rolls, green beans, fruit, milk

Friday, August 28

Breakfast: Cereal & toast or biscuit, sausage, gravy or sausage in a blanket, fruit juice, milk
 Lunch:

Cheeseburger, chicken burger, chili cheese dog, baked

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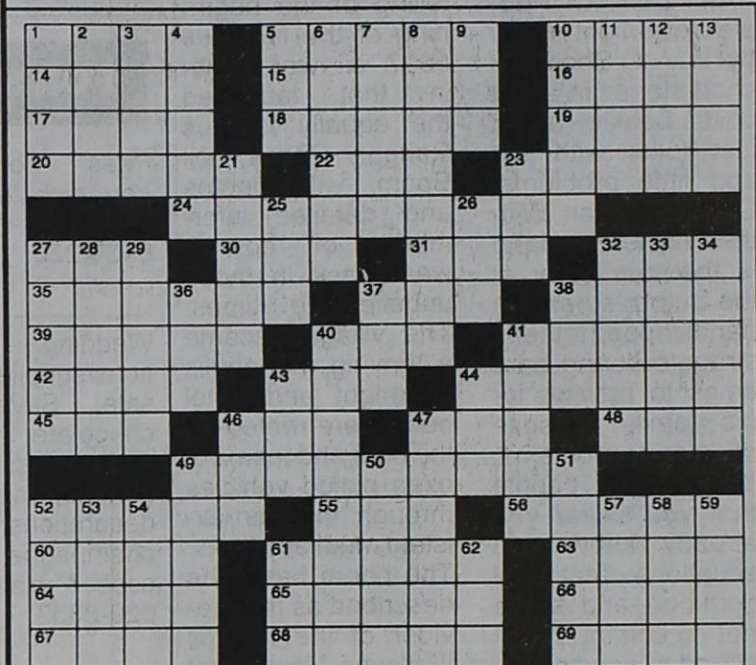
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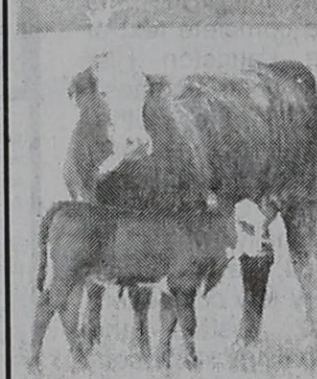
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The Idle American

Commentary by Don Newbury

Lessons Learned...

They showed up more than a thousand strong in San Antonio a while back, student recruitment and retention folks from throughout the nation whose jobs are to sign up--and retain--incoming college freshmen.

The conference was sponsored by Noel-Levitz, experts in the field who know more about 18-year-olds than the kids know about themselves. And these gurus spout statistics about trends, probabilities and other data as effortlessly as youngsters exchange text messages. "The average high school senior texts 90 times daily," one speaker claimed.

This stat came to mind later in New York City when a young lady, perhaps facing her senior year in high school, emerged from a nail salon with nail extensions that would have passed for

talons. They flummoxed her efforts to text. "It's like your fingers doing the walking--on stilts," she laughed....

Two educators who taught multiple generations of students (without many teaching materials or much else early on) recorded 128 total classroom years. They had speaking parts at recent school in-service programs, one in Stephenville and the other in Sealy.

In Stephenville, Virginia Bond, who retired in June after 65 years as an elementary music teacher, received a standing ovation from the some 500 attendees. Superintendent Darrell Floyd asked how many people in the audience--or their children or grandchildren--had sat in Miss Bond's classes. A full three-fourths of them stood. Mayor Nancy Hunter designated August 17 as "Virginia Bond Day" and

awarded her the first-ever "key to the city."

"They couldn't tell me what it opens, except that I shouldn't expect it to work if I lock myself out of my house," the 85-year-old joked....

In Sealy, 91-year-old Maggie Selman brought greetings. She "taught it all," so to speak, starting out there when the community had a one-room school. (She served in Sealy for 58 of her 63 instructional years.)

She told in-service participants how much she continues to value learning, but was reluctant to start first grade 85 years ago. "I so hated to leave my dogs and cats behind when I left the house each day," she admitted. A few minutes later, Board President Mark Miller said he felt the same way about his dogs and cats, and "that was when I left the house this morning!"

Mrs. Selman's name is on two Sealy schools. It was first on the elementary school, and when it was split to make way for an intermediate school, backers of both schools insisted on

keeping her name. So, it's on the intermediate school, too....

My 97-year-old Uncle Mort, who claims to be "an honor graduate of the school of hard knocks," hopes Michael Vick learned his lesson after spending 18 months in the penitentiary for his dog-fighting ventures.

Mort spoke of sports humorist David Thomas' mention that if there were just one more letter in the Philadelphia nickname, they wouldn't have signed him. He wouldn't be a "fit" with the Philadelphia "Beagles."

Extending that logic, he said that the fight for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Texas could be a tribute to S&H Green Stamps, trading stamps that were a national rage for several decades. "Put an 'S' in front of Perry, and you've got Sperry," Mort prattled. "Sperry and Hutchison printed a bunch more stamps than the post office for lots of years," he added. (I didn't have the heart to tell him

that he'd have to introduce a second letter in Kay Bailey Hutchison's name, since the stamp people were named "HutchiNson.")....

Uncle Mort continued on his winding trail of conversational topics, switching gears to the recent 40th anniversary of man's first moon walk.

"Old Alvin Dark was quite a prophet," he claimed. Dark was manager of the San Francisco Giants when Gaylord Perry was a rookie pitcher back in 1962. It is said that in that year, a sportswriter asked Dark what he thought of Perry's chances of ever hitting a home run. "Man will walk on the moon before he hits a home run," Dark predicted.

Wouldn't you know it? Seven years later, on July 21, 1969, Apollo XI made its lunar landing. A few minutes later (some claim it was a few hours), Perry blasted the first of his six career major league homers....

A final "kid kudo." Hats

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off to the "elevenish" youngster who luckily took his glove to a recent Rangers' baseball game in Arlington. His perch, high in the stadium behind third base, was far removed from home plate.

He's glad he had his glove. In the span of two minutes, he snagged TWO foul balls. May he be so fortunate at school this year....

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