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DOWN HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: I thought you might be interested to know that your input, as far as sending letters, e-mails, telephone calls, etc. concerning indecency on television and in the movies, has been successful. Christian radio stations are currently announcing that television program productions and movie makers will be fined for use of indecency and guidelines will be enforced.

There has been such an outcry from the public that changes are being made. It is encouraging to know that if we make enough noise our voices will be heard.

Congratulations to all who took the time and made the effort to state their opinions to various agencies, political representatives, etc. Apathy was not our enemy this time!!!!

A subscriber mailed me the following information. Your history and government facts may have slipped your memory, too. Not having the privilege to visit the places mentioned personally, I was amazed at the facts. The quotations were pretty phenomenal, also. Give this some thought!!!! Vanda Anderson

"Did You Know?"

As you walk up the steps to the Capitol Building, which houses the Supreme Court, you can see near the top of the building, a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a frontal view—it is Moses and the Ten Commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit—a display of the Ten Commandments!

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution", made the following statement, "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Patrick Henry, a patriot and Founding Father of our country, said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayers since 1777.

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of

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Burkett VFD Announces Open House

The volunteers of the Burkett Fire Department have worked hard to get a qualified fire department established. We now have one, with the help of the Forestry Service. Other area fire departments have been helpful, as Eula donated a fire truck. We are a part of the Coleman County Volunteer Fire Departments.

With the assistance of those involved in the raffles, fund-raisers, and volunteer manpower, we now have a building for the fire trucks. All efforts and contributions are needed and appreciated.

This is your fire department for your community. The BVFD will be hosting an open house to talk about your fire department and see our building and trucks and the progress that has been made for the community. Open house will be held at the Life Center (old Methodist Church) at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 21.

Everyone is urged to come and see what has been accomplished and what needs to be done. Please visit and have refreshments.

Submitted by Dana Veteto
Secretary/Treasurer

Cross Plains Roping Club Reminder About Saturday

Bring your horse, your trailer and your appetite!!

March 20th, we are going to start gathering at 10 a.m. We're going to have some fun out at the arena. The weather is getting good, and it's about time we all enjoy it!

We'll be barbecuing hamburgers, and gearing our horses up for the summer.

Anyone interested in joining us

at the arena on Saturday, please feel free to come on down. If you want to ride, bring your horse. We'll just be riding for fun, no competition, although we can set up the barrels and poles for those more adventurous folks.

Anyone wanting to join the club can do so Saturday. Memberships are \$15.00.

Submitted by Dru Eppard

C. P. Public Library to Host Cowboy Poet

Popular western entertainer, Dennis Gaines, will be the featured attraction at a fund-raising event sponsored by the Cross Plains Public Library. The award winning Cowboy Artist will be at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center on Main Street on Friday, April 16, to spin a few tales, recite a few poems and sing a few songs.

Drawing on his real life experiences as a working cowboy, Gaines can turn a simple bucking bronc ride into a visual picture that leaves his audiences laughing and nodding in agreement. The weather endured by the cowboys is

another typical as shown in his poem, WINDIES: "The spiders in the bunkhouse hunker down inside the boots/ And fellers packin' pistols has to watch the way they shoots/ 'Cause bullets fired against the wind can take ya' by surprise/ When they stops and turns around and hits ya' square between the eyes."

In addition to visualizing the recitations of Gaines the audience will be treated to a surprise during intermission that will be a real sight for sore eyes.

So, after you've settled with the IRS on April 15, come celebrate with the library on April 16.

"All You Can Eat" Kiwanis Club's Pancake Supper Tuesday Evening

This coming Tuesday night is the time for the annual **Pancake Supper Fund-raiser** for the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains. Roy Stambaugh, chairman of the fund-raiser, reports that we have some pancake flippers that I-HOP has been trying to hire away from us but we've been able to keep them until after this great event! It is hoped that one of those great cooks, Charlie Ross, will bring the special recipe for "M&M Pancakes" (stolen from Steve Mack of years past), and that he will be able to supply plenty of that special variety for all the young and the "young at heart".

We will have all the pancakes and sausage you want (maybe "all

you need" would be better—HA!), along with tea, coffee or water, for only \$4 per person. (Children eating off their parent's plate will not be charged.) We will accept donations above the designated amount, however, if you want to help the Kiwanis Club in an extra way with our many projects.

The Kiwanis Club hope that you will take part in great food and fellowship on **Tuesday Night, March 23rd, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.**, at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. You may purchase tickets ahead of time from Kiwanis members, or pay at the door. Bring some guests and have a great time together!

Submitted by Bob Pipes

Upcoming Election Candidates Announced

Three candidates are vying for two positions on the City Council including Terry Lichty and incumbents Dean Dillard and Jerry Cassle. Incumbent Ray

Purvis will be the only candidate for the mayor's position.

Five candidates are seeking three trustee positions for the Cross Plains I.S.D. including George Mathews and Darby Nichols and incumbents, Susan Schaefer, Vicki Dillard and Jim Cook.

The deadline to file for both elections was Monday, March 15th. Election day will be May 15, 2004 at a new location yet to be announced.

Callahan County Republican Primary Election March 9, 2004 Total Votes Cast 549

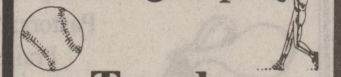
Presidential Nominee		
George W. Bush	498	90.71%
Uncommitted	36	6.55%
U.S. Representative, District 19		
Randy Neugebauer	421	76.68%
Railroad Commissioner		
Victor G. Carrillo	324	59.01%
Robert Butler	81	14.75%
Douglas G. Daffenbaugh	39	7.10%
K. Dale Henry	28	5.10%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3		
Harriet O'Neill	398	72.49%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 5		
Paul Green	233	42.44%
Steven Wayne Smith	172	31.32%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9		
Scott Brister	380	69.21%
Judge, Court Criminal Appeals, Pl. 2		
Guy James Gray	200	36.42%
Lawrence "Larry" Meyers	199	36.24%
Judge, Court Criminal Appeals, Pl. 5		
Cheryl Johnson	235	42.80%
Patricia Noble	166	30.23%
Judge, Court Criminal Appeals, Pl. 6		
Steven M. Porter	206	37.52%
Michael E. Keasler	193	35.15%
State Senator, District 24		
Troy Fraser	441	80.32%
State Representative, District 53		
Nicki Harle	434	79.05%
Harvey Hilderbran	105	19.12%
Justice, 11th Court Appeals,		
Terry McCall	403	73.40%
District Judge, 42nd Judicial District		
John Weeks	428	77.95%
County Attorney		
Shane Deel	448	81.60%
County Chairman		
Pat Chrane	433	78.87%

Callahan County Democratic Primary Election March 9, 2004 Total Votes Cast 384

Presidential Nominee		
Dick Gephardt	2	0.68%
Wesley K. Clark	9	3.09%
Al Sharpton	4	1.37%
Dennis J. Kucinich	4	1.37%
Randy Crow	0	0.00%
John Edwards	65	22.33%
John F. Kerry	159	54.63%
Howard Dean	4	1.37%
Lyndon H. Larouche, Jr.	2	0.68%
Joe Lieberman	10	3.43%
U.S. Representative, District 19		
Charles W. Stenholm	327	85.15%
Railroad Commissioner		
Bob Scarborough	293	76.30%
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9		
David Van Os	277	72.13%
Judge, Court Criminal Appeals, Pl. 6		
J.R. Molina	279	72.68%
County Attorney		
Allen Wright	292	76.04%
Sheriff		
Eddie Curtis	321	83.59%
County Tax Assessor/Collector		
Tammy T. Walker	350	91.14%
County Commissioner, Precinct #1		
Harold Hicks	72	88.88%
County Commissioner, Precinct #3		
Tommy Holland	91	77.11%
County Constable, Precinct #4		
William "Bill" Young	69	74.19%
County Chairman		
Jon Hardwick	311	80.98%
Referendum No. 1		
For	35	9.11%
Against	303	78.90%
Referendum No. 2		
For	208	54.16%
Against	128	33.33%

Cross Plains Little League

It's NOT too late to sign up



**Tuesday
March 23rd**

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Field**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Bring Copy Of
Birth Certificate**

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"What's Inside"**

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Concerned Christians For America to Meet

The Concerned Christians For America will meet again Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m. at New Beginning's Church in Brownwood. The meeting will be in the old section of the church on Belle Plain (turn right between Kroger and the Yamaha Shop). CCFA is praying together for changes in America and for decency to be reinstated. A

March for God and Country is being planned for April 24th in Brownwood to lift up God's Word over this nation. Your participation and input is needed to make this event successful. For additional information log onto www.brownwoodlive.com/ccfa or call (325) 641-1301 and ask for Jim or Pauline Holloway.

IT'S A BOY!!



Kirt and D'Neal Harle of Abilene would like to announce the birth of their son, Henry Jarrett Harle. Jarrett was born on Friday, February 20, at 8:57 a.m., at Abilene Regional Medical Center. His weight was 7 lbs., and Jarrett was 19-1/2 inches long. Jarrett and his parents are all doing well. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Sherri Riney of Baird; maternal great-grandparents are Ike and Sue Neal of Cross Plains. Paternal grandparents are Rob and Nicki Harle of Baird; paternal great-grandparents are Lil Stallman of Columbus, TX and Joe and Mary Liz Harle of Austin, TX.

OBITUARIES



CLOIS CLARK

Clois Quntis Clark, 92, passed away Tuesday, March 2, 2004 in Graham. Funeral services were held Friday, March 5, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. in the Morrison Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend James C. Hill, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed Friday, March 5, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Reverend Kevin Henson officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Mr. Clark was born October 25, 1911 in Cross Cut, Texas to Johnny Ciscero and Judson (Henslee) Clark. He married Ruth Louise Barr October 25, 1936 in Cross Plains, Texas. Mr. Clark was a longtime resident of Pecos, Texas where he was the owner of Motor Parts store. He moved to Graham in 1996. Mr. Clark was a member of the First Baptist Church in Graham.

He was preceded in death by his wife on October 18, 2003 and an infant daughter, Jo Ann Clark.

Survivors include: two daughter, Vicki Ferrell and husband Bob of Houston and Kaye Turner and husband Jess of Graham; a sister, Billie Jehle of Costa mesa, California; four grandchildren, Holly Lieou and husband Narith of Allen, Kevin Henson and wife Kerry of Wilmore, Kentucky, Derek Turner and Fiance Courtney Hallmark of Frisco, Keri Stuart and husband Ricky of Weatherford; four great grandchildren, Jordan and Olivia Lieou, Kayla Henson, and Trey Stuart.

Jewel Linney, 86, of Rising Star, passed away Monday, March 8, 2004, at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 10, at the First Baptist Church with Dick Williams officiating. Burial followed in the Rising Star Cemetery in Rising Star, under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Jewel was born May 30, 1917, in Coryell County, Texas, to David C. Kinsey and Rhoda (Williams) Kinsey. She married Lester E. Linney on October 31, 1934 in Midland. Survivors include her husband, Lester, of Rising Star; two sons, L.J. Linney and Billy Don Linney, both of Rising Star; five daughters, Barbara White of Rising Star, Carolyn S. Chambers of Brownwood, Sandra Hutton of Rising Star, Debra Chambers of May, and Patricia Hutton of Rising Star; a sister, Eunice Young of Panola; 24 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Peggy Lynn Roan; three sons, Ervin Dale Linney, Lonnie Ray Linney, and Audrey Gale Linney; two sisters, Lorine Lewis and Bessie Lewis; five brothers, Earl Kinsey, Ed Kinsey, Dan Kinsey, Fred Kinsey and Gaines Kinsey.

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Alice Burdette Williams Galloway

Alice Burdette Galloway, 89, of Brownwood, passed away Friday, March 12, 2004 at Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Greenleaf Cemetery with the Reverend Peter J. Cammarano officiating.

She was born November 7, 1914 in Cross Plains, the daughter of Wilbur Burdette and Carrie Bell Tyson Williams. She married Hollis Edwin Galloway on July 5, 1941 in Cross Plains. Mrs. Galloway was a retired home economics teacher and through the years taught at Pecos, Baird, Mullin and Bangs. She had been a Brownwood resident since 1946 and most recently resided at Songbird Nursing Center. She was a member of Union Presbyterian Church of Brownwood.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Vicki Lynn and James Cox of Longview; her son and daughter-in-law, Robert Edwin and Jodelle Galloway of Lumberton; three grandchildren, Amy Lynn Cammarano and her husband, the Rev. Peter J. Cammarano of Brazoria; Megan Elizabeth Galloway of Lumberton and Marc William Galloway of College Station; one great-grandchild, Grace Lynn Cammarano of Brazoria; two sisters, Ida Nell Williams of Cross Plains and Emma Jane Hopson of Dumas; one brother, Roger Williams of Cross Plains; and two nieces.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Courthouse News

COUNTY COURT
Roger Corn, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings
Seth Bryan, theft.
Janie Ortega, driving while license invalid (DWLI).
David P. Vanscoy, deadly conduct.
Mark Anthony Brown, Ct. I - failure to identify, Ct. II - DWLI.
Elgin Karvel Allen, DWLI.
Orbin L. Purcell, DWLI.
Kristofer Whitehead, driving while intoxicated (DWI).
Robert Lynn Miller, DWI.
Christopher Lucas, theft by check.
Nina Powell, theft by check.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Isaac Wright, motion to revoke probation granted.
Bobby R. Rayson, motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant granted.
Anthony M. Vasquez, motion to revoke probation granted.
Elizabeth Woods, motion to revoke probation granted.
Jana Rister, order extending probation granted.
J. D. Stockton, order extending probation granted.
Monica Webster, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 1 year probation, \$2500 fine, \$243 court costs.
Seth Bryan, plea of guilty to theft, 6 month probation, \$250 fine, \$293 court costs, \$120 restitution.
Rodney Smith, plea of guilty to deadly conduct, 1 year probation, \$4000 fine, \$243 court costs.
Rodney Smith, transfer request from Callahan Co. to El Paso Co. granted.
Anthony Vasquez, motion to

dismiss motion to revoke probation granted.
Mark Steven Haley, plea of guilty to DWI-2nd, 10 days in jail, \$243 court costs.
Jai Joe Garrett, affidavit for release of surety granted.
Jason Parnell, plea of guilty to theft by check, \$50.56 fine, \$215 court costs, \$46.44 restitution.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Tamara Adele Jenkins and Travis Ray Jenkins, divorce.

Civil Minutes

In Re: order for foreclosure concerning James E. Holland and Meredith O. Holland and 208 Vine, Baird, Callahan Co., Texas, order to proceed with notice of sale and sale granted.
Betty Jane Estes Serrano and Octavio Augusto Serrano, divorce granted.
Martin Clay Dilno and Rebecca Lee Dilno, divorce granted.

Criminal Minutes

Richard M. Caldwell, motion to dismiss to misapplication of fiduciary property granted, complainant and defendant have reached a settlement for restitution.

Ronald G. Baldwin, motion to dismiss to possession of a controlled substance granted, case dismissed for plea of co-defendant.

Christopher B. Brewer, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance, 10 year probation, \$3500 fine, \$216 court costs, \$140 restitution.

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PIONEER NEWS

The Quilting Ladies had a great day quilting. Nearly all the members were there. We got Jean A's "Barn Door" quilt out. It is so pretty. The girls did a wonderful job quilting it. We are working on Lou's "Butterfly" and Lessie's "Wedding Ring". We will put in another top this Tuesday.

Our sympathy goes to Sandy and Trish, who lost their mother last week. God bless the Lenny family.

Our Lou Grider has come home from the hospital in Brownwood. We sure missed her at quilting on Tuesday. Get well, Lou!

Saturday, March 6th, was Christy and Doug Dallas' 35th anniversary. Nancy Rogers (little sister) planned a party for them at C.Z.'s at Gorman. Keith and Sue Watkins, Terry and Phyllis Edwards, Doug, Christy and Nancy were all there from Eastland. Charles and Kathy Chesshir and Charlene Chesshir, all of Cross Plains, also attended. They had a really special time. Nancy and Phyllis made a video of pictures of their wedded years and the found a tape of the song played at the wedding.

Charlene and Christy went to Abilene Thursday to see Charlene's back doctor and visited the Coopers for a short time.

When Laverne Hutton went home from quilting at noon on Tuesday, she had a very nice surprise. Setting on the dining table was the most beautiful bouquet of red roses! They were from her granddaughter, Tabitha.

The five inches of rain on the Ezzell farm last week was most welcome. Fortunately, they had no wind damage from the storm.

Anna, Janet, Glenda and Olena really enjoyed the basketball games in Levelland over the weekend. What a good time they had. Congratulations to the Rising Star boys!

Bryan called to say he had finally got a good lot of rain, as well as 3-4 inches of snow. It has been so dry. Tom and Ann Colwell, Olena's nephew from Gretna, Louisiana, came by Sunday and brought Olena a dozen yellow roses. Tom is the son of Cassie Allen, Olena's sister. Pauline Parsons came to Olena and Anna's home on Monday.

Jean Alexander and May Jones made a trip to Dallas last weekend. They visited Jim and Marla Alexander as well as Ashley. Jack and Will were also there. They enjoyed themselves very much.

The Rising Star boys did a "super" job with their basketball this year. They just ran out of time in the last game at Levelland. The team that outscored them went on to win their division this weekend. Congratulations Wildcats!

Wow! We have had some more moisture! The wheat is looking sooo good. We pray that the wheat makes good and the prices stay up so the farmers can make a profit.

The peach trees and red buds are blooming. It will not be long before the wild flowers will be blooming. The martins are already coming to their summer homes. Spring is such a beautiful time to see God's handywork.

Word of Wisdom: He is a wise man who does not grieve for things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has. Epictetus

RISEING STAR NURSING NEWS

By LINDA MERRITT

Several of our residents helped in making our Spring Banners. They glued on cute lady bugs, flowers, honeybees and dragon flies on a green felt cloth. These banners will be displayed on each resident's door.

We had on St. Patrick Day Party Wednesday. Everyone enjoyed green punch and Shamrock cookies that were made and decorated by Rozell Gary, Violet Johnston, Irene Starkey, Pansy Read, Roby Kornegay and Ellen Simpson. Special appreciation to Gene Moore for providing the piano music for us.

Jake Landess returned from the hospital and had a surprise visit from his grandson Johnny and

great-grandson Jonathan from Pueblo, Colorado. He said he had not seen the in a long time. Jake said they talked about old times and that his great-grandson was a fine young lad.

Our Bingo winners were: Jack Smith, Elgie Crisp, Violet Johnston, Emma Kile, Roby Kornegay, Pansey Read, Pauline Regian, Rozell Gary, Jessie Casey, Ellen Simpson and Willie Wilson, who won the blackout prize.

Johnnie... Memories are a treasure time cannot take away. May you be surrounded by happy ones today.

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BREAKTHRU

By Bob Pipes
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"Take a break!" It really does help to do so, you know. Whether it's "spring break" for the school students (and teachers?), a morning and/or afternoon break at work, or a summer vacation, it's healthy and refreshing to "take a break." It usually pays dividends in the long run.

Jesus took breaks also — sometimes with His disciples, sometimes all by Himself. A lot of His "break time" was spent in meditation, prayer — and more prayer and meditation. His breaks were often interrupted with the needs and demands of others. Such was the case as recorded in Matthew 14:13ff — when He saw the people in need, "He was moved with compassion for them..." I suspect that He was better able to meet their needs, however, because He had been able to get in at least part of "a break."

We encourage you to "take a break" and share with us in all the times of Bible study and worship as we meet together. We really do care about you!

Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m.
Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m.
Friends & Neighbors Caring In Jesus

COTTONWOOD NEWS

By WALLACE BENNETT

Science Fiction and Other Genre of Writings Included in Latest Work by Local Author

Dr. Lou Rodenberger's latest work, "Let's Hear It," is a history of the short story as developed by Texas Women from 1865 to the present. According to a recent e-mail communique from Charles Rodenberger, Lou's husband, the book is co-authored by Sylvia Grider and printed by the Texas A&M Press. The book contains an anthology of 22 of the best stories authored by Texas women and a critical biography of each author.

"My favorite," says Charles, "is the first one, a science fiction novel written before the invention of the light bulb and telephone." It has a man who went to sleep in 1865 and woke up 500 years later to be amazed and to describe many of the current inventions; TV, home entertainment theaters, books printed on demand, robot factories, space travel and other technologies we live with and take for granted.

Lou reviewed her latest book recently during a brown bag luncheon at the Abilene Public Library.

"A close second," Charles wrote about his favorite stories, "is the modern story of a housewife who goes to a Tupperware convention in New Orleans." It is called "Let's Hear It For The Red Shoes".

Sorry we missed the brown bag luncheon but we will be getting the book right away and enjoying the reading of it.

So, "let's hear it" for Lou

Rodenberger, a true native of Cottonwood.

Mark Your Calendar

May 1, 2004 is the Annual Meeting of the Cottonwood Historical Association. It will be held as usual at the Cottonwood Community Center. Herman Weaver, acting president of the association, is requesting all current residents and out-of-town members (all former residents) to return home for this occasion. It is a good time to dig our roots a little deeper.

"Let's Hear It" for Albert Lovell, who has resigned due to ill health as president of the association. Albert will remain on the Board of Directors and will continue leadership duties in that capacity. He has performed his duties as our leader in an excellent and outstanding manner for the last few years and has always guided the work of the Historical Association through many positive developments. Hats off to Albert and Dorothy Lovell. We pray for Albert's continued good health.

Please don't forget March 18, Volunteer Fire Control meeting at 7 p.m. at Cottonwood Fire Station. Fire Chief Bob Childress reports excellent attendance for the last meeting and wants more for the last meeting.

Remember the meetings of the Cottonwood Quilting Club, the third Thursday of each month.

Contact Wallace Bennett (254) 725-7474, e-mail csb5@airmail.net for news and personal items for this column.

LIBRARY NOTES

Statistics March 8-12

Circulation:	
Books	34
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Internet Users	28
Total	111

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A.M. (Includes Lap)	75
P.M.	64
After 5 P.M.	0
Programs:	58
Copies:	92
Reference:	13
Check In/Out Books (Includes Lap (48))	73
Calls In	6
Internet Users	28

THE SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

MARCH 22 - 26

MONDAY - Mexican Beef-A-Roni, Mexican Corn, Tossed Salad, Peaches, Oatmeal Cookie, Bread, Milk
TUESDAY - Homemade Beef Vegetable Soup, Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Cherry Cobbler, Crackers, Milk

WEDNESDAY - Sloppy Joe on Bun, Baked Beans, Pickles, Onions, Raspberry Gelatin w/Pears, Milk

THURSDAY - Baked Chicken w/Gravy, Au gratin Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Brownies, Bread, Milk

FRIDAY - Spagetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Italian Blend Vegetables, Bread Pudding, Bread, Milk

GARDEN TIPS

By James Nichols

St. Patrick's Day is the 17th of March—a good tater planting day.

If you have noticed spring begins on the 20th with a new moon. April 6th is Passover and the 9th is Good Friday, a good day to get the rest of your planting in the garden done.

Easter Sunday comes late this year on the 11th and a new moon on the 19th.

You should remember that it thundered on the 22nd of February, so look for a frost the 22nd of April.

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QUIPS, CLIPS & COMMENTS

By KAY MOSLEY

Note: Goosey, Goosey, Gander, Where do you wander? Upstairs, downstairs, and in my ladies chamber.

"Did You Ever Wonder?"

Has it ever occurred to you to wonder what was the name of George Washington's horse? To wonder about politicians and what makes them tick?

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a street person, a wealthy person, an immigrant newly arrived in America in the era from 1932 to 1946? Have you ever wondered what your children and toddlers think because of their height, when they look up and see all that chewing gum, ugly writing and carving on the bottom of furniture in restaurants and other public places?

Have you ever wondered how it would feel to be a shooting star?

Have you ever wondered how it would feel to have two broken ankles? I'll bet I know someone who can tell you what it's like.

What would it be like to live the life of an executive? You know, weekly messages, manicures, pedicures, tailored shirts, \$259.00 suits, and your own personal trainer. A BIG SALARY, and daily lunches, etc.

I've often wondered what it would be like to be a turtle on the ground, a rock lying by the side of the road or to be a treasure; to be a television set, or how would it be to have the job of the BIG BOSS.

I also wonder what it would be like to be an itinerant farm worker. I still wonder what it would be like to be an alley cat, a squirrel in a tree, or an angry bobcat.

Most of us wonder about a lot of things. Perhaps we should check into some of these things, ask questions, locate some of the people and talk with them. It probably wouldn't hurt anything and we just might learn something, like what it's like to be inquisitive?

CROSS PLAINS GARDEN CLUB

By Joyce Odom

The Cross Plains Garden Club met for their regular monthly meeting on March 12, at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall.

Eva Fleming, president, called the meeting to order and led the members in repeating the Club Collect.

The program was on "Functional Tables" and was presented by Julene Franke. It was a workshop demonstration to help prepare members for the upcoming Flower Show to be held April 18, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Center. It will not be a standard flower show. It will be judged by "People's Choice". The show will include I Designs- fresh or dried materials; II Horticulture; and III Functional Tables.

There was an open discussion by all members and it was informative. Eva Fleming and Julene Franke

were responsible for the door prizes that were won by Mary Ella Weaver. It consisted of a couple of pairs of shears and the other door prize was won by Joyce Odom. It was an onion plant that was very pretty.

Members enjoying the delicious refreshments brought by all members were: Eva Fleming, Julene Franke, Wanda Martin, Esther Kerr, Mary Ella Weaver, Betty Beggs and Joyce Odom. Julene's sister from Lake Tecoma stopped by and enjoyed the refreshments.

The next meeting will be Friday, April 2, at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall. All members are to be hosts and Betty Beggs will be responsible for the door prize. It will be a workshop meeting on "Collections of Horticulture".

The meeting was then adjourned.

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C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

District Awards Given for Angelo State Opens Honor Roll, Doors For Prospective Students

Co-MVP - Johnston, Jr. - Albany; J. Morales, Sr. - Albany
Newcomer of the Year - Brewster, Soph - Baird
Offensive Player of the Year - C. Rodriguez, Soph - Baird
Defensive Player of the Year - L. Mendez, Sr. - Baird
1st Team All District - J. Goains, Jr. - Cross Plains; M. Allen, Jr. - Cross Plains; C. Burford, Sr. - Baird; Mo. Monroe, Jr. - Ranger; Mi. Monroe, Sr. - Ranger; Viertal, Sr. - Albany
2nd Team All District - Stewart, Sr. - Ranger; Fuentes, Sr. - Ranger; Russell, Sr. - Ranger;

A. Bennett, Sr. - Cross Plains; D. Dickson, Sr. - Cross Plains; Jones, Jr. - Gorman; Rodriguez, Sr. - Gorman; Scott, Soph - Baird; Bernstein, Sr. - Albany; Palmore, Sr. - Albany
Fighting Heart - Jose Mauricio, Sr. - Cross Plains
Honorable Mention - Russell Allen, Sr. - Cross Plains; Marcus Williams, Sr. - Cross Plains; Sammy Gardner, Sr. - Cross Plains
Academic All District - Jose Mauricio, Sr.; Dusty Dickson, Sr.; Andy Bennett, Sr.; Michael Allen, Jr.; Brandon Horton, Jr.

Angelo State University is inviting prospective students to participate in "College Days" April 3 for a close look at various aspects of life, ranging from academic programs to social and cultural opportunities.

In addition to sampling the various academic and extracurricular programs available at the university, students and their families will also be treated to lunch compliments of the university and offered complimentary tickets to a Rambelle softball doubleheader against Texas Woman's University.

Activities begin at 9:30 a.m. with check-in at the C.J. "Red" Davidson Conference Center in the Houston Harte University Center at 1910 Rosemont. The program will begin at 10 a.m. in the Davidson Center with a welcome by ASU President James Hindman. Tours of the campus will then be conducted.

After lunch everyone will return to the Davidson Conference Center for the ASU Expo, where information will be available on academic programs, student organizations, extracurricular activities, financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships, residence halls and other areas of interest.

Special information sessions will also be presented for students interested in a variety of ASU programs, including education, nursing, physical therapy, pre-law and pre-health professions.

College Days coordinator Bonnie Stennett said the event is a great opportunity for prospective students to get acquainted with ASU, its faculty and the educational experience it offers.

For more information on College Days, contact the ASU Office of Admissions at (325) 942-2058.

STEPHENVILLE, TX— The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the Fall 2003 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Dr. Gary Peer, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll for the fall semester maintained a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system while taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Those designated as Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C who are in good standing.

Area students recognized include (A - A Honor Roll; D-Distinguished Student):
Baird - Kari D. Jennings D
Clyde - Hal William Hoogstra D; Misty Lea Johnson D
Cross Plains - Joshua W. Hopkins D; Rachel Tiffany O'Dell D; Jodi L. Payne D
May - Andrea Elizabeth Fraser D; Mickey D. Harris D
Rising Star - Leah Camrike Phillips A.D; Dennis Ray Bates D; Tara Lynn Donham D; Jessica Magen Harris D; Denise Cherie Hubbard D; Joseph Don Simmons D

CHIP Enrollment Drops Since September 1, 2003

The Campaign to Restore CHIP, endorsed by a broad-based group of organizations and individuals across Texas, is calling for the elimination of a second round of cuts to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), scheduled to go into effect in May, 2004.

A proposed CHIP asset test will prevent some families with more than \$5,000 in assets from receiving CHIP. Assets would include: cash, checking and savings accounts, retirement accounts and pension plans, pre-paid burial and funeral plans, accessible trust funds. Vehicle values above \$15,000 for the first vehicle and \$4,650 for each additional vehicle would also count towards the \$5,000 limit.

"Already, CHIP enrollment has fallen by 107,000 children since cuts took effect on September 1. Another round of cuts will cause even more children to lose coverage," stated Patti Everitt, Executive Director of the Children's Defense Fund of Texas.

Alan Miller, Executive Director of Alamo Workforce Development, Inc. in San Antonio expressed concerns that the CHIP asset test poses a potential barrier to employment. "The asset test is a penalty for working families and a potentially significant barrier to obtaining and retaining employment. Families need access to reliable transportation to get to and from work and should not be barred from receiving children's health insurance because they happen to own a car."

Advocates also express concern that retirement accounts, pensions or accessible trust funds for a child's college education would be counted as a CHIP asset, especially in light of the troubled economy. "While our state economy is improving slowly, many families are still facing lower incomes. Do we really want working families to have to choose between their children's health insurance and savings for retirement or a child's college education?" stated Dan Fink, President of Cook Children's Health Plan in Fort Worth.

The Campaign also calls on the Governor to use \$469 million in state funds available for the restoration of health and human services. Much of this funding is due to federal fiscal relief provided to Texas through enhanced federal Medicaid matching rates that states will receive through July 1, 2004.

According to 2002 U.S. Census data, Texas has the highest rate of uninsured children in the United States, with 22.6% of children lacking coverage. 90% of uninsured Texas children have at least one parent that works full-time.

CHIP enrollment in Texas has declined more rapidly than was predicted by budget writers. If

the monthly decline in CHIP enrollment continues at the same rate as in the first six months of FY 2004 (4.7%, with monthly drops ranging from 16,996 to 30,524), enrollment will drop to near 300,000 by August, 2004—far below the official budgeted enrollment average of 346,818 for the next fiscal year, 2005.

The Campaign to Restore CHIP believes due to the dramatic enrollment drop already underway, an asset test will not be needed to keep CHIP spending within budgeted dollars.

Health advocates point out that despite the cuts, though, CHIP coverage is still critical to hundreds of thousands of Texas children and will continue to cover doctor visits, immunizations, prescriptions, hospital care and the most needed medical services at an affordable rate.

Over 1,000 organizations and individuals signed on to The Campaign to Restore CHIP, including the following organizations:

Statewide Organizations:
 Texas Medical Association, Texas Pediatric Association, Mental Health Association of Texas and local affiliates, Texas Catholic Conference, Texas Association of Public and Non-profit Hospitals, Children's Hospital Association of Texas, National Council of Jewish Women, Texans Care for Children, Texas Counseling Association, Center for Public Policy Priorities, Children's Defense Fund - Texas, Consumers Union, Texas Nurses Association.

Local Organizations:
 Amerigroup, Parkland Health and Hospital Systems, Cook Children's Health Plan (Ft. Worth), Seton Healthcare Network, Texas Children's Health Plan, United Way of Texas Gulf Coast, United Way of San Antonio & Bexar County, Panhandle Community Services, University Area AARP, Greater Fifth Ward Congregational Health Coalition, Big Bend Community Action Committee, Inc., New Mt. Corinth Baptist Church, Children at Risk, Children's Defense Fund—Houston & South Texas, Coalition for North Texas Children, Central Texas Regional CHIP Coalition, Tarrant County CHIP Coalition, Health Care for Every Child Coalition - San Antonio.

State-wide sources of information: Patti Everitt, Executive Director, Children's Defense Fund of Texas, 512/480-0990
 Anne Dunkelberg, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for Public Policy Priorities, 512/320-0222 (ext. 102)
 Bryan Sperry, President, Children's Hospital Association of Texas, 512/320-0910

To obtain an application for children's health insurance, call TexCare at 1-800-647-6558, or download an application from the Internet at www.texcarepartnership.com

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains I.S.D. will be held on March 22, beginning at 7 p.m. in the high school administrative board room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

- Call Meeting to Order
- Prayer
- 1. Minutes
- 2. Open Forum
- 3. Discuss and Take Action on New Site for School Board Election on May 15, 2004
- 4. Adoption of Textbooks for CPISD

- 5. Approve Sponsors for San Antonio Band Trip
 - 6. Executive Session
 - 7. Personnel
 - A. Accept Resignations
 - B. Consider Approval of Teacher Contracts for 2004-2005
 - C. Other Personnel Items, as Necessary
 - 8. Review Financial Report Pay Bills
 - 9. Adjourn.
- This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on March 12, 2004, at 3:00 p.m. by Jackie Tension for the Board of Trustees.

School Board Candidate Workshop Offers Insight

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 25, 7-9 p.m. at the Region 14 Education Service Center (1850 Highway 351, Abilene).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board member's key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view *A Call to Service*, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

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Happy Birthday!

MARCH 20

Priscilla Perry
 Mike Duke
 Sandra Kelly
 Jeffery Champion
 Howard Phillips

MARCH 21

Linda (Whitton) Hill
 Wesley Markham
 Lisa Vaught Campbell
 Laura Ann Baum
 Wesley Banks
 Selena Twiner
 Donna Roe
 Andrea Hamer
 Kimberly Carter
 Chris Orum

MARCH 22

Barbara (Strickland) Lambert
 Brian Kelly
 Brenda Newton
 Marie Starr
 Robert Ringhoffer
 Randy Nickerson
 Hannah Harris
 Loli Vasquez

MARCH 23

Kelly Gardner
 Anna Jo McLain
 Diana (Purvis) Stover
 Winnie (Boden) McGill
 Van Steven Young
 Wesley Hutchins
 M.H. Stout
 Lisa Malvane
 Linda (Larkin) Canales
 Debbie Box

MARCH 24

Kathy (Nickerson) Franke

Pam Ivie
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 Mrs. Norman Lee
 Calvert Sheppard
 Mrs. Roy Markham
 Don Scott
 Mrs. Becky Baggett
 Mrs. W.E. Nowell
 Donnie Duncan
 Duane Hutchins
 Tommy Potter
 Christine Ferrell Morrison
 Ty Johnson

MARCH 25

Tawni Nichols
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 Cindy Kinnard
 Ronnie Richardson
 H.G. Thornton
 Theada Allen
 Bill Richardson
 Anita Rose
 Mrs. Dick Koenig
 Cliffadean Hargrove
 Jonathon Gardner
 Beverly (Boles) Archer
 Ashleigh Galloway

MARCH 26

Terri Markham
 William Keith Kelly
 Patricia Ann McMillan
 Era Miller
 James Harris
 Sue Stone
 Carrol Falkner
 Carl Sheppard
 Dena Marie Nichols
 Mariam Harris

SCHOOL MENU

MARCH 22 - 26

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Muffins, Assorted Juice
TUESDAY - Pancake, Sausage, Assorted Juice
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast Taco, Assorted Juice
THURSDAY - Hot or Cold Cereal, Toast, Assorted Juice
FRIDAY - Donuts, Yogurt, Assorted Juice

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Patty on Bun, Potato Wedges, Diced Peaches
TUESDAY - Salisbury Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Rolls, Pears
WEDNESDAY - Chalupas, Salad, Corn, Apple Crisp
THURSDAY - Lasagna, Broccoli, Garlic Toast, Fresh Fruit
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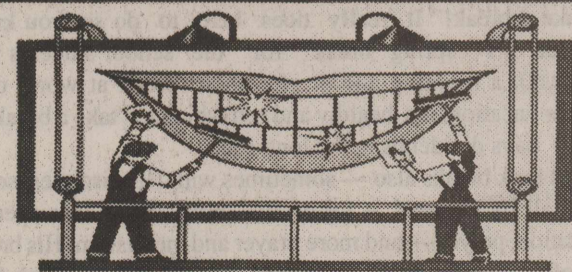
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Dianne Alexander named County's Loss Control Officer

Callahan County Commissioners voted to designate County Treasurer Dianne Alexander as the Loss Control Officer for Callahan County during the commissioners' court meeting held Monday, March 8 at the County Courthouse in Baird.

Alexander will handle the health and safety procedures in the county as the Loss Control Officer.

County Judge Roger Corn also informed county commissioners that Rhonda Vestal has been appointed Emergency Management Coordinator for Callahan County. Judge Corn, who serves as the Emergency Management Program Director, said as county judge he appointed Vestal to the post. Vestal also handles the 911 addressing of Callahan County.

Other agenda items brought before the commissioners' court included:

—The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. with Commissioners Harold Hicks, Bryan Farmer and Charlie Grider in attendance, as well as Judge Corn. Commissioner Tommy Holland was unable to attend the meeting.

—Commissioners voted to sign the minutes of the previous commissioners' court meeting.

—During time set aside for public comments, no one spoke to the commissioners' court.

—Kathy Hime and Steve Maxturano met with the commissioners' court to discuss maintenance on a county road located in Commissioner Hicks

Precinct #1. Hicks told those in the audience that he would research the road to determine if it is a county road or not.

—Commissioners met with Nancy Haynes, Barbara McCullum and Bob Collins to discuss maintenance on County Road 221 and Private Road 2264 located in Commissioner Farmer's Precinct #2. Commissioner Farmer told those in attendance he would research the roads to make sure if they are county roads or not.

—Commissioners voted to provide a quit claim deed to Joyce Odom on property located adjacent to her land located on FM 2287.

The item was originally discussed at the previous commissioners' court meeting.

Judge Corn stated under the Transportation Code 251.058, any road closed or abandoned by an entity will go back to the original owners.

Judge Corn said the roadway had been closed when FM 2287 was constructed and commissioners voted to grant the land back to Odom.

—Commissioners voted to accept the high bid from Ronnie and Sandra Collins of Baird, for the sale of a 1998 Nissan Altima for the price of \$3,500. Judge Corn said the commissioners' court received 10 bids for the vehicle ranging in price from \$501 to \$3,500.

—Commissioners voted to pay all approved bids and voted to adjourn the commissioners' court meeting.

Firefighters: Application for Federal Funds Due April 2nd

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) is pleased to announce that eligible fire departments may apply for federal assistance grants now through Friday, April 2nd, 2004.

Stenholm was among the members of Congress who voted to provide \$750 million to the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP) for use in Fiscal Year 2004 through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Appropriations Act. The AFGP is administered by the DHS Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP).

This program aids rural, urban, and suburban fire departments throughout the nation. The program not only helps improve firefighter safety and health, but it also improves the effectiveness of firefighting operations. Another focus is to establish or expand fire prevention and safety programs.

Each department that applied last year is once again eligible to apply for funding in 2004. Those departments that received funding in 2003 are also eligible to apply for additional 2004 funding.

The application and program guidance, including a tutorial on the program, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions are available on the ODP Website at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp and the U.S. Fire Administration Website at www.usfa.fema.gov.

Fire departments with questions concerning the grant program should contact the Fire Grant Help Desk at 1-866-274-0960 or by email at firegrants@dhs.gov.

Moss Bros. Ranch & Equine In Line Cowboy Camp to be Held March 17-21

A truly unique experience for horse riders — beginners and experienced youth or just the young at heart.

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kitchen and bunkhouses and a rustic western ranch home.

Guests will enjoy home cooked meals, bar-b-que and a dance Saturday night under the stars, plus many other activities.

World renowned horseman Robert Liner and Equine In Line will be instructing a variety of people from around the United States. There will be roping, riding and basic cowboy essentials including horse and rider safety and nutrition. He will also teach the importance of

teamwork and other helpful skills.

The guests usually come from big cities and enjoy getting away from it all. The cowboy camp them an opportunity to meet new people and enjoy the small town atmosphere. They like the friendly people at our local merchants.

For more information contact Mark Moss or Robert Liner at www.equineonline.com.

Submitted by Dana Hall

CELEBRATE Cowboy Culture — THC Highlights Rodeo Roots

AUSTIN, Texas — Spring is ProRodeo Tour time in Texas. It's a time where the top cowboys compete for the National finals, and where Texans break out their boots, get into their jeans and head to the rodeo. It's also a good time to learn the history behind cowboys, when men roped calves for necessity, not for sport.

The Texas Historical Commission's Texas Chisholm Trail brochure details historic and cultural sites related to the Texas cattle industry.

Highlights include: Texas Pioneers, Trail Drivers and Rangers Museum in San Antonio houses a unique collection of photographs, spurs, branding irons and saddles.

The George Ranch Historical Park, located 30 minutes outside of Houston, brings cattle drives, chuckwagon fare and cowboy camps to life.

Fort Worth, branded Texas' premiere "cowtown," includes the Historic Stockyards with daily cattle drives and numerous museums honoring Texas cowboy heritage.

To request a free Texas Chisholm Trail brochure, visit www.thc.state.tx.us/travel or call toll free at 866/276-6219.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

Barb's Cues

By Barbara Holmes Worcester

Make Positive Choices and Mine For Gold

Do you have a choice? Take charge and make it. Your past may have been governed by someone else's choice but many of us have choices, which will affect our future. Much of what we have become is a conglomerate of our past choices. So make some choices and if you can call on Divine Wisdom for help, so much the better.

There is a word I made up for my own purposes It is "woe-ing" (as in "Woe is me".) We can make a choice not to "woe" when we feel we have no choice. There are, however, so many areas in which we do have a choice. Lets choose wisely and not let procrastination rob us of our choice.

Let us make deliberate choices to do what I call "mining the gold." That is looking beneath the surface for value in circumstances and people. One of the richest gold strikes ever discovered was found just a little deeper than the last miner had dug. Many of our experiences seem to be of little value. We need to dig just a little deeper and find the wealth that is buried below the surface.

To use a personal example, I did not CHOOSE to have Parkinson's Disease. I did, however choose the manner in which I would handle it. Instead of woeing, I began to research, and from this knowledge opportunities have come. I began to mine and have had some golden experiences. Frankly, the end result of Parkinson's frightens me, but I have chosen to trust in God and not to let future "possi-

bilities" rob today of its pleasure. That is my choice. The operative word is LET or allow. I do not choose to allow a negative mind-set to rule my thinking and to destroy today's joy.

Frequently, we can not choose what other people will do. Usually, though, we can choose how we will react. We can let an unkind word ruin our day or in our mind we can refuse to accept or receive it and mentally discard the negative. There is usually some good in all of us. I will admit that in some it is buried a little deeper than in others.

In most situations, we can work at "mining the gold" or sifting a situation to find a positive. Usually there IS one somewhere. Some "tools" for our mining are prayer, confidence, the practice of listening, and looking for truth. What we expect to find frequently influences what we will find.

Abraham Lincoln said, "A man is about as happy as He makes up his mind to be."

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Notice is hereby given of a drawing to determine the order in which the names of candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the election to be held on **March 22, 2004** in **Cross Plains I.S.D.**, Texas. The drawing will be held at **10:00 a.m. on March 22, 2004** at the **Supt. Office, 700 North Main St., Cross Plains, Texas.**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

A public hearing of the Cross Plains City Council has been set for March 23, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 201 S. Main, Cross Plains, Texas for the purpose of adopting the 2004/2005 annual budget. Anyone interested in attending the meeting is encouraged to do so. 52-11c.

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The City of Cross Plains will be accepting sealed bids for the construction of an awning for the Senior Citizens Center located at 108 N. Main. Specification for the awning may be acquired by contacting City Hall at (254) 725-6114.

Deadline for submitting a bid is March 18, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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LEGAL NOTICE

On February 10, 2004, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed its Second Amended Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and incurred costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented from February 1, 1996 through December 31, 2002 between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and, in many instances, the exchanges of other local telephone companies.

ELCS expands the local calling scope of a telephone exchange to include one or more additional telephone exchanges if customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. Costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recovered through existing ELCS fees.

In the Second Amended Application, VALOR proposes to implement monthly ELCS surcharges for five years beginning on the date the Commission issues a final order on VALOR's request. The Commission can establish an ELCS surcharge for any duration. ELCS surcharges apply in addition to monthly ELCS fees. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per residential line: \$.86 in Year 1, \$.85 in Year 2, \$.03 in Year 3, \$.02 in Year 4, \$.01 in Year 5. VALOR proposes the following monthly ELCS surcharges per business line: \$1.72 in Year 1, \$1.70 in Year 2, \$.06 in Year 3, \$.04 in Year 4, \$.02 in Year 5.

VALOR is currently billing interim ELCS surcharges approved by the Commission, including an interim ELCS surcharge of \$.65 per month per residential line and an interim ELCS surcharge of \$1.30 per month per business line. If rates below the level of the interim surcharges are ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR may be required by the Commission to refund all or part of the interim surcharges.

If VALOR's Second Amended Application is approved, the net annual effect on VALOR's Year 1 revenues will be zero since the requested surcharges are designed to replace lost revenues and to reimburse VALOR for increases in costs associated with the provision of ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$3,867,372 in Year 1, 3,791,870 in Year 2, \$133,831 in Year 3, \$89,220 in Year 4, and \$44,610 in Year 5.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Commission assigned Docket No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible, and no later than April 21, 2004, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512)936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 10 de Febrero de 2004, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service - ELCS) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de La Comisión titulada, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

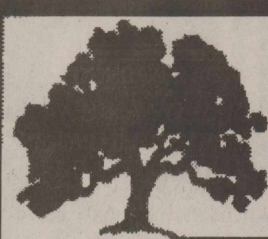
En la Segunda Enmendación de Aplicación, VALOR propone implementar un cargo mensual por cinco años comenzando el día que la Comisión surmete el orden final, por la solicitud de VALOR. La Comisión puede establecer sobrecargos ELCS para cualquier duración. Sobrecargos ELCS se aplicarán arriba de los cargos mensuales ELCS.

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"National Ag Week is a time for Texans to reflect and appreciate the agriculture industry, which we sometimes take for granted," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "Texas farmers and ranchers and their partners in agribusiness have made America the best fed nation in history."

National Agriculture Week ends with National Agriculture Day on March 20, the first day of spring, symbolizing the beginning of the new planting season.

Dierschke, a grain and cotton farmer from San Angelo, said Texas Farm Bureau encourages statewide recognition of Texas agriculture for its role in the state economy. Twenty percent of all Texas jobs are related to agriculture, which also generates more than \$60 billion of economic activity in the state.

"The primary beneficiary of Texas agriculture is the consumer," Dierschke said. "Many people are losing touch with the agriculture industry. We hope National Agriculture Week provides greater understanding of our national food and fiber success story."



JOHN ADAMS ON "HOW TO TELL TIME AND FIND DIRECTIONS"—John Adams was the guest of Bob Pipes at the Kiwanis Club's meeting on March 9, and a repeat guest speaker for the benefit of all the Kiwanians and guests in attendance. John had a difficult time staying off one of his favorite subjects, "the life of Ben Franklin," and equally a difficult time staying away from one of his favorite stories about "how not to fly a one-man aircraft"—but he did get around to telling how to make your own "sun-dial" and "compass"—how, in olden days, they knew when it was noon and which direction was true north. John proved to be the very interesting speaker that he was expected to be, and left the door very open to come again and share some of his vast knowledge. And if you want to know when the sun came up and went down (the last time it shined here), just ask him because he has it logged in "his little black book."

Don't miss fun and interesting meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Cross Plains each Tuesday at noon at Jean's Feed Barn, East Room. Inquiries for membership are welcomed. And be sure and remember the Kiwanis Pancake Supper, Tuesday, March 23rd, 5-7 p.m., at the Cross Plains School Cafeteria. See you there? (Submitted by Bob Pipes)

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Abilene Arts & Crafts Festival March 20-21 in Abilene Civic Center

The 13th annual Abilene Arts and Crafts Festival will be held March 20th and 21st in the Abilene Civic Center. Artists and crafters from throughout the Southwest will fill the foyer and main exhibit hall with original art, limited edition prints and handcrafted items. Hours for the festival are Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Mel Prather, organizer for the two-day event, said the upcoming festival would feature a number of newcomers to the Abilene area. "First-time exhibitors will offer items such as chip and dip mixes, custom made pens and pencil sets, lighthouses, salt scrubs and lotions, marshmallow guns, thermal wraps, roasted nuts, clothing, unfinished wood, jewelry, potpourri jars, bird houses, tee shirts, vests, beaded bracelets, and candy, Prather said.

Also new are those with night lights, decorative porcelain, wall hangings, leather belts and purses, boot wrapped mirrors, benches, branded boxes, western art, rain gauges, water fountains, iron art, carved golf balls, candles, floral arrangements, wood crafts, barbed wire wreaths, lamps, candle warmers, painted tiles, quilts, silver jewelry, kid's furniture, yard art, tote painting, painted clothing, decorated china, framed prints, embellished clothing, painted jar lids, and gift baskets.

Returning exhibitors will offer a wide assortment of items, including magnetic jewelry, children's tee shirts, outdoor metal art, silk-screened shirts, floral art, wreaths and swags, soft sculpture, angel pins, turned wood, painted furniture, wood decorations, decorative ceramics, leather items, quilts, barnwood frames, lamps, silver jewelry, ornate crosses, dress sets, short sets, handmade purses, candy, metal cutouts and homemade soaps.

Others will have handcrafted candles, chili art, lotion bars, stained glass, marble art, wood wreaths, handmade silver jewelry, hand puppets, painted night lights, painted ceiling tiles, quilted items, decorated pillows, chili mixes, canned vegetables, homemade salsa, fishing rod holders, wood boxes, decorated ammo boxes, carved fish, kitchen ceramics, decorated bears and rabbits, car replicas, Southwest jewelry, wood signs, bird feeders, knives, bath wraps, scarves, wind divas, children's furniture, tissue holders, photography, and hair accessories.

Bill Hart Recently Selected to Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame

BY: AL PICKETT
Special Writer

Bill Hart of Baird has been selected to the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame.

Hart, a former Abilene Reporter-News sports writer who graduated from Baird High School in 1948, was named last week as the first recipient of the Lifetime Media Achievement Award. He will be honored at the third annual Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, scheduled for May 17 at the Abilene Civic Center.

The event, which is sponsored by Texas State Technical College (TSTC) West Texas Abilene, is open to the public. All banquet tickets will be purchased at the door, but officials are requesting that those planning to attend make a reservation in order to secure your ticket. Call TSTC at (325) 672-7091 to make banquet reservations.

"This is a big thrill," Hart said, "Especially with the people I'm going in with."

Hart is one of seven persons to be inducted into the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame this year. He'll be joined by former McMurry University basketball coach Hershel Kimbrell from Abilene, former Baylor University football coach Grant Teaff from Snyder, former SMU basketball great Max Williams from Avoca, and former football players Bob Harrison from Stamford and Jerry Tubbs from Breckenridge.

The late Chuck Hughes, who is the last player to die in a National Football League game, will also be inducted posthumously into the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame. Hughes, an Abilene High graduate, set several receiving records at Texas-El Paso and played five seasons in the NFL with the Philadelphia Eagle and Detroit Lions. He died of a ruptured major blood vessel in the closing minutes of Detroit's 28-23 loss to the Chicago Bears on October 24, 1971.

Hart began his career as a sports writer after graduating from Abilene Christian University in 1952. He worked at newspapers in Lamesa, Lubbock, San Angelo, Temple and Binghamton, N.Y., before returning to Baird in 1973 to go to work for the Abilene Reporter-News.

He spent the next 28 years at the Reporter-News before retiring in 1999. Hart's name became synonymous with the coverage of Big Country high school football and track.

"When I moved back here, I was hired to do McMurry football," he said. "I did that for two or three years, and then I took over the area football beat in 1975."

Hart said he covered area high school football every year but one for the next 24 years. He is also a member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in the writers' category.

"There were so many great

games," he said, when asked to name the best games he covered during his career.

Hart said two games stand out, however. He listed an area round football playoff game in 1982 when Eastland drove the length of the field in the closing minutes and scored a touchdown and a two-point conversion with 11 seconds remaining to win the game 22-21. Eastland went on to capture the state championship.

He also remembered the 1989 Region 1-2A boys basketball tournament championship game in Abilene when Haskell beat Hale Center in three overtimes to earn a trip to the state tournament in Austin.

"I miss not going to the games," Hart said. "I miss the sports writers who I spent so much time with, and I miss being around the athletes."

Kimbrell, a star basketball and baseball player at Abilene High, won 448 games during a 31-year coaching career at McMurry. He is a member of the NAIA Hall of Fame, and McMurry's basketball facility is named Kimbrell Arena in his honor.

Teaff grew up in Snyder and played football at McMurry. He returned to his alma mater in 1960 as the youngest head football coach in the nation. He spent the next 30 years coaching at McMurry, Angelo State and Baylor, compiling a 170-151-8 record. He guided Baylor to two Southwest Conference championships. He now serves as executive director of the American Football Coaches Association.

Williams led tiny Avoca to a state basketball championship in 1955. He was a three-year starter in basketball at Southern Methodist University and helped organize the old American Basketball Association. He was the original general manager of the Dallas Chaparrals, which are now known as the San Antonio Spurs.

Tubbs was an all-American linebacker at the University of Oklahoma. He played for the Dallas Cowboys from 1960-66 and spent the next 22 seasons as an assistant to Dallas coach Tom Landry.

Harrison also became an all-American lineman at Oklahoma and finished among the top 10 in voting for the Heisman Trophy as a senior in 1958. He played nine years in the NFL with the San Francisco 49ers, Pittsburgh Steelers and Philadelphia Eagles.

The 2004 TSTC Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Golf Classic will also be held Monday, May 17 at Diamondback Golf Club in Abilene. All proceeds from the tournament go toward educational scholarships including the Team of the Century/Chuck and Doris Moser Scholarship Fund and TSTC West Texas Scholarship program. For more information on the banquet or the golf tournament, contact TSTC West Texas Abilene at (325) 672-7091.

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