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Time To Begin Local Scholarship Application

It is time for seniors to begin the application process for all local scholarships. If you are a local scholarship donor or would like to be one, please contact the Stratford ISD Counseling Office at 366-3322 as soon as possible with the details of your scholarship. Thank You!!

Texhoma Chamber Banquet March 15th

The Texhoma Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 15th at 7 p.m. at the Texhoma High School gym. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Tickets are available at Baber Supply and First National Bank.

Ex-Student Reunion July 27-28th, 2001.

REMINDER:

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation District is taking orders for windbreak and landscape trees. We have a list of container grown landscape trees now available. Quantities are extremely limited so please come by or call Terry at 396-5517 ext. 101 as soon as possible.

Information Needed On Antelope Killings

On Dec. 9, game wardens were alerted to the killing of 39 antelope on a ranch near Kerrick in Dallam County. Firefighters found the antelope carcasses while battling a grass fire possibly related to the antelope killing.

The game wardens found evidence that some of the antelope had been run over with vehicles and suffered broken legs and other injuries, parks department reports stated. Some antelope were shot at close range with shotguns.

Anyone with information about the crime or anyone involved is asked to call the Operation Game Thief Reward Hotline at (800) 792-GAME (4263), or the TPW Amarillo law enforcement office at (806) 379-8900. Callers may remain anonymous. Operation Game Thief is Texas wildlife crime-stoppers program, a function of TPW's law enforcement division.

To see how you are spending (and maybe wasting) your money, throw all receipts in a glass jar and tally them up at the end of the month.

State Champion Football Shirts Orders Still Being Taken

Due to popular demand, orders for State Champion Football Shirts are being taken. If you wish to place an order, call Valerie Naugle at 366-5557.

PROM DECORATING CHANGE - EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT BUS BARN FROM 7 TO 9 P.M.

Directors Election Hospital District May 5, 2001

Stratford Hospital District will conduct a Director's Election on Saturday, May 5, 2001. Two directors' terms are expiring: Margaret Reed and Wayland Brown. Directors whose terms continue for another year are Ineta Chesher, Lloyd King, and Rick Reinart.

Applications for a place on the ballot are available at the Stratford Hospital District administrative offices at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road. All interested and qualified persons are encouraged to obtain an application. The application must be signed in front of a notary public. Wednesday, March 21, 2001 (5:00 p.m.) will be the deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot.

School Board Election May 5, 2001

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 5, 2001. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may do so through March 21, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

School will be closed for Spring Break March 12 through 16, 2001 and candidate applications may be filed at The Sherman County Public Library with Sandy Baskin. Hours are as follows: Monday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday-Closed, Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 18, 2001 and continue through May 1, 2001. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative Office Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Steve Johnson and Ted Allen. Holdover members are Ricky Reed, Joe Reinart, Max Christian, Ronna Riffe and Gared McBryde.

Those applying to date are: Steve Johnson and Ted Allen.

2001 Annual Stewardship & Awards Banquet March 23rd

The Sherman County Soil & Water Conservation Districts announces its Annual Stewardship and Awards Banquet has been set for March 23, 2001. The meal is set for noon at the Sherman County Barn. We will have a catered meal consisting of Bar-B-Q with all the trimmings.

Awards will be given to the Conservation Farmer and Conservation homemaker for 2001. We will also award prizes to the students from Stratford Schools that placed in our Coloring, Poster, and Essay Contests. This year's first place essay winner will also be awarded a \$200 Scholarship.

Jarett Atkinson of the Panhandle Water Planning Group will present a program on water use as it relates to agriculture as part of this year's program.

We hope to see you, your family and friends at the Banquet. Remember-there is no charge for this great time. Please call the office at 396-5517 ext. 3 with your reservations. Reservations need to be made by March 20, 2001.

★Elks - State Runner-up★



Shown at left: The Stratford Elk Basketball team brought home the silver at the Division I IA State Basketball Finals in Austin on Thursday, March 8, 2001. The Elks are shown with their medals and trophy. The Elks lost to Evadale 61-47. Shown kneeling from left: Wes Kimball, Corey Naugle, Adam Bell, Nick Ashley, and Matthew Talliaferro. Standing from left: Erich Taylor, Dalton Sladek, Dylan Everett, Levi Artho, Carlos Ortega, Rene Vital, Michael McAlister, Skyler Walden, Jason Ashley, Marcus McAlister, Josh Williams, Coach Eddie Metcalf and Coach Lance Simpson. CONGRATULATIONS GUYS - WE ARE PROUD OF YOU - WHAT A GREAT YEAR!!!



The Stratford Volunteer Fire Department held their annual Firemen Banquet on Saturday March 10, 2001 at the County Barn. The Fire Department Fire and Rescue Unit was on hand as was the Stratford Ambulance for folks to take a look at. Besides fire personal on hand were EMS, Sheriff and Stratford Police Department, dispatchers, Area Foundation, Emergency management, City Council members, & Mayor David Brown. The banquet was catered by Kims Ribs from Guynon, Oklahoma. Shown above are the Fire Department, standing left to right Karen Pulliam, retired who received a 10 yr. pin, Dean Hauser 1 year; Donita Robertson 5 years; Sandy Williams 10 years; Jack Gore 20; Fire Chief Eddie Williams. Kneeling, Lane Robertson 5 years; Chris Hernandez 5 years and Johnny Pulliam 30 years. Ronda Mathews and Eugene Griffin were not present. (More pics page 5)

Parenting Issues--- Pregnancy Crisis Center

The public is invited to a program on teen pregnancy presented by Jenny Dixon, executive director, Amarillo Pregnancy Crisis Center. Church teen groups, school parenting classes and all mothers and teens are welcome. Teen pregnancy is the highest rate in the panhandle area.

The date is set for Wednesday, March 28, 5 p.m. at Sherman County Library.

GFWC/Prospectus Study Club is hosting the event.

If one cares to help provide necessary items for the center, a city wide shower is being held also. Ms. Dixon will also speak on the nature of the center and how this center can help young women before birth and after birth with care and classes.

Margaret Reed is coordinating the event.



Elk Pharmacy had a relief pharmacist last week while Gayland Vandiver went to the State Basketball finals. Eric Young and his 2 month old son Evan from Dalhart filled in for Gayland.

Obit

Lloyd King

Arthur Lloyd King was born in Stratford August 28, 1932 and passed away March 6, 2001.

Graveside services were held March 9, 2001 in Stratford Cemetery with Rev. John Wagoner officiating.

Lloyd was a member of First United Methodist Church in Stratford.

He graduated from Wentworth Military Academy in Missouri and received a Degree from Texas Tech.

At the time of his death he was an Ambulance Driver for the Stratford EMS, on the Board of Directors for Stratford Hospital District, a Board member for SCOT, a Currier for the First State Bank and former Board member of the Sherman County Library.

For many years he was associated with his parents in King Equipment Company.

He is survived by an Aunt Mrs. Earl Riffe and a number of cousins.

Bessie Rolan

Graveside services for Bessie Rolan, 87 were held in the Rollo Cemetery on Friday, March 9, 2001 at 4 p.m. under the direction of Adams Funeral Home and with the Rev. Jackie Farmer officiating.

She died on March 7, 2001 in Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside.

She was born on July 19, 1913 in Sherman, Texas. She was a homemaker. She also operated day care centers for children in Durant, OK; Stratford, TX and in Crosbyton. She had lived in Crosbyton the past eighteen years. She was a member of Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Treva Rolan of Crosbyton; one son and daughter-in-law Ardith & Dorothy Rolan of Stratford, Texas and one sister, Eula McDonald of Bakersfield, CA. Also 3 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Jess R. Snyder

Jess R. Snyder, 84, died February 23, 2001. He was born on October 5, 1916, in Stratford, TX and moved to the Puget Sound area in 1940. He was a professional photographer most of his life, interrupted by WWII, where he served his country in Europe in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, until that conflict concluded in 1945. Returning to the Northwest to continue his career in photography, he was the owner and operator of his own studio in downtown Tacoma from 1952 to 1972. Mr. Snyder was the founder of the Pierce County Chapter of Professional Photographers Association and an Honorary Life member of the State of Washington Association until the time of his death. His affiliations were the Rotary Club #8 of Tacoma and the Brotherhood of Elks #174.

Mr. Snyder is survived by his wife of 53 years, Ruth; daughter Sue Ann (David) Turner; grandchildren Tristan Jess and Molly Turner; brother-in-law, Willis Brant, sister-in-law, Margaret Donaldson; nephews, William, David and Douglas (Linda) Donaldson; great-nephews, Willie and Brandon.

Jess contributed much to the Tacoma area and to everyone who knew him.

J.R. had a life long interest in photography that started when he was a boy working in the drug store that later became Yates Drug located just south of Ross Dry Goods where he processed photos for many of their customers, and he was the one who took the pictures of the infamous dust storm that engulfed us one Sunday afternoon in 1936.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Last week's activities included Dance practice on Monday night. If the interest is still up, we will continue dance practice for awhile. Dance practice is opened to anyone who wishes to come and learn a dance or two.

Friday night had a few people out playing dominoes, Saturday was bus rip to Amarillo, where several Scotters painted the town red. Report was given that everyone had a good time.

Thanks goes to Vicki for driving the bus. Exercise class was up in number of participants, if anyone is interested in exercise program contact Beverly Pemberton or Dorothy at the Scot Office.

This weeks activities include dance practice Monday birthday party-Thursday at 2 p.m. and Bingo Thursday at 7 p.m. Come and join all of these activities and have lots of fun.

If more interest is shown in having a coffee bar set up at Scot, we will try to maintain a place for all Scotters and their guests to come and enjoy a cup of coffee, hot chocolate, water etc. for both morning and afternoon. Let me here your comments!!!

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic April 3, 2001

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Stratford Family Medical Clinic, 1220 Purnell in Stratford on April 3, 2001.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call 356-1905 or 1 (800) 377-4673 for more information.

Some Scholarship Applications Due In April

For the seniors at Stratford High School, there are many scholarship applications that will be due during the month of April. The following is a list of those scholarships and their due dates. If you have any questions regarding the requirements for these scholarships, come by the scholarship board outside Mrs. McBryde's office at the Junior High School or call Mrs. McBryde at 366-3322.

Prospectus Study Club, V.O. Lasley Memorial, Sherman County TSTA, Stratford Chamber of Commerce and Nu Beta Sorority Scholarships - due April 2nd.

Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial Scholarship - due April 17th.

Amarillo Area Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st.

Vikki Carr Scholarship - due April 1st.

Slough Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st.

Panhandle State Foundation Scholarship - due April 1st.

North Plains Groundwater Conservation District Scholarship - due April 2nd.

E.W. Carter Scholarship - due April 6th.

National Rural Education Association Foundation Essay Contest - due April 15th.

Dalhart Knights of Columbus - due April 15th.

Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship - due April 27th.

German immigrants get the credit for bringing the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America.

Shuping Joins Membership Of American Angus Association

Beny Shuping, Stratford, Texas, is a new member of the American Angus Association, reports Dick Spader, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with more than 35,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 13 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps records of production on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.

Wanted: Ambitious Cowgirls

The Top O'Texas Rodeo Association is now accepting entries for their Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Pageants. Young ladies from 13 to 23 years old are eligible to enter. Entry forms, rules, and general information can be obtained by contacting the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard, Pampa, or by calling (806) 669-0434.

Winners will receive many outstanding prizes including saddles, buckles, tiaras and many other outstanding prizes. Other prizes totaling over \$2,000 will be presented to the winners of the Appearance, Personality, Horsemanship and Ticket Sales categories. A scholarship will also be presented to Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas.

Past winners of the Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas and Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen contests have gone on to participate and win on the state and national level. Hopefully, this year's winners will be working to achieve these prestigious titles.

Entry forms, fees and pictures are due in the rodeo office by May 10 so young ladies are encouraged to enter as soon as possible. For more information or to receive info packets, please contact the rodeo office at 200 N. Ballard or call the rodeo office (806) 669-0434.

The Luncheon and Style Show will once again be held at the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard on Thursday, July 12. Due to limited space, reservations are recommended as early as possible.

Check Out The Library

By Sandy Baskin

The library of today is no longer the place one goes to check out magazines or books. Today's library is the information center of the community. Thanks to several grants, your library has computers, printers (even a colored laser printer), and a scanner available for the public. We offer computer access for typing a student's report, planning a trip, searching the internet, scanning pictures, researching all kinds of information both for the adults and children, and checking e-mail.

Last year the Sherman County Public Library had visitors from all over the United States and international visitors from New Zealand, Poland, Holland and Stratford, England. All of these visitors dropped by for one reason-to check their e-mail. E-mail has become a necessity for those who travel whether it is for business or holiday (as our European visitors call it) allowing travelers to stay in touch with the office or family and friends. Our visitors have informed us that the watch for the "library sign" along the highways and drop in at different libraries across the country as they travel.

If you have been considering getting an e-mail account, the library staff will be happy to assist you with setting up the account and instruction on how to use the internet. Come join other library patrons who come by for this sole purpose. Our hours are Monday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Amarillo Presents "Barber of Seville"

Amarillo Opera presents The Barber of Seville...Saturday, March 24... at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. A timeless comical romantic opera that will keep audiences laughing. See the spectacular costumes and sets and hear the famous tunes of Rossini's Barber of Seville... Performed by the Amarillo Opera...Saturday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. For tickets call the Amarillo Civic Center Box Office at (806) 378-3096 today.

Two-Cylinder Club To Host Show

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host the annual Ollie Liner Antique Tractor Show, March 24 and 25, 2001, at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview, Texas. Exhibits will begin arriving Friday afternoon and the show will be Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be antique tractors, antique farm machinery, stationary engines, miniature replicas, and much more. Activities will include a parade of the tractors each day at 2:00 p.m. There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted. Concessions will be available courtesy of the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum Association. The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club is made up of collectors throughout the north plains, south plains and rolling plains of Texas, and a few collectors from eastern New Mexico.

Where To Check For Product Recalls

(NAPS)—Hundreds of well-known products have been recalled recently, including backpacks, car seats and even St. John's Wort capsules. Unfortunately, many people are unaware that they may own a recalled product.

Most consumers are at a loss on where to turn to find out if a product—from their child's favorite toy to the family vacuum cleaner—has been recalled.

"Surprisingly in the information age, many consumers don't know where to look for information on a topic that is important to them," says Peter J. Plantes, M.D.

So how does one find accurate information on product recalls? One place is on the Internet. Because safety is an important part of health, LaurusHealth.com has a voluminous product recall section. Included on the site are infant and child products, appliances, clothing, household and personal care products and sports/exercise equipment. For each product, the site includes:

- a product description, often a color photograph;
- the reason for the recall;
- the manufacturer's name;
- where and when it was sold;



When a product is recalled, it's important for consumers to be able to find out why—and what to do. A leading health Web site can help.

- the purchase price; and
- where to return the product.

For more information about product recalls, visit the Web site at www.LaurusHealth.com and go to Health News, where you'll find Product Safety Recalls. This site provides consumers with access to reliable, easy-to-understand health information that helps them make more informed choices about their health.

Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship Applications Available

The First Ag Credit, FCS-Dalhart Credit Office will award the 15th annual Burke Bell Memorial Scholarship to two deserving graduating high school seniors. The scholarships will be awarded in the amount of \$500.00 each to be paid \$250 for each semester. The applications have been mailed to area counselors in the Association's territory of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman and Moore counties. Applications are also available by calling the Dalhart Credit Office at (806) 249-2616 and should be returned to the office at 201 West 5th no later than Friday, April 27th.

The eligibility requirements for the scholarships are as follows:

1. A resident of Dallam, Hartley, Sherman or Moore counties of Texas
 2. A "B" average of (80 or above);
 3. A well rounded student with a good attitude.
- There are no restrictions on the college or university to be attended by the recipient or the field of study to be entered by the recipient.

The award is named in honor of Burke Bell who served as manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Dalhart from 1960-1982.

Dinner Theater To Benefit Stratford Speech Students

On Sunday, March 18th the Stratford High School speech department will have a dinner theater. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. promptly in the school cafeteria. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and cake will be served to you before the play is performed. The play, Scotland Road, is about a Titanic survivor. Corey Naugle plays the lead male, Trisha Teig, Marca Ewers, and Tiffany Duke play the female roles. The understudies are Chance Lowery, Lori Wilhelm, Alisha Renzleman and Stephanie Washburn. The stage crew is Sid Resendes, Ivonne Hernandez, Jared Nusz, and Jessica Young.

This is the play that will be performed at One Act Play Contest March 20. Tickets are \$8.00 for everyone over 12 and \$4.00 for 12 and under. Tickets can be purchased from cast and crewmembers or at the business office at school. The money raised will be used to send students to speech camp this summer.

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Timis Tidbits
By Tim Brown

Happy day to you Sherman County Old Timers, Readers, Citizens this clear crisp fifty-four degree Fahrenheit Monday, March 12, 2001. Stratford is proud of our basketball teams - Lady Elks and Elks. They will always be number one State Champions to Stratford home fans and those who live away from Stratford. We know that this is spring break for the flowers are coming up in our yard and across and down the street. School is out for the children and grownups have either gone on trips or will be seeing family members.

Several Sundays ago - Jon Hart mentioned that he was to be in Brazil visiting his parents Joyce & William Glenn Hart and Joyce in her letter saying they are looking forward to his visit.

In visiting with Carolee Campbell, we find they have outgrown their church building and are in the process of building a new larger building and that the twins Kristen & Kendra will be home for Spring Break later this week and plan now to come visit Stratford.

On our trip to Dalhart, we took time to go into Alco where they are remodeling then we drove around Rita Blanca Lake where there is a nice housing unit and our way back to Stratford we drove behind a truck which was loaded with Army Jeep's then we came in and enjoyed our Kentucky Fried Chicken from Dalhart.

Among other Spring Break travellers are Joy, Devan, Jo Aro and Matt Powers are in Plano, Texas with Aunt Marian, Uncle Ronnie & Cousin Elizabeth while Devan is gone so are her friends Joseph & Kimberly who live across the street from Timi and grandma Lorelyn.

We wonder how many one hundred and two years young people there are in the Texas panhandle. We were informed by Dr. Howard Batson, pastor of First Baptist Amarillo of Frank Steel of Amarillo was also born in 1898 along with our self. Dr. Batson talked about all of the changes that have occurred since then.

We offer personal and SCOT prayer support to the families of Lloyd King, he will be very much missed around town and at SCOT meeting. We want to remind our peers to pat shoulders and tell people that luv u them, that makes the world go round.

Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Bill & Pat Boren went to last week's basketball game in Austin. They enjoyed a "family reunion" with Charles who lives at New Braunfels and Joe Earl & Judy of Houston. They visited in their homes. Stopped at the Kelly Carlisle's in Ropeville on the way home.

Jo June McDaniel continues to improve each day. She is still at Thelma Smith's in Dumas. Mike & Marylou McDaniel visited with her Sunday.

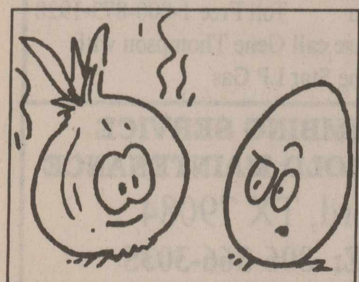
Florencia Eslinger is working in the warehouse at Monfort.

If it's a pretty day one can bet that Shorty Hudgens is fishing!

Jacy 6 and Dasan 4 are spending Spring Break with their grandparents, Bill & Donna Gillenwaters. Parents Duane & Stephanie brought them Friday. They took Tala home with them and celebrated their 11th anniversary in Amarillo on the way.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover visited with Ernie & Natacha Dyess at the ranch east of Trinidad Saturday. They spent the night at their place at Folsom.

Betty Henry & Marylou McDaniel attended the DWBA banquet and program March 8. Other teammate Sherlon Ferguson was on the program. Pat Boren was at the basketball game and Ann Woolley was not feeling well.



In Latvia, onion skins were once used to produce dye to color Easter eggs.

YOUR GARDEN

Plant A Glorious Garden

(NAPS)—If you're thinking of giving your garden a new look this season, consider some tips from professional garden designers.

- Line garden paths with fragrant herbs, such as basil and thyme or form borders with hedges and fences.



- Include some of the flowering trees that bring color to new heights. To help protect tree bark from injury and insects, use new self-gripping VELCRO® brand Tree Wrap.

- Use quick-growing trees to provide privacy around a deck or patio. To ensure saplings and young trees grow straight and tall, keep them firmly staked with VELCRO® brand Tree Ties.

- Make room for a vegetable garden. Tomatoes, eggplants, snow peas etc. provide color as well as food for the grill.

- Use a flower covered trellis, arbor or gazebo for architectural interest. To secure and train flowering vines and stake and protect vegetables and long stemmed flowers, keep VELCRO® Plant Ties on hand.



Pickens Receives Medal

Tyler Pickens, age 9 with his silver medal from the Amarillo Area Special Olympic Basketball Finals. Tyler is a member of the Amarillo Hot Shots. He participates in lead-ups which are individual events. He also won a gold medal at the Pampa Tournament earlier in the season. Tyler is a 2nd grade student at Mary Allen Elementary.



Mandy Mires Gomez, bride of Junior Gomez, was honored with a wedding shower on Saturday, March 3, 2001 in the home of Doris Parsons. Shown from left: Kay Mires, Mandy holding her son Reese, Christy Wells, and Ashley Parsons Elliott.

Renewing DLs to be as easy as www

Computers across the state of Texas will become Driver License offices in February when a new DPS service goes online.

The Driver License Division plans to make renewing driver licenses and ID cards available over the Internet and by telephone sometime this month. License holders who are eligible to renew by mail will now also be able to either call a special telephone number or log on to a secure DPS Web site to conduct business, charging the renewal fees to a credit card.

About 80,000 drivers per month take advantage of the current mail renewal process. That number is expected to grow with the new system, thereby reducing the number of drivers who visit DL offices to take care of routine business. It is the DL Division's goal that 40 percent of total renewals will eventually take place via the Internet, phone system or mail—an increase of about 15 percent.

DPS employees have been working on this project for the past year and have entered the home stretch with the assistance of contractors. The online and telephone renewal computer system is undergoing extensive testing before the service is available to the public.

"We want to make sure that the system is secure, stable and can handle a large number of transactions," said project manager Jim Templeton.

The systems and infrastructure are designed to allow for additional Department services to be added in the future.

"We're pleased that we will soon be able to offer the citizens of Texas a convenient way to renew their driver licenses and conduct other business with DPS 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr.

An exact implementation date wasn't available at press time, but check in occasionally at the DPS site (www.txdps.state.tx.us) or the state e-business Web portal at (www.texasonline.com) for updates. The DPS Employee Information Line (512-424-7777) also will announce when the project goes live.

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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
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Morning Worship 10:50 am
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Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wed. Service - 7:30 p.m.
First Baptist
Bro. Jerry Stewart
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Church Training 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
La Mision Bautista
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401 S. Wall 396-5376
Domingo-(Sunday)
Estuela Dominical 9:45 am

Miercoles (Wednesday)
Servicio De Adoracion 11:00 am
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Servicio De Adoracion 6:00 pm
Susninios Durante El Servicio.

The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom.
—HL Mencken

Cards of Thanks
I would like to thank the very nice person who left such a wonderful gift on my door last Tuesday!
Thank you so much and God Bless You
Shari Hudson
Mar Wife and Family
We would like to thank the community, local and out of town fans, parents, families and friends for the wonderful support of our football team and our efforts to fund raise for our trip to Australia. Also we want to thank Marty and Shari at the Star for all the coverage and pictures. Being on a State Champ team was great but so is living in Stratford!
Corey Naugle
Sid Resendes
Gilbert Gutierrez
I would like to thank the staff at the Family Medical Clinic. Also the EMT's that escorted me to the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo. By their quick response a heart attack was probably averted. I now have a stint added to my body to assist my heart. Your professional care was greatly appreciated.
J.E Brannan

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Blessing Through Faith

The Good News of Jesus Christ begins on a negative note because we are in need. It then reports the only answer we have. If you've ever had a guilty conscience, you know the problem. Guilt means violation. You've crossed the line. You are due a penalty. "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Christ went to the cross to die in the place of needy people to give answer to their need. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross" (1 Peter 2:24). This payment for sin brings us out from under the penalty of death. This payment for sin also gives us life. "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Four thousand years ago, Abraham was a prototype. He approached God with the liabilities of wrongdoing and guilt. He also approached God with faith. Abraham's faith expressed his emptiness. His faith also revealed a trust in the adequacy of the Savior. Galatians 3:13-14 gives a beautiful summary. "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'-in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

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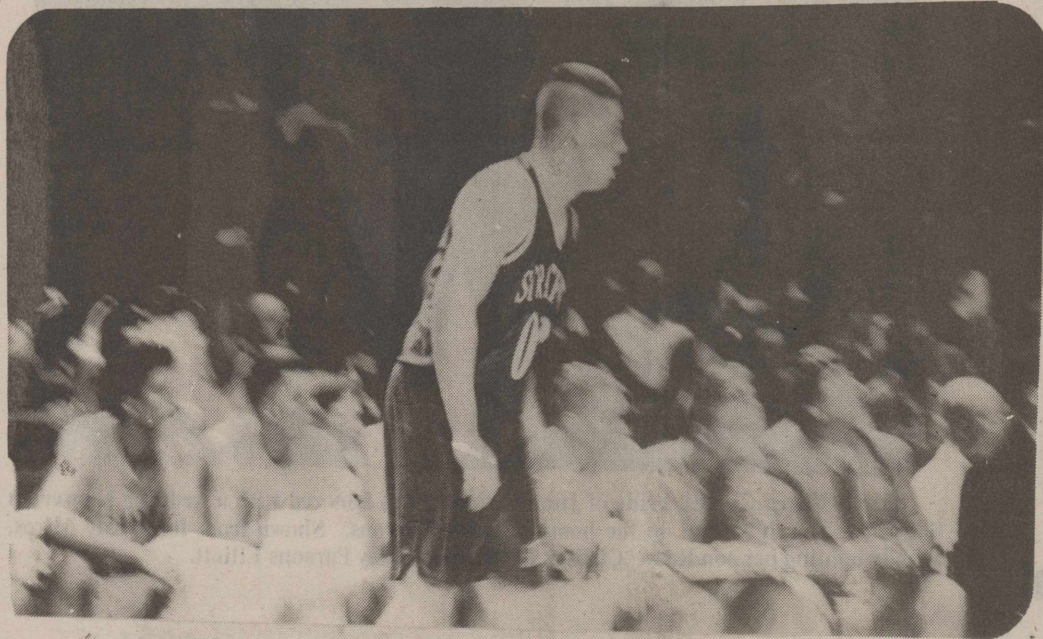
Templo Hispano Eben-Ezer
Pastor Roberto Frescas
205 N. Poplar - Hwy 287
Escuela Dominical 10 a.m.
Servicio De Adoracion 5 p.m.
Meir Co Les Serv De Ador 5 p.m.

Kerrick Community Church
Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
Sunday Morning - 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday

Stratford Elk State Basketball Shots!



When a couple becomes engaged it is traditional for the groom's family to first call on the bride's family.



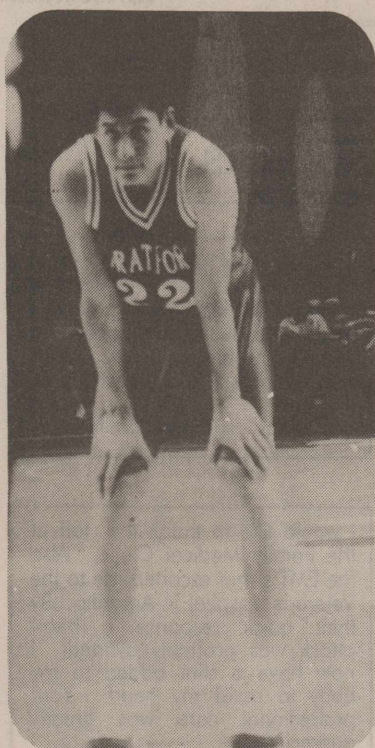
Skyler Walden

The Stratford Elks fell to Evadale 61-47 in the Division I State Championship game on Thursday, March 8, 2001 in Austin at the Frank Erwin Center before a crowd of 6,947.

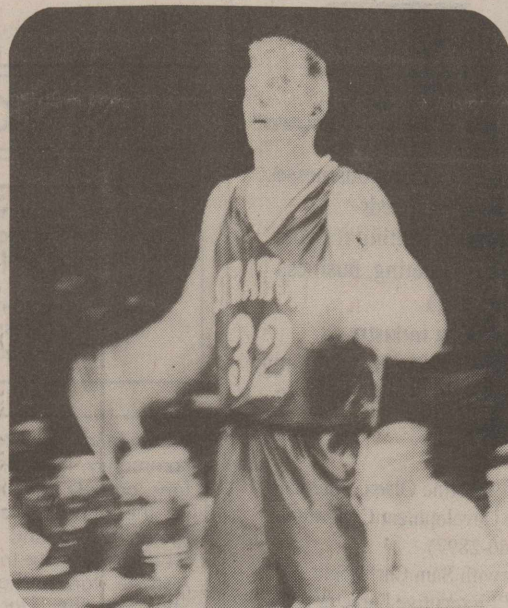
Adam Bell, named to the 1A All-State Tournament led the Elks

with 25 points followed by Skyler Walden with 10 points and Rene Vital with 8 points and 12 rebounds. Nick Ashley and Corey Naugle added 2 points each.

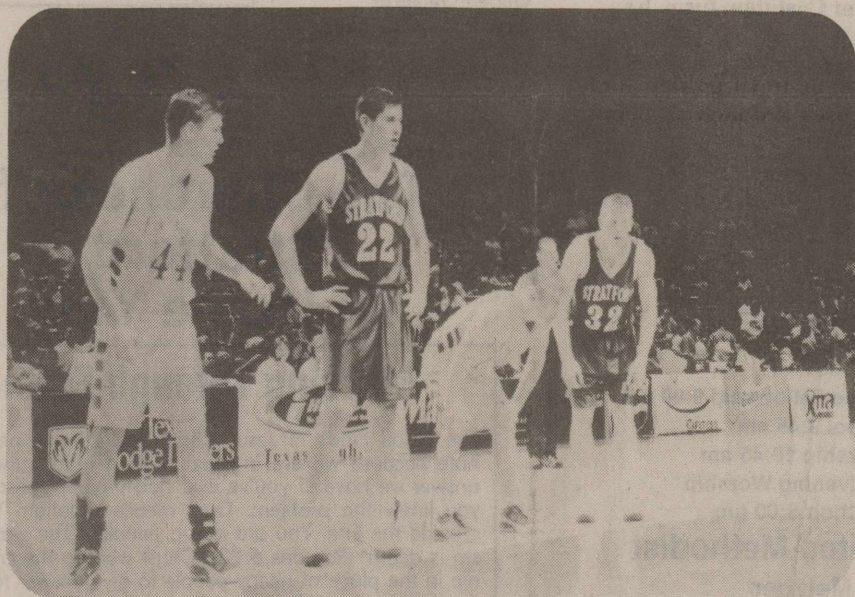
CONGRATULATIONS GUYS - YOU HAD A GREAT YEAR - IT WAS A LOT OF FUN!!!



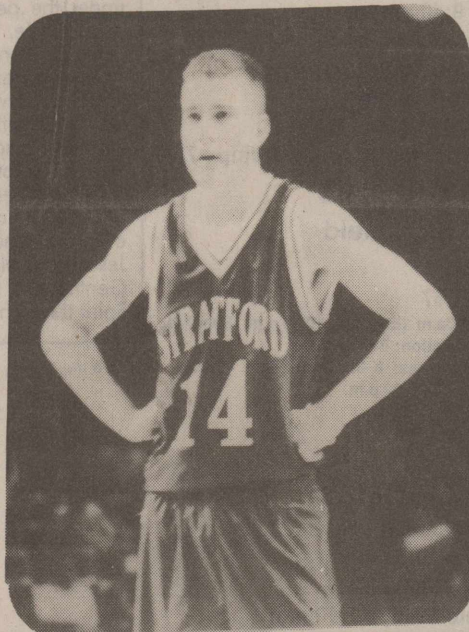
Rene Vital



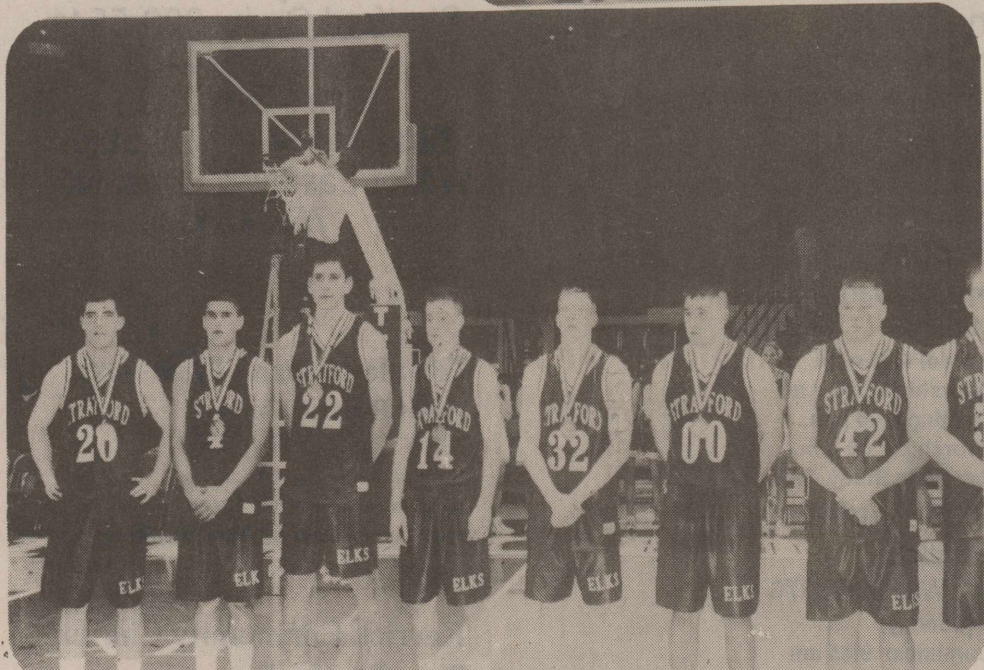
Michael McAlister



Rene Vital and Michael McAlister



Shown at right: Adam Bell - Adam was named to the Class 1A boys' all-state tournament basketball team. Bell scored 25 points, had 4 assists and seven rebounds in the Elks' 61-47 Division I title-game loss to Evadale on Thursday, March 8th. Congratulations and Good Job!!



Shown above, the Stratford Elks receiving their silver medals at the awards ceremony held after the Championship game. Shown from left: Corey Naugle, Carlos Ortega, Rene Vital, Adam Bell, Michael McAlister, Skyler Walden, and Nick Ashley.

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Johnny and Karen Pulliam each received awards at the Firemans Banquet held Saturday, March 10, 2001. Story on page 1.



Prospectus Study Club Book Fair

3rd Grade students Jonathan Knight and Eric Burton, shown above helped Marsha Wright of Prospectus Study Club set up for Prospectus Study Club's Book Fair held last week.

Spring Break



Chris Hernandez far left is shown above with Sandy Williams, after receiving his Firefighter of the Year award. Seated and looking on is Jack and Vicki Gore.

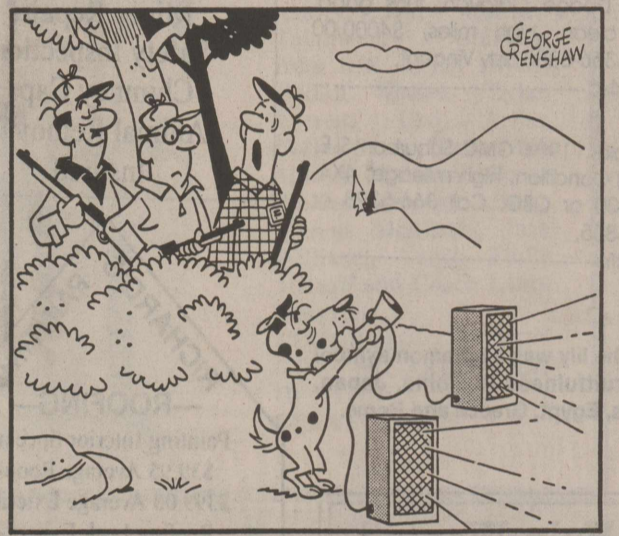
ALL-AMERICAN GRILLED CHEESE
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Makes 4 servings
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

4 tablespoons (½ stick) butter, softened
8 slices hearty white bread
8 slices (¼ pound) American cheese
16 slices crisp, cooked bacon
8 slices (¼ pound) Colby cheese

Spread butter evenly on one side of each piece of bread. Distribute American cheese slices and bacon equally over 4 slices of bread on the side without butter. Equally place Colby cheese slices over the bacon, and top with the remaining slices of bread, butter-side out.

Preheat a large skillet or griddle over medium heat. Cook sandwiches, in batches if necessary, for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until golden and the cheeses are melted. Serve immediately.

BELVEDERE by George Grenshaw



"A PLAIN ORDINARY MOOSE CALL ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM. IT'S GOTTA BE IN STEREO."

Tornado Watch/Warning

Knowing the difference between a **TORNADO WATCH** and **TORNADO WARNING** could save your life.

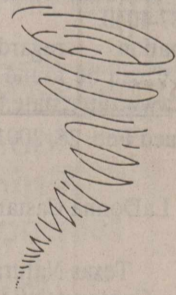
A **TORNADO WATCH** means conditions are right for tornadoes to form.

A **TORNADO WARNING** means a tornado has been sighted in your area and you should take cover immediately.

Remember:

WATCH - take **CAUTION**

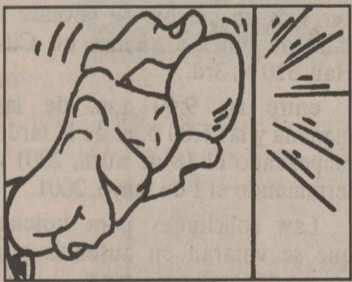
WARNING - take **ACTION**



For additional information on tornado safety contact your local office of emergency management.



The leaf and roots of the herb called comfrey contain allantoin, a protein that encourages cell division and is used in a variety of herbal cures.



A tradition in Bulgaria called for people to tap their Easter eggs against the wall of the church on Easter morning.

Delay the Game When Thunderstorms Approach

Austin, TX - Countless lightning tragedies have occurred on sport fields in Texas through the years. People on open sport fields are at higher risk for lightning strikes.

Sports fields are dangerous because they are large open areas where people are often the tallest objects. Sports fields also have metal bleachers, fences, light poles and goal posts that attract lightning. When lightning hits these objects, its charge travels along the object shocking anyone who is touching it. Lightning can also bounce off any of these objects and strike people nearby.

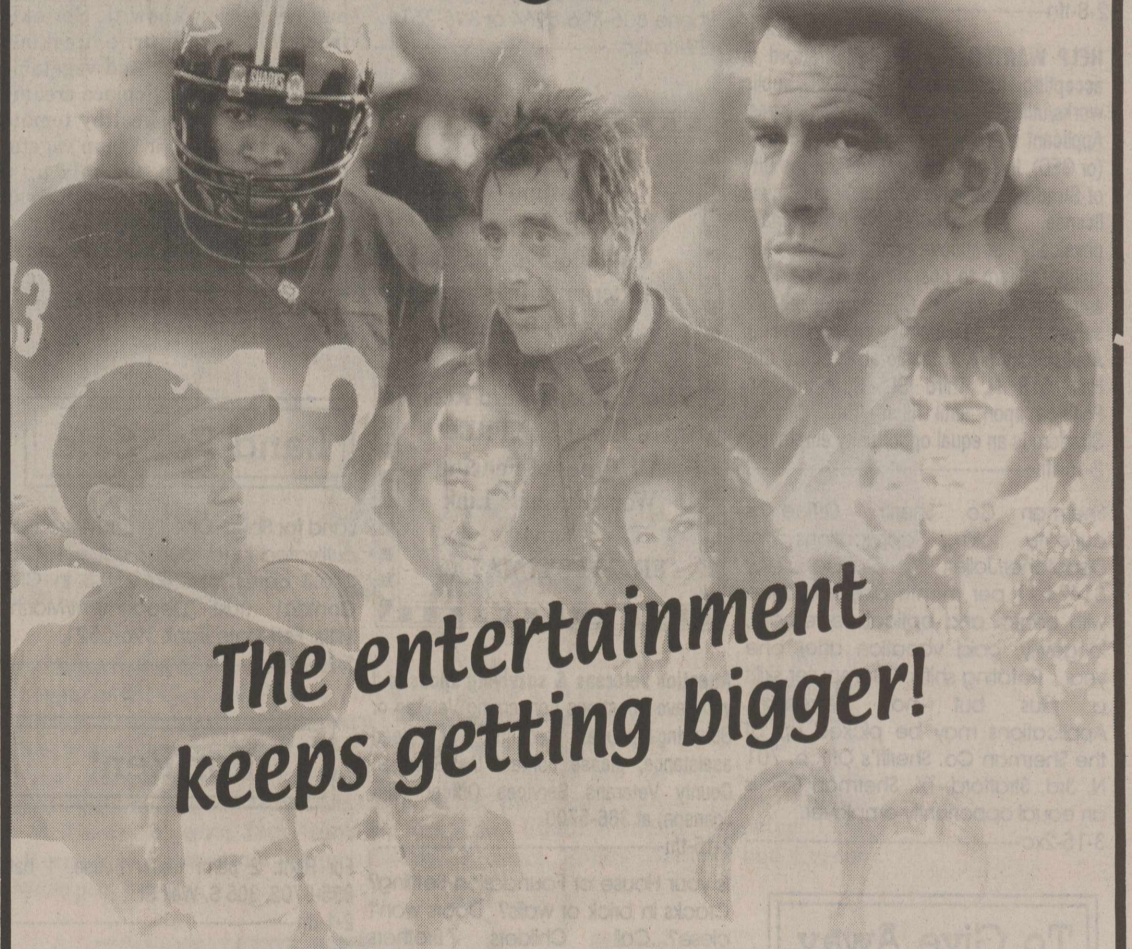
"Schools, athletic programs, day care centers, and summer camps, as well as coaches, referees and parents participating in field events need to understand the danger of lightning and be prepared to take immediate action. Activity policies should clearly state that if thunder is heard, games and activities should be suspended until the threat passes and thunder is no longer heard," says Division of Emergency Management Coordinator, Tom Millwee.

"No sporting event is worth risking the lives of the people and children on or around fields." Says Millwee, "When a game or practice is delayed due to a thunderstorm, move everyone indoors or into cars or buses until the storm passes."

The Division of Emergency Management offers the following lightning safety tips.

- Stay tuned to local weather forecasts.
- If you can hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning.
- Find a low spot away from trees, bleachers, goal posts and other structures.
- Make sure the area is not prone to flooding.

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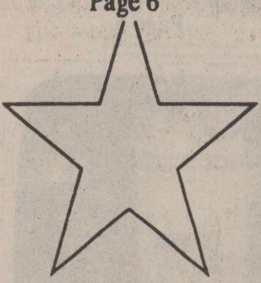


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For Sale: 1998 Monte Carlo, 30,000 miles. 366-5684.

2-1-tfn
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2-22-tfn

For sale: 98 Hardi Spray Rig, 1000 gal., 60 ft. boom, foamer, chemical inducer. Call 753-7398 or 366-5398 after 7 p.m.
10-19-tfn

For Sale: 2-Silverado Pickups-2000. Short Wheel Base. Call 366-2576 or 366-5557.
2-15-tfn

For Sale: 1989 Cadillac Brougham, AM/FM cassette, all electric, tilt, cruise, leather interior. \$3000.00. 366-2109.
3-15-1xc

Prom Timell! Tuxedos available at Hair Creations. Call 396-2809.
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1993 Dodge Caravan, runs good, very clean, high miles, \$4000.00 OBO, 366-5388 Sisty Vincent.
3-15-4xc

For Sale: 1994 GMC Suburban SLE. Good Condition, high mileage, 4X4. \$12,000 or OBO. Call 366-5398 or 366-5885.
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The lily was a common symbol of fruitfulness in China, Japan, India, Egypt, Greece and Rome.

Help Wanted

R.N. or L.V.N. Charge Nurse Position available at Coldwater Manor. Rotating Shifts, Excellent Benefits including Health Insurance after 90 days full-time employment. Apply in person at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road; Stratford, TX 79084; 806-396-5568. EOE
2-8-tfn

HELP WANTED The City of Stratford is accepting applications for ONE public works/utility department employee. Applicant must be a high school graduate (or GED), live within 20 minutes of the City of Stratford and have a valid Texas Drivers license. The work is occasionally physically strenuous and requires the ability to learn to operate a backhoe, loader and mowing tractor. City employees are subject to random drug testing. Applications are available at Stratford City Hall, 518 N. Third St., Stratford, TX. Position upon until filled. The City of Stratford is an equal opportunity employer.
2-15-tfn

Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office is currently taking applications for Dispatcher/Jailer. Starting pay \$1474.11 per month plus insurance with dental and optical, retirement, longevity, paid vacation after one year. Rotating shifts. Computer skills a plus but not necessary. Applications may be picked up at the Sherman Co. Sheriff's Office, 701 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX. Sherman Co. is an equal opportunity employer.
3-15-2xc

To Give Away

To Give Away. 1/2 Lab - 1/2 Red Heeler dog 6 months old free to a good home. Call 366-3296 after 5 p.m.
3-15-1xc

Writing is easy. All you do is stare at a blank sheet of paper until drops of blood form on your forehead.

—Gene Fowler



The word *Carnival* comes from the Latin words for "goodbye to meat". As early as the Middle Ages a tradition developed that called for feasting prior to the 40-day period of fasting known as Lent. This became the Carnival.

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Attention veterans & surviving spouses- if you have questions concerning Veteran or Surviving-Spouse Benefits, or need assistance, please contact the Sherman County Veterans Services Officer (Jim Johnson) at 366-5700.
2-15-tfn

Is your House or Foundation Settling? Cracks in brick or walls? Doors won't close?...Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, TX.
1-4-1tynp

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House for Sale

Ad Rem Land Co.
Very Nice Home in Stratford! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, single car garage with double carport! Central heat and air, steel trim on all outside. Price also includes rental house with steel siding and trim. \$57,000. Call Ad Rem Land @ 806-935-7364.

Five A Day

(NAPS)—Research shows that fruits and vegetables can help lower your risk for cancer. Many fruits and vegetables contain phytochemicals which may help neutralize free radicals that cause cell damage that may lead to cancer. To help protect yourself, it is recommended that you eat five servings a day.



It is easy to get five a day when you understand what a portion size is. One serving is as simple as 3/4 cup of 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice (size of a small juice glass); 1 medium piece of fruit (size of tennis ball); 1/4 cup of dried fruit (half a handful); 1 cup leafy vegetables (one handful of greens); or 1/2 cup of salsa or tomato sauce (size of a cupcake wrapper).

Simple tricks can lead to five a day before you know it. Sprinkle fruit over your favorite breakfast cereal or pancakes. Add vegetable toppings to pizza. Replace creamy pasta sauces with healthy tomato sauce. Add an extra 1/2 cup vegetables to your soup. Or, mix up a smoothie in the blender with fresh fruits and lowfat yogurt.

For more information on cancer prevention, visit the Cancer Research Foundation of America at www.preventcancer.org.

Land For Sale

Land for Sale: One (1) 640 Acre tract cultivated land; 306.7 acres in CRP, 276.3 acres in CRP, 250.3 in CRP. Contact Trust Department/Martha Mills, First State Bank 396-5521.
3-12-tfn

For Rent

For Rent: 2 bdrm trailer house, 1 bath, 935-6702, 305 S. Wall St.
2-1-tfn

2 Bedroom Apartment For Rent, call 769-4464.
1-18-tfn

Office Space for Rent: Call 396-2243.
3-15-2xc

House for Rent: 3 Bedroom, utility porch, furnished. 396-2125 or 396-2236.
3-15-2xc

2 bedroom house for rent call 396-2125 leave message.
3-15-c

For Rent: 1 Bedroom furnished apt, 6th & Fulton. Call 396-5541 daytime, 396-5692 at nights.
1-28-tfn



Some people once believed that a sapphire would protect the wearer against the powers of darkness.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the Registered Voter of the City of Stratford, Texas;

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 5, 2001, for voting in a General Election to elect three (3) Councilmembers for two (2) year terms, and to elect one (1) councilmember for one (1) year term. The last day to file for Councilmember will be March 21, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES:

City Hall
520 N. 3rd
Stratford, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

City Hall, 520 N. 3rd.
Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 18, 2001.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

LaRita Butler-Early voting clerk, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 27, 2001.

Issued this the 23rd day of February 2001.

David Brown
Signature of Mayor

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 1, 2001.

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A las volantes registrados del Cuidad de Stratford, Texas

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 5 de mayo de 2001 para vot en (3) concejal por dos sin termino de expiracion, y para vot en (1) concejal por uno sin termino de expiracion. El ultimo dia para registrarse para del concejal sera el dia marzo 21, de 2001a las 5:00 p.m.

DIRECCION DE LAS CASSILLAS ELECTORALES
City Hall, 520 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX

La Temprano votacion an ausencia en persons se lieveara a cabo de lunes a vienes en City Hall, 520 N. 3rd.

entre las 9:00 a.m. de las manana y las 5:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el 18 de abril, 2001 y terminando el 1 de mayo, 2001.

Law solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a

LaRita Butler Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Temprano

P.O. Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo debaran recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 27 de abril, 2001.

Emitado este dia 23rd de febrero, 2001.

David A. Brown
Firma del Alcalde

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 1, 2001, Thursday, March 8, 2001 and Thursday, March 15, 2001.

Legals

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

TPDES Registration No. WQ0004107-000

APPLICATION Vall, Inc., p.O. Box 426, Texhoma Oklahoma 73949 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for an amendment to TPDES Registration/Permit No. 04107 to authorize the applicant to expand an a swine facility from a maximum capacity of 27,360 to 29,880 head in Sherman County, Texas. The application was received by TNRCC on September 26, 2000. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The facility will be located approximately 4 miles north of Stratford on Farm-to-Market Road 2677 and then 2 miles east to County Road 9 in Sherman County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of the Canadian River in Segment No. 100 of the Canadian River Basin.

The application is available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the Sherman County Library, 719 North Main Street, Stratford, Texas 79084.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us

Issued Feb. 28, 2001

LaDonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, March 15, 2001

CITY OF STRATFORD INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Ric Walton, City Administrator, City of Stratford, will be received at his office in the City Hall until 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2001 for the construction of approximately 27 Blocks of Street Sealcoating entitled:

SEALCOATING-2001

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the City of Stratford, 520 N. Third St., Stratford, Texas, 79084, telephone 806-366-5581 and the offices of Brandt Engineers, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4537 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79110, telephone 806-353-7233. Contract documents, including plans and specifications may be procured from Brandt Engineers, Inc., at the above address as follows:

Cost: \$50.00 per set. NONREFUNDABLE

A Cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Stratford in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating proposal prices, the City of Stratford reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

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A bright red colored egg is a symbol of Easter in Bulgaria. Traditionally, the eggs are colored on the Thursday before Easter after the church services.

FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—Sweet potatoes can be a powerhouse of beta carotene and Vitamins A, C, and E. For sweet potato recipes, visit www.sweetpotato.org or write to the Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission at P.O. Box 2550, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-2550.

A device known as the Gamma Knife is a radiosurgery system that uses high doses of radiation delivered in converging beams to painlessly treat lesions within the brain. The technology is used at more than 140 institutions worldwide and is recognized and covered by most health insurance companies. Some experts expect the treatment method's success to lead to developments in other types of non-invasive surgeries. For more information on the Gamma



Knife, including a list of locations, consult your healthcare professional, visit www.gammaknife.com or call 1-717-671-1701.