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Annual Chamber Banquet April 15th

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will have its annual Banquet on Monday, April 15, 2002. The banquet will be held at the County Barn. The silent auction will begin at 6:30; with the program and dinner to begin at 7:00. Ticket prices are individuals - \$14.00, and couples - \$25.00. Tickets may be purchased from any Chamber member or from the Chamber office. Our theme will be "Pioneer Families of Sherman County". The meal will be catered by K-Bob's of Dumas. Make plans to attend and meet the new "Citizen of The Year".

Still Time For Book Fair

Still time for the Book Fair! Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. at Mary Allen Library this week. Parent's Night is Thursday 5 through 8 p.m.

Clifford, the Big Red Dog, will be visiting on Parent's Night.

This is a chance for all to obtain good books for young students. If you've never attended a Book Fair before, come take a look.

Sponsors are members of GFWC/Prospectus Study Club.

Spring Strutting of the Rio Grande Turkey

We invite you to join us in Clarendon, TX to celebrate the Spring Strutting of the Rio Grande Turkey April 19-21, 2002.

The Donley County Tourism Council will be hosting the 2nd Annual Donley County Spring Turkey Strut Festival in downtown Clarendon, Texas April 19-21, 2002.

Leading up to the event, The Donley County Turkey King Contest is off and running at Duckwall's, and the notorious Featherbottom Clan of wooden turkeys will be on the loose April 1st and raffle tickets are being sold for a \$300.00 gift certificate to the Donley County Merchant of choice.

The Festival will kick off at 5:00 Friday, April 19th with a Poker Run ending on Main Street with a Harley Show. Saturday we will have Bird & Wildlife Viewing Tours throughout the day at Finch Ranch, Coyote Ridge and James Pinkney Rogers Bird Sanctuary.

At 10:00 the Art & Crafts

"Grammy Award Winning Artist Jody Miller To Appear In Concert"

Grammy Award winning artist Jody Miller, will appear in concert on Saturday, April 20, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. Performance will be held at Boise City Christian Church, located at 1017 North Cimarron, Boise City, Oklahoma. There is no charge for this concert.

Jody Miller, now a popular Christian artist, was one of country music's most popular singers during the "Nashville Sound" era scoring more than twenty top country songs including her grammy winning signature song, "Queen of the House."

Wanting to spend more time with her family, Jody retired at the height of her career to return to her home in Blanchard, Oklahoma. She has since rededicated her life to Christ. Jody now uses her tremendous talent spreading God's word through music.

For more information, please contact Chuck or Sandy Hawkins at 580-544-2421 day or 580-544-3152 night.

Mexican Pile On Dinner & Ticket Drawing

Skyler Walden, Wes Kimball and Nick Ashley would like to invite the community to join them after church on Sunday, April 21, 2002 for a Mexican Pile On Dinner at the County Barn. Wes, Nick and Skyler are raising funds to be used to cover the cost of traveling and participating in the 2002 Down Under Bowl held in Australia this coming June. So give Mom a break from cooking lunch and come out for some good food and fellowship, the boys will be asking for a free will donation for the meal.

There will also be a drawing for the second winner of a pair of West Texas A&M University 2002 Season Football Tickets. The Buffs season opener will be September 7, 2002 and they will play 5 more home games. Don't miss this chance to win a pair of season football tickets! Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each and they will be available at the dinner or they can be purchased from Nick, Skyler or Wes. The final fund raising event for the boys will be a 3 Person Golf Scramble on Saturday, May 25, 2002 and the final drawings for the remaining 4 season tickets will take place at the golf tournament.

Show, live entertainment and the kids carnival will start. The carnival will include an inflatable slide, small merry go round, moon bounce, games and novelties. Live entertainment this year will include music, Cowboy poetry, Mimes, Cake-Walks and more.

12:00 Turkey Cookout judging. \$5.00 gets you samples of all entries and a vote for the winner.

3:00 KEFH Live Remote Broadcast

5:00 Crowning of Donley County Turkey King

Turkey Mattress Race

Cook Off Trophies Awarded

Raffle Drawing

Kids Turkey Strut & Gobble Contest

KLSR Turkey Strut Street Dance Till 10:00

Sunday will start with a Cowboy Church Service and country breakfast at Bittercreek Ranch and the Craft Show will be open from 10:00 till 5:00.

*** Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. ***

—Margaret Mead

Chamber of Commerce Banquet Monday, April 15th

The Stratford Chamber of Commerce will honor the Sherman County Families of the first decade of Stratford 1901 who came and stayed, creating roots for Stratford. Each decade has been important too to add the branches to the community tree to keep it growing and healthy. The following is part II of families of that first 10 years as we know it from God, Grass & Grit I and the present connection in parenthesis. Some corrections are added from last weeks list.

Uncle Eb-E.M. Coffman 1902 - Rebecca Ann Braddock/Z.T. Haile (Jack Haile):

Bill Coffman/Hardy(Barbara Bouldin, Dwight and Ronnie Brooks)

W.T. Dortch 1907 - Mary Sweny/Flo Hudson (Gary and Tim Hudson)

Ed Lavake 1909 - John (Mary Lou Walden): Tom (Sarah Keener)

Herman (Wayne) Sekki (Susan Wheeler & John Lavake)

W.T. Martin 1906 - Clyde/(Mary Pat Williams): Mary Riffe/(Linda Spurlock, Don, Bill)

Arthur Mullins 1900 - Forrest (Selma Pendleton)

Howard Basil Naugle 1905 - Frankie Lavake (Sarah Keener); Robert (Howard, Janie Randall); Basil.

W.G. O'Brien 1902 - Curran (Betty Lou) Junc Vincent (Jack, Walter)

E.G. Pendleton 1901 - J.R. (W.L. "Bill")

A.E. Pronger 1903 - Polly Summerour (Jimmy/Kristi Walden, Johnny, Buzz); Penny Bennett (Hal, Millie Hacker), Percy (Ann Wells), Doris Dyess (Ellen Tillery), Alfred (Fred)

James P. Reeder 1902 - Carl/(Maurine Plunk, Sue Hudson)

Samuel Ross 1902 - Arthur (Billie Joe, Lorraine Mehner)

James P. Smith 1908 - Earl/J.W. (Jim, Jess)/Mava Grey (Jo Berry Hinds)

Elizabeth O'Brien (Betty Lou); Mary Brown (tom; Sallie Green (Waylon)

W.W. Smith 1902 - Nora Kidwell (Mary W. Wisdom)

D.D. Spurlock 1900 - Florence Mullins (Selma Pendleton); W.A./Travis - James)/Alvin(Gregg & Dru)/ Neal-Wes); Bell Cummings/Ernest (Wayne-Brett)

Guy Sweny 1908 - Flo Hudson (Gary)

R.A. Taylor 1900 - Lester/Tommy(Pat Johnson)

George T. Whaley 1901 - Annie Stone/George(Martha Mitts)

Anton Zimmer 1908 - Albert (Bill)

Bell Named United States National Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Adam Bell from Stratford has been named a United States National Award Winner in Science.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American high school students.

Adam Bell, who attends Stratford High School, was nominated for this national award by Paula Everett, a teacher at the school.

Adam will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Adam is the son of Billy & Jeannic Bell.

Adam Bell

Imagination Station Meeting April 28th

What were the plans and dreams for the Imagination Station? Is there still interest in the wonderful programs that were presented to the area children?

Would you be interested in volunteering short term, long term or just for a project? Come to the Imagination Station, Sunday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m. to explore the possibilities. Each person who has served on the Board is asked to come and bring an interested person with them and all interested persons are encouraged to participate.

For more information, contact Kim Allen, Martin Dettle, LeRayne Donelson or Gaynelle Riffe.

Spring 2002- Amarillo Job Fair Bigger Than Ever!!

The Amarillo Job Fair Committee announces that the Spring 2002 Amarillo Job Fair is expected to be attended by a record number of job seekers. Trent Morris, Chairman for the event, commented, "Every year the Amarillo Job Fair continues to grow both in terms of employer and job seeker participants and in the variety of employment opportunities offered."

Now beginning its fifth year, this biennial event is a collaborative effort of several local business, education, and community service organizations. The Amarillo Job Fair has been very fortunate to have the loyal support of its corporate sponsors Northwest Texas Healthcare System and Bell Helicopter/Textron. The job fair was created to link employers with job seekers - targeting all job levels and skills.

The event will be held Tuesday, April 16th in the Amarillo Civic Center North Exhibit Hall located at 401 S. Buchanan in Amarillo, Texas. Mr. Morris reported that the Fall 2001 Amarillo Job Fair had over 70 businesses participate and was attended by over 2000 job seekers.

A variety of employment opportunities will be available from entry level to professional level including full and part time positions in technical, management, customer service, sales, and secretarial/clerical areas. Job seekers should come prepared to submit applications and resumes and be prepared to visit with employers. The Amarillo Job Fair is open to the public - admittance and participation is free to all job seekers.

Businesses that are currently recruiting or needing employees may reserve a booth at the job fair by contacting Trent Morris at (806) 372-5521 x 1632. Booth rental is \$35.00 for a 10' booth space with skirted table. Amarillo Chamber of Commerce members receive a discounted booth rental rate of \$25.00. Booths are available on a first come, first serve basis. Lunch will be provided to employer representatives.

The Amarillo Job Fair Committee includes: Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, Amarillo College, Catholic Family Service, Inc., City of Amarillo, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Texas Healthcare Systems, Texas Commission for the Blind, Texas Department of Human Services, Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Texas Workforce Centers.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday, April 15th Dalhart Courthouse at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16th B.A. & LeRayne Donelson, Stratford at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 16th SunBank, Dumas at 7:00 p.m.

CASA 69, Inc. is a member of Texas CASA and the National Court Appointed Special Advocate Association. To learn more about the Light Vigil and "Do a Good Deed," or how you can help abused and neglected children, call CASA 69 Executive Director at 806-244-2684.

3rd Annual Light Vigil

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. On April 11, 2002, CASA 69, Inc. will host its Third Annual Light Vigil as part of a state and national movement to increase awareness for abused and neglected children. The Vigil will be held at the Dallam, Moore, and Sherman County Courthouses and will begin at 6:00 p.m.

During the Vigil, various city and county officials will speak in honor of the abused and neglected children in our area. School children will be presenting special songs and our local mayor will make a proclamation in honor of the children abused in our community and nation. CASA 69 Board President, Beth Moore, said "The April 11th Vigil will be an opportunity to thank the dedicated people who have given their time and support to our organization. More importantly, this event brings about awareness and education. Hopefully, we will find some special individuals who want to become trained volunteers for their county. I encourage everyone to come out with their family."

Every year in Dallam, Hartley, Moore and Sherman Counties, the lives of more than 70 abused and neglected children are placed in limbo as they wait for the courts to determine their fate. Please take 30 minutes out of your schedule to honor these innocent children that suffer daily. CASA 69 board members will be handing out key ring lights to all those attending so everyone can help make a "Light of Hope" for these special children. Let everyone know that the 69th District stands against abuse and will fight to make our children's future brighter.

In addition to the Light Vigil, CASA will be hosting "Do a Good Deed" as part of the activities for Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. "Do a Good Deed" is an informative session for all those wanting to learn more about child advocacy. This is a chance to ask questions and to understand the role CASA volunteers partake in the lives of these children. Each county will be hosting "Do a Good Deed."

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Don't ever dial area code 809

Editors Note: We appreciate Roy Conway bringing this in to share with our readers:

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO US BY AT&T. DON'T EVER DIAL AREA CODE 809

This one is being distributed all over the US. This is pretty scary, especially given the way they try to get you to call. Be sure you read this and pass it on to all your friends and family so they don't get scammed!

MAJOR SCAM: Don't respond to Emails, phone calls, or web pages which tell you to call an "809" Phone Number. This is a very important issue of Scam Busters because it alerts you to a scam that is

spreading *extremely* quickly can easily cost you \$2400 or more, and is difficult to avoid unless you are aware of it. We'd like to thank Verizon for bringing this scam to our attention. This scam has also been identified by the National Fraud Information Center and is costing victims lots of money. There are lots of different permutations of this scam.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

You will receive a message on your answering machine or your pager, which asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809. The reason you're asked to call varies. It can be to receive information about a family member who has been ill, to tell you someone has been arrested, died, to let you know you have won a wonderful prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the

809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls.

If you call from the US, you will apparently be charged \$2425 per minute. Or, you'll get a long recorded message. The point is, they will try to keep you on the phone as long as possible to increase the charges. Unfortunately, when you get your phone bill, you'll often be charged more than \$24100.00

WHY IT WORKS:

The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands (The Bahamas). The 809 area code can be used as a "pay-per-call" number, similar to 900 numbers in the US. Since 809 is not in the US, it is not covered by U.S. regulations of 900 numbers, which

require that you be notified and warned of charges and rates involved when you call a pay-per-call number.

There is also no requirement that the company provide a time period during which you may terminate the call without being charged. Further, where as many U.S. homes that have 900 number blocking to avoid these kinds of

charges, do not work in preventing calls to the 809 area code.

We recommend that no matter how you get the message, if you are asked to call a number with an 809 area code that you don't recognize just disregard the message. Be wary of email or calls asking you are to call an 809 area code number. It's important to prevent becoming a victim of this scam, since trying to fight the charges afterwards can become a real nightmare. That's because

you did actually make the call. If you complain, both your local phone company and your long distance carrier will not want to get involved and will most likely tell you that they are simply providing the billing for the foreign company. You'll end up dealing with a foreign company that argues they have done nothing wrong.

Please forward this entire message to your friends, family and colleagues to help them become aware of this scam.

Sandi Van Handel
AT&T Field Service Manager
(920) 687-904

Additional information can be obtained from the following AT&T Web Site
<http://www.att.com/fraud/home.html#thres/>

**Letter To
The Editor**

Dear Editor:

The Chamber of Commerce is winding down the Centennial Celebration and looking toward the future by honoring the families who came that first decade and are still in Stratford. They put down strong roots for the rest of us to add to and build the community we have today. Using the information in God, Grass & Grit I, we identified 33 families that are still represented in Stratford today. There is a chance we missed some and we may have made mistakes or omitted family members living here today. It was really hard to decide how to show the original family members and then the connection of members today. If you are confused I can certainly understand why because I got confused myself and I have known most of the families for a long time.

Go to the library and read God, Grass and Grit I and maybe that will help clear your mind.

Each decade is just as important to the growth of Stratford and we intend to ask you to identify yourself at the banquet as your decade is acknowledged. Those arriving in 2000-2001 are important too as a part of the past and the future we are looking forward.

Please pardon the mistakes made in good faith. Get your Banquet tickets today from the chamber office and help celebrate the past and the future.

Gaynelle Riffe

Obits

Tom Thompson

Tom Thompson, age 81 died April 1, 2002 at Dumas, Texas.

Graveside services were held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, April 8, 2002 at Paris-Frederick Mortuary, El Cajon, California.

Tom was born July 23, 1920 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married Mabel Jones on May 12, 1951 in Carson City, Nevada.

Survivors include his wife Mabel Thompson of the home, 1 son-Terry Allen Thompson, California, three daughters-Randy Aro, Stratford, Sherry McKim, San Diego, California and Jessica Thompson, Stratford. Three sisters: Trudy Hayes and Juanita Stumph, Folsom, California, Dorothy McMullan, Quartzhill, California and brother: Felix Thompson of California 7 grandchildren 15 great grandchildren.

Opal Ellison Bryant

Opal Ellison Bryant, age 98 died Saturday, April 6, 2002 at Stratford, Texas.

Graveside service was held Tuesday, April 9, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. at Stratford Cemetery-Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in the First Christian Church of Stratford with the Rev. Bob Sweeten officiating at both services.

Mrs. Bryant was born June 9, 1903 in Pleasant Hope, Missouri and has been a Sherman County resident since 1930.

She was the second child of Molly & A.H. Ellison. She married Odis Bryant in Wichita, Kansas in 1926. He preceded her in death. They were very productive members of the community all of their life. Opal was a member of the First Christian Church; Eastern Star and several other community organizations.

She is survived by her daughter Wanda Riffe of Stratford, Texas; Two brothers-John Ellison of Norwalk, California and Tom Ellison and wife Jackie of Texhoma, Oklahoma. One sister: Elsie Pickens of Stratford, Texas. Grandson: Bryant Riffe of Goodwell, Oklahoma and two sisters-in-law Ruby Graves of Visalia, CA and Oma Bryant of American Forks, Utah. Several beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, P.O. Box 626, Stratford, Texas 79084 or Coldwater Manor, P.O. Box 1189, Stratford, Texas.

**Local Scholarships
Being Offered**

April 12th-VALL Livestock, Inc.

April 15th-Dalhart Elks Lodge, USA Funds-Access to Education, Dalhart Knights of Columbus

April 19th-Earl and Conrad Riffe Memorial

April 26th-Burke Bell Memorial

April 30th-Amarillo Women's Network.

Eligibility requirements and applications for these scholarships can be obtained in the counselor's office or by calling Misti McBryde at 366-3322.

We can't all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.
-Will Rogers

Only two things are infinite, the universe and stupidity—and I'm not sure about the former.
-Albert Einstein

Arts in the Area

- April 13 Lone Star Ballet "Sinatra, Classics, Rock & Roll" Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-372-2483
- April 4-14 "WIK" Drama ALT Adventure Space Amarillo Little Theatre 806-366-9991
- April 12 Randel Chamber Orchestra, Symphony Youth Orchestra First Baptist Church, Amarillo 806-378-8782
- April 20 Amarillo Symphony, Amarillo Civic, WTAMU Choruses Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-8782
- April 22 "Annie Get Your Gun" Broadway Series Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- April 24-28 "Prelude To A Kiss" WTAMU Branding Iron Theatre 806-651-2798
- April 26 "Zarzuela" Amarillo Opera Amarillo Civic Auditorium 806-378-3096
- April 27 Amarillo Youth Choirs Spring Concert Southwest Baptist Church 806-372-1100
- May 2,3,4 Greater Southwest Music Festival Amarillo Civic Center 806-373-5093
- May 4 Amarillo Chamber Music -Pepe Romero, Guitarist Amarillo Chamber Music Society 806-368-0191

Amarillo's Newest Art Center Is Now Open

Panhandle Art Center, Amarillo's newest Art Gallery 3701 Plains Blvd. Suite 135-On the East side of Sunset Center.

Open 1-5 Tuesday through Friday, important to the growth of Stratford and we intend to ask you and Sculpture by Panhandle Area to identify yourself at the banquet Artists over 400 works of art on display. Also a variety of classes those arriving in 2000-2001 are and demonstrations are being important too as a part of the past scheduled. Please call to find out more information-351-2322.

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"The Great Trike Race"

CASA 69 is sponsoring The Great Trike Race for ages 3 to 5 at the Court House parking lot on Thursday April 11, at 5:45. Balloons and ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Tricycles will be provided but contestants may bring their own.

Please turn in registration forms to the Mary Allen Elementary office.

NAME:

AGE:

will bring my own tricycle
Come see who is King-or-Queen-of the Road!!

**Public
Notice**

Scot News
By Jack Gore

The Texhoma Independent School District will accept sealed bids to purchase new doors and windows for classrooms and cafeteria. The bids shall be in the Texhoma school District's Business office at P.O. Box 709 (4th & Denver), Texhoma, Texas 73949, no later than: April 16, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. Envelopes must be marked in lower left hand corner ("SCHOOL WINDOWS BID").

Specifications may be obtained at the school administration office at P.O. Box 709 (4th & Denver), Texhoma, Texas 73949 or by calling (806) 827-7400.

Texhoma Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in the best interest of the Texhoma Independent School District.

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Last week was Bingo, the regular crew of Bingo players came and enjoyed Bingo, Coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and popcorn. If you like Bingo and to feast on gourmet treats come Thursday the 18th.

Next week will be Area Foundation meeting on the 9th, Game night Friday the 12th then on Saturday 13th the trip to Canyon Museum and eat out is still scheduled, but we need a few more to sign up. Chamber Banquet is Monday the 15th, lets support our Chamber.

Knowledge about life is one thing; effective occupation of a place in life, with dynamic currents passing through your being, is another.
-William James

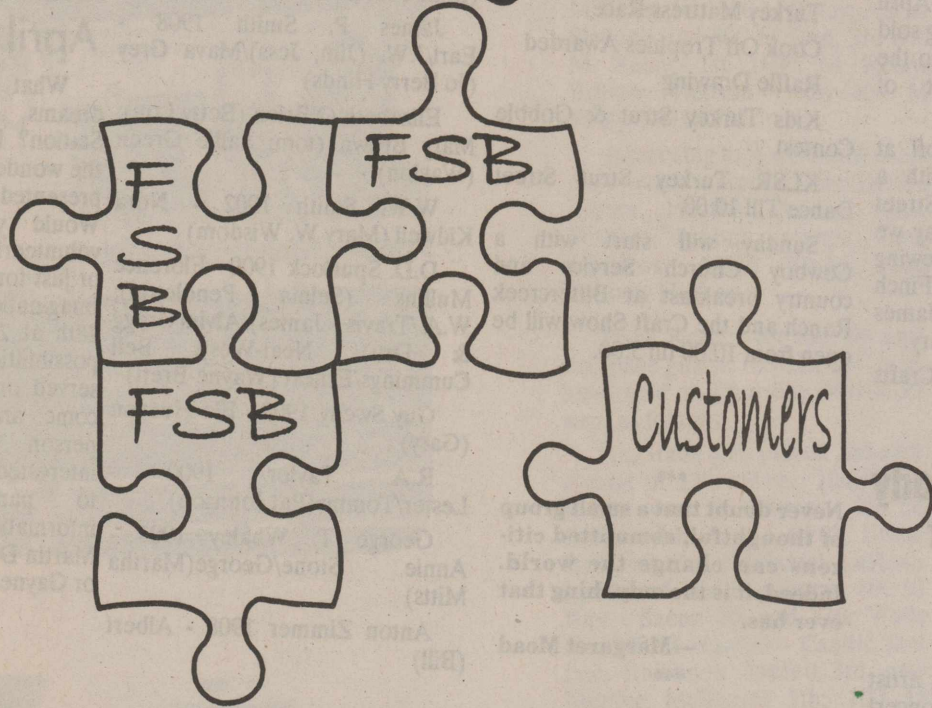
Rush Information Meeting Sunday, April 14th

There will be a mother/daughter information session for all Senior Girls interested in Sorority Rush 2002-2003 at 2 Greenwood Lane, Amarillo, TX on Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 p.m. You will learn: 1. How to Register for Rush, 2. What to Expect from Rush, 3. What to Wear for Rush.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, CONTACT Kelly Robertson, 4212 Catalpa, Amarillo, Texas 79110 467-8161 or Kristy Kersh 8111 Prosper, Amarillo, Texas 79119 352-4185.

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ATTENTION—OWNERS WHO PURCHASED HOUSES OR OTHER STRUCTURES AFTER MAY 3, 1999, WITH LOUISIANA PACIFIC CORPORATION AS A LENDER, SHOULD CONTACT THE LP SIDING LITIGATION CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1999.
THIS NOTICE MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.
If this Notice does apply to you, you may be eligible to opt out of the LP national siding class action settlement if you wish by filing an Opt Out Request form with the LP Siding Litigation Claims Administrator. If you do not opt out of this class action settlement, you will no longer be eligible to receive any benefits under the settlement agreement. You would be permitted, however, to pursue whatever legal remedies may be available to you.
The deadline for filing an Opt Out Request form is June 17, 2002. To request additional information from which you can determine whether you are eligible to opt out of the class action settlement or to request either a Claim Form or an Opt Out Request form, you may contact the LP Siding Litigation Claims Administrator. If you have damaged LP siding that is eligible for compensation under the settlement agreement and desire to file a claim, you must complete a Claim Form and return it to the LP Siding Litigation Claims Administrator postmarked on or before December 31, 2002.
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WTA&M Showcase of Music

The WT A&M Department of Music presented their Showcase of Music, Friday, April 6. The University Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra, Collegiate Chorus and Music Therapy Club as well as sections of the Band and Orchestra entertained with a wonderful evening of music.

It was a special time to see future Band Directors, Choir Directors, Church Choir singers, Symphony musicians, performers for Texas, community theaters and those who will have the joy of music for fun. The Big Blue Band has benefited from the W.T. Music Department.

Dr. Gary Garner, Director of Bands at WT since 1963 will conduct his last concert for the University on Sunday, April at 7:00 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. Dr. Garner will retire after 39 years of teaching thousands of students to be better musicians. More importantly, his commitment to the pursuit of excellence has had a positive and permanent effect on these students long after their days at W.T. An opportunity is available to honor this event by giving to the Gary Garner Band Scholarship Fund.

A reception will be held after the concert for students, faculty, friends and supporters of the University music program. For ticket information contact Donna in the music office 806-651-2840.

Golf Tournament, Concert with Johnny Ray Watson & Jim Fullingim To Benefit Jim Fullingim Prison Ministry

Jim Fullingim Ministries and Stone Gate Golf Course announce a golf tournament to be held at Stone Gate on April 20, 2002, benefiting the Fullingim Prison Ministry. The tournament will be a four-person scramble, with men, women and mixed teams welcome. Lunch will be served and prizes awarded immediately after the tournament. Tee-off will be at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$50.00 per person, and all proceeds will benefit the Jim and Judith Fullingim Prison Ministries. Stone Gate is located at 111 S. Indiana, in southwest Lubbock. Reservations for the tournament may be made by calling Stone Gate at (806) 748-1448.

On the evening of April 20, 2002, there will be a free concert featuring noted gospel singer Johnny Ray Watson, to be held at 7:00 p.m. at Second Center, 5300 Elgin, Lubbock. Watson, a native of Lorenzo, Texas, is well-known and widely-loved for his powerful voice, and he has sung with the Billy Graham Crusade, Bill Glass Ministries and others. He sings in churches and at other events all over the nation, and has sung with the famed Riverside Church in Austin for several years. Watson will be joined in the concert by Jim Fullingim and other talented singers.

Jim Fullingim is a well-known personality in West Texas, having traveled as a music evangelist all over the nation, after beginning his ministry with evangelist James Robison in the 1970s. He has recorded 13 albums of gospel, traditional and contemporary Christian music, and has hosted a network Christian TV program, *The Lay Witness*, as well as a local radio program, *God is Good*. In the last seven years, he and his wife Judith have evangelized in the prisons, visiting an average of six prisons per month in Texas and elsewhere. Their ministry is probably the most prolific and fruitful prison ministry in the nation, visiting more units and receiving more decisions for Christ than any other. In the last two years, the Fullingims have become active in mentoring released prisoners, and helping them to find jobs, clothing, churches to attend and with spiritual guidance.

Stone Gate Golf Course has attracted attention recently with its renovation of both its course and its clubhouse. Formerly Pine Valley, the course was taken over by a group headed by Glen Reddell, and is now one of the most beautiful on the South Plains. Its restaurant is of the best in the area, with a menu ranging from snacks to full-course meals, and also includes a sports bar. Reddell says that one of its purposes is the promotion of worthy Christian causes like the Fullingim Prison Ministry.

Births

Clint and Sunday McAdams of Seymour proudly announce the arrival of their son, Kade Andrew. Kade was born on Wednesday, March 20, 2002 at 12:20 p.m. at United Regional Health Care System in Wichita Falls. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Harley and Babe Portwood of Seymour and Steve and Chris McAdams of Stratford. Great-grandparents are Johnny and Anita Palmer and Don and Jo Ann Buckalew all of Olney, Dixie McAdams of Pasadena and Jean Warren of Schulenburg. Great great grandmothers are Zella Allison of Olney and Elsie Lasley of Stratford.

Kelly and Jason Adams of Amarillo, TX are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Klay Allan Adams. He was born on March 26, 2002 in Amarillo, TX and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Jerry and Beverly Grimes of Amarillo, TX and Jack and Terri Adams of Hartley, TX.

Prospectus Study Club News

Old Timer King & Queen and two scholarship recipients were selected when GFWC/Prospectus Study Club met April 3 at Sherman County Library.

Top of Texas District Spring Convention is April 13th in Canyon. If a club member wants to go and hasn't sent in registration, she may call Ruby Sharp, Dalhart 244-2127 today. An interesting session is planned with a trip to Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, Cowboy poets, a John Stossel video, installation of new officers. TFWC President-Elect Bobbe Mitchell is the special guest. Total registered for fee, lunch and museum is \$15.

Plans were made for summer activities. This includes 4th of July, Summer Reading program, Meals on Wheels, Old Timer celebration.

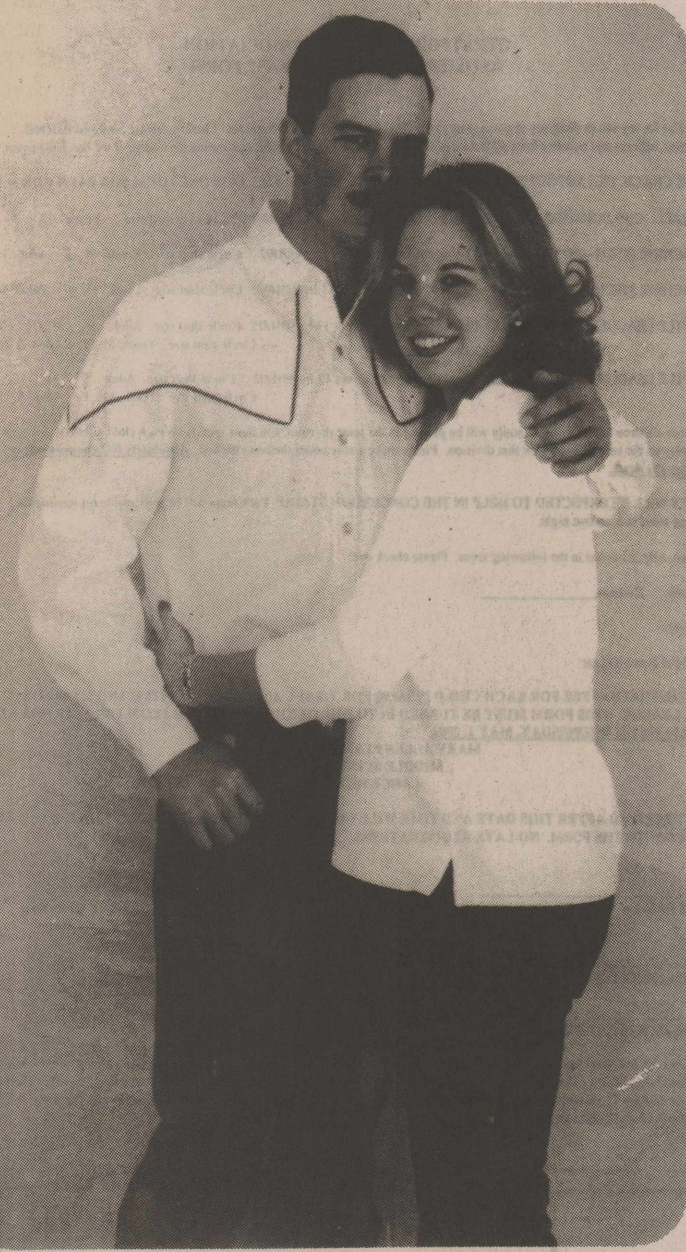
Book fair is 1 to 4 p.m. this week at Mary Allen Library. Clifford, The Big Red Dog, will be here Thursday night from 5 to 8 p.m.

Members answered roll call to "My Favorite Program of the Year".

Present were Marsha Wright, Laurie Spurlock, ViAnn Reed, Mattie Baskin, D'Lynn Reed, Jimmie Pronger, Becky Adams, Margaret Reed, Pat Hartman, Liz Sanders, Oline Caraway, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Kathryn Bassett, Michelle Lutes, Linda Swain, Marylou McDaniel and hostesses, Dorothy Haile, ViAnn Reed.

If wrinkles must be written upon our brows, let them not be written upon the heart. The spirit should not grow old.
—James Garfield

Travelers are always discoverers, especially those who travel by air. There are not signposts in the sky to show a man has passed that way before.
—Anne Morrow Lindbergh



Engagement Announced

Ginger Crabtree of Goodwell, OK and David Odell of Boise City, OK wish to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. Ginger is the daughter of Charley Crabtree of Stratford, TX and Janet Eppard of Granby, MO. Grandparents of the bride are Cliff and Alice Harrington of Stotts City, MO and the late Newton and Francis Crabtree of Stratford, TX. Parents of the groom are Dwight and Susie Odell of Boise City, OK. Grandparents of the groom are Bill and Evonne Moore of Canadian, TX and Mrs. Ruth and the late Meredith Odell of Woodward, OK. The private ceremony will take place at the home of Don and Martha Ellison of Stratford on June 29, 2002.

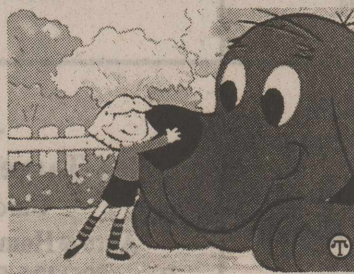
Ginger is a graduate of Stratford High School and is currently attending Oklahoma Panhandle State University and plans to graduate in May 2003. David is a graduate of Boise City High School and OPSU with a bachelors degree in Industrial Technology. He is currently self employed. Ginger and David will be honored in Stratford and Boise City at planned showers.

Gift Ideas

Charming Videos Cheer Children And Their Adults

(NAPS)—Every dog, they say, has his day. Now it looks like a red letter day for one particular pet of generations of children.

The animated antics and fun, friendly entertainment offered by Scholastic's *Clifford the Big Red Dog* are coming to DVD for the first time ever this holiday season.



A cartoon canine watched by millions of youngsters a week is available on DVD in time for the holidays.

Clifford, named number one kid's show in TV Guide's "Parents Guide to Kid's TV—Ten to Grow On," is wholesome fun for the entire family, as they tune in to PBS KIDS.

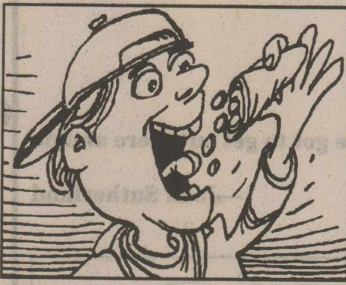
This could be good news for parents and grandparents concerned about what many children are exposed to these days. Families find it not only refreshing but comforting to be able to watch something on TV that's life affirming and that offers such lessons as the value of helping others.

In addition to two VHS tapes, *Clifford Saves the Day* and *Clifford's Fluffiest Friend Cleo*, each with four episodes of Clifford's Emmy-nominated PBS KIDS television series, Artisan's Family Home Entertainment is releasing a DVD with eight new episodes. The DVD includes such extras as *Clifford's Big Ideas*, which teaches kids about friendship and sharing, *Dance with Clifford*, and

a live-action segment featuring kids and their dogs.

Popular television personality and Emmy nominee, John Ritter plays the voice of the loveable, oversized Clifford, a dog with his head in the clouds, but all four paws planted firmly on the ground. Grey DeLisle of *Rugrats* stars as Clifford's favorite human, Emily Elizabeth; Kel Mitchell of *Keenan & Kel* is the voice of the sturdy-but-cautious bulldog, T-Bone and Cree Summer of *Inspector Gadget* is the irrepressibly spirited "un-poodle," Cleo.

The DVD and the third series of videos in the Clifford Collection are available at retailers nationwide. For more information on Clifford, visit scholastic.com.



The average person in the U.S. eats 25 pounds of candy and gum per year.

First Assembly of God

Terry Callis, Pastor
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. Bob Sweeten
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
No Sunday Evening Worship
Wed. Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service - Ev. worship - 7:00

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Darryl Birkenfeld
6th & Pearl
Rectory - 366 - 5687
Sunday morning: 8:30a.m. (English), 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before Mass.
Christian Formation Classes: K-6th Grade, Sun. - 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m., Jr. & Sr. High, Wed. - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

Mike Talley
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist

James Washburn
302 S. Main - 806-396-5335 lv. message
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
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

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Pastor Roy Harris
Community Building
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Sunday Evening-6:00 p.m.
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NO SCHOOL - Snow Day			12:00 PM JH Cheerleader Tryouts HS District Track Meet - Dumas		At 11:00 HS Caliente 8:30 AM Bikefest Meet - Fort Wagon
	District Tennis Meet - Amarillo				
7	8	9	10	11	12
Daylight Savings Time Begins	District Golf Meet - Burger	HS Concert & Sightseeing Contest - Boys Ranch	District Golf Meet - Burger	HS Area Track Meet - Dumas	End of 5th St Weeks JH Prom - 7:00 PM - HS Cafeteria
				Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 PM	
14	15	16	17	18	19
	9:30 AM Varsity Cheerleader Tryouts 1:30 PM JV Cheerleader Tryouts Begin 8th St. Week	3-4 TAAS Math	3-4 TAAS Reading Early Voting Begins	8th TAAS Soc Studies	8th TAAS Science Regional Academic Meet - Loveland
21	22	23	24	25	26
			Early Release - Teacher In Service		
28	29	30			
		Early Voting Ends			

Good News Department

Helping Seniors Cover Prescription Costs

(NAPS)—About 17 million of the 40 million Medicare beneficiaries in the U.S. do not have any prescription coverage. As a result, their illnesses—many of them life-threatening—go untreated.

Fortunately, a new program has been created to help low-income Medicare beneficiaries get needed prescriptions and better manage their health care.

Seniors who have a Pfizer Share Card can buy a 30-day supply of a Pfizer prescription medicine for \$15.

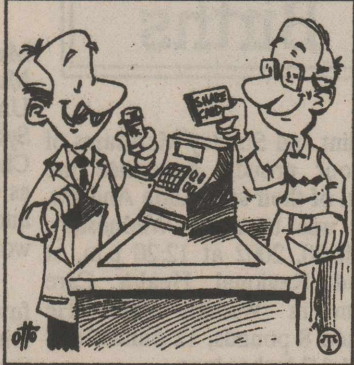
The card can be used at retail pharmacies and is available to Medicare recipients who have an annual gross income below \$18,000 or less than \$24,000 for couples.

The flat-fee prescription coverage program is designed to bridge the gap in drug coverage until broader Medicare reform is implemented. There is no enrollment fee.

The cost of prescription drugs is crucial for many older people because Medicare, which provides health insurance to all Americans over age 65, does not cover prescription drugs outside the hospital.

Many seniors get at least some of their drug costs paid, in some cases by joining a Medicare HMO or by buying supplemental coverage, but about 27 percent have no drug coverage.

Several drug companies have discount drug cards, but many of



An innovative new program has been designed to bridge the gap in prescription drug care coverage.

those charge seniors a modest fee, usually from \$12 to \$25 a year, in exchange for a discount. A recent government study found that savings from these cards are minimal for many of the most popular name-brand drugs.

The Pfizer drug card will be administered through the Pfizer for Living program, which will include a help line and educational materials for low-income seniors. Pfizer medicines most often used by Medicare recipients include the cholesterol-lowering drug Lipitor, Neurontin for acute epilepsy, Norvasc for high blood pressure and angina, and Zoloft for depression.

For more information, call 1-800-717-6005 or visit www.pfizerforliving.com.

Stratford Baseball Entry Form

STRATFORD BASEBALL ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION AND RELEASE FORM 2002 SEASON

I would like for my son or daughter to participate in the 2002 Summer Baseball Program. I hereby release Stratford Baseball Association, officers and coaches from all liability, for any injuries, accidents, thefts, etc. during the course of the baseball season.

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR YOUR CHILD AND FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH CHILD.

- () T-BALL: CHILD(BOY OR GIRL) Must be 6 before 9/01/02 and not 8 by 9/01/02. Circle shirt size: Youth S M I
- () MACHINE PITCH - BOYS: Must be 8 before 9/01/02 and not 10 by 9/01/02. Circle shirt size: Youth M I Adult S M I
- () MACHINE PITCH - GIRLS: Must be 8 before 9/01/02 and not 11 by 9/01/02. Circle shirt size: Youth M I Adult S M I
- () LITTLE LEAGUE - BOYS: Must be 10 before 9/01/02 and not 13 by 9/01/02. Circle shirt size: Adult S M I XI
- () LITTLE LEAGUE - GIRLS: Must be 11 before 9/01/02 and not 13 by 9/01/02. Circle shirt size: Adult S M I XI

If 2 or more children from the same family will be playing in the same division, you must specify on each child's form if you want them to play on the same team within that division. Please make a note under the box checked. Absolutely NO changes will be made after the start.

PARENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO HELP IN THE CONCESSION STAND! Each team will be responsible for running the concession stand at least one night.

In addition, help is needed in the following areas. Please check one:

- () Coach Division _____
- () Umpire _____
- () Official Score Keeper _____

THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR EACH CHILD IS \$20.00 FOR T-BALL AND MACHINE PITCH AND \$25.00 FOR LITTLE LEAGUE. THIS FORM MUST BE TURNED IN TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE/PLACES NO LATER THAN 5:30 PM ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2002.

MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY OFFICE
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LANCIE HORSFORD

FORMS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE FORM. NO LATE REGISTRATIONS.

CHILD'S NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____
PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____ WORK PHONE _____ HOME PHONE _____
ADDRESS (STREET AND BOX #) _____

This year, the fee is \$20.00 for T-Ball and Machine Pitch and \$25.00 for Little League and must be turned in with the form by 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 1. However, at the season kick-off night or your child's first practice, he/she will receive 10 raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. If your child sells all 10 tickets for a total of \$10.00, that money is yours to keep. The drawing for the \$1.00 will be on the first game night - Monday, May 20.

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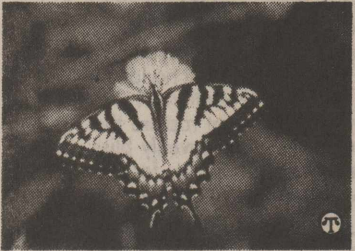


The poem *America the Beautiful* was written in 1893 by American educator Katharine Lee Bates, who was inspired by the view from atop Pike's Peak.

YOUR GARDEN

Make A Home For Wildlife In Your Backyard

(NAPS)—If the idea of gardening has taken root for you, you're not alone. According to the National Gardening Association, 45 percent of Americans garden in their yards and 40 percent provide food for wild birds.



Among the reasons Americans love to garden is that it's a great way to experience the natural world on a daily basis and to connect with Mother Nature. It's also a wonderful way to provide a wildlife habitat. This means food, water, cover, and places where wildlife can raise their young. The result? You can enjoy wonderful wildlife experiences every day, right in your own backyard.

The first step is to assess your garden to determine what habitat you may already be providing. Do you have flowers where graceful butterflies and dainty hummingbirds can find nectar? Is there a clean water source for the neighborhood frogs? What about dense shrubbery where the songbirds can find cover from predators, build their nests, and serenade you each morning?

Building a backyard habitat is not hard. To help, experts at the National Wildlife Federation's Backyard Wildlife Habitat™ program have created a Backyard Wildlife Habitat planning guide. The guide is available for \$14.95 by calling (716) 461-3092 or go to www.nwf.org/backyardwildlife habitat.



The name Linguine comes from the term for "Little Tongues."

Keeping an Eye on Texas

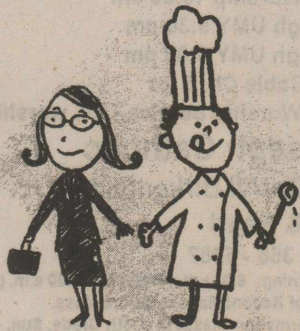
"Win a College Scholarship"

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander encourages school children to draw a picture of 'What I Want to Be After College'.

By entering a drawing of their dream career in the sixth annual Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest, students could win one of nine Texas Tomorrow Fund scholarships.

The Texas Tomorrow Fund Poster Contest is open to all Texas students enrolled in elementary or middle/junior high school. The contest is sponsored by Belo Corp., Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp., Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Fannie Mae and Intel Corp.

For more information, go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund Web site at www.texastomorrowfund.org. The contest entry deadline is Friday, April 12. Winners will be announced in May.



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller (www.window.state.tx.us)

Observando a Texas

"Gana una Beca para el Colegio"

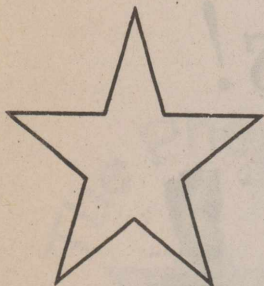
Carole Keeton Rylander, Contralora de Texas invita a todos los niños en edad escolar a que hagan un dibujo que represente 'Qué me gustaría hacer después de mi Graduación en Colegio'.

Entrando en un sorteo de la carrera de sus sueños en el Concurso de Pinturas del Fondo de Texas para el Futuro, los estudiantes podrían ganar una de las nueve Becas del Fondo mencionado.

El Concurso de Pinturas del Fondo de Texas para el Futuro está abierto a todos los estudiantes de Texas que se encuentran inscritos en la escuela primaria, la escuela media o la secundaria. El concurso está auspiciado por Belo Corp., Farmers Insurance Group, Intel Corp., Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas y Fannie Mae.

Si deseas más información, mira el sitio de la Web del Fondo de Texas para el Futuro: www.texastomorrowfund.org. Puedes entrar en el Concurso hasta el 12 de Abril. Los ganadores serán anunciados en Mayo.

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Land For Sale

Land for Sale: One (1) 640 Acre tract, cultivated land; 306.7 acres in CRP, 276.3 acres in CRP, 280.3 in CRP. Contact Trust Department/Martha Mills, First State Bank 396-5521. 3-12-tfn

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For Sale: 3 Bdrm, 2 bath brick home, double car garage, fenced in backyard, across from City Park. 702 N. 7th. Call 396-2425, 396-2845, 396-5841, or 396-1050 for more information. 6-14-tfn

For Sale: 1999 modular home on cement foundation. 1344 square feet. Sits on 3 lots in Texhoma, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, \$45,000.00. (580)423-7541.

3,600 sq. ft. 3,000 living, 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas w/double fireplaces, covered/lighted patio, 2 car garage, corner lot, near both schools, 1220 N. Chestnut. For more info. call 1-903-732-5402 or 396-2498. 1-3-tfn

Ad Rem Land Co.
MLS Office
118 E. 7th, Dumas 935-7364
Fax 935-7687 or call our Stratford Agent
Arnita Lane 366-5853
New Listing - Nicc 3 B/R, 1 3/4 bath, single garage, gas fireplace, central heat/air. Huge closets, nice yard, storage bldg. \$55,000

A strong nation, like a strong person, can afford to be gentle, firm, thoughtful and restrained. It can afford to extend a helping hand to others.
—Jimmy Carter

A great marriage is not when the "perfect couple" comes together. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences.
—Dave Meurer

Help Wanted

House Parent Couples
The Cal Farley childcare organization has 3 campuses - Cal Farley's Boys Ranch (36 miles from Amarillo, TX), Cal Farley's Family Program (near Borger, TX), and Cal Farley's Girlstown, U.S.A. (near Whiteface, TX). We provide nurturing homes, education and other opportunities to disadvantaged youth. We are a Christ-centered organization seeking dedicated, mature married couples for our childcare team! *High energy level a must! *A stable marriage of several years *No more than 2 dependents (no young children, please) *High School diploma/GED required; college preferred. Starting salary of \$37,856 per couple, plus free housing, utilities and food. Medical insurance, pension plan, 401(k) w/company match, and may other great benefits! Relocation \$\$ available. Come join our team and make a difference in a child's life! Call Human Resources at 806/373-6600, ext. 516 or (800)687-3722, ext. 516 or visit our website at www.calfarleysboysranch.org (EOE). 4-11-1xc

Immediate opening for reliable mechanic in Stratford area. Must provide own tools. Apply at: Innovative Staffing Solutions 402-B Tanglewood Rd. Dalhart, Texas 79022 Toll Free: (877) 379-1434. 10-18-tfn

House for Sale: 604 S. Fulton, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1716 living, brick/steel siding, central heat/air, a/c new, vinyl windows, fireplace, large fenced backyard, new ceramic cook-top, built-in oven and microwave, dishwasher, pantry, ice maker hook-up, utility room, carpet, new vinyl flooring, attic storage w/stairs, covered patio, 2 storage sheds, 2 car garage, electric door openers. Phone 254-772-6584. 1-10-tfn

FOR SALE: \$10,000 below appraised value. Over 2100 sq. ft., 4 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath house on 1 acre. Detached 26x30 garage w/electricity. A must see. Call 396-4141; 886-5085, or 653-6114. 4-4-2xc

House for Sale: 3 Bdrm, 1 bath, single car garage, new carpet, fireplace, large fenced backyard, central air/heat, 611 N. Maple. Call 366-2207. 4-4-tfn

House for Rent/Sale: 204 S. Pearl, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, utility room, Central Heat/Air. Large fenced backyard. Deposit & referenced required. 806-244-5486. 4-4-tfn

For Rent

For Rent: 2 Bdrm, 1 car garage, 605 N. 3rd. 935-6702. 3-28-tfn

For Rent: 2 bdrm, 1 bath trailer house. 3 miles west on FM 2014. 727-4664. 4-4-tfn

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

For Rent: 2 bedroom apartment, C/A, washer/dryer hook-ups. Call 769-4464. 2-28-tfn

For Rent: 1 Bedroom House, partially furnished, newly re-decorated. Call 396-2125. 4-11-tfn

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Stratford is accepting proposals for: Collection Station Attendant

Proposals will be accepted until 12:00 p.m., April 11, 2002. Any proposals received after 12:00 p.m. April 11, 2002 will not be accepted. Proposals may be mailed to the City of Stratford, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, TX 79084; Faxed to the City at (806) 366-2254 or delivered to City Hall at 520 N. Third in Stratford, TX.

Specifications may be obtained at City Hall. Proposals will be opened at the regular scheduled council meeting April 11, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. The City of Stratford reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

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IN THE ESTATE OF ORLENA W. SNEED, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Orlena W. Sneed, Deceased, were issued on April 1, 2002, in Cause No. 2045, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: Wilma Jean Boggs and Kathryn Ann Bonds.

The residence of the Independent Co-Executrixes are Gunter, Texas and Stratford, Sherman County, Texas: the post office address is:

c/o Louis T. Dubuque
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 1085
Dumas, TX 79029

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

DATED the 1 day of April, 2002.

Louis T. Dubuque P.C.
105 W. 7th
Dumas, TX 79029
806-935-6451
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by: Louis T. Dubuque
Attorney for the Estate
State Bar No.: 06154000

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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 4, 2002 for voting in a General Election to elect (1) Mayor for a two (2) year term and (2) two Council members for two (2) year terms.

Location of Polling Places: City Hall-520 N. 3rd, Stratford, TX Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at Between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 17, 2002.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to: Kathy Rendon, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, Texas 79084.

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AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A las volantes registrados del Ciudad 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 4 de mayo de 2002 para vot en (2) concejal por dos sin termino de expiracion.)

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

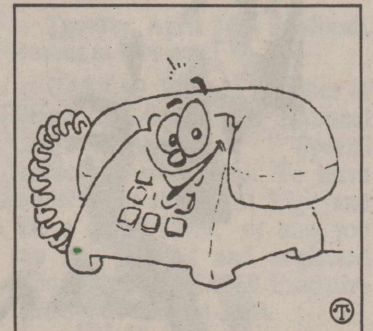
La Temprano votacion an ausencia in persons se lieveara a cabo de Junes a viemes en: entre las 9:00 a.m. de las mañana y las 5:00 p.m. de la tarde empezando el 17 de abril, 2002 y terminando el 30 de abril, 2002.

Law solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Kathy Rendon, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, Texas 79084

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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—According to the American College of Emergency Physicians, the U.S. has one of the world's highest fire death rates. The ACEP recommends installing fire alarms avoiding the use of candles, not using the kitchen oven range to heat your home, having your chimney inspected on a regular basis and installing stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.



A recent study sponsored by the National Eye Institute (NEI) and published in the Archives of Ophthalmology showed that people at a high risk of developing advanced stages of age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of blindness in adults over 50, reduced their risk of vision loss by 25 percent when taking high levels of certain vitamins and zinc. AMD affects more than 13 million Americans each year. For more information about AMD, please call 800-AMD-1153.



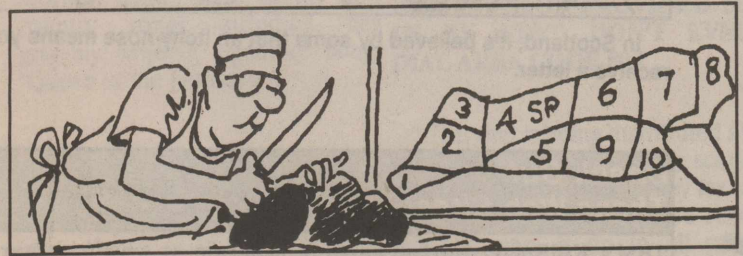
It takes nearly 2,000 coffee cherries to provide enough beans for a pound of roasted coffee.



Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries do.



When Herbert Hoover and his family did not want to be overheard by White House guests, they spoke to each other in Chinese.

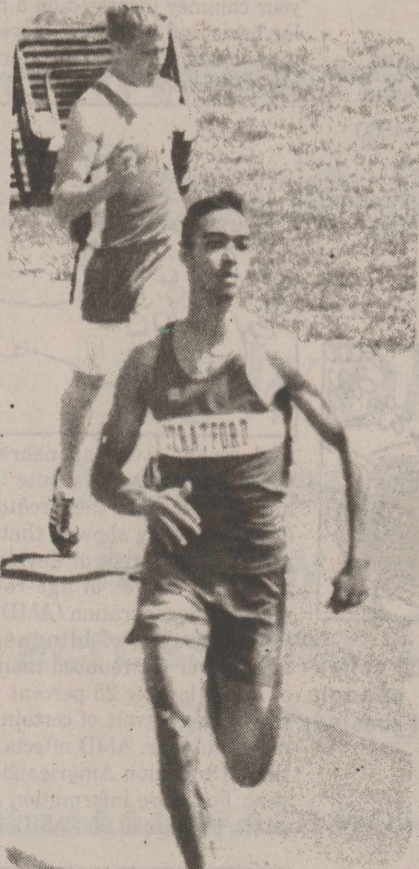
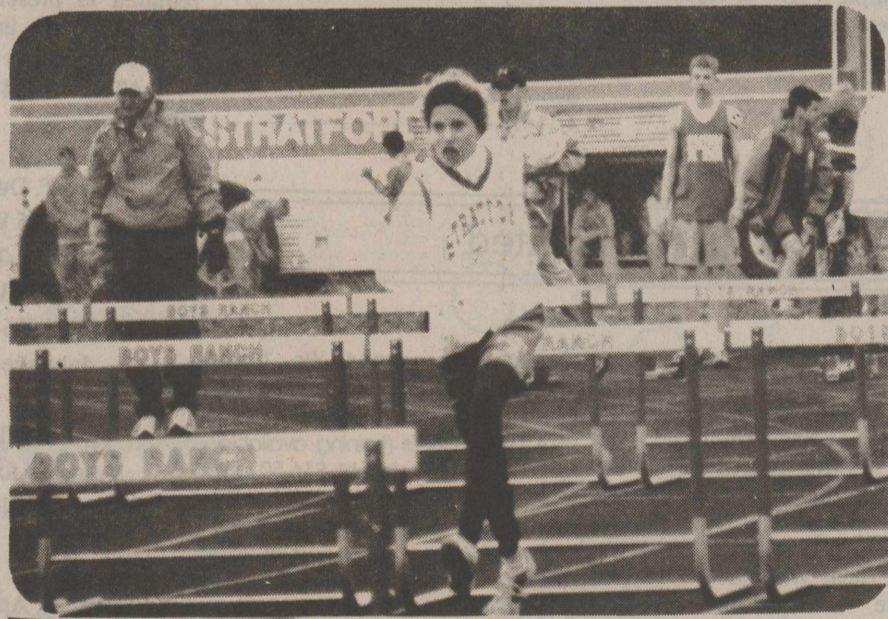
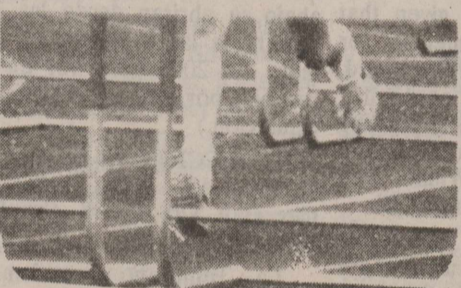


There are nine basic cuts of beef: round, sirloin, short loin, rib, chuck, fore shank, brisket, short plate and flank.

Always behave as if nothing has happened no matter what has happened.

—Arnold Bennet

J.H. & H.S. District Track Shots!



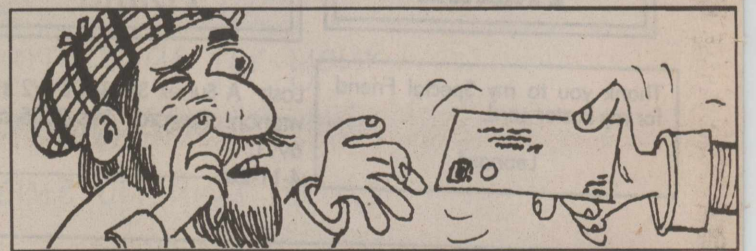
Results from the Varsity Girls District Track meet held on Thursday, April 11 at Dumas were as follows:

Deidre Tarver - 1st place 6th; 300 M Low Hurdles - Merilee Discus; Heather Ashley - 1st 1600 M Daniel - 4th; 1600 M Run - Relay, 4th 400 M Relay, 3rd 800 M Relay; Amie Witcher - 4th 200 M; 1600 M Relay - 1st - Kayla M, 4th 400 M Relay, 3rd 800 M Melton, Whitney Garza, Candie Relay; Amber Larence - 4th 100 Bell, and Rhiannon Everett M, 4th 400 M Relay, 1st 1600 (4:48:11); Discus - Krista Reta - Relay; Lindsay Stein - 7th 100 M 3rd - 71'04. and Fierro 56'. Shot Hurdles; Erin Ashley - 5th 100 M Put - Krista Reta - 2nd - 29'00.50 Hurdles, 5th 300 M Hurdles; Carly and Julianna Taliaferro 21' 10 Mathews - 1st 800 M Run, 3rd 800 1/2'; High Jump - Rhiannon M Relay, 1st 1600 M Relay; Alisha Everett 2nd and Whitney Garza - Sladck - 2nd 800 M Run, 3rd 800 3rd; Triple Jump - Lillian M Relay, 1st 1600 M Relay; Valenzuela - 5th 25'10.75" and Brittany Hudson - 4th 400 M Lisa Walls - 23'7 1/2".

8th Grade Girls: 400 M Relay Advancing to Area Track Meet - 2nd 58.60, Chelsi Thiessen, on Thursday, April 11 are Deidre Cheyenne Zieman, Cassi Garza, Tarver, Heather Ashley, Amie and Crystal Rueda; 800 M Run - Witcher, Amber Larence, Carly Yadira Ortega 1st, Maria Luna - Mathews, Alisha Sladck, and 4th, Raquel Henderson 6th; 100 M Hurdles - Chelsi Thiessen 3rd; 100 M Dash - Crystal Rueda 2nd and Heather Robertson and Maira Argomaniz; 800 M Relay - 1st - Haley Buckles, Cassi Garza, Yadira Ortega and Allison Baskin;

Track Results for the 7th and 8th grade girls at the Sunray Track Meet held on Thursday, March 28 were as follows:

7th Grade girls placed 2nd with a total of 130 points. Individual results were as follows: 400 M Relay - 4th place - 64:07, Krista Reta, Merilee McDaniel, LaRissa Luna, and Whitney Garza; 800 M Run - Saenz 4th and Lisa Walls 5th; 100 M Hurdles - Candie Bell 2nd, Rhiannon Everett 3rd, and Merilee McDaniel 5th; 100 M Dash - Tiffany Drake 17:88, LaRissa Luna 17:56, Evan Haile 16:58; 800 M Relay 2nd - Katelyn Reed - 2nd and Heather Robertson - 5th.



In Scotland, it's believed by some that an itchy nose means you will receive a letter.

Check Out These Web Sites:

- IBM's KidSmart Early Learning program at www.kidsmartearlylearning.org.
- Walt Disney Parks "100 Years of Magic" at www.disney.com.
- The Metro Denver Network at www.denverchamber.org.
- L'Oréal's Women in Science at www.loreal.com.
- Snack Food Association at www.sfa.org.
- National Park Service at www.nps.gov.
- Snapple's new Diet Lime Green Tea at www.snapple.com.
- Jewelry Information Center at www.jewelryinfo.org.
- Office XP and Windows XP at www.microsoft.com/office and www.microsoft.com/windows.



In Greek mythology, Iris, the messenger of the gods is also the rainbow goddess.