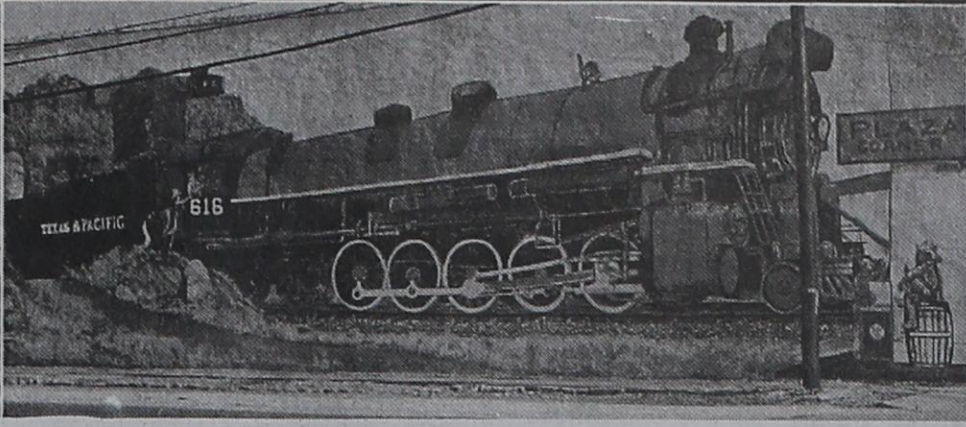


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Callahan County Commissioners Court To Meet Monday

A Callahan County Commissioners Court Open Meeting was held on Monday, June 9, 2003 at 9:30 A.M. in the Callahan County Courthouse. The following items were deliberated and action was considered:

- I. Review and sign minutes of previous meetings.
- II. Public comment (5 minutes per speaker) no discussion or action.
- III. Discuss - approve County Animal Control - Sheriff Curtis.
- IV. Discuss - approve (Adopt) Order regulating the use of certain fireworks for July 4 season.
- V. Discuss and pay approved bills.

42 And Domino Tournament To Be Held Saturday

On Saturday, June 14th, 2003, there will be a 42 and Domino Tournament (and other games) at Baird Senior Citizens Center. It will start at 10:00 A.M. and there will not be a fee to enter. Donations will be accepted. There will be coffee available. There will be Homemade Ice Cream served along with fresh cakes and cookies. Come and spend a fun day with the Seniors and enjoy the Trades Days in Baird!

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Sen. Fraser Re-Caps Session Keeps Eye On 11th Court 'Insurance Industry Now Better Controlled'



In an exclusive interview with this newspaper, Senator Troy Fraser (R-District 24) spoke to newspaper staff members on Wednesday, June 4 about issues vital to Texans, which were addressed and voted upon at the recent 78th Texas Legislation Session.

The Session was at times marked by difficult circumstances, such as dealing with a budget shortfall, a no-new-taxes pledge, and the fleeing of 51 House Democrats to Oklahoma to break a quorum and kill a Republican-backed redistricting bill.

Sen. Fraser, who told this newspaper that he did not respond favorably to the 51 Democrats' course of action, said that the Democrats would have to answer to their voters for the walk out. The response he was getting from the public, he noted, is that the representatives were elected and had a constitutional obligation to stay there (in the Legislative Session) and vote.

The redistricting issue could return to the agenda if a special legislative session is called before the next regular session in January 2005, he said.

Sen. Fraser spoke strongly out against a possible plan to redistrict the 11th Court of Appeals a move that some believe could cause Eastland to lose the Court to Midland.

Although adding counties would do more to justify the

existence of the court, relocation would be negative, he commented.

"If they want to move other counties in, they have a right to re-apportion counties," the Senator said. He had been asked by Speaker of the House Tom Craddick (R-Midland) to support the bill, he said, but emphasized that he would not.

He continued that Speaker Craddick had assured him that it was not his intent to move the court. However, if the attempt was made to do so by someone else, Sen. Fraser saw it as his and House Representative Jim Keffer's (R-Eastland) job to try to stop it.

Rep. Keffer, who had joined the discussion round, said that the awareness in Eastland County must be raised as to how important the 11th District Court is to the county and area.

Addressing the just passed 117.4 billion state two-year budget and a 9.9 billion budget shortfall, Sen. Fraser said that balancing the budget was no different than the way he had run his business or did his home budget. "You look at how much money you have, and that's how much you spend."

"The attack we used was to address the needs of the most needy of Texans, and make sure that we took care of those, and second [on the agenda] were the essential services that the state needs to do," Sen. Fraser continued.

"There were some things that didn't get funded," he said, adding that most essential services didn't receive extra money, and some actually were given as much as a 10% cut back. "Saying that we lack 10 billion is not an accurate number. We just couldn't continue on the spending pattern we were on ... there were things that we had been spending money on which we

saw as non-essential and we didn't spend money on them this year," the Senator emphasized.

Senator Fraser also noted that through concentrating on matching funds with the Federal government, the Texas legislature could draw \$4 billion dollars more than was previously available.

He also added that he was part of a group which went to Washington last summer to make the Federal Government aware that Texas was not being reimbursed for Medicare and Medicaid as it should be, - considering that Texas took care of a special population along the border.

"We made the appeal, and apparently Congress listened," he said. "The last week of the session - as we were writing the budget - the Federal Government sent us \$1.2 billion."

Sen. Fraser underlined the importance of the reform legislation passed capping damage awards in medical malpractice lawsuits, which would lower doctors' insurance rates. He said that particularly in rural areas, many doctors could no longer afford to practice certain kinds of medicine because of disproportionate insurance rates.

Last year, 85% of malpractice claims were dismissed as being frivolous, the Senator said. Many involved in these claims were looking for the "big award", he explained, and added that the number of these claims pushed the cost of insurance up.

Coupled with the malpractice reform in importance was a bill passed called Proportionate Responsibility, Sen. Fraser said. Up to now, he explained, in a lawsuit the lawyer would go for the party with the "deepest pocket". With the new law, before an award is made, the judge or jury would declare and proportion the responsibility.

Giving an example, he said that no matter what the financial standing of a party in the suit, if they were 60% responsible they would carry 60% of the financial responsibility. This would avoid the filing of lawsuits to go after large awards, the Sen. believed.

In January of this year, Senator Fraser, chairman of the Senate Committee on Business and Commerce, filed emergency legislation requiring insurance companies to immediately file with state regulator their current rates and projected rates for the next six-month period for homeowners insurance.

Sen. Fraser said that he filed nine pieces of legislation that would address the issue.

All nine (condensed into 3 bills) did pass and will become law, he added.

Some of the significant points of these bills are that homeowners can not be denied coverage because of a claim (water damage), public adjusters can not be given more than 10% of the award, and mold mediators are now regulated by the state.

"Everyone in the industry is going to have to open up their books, and show us what they are charging," the Senator said. After insurance companies file their rates (within 30 days of passage of the bill), the Department of Insurance must approve a

rate. Through these combined measures, Sen. Fraser believes that homeowners will see an initial drop of 12-18% in rates, plus making homeowners insurance available to many who could not previously afford it.

In closing, Senator Fraser, in response to a question about what the legislature did to increase jobs in rural areas, spoke about the Economic Fund created by Governor Perry through his office. The fund contains \$300 million to be used for recruitment of industry into the state.

Rep. Keffer added that with these measures, they tried to take down the walls and make it easier for programs to get the funding they need.

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN — It is now at least possible to find a parking place within walking distance of the Capitol.

With the regular session of the 78th Legislature now a matter of history, being able to pull into an empty meter space is one of only a few certainties at this point.

Most of the big bills remain unsigned. And even when the bills do become law with the stroke of a pen, many people will be spending a lot of time this summer trying to figure out what the 181 lawmakers from across the state did.

They did pass a \$117.4 billion budget despite a near \$10 billion shortfall in available revenue, but approving a bill (House Bill 1) and having it go into effect are two different things. Under the State Constitution, the budget still must be certified as "doable" by the state comptroller.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has said that it's going to be a more difficult process than normal, given the complexities of the legislation she was handed.

Should she not certify the budget, she has the authority to get out her figurative scissors and do some budget-cutting of her own in three important areas — public safety, the prison system and higher education.

If the comptroller makes those cuts and the budget still does not balance against the revenue she anticipates to come in, further slicing of the pie would be up to the Legislative Budget Board and the governor.

Some of the numbers...

In all, both houses introduced 5,592 pieces of legislation. Of those bills, they only passed 1,381. Gov. Rick Perry already has signed some of them into law, but as of shortly after the session closed he had not vetoed any measures.

But numbers are not a fully accurate way to assess what the lawmakers actually did.

With computers and the Internet, it's better than it used to be, but it still takes a while for the full effect of the new laws passed by the Legislature to become apparent.

Think of it as a slowly developing "instant" picture. It's still not instantaneous.

Why? Some of the bills are very long. Some of them have a lot of amendments. And many of them were tacked on at the last minute. Oftentimes entire bills, including some that had been considered dead, get included in other pieces of legislation in the busy hours before adjournment.

Look throughout the summer for

little surprises and boo-boos to evidence themselves as agencies study the last one concluding on Dec. 3, legislation that will be going into effect on or after Sept. 1.

No date on special session... Perry has said he's going to call a special session to consider school finance issues, but not until lawmakers come up with a viable plan.

The record number of special sessions for one Legislature is six, the honor going to the 71st Legislature in 1989-90. The issue, interestingly enough, was school finance.

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Announce 2003 President's List

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Hilary Polston, Jason Royer,
Georgiana Stayton Tye - Cami Duke
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Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook
 Last Friday afternoon my wife and I attended the Graduation Exercises for Bowie High School in Austin. The celebration was held at the Erwin Center where our granddaughter and almost 600 of her classmates were awarded their diplomas. Thousands of people attended the festivities, in fact, that huge round building was packed with relatives and friends of the graduates.

As I watched the proceedings my mind kept wandering back to that night 70 years ago when I graduated from dear old Cisco High School. What a different kind of celebration that was.

600 Graduates! Wow! We didn't have that many students in our entire school; however, our class of 76 students was the largest group to graduate from Cisco High School up to that time.

At my graduation in 1933 there was an air of solemnity, almost a religious atmosphere. There was order, decorum, along with muffled feelings of joy.

A Minister gave the invocation, and spoke of God and Christianity. During the ceremony there was no frivolity, only the congratulatory cheering as each student received that long-awaited certificate, called Diploma.

What a different atmosphere I witnessed in Austin. There was an incessant roar, created by thousands, and thousands of people talking, laughing, shouting, blowing police whistles, and the blast of a couple of air horns. The officials had attempted to search for air horns and other noise makers but evidently one or two evaded their search.

In order to overcome the incessant clamoring, the proceedings were televised on a giant screen where everyone could see, and the volume on the microphone was extremely high. Isn't it funny how a parent or

grandparent can become so oblivious to noise and other distractions when their thoughts are so intent on the actions and life progress of one of their offspring?

Because of the carnival atmosphere, I could not blame the students for their frivolity, such as tossing beach balls, foam life preservers, and other soft items. They seemed to be having fun, even though a few of them were almost decapitated by the flying objects.

I feel that many of those graduates are going to experience a rude awakening. They will discover that life isn't all fun and games.

I must admit I prefer the 1933 type of graduation exercises where there were no objectionable noises, no throwing of beach balls or

other objects, and absolutely no traffic jams. The ceremony was a solemn occasion because, as students, we realized this was not the end of anything, only the beginning. We understood that we must now go out on our own to face the real world. Some would go on to college, some to military service, some would go directly into the work force, and a very few would simply do nothing.

At age 88, I am thankful for that solemn graduation at CHS. It was my passport to the world.

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All proceeds will benefit abused children in Texas.

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Federal Law Extends Benefits For Unemployed Texans

TWC will notify all potentially eligible claimants by mail

Austin - The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) announced today an extension of the Temporary Extended Unemployment program (TEUC). President George W. Bush signed the extension

into law on May 28, 2003. The extension is part of the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, which temporarily provided up to 13 additional weeks of benefits for eligible, unemployed Texans who exhausted their regular Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits.

The latest extension allows Texas to continue to establish TEUC claims until December 31, 2003, for individuals who have exhausted their regular UI benefits. Qualified claimants who apply for the program by December 31, 2003, can continue to receive benefits through March 31, 2004. No benefits can be paid for any week beginning after March 31, 2004. Individuals who have already exhausted their TEUC benefits are not entitled to additional benefits under this extension. While regular UI benefits are funded by employer taxes, the TEUC benefits are entirely federally funded, and employers will not be charged for any claims

paid out through this extension.

TWC's UI Support and Customer Service Department will notify all potentially eligible claimants by mail to tell them how to apply. Claimants do not need to contact TWC until they are notified by mail, unless they need to submit a change of address. Claimants may update their address information by contacting their local UI Tele-Center. Further information and updates also are available on the TWC Web site at www.texasworkforce.org.

Submitted by Texas Workforce Commission



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Starshine

By Julia Worthly

Baird's a-bustle for the up coming weekend activities available during the annual Antiques Market and Trades Day.

Since Baird emphasizes the antique, using "bustle" is a good word, but a trifle on the antique side on its own.

One of my grandmothers had her mother's bustle, but by the time she was explaining it to me, and how it was worn, the closest thing with which I could identify it was a catcher's mitt! I wish I had kept it, but I didn't ask for it when I could have. I'm sure that bustle, as with many other antiques from many other families, eventually went to the trash bin without a second thought.

This is one of the chief values of such a weekend as Baird is sponsoring. Some visitors and locals will tune in on the family treasures they have and get an idea of what they really should "treasure."

Some of the "collectibles" being pushed may be that, and they may be only enjoying a fleeting popularity. It is a good idea to use the acid test: Do I like it? Do I just have to have it to be happy? Its intrinsic

worth doesn't make much difference if your answer is "Yes" to these questions. Some grandchild, even unto the great-greats!, may respond the same way then that you do now, and feel the undeniable link to the family

past it will provide.

There are so many more fragmented families now than in our early days before transportation hither and yon to various work areas were a matter of fact. But history tells us that as a whole, we human critters not only want to "have everything," we want to take it with us!

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Midnight Storm Saturday; Baird Spared Worst Of Hail

A storm cloud with big hailstones and nonstop lightning moved down I-20 past Baird and Callahan County late Saturday night. It was part of a complex of storms that linked up around 12:45 a.m. Sunday southwest of

Breckenridge, and headed toward that city. This wild weather climaxed a week that featured several nights with rain, flood watches, and high winds.

Saturday night's disturbance began in Nolan County, which has been hatching out some bad clouds lately. The storm moved east at about 25 m.p.h., and intensified as it reached Abilene. It generally followed I-20, bringing heavy rain, and tennis ball and golf ball-sized hail to the north and east sides of the town.

The storm knocked out car windshields and windows and interrupted electric service. Some traffic lights went dead, and homes were damaged.

At 11:53 p. m. the heavy rain and hail had reached Clyde, still moving east. In the meanwhile, another storm had reached Stamford from the west, bringing torrential rains and hail. It was headed toward Albany, and warnings were posted for that town.

As the first cloud reached the Baird area, it began to veer a little north of I-20. Radar showed that the heaviest rain and hail was just north on Hwy. 283, the road to Albany. But there was also a strong

packet south of Baird, and other warnings were coming in for another cloud in Coleman and Brown County.

A resident west of Baird reported only a dash of hail during the storm - not enough to do any damage. There was also very little rain. But there were continuous sheets of lightning visible to the north.

Northeast of Baird the hail reportedly dropped in size from about two and one-half inches in diameter to one inch. The cloud traveled on, but it was losing some steam. At one time weather forecasters were warning Putnam residents to take cover, and said that the north side of Eastland County might also get some hail. But the storm turned more toward Moran - just as a small but volatile cell blew up around Eolian, 13 miles S.W. Breckenridge. The Albany storm caught up with the other two clouds there, and the combined system headed northeast.

The storm cells were moving so fast that it wasn't long until they were gone. The watches and warnings were lifted for the Big Country, and the rest of the night was a peaceable one in Callahan County.

So was Sunday morning, which brought a gentle shower. Then the sun came out, but the day stayed cool.

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18. Revenuers, for short
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He Said
She Said
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ISRAEL'S ROADMAP FOR PEACE - IMPORTANT?

HE SAID:
On May 24th Israel's cabinet endorsed the much heralded Roadmap for Peace. This peace plan was negotiated by the United States, the European Union, Russia, and the United Nations.
This international peace plan was presented as a solution to the status of the Holy Land and the future of the City of Jerusalem. And what is exciting are the Holy Land and the City of Jerusalem have everything to do with the prophesied final seven years and the Battle of Armageddon.
Israel has expressed concerns over certain provisions in the peace plan The United States said they understand and will take everything into account when the plan is implemented. President Bush is in the Middle East even as I write to add credence to everything that is going on.
SHE SAID:
This peace plan has all the earmarks of the covenant that will be confirmed by the Antichrist as prophesied in Daniel 9:27. "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week; and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."
The word confirm according to Webster's dictionary is to make firm or firmer. You would have to have a peace plan in place for the Antichrist to make it firm or firmer. And that is what could be going on now. We could be getting that peace plan in place for him.
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John Jones at 'Q School' golfing in Florida

My "Q School" Golfing In "Fun Florida"

I am confident that Webster's Dictionary must have under the definition of *fun*, the word Florida! If not it is because Mr. Webster never visited "the fun state". This has to be in the top three "fun states" in the nation. Traveling from Texas by car can be a brief journey to vacation paradise! In less than 14 hours from the Dallas area (Less than 3 hours flying time) you can be sitting at the beach, sipping a drink, and thinking about the beauty of your room's view, the luxury of the accommodations, and a great day of golf at a real "Q School" course.

Diving into Florida I would go I-20 and I-10 with my first exit being down Hwy 131 to Panama City Beach. What a place! The choice of where to stay would be the great Edgewater Beach Resort! *Been there and done that* and can't wait until the next time at Edgewater. You will be on the Gulf side of the state on their West Coast. It is less driving distance and generally less expensive than the East Coast.

Golfers! They have the 27 hole championship Hombre Golf Course that is one of the PGA "Q School" qualifying courses. *It would have to say* of the courses within our nation, and outside our boundaries I have played, this is one of the most enjoyable courses to experience. There is also the very tight and challenging 9 hole Executive Golf Course right at the resort. Go online to <http://www.hombregolfclub.com/index.htm> for details about the three courses named The Good, The Bad, The Ugly. With sun 340 days per year, you are almost guaranteed good playing conditions.

"The Hombre's four sets of tees allow golfers to choose the level of difficulty that best fits their game and handicap. On the original 18 holes the course plays from 5,275 yards (senior tees), to 6,820 difficult yards for the pros, and the ladies layout is a challenging 4800 yards. The Hombre opened in December 1989, with 18 holes and hosted its first PGA Tour event in 1990, The Panama City Beach Classic.

In 2001, Hombre added the 'Good' nine holes (3170 yards, par 35) to go along with the original 'Bad' and 'Ugly' nines. With 27 holes, Hombre can give you three different 18 hole options. You will have water on 15 of the 18 original holes, high quality sand traps, and beautiful scenery of wooded areas (hopefully not playing out of them). Don't let "Q School" course scare you! Unless you are playing from the pro tees, it is just an enchanting and interestingly challenging course. The number 7 hole on "The Bad" is an incomparable and mesmerizing island green with a range from 98 yards for the yellows, 376 yards for the white, and

black is 148. There are few greater thrills in golf than playing to an island green and staying on the green! My wife Betty, also enjoyed the course from the women's tee boxes. Green fees are in the \$75.00 range.

Next week, more about the unrivaled Edgewater Beach

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CJC Dinner Theatre 'The History Of Tom Jones' To Be Presented In June

Cisco Junior College's Dinner Theatre will be presenting the first show of its 2003 summer season, "The History of Tom Jones", June 19-22; 26-29 at the Conrad Hilton Community Center.

Le Jones returns this summer, not only as the theatre's summer managing director, but also as playwright. Jones has adapted the classic novel by Henry Fielding for the performance. "I saw a production of "Tom Jones" and thought it would be fun to move it to the old west, and clean it up a bit," Jones said.

Tom Jones (played by Kolen White from Stephenville) is found on the ranch of Squire Allworthy,

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Announces 2003 Dean's List

A recently released Dean's List for the spring semester of 2003 of Cisco Junior College follows.

The Dean's List includes students earning a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system.

- Caddo Mills - Cheryl Sharkey
- Arlington - Jessica Giles
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- Albany - Emily Tate, Jesus Cisneros
- Cisco - Shoshana Carr, Kathleen (Katy) Curtis, James Grumbles, Vance (Lee) Hennington, Gwyneth Johnson, Seth Martin, Mason Moore, Caroline

- Ochieng, Eric Webb, Dusty Wood
- Comanche - Tyler Hicks
- Cross Plains - Drucilla Eppard, Kandra Poole, James Ross, April Weaver
- DeLeon - Tannia Reyna
- Dublin - Jessica Salazar
- Eastland - Kelly Cleveland, Joanna Jarrell, Emily Millican, Mandy Stewart, Alexandra Wheeler
- Gorman - Cody Simpson, Ranger - Zelina Hoots
- Hillsboro - Aimee Coffey
- Brownwood - Ann Bass, Jennifer Foerster, Jason Johnston
- Coleman - Shawna Morrison
- San Saba - Olga Chavarria
- Santa Anna - Monica Hauk, Buffy Martin
- Houston - Camille Bailey
- Dickinson - Katie Soehl
- Brenham - Ashton Jenkins

- Victoria - MarShawn Herron
- San Antonio - Claudia Villagomez
- Fredericksburg - Dustin Baumann
- Marble Falls - Wayne Curd
- Anson - Brandi McGee, Misti Mitchell, Cindy Norwood
- Aspermont - Wanda Callicoate, Cindy Jenkins
- Baird - Matthew Beschoner, Mandi Cauthen, Chad Franke, Marian Windham
- Buffalo Gap - Lisa Gusler, David McLeod
- Clyde - Crystal Armstrong, Jennifer Chiappone, Deborah Garvin, Eileen Johnson, Ameer Lawson Hamlin - Jennifer Goebel, Mitch Lawlis,
- Hawley - Janet Garza, Sharon Olague, Kimberley Waits
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- Merkel - Rebekah Gavin,
- April New
- Roby - Laurie Miranda
- Rochester - Cynthia Lopez
- Sweetwater - Rosangel Armas, Cecilia Segura, Charles Stracener,
- Tuscola - Kristen Karr
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- Muchando, Annette Mwansa, Maureen Obudho, Jackie Ododa, Benter Ogot, Delanie Pfau, Jennifer Reese, Tamara Stags, Shena Tidwell, Chioma Utah, Tineyi Zambezi, Ricky Brown, Justin Burleson, Lauren Cunningham, Mendy Fry, Sharon Jeffer-Lackey, Daniel Latham, Misty Moon, Josh Perkin, Heather Sawyers, Julie Simmons, Shelly Spraberry, Leah Wolfe, Tiffany Yarbrough, Hector Barrientos, Bobby Coleman, Walter Elliott, Cecilia Fernandez, Jose Gallegos, Andrew Gilbreath, Donald Heseaman, Tracy Jansa, Joanna Little, Stephanie Olivas, Benjamin Palmer, Patricia Rogers, Maricela Torres, Amanda

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- Woodward, Monique Elias-Parham, Monica Acker, Wanda Brown, Bobbie Byrd, Miranda Darnell, Diana Davis, Mark Everts, Christina Gonzales, Michelle Green, James Jarrett, Cynthia Johnson, Steven Kapuscinski, Justinian Lane, Alonna Linley, Leslie Lopez, Stephanie Mackiewicz, Elizabeth Poyner, Justin Six, Joanie Sloan, Tara Snell, Courtney Staples, Brittney Tatom, Jennifer Tullis, Denise Valdez, Erin Bence, Nicholas Benton, Jennifer Boggs, Tara Brandenburg, Chris Collins, Ryan Fraser, Cheryl Gemarino, Ashley Gustin, Julie Jones, Twaambo Kapilikisha, Joe King, Ruby Lopez, Kristi Nebozuk, April

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Cisco Junior College
2003 May Graduates

Cisco Junior College held its annual commencement exercises on Friday, May 2, 2003. One hundred five students representing both the Cisco campus and the Abilene Educational Center received their Associate degrees in the Harrell Fine Arts Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. that Friday evening. Students awarded diplomas were:

- Lancaster - Lashena Hudson
- Mesquite - Melody Walker
- Arlington - Jennipher Oluoch
- Maypearl - Lauren Brandt
- Paradise - Jacqueline

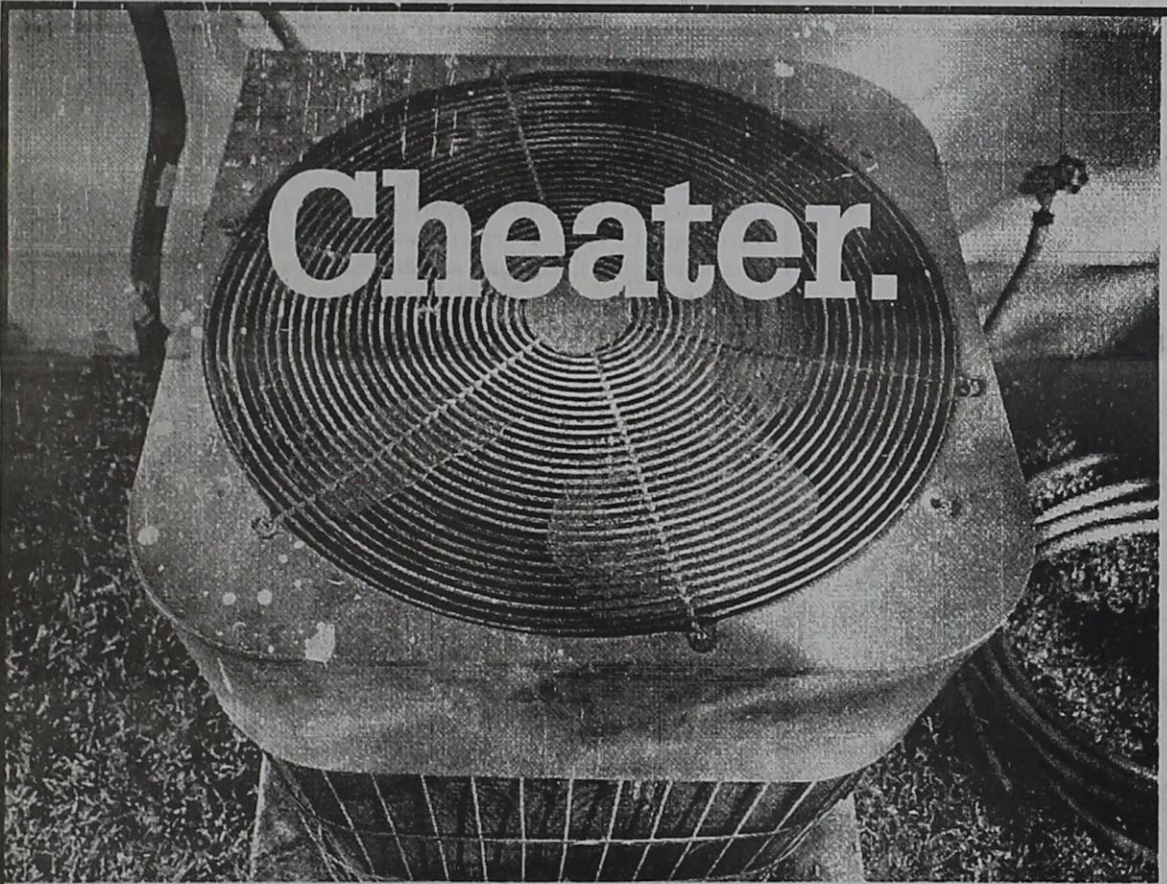
- Sanford
- Stephenville - Charity Bolling
- Breckenridge - Andrea Bloxom, Martha Chavez, Kimberly Fuller, Herminia Garcia, Laticia Hernandez, Mandi Osborn, Perry Parker
- Albany - Rachel Liming
- Carbon - Jessica Baird
- Cisco - James Grumbles, Cassie Kimbrough, Jennifer Nichols, Bryan Starkey, Roger Trotter, Jobeth Wharton, Melissa Wilcoxon, Andrea Woodside, William Yeager,
- Dublin - Jessica Salazar
- Eastland - Gordon

- Clyde - Ronda Hatchett, Eileen Johnson, Wendell Moore, Angela Walsh, Jennifer Bryan
- Hawley - Rachael Tucker
- Merkel - Amanda Callas
- Rochester - Cynthia Lopez
- Sweetwater - Charles Stracener
- Tuscola - Domenic Dalessio, Rachel O'Dell, Darrell Pittman, Mathew Speegle
- Abilene - Lauralei Clower, Claude Hollingsworth, Josie Mashino, Robin Morton, Triphose Bukuru Nzeyimana, Maureen Obudho, Jackie Ododa, Betty Buffington, Marie Clever, Sara Valrie, Marilyn Angell, Autumn Breidenbach, Julianna Cobianco, SanJuanita Daniel, Kristina Delgado, Walter Elliott, Reynaldo Hernandez, Joanna Little, Monica Mayes, Patricia Roure, Joseph Hash, Kimberly Baglin, Sherry Ballou, Sally Diaz, Austin Etheredge, Brenda Fonseca, Sonia Gallegos, Brent Gauger, Amber Green, Jennifer Jolly, Melody Oneil, Carrie Anne Papson, Raymond Rice, Amanda Rodriguez, Jason Wilson, Charity Bryant, Maurine Carrion, Marie Martinez, Mohamed Sarhani, Alana Sims,
- Danny Smith, Julian Thomas, Teresa Tracy, Perry Tucker, Paul Young,
- Dyess AFB - Monica Chapa
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History And Vacation

By Walter Williams

Everybody loves history! Students sitting in class often fail to fully comprehend the extent of this statement, but given a few precarious life experiences and a decade or two, everyone becomes a historian to some degree. Summer vacations are rapidly approaching. Why not combine a family vacation with the opportunity to learn another chapter in America's stimulating history. Daytona Beach, Florida offers such an eclectic boon for the avocational historian in search of knowledge as well as the normal dose of salty summer fun. Beautiful beaches, moderately priced motels, NASCAR, bike week and the annual deluge of Spring Break adventurers as well as a close proximity to Disney World has put Daytona Beach on the tourist map. However, it is the assortment of tropical nature parks and the variety of historical sanctuaries that will keep people coming back.

A must see attraction for anyone with an interest in native American history is the Tomoka State Park. Several cochina mounds and middens are located at the confluence of the Tomoka and Halifax rivers. The beauty of the largest stand of old growth live oak in Eastern Florida, an abundance of natural resources, and the history on display at the park museum add to the adventure, especially if the guest has the opportunity for camping and canoe rentals. For a guided tour ask for the park manager, Benny Woodham. He can be reached at (386) 676-4075. Not too far away is Turtle Mound, located in Canaveral National seashore and Park. Standing over 50 feet tall and covering two acres, this Timucuan Indian mound dates back to 2000 BC and is made of oyster and shellfish remains. Try this trip in the evening to catch the ocean breeze while climbing to the top for a panoramic view of the Atlantic on one side and a docile lagoon on the other.

Early Spanish history started with the arrival of once De Leon. He stated, "We have ascended a large river, passing through two small rivers and three lakes, whence we came to a great boiling spring which the Indians called healing waters." Of course, this spring greatly intrigued Ponce De Leon since he was searching for the fabled "Fountain of Youth". Most locals believe the site mentioned could only be the one that bears his name, De

Leon Springs State Park. The spring bubbles from a limestone cave network deep underground and feeds into the Choctawhatchee River at a rate of 14 million gallons daily. Snorklers and scuba divers are welcome in the crystalline waters of the soda and sulphur spring. The historical traveler will also be rewarded with the remains of a sugar plantation built on the site around 1783. American artist John James Audubon visited the spring while researching his nature drawings and certainly there is still an abundance of animal and marine life found in the 603-acre park. Keep an eye open for the crafty alligator floating among the lily pads below the spring dam. A unique experience awaits the morning guest at The Old Spanish Sugar Mill and

Griddle located beside the spring. Visitors prepare their own pancake and egg breakfast. Each table has a built in griddle and hot coffee is plentiful. Information is available at (850) 638-6130.

For the architectural buff, several historical sites beckon the informed traveler. The Princess Place is a located on 1500 acres of salt and freshwater marshes. Built in 1887, this winter home of a Russian Princess is the only surviving example of the Adirondack style of architecture in Florida. The structure is built of native coquina stone and hardwoods from the area. Guides are on duty and fishing, kayaks, and walking trails are available. Overnight camping by permit (386) 446-7685. Don't overlook the DeBary Hall Mansion for a supreme example of Italianate architecture. The home has been restored and furnished with period furniture and exudes Southern charm and hospitality. Built in 1871 by a wine importer, the property would be among the first in Florida to be used for growing citrus although the owner, Samuel Frederick deBary, was not successful in this enterprise.

Finally, for the supreme nature lover, Washington Oaks Garden State Park is a haven that spans the centuries. The park was once home to Native Americans, French, Spanish and English settlers. The 410 acre park offers cool trails sheltered by massive oak trees and cool fountains all located beside the Intracoastal Waterway. Shore birds feed among the coquina rocks and brown pelicans soar over the coastal scrub community along the

banks. Although most of the Bella Vista Plantation that once stood on the site burned during the Second Seminole War, the visitor can easily imagine why early colonists chose Washington Oaks for a home. On the way back to Daytona Beach on Highway A1A, check out the only surviving example of a W.W. II Observation Post. Located at Ormond Beach, the quiet beach and white sand make this unobtrusive tower well worth the stop. Information on several of the places in the article can be found at <http://www.floridastateparks.org/>. Always remember to leave a park, a little better than you found it. *Slobis Americanus* is rare but occasionally found in Florida.

Washington Oaks Garden State Park.

The Princess Place-Adirondack Architecture

We are pleased to feature the travel articles of Walter Williams during the summer months.

Mr. Williams has been a History instructor at Baird High School for 12 years. He is also a staff writer for the Central States Archaeological Journal.

We hope you enjoy these interesting articles, which focus on the historical background of the places visited.

Margaret Hetrick

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Obituary



RANGER- Jack C. Bearden, 71, of Ranger, died Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at an Abilene hospital.

Rogers of Ranger; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday, June 7, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. at Eastside Baptist Church, Rev. Jerry Speer officiated. Burial followed in Colony Cemetery, directed by Edwards Funeral Home of Ranger.

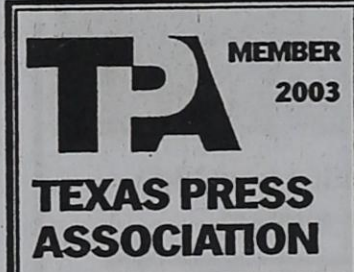
Mr. Bearden was born on August 6, 1931 in Eastland, County to Claude C. and Emma (Cunningham) Bearden. He married Peggy Rose Thomas on March 6, 1951; she preceded him in death on September 28, 2002. He served his country in the Army, was an employee of the Featherlite Corporation for 35 years, and was a member of the Eastside Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and a daughter Debra Bearden Vinson.

Survivors are a son, Larry Bearden and wife, Paige of Wingate; a daughter, Tracy Casey and husband James of Ranger; a son, Mark Bearden and wife Edie of Ranger; brother, W.H. Bearden of Aledo; sisters, Frankie Parr of Baird, Bonnie Taylor of Sherman and Clairdell Gremillion of Louisiana; grandchildren, Cory Vinson of Ranger, Trint and Kelly Bearden of Wingate, Whitley and Katlyn Johnston of Ranger, Sylvester and Freddy Lopez of Ranger, and Katie

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