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Thursday, February 26, 2004

Baird ISD Board Extends Contracts; Sets Board Election Date

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education extended the contracts of several school personnel at their February 19, 2004 regular session.

The contract of Sandra Carter was extended by one year, and the probationary contract of A. L. Hunter was also extended by one year.

Motions to extend the contracts of counselors Kamie Pruet and Becky Edington by one year, as well as athletic Coordinators Bryan Webb and Lane Loyd by two years were approved unanimously.

The contract of Tech-

nology Director Linda Kendrick was also extended by one year.

Among other items, the Board further unanimously approved calling May 15, 2004 as school board election date, and approved the 2004-05 school calendar as presented.

The positions of incumbent Board members Gerry McDowell, and Miller Scott are up for election this year.

Candidates may file for election through March 15, 2004.

For the complete minutes of the Board's regular session, please see inside.

Baird Resident Named To Hardin-Simmons Honor Roll

Abilen, TX, Feb. 24, 2004 - Hardin-Simmons University announced that Baird resident Ashley Rodriguez made the Honor Roll for the fall 2003 semester.

The HSU Honor Roll honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a grade point average of 3.6-3.74.

Texas Department of Health

Will hold the following
Immunization Clinics in Callahan County

Monday, March 15th

Baird Cafetorium, 400 West 7th 10-12

Wednesday, March 10th

Clyde Community Resource Center

306 N. 1st

10-12 & 1:30 - 3

Please bring child's Immunization Records

For more information call

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Callahan County Man Killed In Argument

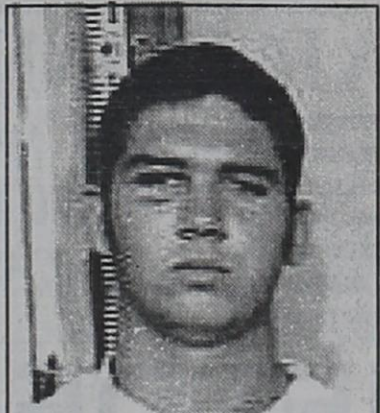
At approximately midnight last evening an argument occurred at the K Bar Club in Rising Star, Texas.

The argument between Cheyne Brady Fox and Dusty Ryan Hargrove of Cross Plains moved outside into the parking lot and ended with Fox running over Hargrove with a pickup.

Hargrove was taken to the Brownwood hospital where he was pronounced dead near 1:45 am. A warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Rex Fields for murder.

Fox surrendered at 8:50 a.m. and was placed in the Eastland County Jail. Suggested bond was set at \$100,000.00.

The suspect is a white male approximately 6' 1",



Cheyne Brady Fox

200 lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes, DOB 07/05/1980.

submitted by the Eastland County Sheriff's Department

MARCH 9, 2004 PRIMARY ELECTION DATES

* FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 5, 2004

EARLY VOTING IN PERSON (COURTHOUSE)

8:00-5:00 MONDAY-FRIDAY

BRANCH VOTING IN CROSS PLAINS AND CLYDE

AT JUSTICE OF THE PEACE OFFICES

8:00 - 12 & 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

* LAST DAY TO MAIL A BALLOT IS MARCH 2, 2004

* MARCH 9, 2004

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY 7:00-7:00

Early Voting Begins Local Votes Important

Stormy skies and heavy rain showers greeted voters in Baird on Monday, as early voting began for the March 9 Party Primaries across the state.

By the time Texans vote in the party primaries, the presidential nominees probably will have been decided, thanks to the delay caused by the congressional re-districting in Texas.

President George W. Bush undoubtedly will be the uncontested Republican Nominee in the General election in the Fall.

As of this writing, only two Democratic would-bees - John Kerry and John Edwards - from an original slate of ten, appear to be viable nominees. It would seem that a lot depends on where Drop-Out Howard Dean tosses his support: if it goes to Kerry, it could be a done-deal; but if it goes to Edwards, it could still be a race.

Local votes are always important.

State and Congressional representation for this area are contested across party lines.

Voters cannot vote in both primaries, and must decide in advance which ballot they choose to vote and then go to their appropriate voting site depending on their home residence.

In some states, voters are given an open ballot allowing them to vote on one ballot, either party or neither party, but not in Texas.

There are a number of uncontested races on both ballots in local races, and choices to be made on some state races.

The Democratic ballot offers two for or against Constitutional Amendment propositions. One asks voters to vote for or against any efforts to end or privatize Social Security and Medicare programs and the other is a for or against protecting taxpayers by prohibiting state mandates that require local property tax increases.

On the Democratic ballot,

incumbent Charles Stenholm is unopposed, but will be challenged by Randy Neugebauer of Lubbock - likewise unopposed on the Republican ballot - in the General Election.

On the Republican ballot, incumbent Troy Fraser is uncontested for State Senator, District 24. For State Representative, District 53, Nicki Harle and Harvey Hilderbran seek election.

Also on the Republican ballot, these seek election to the State Railroad Commission: K. Dale Henry, Robert Butler, Victor G. Carrillo, and Douglas G. Deffenbaugh; and Steven Wayne Smith and Paul Green seek the nomination on the same ballot for justice, Supreme Court, Place 5.

The Republican ballot offers choices in three Court of Criminal Appeals judges races:

Place 2: Lawrence Larry Meyers and Guy James Gray.

Place 5: Cheryl Johnson and Patricia Noble

Place 6: Michael E. Keasler and Steven M. Porter

(A local, qualified attorney has suggested the following recommendations: Gray, Noble and Keasler.)

In the race for County Attorney, Allen Wright, whose name appears alone on the Democratic ballot, is opposed by Shane Deel on the Republican ballot.

On the Democratic ballot, the following are unopposed: Charles W. Stenholm, U. S. Representative, District 19; Bob Scarborough, Railroad Commissioner; David Van Os, Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9; J.R. Molina, Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 6; Allen Wright, County Attorney; Eddie Curtis, Sheriff; Tammy T. Walker, County Tax Assessor-Collector; Tommy Holland, County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3; Jon E. Hardwick, County

Continued Inside
Please see **Early Voting**

Cowboy Roundup Comes To Baird

A Cowboy Roundup will be held in Baird, TX on Saturday, April 3rd.

The Event includes a Cookoff with Chili, Beans, and Brisket, a Callahan County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo, and a Street Dance.

The Street Dance will feature Texas recording artist Deryl Dodd with the opening band Dusk Till Dawn.

On Market Street, merchants will be offering 10-30% off until 5 p.m.

The Cookoff starts at 10:30 a.m. with judging at 5 p.m.

A Talent Contest starts at 3 p.m.

The Bobby Estes Street Dance starts at 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. There

is a \$5 cooler charge.

Cookoff Entries and Dance tickets are available at the Baird Chamber of Commerce, 100 Market Street, (325)854-2003, KEAN 105 FM, and at the Baggage House Restaurant.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Baird Chamber of Commerce, and the Callahan County Sheriff's Posse.

The Baird Cowboy Roundup is sponsored by Clear Channel Radio, KEAN 105 FM, Texas Chevy Dealers, Baggage House Restaurant and Gifts, Baird, and the Baird Motor Inn & RV Campground.

Don't miss this great event!

Baird Holds Annual Antiques Market & Trade Days In June

Baird, the official "Antique Capital of West Texas" will hold its annual Antiques Market & Trade Days on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - June 11-13.

Set-up is June 10. Early sales are permitted.

Antique and Collectibles shoppers and vendors are welcome. An inside shopping and outside "Walking Mall" will be held on Baird's historic Market Street.

A Tea Time Appraisal Fair will again be featured this year. The Fair is sched-

uled for Saturday, June 12, 1:30 p.m., hosted by professional appraisers Donald King Cowan, ISA and C. L. "Sam" Webb, ISA of Dallas. For ticket information, call (325)854-2003.

Accommodations in Baird include Motel/RV Campgrounds.

For further information or Vendor Entry Form contact the Baird Chamber of Commerce, 100 Market Street, Baird, TX 79504, (325) 854-2003.

Callahan Baptist Evangelism Rally Is Feb. 29

A Callahan Baptist Evangelism Rally will be held on Feb. 29, 2004 with Wayne Shuffield Jr., speaker and Todd Wilson, music. This Callahan Co. meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church, Baird, 7:00 p.m.

Baird Student To Exhibit At 2004 Houston Livestock Show

Excitement continues to build as thousands of Texas 4-H and FFA members make their final preparations before heading to Reliant Center to exhibit their livestock at the 2004 Houston Livestock Show March 4 through 21.

Emily Marie Harris of Baird is among those to exhibit top animals at the show. She will be showing 1 animal in the Junior Market Lambs and 1 animal in the Junior Market Barrows categories.

The junior show which showcases the animal projects of FFA and 4-H exhibitors, as well as

Continued Inside ...
See **Livestock Show**

POLITICAL CALENDAR

The following candidates have authorized this newspaper to announce their intention to run as candidates for the Spring Primary Election.

Texas Railroad Commissioner

K. Dale Henry, R State Senate Dist. 24

Troy Fraser (Reelection)

(Pd. Pol. Advertisement)

*** VOTE ***

K. DALE HENRY
Republican Candidate
for Texas Railroad
Commissioner
Primary Election
March 9, 2004

Pol. Ad. Paid for by Brian Lenhart, Irving, Texas

Baird First Baptist Church Events

Each one of you are invited to join us at the corner of Race and 3rd St. Baird.

For more information on any of these events please contact the church: 854-1574.

Feb. 25, 2004 Callahan Baptist Evangelism Rally with Wayne Shuffield Jr. speaker and Todd Wilson, music. This Callahan Co. meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, Baird.

Feb. 29, 2004 Callahan Baptist Evangelism Rally with Wayne Shuffield Jr., speaker and Todd Wilson, music. This Callahan Co. meeting will be held at First

Baptist Church, Baird, 7:00 p.m.

March 2, 2004 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. fellowship hall.

March 3, 2004 AWANA Club, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Prayer meeting in Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.

March 7, 2004 Women's Bible Study, 5:00 p.m. fellowship hall

Prayer time 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary

March 8, 2004 Women on Mission, 6:00 p.m. old fellowship hall.

March 9, 2004 Ladies Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. fellowship hall.

Baird I. S. D. School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 25

Pizza, Corn, Tossed Salad, Cake, Milk

Thursday, Feb. 26

Fish, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Hushpuppies, Pudding, Milk

Friday, Feb. 27

Gloria Dogs, Pork-N-Beans, French Fries, Rice Krispies, Milk

Bread, Fruit, Milk

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Cases Investigated

Warnings - 180
Complaints - 175
DWI - 1

Possession of Controlled Substance - 1
Fugitive Arrest - Probation of Violation - DWLS - 1

Accidents

There were 2 accidents investigated during this time span.

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Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 6108-82-001 for REHAB PICNIC AREAS in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on March 18, 2004 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$206,928.50.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days

prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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State Office

Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

(2-26, 3-4-04)

Baird Independent School District Minutes Of The Board Of Education February 19, 2004

The Baird Independent School District Board of Education met in Regular Session on February 19, 2004 with the following members present: Kenneth Brock, Jim Dyer, Windham, Jr. (9:05 PM), Joe Clark, Burke Robinson, Allen Wilson, and Gerry McDowell. Other school personnel present: Lacy Hogue, Lana Wallis, Martha Lynn, A. L. Hanger, and Sandra Carter. Others present: Al Pickett.

President Kenneth Brock called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M. Policy and Procedure - First reading of Update 72.

Superintendent Report: Enrollment is steady at 372; the girl's basketball team played Friday, Feb. 20, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. in Dublin against Hubbard for the Area Championship; students will be taking the TAKS test on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004.

A motion to approve the minutes from the last board meeting was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to pay the bills for February was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to call May 15, 2004 as the election date for school board was made by Joe Clark, and seconded by Kenneth Brock. Vote was unanimous.

The roll call of board training hours was given by Ken-

neth Brock as follows - Kenneth Brock - 3.0 hrs; Joe Clark - 3.0 hrs; Gerry McDowell - 3.0 hrs; Burke Robinson - 3.0 hrs; Miller Scott - 0.0 hrs; Allen Wilson - 2.0 hrs; Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. - 1.0 hr.

A motion to approve the budget amendments as presented was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the school calendar as presented for 2004-05 was made by Gerry McDowell and seconded by Joe Clark. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to have the plumbing fixed in the cafeteria was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Allen Wilson. Vote was unanimous.

There was a discussion of closing the campus at the high school.

A motion to adjourn to closed session at 8:42 P.M. was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Joe Clark. Vote was unanimous.

Baird Elementary Honor Roll

The Baird Elementary School is proud to announce the Honor Rolls for the 4th six weeks grading period of 2003-2004.

To qualify for the all A honor roll a student must have a 90 or above in every subject. To qualify for the A-B honor roll a student must have at least two A's in academic subjects and nothing below an 80.

- All A's
- Clyburn - 4th
- Emily Sturiale
- Hatfield - 4th
- Lee Bowen, Garrett Kirkland
- Diller - 5th
- Michelle Robbins, Mackenzie Keller
- S. Williams - 5th
- Alex Neal, Cody Hunter, Karen Pursley
- Hughes - 6th
- Brittney Russo, Shelby Strickland
- T. Williams - 6th
- Mitzy McDowell, Cassidy Miller
- A-B
- Clyburn - 4th
- Tyler White, Melanie Cooper, Kelli Bowen
- Hatfield - 4th
- Ty Rhoads, Danielle Farley, Katelynn Mitchell
- Diller - 5th
- Colton Fox, Jameson Rountree
- S. Williams - 5th
- Alexis Almanzar, Sara Kunick, Eric Ebeling, Jessica Nash
- Hughes - 6th
- Amber Clark, Courtney Nail, Rose Wamsley
- T. Williams - 6th
- Jenna Betcher, Holley Owens

A motion to adjourn from closed session at 9:35 P.M. was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to extend the contract of Sandra Carter by one year was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to extend the probationary contract of A. L. Hunter by one year was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Gerry McDowell. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to extend the contracts of counselors Kamie Pruet and Becky Edgington by one year was made by Kenneth Brock and Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to extend the contracts of athletic Coordinators Bryan Webb and Lane Loyd by two years was made by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

A motion to extend the contract of Technology Director Linda Kendrick by one year was made by Kenneth Brock and seconded by Burke Robinson. Vote was unanimous.

The next regular meeting date was set for March 18, 2004 at 7:00 P.M.

A motion to adjourn at 9:42 P.M. was made by Burke Robinson and seconded by Jim Dyer Windham, Jr. Vote was unanimous.

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Food Adventures With Lois and Clark

Question: Where can you be served Beef from Texas, and Fish from Europe in one restaurant?

As Clark and I were out looking for a good restaurant lately, we faced a major problem.

Clark likes real sturdy Texas food - steaks, bar-b-que, potatoes, gravy.

Nothing against Texas beef - it's the best in the world! - but I love my salads and gourmet dishes, too.

Where could we find a restaurant that would satisfy both tastes?

Driving south from Eastland and I-20 on Highway 6, we took a right turn at the traffic light in Gorman, Texas.

The downtown area is lined with historic buildings, - many of which have been restored or kept in good condition. Various businesses are located in these buildings,

Among them is one of the area's favorite restaurants - Z J's Steakhouse.

I was told that not only the steak was well worth a trip to ZJ's, but also the salad bar. That appealed to me.

As a matter of fact, some customers just take the salad bar, and leave quite satisfied, I was informed.

It was a cold, windy day as we parked near ZJ's, and we rushed into the spacious dining area, which has retained a simple but rustic charm.

The guests arrived in everything from jeans to suits and ties, and the restaurant seemed to be patronized by local people as well as out-of-town folk. (The mayor of Gorman and members of his family sat near us.)

ZJ's is the perfect restaurant for families.

As a matter of fact, while reading the menu, I noticed that the restaurant offers a family fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings! Sounds just like what we sat down to on Sunday after church in my childhood.

Clark was getting mighty hungry when he saw the fried chicken, but decided to try sirloin.

I ordered (with an eye on my figure) baked Norwegian salmon.

Both entrees included side dishes and the salad bar.

Now it's very difficult to put everything you want to take from ZJ's salad bar on one plate!

The items range from vegetable salad makings, to pasta salads, cornbread salad, fruit salads to deserts.

I just had to leave place for the black eyed pea salad and the grape-nut salad in whipped cream dressing.

We observed that an employee constantly checked and brought fresh items to the salad bar.

Clark gave the sirloin his approval. He said it was tender and cooked just as he ordered it (medium rare). My salmon was moist and tasty.

I topped off my meal with a cup of hot coffee and a slice of scrumptious cheese cake from the salad bar.

Well, there went my calorie counting.

One tip - those of you on a

low-carb diet might want to put it aside for a visit to ZJ's - just to sample their hot, fresh battery rolls served with the entrees. I couldn't resist.

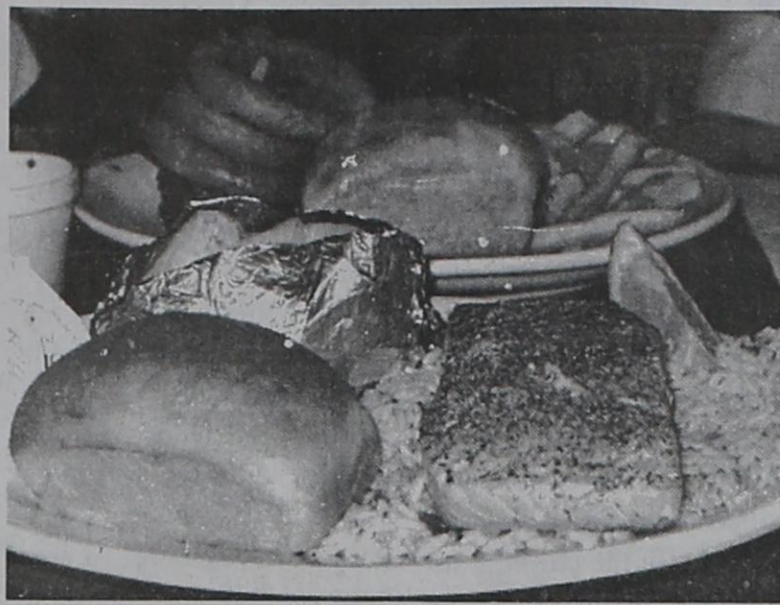
Just writing about them makes me hungry. I think I'll take time out for a lunch break.

Until next time ...

Your super food snoop,
Lois

P.S. After a meal at ZJ's, a little walk around downtown Gorman is nice. I've heard that there is an interesting antique shop just down the street.

ZJ's Gorman Steakhouse is open on Thursday from 4:00 - 9:00 PM; Friday and Saturday from 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM; Sunday from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.



Pictured is a plate of delicious food at ZJ's Steakhouse in Gorman, TX.



Outside of ZJ's Steakhouse



Pictured is a crowd of people eating at ZJ's Steakhouse in Gorman, TX.

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Timely Tips by Kate Worth

MASH MAGIC - Always mash your potatoes while they're still hot. If you wait, and the potatoes get cold, you'll get gummy mashed potatoes instead of nice, fluffy ones. Dolores M.

PARTY TIME - Since most of us will be entertaining during the upcoming holidays, I thought I'd pass this tip along. When I'm having a houseful of company, I tape a large plastic garbage bag to the cabinet below my kitchen sink. This way, I can scrape and rinse plates off quickly. Adele T.

WORD PILE By Mark Szorady

COMBINE THE LETTERS TO MAKE 20 WORDS. EACH WORD CONTAINS AT LEAST THREE LETTERS.

1. _____ 4. _____ 7. _____
2. _____ 5. _____ 8. _____
3. _____ 6. _____ 9. _____

S I T N
K I T N

10. _____ 11. _____
12. _____ 13. _____
14. _____ 15. _____
16. _____ 17. _____
18. _____ 19. _____
20. _____

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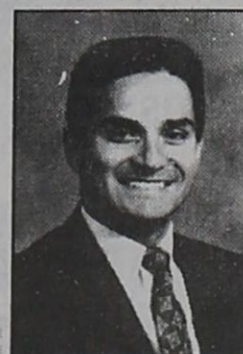
Eastland Livestock Show Results

- Market Lambs**
Light weights
1. Brady McCormick, Ranger 4-H; 2. Kasey Guidry, Rising Star 4-H
Heavy weights
1. Kathryn Kelly, Carbon 4-H; 2. Caden Eckert, Carbon 4-H
Champion Fine Wool Cross: Ally McGaha, Eastland FFA
Reserve Champion Fine Wool Cross: Megan Mitchell, Eastland FFA
Light weights
1. Lindsey McGaha, Eastland FFA; 2. Tiffany Smith, Cisco FFA; 3. Aubrey Lawrence, Rising Star 4-H
Middle weights
1. Ally McGaha, Eastland FFA; 2. Megan Mitchell, Eastland FFA; 3. Kathryn Kelly, Carbon 4-H
Heavy weights
1. Ariel Rabb, Red Gap 4-H; 2. Amanda Knight, Cisco FFA; 3. Brady McCormick, Ranger 4-H
Champion Southdown Reserve Champion Southdown: Trevor Honea, Cisco FFA
Light weights
1. Ashley Mitchell, Eastland FFA; 2. Trevor Honea, Cisco FFA
Heavy weights
1. Cody Knight, Red Gap 4-H; 2. Ashley Mitchell, Eastland FFA
Champion Medium Wool: Kathryn Kelly, Carbon 4-H
Reserve Champion Medium Wool: Megan Mitchell, Eastland FFA
Light weights
1. Miles Vann, Gorman FFA; 2. Ally McGaha, Eastland FFA; 3. Marc Gillen, Gorman FFA; 4. Lindsey McGaha, Eastland FFA
Middle weights
1. Megan Mitchell, Eastland FFA; 2. Ashley Mitchell, Eastland FFA; 3. 4. & 5. Billy Bob Brown, Carbon 4-H
Heavy Middle weights
1. Cole McIlroy, Cisco FFA; 2. Megan Mitchell, Eastland FFA; 3. Meghan Preston, Carbon 4-H; 4. Nathan Ettinger, Gorman FFA
Heavy weights
1. Kathryn Kelly, Carbon 4-H; 2. Nathan Ettinger, Gorman FFA; 3. Meghan Preston, Carbon 4-H; 4. Colton Herrera, Carbon 4-H
Breeding Sheep
Champion Medium Wool Lamb: Alicia Cunningham, Cisco FFA
Reserve Champion Medium Wool Ewe: Zoey Tucker, Carbon 4-H
(Continued on another pg.)

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Dr. Luis Duarte, Neurosurgeon



Seeing Patients in Abilene

Luis Duarte, M.D., specializing in Neurosurgery, will begin seeing patients in Abilene each month at the:

Southwest Imaging Building
West Texas Back Clinic
1702 South Clack

Tuesday, February 17
Tuesday, March 9
Tuesday, April 6
Tuesday, May 11

Dr. Duarte received his medical degree from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and completed his internship and residency at the MCPHU/Hahnemann University Hospital Program. He is certified by the American Board of Neurological Surgeons.

Dr. Duarte is affiliated with the Shannon Clinic in San Angelo where he, his wife Diane and their two boys make their home.

- Dr. Duarte's Specialties Include:
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11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas
Proceedings (En Banc)
February 19, 2004
Affirmed

Mario John Valdez, Jr. v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Opinion by Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Justice Wright, Justice McCall, and Justice McCloud).

Leroy Phillip Mitchell v. Nations Credit Financial Services Corporation, Dallas (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Aric Danyl White v. State of Texas, Collin. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

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In re R. Wayne Johnson, Orig. Pro. Relator's petition for writ of mandamus.

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Pedro Castillo v. State of Texas, Howard. Appellant's motion for permission to file late brief.

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Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

My Zodiac sign is Gemini, the Twins. My wife says she does not believe in Astrology but she says there must be some credence to it because I sometimes act like two different people. I suppose she is at least partly correct. In the pulpit, I am solemn and sincere. In my daily living I can be as solemn and serious as anyone, but I also like to joke with people. I think Christian people should enjoy good clean fun. Laughter is good medicine.

Evelyn and I were visiting friends in Kentucky and they took us to a fine restaurant one Sunday. The hostess greeted us and led us to a table. In jest, I asked her if this table was where they seated the "newly-weds." She thought I meant that we were just married.

I'm sure she told the manager, because various waiters began bringing flowers for the table, elaborate place-settings, and other amenities which are usually reserved for special guests. It seemed the staff couldn't do enough for us. They even brought us a beautiful wedding cake for dessert.

I was embarrassed! I never meant to infer that we were newly-weds, in fact, Evelyn and I had been

married almost 30 years at that time.

After the funeral of my Son-in-Law's Aunt in Marble Falls, Texas last year, the family and friends met at a large restaurant. We were placed in a private room with one very long table. I was seated at the head of the table and the waitress came to take my order first.

"What will you have, sir?" she asked.

"Well Ma'am," I drawled, "I only have three dollars. (I was joking, of course.)"

That waitress smiled and said, "Excuse me, sir, I'll be right back."

She went to the kitchen and returned with a steaming bowl of vegetable soup.

"There you are, sir," she said. "Three dollars is all we are going to charge you for that big bowl of soup."

Everyone in the room laughed while my face turned red. The waitress had turned the joke on me.

My wife Evelyn was in the Beauty Shop here in our apartment complex the other day. Several women were there. Some of them were under dryers, others were waiting for their turn in the beautician's chair.

I walked into the shop and dropped a bombshell. I told everyone that my wife was "expecting."

The beauty operator froze in her tracks. Several of the women were in shock, their mouths open but words would not come out.

The operator finally found her voice and gasped, "What? Jasper, do you mean to tell us your 73 year old wife is EXPECTING"?

"I sure do, I replied, she is EXPECTING me to do the dishes, she is EXPECTING me to do the laundry, she is EXPECTING me to run the sweeper....."

I ran for the door, trying to avoid the magazines and other flying missiles headed in my direction.

'50 First Dates' Held Over For Another Week At Majestic

The romantic comedy "50 First Dates" is being held over for another week at the Majestic Theater in Eastland, due to popular demand. It seems to be a hit with the public all across the country, and is listed as a No. 1 movie right now.

It will begin the new showing in Eastland on Friday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m., and can be seen at the same time nightly through Monday, March 1.

Admission will be \$4 at the box office, with balcony seats available to adults only for \$5.50.

The movie is rated PG-13, but parents are cautioned that it contains some crude sexual humor and drug references.

Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore star in this film, which is set in Hawaii. We find that Sandler is a dedicated bachelor who faces the ultimate challenge in this flower-strewn landscape.

Drew Barrymore shows up as Lucy, a lovely art teacher suffering from amnesia.

Sandler is an easy-going, womanizing marine veterinarian, who spots this blonde goddess at little cafe. It seems that an injury has destroyed her short-term memory, so she starts each day with no recollection of the one before.

In order to win her love, Sandler must start each day with a brand-new courtship.

Critics say that this movie, with all its zany premise, manages to touch the audience. Drew Barrymore has such a flaky, bedazzled charm that you want to see her rescued. And Sandler, confronted with a girl who can't remember him, is forced to become the ultimate romantic.

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The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES.

I wander off the humor path this week-on purpose. I want instead to reflect on the loss of friends during the three recent holiday seasons. Just before Thanksgiving, death claimed Darren Nix, who, at age 36, seemed "just out of college" to me. A few years ago, I handed him his diploma during graduation exercises at Howard Payne University. Death also claimed legendary football Coach Gordon Wood during the week before Christmas, and just before St. Valentine's Day, Groner Pitts—"Mr. Brownwood" and perhaps the merriest mortician ever—died after several years of failing health.

Winner of nine state championships in high school football, Wood averaged 9.3 wins annually during his 43 seasons of head coaching. He retired at age 70, and he was alert, enthusiastic and articulate until hours before his death 19 years later. He drove to the coffee session of his friends every morning. There, problems of the world, nation, state and just around the corner were chewed on, and sometimes solved.

Wood's service was held in Mims Auditorium at Howard Payne University. When it ended, a majority of the crowd—mostly coaches and former coaches—gathered in the Student Center where coaching icon Grant Teaff held forth. Tributes and stories were shared, and there were many. The session, begun in the brightness of an afternoon sun, ended more than two hours later after darkness had set in.

Pitts was 10 years Wood's junior at age 79, but friends said his odometer was "beyond 120." Ever defying the usual, he was one of the founders of the "Brownwood Mafia," a civic group dedicated to promoting the community. His funeral service, seven Sundays after Wood's, was held on a snowy Valentine weekend of leap year.

First Baptist Church overflowed, so his service—like Wood's—was carried on the local television cable. Ever eager to promote his church, community, Howard Payne University, Texas National Guard and the Democratic Party, Pitts was arguably the most colorful funeral director ever.

"That great cloud of witnesses in Heaven has been sequestered this day," one speaker said, "To decide who breaks the news to Groner that they don't have Democratic precincts in glory."

Nix, a seminary student after college graduation, was active in youth work at Sherwood Park Baptist Church in Irving. A veteran of the Gulf War, he was 28 when he finished college,

and in so many ways, older than his years. His specialty seemed to be serving others—regardless of cost and sacrifice. In military service, he smuggled Bibles by the hundreds in a country where such was forbidden and Christianity was embraced by few. For Darren, life was beyond an adventure. Like Pitts, his odometer also was high.

Friends and loved ones crammed into the church; there was seating for 350; dozens were standing. Testimonials, music and a comforting message filled the better part of an hour. Generally to that point it was a traditional service.

The final moments, however, were "uniquely Darren." Following the

prayer, the preacher said, "Darren loved Moon Pies and 'The Big Bopper.'" (His real name was J. P. Richardson, a popular vocalist in the 50's.)

With this announcement, funeral directors flooded the aisles, handing out Moon Pies—nearly 500, one for each person. Then, bursting from the sound system were the unmistakable lyrics of "Chantilly Lace." (You remember it: "Chantilly lace and a pretty face and a pony tail hanging down.") We left the church in tears, but smiling.

On the drive home, it occurred to me that each of these friends discovered that life is its richest requires giving—always placing others above selves. In so living, Darren and Gordon and Groner didn't miss many roses. They sniffed out every hint of aroma

along the way. Their rich lives gave us lessons worth learning. And so did their memorial services.

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One To Another

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

Many years ago my aunt fell in her home. She could not get up but drug herself by her arms to the telephone card and pulled the phone to the floor. She dialed what she thought was a familiar number but it actually was a wrong number. When the person on the other end of the phone line answered, she apologized and told them she really needed help. The person was kind enough to

call the police who came immediately and had to bread into the house to get to her. The ambulance arrived and she was on her way to the hospital. Both her legs were broken. Please think about this the next time someone dials your

number by mistake and make sure to give them time to tell you their situation. That person who was kind enough to listen to another person completely unknown to them probably saved her life. Are you a one to another type of person?

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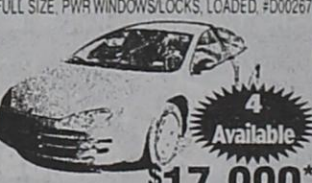

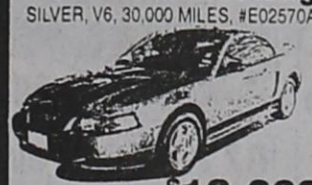








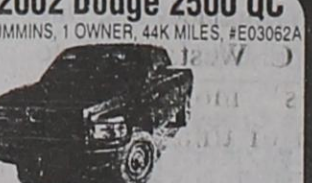
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Eastland County Livestock Show A Success

Another Eastland County Livestock Show has come and gone. By all accounts, this year's show was a tremendous success. Entries were up again in 2004, continuing a promising trend of the past few years, and the quality of our stock gets better each year. County Agent, Bob Bailey, and Eastland County's agriscience teachers: Jerry Conring and Ginger Holton, Cisco; Alton Mitchell and Sy Mitchell, Eastland; Shawn Boles and Bo Caraway, Gorman; Tom Arnold, Ranger; Gene Smith, Rising Star should be given the lion's share of the credit for the continued success of the show program in Eastland County.

The 2004 Livestock Show would not have been a success without the help of our superintendents: Bobby Rich, Swine; Bob Bailey, Beef Cattle; Tianay Rabb, Meat Goats, Angora Goats and Sheep; Joel Terry, Broilers; Liz Caraway, Rabbits; Telitha Bush, Dairy Goats. Each superintendent puts together a team to help from weigh-in through check-out. We wish we could recognize each volunteer individually but fear we would leave someone out.

We also appreciate the hard work of Donna White, Eastland County's Family Consumer Science agent, and her team of 4-H leaders who man the concession stand every year. Our show secretary, Cindy Wood, her assistant, Kathy Herring, and association Secretary-Treasurer, Roy Varner, are indispensable as is ECLRA President, Joe Pierce.

The Eastland County Livestock Raisers were pleased to unveil new restroom facilities at the 2004 show. Laminack Construction of Gorman, Texas built the restroom building and constructed a door, closing in the last open space between the two main barns. Tri-Cities Ready Mix donated much of the concrete used in the project, and we thank them.

These improvements have been in the works for a number of years, and the association was proud to make these much needed improvements. We could not have done it without countless individual and corporate donations through the years and, of course, the commission taken on each animal at the sale. We thank our exhibitors and donors for their generosity.

Special thanks must be extended to Sheriff Wayne Bradford. The Sheriff's Department donated man hours from the trustee program to help prepare the grounds for this year's show-mowing, trimming trees, erecting pens and picking up trash. This valuable contribution cannot be overstated.

State Representative James Keffer made a unique contribution to this year's show, preparing certificates of recognition for the recipients of the ECLRA Ten Year Award. This award is presented annually to

graduating seniors who have participated in the Eastland County Livestock Show for at least ten years. The association was proud to have Representative Keffer's emissary, Judge Scott Bailey, on hand to recognize our 2004 recipients: Kirsten Dove, Joe Allan Martinez, Brady McCormick, Lindsey McGaha, Megan Mitchell, Candy Riehle, Colton Vestal and Landon Westerman.

Words of thanks are extended to the Eastland Volunteer Fire Department and the Eastland County Commissioners. Thank you to Shayla Riehle Honeycutt and Candy Riehle for their generous donation of a rabbit hutch and rabbits to the ECLRA. We also thank those parents and members of the community who see a need - be it an electrical improvement or plumbing leak-

and step in to help, often with no recognition at all. Our showgrounds are a better place because of their involvement in the program.

Finally, the Eastland County Livestock Raisers thank our buyers. Without donations throughout the year to the booster clubs, individual purchases on sale night, and trophy and buckle sponsorships, this show would not take place. Our exhibitors - the youth of Eastland County - could not afford to maintain projects from year to year, and the association would not be able to front the costs of the show without the generosity of each and every contributor. Let us never forget the community owes us nothing, while we owe the community our very existence. Thank you all.

Brian Perry, Eastland County Livestock Raisers Results are as follows:
Market Steers
 Grand Champion Market

Steer: Colton Vestal, Eastland FFA

Reserve Grand Champion Market Steer: Reed Vestal, Eastland FFA

Junior Showmanship: Blaize Scott, Carbon 4-H

Senior Showmanship: Megan Mitchell, Eastland FFA

Champion British Steer: Reed Vestal, Eastland FFA

Reserve Champion British Steer: Ashley Mitchell, Cisco FFA

Lightweights
 1. Ashley Mitchell, Cisco FFA; 2. Chance Eckert, Carbon 4-H

Middleweights
 1. Tyler Hart, Carbon 4-H; 2. Tylan Long, Rising Star 4-H

Heavy weights
 1. Reed Vestal, Eastland FFA; 2. Michael Wright, Rising Star 4-H

Champion American Cross Steer: Kayla Vestal, Carbon 4-H

Reserve Champion American Cross Steer: Jacob Henson, Olden 4-H

Champion Exotic Steer: Colton Vestal, Eastland FFA

Reserve Champion Exotic Steer: Lindsey Herring, Rising Star 4-H

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Middle weight
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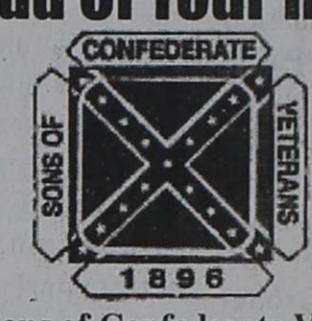
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Free Prostate Screening Offered At Eastland Memorial Hospital

Statistics show that prostate cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in men in America. One out of every five men will develop prostate cancer. Prostate problems are common in men above age fifty. Not all prostate problems are cancer but early diagnosis is the key if the problem is cancer. Regardless of the actual prostate problem, there is no need to suffer since treatment is available.

Laser procedures have become popular for enlarged prostate. A simple lab test for the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) can lead to early detection, and along with a physical examination gives a more complete evaluation.

Avi T. Deshmukh, M.D., Diplomate of the American Board of Urology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons is teaming up with Eastland Memorial Hospital to offer a **FREE** Prostate Screening. The screening is set for Saturday, March 13, 2004 in the old sanctuary of the Daugherty Street Church of Christ, 309 S. Daugherty, Eastland, Texas. Participants are asked to arrive between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. to have the Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) blood test drawn. Following completion of the lab work, Dr. Deshmukh will present a brief, informative lecture and slide presentation. After the lecture, each participant will receive a physical examination in the privacy of an exam room.

Those interested are urged to sign up early by calling Eastland Memorial Hospital at (254) 629-2601, extension

301 or the Outpatient Department, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Remember that early diagnosis and treatment can be a potentially life-saving event. This screening is

offered at no cost to all men in this area. All men above the age of 50 are especially encouraged to sign up.

Stenholm Wins Chamber Of Commerce Award

Washington, D.C.-U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm (TX-17) has received the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Enterprise" Award for his strong and consistent support of business issues during the first session of the 108th Congress.

Stenholm received word of the award in a letter from Tom Donohue, the president and chief executive officer of the world's largest business federation, representing more than three million businesses and organizations. "It is my pleasure to inform you that you have earned the

U.S. Chamber's Spirit of Enterprise award for your support of pro-business issues during the first session of the 108th Congress," Donohue wrote.

Stenholm has won the Spirit of Enterprise Award 12 times since the U.S. Chamber began presenting it in 1988, and he has a 79 percent lifetime rating with the organization. He earned this most recent award based on his support of legislation that would make health insurance more available and affordable for small businesses and legislation that would address the litigation crisis. He also supported legislation that would reduce burdensome regulatory and paperwork requirements on busi-

nesses, as well as other pro-business legislation supported by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

"I am honored to receive the Spirit of Enterprise Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce," Stenholm said. "This award is especially meaningful because the U.S. Chamber represents many of the business men and women of West Texas. I always keep these folks in mind when I am voting on legislation that would

affect them."

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will present its Spirit of Enterprise Award to Stenholm and other qualified Members of Congress at a reception in the Capitol on Wednesday, February 25th.

The U.S. Chamber presents its award based on rankings it gives Members of Congress for key business votes, as listed in its annual publication, How They Voted. Votes included in the rankings are Chamber-designated "key votes," recorded floor votes on issues established as priorities by the Chamber's board of directors on which the Chamber communicates its position prior to the vote.

For a complete list of key votes and ratings for individual members of Congress, visit the U.S. Chamber's Website at www.uschamber.com.

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CJC Wrangler Belle Auditions Set For Sunday

Auditions for the Cisco Junior College Wrangler Belles are scheduled for Sunday, February 29, at 2:00 p.m. in the CJC gymnasium. Students who are accepted into the group will be recipients of an activity grant ranging from \$1,600.00 to \$2,000.00 per year.

Next year, the Wrangler Band and Belles plan to travel and perform in California. This is a wonderful experience for our area seniors who make the choice to audition for the Wrangler Band and Belles.

The Cisco Junior College dance group is a close-knit organization with an emphasis placed on positive attitude and individual growth. The small, friendly campus provides a family atmosphere that the girls truly miss as they depart for large universities, for beginning a career, or for pursuing their personal educational goals.

The Wrangler Belles actively promote the college through numerous appearances around the Big Country. This organization

provides training in professionalism, individual character, poise, and self-esteem. Any young woman that would like to audition for the team should contact Debbie Baker at Cisco Junior College, (254) 442-2567 ext. 140, to confirm an appointment for the audition.

Young ladies who are unable to attend this audition should make arrangements with the director to audition at another time.

Read The Classifieds

Eastland County Livestock Show Results

Market Goats Division Three

Light weights

1. Kathryn Kelly, Carbon 4-H;
- 2., 3. Chelsi Arnold, Ranger FFA;
4. Ben McAfee, Ranger FFA;
5. Levi Cagle, Carbon 4-H;
6. Ally McGaha, Eastland FFA

Middle weights

- 1., 2. Nathan Ettinger, Gorman FFA;
3. Ally McGaha, Eastland FFA;
4. Dalas Vaughn, Cisco FFA;
5. Joe Alan Martinez, Olden 4-H;
6. Jacob Russell, Ranger 4-H

Heavy weights

1. Chelsi Arnold, Ranger FFA;
2. Garrett Arnold, Ranger FFA;
3. Rachel Tucker, Gorman FFA;
4. Ariel Rabb, Red Gap 4-H;
5. Nathan Ettinger, Gorman FFA

Division Three Champion: Kathryn Kelly, Carbon 4-H

Division Three Reserve Champion: Chelsi Arnold, Ranger FFA

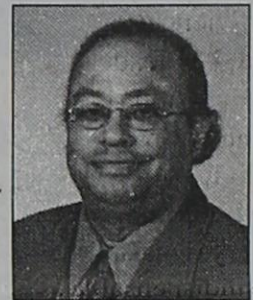
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Human Awareness Committee Presents

African American Awareness Luncheon

Brown vs. Board of Education, 50th Anniversary

By Karen Land

The Texas Department of Human Services Human Awareness Committee (HAC) presented its annual African American Awareness Luncheon on February 12, 2004 at the West Central Texas Human Services Complex. The Human Awareness Committee was started to celebrate the diversity of the agency and to educate its employees about different cultures and ethnic background of its employees. The HAC is committed to ensuring that each time we present

an event that staff and visitors leave knowing a little more about different cultures than what they knew before they came.

This year the committee presented a play, "Hey Linda, Where You Goin'?", written by Karen Land commemorating the 50th anniversary of the landmark decision, Brown vs. The Board of Education, overturning the "separate but equal" doctrine that was the rule of the land since 1896. The decision was an



unanimous decision. When the decision was made, Chief Justice Earl Warren read the decision of the Court. He said, "Why come then to the question presented: Does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other 'tangible' factors may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of equal educational opportunities? We believe that it does. We conclude that in the field of education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.

Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs and others similarly situated for whom the actions have been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, deprived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th amendment." This decision helped change America forever, and the committee told Linda



Brown's story, the young girl behind the struggle.

The following individuals presented the play: Linda Brown, Roz Evans; Richard Garcia, the Little Boy; Terrance Crisp, McKinley Burnett, president of the local chapter of the Topeka, KS NAACP; Aaron Ashford, Oliver Brown; Sherwin Grotts, Thurgood Marshall, Janice Williams and Carolyn Hines, singers, and Karen Land, the narrator.

share some good gospel singing.

The Human Awareness Committee members: Janice Williams, Janice Coleman, Richard Garcia, Karen Land, Trudy Dostal, Carolyn Hines, Kim Conaway, Bonnie Mashburn, and Franc. Schroth prepared an "ole fashion and soul food meal" for the event. Our committee thanks the agency, its members,

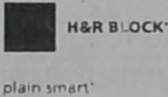
and friends, for making this a successful event.

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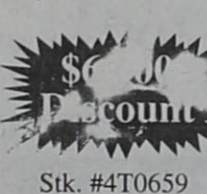
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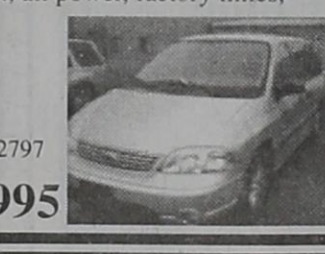
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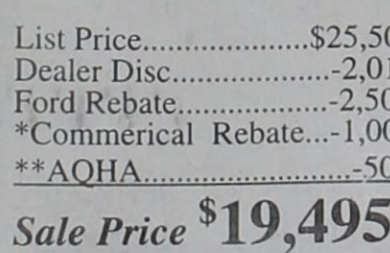


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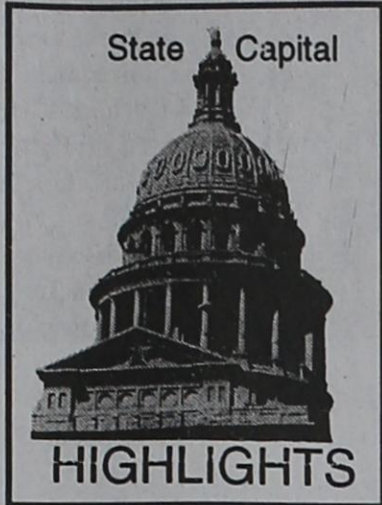
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By Mike Cox
Travis County DA probes House speaker's records
 AUSTIN - Early voting in the March 9 primary began Monday, but in Austin political observers were busy counting subpoenas issued by the Travis County District Attorney's office in its investigation of House Speaker Tom Craddick. In a written statement announcing that a subpoena seeking records had been served on Craddick, district attorney Ronnie Earle said the current investigation traces to a probe begun by his office in late 2002 into possible corporate campaign contributions on the part of the Texas Association of Business.

That investigation, he said, led to a look at how the group Texans for a Republican Majority raised and used contributions. During that investigation, Earle said "possible criminal conduct in connection with the race for speaker of the Texas House of Representatives was uncovered."

Craddick said his office would fully comply with the subpoenas. "I am satisfied that I, and all other candidates for speaker of the House of Representatives for the 78th Legislature, conducted our races appropriately, and I am happy to have helped elect a Republican majority - as I have tried to do since I was first elected to the House in 1968," Craddick said in a prepared statement.

2 Republicans head to Senate

Two Republicans won special election runoffs for two Texas Senate seats Feb. 17.

Kevin Eltife received 46,428 votes, 52 percent, for District 1 in northeast Texas. Democrat Paul Sadler received 43,094 votes, 48 percent. Kel Seliger, the former mayor of Amarillo, is the new state senator for District 31 in the Panhandle. Seliger finished with 41,101 votes, 56.16 percent, to opponent Kirk Edwards of Odessa who garnered 32,091 votes, or 43.84 percent.

The totals are unofficial until canvassed by the governor.

Party's still on, parade's off...

Texas Independence Day March 2 will be observed in ceremonies at the State Cemetery and on the south steps of the Capitol, but a parade and 5K run in honor of the holiday has been canceled. "In the past, the

Austin City Council waived fees connected to the run and the parade," said board member Roger T. Moore, "but this year, that was not forthcoming. We decided to regroup and plan an even bigger parade for March 2, 2005."

New park pass raises revenue...

The Parks and Wildlife Department is selling a small piece of plastic good for admission to the state's 120 parks and historic sites, camping discounts and other benefits at state recreational facilities.

Since Jan. 1, the department has sold more than 3,300 of the \$60 annual passes, generating some \$200,000 to benefit state parks. "The per-person, per-day cost of coming into parks varies from \$2 to \$5," said TPW Director Walt Dabney, "so it doesn't take you very long or very many trips to pay for the pass." The new passes can be bought at any state park or historic site or through the agency's customer contact center at 512-389-8900.

Gonzales bird flu not dangerous...

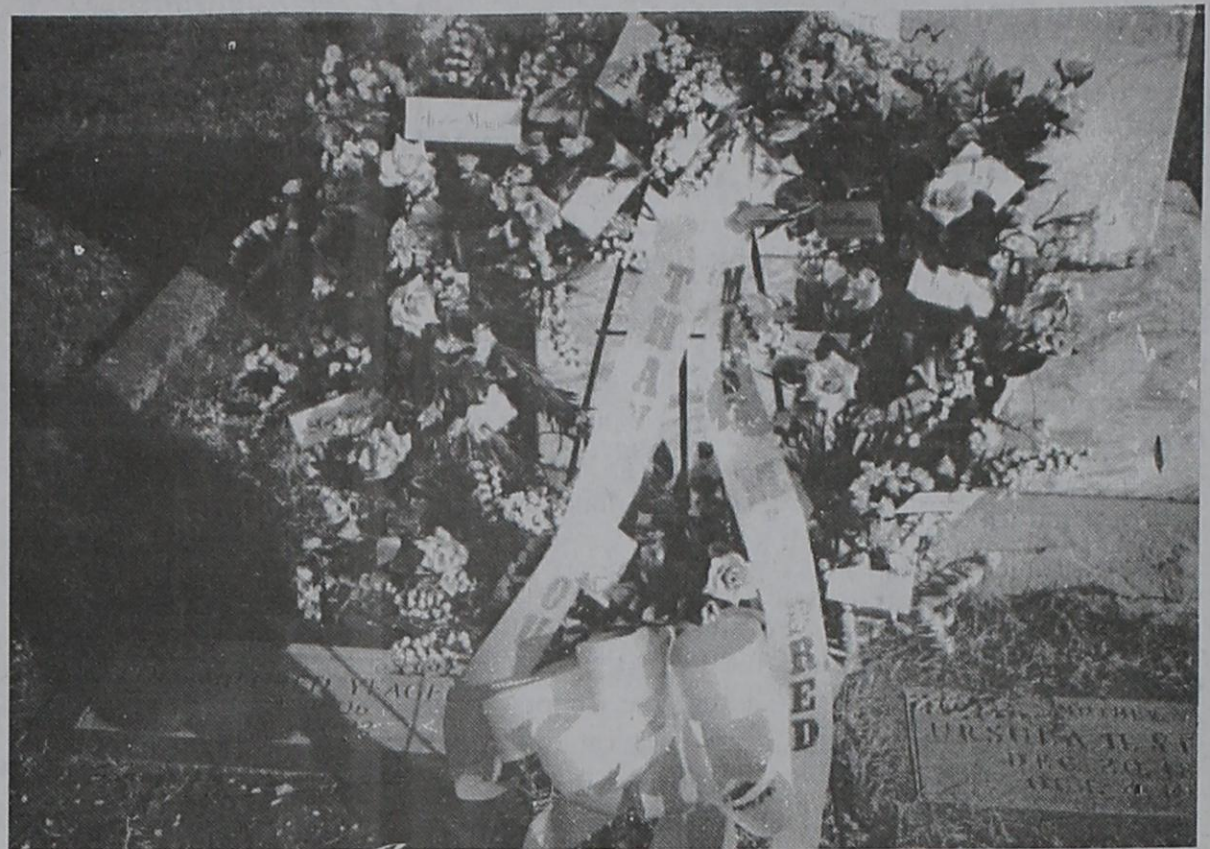
A case of avian influenza found in a non-commercial flock of chickens in Gonzales County is not dangerous to humans or poultry, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. The strain identified in that county was a low pathogenic virus that is commonly found in bird populations, the department said. The poultry industry injects more than \$1 billion into the Texas economy each

year, the department said. Of that, \$123 million in 2002 came through exports. "The discovery of this case in Texas could have tremendous trade implications," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, "and the TDA will continue to monitor the situation."

Try some aluminum wings...

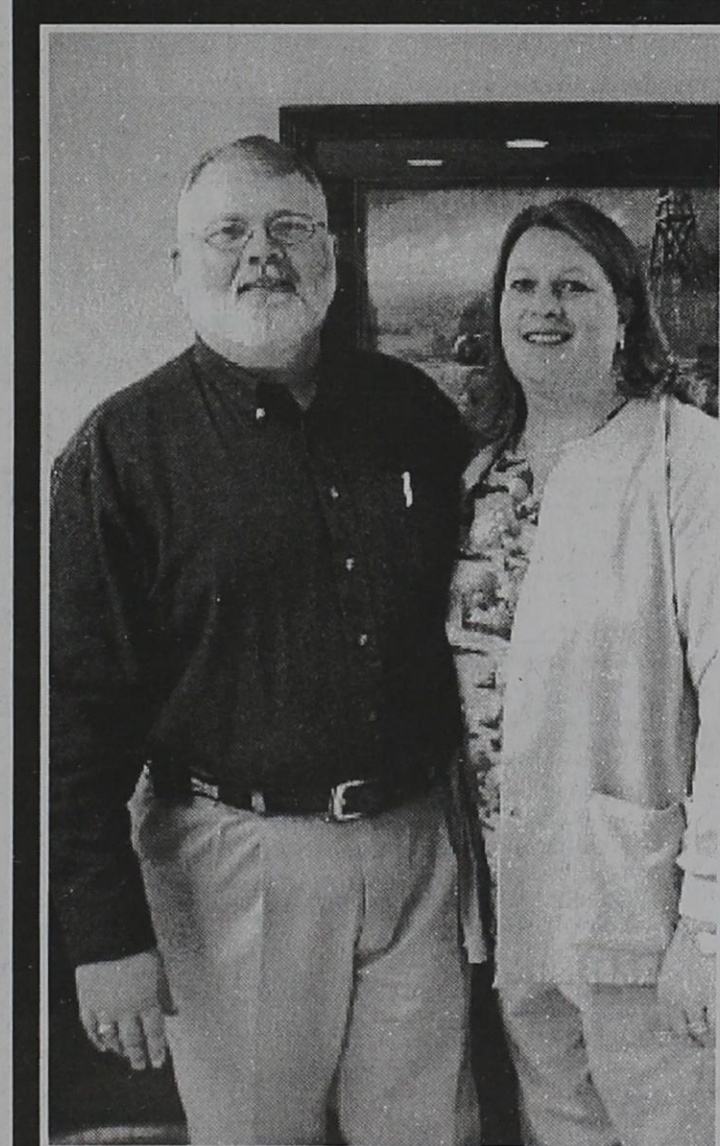
Poultry is important to Texas, but it's chicken feed compared to the impact aviation has on the state. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, the state's 10 largest airports support more than 630,000 jobs and bring more than \$34 billion to Texas' economy.

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Obituaries

Dusty Ryan Hargrove

CROSS PLAINS: Dusty Ryan Hargrove, 24, of Cross Plains died Thursday, February 19, 2004 at Brownwood Regional Medical Center in Brownwood.

He was born February 10, 1980 to Jim and Cliffadean White Hargrove in Abilene, Texas. Dusty grew up in Cross Plains, and attended both elementary and high school here and graduated in 1998. He was a member of Cottonwood Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Jim and Cliffadean Hargrove of Cross Plains; two sisters, Kelli and husband Frankie Hyles of Cross Plains, Kami Hargrove and Tad Timmons of Granbury; son, Tristan Hargrove of Cross Plains; nieces Mykea Douglass, Kelbi Hyles, Shana Hyles, Christin Hyles; nephew,

Cody Hyles all of Cross Plains; aunt and uncle Shirley and Bobby Pettijohn of Hamilton, and uncle and aunt Roger and Kathy White of Snyder; as well as a host of cousins, friends and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 21, 2004 at the First Baptist Church, Joe Coppinger and Bay Kirkham officiated. Burial was in the Hyles and Hargrove Family Cemetery in Callahan County, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home of Cross Plains.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Cross Plains Athletic Booster Club, Callahan County Jr. Livestock Show both of Cross Plains, Texas.

From Page One ... Livestock Show

agricultural mechanics projects, begins with livestock competition on Friday, March 12. Professional breeders and ranchers will compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first part of the Show, beginning Thursday, March 4.

Entries from both the open and junior show, along with the horse division, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

More than 15,000 entries, representing about 1,100 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, will compete in this year's junior show. A wide variety of animals will be shown in the junior divisions of the livestock competition, including market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market goats, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding gilts, breeding sheep, llamas, alpacas, commercial steers, caves and rabbits.

The Houston Livestock Show is the pinnacle of youth competition for many 4-H and FFA exhibitors, and we are excited to be able to be

an integral part of their agricultural learning experience, said John Sykes, assistant general manager, Agricultural Exhibits and Competition Department. Through our junior shows and junior market auctions, we are helping make dreams come true and experiences pay off for thousands of Texas students.

The 2004 Houston Livestock Show and rodeo kicks off on Thursday, Feb. 26, with the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest slated for Feb. 26 to 28, in the southwest Reliant Park parking lot. Go Texan weekend is Feb. 26 to 29, including contests, the downtown rodeo parade and the ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run.

On Friday, Feb. 27, high school seniors from across 60 Texas counties will be recognized with the presentation of the Area Go Texan scholarships.

The streets of downtown Houston will fill with the sounds of horses hooves, children's laughter and marching bands on Saturday, Feb. 28, for the annual Rodeo Parade at 10 a.m. After traveling by horseback to Houston, thousands of trail riders will join the parade

From Page One ... Early Voting

Chairman.

On the Republican ballot, the following are unopposed: George W. Bush, U. S. President; Randy Neugebauer, U. S. Representative, District 19; Harriet O'Neill, Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3; Scott Brister, Justice, Supreme Court, Place 9; Troy Fraser, State Senator, District 24; Terry McCall, Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District, Place 3; John Weeks, District Judge, 42nd Judicial District; Shane Deel, County Attorney; Pat Chrane, County Chairman.

festivities. Prior to the parade, participants in the ConocoPhillips Rodeo Run will make their way through downtown to Minute Maid Park.

RodeoHouston action takes off on March 2 with 20 daily performances featuring outstanding PRCA/ProRodeo action in the world's largest rodeo, the heartwarming calf scramble chuck wagon races and concert entertainment. Only the top 60 cowboys and cowgirls in the world are invited to compete in RodeoHouston's seven PRCA and WPRA events - bareback bronc riding, barrel racing, bull riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping and tie-down roping. Rodeo Houston finals will be held on Saturday, March 20. On Sunday, March 21, the rodeo action becomes extreme - as in PRCA Xtreme Bulls, a special presentation of only bull riding.

Ticket prices for 2004 RodeoHouston range from \$16 to \$77 and include admission to the horse division, livestock show, carnival, all exhibits, attractions and the rodeo. Tickets are available at the Reliant Stadium south ticket windows and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Foley's, Fiesta, FYE and Warehouse Music stores. Tickets also are available on the Internet at ticketmaster.com.

Admission to Reliant Park for the livestock and horse show, carnival and all exhibits and attractions, excluding RodeoHouston performances, is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 12-5 years of age, and free for those age 5 and younger.

For a complete schedule and additional information, please visit the web sites www.rodeohouston.com or www.hisr.com.

Texas Cattle Exchange Market Report, Feb. 17

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Market

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500 lb.-600 lb. \$88-\$96

600-700 lb. \$78-\$83

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400 lb.-500 lb. \$102-\$121

500-600 lb. \$97-\$106

600-700 lb. \$81-\$89

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400 lb.-500 lb. \$91-\$100

500 lb.-600 lb. \$88-\$95

600 lb.-700 lb. \$74-\$80

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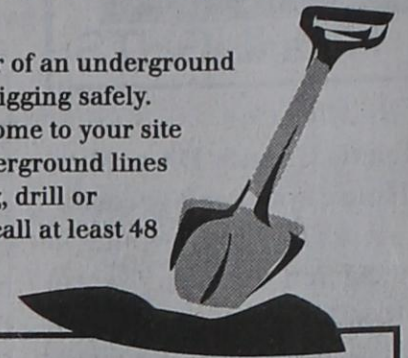
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