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Rarity Isn't the Only Criteria for Value!

I received a letter this week from a reader who has moved away into a different state. The letter was about my column on how beautiful "the garbage tree" or mimosa is.

This reader, who shall, at here request, remain nameless, is working on a garden of "common" and unappreciated plants.

"Buttercups" (primrose) were for sale at a local nursery where she lives, as is wisteria at quite a price.

She began to ponder that it seems that the only "value" a plant has is its rarity.

Where buttercups and wisteria line the roadsides they are largely ignored, but where they have to be babied and guarded from the cold they are valued highly!

Our reader is planted honeysuckle, mimosa, pokesaleet (poke weed), trumpet vine and more. All of them are considered nuisances, but all have beautiful scents, berries, blooms and benefits.

We both consider just how many plants, trees, shrubs, grasses and wildflowers we take for granted.

Our world is filled with things such as "pepper" trees, which have knobby bark and a spicy tang, bois d'arc trees, which are thorny but feed multitudes of wild creatures such as squirrels and live where only the hardiest of trees would dare to drop a root.

There are wildflowers so tiny they almost go unnoticed, and bushes they provide nesting spots for hosts of wild birds, food for the birds and other creatures such as raccoons.

Grasses feed deer and grow in soils and moisture levels ranging from super dry to super moist.

We pay them little attention, and seldom know their names.

If these items were potted in little plastic containers, and held high price tags, we'd appreciate them, study their needs and habits, and cultivate them carefully.

And, this brings me to another thing. If we don't appreciate plants because they are "common" do we to other things the same way?

Do we fail to appreciate those people around us who do nothing spectacular, but are always there doing little things to bring kindness, peace and joy to the world we live in?

Do we only pay attention to those who demand it, or claim it due to their spectacular beauty?

I hope not. I know that I'm going to try and look at people as well as plants in a little different light, trying to appreciate them more. Give it a try, it never hurts to look a little closer at the world around us.

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Sales tax holiday is August 2-4

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that the annual sales tax holiday is coming up August 2-4.

Texans will save \$42 million in sales tax during the three day holiday, including \$33.2 million in state sales tax and \$8.8 million in local sales taxes.

The savings from Texas' three sales tax holidays thus far total approximately \$108.2 million.

Examples of items that can be purchased tax-free during the holiday include kids' clothes and school uniforms, adults' clothes

and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, slippers, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family, as long as the items are priced under \$100 each.

Items that cannot be purchased tax free include handbags, wallets, jewelry, accessories, athletic shoes and apparel that are not normally street wear, backpacks and school supplies.

No Texas community has opted out of the sales tax holiday this year. To opt out, a city, county or other local taxing entity must notify the Comptroller by March 31.

Prairiland Board tends to business

The Prairiland ISD Board met Monday night and attended to several items of new business.

They approved Workers Compensation Renewal with CAS, approved Student Accident Insurance and approved TACS bid for energy management. The energy management is a service for school districts aimed at using projected cost savings as a tool to finance more economical retrofits of the district's lighting, heating and air conditioning systems.

They approved an engagement with Malnory, McNeal and Com-

pany as school auditors and gave them a two year contract.

In executive session they hired John Lilly for Blossom Principal.

They approved wages on Auxiliary Pay Scale and took no action on Pay Scale for Coaches.

They discussed Teacher/Student Recognition, the FFA Talent Team and Frankye Sessums award.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved, and payment of bills and approval of the tax and financial reports were approved.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

In light of all of the recent problems that the City of Deport has been having with the water supply lately, I feel compelled to publicly express my gratitude to The Deport City Council, The Mayor and City Secretary and especially to Charles Reavis and Bert Filkins. Mr. Reavis and Mr. Filkins are often on the receiving end of displeasure when it comes to water leaks, low pressure, and chlorinating problems. Often times, more effort is spent by citizens complaining to these individuals about a particular instance, rather than thanking them for trying to fix the problem when it's on a Saturday afternoon and 90 plus temperatures.

The infrastructure of the town has gotten old and is disintegrating before our very eyes. This isn't a problem created by the new city administration, nor is it one created by the previous. It's simply a matter of things getting old and worn out and needing to be replaced. Charles Reavis and Bert Filkins have been pulling some very long days with all of Deport's problems, and they should be commended on the job that they are doing. It's very fortunate for the citizens of Deport that we live in a community to where things can be repaired on a 24/7 basis. Many cities will just come out and cut off until crews can arrive during regular working hours. Deport has always tried to do a water repair as quickly as possible, and that is something that it's citizens should be proud of.

Instead of focusing energy

complaining to the workers while they are trying to repair a problem, a better solution would be to offer them any assistance you can, or just to leave them alone, allowing them to do their job. If you feel that you still need to complain, the better procedure would be to contact the Mayor or a City Council person. A water break is an annoying instance, and all of us have felt frustrated with water problems as of late--but the solution is to try and let our elected officials do the job they

were elected to do, and to let the city employees do what they have been told to do by their superiors. No one wants a water break--not the city, the city employees, or the citizens. Unfortunately, it sometimes happens. To take your frustration about the situation out on the employees trying to repair the problem is just counter-productive. It's a waste of your energy, and takes up the employees time when they could be working on the problem.

I appreciate and congratulate the City Employees for everything they are doing during this difficult time. I feel that I am not alone on this. There are many citizens of this town who appreciate and understand the difficulties that the city is currently facing. The City leaders have a most difficult task in front of them, and I feel confident that a solution will be devised very quickly. Keep up the good work and bless you on your endeavors.

An appreciative citizen,
Tim J. Wood

Heavenly Delights to hold community meal

The "Heavenly Delights" of the First United Methodist Church, Deport, will hold their third Saturday dinner on July 20th.

The menu will feature Brisket, baked beans, potato salad, relish plate, bread, homemade ice cream & cookies, tea and coffee.

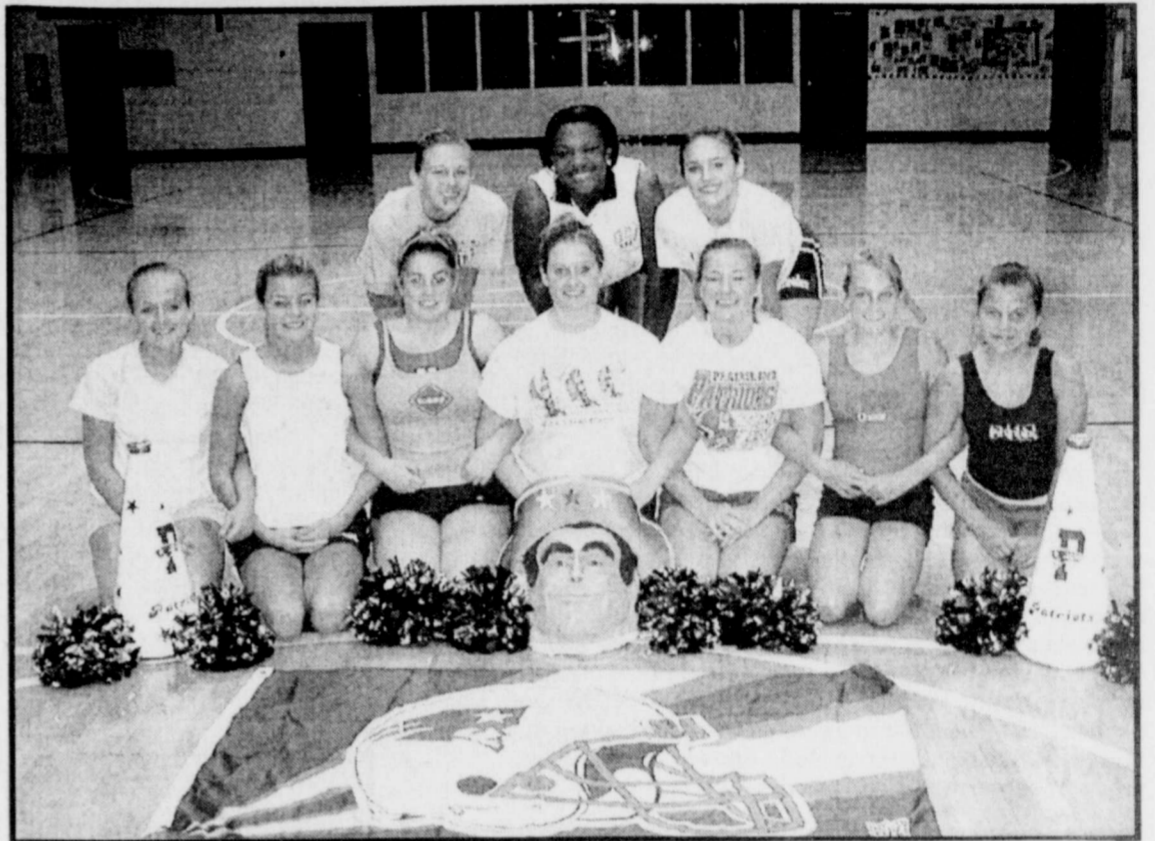
Reservations are available between 5:30 and 6:00 P.M., and the meal will be served from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., in the Fellow-

ship Hall of the church.

The cost of the meal is \$8 and reservations should be made by Thursday, July 18th at 6:00 P.M.

For reservations call Rena Good 652-2665, T.H. Glover at 652-3995 or Juanita Sparks at 652-4211.

Come out and enjoy fellowship and good food.



ATTENDING PRIVATE CHEER CAMP this week at Prairiland are, from left, kneeling: Lacey Hines, Cheslie Loveless, Jaci Chaney, Brittney Hart, Amber Buster, Kayleigh Connot, Leah Boren. Standing are Jennifer Scallan UCA Instructor Ciji Brooks, Jennifer Martin. (Staff Photo by Nanalee Nichols)

Sessum receives highest award

Frankye Sessums attended the 2002 TGCA Clinic last week to coach the East Division I All Star game and to receive her state championship ring at the honors award luncheon. An unexpected award came her way when she was named the Baden-TGCA Volleyball Coach of the Year out of all classifications he highest award a coach can earn; however, Sessums made comment that nothing was any more precious to her than the 2A state championship that her team battled for in November 2001. Her all star team went on to win Wednesday night in a close 5 game match, 25-22, 22-25, 25-18, 21-25, 15-10, played at the Daniel Meyers Coliseum on the TCU campus. Sessums was also named to the all-state selection committee for 2002-2003.

Enrollment is up at PJC

Enrollment for the second summer semester that began Monday at Paris Junior College has reached a new all-time high of 944 students.

According to PJC Institutional Research Director Dr. Jerry Hammack, this is the largest enrollment for the second summer semester ever recorded at the college. It follows on the heels of a record-setting first summer semester when 1,306 students enrolled for classes.

The increase is more than 23 percent over last summer's 765 students, and is a 40 percent increase over the second summer semester of

Prairiland cheerleaders attending camp

Private UCA camp, conducted by Ciji Brooks was held for the Prairiland Cheerleaders at the Prairiland High School gym July 15, 16 & 17.

Cheer Squad members are learning better stunt techniques, new cheers, chants, dances, sidelines, team building techniques,

newer ideas for pep rallies and crowd boosters.

Attending were Jaci Chaney, Cheslie Loveless, Jennifer Scallan, Amber Buster, Brittney Hart (mascot) Jennifer Martin, Kayleigh Connot, Lacey Hines, Leah Boren and sponsors Sharyl Thompson and Leslie Martin.

Red River Valley Fair to start August 25

The annual Red River Valley Fair will begin August 25 with setting up exhibits, carnival, food concessions and checking in for Home and Garden Showcase.

On August 27, the carnival will open at 6 p.m. along with the commercial exhibits opening and special events for the fair.

The carnival, exhibits and special attractions will continue through Saturday, August 31.

Daily attractions include the Children's Barnyard, Freddie Prez Show, Tot's Spot, Star Family Circus, Gator the Clown, Showcase of Agriculture, Farmer for a Day, Cato's Antique Cars, Antique Tractor Exhibit, and the carnival.

Tuesday through Saturday admission prices are \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Gates open

Tuesday through Friday at 6 p.m. and on Saturday at 3 p.m. Gates close Tuesday through Thursday at 10:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday at 11 p.m. No one will be allowed to enter the fairgrounds after the gates close.

Carnival ride prices are Tuesday and Wednesday armbands, \$10; Thursday, Friday and Saturday armbands, \$15; \$2.00 off discount coupons for Tuesday through Saturday available at area merchants. Single ride coupons are \$1.00.

Fair visitors may bring lawn chairs for stage entertainment.

Special entertainment will be provided by the Florida Boys, Gene Watson, The Blandell's, Karl Louis & Band.



DEPORT UNITED METHODIST Bible School had a big crowd of delighted youngsters this year. This group of first and second graders were happy to pose for the camera.

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*Country
Cooking*
By Liz Irwin



Our cook this week comes to use from Sacramento, California and is Marie Pratt Pohutsky. She is a former resident from Detroit and an avid reader of the Detroit Weekly. She enjoys our small hometown paper and loves the news coming from Detroit. We thank her for her kind words and will try to keep up the good work! I became acquainted with Marie through the internet and a phone call. She was interested in pictures about the homecoming and we began a conversation and visited. She seems to be a very lovely lady and I have enjoyed our introduction.

Marie has sent us a menu for a Chinese dinner along with some of her favorite tips for its preparation. Her best advice is to have all ingredients at hand and everything chopped, minced and completed in order of their use. Since the cooking time for Chinese foods is so short, this is a must. The menu is for two people, but can be increased when needed.

She did include one of her favorite desserts from her childhood. She requested the recipe from her mother, the late Miry Pratt. Mrs. Pratt (when asked she was in her 80's) could not recall making the recipes, so Marie tried her best to duplicate it. It is similar to a cobbler with a vinegar top and bakers with sugar on the top, baked

to a bubbly, crunchy delight. She loved the smell when she came home from school and it made her mouth water. She would love to know if any of our readers had ever seen this recipe or knows of it.....let us know!

Marie states that she does not cook often anymore, but does love the column.

Since she made her first meal alone almost 70 years ago, she said she was about "out of steam" (I doubt that) and takes advantage of any excuse to stay out of the kitchen, or at least spend as little time as possible there.

Thanks so much for your recipe Marie, and we will see you in the kitchen!

WRAPPED CHICKEN-easy and quick and delicious!

FRIED RICE-can be used with or without snow peas....if you do use them though they will need to be washed, "stringed" and drained!

STIR FRIED SNOW PEAS-can be found in most grocery stores either fresh or frozen!

GINGERED CARROTS-easy to prepare!

JELLO DESSERT-quick and easy, using the quick method with ice cubes!

VINEGARONE-does anybody remember making this?.....let us know!

Thursday, July 18, 2002
Marie Pratt Pohutsky

Wrapped Chicken
1 tablespoon hoisin sauce
1 green onion-chopped
1 teaspoon parsley
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon vegetable or peanut oil
1 skinless, boneless breast of chicken

Combine all ingredients except chicken. Cut chicken into bite-size pieces and place in marinade for one hour. Cut eight 4"x4" squares of aluminum foil and wrap marinated chicken, careful to seal edges. Have ready a wok or iron skillet with enough hot oil to immerse packets of wrapped chicken, turning once if packet is not covered. Cook 2-3 minutes and then remove to paper towel. Serve on warm bowl; do not unwrap.

Fried Rice
vegetable oil or peanut oil
cooked meat-either ham, bacon, chicken, pork or shrimp
2-3 green onions-chopped
prepared snow peas-optional
2 cups cooked rice
soy sauce
1 egg

Heat in wok or skillet 2 tablespoons oil and add peas. Stir in meat and add rice and stir until heated through. Add and stir in green onion and then add soy sauce to taste. Turn into heated bowl and top with egg sheet prepared thusly: Heat a small skillet with enough oil to loosen egg sheet. Beat egg with fork and pour thin layers into skillet. Cook just long enough to "dry" egg. Remove from skillet and roll up into small rolls. Slice narrow strips and lay over rice and serve hot.

Stir Fried Snow Peas
3/4-1 cup prepared snow peas
1-2 green onions-chopped
1-2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil
1 clove garlic-sliced
1-2 tablespoons soy sauce

Into wok or skillet add oil and saute garlic to lightly brown; remove from oil. Add snow peas, onion and fry about 5-6 minutes stirring often to prevent browning. Take out onto paper towels and turn into hot bowl and drizzle with soy sauce to taste. Serve hot.

Gingered Carrots
3-4 carrots
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon ginger

Wash and scrape carrots and slice into thin strips or discs. In small stew pot bring 1 inch of water to boil. Add carrots and cook until barely tender and drain. In same pot, melt butter and add brown sugar and ginger; stir constantly until bubbly. Return carrots to pan and stir to coat and cook 1-2 minutes more. Turn into hot bowl and serve.

Jello Dessert
1 box strawberry jello
1 box orange jello
small can crushed pineapple
1-1/2 cup frozen or fresh strawberries
2 medium mandarins
small can mandarin oranges

Cool Whip
Mix orange jello according to package using the quick-set method with ice cubes. Into bowl with orange jello add oranges, drained and sliced bananas. This will be the bottom layer of dessert, using individual compotes or bowl. Set until congealed. When set, cover with layer of Cool Whip. Top with strawberry jello to which has been added strawberries and drained pineapple. Pour this over orange jello mixture and return to refrigerator to congeal until firm. May be topped with Cool Whip. Cover with plastic wrap if kept for next day.

Vinegarone
pie crust-unkaked
margarine
granulated sugar
cinnamon-optional
1 cup water
1/3 cup vinegar
1/2 cup sugar

Roll crust to thin layer and cover with thin layer of margarine and sprinkle with sugar. Cinnamon may be sprinkled on top of this. Roll as a jelly roll and slice half through to serving size and place in lightly greased baking pan; set aside. Boil water, vinegar and sugar and pour over top of rolled pie crust. Sprinkle lightly with sugar over top. Bake at 400 degrees for 30-40 minutes until golden brown and bubbly.

Obituaries



Marie Watson

Marie Watson dies July 12

Marie Watson, age 88 of Cunningham, left her family and friends here on earth to join her family and friends on the other side, Friday, July 12, 2002 in the Christus-St. Joseph Hospital, South Campus.

A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, July 14 at 2:00 in the Life Tabernacle Church of Cunningham. Burial was made in Restland Cemetery. Wood Funeral Homes, Deport had charge of the arrangements. Visitation was Saturday evening at the church, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

She was born in Hugo, Oklahoma, October 17, 1913, the daughter of Marshall T. and Berchie Trout Norman. On December 14, 1928, she married Odie Watson in Sulphur, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on December 13, 1995. She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Eugene Norwood; a brother, Elsie Roddy Norman; and two sisters, Delbert Norman and Edith Smith.

She is survived by her daughters: Geneva Norwood, Nelta Musgrove and Johnny, all of Cunningham; her son, Harold Dean Watson and Ada of Paris; a daughter-in-law, Brenda Watson of Paris; a brother, Ira Norman of Edmond, Oklahoma; these grandchildren, Neva Jean Oats and Billy Ray of Cunningham and their family, Georjeana Nutt and Brad, Brandon Oats and Marsha, Brayden and Kaylee; Frankie Norwood and Julie of Cunningham and their

family Logan, Layton and Caleb; Scotty Norwood and Treda of Cunningham and their family Spur and Amber; Stacy Musgrove and Linda of Cunningham and their family, Stoney and Charity; Zarinska Morton and Shane of Paris; Jarvis Watson and Renee of Cunningham; Deanna Blevins and Reese of Paris and their family Brooklyn, Dillion, Rustin, Jordan, and Janae; Brad Watson and Rachel of Taylortown and their family Bradley, Brett, and Gavin; Bruce Watson and Vicki of Cunningham and their family Crystal, Laci, Roy and Jesi, Heath and Conner.

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W.C. Covington dies July 10

W.C. "Sonny" Covington, age 75 of Detroit died Wednesday, July 10 at his residence.

Services were held Friday, July 12 at 10 a.m. at the Detroit Church of Christ with Benny Cogburn officiating. Burial followed in Detroit Cemetery under the direction of Clarksville Funeral Home.

Mr. Covington was born April 19, 1927, a son of Will and Allie Fair Casey Covington. He was retired from the Red River Army Depot and was a longtime rancher in Detroit. He was a member of the Detroit Church of Christ.

Preceding him in death were brothers Marvin and Eugene Covington and a sister, Margaret Pearce.

Surviving his wife, Joyce Melton Covington, whom he married June 10, 1949 in Detroit; daughters, Debbie and Alan Shelby of Reno and Martha and Freddie Reep of Blossom; a sister, Ruby Boulware of Detroit; grandchildren, Kimberly Johnson, Keith Reep, Gary and Stephen Shelby and one great-grandchild, Devin Shelby.

Pallbearers were: Keith Reep, Gary and Stephen Shelby, Jeremy Johnson, Porter Griggs and Mac Strain.



Charles & Marie Pratt Pohutsky

Fitness Centers plan anniversary celebrations

Aerofit and the Wardell RACE For Life Center will hold anniversary parties on Thursday, Aug. 1, from noon until 2 p.m. at each location.

The public, as well as fitness center members, are invited to attend either or both of the parties. Refreshments will be served at both locations, and door prizes will be awarded. A drawing for a one-year single membership will also be held and anniversary t-shirts will be available for \$10 each. Also, during the week of

Aug. 1-7, the joining fee for new members will be waived in connection with the anniversary celebration.

Each of the fitness centers is designed for recreational as well as therapeutic activity, and each is equipped with indoor pools and a variety of exercise rooms. Both are a part of the CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System.

RACE For Life is celebrating its 20th year of service, and Aerofit will be marking 15 years.



* The Post is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Pool tables and shuffle board are open to enjoy all the time.

*The Ladies Auxiliary will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

* The VFW men will meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Members are urged to attend.

*The Post has a shuffle board tournament every Saturday beginning at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and share the fun. The board has recently been renovated and is ready for play.

Nazarene assembly will be in Sulphur Springs

the Dallas District Church of the Nazarene will conduct their 94th assembly in Sulphur Springs at the Hopkins County Civic Center on July 17-20. Over 1000 delegates and guests will meet at 1 p.m. to begin their Sunday School emphasis with the theme "Making the Connection". Dan Hamiter is the host chairman of the assembly.

Advising seminar set August 12 at PJC

An advising seminar for new students planning to attend the Sulphur Springs Technical Center or Paris Junior College this fall will be August 12 on the PJC campus in Paris.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in room 1206 of the PJC Applied Technologies Building.

Students can sign up for the seminar by calling 903-782-0425 or 1-800-232-5804, extension 44. Those attending must be fully admitted to SSTC or PJC and have their TASP scores or exemption documentation available in order to attend.

GED to be given July 31 at PJC

The Student Development Department at Paris Junior College will administer the GED test on July 31. The test session will be held in the McLemore Student Center Ballroom.

Students must pre-register in room 108 of the student center no later than 3 p.m. on July 29 and meet all criteria for testing.

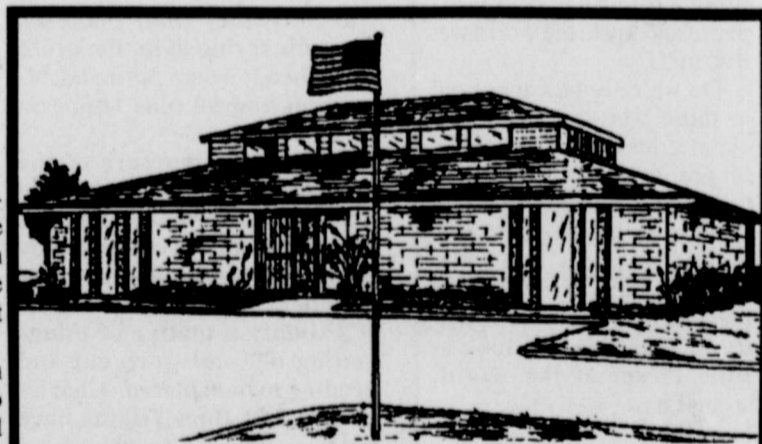
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-Burton Hillis



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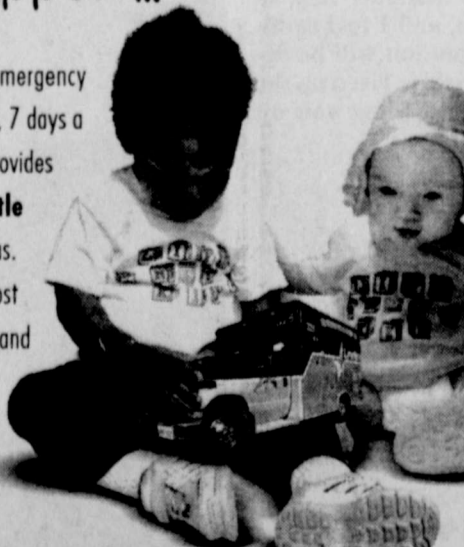
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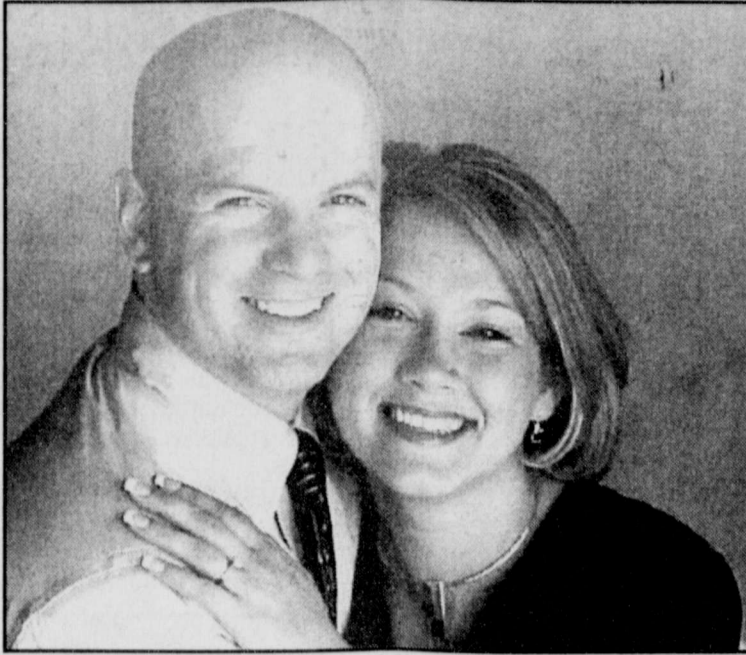


Nixon receives diploma from A&M

Diplomas were awarded to 4,929 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies. Among those receiving degrees were Paul Leslie Nixon, PH.D., Biochemistry.



CASEY EVERETTE DORRIES was born May 29 weighing 8 lbs. 11 oz. and 21" long. He was welcomed by proud parents, Clint and Kelly Dorries and brother Payden Cole of Blossom. Casey's grandparents, all from Blossom, are Mick and Joyce Dorries and Steve and Susie Phillip and the late Carol Pilip. Great-grandparents are Buck and Pug Dorries and Sandy Pilip and the late Eddie Pilip, all of Blossom; Ethel Lene Oliver and the late Kenneth Oliver of Windom and Helen Quigley and the late John Quigley of Webster, WI.



Tabitha Nicole Baxter with fiancé Elijah Cameron Brown

Baxter-Brown to exchange vows

Trish Baxter of Blossom, Texas and Randy Atnip of Powderly, Texas proudly announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tabitha Nicole Baxter to Elijah Cameron Brown. The couple will be married at three o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, August 10, 2002 at First Pentecostal Church, 601 North Harrison Street in Sherman, Texas. Reverend Charles Glass will officiate the ceremony. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Darlene Baxter and the late Howard P. Baxter of Paris, Texas and Virginia and

Virgil Atnip of Powderly, Texas. She is a graduate of Prairieland High School and attends Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth, Texas. Her fiancé is the son of Tonja and Mark Brown of Sherman. He is the grandson of Roy and Lou Carroll of Sulphur Springs, Texas and Nell Brown and the late Francis Brown of Sherman. He is a graduate of Sherman High School and Austin College and attends Texas Wesleyan School of Law. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Virginia Grant Weds Ernest Kirkland at Methodist Church



MRS. ROBERT EARL TEMPLE REBA TEMPLE, a well known Deport citizen, was among the clippings in a scrapbook owned by Edna Earl Wright. Reba's smiling face is still very much a part of Deport!

THE DEPORT TIMES has been looking over a scrap book compiled by Edna Earl Mitchell Wright when she was a teenager. The fascinating book has lots of souvenirs and newspaper clippings and photos. Many of them will bring back memories, and the newspaper will be running various items over the next few weeks. Here is a photo of Deport Resident Virginia Kirkland's wedding photo.

Fire training classes to be offered at Reno

Registration is under way for fire training classes to begin in Reno in September. The Fire and Emergency Medical Service Training Program at Texas A&M University-Commerce is offering the classes starting Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Reno Fire Department. Students will meet two nights a week and every other weekend. This is the first time for the A&M Commerce Program to offer the classes in Reno, said Carl Nix, program manager for Fire. The classes will take approximately nine months to finish. Students must complete 480 hours of fire training and pass a state written and skills test to become a certified Texas firefighter. Loans through lending agencies are available to help pay for costs of attending the training. For more information on the training and about fees, refer to www.tamu-commerce.edu/extendeduniv/ and click on the public safety link or call (888) 334-9449 toll free.

CPR and recertification courses set at PJC

Paris Junior College EMS Technology head Larry McDonald has announced his American Heart Association CPR and CPR recertification courses. The dates are: Sept. 13, 2002, Initial 8 to 5; recert 6-10. Oct. 25, 2002, initial 8-5; recert 6-10. Nov. 15, 2002, initial 8-5, recert 6-10. Dec. 6, 2002, initial 8-5, recert 6-10. Anyone interested in these CPR courses may call the Alford Center at PJC at 903-782-0445 or 0447 to sign up.

... We are in the world to laugh. In purgatory or in hell we shall no longer be able to do so. And in heaven it would not be proper. -Jules Renard ...

Welcoming Jason Pickelman, M.D.
 Jason Pickelman, M.D., has announced his affiliation with Winkoff Urology, P.A., 2915 N. Main St., Paris. Dr. Pickelman received his bachelor of arts degree from Austin College in Sherman and his doctor of medicine from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. His post graduate training included a general surgery internship, general surgery residency and residency in the Department of Urology, all at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Dr. Pickelman, whose special interests are in general urology, laparoscopic surgery and stone disease, served as a research assistant and a volunteer instructor at UTMB. In 1992, he received the Dr. Paul E. Geers Award for Excellence in Pre-Medical Achievement at Austin College. His non-professional interests include family, church, hunting, fishing, snow skiing and cooking. He and his wife, Amy, have two children.

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Doss receives USAF commission

Frederic A. Doss has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after graduating from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. Doss is a wing commander officer trainee assigned to the 24th Training Squadron. His wife, Andrea, is the daughter of Edward J. and Linda Emanuel of Blossom.

Valedictorian



MARY DEAN OLIVER was another young lady whose photo was found in a scrapbook from the 30s and 40s.



ESTELLE CHESSHIRE is shown here from a photo in Edna Earl Wright's scrapbook. Estelle was recently honored on her 90th birthday.

New Sweetheart of FFA Chapter



SYBIL GRIFFIN was the FFA Chapter Sweetheart at Deport back in the 1930s, and her photograph was clipped out and placed in a scrapbook. The Deport times has been granted a chance to reproduce some of these clippings and photos.

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Jimmie King honored on 90th birthday

Duane and Bobbye King hosted a 90th birthday party celebration in honor of Jimmie King Saturday night at the Elks Lodge in Paris. They were assisted by Harvey and Judy King, Dave and Kay German, and Dick and Jayne King. Jimmie was presented with a beautiful birthday cake with pink roses, balloons, gifts and lots of cards.

Attending were Duane and Bobbye King; Kyle, Krutchi, Shellie and Travis King; Kevin and Niki Reynolds; Beau, Kala,

JD, and Sage Savanich; Kerry and Carla King; Kristi and Kellyn Chambless; Harvey and Judy King; Leslie, Ian, and Sally Campbell; Susan, Jenna, and Katie King; Tim, Tracy, Daniel, and Tanner King; Dave and Kay German; Randy, Janis, Rebecca, and Katie Osburn; Daryl, Mary, Emily, and Alyssa Salter; Dick, Jayne, and NeLeigh King; Jeffery King and Cupie Burdick; Danny and Diana Eudy; Bonnie Huddleston, Billie Pirtle, and Linda Abbott Pack.



Jimmie King

Church honors Jimmie King

The Fulbright Baptist Church and the family of Jimmie King honored her with a 90th birthday celebration Sunday.

The forty-two family members were greeted by Raymond Duggar, Jr. and Dale Sulsar and were seated together.

Katie VanDeaver presented a special certificate of appreciation to Jimmie and read, "Jimmie's Walk with the Lord," a story of her seventy year life as a Christian which Katie had written.

The Harvey King family provided special music for the service. Sally Campbell played the piano for the call to worship. Judy King sang Jimmie's favorite hymn, "Now I Belong to Jesus" accompanied by Jenna King on the piano and Sally Campbell on the violin. Katie King played the

piano for the offertory. Katie VanDeaver and Pam Sulsar, pianist, and the church choir led the congregation in singing Jimmie's favorite hymns. Brother Mark Ritchie's sermon was very inspiring for Jimmie and the family.

Following the service, the congregation and family members had lunch in the church fellowship hall and Clovis VanDeaver blest the food. Assisting with the serving were Randy, Janis, Rebecca and Katie Osburn; Daryl, Mary, Emily, and Alyssa Salter; and Sage Savanich.

Jenna King and Sally Campbell provided selections on the piano during the meal.

The fellowship hall was decorated in a "My Special Memory" theme.

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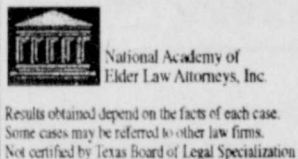
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THE OLD DEPOT THEATER- this photograph of the Depot theater which was located on the east side of Main Street was probably taken in the 1940s. It is one of several clippings found in a scrap book belonging to Edna Earle Wright.



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Milton News

By Moseley Upchurch

Joyce Wilson visited her sister Dorothy Holt Thursday afternoon. Austin Watson of Cornith, spent from Sunday to Tuesday with his grandfather, John and Velma Temple.

Casey Bowling spent last week at church camp at Pine Springs.

James and Dorothy Holt attended a Birthday Party for their great granddaughter, Alexis Williams at her home in Paris, Friday evening. She was one year old.

Karen and Chuck Michie and children of Marble Falls, visit her mother Nell Shull, Sunday and Monday.

Phillip & Susan Roach spent

Saturday in Texarkana, shopping. Mary Elaine Lawler, Matty Lu Upchurch and Ruth Skaggs spent Wednesday in Sherman.

Claudell Powell of Queen City and Patsy Merritt of Pattonville visited their sister Edna Lee Friday.

John Temple visited his daughter and family, Rachell and Phil Casey and Blair of Carrollton, Saturday, also got to see his grandson Bryan Casey who was home from school in Austin.

Sunday visitors of James and Dorothy Holt were Barbara Maurischat of Lone Oak and Timothy Parks of Faught.

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West Nile Virus detected in Harris County

Preliminary tests on a sick horse that was euthanized Saturday, June 29, near Katy in far west Harris County, indicate that the animal was infected with West Nile Virus (WNV), a form of "sleeping sickness" first detected in Texas in two dead blue jays June 18 on the northwest side of Houston. According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), another 29 infected birds have since been found.

"We were notified today (July 3) that tests run on samples of the horses' blood and spinal fluid were positive for WNV. The tests were run both at the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (TVMDL) in College Station, and at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa," said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

"The NVSL is running additional confirmation tests on the blood samples, but more than likely, we are seeing Texas' first case of West Nile Virus in a horse. Diagnosing WNV must be based on laboratory confirmation, as the signs of the disease, including staggering or the inability to rise, can mimic other diseases, including rabies, or other encephalitic diseases, such as Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)."

WNV was unheard of in North America until 1999, when it was detected in birds in New York. The virus, which can cause brain swelling and severe illness in horses, previously had been confined to Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. WNV has spread to 20 US states, following the migratory flight patterns of birds along the Eastern Seaboard and west as far as Texas. In 2001, 738 horses, donkeys or other members of the equine family were diagnosed with the disease in the U.S., and about 20 percent of the animals had to be

euthanized, due to the severity of their illness.

"Blue jays, crows and more than 70 other species of birds can carry the virus, but it is the mosquito that puts the disease cycle in motion," explained Dr. Logan. "After feeding on infected birds, mosquitoes ingest the virus, and about one percent of the pests then become infected and capable of spreading the virus to horses or humans. There have been no documented cases of animals or humans spreading the disease. Dogs and cats appear to be resistant to the disease."

"Home and stable owners should take precautions to prevent mosquito bites," said Dr. Joe Garrett, a veterinarian with the TDH's Zoonosis Control Division. "Get rid of stagnant water, drain flowerpots, keep bird baths clean and cut weeds down to discourage mosquito breeding grounds. Apply insect repellents, and put up screens to protect your home or stable from being 'invaded' by mosquitoes. There is no vaccine for people, but fortunately, human cases of WNV are extremely rare. However, see your physician immediately if you develop signs of the disease, which include fever, headache, body aches and swollen lymph glands. More severe infection may be marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness."

"We continue to work with other agencies to urge horse owners to have their animals vaccinated against WNV, and with the diagnosis of this disease in the Houston area, all possible preventive efforts are import to stop the spread of this disease," said Dr. Richard Ferris, area-veterinarian-in-charge for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Veterinary Services in Texas. "We are investigating other potential cases in horses in Harris County and are awaiting test results. If you live in the Houston area, protect your horses from mosquitoes. While a vaccine is available for horses, the animal must receive two doses of WNV vaccine three to six weeks

apart, and full protection does not begin until at least four to six weeks after the second dose of vaccine is administered," he said. "I'd urge owners to take action now to get horses protected."

"If your horse becomes ill and goes off feed, sways, develops head tremors, muscle twitches or cannot rise, contact your veterinarian, so he or she can collect and send in samples to us for diagnostic testing," said Dr. Lelve Gayle, executive director of the TVMDL. Laboratory confirmation of cases is particularly important for tracking the movement of WNV within the state.

Dr. Garrett said the TDH is continuing its WNV disease surveillance statewide, which includes testing mosquitoes, dead crows, blue jays, hawks and sampling zop birds. Dead crows, blue jays or hawks can be submitted for laboratory examination, by calling the nearest regional Texas Department of Health office or the Texas Department of Health in Austin at 1-512-458-7255.

"If you are picking up a dead bird, wear gloves and wash your hands afterward," explained Dr. Garrett. "The bird could have had parasites of other illnesses, and it's always advisable to keep a barrier--like gloves--between you and the dead bird."

Dr. Logan reminded livestock owners that, as always, the TAHC operates a 24-hour hotline at 1-800-550-8242 for taking reports of unusual signs in livestock, including:

1. staggering, falling, or inability to rise
 2. illness affecting a large percentage of animals
 3. sudden death loss
 4. blistering around an animal's lips, teats or hooves
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BLOSSOM SECOND GRADERS in Kay Wright's class received their awards last week for their year's work. Pictured back row left to right are Shelby McCain-citizenship, Levi Frazier-citizenship, A honor roll and social studies, Dakota Filkins-citizenship, Krystal Dill-citizenship, David Cantera-citizenship, A honor roll, math, reading, language, science, spelling and best all around and Keleigh Burchinal-citizenship, A honor roll, perfect attendance and handwriting. Middle row is Dylan Spencer-citizenship, AB honor roll and citizenship trophy, Benjamin Rocha-citizenship, Kortni Johnston-citizenship and perfect attendance, Angelica Humphrey-citizenship and A honor roll, Brian Graham-citizenship and Tanor Hearn-citizenship and art. Front row is Zachey Bosbyshell-citizenship, Katie Smelley-citizenship and AB honor roll, Sara Lane-citizenship and Morgan Caldwell-citizenship. (Staff Photo)



THE DEPORT TIGERS 9-10 YEAR OLD TEAM this year consisted of, front row: Catrina Elliot, Kati Evans, Laney Jackson, Courtney Filkins and Jessica Nichols. Middle row: Brittney Patterson, Karissa Woodall, April Wesley, Lizzie Brunson and Katrina Malone. Back row: Coaches Sheila Malone- and Ronald Nichols. Not pictured are Kimberly Elrod and Andrea Holmes.

Post Oak sets Homecoming

The Post Oak Homecoming and Cemetery Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2002 at the Post Oak Cemetery, 6 miles NE of Blossom on FM 1502. A covered dish lunch will be served at noon in the community center. A business meeting will follow in the afternoon for all interested in the cemetery's financial standing.

As years go by, fewer people are attending and a special effort is being made to contact interested persons to assure a good attendance. Please pass the word along to family members who may wish

to attend. If you are unable to attend and want to send a donation, please mail your check to Mrs. Wilbourne Lee, Rt.#2-Box 327, Detroit, Texas 75436. With lower interest rates, continued contributions are helpful to assure that the cemetery will be cared for adequately in years to come. Make checks payable to the Post Oak Cemetery Association.

To make grave reservations, or for more information, contact Johnnie Lee at the above address or call 903-982-5309.

Blossom Locals

By Liz Irwin
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Happy Birthdays this week to Clint Winter, Kaleb Craig, Josh Northam, Jay Henderson, Kimberly Pate, Spencer Talbert, B.J. Ramsey, Lesley McHam, Elizabeth Tapia, Lloyd Willard, Kristi Love, Jamie Chapman, Ruby Crawford, Tonya Fry, Riley Lewis, Bernice Martin, Sandra Rasberry, Steven Davidson, Daniel Smith, John Mitchell, Jennifer Glasgow, Randy Barber, Megan Burks, Johnny White, Heather Harben, Michael Webb, Daniel Hurlburt, Rod Rogers, Alice Lerro, Daria Perry, T.W. Whelchel, Pattie Sue Pilip, Bobby Fields, Kristen Shelby May, Kristin Ross, Jessica Chapman, Robert Coulter, Ashley Moffitt, Merle Bryan, Mary Jane Lowry.

Billie Jean Henry and Tommy Thomas of Paris traveled to Wichita Falls on Saturday to visit with a cousin, Harold Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ballard, Marlena and Jordan of Texarkana spent Saturday night with Mary Jane Lowry.

The Lady Fire Belles held their monthly breakfast on Saturday morning with lots of great food.....if you missed it, be sure to be there same time next month!

Jo and Mib Myers of Post Oak visited with Lloyd and Emma Willard on Saturday night.

Special Get Wells this week to Lorene Ramsey who is in the hospital.

Minnie Lee Shands enjoyed lunch with Haskell and Judy Booth on Sunday.

Bryan and Marleena Proffer and Landree of Dallas spent the weekend with Irene Bryant.

Sanda Adams of Garland was here this weekend visiting with her mother Sally Mathena.

Bessie Garrett and Juanita Garrett of Woodland visit some folks in the Paris Nursing Home and Regency Nursing Home last week. Bessie Garrett spent a few days in Lake Tawokani visiting with Patty and Jerry Garrett this week.

PATTONVILLE NEWS

By Peggy Parsons

Happy birthday to Joe Thompson, Kaleb Craig, Nikalus Clarkon, Helen Gibson, Brenda Moreland, Doug Faires, Bailee Brazeal, Stacy Wood, Jennifer Brown, Lisa Corso, Don Denison, Angie Wolf, Tony Ballard, James Merritt, Blake Killough, Artie Clark, Phillip Grose, Shanna Wilkerson, Ruth O'Brien, Derrick Byrd and Charlie Harvey.

Happy anniversary to Shawn and Jennifer Brown.

Steve and Carolyn Ladd have returned from vacationing in Burbank, Hollywood and San Juan Capistrano, CA. They attended the Jay Leno Show and saw Tom Hanks, Lyle Lovett, Barry Bonds and toured the stars homes and NBC Studios.

Ruby D. Blevins visited Inez Weaver and Jessie Newsom Saturday in Paris.

Recent visitors of John and Claudia Whitney were Deveral and Elaine Kennedy of Sherman, Maurine Womack of Reno, Bill and Belinda Dickey, Darrell and Brian Johnson and family of Sulphur springs, Debbie Currin, Travis and Tonya Hunter, Christian, Courtney and Dani.

John and Claudia Whitney visited Jim and Linda Ferguson of Bogata and had lunch and visited Bruce Drake of Mississippi.

Visitors of Bill and Ruby Blevins included Sandy and Ed Ring, Mickey Keener and Peggy Parsons.

Travis and Tonya Hunter, Christian, Courtney and Dani visited Bob and Billie Hunter in Greenville.

Christian Hunter and Carley Conley were chosen for the Invitational All Star team in Paris. They won fourth place at Mt. Vernon. Christian won the sportsmanship award for the Reds team and later was awarded the sportsmanship trophy for the entire 9-10 year old league.

Keith Parsons visited Greg and Connie Parsons and Davis in Commerce Thursday. Davis returned home with Keith.

Butch and Juan Smith of Paris

spent the weekend in Fayetteville, AR with Grady and Carol Ann Reid and Lorraine Reid.

Dick and Yvonne Gray vacationed in Arkansas and Mississippi last week.

Leah Boren and the PHS cheerleaders are attending UCA Cheer Camp at Prairiland this week.

Joe and Sharyl Thompson and Anna are building a house adjacent to their house for her mom, Mame Cutshall.

Ty and Haley Parsons of Rowlett arrived Sunday for a week's visit with their grandparents, Keith and Peggy Parsons and Jerry and June Burdine of Sylvan and other relatives. Davis Parsons, Ty and Haley Parsons, Drew and Leah Boren spent Sunday night with Keith and Peggy.

Monday visitors and dinner guests of the Parsons were Erin Brown and Beck Holmes of Dallas, Elois Sparks, Nina Sparks, Davis Parsons and Freeman Safford of Paris.

Beck Holmes and Nina Sparks visited Dean Smolarz and Myrtle Gardiner in Paris Monday.

Kenneth Craig and family visited his brother, Danny Craig and family in Georgia.

Peggy Parsons visited Connie and Alisen Parsons in Commerce Monday. Alisen returned home with Peggy for a visit.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Marie Watson of Cunningham, who died Friday in Paris.

Tuesday morning, Nina Sparks and Beck Holmes visited Mike and Ellis Sparks, Keith and Peggy Parsons, Alisen and Davis, Elreida Craig and Mr. and Mrs. Karl Brown in Paris.

Elaine Ballard was recently designated one of the 2002 Alumni ambassadors at A&M-Commerce.

Nick McDowra, a member of the Paris International Boys 14 year old All Stars won the District 2 Tournament in Sulphur Springs last week. They will compete in the Dixie Boys State Tournament in Grand Prairie.

Cunningham News

by Neva Jean Oats

Happy birthday to Buddy Taylor, Tracy Norwood, Johnna Patterson, Caleb Norwood, Brandon Oats, Susan Bankhead and Norma Calicoat.

Sympathy is extended to the Marie Watson family. Marie died Friday, July 12. She was the mother of Geneva Norwood, Nelta Musgrove and Dean Watson.

Congratulations to the Prairiland FFA Talent Team who won second in state at Ft. Worth. Johnny Patterson, Minda Corso and Spur Norwood are members of the team.

Pete and L'Wanda McKnight, Fran, Jenna, Connie, Cindy, Reanna and LeeDon attended their performance, along with Scotty and Treda Norwood, Frankie Norwood, Stoney Musgrove, Neva Oats and Georjeana Nutt.

Geneva Norwood had her family, Nelta Musgrove's family and Dean Watson's family at her home Friday and Saturday nights.

Melba and Buddy Holbert spent the weekend with Clyde and Gerrie Bankhead. They were in Cunningham to attend Melba's aunt Marie's funeral.

Billie Ford accompanied David

to Temple for treatments Sunday and Monday.

Teresa Smith honored her mother, Delores Norwood with a birthday supper Friday at her home. Attending were Canard, Ricky, Pam, Haley and Mattie Norwood, Jamie and Seth Smith, Kelty Mowery and Frances Franklin.

Shelia Norwood visited her parents, Darold and Ida Mae last week Thursday through Saturday.

James and Pat Norwood went to Texarkana Saturday to watch Lacy Cole play softball. Lacy and Kelly Cole spent a few days last week with James and Pat while their mother, Mendy, attended the Texas High School Girls Coaches Convention in Arlington and Ft. Worth.

Congratulations to Frankye Sessums for being honored as Coach of the Year in Texas Volleyball.

Frances Franklin and Reba Temple visited Canard and Delores Norwood Sunday. Visiting in the home of Billie Joe and Georgia Oats last week were Galen Oats, Jane Roddy and Buddy and Melba Holbert.

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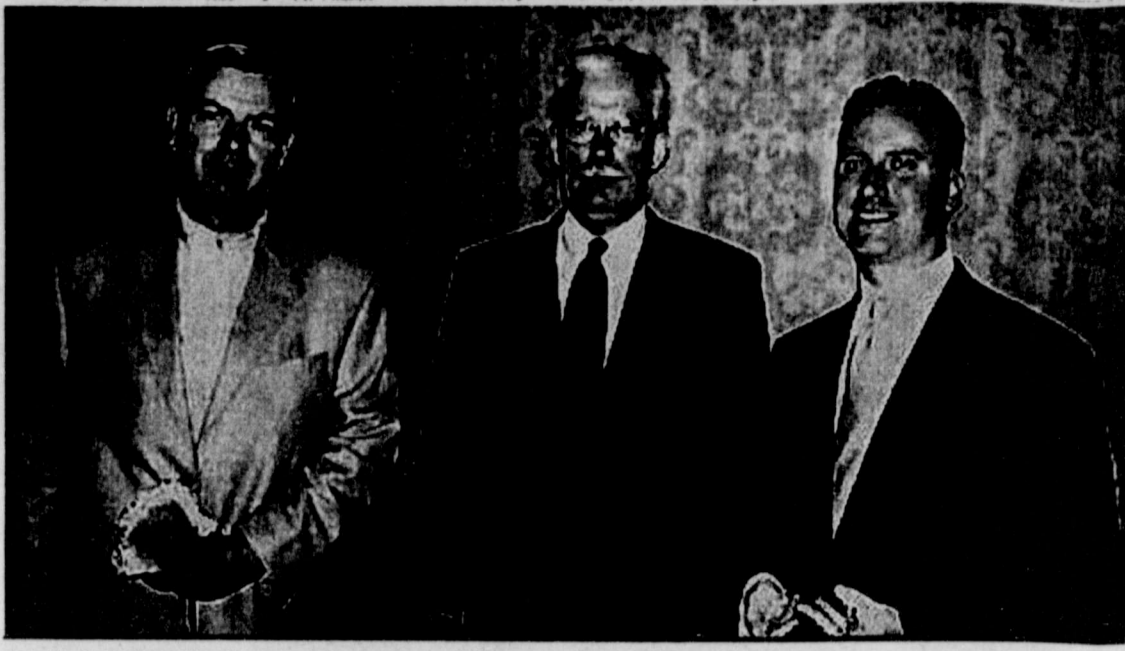
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TEXAS REGENTS of the American College of Healthcare Executives recently recognized local health care leaders for their outstanding contributions to health care management. Dick Sweeden, FACHE, executive director of Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple, (center) presented the awards for the East Texas Region during a special breakfast held during the Texas Hospital Association's 2002 Conference and Expo, June 18 in Houston. Jim Brown, vice-president of CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System in Paris, (right) was recognized as the Early-Careerist Regent's Award recipient. Richard E. Scott, CHE, president of Hillcrest Baptist in Waco, (left) was recognized as the Senior Level Regent's Award recipient.

Jim Brown honored with Early Career Award

Jim Beck Brown, Vice President, CHRISTUS St. Joseph's Health System, Paris, received the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) "Early Career Healthcare Executive Regent's Award" recently at the annual Texas Hospital Association Convention in Houston, TX.

community outreach/advocacy, development, Women's Health Resource Center, Cancer Education and Prevention Project, Lennox Health Resource Center (Clarksville), four rural health clinics, two wellness centers, PrimeTime, outpatient behavioral medicine, patient relations, environmental services and food services.

Deport Housing Authority News
call Melba Ladd

The monthly covered dish luncheon was well attended in spite of the hot weather. Those who attended these functions enjoy being together to eat and visit. For the occasion on July 10 were Maud Webb, Juanita Primm, Frances Franklin, Venice Bryson, Eulene Nicholas, LaVerta Westbrook, Evelyn Roach, Mavis Sowards, Alma Scaff, Alpha Barnard, Estelle Chesshire, Willie Mae Speir, Gladys Reid, Ruth Murrell, Hazel Relford, Phyllis and Kenneth Gifford.

Visiting Melba and Carlos Ladd over July 4 was her nephew, Burt Moses and his wife Lynne from Plano. They joined Marianne and Joe Ladd with their son Michael, his wife Billie and daughters Marianne and Janie as they visited from Nashville, TN. Friday night, all ate at the Fish Fry and on Saturday night at the Golden China Cafe. The young people traveled safely back to their homes Sunday.

On July 13, Melba and Carlos drove to Plano for a weekend visit with her nephew and family, Burt, Lynne and Daniel Moses. Melba and Carlos delivered a pickup truck that was a gift for Daniel from his parents for his upcoming 16th birthday. Daniel had returned from a Mission Trip to Gallup, NM as part of the youth activities for their church, Hunters Glen Baptist in Plano. While there, the youth and counselors repaired, painted and updated facilities for a church and elderly widows homes on an Indian reservation.

The award was bestowed on Brown by Dick Sweeden, FACHE, Administrator, Scott and White Memorial Hospital, Temple, TX, and the College's Regent for the East Texas area. The Early Career Healthcare Executive Regent's Award recognizes ACHE affiliates who have significantly contributed toward the advancement of healthcare management excellence and the achievement of the goals of ACHE.

According to Monty McLaurin, CHRISTUS St. Joseph's CEO, "Jim is one of those special people that you are privileged to know during your lifetime. His positive, optimistic attitude is infectious, his energy level appears to be boundless and he has shown leadership characteristics which are well beyond his years."

Affiliates are evaluated on leadership ability, innovative and creative management, executive capability in developing their own organization and promoting its growth and stature in the community, participation in state and local hospital and health association activities, participation in civic/community activities and projects, and participation in College activities and interest in assisting the College in achieving its objectives.

At CHRISTUS St. Joseph's, Brown has oversight for strategic planning, physician recruitment, physician relations, marketing,

Brown has served as Vice President of CHRISTUS St. Joseph's since November 1999. Prior to his current duties, he served as Vice President for ancillary services at CHRISTUS St. Joseph's from 1999-August 2001. He returned to Paris in January 1999 to complete his residency requirements for his master's degree in healthcare administration from Trinity University, San Antonio, TX. Brown earned his BBA degree from Texas A&M University in 1997.

Brown holds affiliate status in the American College of Healthcare Executives demonstrating a commitment to professional excellence. He also serves on the board of the North Texas Healthcare Laundry Cooperative, Dallas. Locally, he serves on the United Way of Lamar County Board of Directors and will serve as the 2002-2003 campaign chairman and serves on the boards of the Children's Advocacy Center, Junior Achievement of Lamar County, and Lamar County Coalition of Education, Business and Industry. Brown is the President-elect, 2002-2003 of the Rotary Club of Paris.

His wife Amy is a 2nd grade teacher at Everett Elementary School. Brown, a 1993 North Lamar High School graduate, is the son Steve and Rhea Brown, Paris, and son-in-law of David and Linda Rutherford, Roxton. Jim and Amy are members of First United Methodist Church, Paris.



UMC ARMY-This group of youngsters and their sponsors are gathered in front on the home of Velma Poole of Blossom where they did some repair and paint work on her home last week. They are all members of the United Methodist Church Army Youth Camp that takes a week from their summer to donate their time and energy to these projects. They are from the Houston area and even some from the state of Connecticut. (Staff Photo by Liz Irwin)

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All bids shall remain good and may not be withdrawn for 90 calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

This loan is funded through a Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water SRF loan that requires a good faith effort in procurement. Small, Minority and women-owned businesses are encouraged to participate. See TWDCB SRF-52 for further details.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as set forth in the contract Documents, must be paid on this project.

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board.

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DETROIT ISD IS COMPLIANT WITH SECTION 504

The code of Federal regulations #104 states: "No qualified handicapped person shall, on the basis of handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise, be subject to discrimination under program or activity which receives or benefits from Federal financial assistance."

This means that any student who has a disabling condition that creates a learning problem for that student could qualify for special instructions through content mastery program or with modification of his/her regular education curriculum.

Some of the handicapping conditions which would not necessarily qualify a student for the content mastery program but could warrant some modifications in his/her regular education setting are: Dyslexia, communicable diseases such as Aids; all related complex or asymptomatic carriers of the Aids virus; Tuberculosis; temporary handicapping conditions such as injuries, short term illness, behavior disorders; chronic Asthma and severe allergies; physical handicaps such as Spinabifida, Lymphophilia and conditions requiring children to use crutches and/or chronic and/or life threatening diseases such as Diabetes or Cancer. Each campus in the Detroit ISD has a "504 Committee" which meets and uses all information available to make the best decision possible for each student.

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DETROIT ISD CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAM

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It is the policy of Detroit ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, service and activities required by Title IV of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, amended, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Detroit ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs for information about your rights or grievance procedures. Contact the Title IX Coordinator at Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, Texas 75436 or call 903-674-6131 and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Donna Pyeatt at Rt. 1, Box 370, Detroit, TX 75436 or call 903-674-2646.

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DETROIT ISD NOTIFICATION OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS AT RIVERCREST ISD

Rivercrest Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Construction Graphic, Meat Lab, Ag. Mechanics, Horticulture, Business, Home Economics. Admission to these programs is based on Course

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Prerequisites, age appropriateness and class space available.

It is the policy of Rivercrest ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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CITY OF BLOSSOM NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

The following ordinance is hereby published in part as public notice. The entire ordinance may be reviewed or copies received at the Blossom City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-006
(Supersedes Ordinance 6-1-93)

An ordinance of the governing body of the City of Blossom, Texas, regulating recreational vehicles, mobile homes and manufactured housing as a permanent or temporary residential dwelling; providing for repeal of all existing ordinances, or amendments thereto, in conflict with the terms and conditions of this ordinance; providing for an application procedure, establishment of certain fees and standards for issuance of permits; providing for enforcement of the ordinance to include punitive sanctions for violations of the ordinance; providing for a severability clause; providing for this ordinance to take effect immediately upon its passage, the public welfare requiring such.

WHEREAS, Texas Manufactured Housing Standards Act authorizes municipalities to regulate by ordinance the installation of mobile homes and manufactured housing as permanent residential structures:

SECTION II. Adoption of Texas Manufactured Housing Standards Act-The City of Blossom, Lamar County, Texas, hereby adopts the Texas Manufactured Housing Standards Act as an integral section of this ordinance as though fully copied herein.

SECTION V. Application for Permit-Application for the City to consider approval for placement or replacement of any mobile structure to be utilized as a temporary or permanent residential structure shall be presented to the City as follows:

A. Application must be presented to the City on a form provided for such purpose and shall be signed by the property owner and/or the owners of structure proposed to be moved onto such property.

B. Application must be fully completed, detailing the following information:

1. Name, address and telephone number of the property owner, and name, addresses and telephone number of the owner of the manufactured home proposed for consideration for installation.
2. Location of property proposed for installation of manufactured home and size and dimensions of the property.
3. Specifications of proposed manufactured home and size and dimensions of the same, including make, model and year of manufacture.
4. Name, address and license number of the proposed licensed installer.

C. Application must be completed and presented to the Blossom City Hall a minimum of ten (10) working days prior to the next regular meeting of the City Council.

D. Incomplete applications, or applications for mobile structures obviously in non-compliance with regulations established within this ordinance, shall be rejected at the administrative level. Appeals to such rejection may be considered by the City Council, when such appeal is filed with the City.

SECTION VI. Application/Installation/Inspection Fees

A. Non-refundable application fee for completed and acceptable applications shall be \$20.00, and shall be paid with the completed application prior to consideration of the same by the City Council.

B. A plumbing inspection fee, as required by existing City ordinance, in the amount of \$40.00 shall be paid subsequent to approval by the City Council, but prior to installation of the structure. All plumbing connections to City service must be in compliance with existing City ordinances and TNRC regulations.

SECTION VII. Installation

A. Any HUD code manufactured home permitted by regulations established within this ordinance must be installed in compliance with this ordinance, permanently installed by a licensed manufactured home dealer or installer, skirted to specifications established by the manufacturer of the structure and installed to specifications and standards established by the Texas Manufactured Housing Standards Act.

B. Failure to comply with installation requirements established herein shall cause any such prior permit by the City to be null and void, and the City may file appropriate removal orders for mobile structures not properly installed.

C. The City shall not provide new or continuing water and other utility service to structures not installed in compliance with this section.

SECTION VIII. Mobile Structures Prohibited-Subsequent to the passage of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful to install, move in, or utilize any mobile structure, listed within this section, as a permanent residence within the City of Blossom, or onto any property, regardless of location, served by the City Water Supply System:

A. Except as permitted by the City Council as a temporary dwelling, as defined by SECTION XI below, any type or size of recreational vehicle is prohibited.

B. Any mobile home, as defined in Section IV, paragraph B is prohibited.

C. Any recreational vehicle, mobile home or HUD-code manufactured home, to be utilized as a permanent second residence on any lot or property, less than one acre in size, is prohibited.

D. Installation of any mobile structure, either as a temporary or permanent residence, in Flood Zone A, as defined by FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map, is prohibited.

SECTION IX. Replacement of Existing Mobile Home with HUD-Code Manufactured Home-After proper application process, a HUD code manufactured home, to be utilized as a replacement for a mobile home previously legally permitted and used or occupied as a residential dwelling shall be permitted by the City, contingent upon the following conditions:

- A. Application must be completed and presented in compliance with SECTION V and VI of this ordinance.
- B. The City must be provided certification that proposed mobile structure was manufactured after June 15, 1976 and was manufactured to HUD-code standards.
- C. Proposed mobile structure must be sound, in good condition and must meet all existing health, safety and fire standards.
- D. Such HUD-code structure must be installed in compliance with regulations established within this ordinance.
- E. Such installations must meet setback requirements established by City ordinance or, at least, setbacks shall not exceed setbacks of existing structure.
- F. Water and sewer installations must meet established requirements of all existing City ordinances or State regulations.
- G. Relating to properties on which mobile homes were previously installed, if previous structure has been moved for more than 90 days, or structures that have not been occupied for more than 90 days, such properties do not automatically qualify for approval under this section.

SECTION X. Specific use Permit for Placement of HUD-Code Manufactured Home-The City Council of Blossom, Texas may consider the application for a specific use permit for placement of a HUD-Code manufactured home, not otherwise authorized in SECTION IX, above, based upon the following conditions and standards established herein:

- A. Application must be completed and presented in compliance with SECTION V and VI of this ordinance.
- B. HUD-code manufactured home proposed to be utilized as a permanent residence, acceptable for consideration for a specific use permit, must have been manufactured subsequent to November 3, 1998 and must incorporate a minimum of 864 square feet of heated living space.
- C. The City must be provided certification that proposed mobile structure was manufactured after November 3, 1998, and was manufactured to HUD-code standards.
- D. The City shall properly post and hold a public hearing by the City Council to consider such approval. All property owners or residents, who are known to the City and whose properties are adjacent to the property or whose properties are within 400 feet of the property proposed for placement of manufactured housing, must be notified.
- E. Applicant must circulate a petition to property owners, detailed in paragraph D above, and provide the response to such petition to the City Council at the public hearing held to consider approval for specific use permit to install a manufactured home.
- F. Subsequent to the required public hearing, the City Council, meeting in legally posted public session, must approve or disapprove the application for specific use permit based on the additional following conditions and standards:
 1. Property or lot size must meet or exceed 80 feet by 100 feet or the reasonable equivalent thereof.
 2. Compliance with all City ordinances, to include, but not limited to those pertaining to plumbing inspection and water and sewer taps.
 3. The percentage of property owners, defined in paragraph D above, who are in agreement with application for specific use permit, and
 4. The application for a specific use permit shall not be approved unless two-thirds of the elected alderman (4 members of the City Council) vote in favor of a motion to approve the application based upon a roll call vote.

SECTION XII. New or Continuous City Water and Utility Services to Recreational Vehicles, Mobile Homes or Manufactured Housing

A. The City shall not provide new or continuing water or other utility service to any structure not in compliance with this ordinance or to any recreational vehicle, mobile home or HUD-code manufactured home not permitted or installed in compliance with regulations established herein. The City shall, after 10 days notice, curtail water and sewer service to any mobile structure or residence not in compliance with this ordinance.

B. No property owner or resident may furnish water or sewer service to any mobile structure not permitted or installed in compliance with regulations established herein. The City shall, after 10 days notice, curtail water and sewer service to any property, resident, or owner, who furnished such water or sewer service or violates any of the regulations established within this ordinance.

SECTION XX. Penalty and Enforcement

A. Failure to properly apply for approval of the City Council for permit for installation or placement or any mobile structure, as defined within this ordinance, as a temporary or permanent residence or dwelling, or any other violation of any section of this ordinance, shall be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day of any violation shall constitute a separate offense.

B. The City is entitled to injunctive relief and recovery of damages and any other enforcement procedures in order to bring about compliance with any section or requirement of this ordinance.

SECTION XXI. Ordinance in Immediate Effect/Emergency Clause-In order to protect the public safety, health and general welfare of its citizens, the governing body of the City of Blossom, Texas hereby declares that this ordinance shall take effect immediately, and shall be in force from and after its passage.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Blossom, Texas, convened in public session in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 1240 W. Front Street, Blossom, Texas, this 11th day of July, 2002.

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Happy anniversary to Tammy and Tony Erwin, Jim and Russell Ward, Abby and Sammy Strickland, Kay and Butch Peek, Becky and Billy Robinson, Marilyn and Benny Crawford.

Erin Brown and Beck Holmes of Dallas and Elois Sparks were visitors of Nina Sparks.

The *Deport Times* is being sent to Nancy Walker for her birthday from Patsy Norrell.

Mildred Howard of Paris had as visitors over the weekend her four nieces, Geneva Weaver and Patricia Johnson from Kingston, OK, Charlene Anderson from Waskom and Jeanette Brown and her daughter Sharon Brown from

Texas City. A lovely time was had by all and they took plenty of pictures.

Donny and Dawne Darden and Thomas and Nanalee Nichols went to Texarkana Saturday to Lowe's and to eat.

Sam and Margie Rice are both feeling better.

Some truly wonderful summer rains have kept the area green this July.

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Information from the Texas Firemen's & Fire Marshal's Association

Chance wins at playday

Courtney Chance, 10 year old granddaughter of Tony Chance, Blossom City Administrator and Patti Chance, picked up a double win July 12 at the Paris Rodeo and Horse Club by winning the pole bending and barrel race for the 7-12 age group.

Courtney rode her paint mare "Classy" and recorded her best time of 20.723 seconds to win the pole bending and won the barrel race with her horse "Fancy Cashg". Courtney edged out 32 contestants to win the All Around trophy for July.

Going into Friday's competition, Courtney from Soper, OK and Katie White from Lamar County, were in a tie for the year for the all around championship. Her Friday win gave her a few more points lead over Katie for the year. Behind the pair are Abby Purciful and Emiliy Fouse, both from Lamar County.

Kelli Smith, also of Lamar County, won the All Around Trophy for July and leads for the 13-17 year old age group for the years championship.

The finals will be held October 12 at the Paris Rodeo and Horse Club arena. The next playday is August 9 at 6 p.m.

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