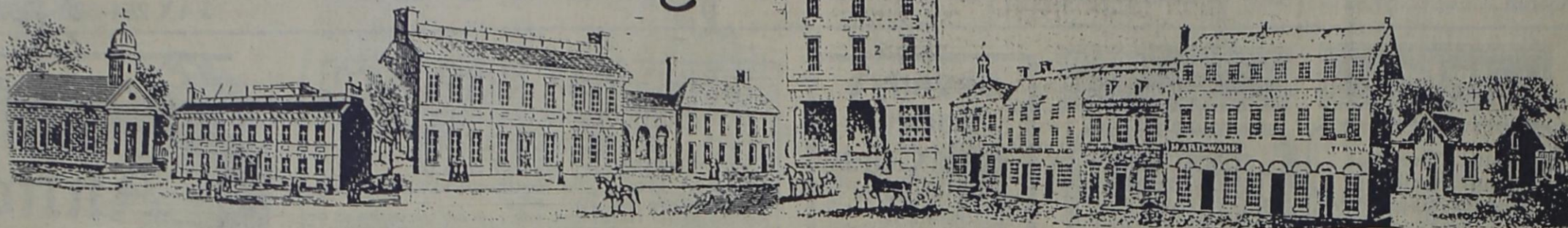


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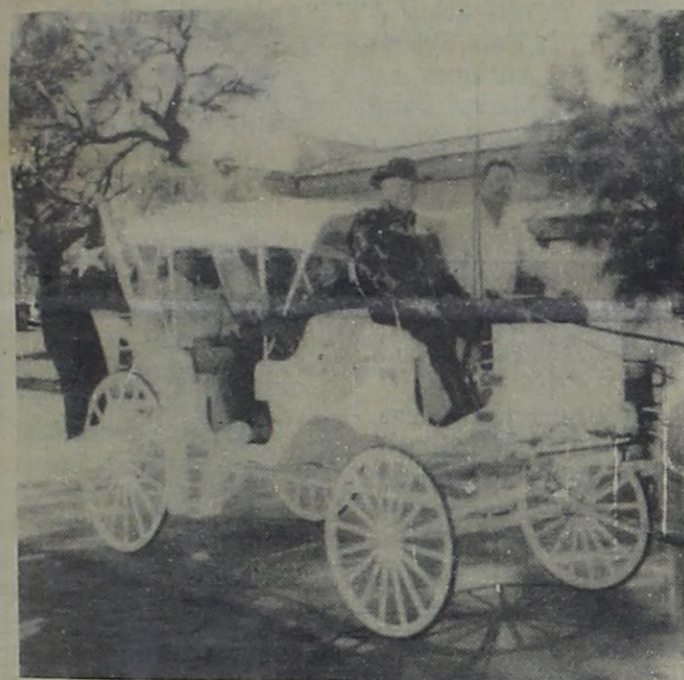
Thursday, May 13, 1999

Chamber News

by Tommie Jones



Kyle Kendrick wins third place in the Western Heritage Parade. He is on Lyman Brigham's small scale chuckwagon.



Lyman Brigham and Rick Oliver chauffeur the Baird Chamber of Commerce members in the Western Heritage Parade.

The Community Garage Sale has been growing with 30 participants signed up as of Tuesday morning. Maps will be available for 50¢ at the red caboose located at the traffic light on Business 20 and Highway 283, the Bear Country sign at Business 20 and Rex Street at the west entrance to town, and at the Depot.

Vendors are signing up for the June 11-12th Antiques Market/Trades Days, and a large number of inquiries are being mailed daily. Most shoppers and many vendors inquire about lodging, restaurants, activities, and sightseeing available during their visit to Baird. Local organizations are reminded to take advantage of the discounted booth fee.

A glimpse at the guest book at the Depot and comments circulated among the merchants indicates travelers believe our community is a worthwhile stop. The list compiled over the last two months includes visitors from Arizona, Louisiana, Colorado, Alaska,

Ohio, California, Alabama, North Carolina, Florida, Oklahoma, Tennessee, England, and from every corner of our state.

Lyman Brigham, driving a buggy from his livery stable and assisted by Chamber Board Member Rick Oliver, chauffeured the Baird entourage in Abilene's Western Heritage Parade last Thursday. The group included Chamber Board President Trish Duque, Mayor Jon Hardwick, Councilman Harold Hass, Callahan County Attorney Allan Wright, and his son, William Wright. Lots of information about Baird was distributed by the volunteers at the Baird booth on the Expo grounds Friday and Saturday. The Baird group including the set-up crews Wes Wright, Rick Oliver, Pat Loyd, Ralph Thompson, Lyman and Em Brigham, Mike Akens, Joann and Dick Vestal, Betty and Weldon Henson, Mark and Trish Duque. Brigham's small scale chuckwagon driven by Kyle Kendrick's received the third place award in the parade.

Lady Bears Golf Team Brings Home State Title From Austin

For the third year in a row the Baird girls golf team brought home the State Championship in the golf tournament held in Austin.

The Lady Bears took a 545 for 27 holes to beat Vega by 43 strokes to win their third straight Class A golf championship Tuesday at Morris Williams Golf Course.

In the beginning they took only a three-stroke lead into the final 18 holes. They could have started celebrating after nine holes when that margin went to 26 strokes. This was the same margin they won by two years ago.

The Baird girls also had to beat Vega in a playoff last year to win the championship title.

Mindy McDowell, a freshman at Baird High School shot 87. Laura Gilliland, a senior at Baird High School shot 95. Kyla Neal, a junior at Baird High School shot a 118. Chasity Hardy, a sophomore at Baird High School shot a 99. Chelsa Clark, a freshman at Baird High School shot a 107. Kyla Neal won the medalist race. Mindy McDowell tied for the fourth place.

The Baird Girls Golf Team is coached by Doug Thompson.

Congratulations go out to these girls and their coach for their hard work toward winning this championship.

(information taken from Abilene Reporter News)

Fort Griffin Fandangle To Be Held In June

Tickets are now on sale for the 1999 Fort Griffin Fandangle. This year's performance dates are June 17-19 and June 24-26. The nationally known historical musical show will begin under the Texas sky each evening at 8:30 p.m. in the Prairie Theater just outside of Albany, Texas. The Fandangle Parade is

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Winners will be notified by mail. The deadline for entering is June 14, 1999.

Texas Senate Balances School Funding And Tax Cuts

by Lt. Governor Rick Perry

Most Texans agree that improving our public schools must be the state Legislature's highest priority. After all, excellent schools mean a brighter future for our children and our state as a whole.

Texans also agree that they deserve some of the state's budget surplus back in the form of a tax cut. After all, the surplus belongs to the taxpayers, not the government. Reducing taxes also means a brighter future for our state because tax cuts spark job creation and economic development.

Education and tax reduction are both vitally important to the future of our state. Education prepares our young people for the

jobs and technologies of tomorrow, and cutting taxes helps create the

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Nominations Being Taken For Gifted And Talented Program

Baird I.S.D. conducts a Gifted and Talented Program for students with above average potential in academic and creative-production thinking skills areas in grades K-12. This gifted education program is held in the child's homeroom and is designed to challenge students to accelerate above and beyond the regular school curriculum.

Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an

intellectually and creatively gifted learner is encouraged to come by the Elementary Principal's Office and complete the necessary forms. These forms need to be completed and turned in by May 19th.

Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure, which requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be requested to grant permission for this testing.

Mike Young To Speak On Elderlaw May 25th

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For more information please call 854-1429.

County Employees To Stay With First Care Insurance

The Callahan County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 10, 1999.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Insurance committee members Dianne Alexander, Brian Farmer and Sharon Owens met with the commissioners on the insurance issue. It

was decided to stay with First Care Insurance.

The motion carried to rebuild the Battle Creek Bridge, which is located in Precinct III on CR 136.

The motion carried to adopt the Loss Control Policy.

There was on bid on the distributor. The bid was from Yellowhouse Machinery Company. The bills were reviewed and paid.

Meeting Concerning Clothes Closet To Be Held May 19th

The Clothes Closet Mission will have a meeting on Wednesday, May 19th at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Baird.

Please, all board

officers, and hopefully all Ministers, plan to attend this meeting. Paul King, President; Beulah Sprague, Secretary; LaVerne Rutherford, Treasurer; Ruth Fisher, Coordinator.

Kindergarten Pre-Registration Set For May 14th In Cafeteroium

Pre-registration for Kindergarten will be Friday, May 14, 1999, in the Baird School Cafeteroium from 8:30 a.m. through 10:30 a.m.

To be eligible for kindergarten, a student must be five years old on or before September 1, 1999. The parent must provide birth records, birth certificate and social security card. IF YOUR CHILD IS CURRENTLY IN THE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO PRE-REGISTER FOR FALL KINDERGARTEN.

All kindergarten children starting this year must have the following immunizations to be able to start school:

- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 4 doses of DTP
- 4 doses of Polio
- 2 doses of MMR
- 1 dose Hib

Effective 8-1-99, all children born on or after 9-2-93, will be required to show proof of either:

- 1) 1 dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a parent or physician validates history of Varicella illness or serologic confirmation of Varicella immunity.

Effective 8-1-99, all children born on or after 9-2-87 but before 9-2-93, will be required to show proof of either:

- 1) 1 dose of Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) or illness or Serologic confirmation of validated history of Varicella by parent or physician.

Effective 8-1-99 children born on or after 9-2-87 but before 9-2-92 will be required at the time of their 12th birthday proof of either:

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- 2) Serologic confirmation in immunity to hepatitis B or serologic evidence of infection

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Monday, November 8th

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Wednesday, May 12th
Wednesday, June 9th
Wednesday, July 14th
Wednesday, August 11th
Wednesday, September 8th
Wednesday, October 13th
Wednesday, November 10th
Wednesday, December 8th

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Thursday, June 17th
Thursday, August 19th
Thursday, October 21st
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A group of members of the RHS Class of '49 who attended the 1998 RHS Homecoming and made up the planning committee for their 50th reunion. Pictured (left to right) front row are Anne Seymour Colston of Riviera, Camilla Gordon Adams of Ranger, Dortha Hightower Blich of Whitney, Byrellene Parkes Kai of Fort Worth. Second row are Jack Waddington of Dallas, Jane Hardy Blacklock of Ranger, Joan Kenney Munnerlyn and Class President, Keith Munnerlyn of Albany and Jim Ice of Abilene. Third row are June Ann Morton Bryan of Plainview, Hudson Hightower of Whitney, Beth Pearson Cosper of Odessa, Clara Jean Sharp Houx of Fort Worth. Top row are R.C. Smith of Santa Anna, Meredith Sides of Lewisville and Owen Falls of Mineral Wells. (Photo courtesy of Johnny Wells)

RHS Class of '49 To Hold 50th Reunion On May 22

The Ranger High school Class of '49 will hold their historic 50th "Golden" Anniversary Reunion in Ranger on Saturday, May 22, 1999, at the Ranger Community Clubhouse on Pine Street. The class which united in the fall of 1945 at the old Ranger High school on Marston Street, was made up of students from Young, Hodges Oak Park, St. Rita's and Cooper Elementary schools as well as transfers in to Ranger from other school systems.

The class of 58 students had their graduation exercises on May 22, 1949, and departed the following day on their class Senior Trip to Galveston, Texas. Ranger has always been considered to be their "Spiritual Home" regardless of where they may actually live. A close-knit unit, they will set aside a moment to remember their classmates who have died, which include Willeta Coates, Louise Hill, Douglas Jacoby, Max Judy, Tony Lewis, Robert Martin, Donald Needham, Jerry Page, Dee Sanders, Jean Watson, Charles Wheat, Marvin Wilson and Rita

Wynn. Keith Munnerlyn of Albany has been the class president since 1950 when president Marvin Wilson died and the vice president moved up as president. The other original officers were: Wanda (McKinney) Elder Cousins of Hull, Texas, secretary; the Reverend Meredith Sides of Lewisville, Texas, Treasurer; June Ann (Morton) Bryan of Plainview, Texas, sergeant-at-arms, and Billy Jack Perrin of Fort Worth, reporter. Dortha (Hightower) Blich of Whitney, Texas, was the class valedictorian and the late William Anthony Lewis, III, of Houston, was salutatorian.

Class members who currently reside in Ranger are Camilla (Gordon) Adams, Jane (Hardy) Blacklock, George Robinson and R.L. Miller. All of the remaining classmates reside in Texas except for ten who live in Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, California, Florida, Idaho, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nevada and Oklahoma.

Other than those named above, the class roster as published on

the Ranger High School Commencement program of 1949 included: Louvern Alexander, address unknown; Evelyn (Blackwell) Wheat of Cisco, June (Briden) Douglas of Fort Worth, Charlie Campbell of La Porte, Ralph Cooper of Houston, June (Drinkard) Davis of Fort Worth, Billy Eakin of Rena, Nevada; Owen Falls of Mineral Wells, Gloria (Graham) Carter of Midland City, Alabama; Harold Green of Abilene, Emilee (Gordon) Blackwell of Bokchito, Oklahoma; Joyce (Harbin) Hejtmancik of Houston, Joy (Harper) Gilbert of Austin, Hudson Hightower of Whitney, Betty Jane Hilliard, address unknown; Jimmy Ice of Abilene, Allen Keener of Fort Worth, Jeanne (Kenney) Mahaffey-Hewett of Mayport, Florida; Joan (Kenney) Munnerlyn of Albany, Maxine (landtroop) Morris of Beeville, Alvin Langley of Kermit, Richard Martin of Abilene, James Martinez of Abilene, Beth (Pearson) Cosper of Odessa, Nancy

(Phillips) Bridge of Grandview, Betty (Reuwer) Cook of Louisville, Kentucky; Clara Jean (Sharp) Houx of Fort Worth, R.C. Smith of Santa Anna, Mary Lou (Townzen) Samford of Austin, Sue (Vaughn) Wilkerson of Tyler, Jack Waddington of Dallas, Jerry Wilson of Fort Worth, Betty Jo (Williams) Ligon of Buffalo Gap, Pauline (Williams) Wright of Glenwood, Arkansas; and Jean (Woods) Nugent of Chubbuck, Idaho. Other class of '49 members include: Byrellene (Parkes) Kai of Fort Worth, Anne (Seymore) Colston of Riviera, Dovie (Ellis) Whitley of Rocklin, California; Grady Shook of Eastland, Juanet (Offield) Squire of Fort Worth, Kaye George of Mansfield, Lusby Kirk of Ben Wheeler, Peggy (Tully) Bledsoe of Sheveport, Louisiana; and Richard Hodges of Delta Junction, Alaska. Two unique arms of the Class of '49 are the Class of '49 E-Mailers, a small group of "Cyber space" classmates who communicate daily through the electronic computer system. Meredith Sides and his wife, Dora Anne, united this dedicated

group together v'a their beloved McIntosh in Lewisville and it currently includes Dot and Ben Blich, R.C. and Pat Smith, Jim and June Ice, Lusby Kirk, June (Drinkard)

Davis, Ralph Cooper, Jane Hardy Blacklock and Jack Waddington. The group is becoming affiliated with the Ranger Exes e-mail group which is being organized by Mac. Jacoby. Those Ranger high School Exes interested in getting on Mac's list, should send their e-mail address to: majacoby@worldnet.att.net

Pat Smith, the wife of Rommie Coswell Smith, has endeared herself to the class by forming the organization called RESSA, a group of spouses of the members of the RHS Class of '49, which purportedly also allows any spouses of any RHS ex class members into membership. RESSA is believed to be the acronym for Ranger Ex-Student Spousal Association, and was believed to be borne out of the necessity of the spouses' jealousy of the closeness of their wives and husbands who were, in fact, RHS exes. However, the benevolence and

loving association developed because of RESSA has strengthened the group as an asset to the Ranger exes from which it grew and was fostered.

Special guests at the 50th Reunion will include Clyde and Margaret Coke of Waco and Buddy Hamrick of Brenham. Mr. Coke was a teacher at Ranger High School and not much older than the 49er's, many of whom were his students. Buddy Hamrick was a class of '50 Ranger graduate and the son of Mrs. Mamie Ruth Hamrick who was primarily a Spanish teacher and one of the beloved teachers revered by the Class of '49 and all R.H.S. students who came to know her.

Mrs. Faye Tilly of The Creger House will cater the dinner for the Reunion attendees. About forty-five class members, spouses and guests are expected. The group will begin to gather at 10:00 a.m. They mourn the

absence of their old, beloved high school building, which was demolished after the new school was built and the Teen Canteen which burned many years. Two of their main "haunts" left remaining are the Recreation Building on Marston, adjacent to where the school once stood and the Bulldog Stadium, now named the Coach O.C. Warden Stadium. Coach Warden began his coaching duties in Ranger when the '49ers were in their Sophomore year (46-47).

For a few hours, the friends and classmates will gather to remember old times in Ranger during their youth, and, at least for a few hours, the Ranger of 1949 will live again in their hearts and in their thoughts and conversations.

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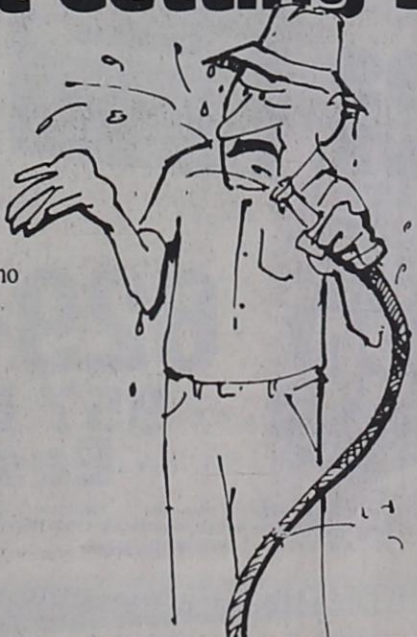
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11th Court Of Appeals

The following proceedings were had in the Court of Appeals, Eleventh District of Texas:

Affirmed
 11-97-00127-CR Lucas Rivera v. State of Texas.-Dallas. (Opinion by Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCloud)
 11-97-00158-CR Randy Bernard Young v. State of Texas.-Dallas. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)
 11-97-00376-CR William Campbell v. State of Texas.-Collin. (Opinion by Justice McCloud) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCloud)
 11-98-00053-CR John Anthony Thomas v. State of Texas.-Baylor. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Publish)

(Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

11-98-00266-CV Fred Michaelis v. Barbara Rollins.-Taylor. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Reversed & Remanded

11-97-00318-CR Roland Charles Grabowski v. State of Texas.-Rockwall. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCloud)

11-97-00320-CR Hubert Lee Loudermilk v. State of Texas.-Collin. (Opinion by Justice Dickenson) (Publish) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice Dickenson)

Appeal Dismissed
 11-98-00310-CV In the Matter of M.C.-

Howard. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Former Opinion & Judgment Withdrawn, Reversed & Remanded

11-98-00050-CV Tilmon Jarnes v. Charles B. Turner.-Palo Pinto. (Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Motion Submitted & Granted; Appeal Dismissed

11-99-00095-CR Lawrence Edward Dearion v. State of Texas.-Dallas. Appellant's motion for withdrawal of notice of appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

Motions Submitted

& Granted
 11-97-00311-CV Pines of Westbury, Inc. and 12,500 Dunlap, Inc. v. Paul Michael Construction, Inc.-Dallas. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file motion for rehearing.

11-98-00070-CV Ensearch Exploration, Inc. v. Charles Stanley Thorne.-Dallas. Appellee's second agreed motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-98-00124-CV Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Bevin "Spence" Cooper.-Tarrant. Appellant's motion to substitute counsel.

11-98-00154-CV Pecan Valley Nut Company, Inc. et al v. E.I. Du Pont De Nemours & Company et al.-Comanche. Appellants' (unopposed) motion for extension of time to file reply brief.

11-98-00246-CV Kenneth Dorris, Sr., et al v. James Price, et al.-Montgomery. Appellant's third motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-99-00007-CV In the Matter of the Estate of Buster Harvey Boney, Deceased.-Taylor. Appellee's second motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-99-00028-CV Floretta Parrish v. Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union.-Howard. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-99-00034-CV Terry Geye and Brandon Geye v. American Cyanamid Company.-Eastland. Appellants' extension of time to file brief.

11-99-00043-CR Renard McBride v. State of Texas.-Taylor. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

11-99-00072-CV Becky J. Welk v. Charles Barton Johnson et al.-Brown. Appellant's motion for

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11-99-00086-CR Jose Garza v. State of Texas.-Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file notice of appeal.

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11-99-00088-CR John Duffy v. State of Texas.-Dallas. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file reporter's record.

11-99-00102-CR Michael Darrell Cross v. State of Texas.-Palo Pinto. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file notice of appeal. Appellant's

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The Texas Department of Insurance recommends that homeowners take immediate action if their property is damaged in a storm. "Survey the damage to your home as soon as possible and report it to your insurance agent," says Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose' Montemayor. "The faster you report property damage, the quicker you find relief."

During Monday's outbreak of violent weather, three tornadoes were reported in Texas, although many areas reported hail and damaging winds. The Sterling County Sheriff's Office reported baseball-size hail just south of Big Spring. More bad

weather is predicted. David Imy, a meteorologist with the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma said Monday's storm system had all of the necessary ingredients for an outbreak of tornadoes. "An unstable atmosphere, strong winds in the mid-level

and a strong upper level of low pressure coming in from the southwest all contributed to the outbreak of severe weather," Imy said.

This year's weather got off to a rough start with a few rare January tornadoes. Almost three times as many tornadoes (161) were recorded this January in the United States than any other January on record. Texas was hit by 13 of these, result-

ing in a fatality in Buna near Houston. Texas normally averages about one tornado in the month of January.

While February and March were quiet, the storm season produced 152 tornadoes across the country in April, and so far in May, the number is 81.

During Monday's storms, most avoided death and serious injury by heeding early warning systems and paying attention to radio and television reports. Little can be done to prevent the damage to homes and property from category F4 and F5 tornadoes with winds in excess of 200 mph.

The Texas Department of Insurance recommends that storm victims survey their property after a storm and thoroughly document any damage. Homeowners should contact insurance agents immediately, so adjusters can survey the damage as soon as possible.

Make only emergency repairs to prevent further damage and protect your property. For example, immediately repair broken windows in your home or car but wait until an adjuster has inspected the damage before making permanent repairs. Keep receipts for all repairs. Homeowners must have proof of these expenditures for insurance reimbursement or for income tax deductions.

If you cannot stay at home because of the damage, homeowner and renter policies cover the cost of staying in a hotel, motel or other temporary residence while repairs are made.

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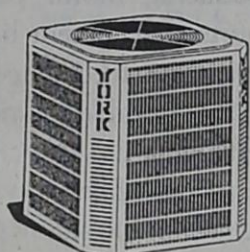
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The sound of gun shots in a small Arkansas town continue to ring like a bell—a bell that tolls for four little girls and a dedicated teacher who put herself in mortal danger to shield a fifth child from a hail of bullets, unleashed, God help us, by a 13-year-old boy and his 11-year-old pal.

But the bell sounds not only for the innocent dead in Jonesboro. It also tolls for a nation that is turning its back on the moral law it once cherished—a law written on every human heart, yet unrecognized by many members of the younger generation who have never heard about it from their elders.

Are we surprised at the spectacle of *children killing children*? Are we shocked to open our newspapers, turn on our TVs and look into the faces of a couple of Opie and Beaver look-alikes charged with five counts of capital murder? Didn't we see it coming?

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We *should* have known . . . *should* have anticipated . . . that children who have watched thousands of murders on prime-time television, followed the deadly exploits of Dr. Kevorkian and been taught that there are no moral absolutes, might come to see little harm in gunning down their classmates.

Jonesboro marks a point of crisis, but one that is hardly new or unique. What happened in this small town in Arkansas symbolizes America in moral free fall, America on a rapidly descending spiral, America without God—an America that has forgotten what her founding fathers meant when they warned that only a virtuous people could remain free. If that statement is accurate, and history has consistently validated it, then we are living in the twilight of our liberty.

As always when a culture begins to unravel, it is the youngest members who are most wounded and disturbed. Consider the following reports of unspeakable crimes committed not by hardened thugs, but by lost children:

SEPTEMBER 1995: A family made a wrong turn down a street in Los Angeles and was subjected to a hail of gunfire that killed their little girl. Gang members poured bullets into the car for the sheer fun of it.¹

NOVEMBER 1996: A teenage girl delivered a child in a Delaware motel, then she and her boyfriend allegedly beat the child to death, placed it in a plastic bag and dropped it in a dumpster.²

JUNE 1997: A New Jersey teenager gave birth to her baby in a bathroom stall at her high school prom. She dropped the baby in the trash, then returned to the dance floor, where she asked the band to play her favorite song, "The Unforgiven."³

OCTOBER 1997: A 16-year-old boy in Pearl, Mississippi, allegedly slayed his mother, then went to school and shot nine students, killing two, including his former girlfriend.⁴

DECEMBER 1997: A young boy opened fire on a prayer meeting at Heath High School in West Paducah, Kentucky, killing three and wounding five of his classmates.⁵

DECEMBER 1997: A 14-year-old boy in Stamps, Arkansas, allegedly fired sniper rounds outside his school, wounding two students.⁶

MARCH 1998: In Dallas, Texas, four teenagers claiming to be vampires went on a drug-crazed destruction spree, vandalizing dozens of cars and homes, spray-painting racial slurs and burning down the office and fellowship hall of Bethany Lutheran Church.⁷

APRIL 1998: In Yonkers, New York, a 15-year-old girl, upset that her teacher called her parents about her poor academic performance, attacked the pregnant instructor with a hammer. The teacher suffered multiple skull fractures.⁸

APRIL 1998: In Indianapolis, Indiana, police have begun random searches for weapons on school buses and in elementary schools after an 8-year-old boy allegedly pointed a gun at a female classmate who was teasing him about his ears.⁹

APRIL 1998: Four teenagers in Santa Cruz, California, were arrested on charges of drugging an 11-year-old girl

and raping her. The teens allegedly raped her in a parking lot, and then drove 10 miles to a wooded area where they smoked heroin and raped her again for several hours. The police said that the girl was so drugged that she could not fend off their attack. Assistant District Attorney Bob Lee said, "They took the child and did about everything . . . they could. It's as egregious as it could possibly [be]."¹⁰

This chronicle of children who have committed horrible crimes is symptomatic of a culture in chaos. John Hazlewood, whose 14-year-old son Brandon attends the Westside Middle School in Jonesboro, Arkansas, said it best: "This is not the kids' problem, it's the way we're raising them today. They only know what you teach 'em."¹¹

Where did we go wrong? At least some of the answers can be found in the radical notions that have emerged in the last 30 years. Judges, with the acquiescence of our legislators, have made it illegal for our schools to post the Ten Commandments. It is becoming increasingly difficult—and dangerous—for students to pray together on school campuses; meanwhile, it's easier for a man or woman to obtain a

divorce than to escape from an automobile lease agreement. The President of the United States embraces the radical homosexual movement which opposes the legal basis of marriage as a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman. States are prohibited from protecting innocent children, in the process of being born, from those who would puncture their skulls and suck out their brains. Those who oppose this infanticide are called "extremists" by our political leaders. Federal authorities decline to prosecute hard-core pornographers. The government spends billions to promote "safe sex" ideology in our schools, and officials hand out condoms and pills to kids who assume they're expected to use them. Laws protecting children from indecent material on the Internet are struck down by justices to protect the right of adults to market pornography. Video poker machines dot the landscape of a nation that was built on the principles of thrift and deferred gratification. The "entertainment" industry glorifies violence and sexual exploitation, while pop

music pays tribute to the killing of police and the raping of women. And the list goes on. How much carnage must we witness at our feet before we will raise our eyes to Heaven?

The American people *know* we are in a moral crisis. According to a poll conducted by Luntz Research, 80 percent believe immorality is our greatest problem as a nation.¹² But our leaders don't seem to comprehend what is happening. It's time we all pulled together—Americans of every political party and religious faith—to recover a sense of what God wants us to do for our nation.

Let's begin by giving priority to our children. In days gone by, the culture acted to shield them from harmful images and exploitation. Now it's open season for even the youngest among us. Let's put the welfare of our boys and girls ahead of our own convenience and teach them the difference between right and wrong. They need to hear that God is the author of their rights and liberties. Let's teach them that *He* loves them and holds them to a high level of moral accountability.

Let's do everything in our power to reverse the blight of violence and lust that has become so pervasive across this land. Let's demand that the entertainment moguls stop producing moral pollutants. Let's recapture from the courts that system of self-rule that traditionally allowed Americans to debate their deepest differences openly and reach workable solutions together. Radical individualism is destroying us! The creed that proclaims, "If it feels good, do it!" has filled too many hospitals with drug overdosed teenagers, too many prison cells with fatherless youth, too many caskets with slain young people and caused too many tears for bereaved parents.¹³

Let's vow together today to set for our children the highest standards of ethics and morality and to protect them, as much as possible, from evil and death. America can't be perfect, but it *can* be better—much better. To surrender to evil is to yield to the despair that leads to death. We must be bold enough to draw a line in the sand. We may have to endure some name-calling, harassment and lawsuits for it, but as the good people of Jonesboro know, that isn't the worst thing that can happen.

On May 7, America observed what the Congress of the United States has designated as the National Day of Prayer. That emphasis should occur not just once each spring, but throughout the year, as we ask the Father to intervene on our behalf. We must also pledge ourselves anew to the principles that have made this nation great: hard work, sexual restraint, a commitment to family, a rejection of violence and reliance upon the hand of Divine Providence.

To surrender to evil is to yield to the despair that leads to death.

By this effort we can begin to atone for the blood of the innocents that stains our streets and neighborhoods. We can start to restore the qualities that prompted Abraham Lincoln to call us an "almost chosen people."¹⁴ We can approach again the throne of our Father, seek His face, humble ourselves and pray, and *know* that He will hear from Heaven and heal our land.

Let's make America a "shining city upon a hill" once more. If we fail, we need not ask for whom the bell tolls. It tolls for our beloved nation.



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HIGHLIGHTS
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AUSTIN — Texas businesses that provide day-care services for their employees would get a tax cut under legislation passed 30-0 last week by the state Senate.

The legislation, which would cost the state \$5.6 million through the 2000-2001 biennium — offers a franchise tax credit of up to \$50,000 — or half the cost of offering day care.

Businesses would get the break by establishing and operating a day-care center or by purchasing child-care services for their employees.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, said his proposal would:

- help Texas attract new businesses; and
 - meet the booming demand for child care because of welfare reform, thus making it easier for some Texans to get back to work.
- Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-

Plano, sees Haywood's bill as a solution to a difficult puzzle. "I think what we've done here is to combine two very important elements."

"We've combined the business community and their commitment and we've combined families and their commitment."

"And as you mesh those two you have a pro-business bill that is also a pro-family bill," Shapiro said.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, one of 17 co-authors of the measure, said nearly 3 million Texas children under age 18 have both parents or their only parent in the workforce.

Youth Violence Study Proposed

The high school campus murder spree last month in Littleton, Colo., and discoveries of plans to commit violence by Texas school students have inspired legislation to protect students from violence, filed by Rep. Dianne White Delisi, R-Temple.

Delisi's House Concurrent Resolution 256 would require state agencies, under the direction of the state Department of Health, to search for root causes of violent behavior and find ways to "reduce the number of youth inclined to inflict violence on others."

The inquiry would include the participation of parents, children, classroom teachers and school counselors.

Agencies would submit reports on their findings to the 77th Legislature when it convenes in 2001.

Hog-Dog Fight Ban Proposed

What happens when domestic dog meets wild hog? Anyone who's read Texan Fred Gipson's classic boy-and-dog story "Old Yeller" or has seen the Disney film can tell you: it's bloody.

A Houston television station broadcast a report on staged hog-dog fights, in which the animals were penned together for sport, much like cockfighting.

State Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, reacted by filing legislation to outlaw hog-dog fights. The proposed ban drew the praise of animal rights advocates.

It also drew the condemnation of some farmers and ranchers who use dogs to hunt down crop-destroying, livestock-killing and property-damaging feral hogs.

Wilson said his intention is not to curb the use of dogs for hunting. The purpose of the bill, he said, is only to stop the penning of hogs and dogs together to make them fight.

Other Highlights

■ Last week, smoky haze from burn-offs in the Mexican states of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas clung to Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend. Last May and June, health warnings were issued when burn-offs got out of control in Mexico, creating hundreds of forest and range fires that blanketed Texas with smoke.

■ Former Texas Attorney General Dan Morales has been subpoenaed in regard to Texas' lawsuit against the tobacco industry.

The court order stems from a Houston lawyer's \$260 million claim for his role in the \$17.3 billion settlement.

■ A bill to build a new state history museum and name it in honor of former Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock has been approved by the Senate and the House. The measure by Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, awaits Gov. Bush's signature.

■ A recent CNN-USA Today-

Gallup poll shows Gov. George W. Bush would beat Vice President Al Gore in a presidential race by 16 percent of the vote.

■ Former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop last week ran full-page ads in several Texas newspapers urging Gov. Bush to create a well-funded program to discourage cigarette smoking.

■ The Texas Department of Health and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts report that on average, 915 babies are born in Texas each day.

Sand Hill Cemetery Meet Is Set May 22

The annual meeting of the Comanche County Sand Hill Cemetery Association will be held Saturday, May 22, 1999, 10:00 a.m. at the cemetery grounds.

The cemetery association urges anyone who has loved ones buried at Sand Hill to attend this important meeting and assist with the future of the cemetery.

If you have any questions, comments or wish to make a donation, please contact Jo Ann Notgrass (254-639-2523), Jim Frank (254-893-6778), Gracie Brown (915-356-2772), or Dorothy Goates (254-842-5489).

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Parks And Wildlife Outdoor Report

Striving for simplification of fishing regulations and increased hunting opportunity, Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has adopted several changes will take effect Sept. 1.

Most alterations to hunting regulations involve opening seasons in certain counties, maintaining landowner management flexibility and increasing hunting opportunity. The commission eliminated the doe tags in five north Texas counties, increased doe days in 36 others, rejected proposals to restrict deer harvest in nine counties, approved a bonus deer tag system, established a youth-only squirrel season and created an archery-only deer season in another county.

The bonus tag option approved by the commission is designed to allow increased flexibility for landowners and land managers when hunting activities aren't enough to meet management goals. The tags can only be used in conjunction with Managed Lands Deer Permits, Landowner Assisted Management Permits or during special drawn hunts on departmental lands. Under the regulation, individuals who meet the above criteria may purchase up to five either sex bonus tags for \$10 each wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

Texas fisheries biologists have implemented changes in regulations they hope will improve fishing. Some of these experiments have paid huge dividends for the fisheries as well as the anglers. "But, if we do not see the results we're looking for, we don't have a problem changing our regulations back to simplify rules for anglers," explained Phil Durocher, director of inland fisheries with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW). The commission approved the following changes designed to standardize fishing regulations for freshwater and saltwater fishing:

A change in harvest regulations for blue catfish at Fort Phantom Hill Reservoir and E.V. Spence Reservoir from the current 18-inch minimum length limit and 5 fish daily bag to a 12-inch minimum length limit and a 25 daily bag for blue catfish and channel catfish in any combination.

A change in harvest regulations for largemouth bass at Lakes Brownwood, Champion Creek, and Coleman from the current 16-inch minimum length to the statewide 14-inch minimum length limit. Daily bag will remain at 5 fish/day.

A change in harvest regulations for largemouth bass at lakes Striker, Tyler State Park Lake, and Weatherford from the current 14-18 inch slot length limit to the statewide 14-inch minimum length limit. Daily bag to remain at 5 fish/day.

Modification of king mackerel size

limits from 23 to 27 inches total length to be comparable to those currently proposed by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

A reduction in the red snapper daily bag limit from 5 fish to 4 to be comparable with federal regulations. This regulation is already in effect under emergency rule and will be extended by this commission action.

The commission also made it possible for anglers on three popular catch-and-release-only lakes greater opportunity to weigh in a trophy bass by reducing the minimum size limit required to retain a fish until weight in. The change affects Purvis Creek State Park, Gibbons Creek Reservoir and Lake Raven. The minimum length will be changed from 22 to 21 inches.

A change in statewide harvest regulations for walleye to a 5 fish daily bag and no minimum length limit, however, only two of which can be under 16 inches in total length.

Prohibition of the taking of fish underwater with a hand-held device other than a spear or spear gun.

Prohibition of the possession while fishing or use of certain baitfish in the Trans-Pecos. The only fishes that could be used for

bait would be common carp, fathead minnows, gizzard and threadfin shad, Mexican Tetra, Rio Grande cichlid, silversides, sunfish (*Lepomis*), goldfish, and golden shiners.

Among the new regulations designed to increase hunting opportunity, include the following:

An open general season for white-tailed deer in Grayson County from the 1st Saturday in November through the 1st Sunday in January, restricted to lawful archery equipment and crossbows only. Hunters in this county would be exempted from having to purchase a Special Archery Stamp. The bag limit will be three

deer, no more than one buck and no more than two antlerless deer (antlerless by Managed Land Deer Permit only).

An open white-tailed deer season in Archer, Baylor, Clay, Montague, and Wise Counties to run from November 6 through January 2 with a three deer bag limit, no more than one buck and no more than two antlerless deer.

An increase in the number of doe days from six to 16 in 36 Panhandle counties.

Creation of a youth-only squirrel season during the weekend prior to the archery-only deer season in counties having a restricted squirrel sea-

son.

TPW Proposes Return To 12-Bird Bag, Longer Dove Season

Not to question the ability of Texas wingshooters, but considering the fact that few hunters consistently bag the current limit of 15 doves, Texas Parks and Wildlife is suggesting trading away three birds for an additional 10 days of opportunity.

The agency is currently taking public comment on a proposal to return the statewide dove season dates and bag limits to 70 days and 12 birds as part of the 1999-2000 Early Migratory Game Bird Proclamation, which will be finalized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in June.

The specific proposed dates for mourning doves are Sept. 1-Nov. 9 in the North Zone; Sept. 1-Oct. 24, Dec. 26-Jan. 10 in the Central Zone; and Sept. 24-Nov. 14,

Dec. 26-Jan. 12 in the South Zone. The department is proposing no charge in all-day shooting hours.

In action related to the public lands proclamation, the commission granted authority to TPW's executive director to cancel any hunt on public lands due to extreme weather or other emergencies.

Applications for special drawing hunts to be conducted on state parks during the 1999-2000 seasons will be available in late July from Texas Parks and Wildlife headquarters and field offices, and posted on the TPW website: www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

42 State Parks Approved For Special Drawn Public Hunts

One-third of the Texas state parks will offer public hunting opportunities for over 2,400 applicants to be selected for special drawn hunts during the 1999-2000 hunting sea-

son. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission approved the 41 sites.

Exotic hunts currently scheduled for September on an additional park, South Llano River State Park, were approved by the commission last year.

Although no new sites were added to the program, several new hunts will be offered this year, including:

Mule deer hunts at Big Bend Ranch State Park and Caprock Canyons State Park.

Two new youth-only deer hunting opportunities.

An extended four-day backpacking hunt at Pedernales Falls State Park that will include rental of an isolated cabin.

Following is a list of the 42 state parks where public hunts will be conducted:

Arroyo Colorado, Atlanta, Big Bend Ranch, Brazos Bend,

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Brownwood; Bryan Beach; Caddo Lake; Caprock Canyons; Choke Canyon Callahan and North Shore Units; Colorado Bend; Davis Mountains; Devil's River; Devil's Sinkhole; Dinosaur Valley; Enchanted Rock; Fairfield Lake; Fort Boggy; Garner; Guadalupe River; Hill Country; Honey Creek; Huntsville; Inks Lake/Longhorn Caverns; Kickapoo Caverns; Lake Houston; Lake Mineral Wells; Lake Somerville; Lake Whitney; Lost Maples; Martin Dies, Jr.; Matagorda Island; Mother Neff; Pedernales Falls; Possum Kingdom; Resaca de la Palma; San Angelo; Sea Rim; Seminole Canyon; South Llano River and Tony Houseman.

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Sean Patrick Abeyta; Speeding
Michael Ray Johnson; motion to withdraw as surety and application for warrant

MARRIAGE LICENSE
Terry Ray French, Cisco and Tracy Vee Cooper, Cisco
42ND DISTRICT COURT
JUDGE JOHN WEEKS PRESIDING

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Tommy Barton and Rebecca Y. Barton; divorce
Randal Dale and Georgia Dale; divorce
Sheila Kaye Eisenbach vs. Neil Wade Eisenbach and in the interest of minor children; transfer from Eastland Co.

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John Dyer and Sabrina Dyer and in the interest of minor children; final decree

of divorce
Loriann Hawk and Anthony F. Hawk; final decree of divorce
Ashleigh D'Ann Rodriguez and Draper Tobias Rodriguez; final decree of divorce
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J.R. Gray and Judy Gray; order granting motion



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Donuts
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TUESDAY
Cinnamon Toast
Juice
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Cereal
Toast
Raisins
Milk
THURSDAY
Hot Rolls w/Ham & Gravy
Applesauce
Milk
FRIDAY
Pancakes
Juice
Milk
LUNCH MONDAY
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Chips
Lettuce
Tomatoes
Peaches
Milk
TUESDAY
Sloppy Joes
Ranch Style Beans
French Fries
Blueberry Muffins
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Ham w/Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Hominy
Hot Rolls
Applesauce
Milk
THURSDAY
Nachos
Pinto Beans
Cobbler
Milk
FRIDAY
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Cookies
Milk

Baird Head Start Menu

WEEK OF MAY 17-21
BREAKFAST MONDAY
Breakfast Burritos
Pineapple Juice
Milk
TUESDAY
Oatmeal
Raisins
Apple Slices
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Hashbrowns
Sausage
Toast
Pineapple Juice
Milk
THURSDAY
Cereal
Bananas
Milk
FRIDAY
Scrambled Eggs
Toast
Orange Juice
Milk
LUNCH MONDAY
Lasagna Pie
Tossed Salad
Bread
Sliced Peaches
Milk
TUESDAY
Easy Bake Chicken
Rice
Corn
Bread
Orange Slices
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Hungarian Goulash
Carrots/Peas
Cornbread
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Milk
THURSDAY
Tuna Casserole
Green Beans
Pineapple Chunks
Milk
FRIDAY
King Ranch Casserole
Spanish Rice
Broccoli
Fruit Cocktail
Milk
SNACK MONDAY
Carrot Slices
Milk
TUESDAY
Blueberry Muffins
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Peanut Butter Cookies
Orange Juice
THURSDAY
Cinnamon Toast
Apple Juice
FRIDAY
Oatmeal Cookies
Milk

Obituaries

Olen Bailey "Odie" Cutbirth
ABILENE- Olen Bailey "Odie" Cutbirth, 64, of Abilene, Texas, died Tuesday, May 11, 1999 at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 13, 1999 at the Clyde Cemetery, Rev. H. B. Terry, Jr. officiating, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home. Mr. Cutbirth was born in Eula, Texas. He attended Clyde High School. He was a self employed mechanic, and had owned and operated Odie's Truck Service since 1975, retiring in 1998. He also had worked for Treanor Ford and M&G GMC Trucks.

He married Marilyn Harlean Steele in Abilene on June 3, 1955. He was a Baptist and a veteran of the National Guard.

Survivors are his wife, Marilyn Cutbirth of Abilene; three daughters, Marilyn Wagley and her husband, Richard of Abilene, Lesa Harris and her husband, Billy, of Baird, and Celia Cutbirth of Abilene; and four grandchildren, Stefani Wagley, Courtney Wagley, Belinda Harris, and Randy Harris.

Pallbearers will be Rodger Foster, Tommy Turner, Bryan Row, James Davis, Tony Castanon, and Theron White.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bill Jay, Jesse Reece, John Wooten, Scott Dueser, James Munson, Lawrence Johnson, Dan Dennis, and Tommy Howell.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

John Eugene Crow, Sr.
BAIRD- John Eugene Crow, Sr., 76, died Thursday, May 6, 1999 at an Abilene hospital.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8, 1999 at the Clyde Cemetery, Rev. Filey Fugitt officiated, directed by Bailey Funeral Home of Clyde.

Mr. Crow was born in Sherman. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and worked as a vending machine mechanic. He was the widower of Martha McCollum Crow, whom he married on July 14, 1944, in Waco. He was a Baptist.

Survivors are two sons, John Crow, Jr. of Hawley and James Crow of Kemp; one daughter, Linda Sue Webb of Kaufman; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Andra Davis McDonald Talbot
BAIRD- Andra Davis McDonald Talbot, 49, of Splendora, died Saturday, May 8, 1999 at a Houston hospital.

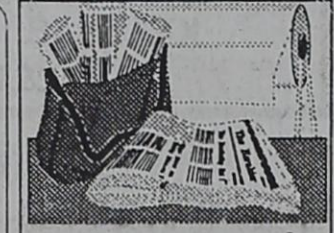
Graveside services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 1999 at the Ross Cemetery Annex, Rev. James and Johnnie Sanders officiated, directed by Parker Funeral Home of Baird.

Mrs. Talbot was born on March 21, 1950 in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. She had lived in Splendora for 7 years moving there from Portersville. She was a licensed vocational nurse and a member of the United Pentecostal Church. She married Charles "Chuck" Talbot on January 14, 1992 in Humble, Texas.

Survivors are her husband, Charles Talbot of Splendora; one daughter, Denise Johnson of Linden, TN.; one son, Allen McDonald of Rattan, OK.; five brothers, Lloyd Davis of Clyde, Leon Davis and Vernon Davis both of Tye, Michael Davis of Snyder, and Richard Davis of Beaumont; four sisters, Joyce Boyett and Paulette Maynard, both of Rattan, Sandra Willborn of Ballinger and Theresa Hansen of Waco; her father, Leonard Davis of Baird and her mother, Pauline Rose of Rattan, OK.; and numerous nieces and nephews.



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Worship Service, 10:50 a.m.;
Jr. High Youth, 5:30 p.m.;
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Wednesday Prayer, 7:15 p.m.
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Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.;
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Sunday evening, 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday morning worship, 10:45 a.m.;
Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.;
Wednesday night, 7:00 p.m.
EULA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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John Bill Hedrick, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday morning worship, 10:50 a.m.;
Sunday evening worship, 6:00 p.m.;
Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.;
Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.
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Jim Hall, Minister
So. 4th & Austin
893-4723
Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.;
Sunday worship, 10:55 a.m.;
Sunday evening worship, 6:00 p.m.;
Wednesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.
AREA CHURCHES
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Riley Fugitt, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.;
Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.;
Sunday evening, 5:00 p.m.;
Wednesday evening, 6:00 p.m.
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Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.;
Worship, 11:00 a.m.;
Choir practice 6:00 p.m.;
Sunday evening 7:00 p.m.;
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Poet's Corner by Susie Wylie

Nothing can be done, without God and His son
Lord let us hold dearly to the things that are good and true
Let's teach our children all about You
How can they go if they don't know
That love can change everything
For our Nation's color and race
Don't let our daughters and our sons
Come to school with their guns
Take their drugs not their hugs
Take their pills, not God's will
We have to teach them how to pray
Not how to go astray
They are exposed to rock and roll
Not the streets that's made of gold
They took God out of our courts and our schools
Not teaching them of the Golden Rules

Let's put God back where He belongs
In our country and our homes
The nail scared hands has set us free
He is waiting on you and me
Let's stand boldly before the throne
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Texas Senate cont. from front

jobs and technologies of tomorrow. Fortunately, the Texas Senate has prioritized education and tax cuts by fashioning a school finance bill that accomplishes both goals.

In recent days, with strong bipartisan support, the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 4, a \$2.6 billion school funding package containing the biggest public school funding increase in the history of Texas. SB 4 increases the minimum teacher salary by \$4,000 and improves teacher retirement benefits. The plan sends \$700 million to Texas school districts to help pay for old school construction debt. This infusion of new money will allow school districts to reduce local property taxes.

Thanks to the leadership of Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) and his fellow committee members, we are making an unprecedented commitment to permanently improving school facilities funding. When Senate Bill 4 becomes law, the state will be sending more than \$1 billion per biennium to local school districts to help build and repair school buildings and classrooms. Even more help will soon be on the way to help fast-growth school districts deal with the influx of new students.

To help mitigate the "Robin Hood" school funding scheme, SB 4 raises the equalized wealth level from \$280,000 to \$300,000 per student, removing several districts from Robin Hood or the threat of Robin Hood and helping countless others without undermining equity.

The Legislature is also considering a number of innovative ways to reward extraordinary teachers and improve academic performance. The Senate has passed legislation to end social promotion and provide teachers with the diagnostic tools, training and technology they need to get reading right in the early grades. We're creating a Master Reading Teacher program to reward specially trained reading teachers with state-funded bonuses of up to \$5,000.

We're tackling the issue of reducing school violence and juvenile justice problems. The Texas Senate recently approved \$31 million in funding for before- and after-school centers, places where children can go for additional learning, mentoring and athletic activities when school is out. We've also approved legislation allowing schools to implement a zero-tolerance policy for classroom violence.

Members of the Texas Senate are proving by word and deed that improving our public schools is the Texas Senate's top budget and policy priority this session.

Our version of the state budget spends 63 cents of every new dollar available on education. But Senators also recognize once the state's priorities are met, starting with the public schools, taxpayers deserve some of their money back in the form of tax cuts.

Senate Bill 4 includes about \$1.1 billion in property tax relief. In the near future, local school property taxpayers will carry less of the load as the state assumes a greater share of the school-funding burden.

Small business tax cuts, a research and development tax credit, and the elimination of sales taxes on consumer items like children's over-the-counter medicine, diapers, school clothes, and Internet access have all passed the Texas Senate with strong bipartisan support.

All together, when the Texas Legislature adjourns on May 31st, Texas families may well see tax relief approaching \$2 billion and the biggest increase in public school funding in the history of our state.

In recent years, sound financial leadership, balanced budgets, and a vibrant economy have been the hallmark of our state. As a result we have a record budget surplus this year. That surplus gives us a unique opportunity to dramatically improve school funding and cut taxes at the same time.

The Texas Senate is striking the right balance of teacher pay raises and benefit improvements, school construction and instruction funding, and significant tax cuts to ensure a bright and prosperous future for us all.

Recipe Corner

Savory Egg Skillet supper

- 1 teaspoon cooking oil
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 teaspoons low sodium instant chicken bouillon
- 2 cups shredded zucchini (about 3 small)
- 2 cups shredded carrots (about 2 large)
- 2 cups (about 6 oz.) frozen Western Style hash brown potatoes
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried dill weed
- 6 eggs

In 10-inch omelet pan or skillet, cook onion in hot oil until soft, about 3 to 5 minutes. Add water and bouillon. Stir until dissolved. Stir in vegetables and dill. Cover and cook over medium heat until heated through, about 10 minutes.

With back of spoon, make 6 indentations (about 2 inches in diameter) in vegetable mixture. Break and slip in eggs. Cover and cook until whites are completely set and yolks begin to thicken but are not hard, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Read The Classifieds

Creating A Reading America Little Red Hen Style

by Laurie Lee Bell

Laurie Lee Bell began teaching a first grade class mid-year in San Bernardino, California and was frustrated that the children could not read or spell. The previous teacher had been using the school's whole language based reading series, with little emphasis on phonics, and it wasn't working.

Bell asked the school district and university experts for an effective phonics program. They told her whole language was the way to go. Mr. Bell felt a void in the whole language method as she watched her students struggle with reading.

During summer vacation she explored phonics further. "I needed to be accountable to these children and to supplement what the school was using because reading skills are the foundation for all future learning in all subject areas," she says. After poring over thick manuals and books littered with technical jargon, Bell became frustrated, developed her own program, and implemented it the following year.

Initially, Bell had to sneak phonics instruction into her teaching as whole language does not advocate isolating and teaching specific

skills. Her principal's first response to Bell's method was, "Phonics, but it's a whole language year." However, after observing Bell's students succeed, her principal wanted the program for all the primary teachers by the next fall.

Bell had no time to seek out a large company to publish her program, so she started her own. Bell named her company Back to the Basics, reflecting her conviction that children need a firm foundation in the basics of reading and writing in the first grade.

Bell worked relentlessly to complete her program because of its potential to benefit millions of children and even struggling adults. Recently, Bell's Step by Step Phonics Makes Reading and Spelling Easy acquired national library distribution through Unique Books in St. Louis. Seven Hills Book Distributors in Cincinnati is promoting the title to consumer outlets. The well renowned Amazon.com is now featuring Bell's literacy program under the subject area "phonics" and it is getting out there to help children across America. Bell's dream of ending illiteracy is becoming clearer.

Religious Poetry Sought For Contest

A \$1,000 grand prize is being offered in a special religious poetry contest sponsored by New Jersey Rainbow Poets, free to everyone. There are 28 prizes in all totaling over \$2,000.

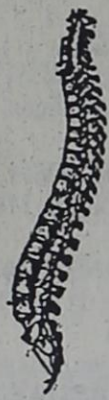
"We think great religious poems can inspire achievement," says Frederick Young, the organization's famous Contest Director. "We're especially keen on inspiring beginning poets and we think this competition will accomplish that. Texas has produced great poets over the years and we'd like to discover new ones from among the Baird-area grassroots poets."

To enter, send one poem only of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., Suite 70, Linden, NJ 07036. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is May 17, 1999. Poems may be written on any subject, using any style, as long as there is a spiritual inference. A typical poem might be a love poem, or nature poem, one that inspires. Winners will be notified by the end of September 1999, and will be invited for free publication. All entrants will receive a winner's list.

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Total Fat 5g	10%	Total Fat 5g	10%
Saturated Fat 3.5g	70%	Saturated Fat 3.5g	70%
Cholesterol 35mg	70%	Cholesterol 35mg	70%
Sodium 130mg	8%	Sodium 130mg	8%
Total Carbohydrate 13g	6%	Total Carbohydrate 13g	6%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%	Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 12g		Sugars 12g	
Protein 6g		Protein 6g	