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January Is School Board Recognition Month

Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Baird Independent School District is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge their commitment to our communities and schools.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless ours devoted by a group of more then 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas," said Lacy Hogue.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education," Hogue said. "They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commit-

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Baird Elementary Student Of The Week

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dividends.

Baird - Governor Rick ment on their part," Hogue

"We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Hogue. "These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools," he said.

The board members serving Baird Independent School District are Kenneth Brock, president; Miller Scott, vice president; Allen Wilson, secretary; Gerry McDowell; Burke Robinson: Jim Dyer Windham, Jr.; and Joe Clark.

Please join us in saluting these dedicated individuals who volunteer to participate in what is perhaps the purest form of grassroots democratic principles on which our country was founded.

submitted by the Baird Independent School District

The largest group receiv-

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1.2 million Veterans of World

War II with National Service

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tal payments to this group are

expected to reach \$416.8 mil-

will be paid out to some

11,000 Veterans holding U.

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continued inside



A DPS dive team recovers a gun believed to be the murder weapon in a shooting which occurred in Eastland County over the holidays. The dive team located the gun at about 1:40 p.m. on January 6, 2004 in a stock tank approximately 100 yards behind a deer camp where the victim of the shooting, James Matthew Walker, 44, had been found earlier by county law officials. The DPS dive team is made up of Troopers from all over Texas. Since their beginning the team have recovered approximately twelve weapons thought to be used in murders. The fastest they ever recovered a weapon was about fifteen minutes. It took about two hours on the 6th to locate the weapon but the temperature never got above freezing. The trooper in the pictures will be Ross Behrens and he will be stationed in Burnett, Texas. (Photo courtesy of Eastland County Sheriff's Department.)

County Officials To Proceed With New Districts Callahan Now Part Of 19th by Margaret Hetrick

The news of the Three of Nolan County. Judge Panel's ruling, regarding the redistricting federal court case, had barely hit the media, when a release from the State of Texas Secretary of State, Geoffrey S. Connor came over the fax.

The release reminded "County Judges and Commissioners, Voter Registrars, County clerks, and State and County Chairs" of the Court's Order "to proceed utilizing the new congressional districts enacted by the Texas Legislature."

What this boils down to, is that Callahan County is now a part of the 19th Congressional District.

Our 17th Congressional District, of which we were a part for many years, has slipped away into Central Texas.

The 19th Congressional District is a large district with a population of approximately 670,325 (2000 census), an area of 25,666.8 square miles, and 27 counties - including two part counties.

Callahan County - along with Eastland County - is on the Southeast corner of the 19th District, which consists of a small corridor of counties to the east and middle, and a large block of counties on the western side, stretching across the High Plains to the Texas/New Mexico bor-

On the east, the district juts up to the north of Eastland County to include Stephen, Young, and part of Archer County, - to the immediate west, Callahan remains with Taylor and part

Fisher and Kent County were chosen to be in the 19th, Scurry and Mitchell County will have to cast their fate with the 11th District.

far the largest population listed as 242,628 in the 2000 census. The City of Lubbock was listed as having a population of 199,564.

Even Compared to Callahan County's strong neighbor, Taylor County, with 126,555, it is obvious where the center of voting power in the 19th could lie.

Other larger cities in the new 19th are Big Spring (25, 233),Plainview (22,336), and Levelland (12,866).

Agriculture and oil are the major economies said to dominate the 19th District.

These economies are listed by some as our common interests.

It might be noted that, as far as agriculture is concerned, cotton - a top crop in the western part of the 19th has long wandered away from this area.

That leaves cattle and oil

communities Rural throughout the 19th District could find many similarities.

Stopping population decrease, enticing new industry to rural areas, and keeping the youth in the communities could be common interests and grounds for communication.

Even the two largest cities, Abilene and Lubbock, could find common goals.

Abilene City officials have never, however,

throughout the process of redistricting - voiced pleasure concerning the possibility of being thrown together with Lubbock in one district. Congressman Charles

Lubbock County has by Stenholm (D), representing the old 17th District, was to announce Tuesday that he will file to run in the newly formed 19th District. His apponent, among other possible filers, will be Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, .

Neugebauer has been a Congressman since June. Stenholm has served as U. S. Congressman since 1979.

Stenholm **Announces** Candidacy

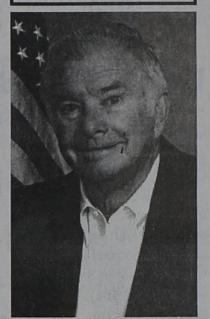
Incumbent U. S. Congressman Charles Stenholm (D) announced his candidacy for re-election for U.S. Congress in the 19th District on Tuesday, January 13, 2004.

The announcement was made in Abilene at the Briarstone Manor at 10 a.m. and in Lubbock at the Texas Tech University's Merket Alumi Center at 3 p.m.

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POLITICAL CALENDAR

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

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Troyce Williams. She is the daughter of Lee and Mel-

issa Owens.

Student of the Week is Holley Owens, 6th grade - Mrs.

Baird First Baptist Church Events:

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

Jan. 17, 2004 Training for AWANA Club. Van will leave church at 7:45 a.m. for Beltway Baptist Church, Abilene. Training over 1:00 p.m.

Jan. 18, 2004 Ladies Bible Study (Beth Moore Study, "Living Beyond Yourself") 4:00 p.m. fellowship hall.

Prayer time for anyone interested 5:00 p.m.

Jan. 25, 2004 Ladies Bible Study (:Living Beyond Yourself") 4:00 p.m. fellowship hall.

Prayer time for anyone in-

terested 5:00 p.m.

AWANA Club meeting for workers and helpers 8:00

Jan 26, 2004 Ladies Night Out. All ladies of the community pot luck supper and time tegether. Special speaker will be Charlotte Young, Pastor's wife from Quanah. Please plan to come and bring your neighbor.

Jan. 28, 2004 AWANA Club registration party for all children in the community. 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 15, 2004 World Hunawareness fundraiser. Bean and Cornbread lunch in fellowship hall following the morning service. All donations go to World Hunger.

Baird Elementary Honor Rolls

The Baird Elementary School is pround to announce the Honor Rolls for the 3rd six weeks grading period of 2003-2004. To qualify for the all A honor roll a student must have a 90 or above in every subject. To qualigh for the A-B honor rol a student must have at least two A's in academic subjects and nothing below an 80.

All A's

Menzies - 4th **Emily Sturiale** Hatfiled - 4th

Diller - 5th Michelle Robbins

None

S. Williams - 5th Alex Neal, Cody Hunter, Karen Pursley

Hughes - 6th Brittney Russo, Shelby Strickland

T. Williams - 6th Mitzy McDowell

A-B

Menzies - 4th Tyler White, Sarah Keith Hatfiled - 4th

Brent Bacon, Lee Bowen, Katelynn Mitchell, Ty Rhoads, Adam Slate

Diller - 5th Colton Fox, Mackenzie Keller, Adolfo Portillo, Jameson Rountree, Dejanira Valentin

S. Willitam - 5th Alexis Almanzar, Lauren Hare, Elisha Pritchett, Riley Edwards, Sara Kunick

Hughes - 6th Amber Clark, Kristen Burns, Alysa Isenhower, Courtney Nail, Rose Wansley

T. Williams - 6th Jenna Betcher, Holley Owens, Andrew Slate, Cassidy Miller

Angelo State Dean's List Released For 2003 Fall Semester

The Dean's List for the 2003 Fall Semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point

average on a 4.0 scale. The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from the Baird area: Evelyn Smalley Harris, interdisciplinary

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Baird '48 Study Club News

The Baird '48 Study Club met on Monday, January 12, 2004 in the home of Irma Crow at 7:30 PM.

President Tereva Hunter opened the meeting. Secretary Linda Hart called the roll and each member responded with a comment about a special gift that they had been given by a friend.

Linda Hart read the minutes for the November meeting and for the December meeting. There was no correspondence from the past month.

Joanie Shrader gave a report as Civic Committee chairperson on the upcoming birthday celebration at Canterbury Villa that will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2004. Each member is in- AUCTION FEB. 12TH. vited to attend.

The treasurer's report was given by Irma Crow for Treasurer Frances Greenway.

President Tereva Hunter 1.800. VENDING, 90 MACHINES-\$8,670. The asked for an annual report from each committee chairman. An annual report was also given by each officer.

Refreshments were pro- DRIVER: \$1500 Sign-On Bonus for FLATBED vided by Frances Greenway and Georgie Manion.

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Members present were Kristi Belcher, Barbara Corn, Irma Crow, Billie Ann Earp, Judy Gulley, Linda Hart, Pat Holland, Tereva Hunter, Amanda King, Georgie Manion, Sally McGregor, Sue McNeil, Chasity Pritz, Joanie Shrader, Joyce Smauley, Elaine Stephenson, Dyanne Thompson, Dana Voigts.

Three new members were introduced and attended the

Bell, Sundra Collins, Debbie McElmurray.

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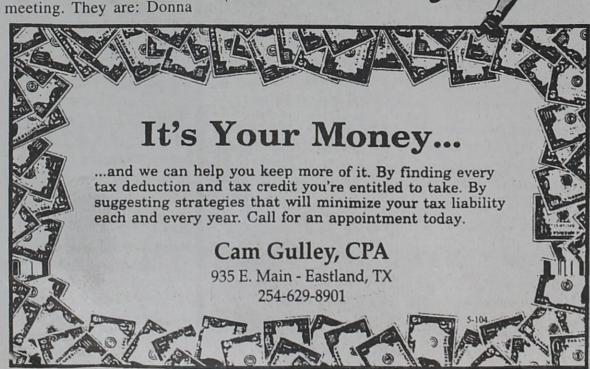
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

was the guest preacher at the church services were Bro. Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday December 4th. His wife, Faye, rendered the Browning, Jimmy Little, special music with Ruby Lee Johnnie B. Griffith and Kinser at the piano. "Happy Birthday‰ was sung to Durwood Burgess. Bro. Browning visited with Clarence and Leona Wilson were not feeling well and Browning on New Year's Eve were unable to be there.

We are glad Bro. Clarence and Leona were able to be with special music twice as the choir sang at the beginning of the Sunday morning service, and Woodrow and Helen Browning, with Ruby Lee Kinser at the piano sang a beautiful song for us. Those in the choir were Aletha Burgess, Kay Snider, Leona Wilson, Norma Webb, Ruby Lee Kinser, Helen Browning, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Daryl Hirst, Joe Bond, Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano. Our visitors were Judy and Sarah Porter of Elgin and Preston Lenora Anchorage, Alaska.

Those from the Kokomo Baptist Church going to the Heritage Manor in Gorman Sunday.

Bro. Jim Tilley of Ranger for the Sunday afternoon Clarence and Leona Wilson, Woodrow and Helen Nancy Hendricks.

Gary, Rebecca and Emily Woodrow and Helen night and New Year's Day.

Jimmy and Verna Little spent Tuesday night in back with us this past Arlington with Nelda and Sunday. We were blessed Jarad Fails. Jimmy and Verna were in Abilene on Thursday for a medical check-up for Jimmy, and he reports that he got a good report.

Zelda Jordan and Norma Webb were in Abilene on Thursday for Zelda's checkup with her knee surgeon and she got a good report.

Judy and Sarah Porter of Elgin visited with Oren and Norma Webb during the weekend.

Zelda Jordan visited with Sylvia Buchanan on Saturday.

Nancy Hendricks attended 50th Wedding the Anniversary celebration honoring Albert and Jo Ann White in Gorman on

Patterson visited with Jimmy and Verna Lee Little.

JIMMY AND VERNA LEE LITTLE CELEBRATE 50TH **ANNIVERSARY**

Ray Neal, Melissa and Emily Little, Nelda, Jarad and Cody Fails and James, Jill, Ashley and Breckley Little were hosts for a reception honoring their parents and grandparents, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary at the Kokomo Baptist Church fellowship hall on Sunday, December 14, 2003.

Jimmy and Verna Lee were married on December 19, 1953 in the home of her parents, the late Vern and Dora Garrett. Jimmy's parents were the late, John and Mamie Little.

The fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with net over blue cloth and small clear Christmas lights. The "bride's" white cake and the "groom's" chocolate cake were served with punch, mints and nuts.

Pictures depicting their lives through the years were displayed for all to enjoy.

A very large crowd attended, and they received beautiful congratulation cards and gifts which they really appreciate. They had a wonderful day and they thank everyone who were a part of it.

RENDALL FAMILY **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Bobby and Mary Jane dinner and musical on musicians who entertain us Little were hosts in their home for the Rendall Family Christmas celebration on Sunday, December 28th. Those enjoying the joyous occasion were Lenora Preston of Anchorage, Alaska, Beverley and Dwight Maxwell and Gayla and Peyton Cox, Dee, Billy and Breanna Maxwell all of Cleburne, Gerald and Judy Ervin of Odessa, Rudy and Pat Rendall and Robert and Jackie Rendall all of Midland, Margaret Rendall of Austin, Elizabeth Rendall of Bryan, Amanda and Anna Lee of Midland, Judy Hall of Cleburne, Aleisha Hall of New Orleans, Brad, Melanie, Baileigh, and Mckenna Hall of New Jersey, LaDawn,

Lewisville, and Terry, with their grandparents, Arlene, Andrew, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield of Tyler.

Andrew, Jonathan, Michael and Lauren Barfield Richardson of Alaska and

Betty Little and Karen Stacy and Alexis Snapp of of Tyler spent several days Bobby and Mary Jane Little during the Christmas holidays.

Aunt Mary Carey and Jean

Houston visited from Monday until Wednesday with Bobby and Mary Jane Little and Lenora Preston of Anchorage, Alaska, who was visiting with her sister and brother-in-law.

'Paycheck' Showing At Majestic This Weekend

new Paramount/Dream Works picture "Paycheck" will be at the Majestic Theater in Eastland next weekend. It stars Ben Affleck, Uma Thurman and other stars - a sign that the producers have pulled out all stops on this one.

The picture will open on Friday, Jan. 16, and show nightly at 7:30 through Monday, Jan.19.

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

This movie is rated PG-13, and parents are advised there is intense action, violence and brief language.

The script is adapted from a short story written in 1953 by Philip K. Dick. Maybe the world hasn't changed so much since then after all.

In the story, Michael Jennings (Affleck) is being hunted, but he doesn't know why. A famous genius hired by high-tech corporations for top-secret projects, Jennings routinely has his memory

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Now, with the help of Rachel (Uma Thurman), the woman he has worked with and loved for the past three years, Jennings is in a race against time to put the puzzles of his past together before his previous employers have him killed.

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> Some of the settings were eight figures for his latest created on sound stages, but a lot of the outdoor photography was done in Vancouver, British Columbia. There are also chase scene, some shooting scenes and others before the ending is finalized.

Immunization Clinic Set January 14

The Texas Department of Health will hold an immunization, clinic on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004 at 2895 I-20 West (WIC Clinic), Eastland from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:30

For more information call Cindy Johnson, R.N., 254-559-2205.

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When: January 20, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Where: 3610 Vine Street, Abilene, Tx 79602

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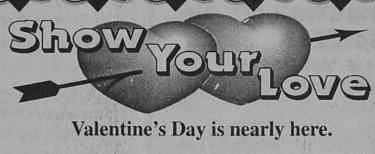
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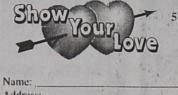
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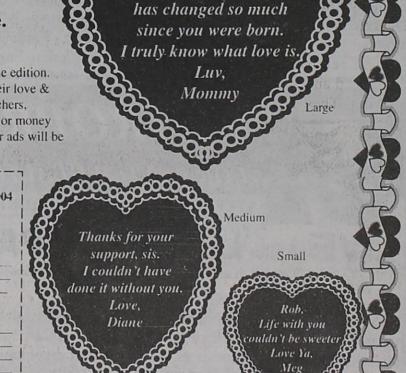
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Personally Speaking

What's In A Title? Ask Abilene, Disney, Bush

I saw a large signboard on Interstate 20 the other day promoting "Abilene- a Texas Original."

What, I thought, is original about Abilene?

Not even the name. About the time I started to school in Abilene in 1939, school children were fed the line that the name was taken from the Bible as one of the "cities of the plain", but the name was more likely borrowed from a much less saintly source. The cattle rest a day's ride north of busy Buffalo Gap was called "Little Abilene" by cowboys with a map in their heads who herded longhorn cattle north to the real Abilene in Kansas.

In the current drive to select a new motto to replace the time-worn "Key City" label--and the ludicrous interim term "Abilene, the Star of Texas", which Abilene dedicedly is not in any way that comes to mind--I'd suggest my favorite evalution: "When you live in Abilene, it's fun to go anywhere."

More accurate would be "Abilene, the Cross of Texas." ("The Buckle on the Bible Belt" would fit, but that phrase is rather shopworn among fundamentalist locales.)

likely to pick "Abilene: if it's failed in oil with enough fun, forget it."- as in pro money to buy two percent of hockey, baseball, racing, and smoking.

News came out with its first "Texan of the Year" award and made Abilene's pretensions seem minuscule, as the Texan award went to George W. Bush, who is about as Texan as a snail dinner-

which was what he was eating the first time I met him in Midland about 1977.

(I was editing a weekly paper out of Odessa and Midland at the time, and the exsister-in-law of Pinky Roden had gotten us together- as it turned out later, with an eye to my endorsing Bush in the upcoming congressional election. He ran against Kent Hance, I endorsed him, and he lost.)

And later on, while he was managing the Texas Rangers, Bush invited me to view a game from his private box-which I didn't do, mainly because I was busy and not all that fond of baseball. After he announced for Governor, it occurred to me that the point may have been to check me out for possible inclusion on the Bush for Governor

And the scary thing is I might have accepted, because I didn't know how anathematic were our outlooks until he got into office and started liquidating the Ann Richards surplus to make his presidential bid look reasonable.

"Texan of the Year". Which year? Bush was born in Connecticut; he lived in Odessa and Midland briefly while his dad was fiddling with the oil bidness after losing his own congressional race and waiting for a draft The committee is not by Ronald Reagan; Dubya the Texas Rangers, which he sold for some \$15 mill. and Then the Dallas Morning bought a ranch near Crawford.

> In the meantime, he had attended ritzy private Phillips Academy and Yale (under the Daddy's Boy plan) after failing to qualify for Texas Tech. **And how come** everybody native idyll?

Pioneer News

Happy New Year!! The quilting ladies are back at work again! After a month, we were all sooo glad to see each other. During our month off, Frankie Smith hosted our Holiday party. She did a fabulous job! Almost all our members were there. We missed Billie Freeman, but were so glad to have Trish Hutton and Betty Beggs with us. We had so much good food! We exchanged gifts. We all had a great time. Thanks to Frankie! The quilting ladies are

working on Charlene's " Flower Garden" Earlene's "Lone Star" tops. The rehab auction will be this week-end. Don't forget to look for our beautiful "Appliqued Tulip" quilt. There are several quilts from clubs around the area that have been donated to the auction. Earlene Burge enjoyed the holidays, having Christmas at Dee Ann and Andrew Chisholm's and we all had dinner at Andrew's brother, Kenneth Chisholm's home. There were seventeen for dinner. Last Saturday, Jessica and Jack Stultz and Earlene went to Denton to see Rudolph and Sarah Brown. We met Sarah's two sisters and brother plus so children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. We couldn't count them as they were coming in and out. We enjoyed the meal everyone put together and the fellowship. It was a very nice

Glenda Phillips had her Children home Thanksgiving. They all had their Christmas then. Everyone had a good time. opening their gifts. Glen open her gifts. (ask Charlene Dale and Sonya do not get to and she'll show you pictures) come in at both times. Glenda went to Allen and Janice's Christmas morning to see the kids get gifts. She went to her sisters on Christmas evening and spent

pronounces the name of the Disney classic movie "Fantasia" as if it were Fan-TAYzhuh, instead of Fahn-tuh-SEE-yuh, French for imagithe night. Glenda attended the New year's eve party at the Rising Star Church of Christ. Everyone had a great time and lots of good food. Wanda and Don Nelson came by to see Glenda Saturday afternoon. They said they were missing the Pioneer news and would be glad when we get back to quilting. (Well, here we are Wanda and Don! Come down to see us!)

Jean Fore and sister Vi Harlow of Cross Plains enjoyed Christmas and New Year's with their nephew and niece, Grasson and Myrtle Harlow at Atlanta, TX. They also visited their niece and nephew Johnny and Calleen Clayborn and children in Hope, Arkansas. Harlow's returned them home and visited a while.

Charlene Chesshir had two Christmases. One with he Texas children on the Sunday before Christmas at the Dallas home at Lake Leon. Charles and Kathy and their children were there. Melanie was home from college and John and Summer and baby, Samuel were there from Conway, Ark. Jim had to work, so he didn't get to come. He has been sick ever since he was here on Thanksgiving. (Jim that is called to much Turkey!). However, he has been down the past week-end-still coughing. (woops—that not turkey) The second Christmas, Nancy took Charlene to Love Field in Dallas to board a Southwest flight to Oklahoma City. Son, John, met the plane and took her to his house in Edmond. They had a great time watching little - Mia, The kids always enjoy Charlene's great grandbaby, All the family and some family friends were there for Christmas dinner. Margaret out did herself cooking. Wow, that was something if she could beat Charlene's cooking). John and the girls helped some. Margaret took Charlene shopping the day after Christmas. She got her some new shoes and a purse. She came home on Saturday the 27th and Christy and Jody picked her up. It was a

wonderful holiday!

One day during the first week of December, Laverne visited her brother, Bob Dean, and sister, Betty Haslan of Clyde. They met at Betty's house and enjoyed a great visit together. Xmas day, Cowan and Laverne's daughter, Wanetta, of Brownwood had dinner with them. Their son, Danny, visited in the afternoon. On Saturday the 27th forty one members of the Hutton family gathered at Cowan's and Laverne's for a meal together, a Chinese gift exchange, games, and a lot of visiting. Their friends, Leon and Jerry Shedd visited them New Year's Day. After Bible Study on New Year's Eve, Cowan and Laverne attended the New Year's Eve gathering in the fellowship hall and helped bring in the New Year.

Frankie Smith enjoyed her children Bobby and Roxie Nance, Joey and Stephenie Nance, Scott and Wendy Nance, and Steve and Shirley Harrellson for the Christmas holiday. She missed her granddaughter, Laura Rankin, of Austin being with her on Christmas. Jean Fore and Frankie traveled, Friday night to the Putman musical.Saturday, they attended the Scranton musical. Monday, Frankie went to the

Cross Timbers Ass. meeting in Brownwood with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rankin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith, also Lequitta Rankin. They all enjoyed the supper, singing

and preaching. (Wow! do you wonder how Frankie has time to shell all the pecans that she does!)

James and Jean Alexander and May Jones attended the graduation of James's and Jean's grandson, Jack Alexander. He graduated form ACU with a major in Business. We are very proud of Jack. He is back in Richardson now. Jim, Marla, and Ashley Alexander came by to pick up James, Jean, and M.y to go to the graduation, then, they spent the weekend here. Will Alexander and friend Jack Weir of Richardson visited with his grandparents, James and Jean over the holidays. They did some hunting and fishing and just relaxing. Later in the month, James ans Jean spent Christmas with their children Jim, Marla, Doss, Jack, Will, and Ashley in Richardson.

D. P. and May Jones spent a couple days with their grandson, Pate Jones, in Springfield, Mo. Skip Jones and Cassie and her children, Dee, Jessie, and Jacob of Corpus Christi spent the Week end with DP and May They all had a great time. Wow! Did we ever have a lo of catching up to do! Hop: you all didn't get to tired of reading.

Basketball time! Go out and support your local teams. We have some good one around

Word of wisdom: Better keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see he world. - G.B. Shaw



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Submitted by Jim Bruton

Income From Investments?

two key reasons: growth and income. If you re looking for before you touch your taxgrowth, you'll need to invest deferred plans. By following in stocks that have the this strategy, you can keep potential for capital appreciation. But if you also want to get income from your deferred basis until you must investments, you've got some start taking withdrawals at choices to make.

You can, of course, invest in fixed-income vehicles. Security? such as bonds. Bonds typically pay regular interest taking these payments? payments, and, as long as the Again, there's no one right bond is held until maturity, answer for everyone; you'll the principal amount is have to weigh a variety of returned, provided the issuer factors, including your other doesn't default- a risk you sources of income, your age can greatly reduce by at retirement and your purchasing only those bonds that have received the highest mind that, although you can grades from independent start taking Social Security at rating agencies.

However, you can also get income by investing in stocks that I ave a history of paying dividends- and now, since the tax rate on dividends has been cut, these investments may look even more attractive.

In the short term, most common stocks will typically offer lower income than bonds or CDs. But many high-quality stocks have consistently increase their annual dividends- which means you have the potential for rising income.

That's not to say you should abandon your bonds in favor of dividend-paying stocks. No matter how high the quality of the stocks, they 311 will still carry more investment risk- at least in terms of potential loss of principal- than high-quality bonds. So, when you're investing for income, you will likely want to choose the mix of dividend-paying stocks and bonds that best fits your individual risk tolerance and long-term goals.

Income strategies during retirement

You'll always need to know how to get income from your investments. But it's particularly important to make the right choices during your retirement years. At this time of your life, you'll need to look beyond the issue of bonds vs. stocks to a new dimension: Which sources of retirement income should you tap first?

To answer this question, you'll have to take stock on where your retirement income is coming from. You can probably anticipate drawing from three main tax-deferred sources: accounts (such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or other employersponsored plan); taxable savings and investments; and Social Security.

The exact formula you choose for getting income from these three separate pools will depend on your **CROSSWORD ANSWER**

How Should You Get individual needs and circumstances. However, it You can invest for at least may be a good idea to spend down your taxable savings these account earning potentially growing on a taxage 70 1/2.

When should you start expected life span. Keep in age 62, your monthly checks

will be larger if you wait until your full retirement age, which can be anywhere from 65 to 67. For every year past your normal retirement age that you delay collecting benefits, you'll get "bonus" payments, which can be substantial. Once you reach 70, you'll have earned the largest monthly payment you're going to get.

Your financial professional can help you determine the appropriate How about Social strategies for drawing on your investment income and plans. retirement Maintaining a sufficient level of income is obviously essential to your financial well being-so you'll want to make all the right moves.

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Market Price Drop For Cattle Not As High As Expected At Area Auctions

by Margaret Hetrick

Some local cattle producers describe the outbreak of BSE, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, (also known as Mad Cows Disease) - in the U.S. as a "potential disaster"

Only one case of the brainwasting illness has been found to this date in the U. S. - and that from an infected dairy Holstein in Washington

An immediate effect, however, was a market decline in beef prices, and a ban on U. S. beef by a substantial amount of countries.

It is now almost certain, however, that the souce of the infected animal was Canada.

This has helped to restore confidence in U.S. beef, and a probable lifting of export bans.

"If Japan decides to come on board again [lift the ban], that will have a big positive effect," said Mr. Horn of the Texas Cattle Exchange in Eastland County.

Horn reported that prices for cows were steadily high at thier latest auction, and that prices for calves were 8-13 cents off the December highs.

2003 had seen record profits in the Texas cattle

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has initiated serval courses of action since the outbreak, including a ban on meat from "downer" cattle (can not walk or stand on their own).

Cattle at a higher risk of BSE because of age will be tested more rapidly, and their meat will not be processed until test results are returned.

Although the transmission of the infection to humans is highly unlikely, it does happen with a variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Since the outbreak of BSE in Britain in the 1980s, it is reported that 153 people worldwide have contracted the human form.

In humans, as well as in cattle, the disease is brainwasting and eventually fatal, which explains the over all fear surrounding BSE.

No connection between Texas and the infected Holstein has been found, Texas state veterinarian Bob Hillman stated.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 15.5 million of the nation's 103.9 million cattle were in Texas. Texas cattle operations contribute \$16 billion yearly to the economy, the State Ag. Department stated.

Prices for non-premium livestock could be affected by the overall drop in market prices at upcoming livestock shows throughout the Big Country.

Premium prices for grand champions and other prize animals are not expected to drop to such a large degree.

The Callahan County Junior Livestock Show is scheduled for Jan. 15-17 in Cross Plains.

Eastland County Livestock Show is Feb. 11-



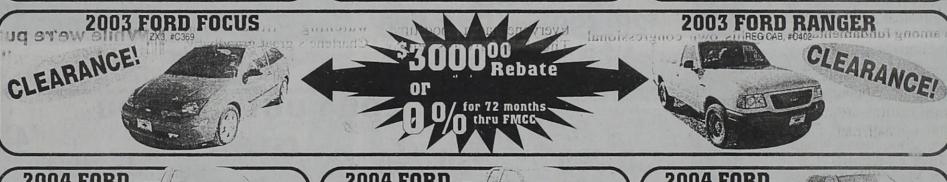
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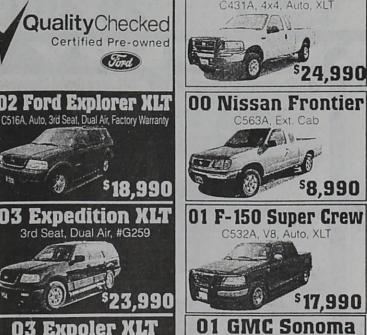






















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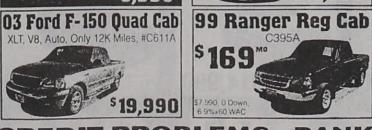


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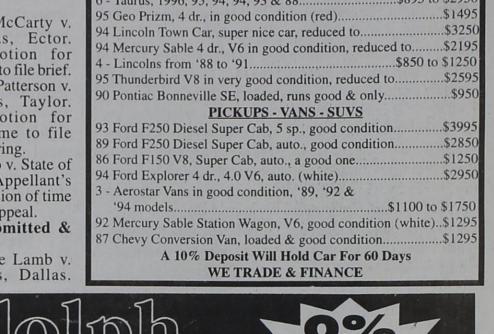
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Just Remembering

By Jasper Cook

I read the Austin American Statesman newspaper every morning while I am at the breakfast table. As you should expect, at my age I make sure I read the obituaries. A few days ago the name Ray Kennedy caught my eye. immediately recognized the deceased as a classmate of mine back in Cisco.

started to school with me at East Ward School in 1921. Mrs. Weir was our teacher and Mr. Buford Isaacs was our Principal.

I remember when our first grade teacher asked if anyone could entertain the class, Ray spoke up and said, "J..W. can play the harmonica."

They finally persuaded me to play, but I doubt if there was very much music in my performance.

Ray and Fay became very close friends of mine and we spent a lot of time playing together.

Ray became a Baker in his adult life, in fact, he operated a bakery in Cisco for a while. He was production manager for Cuneo' Bakery and later, Mrs. Johnson's Bakery, both in Austin.

He was also a Deacon at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Austin for 57 years.

I visited his family at the Funeral Home the other night and said good-bye to a good friend that I have known for more than 82 years. " . I It is too bad that we only

have a High School Reunion every five years. We lose quite a few of our classmates in between those dates.

I remember the School Reunion when the decision was made to meet every five years. The late Carl Moates stood and said, "You should have one every six months if you want to see some of us again." My friend, Carl Moates, is not around any more to attend any reunions. Carl was correct. Life is a very fleeting thing. That is one of the reasons my telephone bill is so high every month. I call so many of my friends, just to hear their voices and to let them know I'm still here.

My wife and I lost track of some friends from Mineral Wells about five years ago. I

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searched the white pages, the Internet, and many other avenues of information, , but could not find them. The husband passed away and the wife and daughters simply vanished. I gave up on the idea of finding them again. Last week I answered my telephone, and lo and behold, the party on the phone was the lady we had been looking Ray, and his sister Fay, for. They had been searching for us! The mother and one daughter drove all the way from Mineral Wells to Cisco and visited us at the Cisco Opry where I was

> sign of real friendship. I learned long ago that a person cannot have too many friends, especially good Christian friends. Ray Kennedy was that kind of friend, and he lived by the Golden Rule. I am proud to have had him as a lifelong friend. I shall miss him.

performing. To me, that's a

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CJC Announces Dean's List

students are on the recently Cisco; Teresa Kennedy, released Dean's List for the Remington O'Dell of Cross fall semester of 2003.

students earning a 3.5 or Howard, Edna Slavens, Chad better grade point average on Walker all of Eastland; a 4.0 system.

List were:

Sherrie Anaya, Crystal Coslett, Brandon Elizalda, Shawna McLean, Patrick Clyde.

Cisco Junior College Pitts, Chris Thompson all of Plains; David Hatton, The Dean's List includes Anthony Howard, Virginia Chelsea Tribble of Ranger; Students making the Dean's Robert Brumley, George Hines of Rising Star; Aaron Tana Grissom of Carbon; Collins, Amanda Manning, Ann Reed allof Baird; Oscar Chabarria, Tamarin Cooley, Renea Gary, Melanie Tiffani Hagan, James Noon, Gonzales, Julie Holleman, and Emma Reynolds all of

CJC Announces President's List

Cisco Junior College Rogers and Emily Winfrey of students are on the recently released President's List for the fall semester of 2003. President's List have made a straight "A" record on a 4.0 system. Students making the Floyd, Trista Ingram, George Danielle Rivard, Joy Tosu, Misty Vaughn, Alissa Winnett all of Cisco; Carrie

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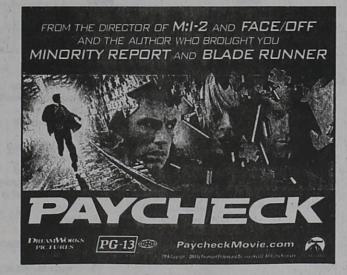
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The Idle American

By Dr. Don Newbury

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THE event is now just days away. Eyes will see, and ears will hear, sights and sounds never before offered to megamillions who'll be watching. I refer, of course, to Super Bowl XXXVIII! No, not the game, silly. It may be a yawner, most of them are. I'm talking NEW TV commercial that will be out it de first time. While the games aren't scripted (are they?), Madison unhappy Avenue advertising wizards have worked long into nights to be major league is to encourage us folks in the buy whatever they're trumpeting, preferably right after the game....

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We hear little about horses disgruntled goats, but ONE mad cow has impacted the weekends and deep into beef industry by billions of dollars. And virtually clever. Their aim, of course, EVERY news clip about Mad Cow Disease has featured trenches to run right out and that poor bovine in England, about a decade ago. dragging her carcass across the TV screen. WHAT IF, on Super Bowl Sunday, they find a

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sad old cow from another Before TV, when we if stadium connections went down, we would be treated to "an interlude of music." Such an interlude would be preferable to news of folks with the flu and cows with the mad....

a church youth minister church. During services, he was edgy as he watched dozens of siting youngsters pouring to the sanctuary. Worric there might not be enoug food, he slipped awa to Fellowship Hall. (1 the cookie table, he pla ed a sign: 'Please take just two brownies. Remember, God is watching you."

He didn't notice that a junior high boy had When the followed. minister left, the youngster placed this sign on the sandwich table: "Take all the sandwiches you want. God is watching the brownies..."

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One Rose by any other name would be welcomed by both baseball and horticulture. Why couldn't he have been named Pete Dandelion? Whatever, his hollow regrets admissions of gambling offered at the very time he's releasing a half-million copies of his book seem just

like, well, hollow regrets. Thoughts of watching flu (Perhaps his major regret is shots being injected and a that he got caught....) His admission to the Hall of century during the Super Fame would dishonor what Bowl are a dreary prospect. the hallowed hall stands for. Let's get on to the next listened to game broadcasts, topic.... In effect, Rose has won again. With all his publicity, no doubt his book already is headed for multiple printings....

The next topic involves the vaunted Fourth Estate, the world of newspapers. Most At a previous Super Bowl, newspapers promise up-tothe-minute news, from planned a big party at around the world or down the street....

> At least one Texas newspaper, however, claims "King's X" at holiday time, giving staff-and the printing press-some down time. On the front page, this item appeared: "...Offices closed December 24 and won't be open for business again until Monday, Jan. 5. You won't miss a single issue.... we got them all done before we took vacation."

This brings to mind the late great Elston Brooks, longtime entertainment writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. In his columns announcing upcoming vacations, he always mentioned: "You'll notice I didn't say "welldeserved, vacation!" End of the lines; everybody

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Spotlight By Julia Worthy

occurred to me how easy it would be to set a personal record for achievement in anything.

Now, I have set one - - strictly my own - - - though anyone else is welcome to set his/her own, too. I would not mention it this early in 2004, but I feel positive it will not be broken the entire year. For the first time in my long-

term-memory, I have not broken a New Years Resolution nor will I in the coming months. Why so sure? Sin plicity, itself. And yes, I feel s aple for only now arriving at the conclusion that I can avoid breaking resolutions by ... ot making any in the first place.

It is no chore at all to eat black-eyed peas (and cornbread) for luck for the New Year. I like both peas and bread, and I would feel a bit cheated if they didnt show up at the dining table. Resolutions tended to nag me, whether I made them or not. It was bad enough when it became a chore to remember what I'd promised myself to change, but when I fretted because I forgot to observe one or two - - - or three or four - - - or more, that it became a little too much, and all my good resolutions were likely to be chucked to the four

F or several years, I followed the example set by my fatherin-law. He held that

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59. Caesar's sidekick,

61. "And, after all, what

66. Long ____ Tomorrow

is ____?" (Byron)
62. Carnival attraction

64. Baby protector

(1971 film)

67. Pan cover

56. Foe

63. Sharp

Mantle

Until this year, it never had resolutions for changes should be made on birthdays. I tried this, and I believe it did work for me better than on New Years. However, eventually those, too, went by the wayside. I havent been much for resolutions since we quit staying up until midnight to see the New Year in. (I noticed early-on that January 1st arrived at its set pace whether I paid any attention to it or not.)

> resolutions and the record for not breaking them has stirred other thoughts in the convoluted thingy understand is my brain. Deciding that I would no longer make nor keep resolutions just because everyone (?) else does led me to believe that everyone can set a record. If an individual has a recognized

goal and achieves it, is that

This concept of

not a Record? The point is not destroyed if someone else has the same goal and achieves a higher score for completion than you do. You have set your record if you have worked hard enough to do the very best that you can do, and that record will stand. As I see it now, the only thing to guard against is fooling yourself by settling for less than your best.

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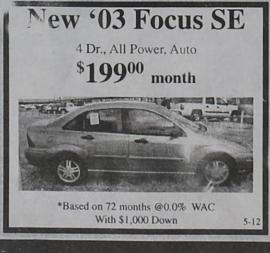
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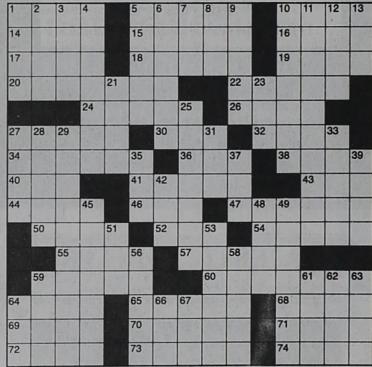
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ance "K" policies. Nearly 200,000 Korean War era Veterans who have maintained Veterans Special Life Insurances "RS" and "W: policies can expect to receive dividends totalling \$8.3 million. World War II era Veterans who hold Veterans Reopened Insurance "J", "JR", and "JS" will share a \$14 million dividend.

During 2004, Veterans will receive payments on the anniversary date of their policies. Annually some scuttle butt goes around suggesting that those who have not maintained insurance are eligible for a special dividend if they contact VA. THIS IS FALSE INFO. Dividends are automatically sent to ELI-GIBLE POLICY HOLD-ERS and to them only. For all insurance questions other then the above rumor, Veterans may call 1-800-669-8477, send an E-mail to VAinsurance@vba.va.gov, or may visit the web site at www.insurance.va.gov.

A NEW BOOK----THEY MARCHED INTO SUN-LIGHT, War and Peace, Vietnam and America, October 1967 by David Maraniss (Simon & Schuster, \$29.99).

Mr. Maraniss, the author of, among other books, FIRST IN HIS CLASS, an excellent biography of Bill Clinton, zeroes in on two noteworthy but heretofore little examined events that took place at the same time in October, 1967 ---- the virtual destruction of a battalion of U.S. Army 1st Infan-PVMT/WHITETOPPING in try Division troops in the and the violence that broke out on the University of Wisconsin campus during a student protest against the Dow Chemical Company.

The writer backs up firstrate writing with exhaustive research including a personal interview with Vo Minh Triet, who commanded Viet Cong forces in the Long Nguyen Secret Zone, the unit that ambushed undermanned elements of the 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division in Lai Khe north of Saigon.

His analysis of the events in Vietnam and Madison, Wisconsin are even handed, letting the reader judge who was right and who was wrong in both places.

COLA ADJUSTMENTS---- The January 1, 2004 checks received by Veterans, their dependents and survivors reflected a 2.1% increase as a Cost of Living Adjustment. This is the same percentage of increase awarded to recipients of Social Security benefits.

THE ENOLA GAY----A thoroughly restored B-29 Bomber, the ENOLA GAY, is now the centerpiece of the annex to Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Dulles, Virginia. The NOLA GAY helped

bring World War II to an end when it dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiorshima, Japan on August 6, 1945.

The new center will house 200 aircraft and 135 large space artifacts that cannot be displayed at the Air & Space Museum in Washington, D. C. because of their size.

The B-29 will be propped 8 feet off the floor to leave room to display other aircraft under its 141 foot wingspan.

A salute to all of those gallant men who flew the 29s and especially to the ground crews that kept the planes in flying condition.

TAPS----The ENOLA GAY now has a final resting place as do so many of our World War II military personnel.

Callahan County is not excluded when the last call is

Our losses of the last three months include Darrell Young, USA, Harold Ray Morgan USN, George K. Turner, Sr., USMC, Franzel Odom USA, Don Max Loper USMC, O. B. Spence USA, James H. Lively USN, Robert Norman USAAF, Donald G. Zant USN, James T. Dugan Seabees, F. P. "Jiggs" Shackelford USAAF, Raymond E. Patton USA, Charles O. Whitmire USN, John D. Edwards USA, William L. Garrett USA, Willie A. Feely USA, Denver C. Collins USA, Sam McBride USAAF, James R. Steele USA, and James "Jay" Ashlock USAAF B-17 pilot.

Please extend your condolences to the families of these brave warriors who served their country so well.

submitted by Tom Ivey, Veterans Service Officer, Callahan County, Texas

Baird I. S. D. **School Lunch** Menu

Wednesday. Jan. 14 Oven Chicken, Mash Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Milk

Thursday, Jan. 15 Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Rice Krispies, Milk Friday, Jan. 16 Staff Development

Monday, Jan. 19 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Po-

Milk Tuesday, Jan. 20 Burritos, Chili & Cheese, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Brownies, Milk

tatoes, Green Peas, Rolls,

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U. S. Supreme Court Asked **To Block New Districts**

by Viola M. Payne

On Friday, Jan. 9 Democratic lawyers asked the U.S. Supreme Court to stop use of the new Congressional Districts while the case is being appealed to the high court.

This was three days after a Federal panel in Austin ruled that the new map approved by the State Legislature met legal requirements.

A brief was filed with Justice Antonio Scalia, who has jurisdiction to issue stays in Texas. The lawyers argued that allowing the 2004 elections to go ahead under a plan that might be thrown out would be unfair to voters and U.S. House incumbents who might lose their seats.

Opinions vary on what the Supreme Court will do on the case - if anything.

Attorney General Greg Abbott says that he considers it unlikely that the U.S.Supreme Court will decide to hear the appeals, much less that Scalia will issue an order blocking the new map's use.

Others say there are many issues at stake. Presently the high court is deciding on a case in Pennsylvania that may affect the Texas case.

Legal experts define some of the issues as what, if any, limits should be set on the pursuit of party advantages when districts are being drawn, and how often can they be redrawn?

Another issue, experts say, springs from the effect the Texas plan has on Black and Hispanic voters, who argue that their political strength is not fully reflected in the new districts.

The Court will be asked if new laws need to be passed that go beyond the Federal Voting Rights Act, which was adopted a number of years ago.

And what about basic, ordinary voter's rights many people are minorities in some sense, either in livelihood, wealth. or where they live. Farmers and ranchers feel like they are a true minority these days, and have little representation.

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even if the Court does - how long will it take? Courts are sometimes slow and ponderous.

In the meanwhile, forced by circumstances, U.S. Congressional candidates are re-filing in different districts this week and making new plans for campaigning.

We will see how it all

Thursday, January 15, 2004

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Murder Weapon Believed Used In Kokomo Shooting Found In Tank by Margaret Hetrick

Eastland County Sheriff Wayne Bradford said today that law officers here are tying up lose ends in the Dec. 31, 2003 shooting incident.

The incident, which occurred near the community of Kokomo in Eastland County, left James Matthew Walker, 44, dead.

The victim was found fatally wounded in his truck after two men reported the shooting early on the morning of Dec. 31 at the County Sheriff's office. in Eastland.

Walker had been on a hunting trip with his brotherin-law and a friend in Eastland County. All three men were from the Metroplex area.

Walker's brother-in-law,

James Stogner, 52, was arrested and charged with murder. The arresting officer was Eastland County Chief Deputy Robert Rains.

Stogner has been released on a \$500,000 bond.

A DPS dive team found a firearm believed to be the murder weapon in a stock tank near where the incident occurred, Sheriff Bradford reported.

On Thursday, Chief Deputy Rains and a Texas Ranger took evidence related to the case to the DPS lab in Austin for analysis and com-

Among other things, bullet comparison was to be made, the Sheriff said.

Son Of Clyde Residents Defends Freedom Under Sea by Mea Williams

On Board USS Nebraska - Among the U. S. Navy's most powerful arsenal of high-tech defense weapons is the ballistic missile nuclearpowered submarine, USS Nebraska (SSBN 739), homeported in Bangor, Wash. This Trident-class vessel was strategically designed to fulfill the survivability and capability requirements for a sea-based deterrent platform, as well as for operations throughout the next century.

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USS Nebraska's primary mission is to organize strikes, perform special operation force insertions, and support intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. The daily operations of USS Nebraska rely completely on the crew on board with job skills of each Sailor vital to the success of the overall mission. "I have contributed the most in the torpedo division," said the husband of Samantha Branch and father of two. "I came into the Navy with a specific job title so I decided to be a torpedo man. By my decision, I am helping an undermanned division successfully complete all tasks given to me."

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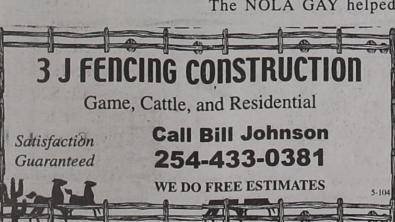
proved maintainability, reliability and availability make living on USS Nebraska interesting. Branch spoke about the exciting aspects and challenges that come along with the experience of staring Mother Nature straight in the face. "I like going to the bridge on the surface to see the dolphins, whales, sharks, destroyers and other submarines. It is exciting to break apart guns, put them back together, crawl inside torpedo tubes and shoot a torpedo tube." Branch said the most exciting aspect of them all are the drills.

When not patrolling the depths of the ocean, Branch enjoys repairing small and large engines and working on automobiles, as well as spending time with his family.

With the combination of today's most advanced technology and the skills of submariners like Fireman Jerome Branch and his fellow shipmates, USS Nebraska is equipped with the necessary tools to carry out its mission and to fight any potential enemies who attempt to threaten the United States.

(Mea Williams is a journalist at the Navy Public Affairs Center Norfolk, VA.)

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Baird Varsity, JV Girls Top Cross Plains In District Games

The Baird Varsity Girls and the JV Girls both topped Cross Plains in their first District 10-A basketball games of the season.

Baird Varsity Girls pulled ahead of Cross Plains in the first two quarters, heading for a win of 56-47.

McDowell put 18 points on the score board for the Bear Varsity Girls in the game. She was followed with 10 for Bell and Harris with 8.

Dillard was the top scorer for Cross Plains with 15 points.

After Friday's game with Cross Plains,

Baird Varsity Girls showed a District record of 1-0.

Baird JV Girls defeated Cross Plains JV with a clear-cut victory of 46-23.

Other Friday District 10-A scores: Albany VG wins over Ranger 62-34; Albany JV - 50-15.

Baird Varsity Boys and JV Boys will meet Cross Plains on Friday, Feb. 13.

Baird JVG, JVB, VG, and VB teams met Al-

bany on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Scores for those games were not yet available

Baird Bears challenge the Gorman Panthers on Friday, Jan. 16.

The games are scheduled to be played in Gorman, beginning 4:00 p.m.

JVG, JVB, VG and VB teams will be participating.

Go Bears!

Basketball Scores

Girls

Baird 56, Cross Plains 47

Baird 16 19 12 9 - 56

Cross Plains 8 14 13 11 - 47

Baird - Windham 6, Russell 5, Neal 4, Swieeney 2, Moore 3, Harris 8, McDowell 18, Bell 10.

Records - Baird 1-0

JV Score - Baird 46, Cross Plains 23

Basketball Schedule

High School

Mon.-Wed., Dec. 29, 30, 31, There, TBA, VG, VB
Fri., Jan. 2, Throckmorton, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Tues., Jan. 6, Munday, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Fri., Jan. 9, Cross Plains, There, 6:30, JVG, VG
Tues., Jan. 13, Albany, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Fri., Jan. 16, Gorman, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Tues., Jan. 20, Ranger, Baird, 4:00, JVB, JVB, VG, VB
Fri., Jan. 23 TBA

Tues., Jan. 27, Cross Plains, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Fri., Jan. 30, Albany, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Tues., Feb. 3, Gorman, Baird, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Fri., Feb. 6, Ranger, There, 4:00, JVG, JVB, VG, VB
Tues., Feb. 10, TBA

Fri., Feb. 13, Cross Plains, There, 6:30, JVB, VB

Junior High

Jan. 5, Gorman, Here, 5:00, 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G
Jan. 12, Ranger, There, 5:00, 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G
Jan. 17, Cisco Tourney, There, TBA, TBA
Jan. 19, Abilene Christian, Here, 5:00, 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B
Jan. 26, Cross Plains, There, 6:00, 7B, 8B, 8G
Jan. 29 & 31, Albany Tourney, TBA, TBA, TBA
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Feb. 2, Albany, There, 6:00, 7B, 8B
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