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**REAL COOL PAW KEEPERS** - When Pudgie gets out of the office of Gene James Air Conditioning on hot days, the sun-baked sidewalk is scorching, compared with the indoor setting. So Pudgie's owner, Ruth James, purchased some booties to keep the paws comfortable.

## Another local man charged with forgery

For the second consecutive week, Iowa Park police reported making an arrest on a forgery charge.

David Ray Meissner, 28, was taken into custody Tuesday afternoon while attempting to pass an alleged forged check.

Police said he was attempting to deposit \$100 of a \$400 check, and sought to get the remaining \$300 in cash.

He was picked up at the drive-in window of Norwest Bank at 5:55 p.m., and transported at 10 p.m. to the county jail.

Monday of the previous week, Stephen Decker, 27, also was arrested on a charge of forgery. He was placed in the county jail, under a \$5,000 bond.

Two other arrests were included on the week's police blotter.

Ricky Dean Weber, 39, was taken into custody Friday evening in the 1400 block of Johnson Road, on a charge of driving while his license was invalid, repetition. He was jailed under a \$500 bond.

Shortly after midnight Wednesday, Josh Randy Depremo, 36, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. The arrest occurred when

an officer on patrol in the 1100 block of South Colorado reportedly observed a disturbance.

Depremo was released at 4:50 a.m. after promising to appear in municipal court, according to the blotter entry.

Four criminal mischief complaints were filed with police during the week, all involving juveniles.

A resident told police at 9:48 p.m. Friday that two male juveniles were walking in the area of Diamond and Colorado, striking mail boxes with what appeared to be a baseball bat.

The youths were picked up, and held for their parents, who agreed to make restitution.

Parents of two other male juveniles, under 10 years of age, also agreed to make restitution after their sons had reportedly broken out a window in the front of Kidwell Elementary building.

That case was reported at 11:42 a.m. Saturday.

A resident in the 500 block of West Texas told police Monday morning a tire had been slashed, and Tuesday evening another case was reported by a owner in the 600 block

of West Texas.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

### Early voting gets underway

Early voting by personal appearance began Monday in the Aug. 9 special constitutional election.

The proposed constitutional amendment would increase school property tax exemptions on homesteads from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

In Iowa Park, the voting poll is the Wichita County Tax Office at 401 North Wall. It will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays through Friday, Aug. 1, and from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Aug. 4 and 5.

The amendment would also authorize the legislature to limit all or part of the exemption to political subdivisions that are principal providers of elementary and secondary education within their boundaries.

In addition, the amendment au-

thorized by the legislature would allow the transfer of all or part of the age 65 and over tax freeze to another homestead.

Specifically, the legislature would be authorized to provide that the current limitation against increasing school property taxes on the resident homesteads of persons age 65 or older, or their surviving spouse who is eligible to receive the exemption, may be transferred if the person establishes a different residence homestead.

The amendment would allow the \$10,000 additional amount for the standard exemption to be used to lower the tax rate of persons currently receiving the 65 and over tax freeze.

Specifically, for a homestead affected by this limitation in 1996 or in an earlier tax year, the legislature must provide for a reduction in school property tax limitation in the 1997 tax year and subsequent tax years in an amount equal to \$10,000 multiplied by the 1997 school property tax rate.

The proposed amendment appears on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes subject to the limitation."

### Prison guard now being guarded

A correctional officer at the James E. Allred Prison is on the other side of the bars this week after being arrested and charged with criminal solicitation of capital murder.

Cynthia Pearson, 27, of Iowa Park was arrested last Wednesday in the Wichita Falls Wal-Mart parking lot, culminating an investigation that began with a tip July 7.

According to Larry Fitzgerald, public information officer with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), the internal affairs division received a tip July 7 that Mrs. Pearson had approached an individual seeking to have her husband, a fellow correctional officer, murdered.

An investigation was initiated, and on July 16 an undercover internal affairs investigator met with Mrs. Pearson at the Wichita Falls store. According to Fitzgerald, Pearson discussed with the undercover investigator details of arranging the murder.

Prison investigators, assisted by the North Texas Regional Drug Task Force, conducted surveillance of the meeting and arrested Pearson, who was then taken to Wichita County jail.

Justice of the Peace Mike Little placed Pearson under \$100,000 bond.

Fitzgerald said Pearson terminated her employment with the TDCJ recently in lieu of a disciplinary hearing. He said her case is scheduled to go before the Wichita County Grand

Jury in August, and is being handled by a special prosecutor through the TDCJ.

Criminal solicitation of capital murder is a first degree felony, which carries a sentence of five to 99 years, or life in prison, and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### City-wide garage sale slated

The annual city-wide back to school garage sale will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, but Tuesday is the deadline for participants to register.

Sponsored by the Iowa Park Chamber of Commerce, maps will be available for shoppers. And those maps also will be valuable for receiving special prices for lunch that

day. The addresses of all garage sale participants will be listed in an advertisement published next Thursday by the *Iowa Park Leader*.

The maps will be distributed by members of the Chamber, whose names will also be listed in the advertisement.

### Storm brings needed moisture

A brief storm that developed between here and Wichita Falls Tuesday afternoon deposited almost

an inch of precipitation here. Virgil Woodfin reported measuring .86 of an inch.



**SPECTACULAR WRECK** - A 16-year-old was driving her father's van northward at a high rate of speed Monday morning, when she attempted to reach for something. The vehicle was westbound, en route to Frederick, when it left US 287, narrowly missing the guard rail, and literally vaulted off the embankment

of the pillars supporting the Huntington Road overpass. The driver suffered internal injuries and remains in a Wichita Falls hospital, while her father and 11-year-old sister were treated and released. Air bags were credited with saving their lives.

## Trustees in called meeting

A special called meeting of the school board will begin at 7 o'clock this evening in the junior high school library.

Items to be considered include student/athletic insurance for the school year, and bids for cafeteria food/nonfood items, bread, milk, and ice cream.

Also, there will be a second

reading of Iowa Park CISD Policy Update 55, and action will be taken on several District Policy Updates.

Part of the meeting will be devoted to a budget workshop in which the board will study financial issues associated with this year's school budget.

A closed session is listed on the agenda to accept resignations and employ personnel.



# Catlin, McIlroy vows exchanged Saturday afternoon

Victorian elegance was the hallmark in a wedding ceremony Saturday afternoon uniting Christie Leigh Catlin and James Lee McIlroy.

Rev. Mr. Patrick Burke officiated the double ring ceremony at Christ the King Catholic Church.

Miss Catlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Catlin of Iowa Park, and McIlroy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIlroy of Iowa Park.

Escorted to the altar by her father, the bride chose a white satin gown for her wedding day.

The bodice of the gown was fitted and featured hand-sewn pearls on re-embroidered lace from Italy. The sheer high neckline was trimmed in lace medallions.

The sleeves were long and came to a Juliette point at the wrist.

The fitted waist went to a deep V in the front and was accented in the back with an elegant bow. The skirt swept to a cathedral-length train, trimmed in lace and pearls.

The bride and her grandmother made the headpiece and veil the bride wore to complement her gown. A wreath of white flowers and seed pearls secured a fingertip veil of bridal illusion.

Miss Catlin carried a bouquet of white and burgundy roses, accented with English ivy, and tucked into a tussie-mussie. Attached to the back of the bouquet was a blue handkerchief that her great-grandmother, Mrs. Carl Moer, carried on her wedding day, and also a white lace handkerchief belonging to her great-great-grandmother, Mrs. Charlie Hays.

In keeping with bridal tradition, the bride wore her great-great-grandmother's wedding band for "something old;" her wedding gown for "something new;" and the blue handkerchief in her bouquet served as both "something borrowed" and "something blue."

She also wore in her shoe the same sixpence her mother wore on her wedding day.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Jodi Henderson of Iowa Park, cousin of the bride.

She wore a rose crepe dress styled with a satin band and satin sash that tied in the back, complemented with pearl drop earrings, a gift from the bride. She carried four long-stemmed cream roses tied with sheer rose ribbon.

Cheri Norris, Talley Harralson and Kathryn West, all of Wichita Falls, and Rhonda Jones of Austin were bridesmaids. Each bridesmaid wore a dress and carried a bouquet identical to that of the maid of honor.

The groom was attended by his father as best man. Groomsmen were Jeff Janek of Dallas, Casey Taylor of Wichita Falls, Russell Guyette, of

Iowa Park, brother-in-law of the groom and Stephen Catlin of College Station, brother of the bride.

Rusty Guyette, nephew of the groom and Jeff Henderson, cousin of the bride, were candlelighters. Justin Martin, cousin of the bride, was altar server.

Ushers were Chris Keel of Norman, Ok., Kevin Meyer of Plano, and Ian Mylenbusch and Brian Hatton, both of Wichita Falls.

The groom was attired in a black formal tuxedo with a white vest and bow tie. All male members of the wedding party wore matching black tuxedos with black vests and bow ties.

The altar was centered with a fan candelabra, flanked by heart-shaped candelabras holding burning votive candles. The candelabras were draped in white mist tulle with arrangements of burgundy roses, white gladiolas and sweetpeas at the center and English ivy trailing down the center.

The altar was draped in white and was centered with the unity candle. The mothers of the couple lit the unity candle as they were escorted into the sanctuary.

Pews were marked with white satin and lace bows with streamers, centered with pearls and white satin flowers.

The entrance to the sanctuary featured a heart archway decorated in the same fashion as the candelabras.

Allison Guyette, niece of the groom, presided at the registry table and handed out wedding programs to the guests.

The registry table held the bridal book, a white pen in a heart-shaped crystal holder, and an arrangement of white roses held up by a bisque angel.

In the foyer, an elaborate cross-stitch made by the groom's sister as a wedding gift, was framed and placed on an easel. It read "United in Love" and was finished with the couple's name and wedding date.

Jim Quashnock was pianist and organist, and Meri Guyette was vocalist.

Mrs. Guyette sang "The Wedding Song" prior to the ceremony, and offered "How Beautiful" as the mothers of the couple were being seated.

The wedding party entered to "Cannon In D," and the bride entered the sanctuary to "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

"Trumpet Voluntary" was played for the recessional.

A Victorian Garden theme was carried out at the reception, which was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

White Magnolia trees marked the entrance to the hall where the focal point was the bride's cake, displayed



Mrs. James Lee McIlroy  
(Christie Leigh Catlin)

on a white Victorian cake stand.

The intricately- scrolled stand held three layers in the center flanked by two layers on each side. The tiers were each iced in white with ivory roses and tiny green leaves on each tier.

Covered with a hunter green cloth and overlaid with Battenberg lace, the table also held a pedestal cake plate made of depression glass filled with petite chocolate mints.

A silver punch bowl was placed at one end of the table and crystal candlesticks holding burning burgundy tapers centered the table.

The couple toasted one another with silver interlocking goblets engraved with their names, a gift from the bride's brother.

Elaborate five-foot topiaries made of burgundy roses and greenery were placed on each side of the table.

White latticework formed a backdrop for the bride's table. English ivy with burgundy was intertwined along the top and framed open areas where Boston ferns were hung.

Presiding at the bride's table were Paula Perkins, Jill Turman, Jayla Duncan and Crystal Gee, all of Wichita Falls, and Tracy Myers of Plano.

The groom's table, covered identical to the bride's, held a two-tiered chocolate cake decorated with a basketweave design and cascading chocolate-dipped strawberries. En-

glish ivy encircled the bottom layer of the cake.

A large arrangement of berry-colored hydrangeas, and burgundy and cream roses in a crystal vase was the table's centerpiece, and a bisque statue of a 1800's-era golfer completed the table decorations.

Carrying out a golf motif, a backdrop similar to that behind the bride's table was used, with two antique reproduction wooden golf clubs worked into the decorations.

Meri Guyette, sister of the groom, and Diane Peterson, Krista Carpenter and Debra Curry, cousins of the groom, served at the groom's table.

A large fruit and cheese table was placed in the center of the reception hall. An angel statue was holding up a large fruit arrangement with greenery cascading down the sides served as the centerpiece. A tiered silver serving dish and crystal appointments completed the table setting.

The gift table, covered in hunter green with a white Battenberg lace overlay, was centered with a flower arrangement in the bride's chosen colors, and burgundy pillar candles were placed at one extremity of the table.

A white hand-crocheted doily, made by Mrs. Vida Catlin of Iowa Park, great-grandmother of the bride, was also placed on the gift table.

A touch of sentimentality graced the table with a Victorian porcelain

bride doll that strongly resembled the bride. The doll held a bouquet that matched the bride's, and was wearing an identical wreath and veil.

Guests were seated at tables that were covered in hunter green with white Victorian runners, and centered with miniature topiaries identical to those at the bride's table.

Special guests for the wedding were Mrs. Janie Barker of Iowa Park, great-grandmother of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Catlin and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mieir, all of Iowa Park, grandparents of the bride.

Grandparents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curry of Temple, were unable to attend.

Out-of-town guests for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Don Curry and Debra of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Carpenter and Krista of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Curry and Abigail of Littlefield; and Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Peterson and Travis of Carrollton.

When the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Cancun, Mexico, the bride wore a white linen suit. The newlywed couple left the church in a completely refurbished 1931 Model A, driven by the bride's grandfather, Delbert Catlin. Tin cans were tied to the back, and a big white bow was attached to the upright rumble seat, where the couple rode.

The couple are both graduates of Iowa Park High School and Midwestern State Univ. While at MSU, Christi was a member of Chi Omega Fraternity and James was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity. The bridegroom is employed at Cryovac.

## Iowa Parkans among winners in talent contest

Three Iowa Parkans were selected recently as winners in the Jimmy Dean True Value Talent Contest, sponsored by KLUR radio station in Wichita Falls.

John Boy Lee, Rick Wylie, and Amanda Toby will appear with the other winners in a "showdown" July 26 at the Wichita Theatre.

## Helpful Facts

The City of Iowa Park offers a \$250 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person committing arson within the city limits.



Jenna L. Hensley

## To appear in movie

The daughter of a former Iowa Park resident may soon appear in a new 20th Century Fox movie.

Jenna L. Hensley, nine, is the daughter of Austin area attorney Lynn C. Hensley, who is a 1956 graduate of W.F. George High School.

The Round Rock Resident was cast as an acting stand-in for child actor Mac Whitman, in a movie entitled *Hope Floats*.

Jenna is an honor roll student at Voigt and Fern Bluff Elementary in Round Rock. She has extensive stage acting experience in the Austin area and has been a student/actor at *Kids' Acting* in Austin over the past five years.

*Hope Floats* is being shot exclusively in Austin and Smithville, starring Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr., Mae Whitman and Gena Rowlands. It is produced by Lynda Obst and Sandra Bullock, and directed by Forest Whitaker.

The film is to premier in 1998.

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**Shape Up America**

by Joe Hughes, R.P.H.

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# RECIPES FOR SUMMER COOKING

Gardeners this year are experiencing a bumper crop of tomatoes. The recipes this week provide different ways to preserve the surplus produce for later use. Also, there are recipes featuring tomatoes that can be prepared for meals to be eaten now.

### Tomato Sauce

24 med. tomatoes (about 12 1/2 lbs.), peeled and chopped  
3 cups chopped onion  
2 cups chopped celery  
1 1/2 cups chopped green pepper  
1 Tbsp. salt

Combine all ingredients in a large kettle. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 30 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; put tomato mixture through a food mill or sieve, reserving tomato juice.

Bring juice to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer, uncovered, 2 hours or until thick, stirring frequently.

Quickly pour hot mixture into hot jars, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles; wipe jar rims. Cover at once with metal lids, and screw on bands. Process in boiling-water bath 45 minutes. Yield: 9 half pints.

### Homemade Catsup

46 med. tomatoes (about 24 lbs.), sliced  
3 med. onions, coarsely chopped  
3 - 3-inch sticks cinnamon  
1 Tbsp. whole cloves  
3 cloves garlic, chopped  
3 cups vinegar (5% acidity)  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1 Tbsp. salt  
1 Tbsp. paprika  
1/8 tsp. red pepper

Combine tomatoes and onion in two large kettles. Bring vegetables to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 45 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat; put tomato mixture through a food mill or sieve, reserving tomato juice. Set aside.

Tie cinnamon sticks, cloves, and garlic in a cheesecloth bag; add to vinegar in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat, and simmer, uncovered, 30 minutes. Remove spice bag; set spiced vinegar aside. Cook reserved tomato juice, un-

covered, in a large kettle over medium-high heat 2 hours or until volume is reduced by half, stirring frequently. Add vinegar and remaining ingredients. Cook tomato mixture, uncovered, 30 - 40 minutes or until thickened.

Quickly pour hot mixture into hot jars, leaving 1/2-inch headspace. Remove air bubbles; wipe jar rims. Cover at once with metal lids, and screw on bands. Process in boiling-water bath 20 minutes. Yield: 6 pints.

### Tomato Gumbo

3 cups diced fresh tomatoes  
2 cups sliced fresh okra  
1 cup corn, fresh or canned  
1/4 cup boiling water  
1 small onion, finely chopped  
1 Tbsp. salt  
1 Tbsp. butter or margarine  
1/8 tsp. pepper  
1 tsp. sugar

Combine first 5 ingredients in a saucepan. Cover and cook until vegetables are tender and the mixture has thickened. Add remaining ingredients. Serves 6.

### Romano-Topped Tomatoes

3 tomatoes, halved crosswise  
Salt and pepper  
2 Tbsp. butter or margarine  
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley  
2 Tbsp. grated Romano cheese  
Sprinkle cut side of tomato halves with salt and pepper. Broil 3 to 5 minutes, about 4 inches from heat. Place 1 teaspoon butter, 1 teaspoon parsley, and 1 teaspoon cheese on each and broil 2 minutes.

### Fried Green Tomatoes

6 large firm green tomatoes  
Salt and pepper to taste  
1 cup cornmeal  
Bacon drippings or shortening  
Cut tomatoes into 1/4-inch slices. Season with salt and pepper and dredge in cornmeal. Heat bacon drippings in a heavy skillet; add tomatoes and fry slowly until browned, turning once.

## Bradberry, Paddock nuptials read June 21

The marriage vows of Pepper Charae Paddock and Charles Gregory Bradberry were solemnized June 21 at the 10th and Broach Church of Christ in Wichita Falls.

Ken Holsberry, family outreach minister, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The couple established a home in Wichita Falls following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico.

The bride is the daughter of Ted and Sandy Paddock of Wichita Falls. Parents of the bridegroom are Jimmy and Sue Bradberry of Iowa Park.

The use of candelabras illuminated the altar area during the ceremony. A fan-shaped candelabra centered the altar, flanked by two spiral and two heart-shaped candelabras. Each candelabra was decorated with tulle, and peach flowers with greenery.

The unity candle featured two peach candles and an off-white candle marked with an inscription. It was decorated in the same fashion as the candelabras.

Guest seating was marked with hurricane lamps and pew bows.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a candlelight gown fashioned with smocking and pearls at the front of the bodice and the sleeves, and carried through to the full skirt and train. A bow accented the back of the waist, which was fitted.

She carried a bridal bouquet formed of peach roses, white Calla lilies and greenery.

Paige Box of Wichita Falls, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Deanna Frerich of Denton, Marissa Pittner of Wichita Falls, and Penny Bradberry and Cherrie Bradberry of Iowa Park, sisters of the groom, were bridesmaids.

Each wore a hunter green and white princess style dress, and carried a bouquet formed of Calla lilies and greenery.

Morgan Paddock Bradberry of Wichita Falls was flower girl. She wore a petite peach satin dress with a detachable train. Candlelight flowers and pearls trimmed the hem line of the dress and train.

Ring bearer was Dalton Bond of Wichita Falls.

The groom was attended by Chris Schlaud of Iowa Park as best man. Groomsman were Tim Bradberry of Iowa Park, brother of the groom; Brian

Box of Wichita Falls, brother-in-law of the bride; Brandon Evans of Lubbock and Brian Frances of Wichita Falls.

Music before the ceremony included "Doubly Good To You," and "The Lord's Prayer."

During the seating of the parents and grandparents, "I Will Be Here" was offered. "The Wedding Song" and "A Whole New World" were played during the ceremony, and "One Hand, One Heart" was played during the lighting of the unity candle.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Family Life Center.

The focal point of the room was a three-tiered bridal cake with satellite cakes, each decorated with a basketweave design. The cakes sat above a fountain.

A Precious Moments Bride and Groom figurine were placed on a staircase that extended from the center cakes to the satellite cakes.

The bride is a graduate of Wichita Falls High School, and Midwestern State Univ., with a degree in nursing. Bradberry is a graduate of Iowa Park High School and attends MSU as a music education major.



Mrs. Charles Gregory Bradberry  
(Pepper Charae Paddock)

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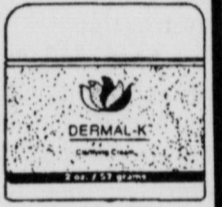
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- TXism: "bottom of a well"
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- lake near Burnet
- TX Carolyn Jones was Morticia \_\_\_\_\_ on TV
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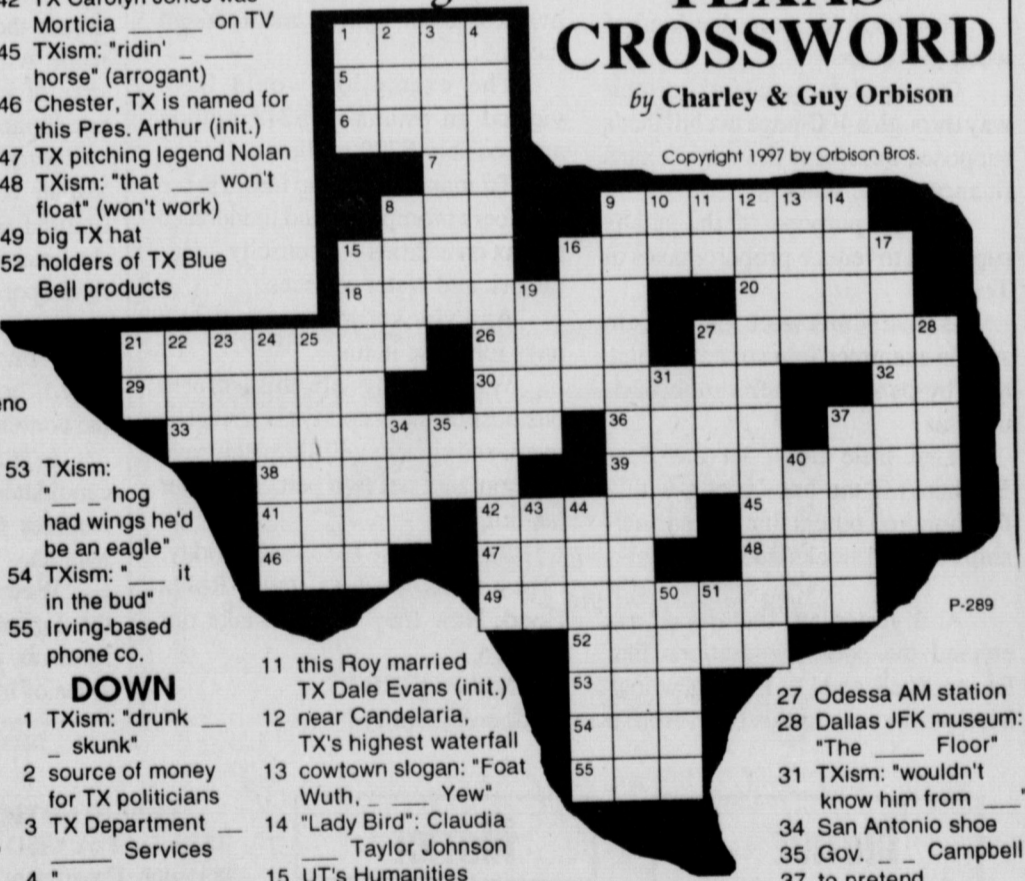
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# As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



The ink had hardly dried on my column last week before I was reminded about what I had said. In case you don't remember, I had talked about the heat not bothering me. Or at least, how I can handle heat better than cold. Well, Saturday afternoon, the air conditioner went out on my car. It's apparently one of those new-

fangled computer control problems. Then, when I came to the office Monday morning, it was uncomfortably warm inside the building. My car isn't yet fixed, but I called Russell Guyette about the building's cooler, and he got it working real quick. Seems the control switch had been moved to just the right place that it was wrong.

Guess I might need to start watching what I comment on in this space in the future.

I might have an interesting report about a problem one of our residents experienced recently, while attending a family reunion. Jug Davis was checking out of a motel at Granbury, and when he looked over his bill, asked why he had been charged \$15 for three pillows.

The manager said they weren't in his room, so Jug had to have taken them. And he had put the extra charge on the bill, which was paid by a credit card.

Well, Jug isn't a man to mess with. He can afford the \$15, but he doesn't like to be charged with something he says he didn't do.

Jug is seeking satisfaction, which is nothing more than the motel man issuing him an apology.

The retired postal employee has the time, and the inclination, and he is in the process of writing everyone and anyone, including credit bureaus, state business offices, elected officials, etc.

And the credit card people have already discounted the \$15 off the bill.

Stay in touch, I'll tell you how this all comes out.

### Card of Thanks

I would like to express my gratitude to the two men who stopped to help, and members of the Iowa Park Volunteer Fire Dept. for their quick response and actions which saved my home on Coleman Park Rd. from a grassfire on Monday afternoon. Thanks for your dedication and hard work.

Mildred Thompson

## LETTERS

### TO THE EDITOR

#### Relatives built refinery

Dear Editor: A relative who lives in Texas sent me a copy of your front page of June 26, 1997 concerning the refinery and fair marker dedication.

I was very pleased to hear of the refinery marker dedication because of the family connection. My grandfather (George A. Sonricker), and my father (Claude Roberts McGinnis), were the ones who supplied the engineering savvy for the construction and operation of that refinery. Both of them are now dead, but I will recall both of them telling me many stories about the refinery. I also recall seeing the refinery in operation when I was a young child.

My grandfather had extensive experience in the refining business in Pennsylvania. His father (my great-grandfather, William A. Sonricker) had helped Colonel Drake drill the first oil well in the United States, and then helped build a refinery near the site of that first well. Mr. George A. Sonricker was taught the refining business by his father, William, and George taught my father. Mr. George A. Sonricker was hired to oversee construction of the refinery in Iowa Park, based on his previous refining experience. His job was Superintendent of the refinery. My father was hired to be the quality control operator of the refinery, and he also assisted in the construction.

The stories my grandfather and father told about the refinery were numerous. They moved to Iowa Park from Kansas where Mr. Sonricker was working in the oil industry. Nevertheless, they insisted on overseeing everything Mr. Sonricker did, frequently requiring him to spend much of his time trying to justify how the refinery should be built. My father said that the owners were a parsimonious group, and they made Mr. Sonricker account for every penny. He was frequently criticized for spending even a quarter more than they believed he should have spent for some item. The salaries Mr. Sonricker paid for skilled help were considered a scandal by the owners because they were used to hiring farm boys for about one dollar per day, or less.

The pipeline to the oil well, which you mentioned in the newspaper article, is a good case in point. My father told me the following story many times. He considered it humorous in the manner in which it reflected on the naivete of the owners. When it was time to purchase the pipe to construct the pipeline to the oil well Mr. Sonricker decided to send my father to purchase the pipe. One of the owners decided his son would be a better bargainer, and insisted that the son do the purchasing. The son was well briefed about the type pipe that was needed, and was

told the approximate price he would have to pay. Somehow he ended up in St. Louis where some slick operator took him to a boiler works, showed him a huge pile of pipe, and offered it for a real bargain price. The "pipe" was the old boiler flues from the boilers of Mississippi river steamboats. The flues had been removed from the boilers because they were near the end of their life. Actually, it was not ordinary pipe, such as was needed for an oil pipeline, but that important fact was not understood by the purchaser. He consummated the deal, believing he had accomplished a financial coup. When the "pipe" arrived in Iowa Park Mr. Sonricker exploded. He tried to explain to the father that his son had made a terrible mistake, and that the "pipe" was completely unsuitable. This fact fell on deaf ears, and Mr. Sonricker was ordered to install the pipeline using the old boiler flues. Most of the joints had to be welded, because the flues were too fragile to be threaded. Finally, after considerable expense, the pipeline was completed and the result was as you printed in the paper. Needless to say, the pipeline had to be replaced.

My father told me a number of similar stories about the refinery. It was truly a pioneer operation. Both my father and grandfather remained with the refinery until it was sold. They were then hired to build an oil refinery in El Dorado, Arkansas and we moved to that location.

My father, and Mr. Sonricker, remained in the oil business for the remainder of their working lives and built many refineries, and drilled oil wells, in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and California. Almost by default, I have carried on the fam-

ily tradition, but in a different arena.

My mother Ruth Caylor was the daughter of W.H. Caylor, a pioneer resident of Iowa Park. The Caylor family lived directly across the railroad tracks from the refinery. Ruth was introduced to Claude McGinnis by his younger sister Nadyne, who was a fellow student with Ruth in the Iowa Park High School. My parents were married in 1917, and I was born in Iowa Park in 1919. I was introduced to the refinery at an early age and recall playing among the pipes, pumps, and other equipment. I visited my maternal grandparents until the mid 1930's and observed the refinery in various stages of operation, and dismemberment, over the years.

Many of the names of the individuals who were owners of the refinery are quite familiar to me. They were pioneer Iowa Park residents and very good friends of my maternal grandparents. I recall meeting many of them in my youth. My best regards to senior Iowa Park resident Taylor George whom I have known all of my life.

My maternal grandmother Sally Lee Caylor used to exhibit her canned goods at the old fair. I remember going to the fair on several occasions.

My maternal grandparents are buried at Highland Cemetery. (William Henry Caylor, and Sally Lee Caylor). Mrs. Grace (Doll) Sonricker, wife of George, is also buried there. Mr. George Sonricker is buried in McAllen, Texas, however there is a marker for him at Highland.

If available, I would appreciate receiving a photograph of the refinery marker.

George P. McGinnis  
Captain, U.S. Navy, Retired  
4148 Sound Pointe Drive  
Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561-3550

## AG AGENT'S REPORT

By JOE RAFF, Wichita County Agriculture Agent

Like all industries in the United States, agriculture is ever changing. I'm sure most growers remember working all day on a 100-acre field, which only takes a few hours today.

According to recent statistics, in 1933 one grower supplied enough food and fiber for 9.8 people, today one grower services over 100.

Tractors in 1933 only cost \$525 which was equivalent to 105 calves. Today tractors cost \$80,000, or 375 calves (providing the market doesn't crash again).

Along with these technological changes, the way growers and ranchers do business has changed. We are no longer a group of people who wear coveralls, or ride a horse all day. We're businessmen. We follow the market and/or market trends, and I know several of us that spend an hour or so at the computer after putting in a 12-hour day.

Along with all these changes that have taken place, there are still a few that will never change: the weather; low prices at harvest and hay bales that always break down on the last round; or a wild yearling heifer that finds the only weak place in your pens.

We have done a fabulous job in agriculture of producing more food and fiber on less land. Plain and simple. But, there is one thing we haven't done very well since the beginning of agriculture: marketing.

In marketing one phrase hits home and really says it all. "Producers cannot control price, but he can control when he prices and how." There are several opportunities that producers can take advantage of, to better insure a profit.

The Texas Agriculture Extension Service has one of the best programs that I have seen in a long time. It's called the Master Marketer program.

TAEX hires several speakers from over the United States that teach interested people how to better market their commodity.

We started a marketing club in Mitchell County and were doing very well. TAEX will sponsor another program in January through March of next year. If you would be interested in this program and starting a marketing club in Wichita County, please give me a call at 716-5580, and we'll get started.

Remember, my door is always open.

## WORTH QUOTING

Hoo-boy! It's been that kind of week in Austin.

Our legislators are working their way through a 400-page tax bill that's supposed to reform the way Texans finance public schools.

Overall purpose of the bill is supposed to reduce property taxes in Texas.

But early this week, our folks in Austin exempted investment income held by partnerships from the business tax.

That little tidbit let the Bass Brothers off the hook along with a few hundred others that use partnerships to hold stocks and bonds.

And yesterday, the House exempted the poor corporations like Exxon, Shell, and J.C. Penney, whose headquarters are in this state, from a

business tax on interest and dividend income.

The exemption would have yielded an estimated \$248 million and possibly \$700 million.

To make up for the loss, House members promptly voted to increase the tax on utilities -- electricity, natural gas, and water services.

And you know who ultimately pays for those items.

We're doing all this reform business on the property tax so that us overtaxed citizens will ultimately save an estimated net two percent on our tax bill.

As one West Texan said Friday: "They took our eggs under Robin Hood. Now they're gonna take our chicken."

JAMES ROBERTS  
Andrews County News

### Letters to Editor policy explained

The Leader receives numerous letters which cannot, for one reason or another, be published.

Letters will not be printed unless they are signed. A typed name will not do. And, for the sake of verification, the writer's telephone should be included.

Should the writer not wish his/her name printed, it will be omitted upon request. However, the letter will be kept on file to be read upon request.

Letters also must be free of libel. If not, they will not be published, because we will not edit the content of any letter.

In letters supporting political candidates or issues, the Leader reserves the right to limit their lengths.

We encourage your Letters to the Editor, and offer the paper space as your forum for discussions of ideas and observations.

### NOTICE

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Iowa Park, Texas will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 4, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 103 East Cash to consider a request to change the zone designation of Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Block N in the Crawford Subdivision of the Texas Addition (800 block of SW Access Road) from R-2 (General Residential) to C-A/R (Automotive and Recreational Commercial). Any comments for or against may be presented orally at the hearing or in writing to City Hall prior to the meeting. All meetings are open to the public. 7-17-2tc

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# Obituaries



## Brandy Lee McCord

Memorial services for Brandy Lee Walker McCord, 30, were at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Cowboy Church near Iowa Park. Rev Rick Allen will officiate. Arrangements were under direction of Dutton Funeral Home.

Mrs. McCord died Thursday in Walters, Okla.

Mrs. McCord was born Oct. 10, 1966, in Dallas. She and James Dale McCord were married July 26, 1985, in Wichita Falls.

She was a nurses aid for Torch Home Health. She had been a resident of Iowa Park 17 years. She served as second vice president of the Red River Riding Association, and was a member of the Electra Riding Club. She was a member of the Cowboy Church.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Felicia Marie and Kayla LeAnne McCord, both of Iowa Park; a son, Jared Keith of Iowa Park; her parents, Bill and Glenda Walker of Iowa Park; a brother, Kerry Lee Walker of Wichita Falls; and a sister, Tracy Lee Hundley of Richmond, Va.

Memorials may be made to the Red River Riding Association Scholarship Fund c/o Burk Burnett Bank.

## Kenneth P. Lame

Services for Kenneth P. Lame, 66, of Wichita Falls were at 2 p.m. Monday at Lunn's Colonel Chapel. Burial was in Crestview Memorial Park.

Mr. Lame, father of Linda K Gilmore of Iowa Park, died July 14, in San Antonio.

He was born May 17, 1931, McKeesport, Penn. He was married to Wanda Summer June 7, 1968, in Wichita Falls.

Lame was a veteran of the Korean War, was a life member Veterans of Foreign Wars and was a Post Commander of VFW Post 2147. He had received the Silver Star, Bronze Star, the Combat Medic Badge and other decorations. He retired from the Air Force in 1971.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Gilmore, Paula E Parker of Houston, and Tami R. Wyles of Augusta, Ga.; one son, Gray R. of Ravenna, Ohio; one brother, Frank R. of Lady Lake, Fla.; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

## Dollie Steele Bleuler

Memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. today at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas for Dollie Steele Bleuler, who died July 15 in her home in Dallas.

Born Aug. 21, 1926 in Wichita Falls, she grew up in Iowa Park and was graduated from W.F. George High School in 1943. She received her Bachelors Degree from the University of North Texas in mathematics, and her Masters from Fairfield Univ. in Connecticut.

In 1948, she was employed by Magnolia Petroleum Co. (now Mobil) in the geophysical department in Dallas, and later taught 12 years at Stamford High School in Connecticut. She returned to Dallas in 1982 and was very active in community organizations.

Mrs. Bleuler's father, "Skipper" Steele, was manager of a lumber yard in Iowa Park.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Nanci Jo, and is survived by her husband of 47 years, Jack H. Bleuler. Other survivors include her son, Jack, Jr., and a granddaughter.



## Thelma Juanita Broyles

Services for Thelma Juanita Hensley Broyles, 77, were Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Lakeview Church of God with Ole Olds, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Highland cemetery, under direction of Dutton Funeral Home.

Mrs. Broyles died Sunday in Graham.

Mrs. Broyles was born Nov. 24, 1919, in Kentucky. She and Robert Broyles were married Aug. 6, 1942, in Lafollett. He died in 1992. She was a homemaker and a member of Lakeview Church of God. She had been a resident of Iowa Park since 1968, moving from Amarillo.

Survivors include a daughter, Darla Hunt of Strawn; a sister Artie Hicks of Tennessee; five brothers, Howard Hensley of Ohio and Charles, Ted, Otis and Jack all of Tennessee; and one grandchild.

Donations may be made to Lakeview Church of God.

## Norma Teel

Norma Teel, 86, mother of former Iowa Park resident, L.W. Teel Jr., died Tuesday in a Wichita Falls hospital.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. today in Burk Burnett Cemetery with Rev. Paul Dean officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home in Burk Burnett.

Mrs. Teel was born March 19, 1911, in Palmer. She and Loy Teel were married Feb. 25, 1930. He died in 1974. She was a retired homemaker and had been a resident of Burk Burnett since 1920. She and her husband made many friends in Iowa Park while helping their son in his business at Park Pharmacy.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Nunn of Burk Burnett, and Norma Sutton of Petrolia; a son, L.W. Teel Jr. of Coppell; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

## FRIENDLY DOOR MENU

FRIDAY, July 25

Lunch--Oven fried fish, cottage fries, onion, pickle slices, coleslaw, cornbread, pumpkin cake.

MONDAY, July 28

Lunch--Steak fingers, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, hot roll, chocolate pudding on a cloud.

TUESDAY, July 29

Lunch--Hamburger, potato salad, baked beans, pear halves, sand tarts.

WEDNESDAY, July 30

Lunch--Meatloaf, pinto beans, turnip greens, cornbread, pineapple cake.

THURSDAY, July 31

Lunch--Sliced tomatoes, beef roast, whipped potatoes, copper pennies hot roll, mixed fruit.

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# Finnell on Ag committee

State Representative Charles Finnell of Holliday was appointed this week by Speaker of the House Pete Laney to represent Texas on the Southern Legislative Conference Agriculture & Rural Development Committee.

In announcing the appointment, Speaker Laney said that he had every confidence that Rep. Finnell "would do an excellent job of representing the Texas House of Representatives in this capacity so vital to rural Texas."

With experience on the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, and currently as a gubernatorial appointee to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, Finnell is deeply involved in rural development issues.

Preceding the 1997 regular ses-

sion, Rep. Finnell was chosen to head the legislative study committee on the state's Imported Fire Ant Research and Management Plan. During the 140-day session just adjourned, Finnell, as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, was successful in securing the necessary funding for the fire ant management initiative.

Also during the '97 session, Finnell participated in other fundamental agricultural issues as co-sponsor of the Boll Weevil Eradication bill and as author of the Finnell Horse Theft Prevention bill.

Finnell's rural development agenda this year included successful legislation benefiting volunteer fire departments, rural rail transportation districts, and rural justices of the peace.

## Annual reunion slated

The annual Cashion School reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 3, at 2 p.m. in the Burk Burnett High School Cafeteria.

The meat will be furnished by the association, but vegetables, salads, and desserts are needed.

Anyone with family news to share with the association should contact Barbara at 692-1164.

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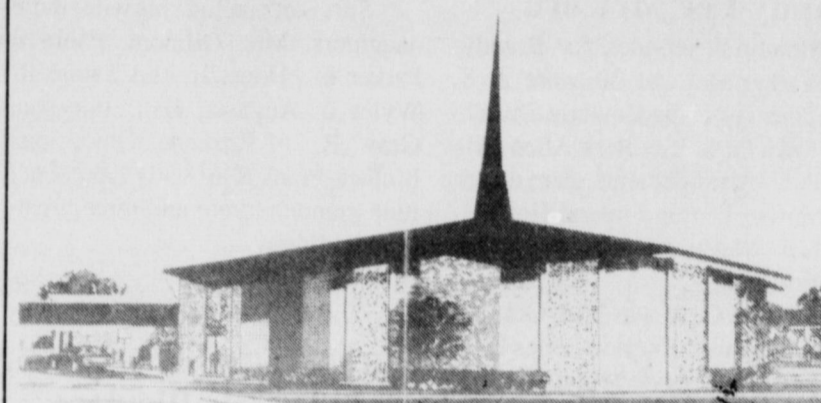
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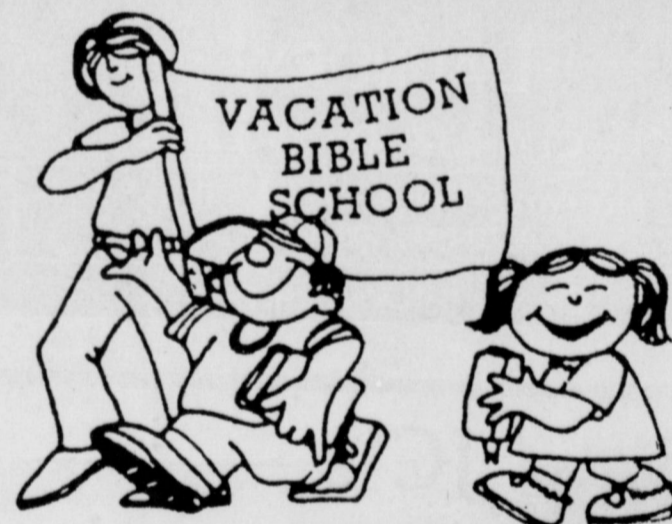
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Cost: \$10 for snacks,  
Rehearsal tape & T-Shirt  
Family Rate Available

A Children's Musical  
for 1st - 6th graders about  
Nicodemus

*Nic at Night*  
at  
**First Baptist Church**

Parents, Music Camp is scheduled for Monday-Friday, August 4-8. We will meet each day from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$10 (to cover the cost of the rehearsal tape and T-Shirt). A family-rate is available.

The musical this year is *Nic at Night* - telling the story about Nicodemus meeting Jesus. The music is great and the story is even greater.

You may sign up by calling the church office at 592-2151. You may also come by the office to sign up and pick up a tape so your child can get a head start at learning the music. This is very important if your child would like to audition for a special speaking part or solo.

Auditions for speaking parts and/or solos will be Sunday afternoon, August 3rd, at 3:00 p.m.

Presentation of *Nic at Night* will be Friday evening, August 8, at 7:00 p.m.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

MONDAY, JULY 28 THRU WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

7:30 TO 9:30 P.M.

3 YEARS OLD THRU 5TH GRADE

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