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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - Work was begun Monday to replace the half-century-old bridge over the creek at Victoria and Texas. The project is the initial phase of completely rebuilding Victoria, from Cash to the Access Road.

Soell only second doctor to retire from clinic staff

A reception will be held between 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday at the Recreational Activities Center, honoring Dr. Erwin F. Soell on his retirement.

He becomes only the second physician to retire from Park Clinic in the facility's existence of almost half a century.

The late Dr. Gordon Clark, who founded the Clinic in the early 1950s, was the first to retire.

Dr. Soell joined the staff in June of 1961, two months after Dr. Earl Watson, who continues to practice there.

Soell, 66, is a native of Lohman, Mo. He did his undergraduate at the University of Missouri, finished at Washington Univ. in St. Louis, and served his internship at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Louis.

He and his wife, Margaret, moved to Iowa Park following his two-year stint in the U.S. Air Force, having been stationed at Carswell AFB in Fort Worth.

He began cutting back on his office hours in January of 1996, and one year later sold his interest in the corporation. As of Aug. 1, he dis-

continued accepting cases, but continues as a consultant.

Dr. Soell has served Iowa Park in more ways than in his medical practice. Following a term on the city council, he successfully defeated incumbent mayor Charlie Metz, and held the office of mayor two terms.

He also has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, is a former member of the Evening Lions Club, and is currently a member of the Rotary Club.

He traveled to Europe last summer to attend the Rotary International convention, and while there toured Scotland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Also this past summer, he took the board examination in American Academy Family Practice while in Colorado, indicating his interest in continuing his medical education.

As to why he is retiring, Dr. Soell explains that he wanted some time to enjoy living without having to meet the regular schedule of a practicing physician.

He said he had observed others

who had worked later in their lives, and then were unable to do the things they had always wanted to do and had looked forward to doing.

Playing tennis likely will be his main physical activity, but he says he also wants to learn more about operating his computer, and continue his music -- he's a member of the North Texas Men's Chorus.

His knowledge and training also will allow him to do some volunteer work, though he said he'd rather not discuss that.

The Soells are the parents of two children, J. Erwin and Rose.



DR. ERWIN SOELL
... retiring

Hawks seek revenge with Stamford here

By DON YOUNG

The Iowa Park Hawks will get a chance to avenge one of the two regular-season losses they suffered last year when they play host to the Stamford Bulldogs tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in Hawk Stadium.

The Bulldogs come into the contest as the No. 9-ranked team in Class 2A with a 2-1 record, with their only loss coming to Colorado City, a 3A school in week two.

Iowa Park will not only be looking to pay the Bulldogs back for last year's 34-21 loss, but the Hawks will also be looking to keep alive their 10-game home winning streak.

In last year's game, Stamford rushed for 359 yards on 62 carries as the Bulldogs scored twice in the fourth quarter to pick up the win.

This year's game promises to be as tough, if not tougher, for the Hawks as Stamford is returning 16 seniors from last year's team that bowed out of the playoffs in the quarterfinals with a 14-13 loss to Iraan, the team that eventually won the Class 2A State title.

"They're a very good football team," said Iowa Park head coach Weldon Nelms. "They have great speed, good size, a quarterback with a cannon and a tailback that, if you miss him, he's in the end zone. They may have been the best team in Class 2A last year.

"Offensively, they are a very balanced team," Nelms added. "Last week they threw the ball 20 times. They have two big time receivers that can play. Lonnie Applin is a big tight end that is 6-5 225-lbs. and Jason Reyes, who plays split end for them, has a lot of speed and is dangerous when he gets his hands on the ball. We're going to have to eliminate some of our mistakes or we're going to be in trouble against them. It's going to take a great effort for us to win. But this is just the kind of game we need right now to get ready for our district schedule. We're going to have to play 48 minutes of football where every play could be an impact play in the game. Stamford is a steady football team, we can't get frustrated against them."

Also returning for the Bulldogs is tailback Clarence Whitfield, who rushed for over 1,000 yards last season, and quarterback Eric Alvarez, a three-year starter. Blake Bolin, a 190-lb. guard last year, replaces fullback Josh Murphree, who scored a pair of

touchdowns and rushed for 169 yards in last year's meeting.

"They're more of a tailback oriented team than they were last year," said Nelms. "They moved in a guard to block for Whitfield who is their biggest threat on the ground. This is going to be a great challenge for us. It is just the type of game we need this time of year. It's going to be a good test for us. Our defense and our kicking game are going to have to play well for us to win. I think field position and turnovers will be the key to this one. One or two big plays could be the turning point. We just have to be patient and not try to get it all at once."

Last week, Iowa Park showed some of its offensive fire power as the Hawks rolled up 302 yards rushing and 91 more through the air in their biggest output of the season.

Quarterback Todd Yeager rushed for three scores and hooked up with his tight end Tres Beisch for another to help lead his team to its third win in a row to start the season. Brandon Brown scored twice, once on a 90-yard kickoff return on the opening kickoff and the other on a 29-yard scamper in the third quarter.

"I thought we played pretty well against Decatur," Nelms said. "We still had some mistakes on both sides of the ball, but we looked much better on offense and that was one of our goals. I thought our offensive line played real well, especially Jeremy Dorzab, who had to fill in for Josh Arrington who came up sick on Friday."

"Defensively, we played well again," Nelms added. "I thought we

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'97 **HOMECOMING QUEEN** Valerie Johnson was crowned prior to Friday night's football game by Jonathan Clubb and Todd Yeager.

Two shoplifters arrested

Two teenage females were caught in the act of shoplifting almost \$900 worth of clothing from Wal-Mart Monday, and wound up in the county jail.

Kensashae Deshae Ware-Green and Heather Sharmail Ware, both 17, were taken into custody by Iowa Park police while they were in possession of two plastic bags full of clothing.

They were waiting outside the building for a friend who was driving a car.

During the ensuing discussion, it was determined they had already hidden two additional bags of clothes behind one of the businesses in Park West Shopping Center.

In all, the four bags contained merchandise valued at \$867, according to police, all of which was confiscated for evidence.

Police transported the two females to the county jail, but had to release the driver of the vehicle due to lack of evidence of her involve-

ment.

Three male juveniles found themselves in serious trouble Friday at Iowa Park High School.

Two were charged with possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

The third, however, was charged with delivery of the substance, which is a second degree felony.

All three were transported to the county juvenile detention center, according to police reports.

Another entry on the week's police blotter also related to the high school campus. A student reported Thursday that a zipper bag containing 30 or 35 CDs was taken from her car, while it was parked on campus.

Police were summoned to the scene of a fight between two juvenile females at Woodbriar Apartments Thursday afternoon.

They were transported to the police station where they were issued disorderly conduct citations for

fighting in public, and then turned over to their parents.

Two men wanted on outstanding warrants issued by the Wichita County sheriff's office were picked up within a two-hour period here Saturday night.

Richard Allen Young, 39, was taken into custody at 11:21 p.m. in the 500 block of 287 Access Road on a warrant for delivery of marijuana, requiring a \$1,000 bond.

Then, at 1:27 a.m. Sunday, an officer arrested John Roy Pecot, 34, on a warrant for possession of marijuana, which carries a fine of \$722.

Both were transported at 5:45 a.m. to the county jail.

Joe Lee Barr, 23, was arrested in the 500 block of West Coleman at 2:20 a.m. Wednesday and charged with driving while intoxicated. He was transported to the county jail at 3:36 a.m., according to the blotter entry.

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Streich, Taylor exchange marriage vows

Seana Deanne Streich and Casey Ryan Taylor exchanged marriage vows on Sept. 6, at First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls.

Dr. Tom King, Minister of Family Enrichment at Two Rivers Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Nelda Streich of Wichita Falls. She is the granddaughter of Wallace and Doris Smith and the late Cecil and Mildred Streich, and the great-granddaughter of Louis Ault, all of Iowa Park.

The groom's parents are Donald and Dorothy Taylor of Yukon, Okla. He is the grandson of Lorena Taylor of Carnegie, Okla.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal Lazaro gown of white silk satin. The fitted bodice was designed with a scoop neckline, and tiny satin-covered buttons adorned the back. The full skirt featured layers of English netting and embroidered lace.

The bride's chapel length veil trailed from a custom-designed white porcelain rose wreath she wore in her hair.

In keeping with bridal tradition, the bride wore pearl and diamond earrings and a necklace, given to her by her father, for "something new;" a diamond and ruby ring, given to her by her paternal grandmother, the late Mildred Streich, for "something old;" her mother's diamond bracelet for "something borrowed." For "something blue" she carried a white handkerchief with her sorority letters embroidered in blue, wrapped around the stems of her hand-tied bouquet of roses, hydrangeas, and peonies. The handkerchief was given to her by the maid of honor, Paula Denise Perkins.

The bride's attendants were Angela Elizabeth Baird, Angela Christine Bell, Jayla Janelle Duncan, Crystal Renay Gee, Whitney Heather Hail, Kimberly Ross Hanna, and Traci Towers Meyer.

They wore floor-length black crepe gowns by Nicole Miller, and also carried bouquets of roses, hydrangeas and peonies.

Kristen Carol Dozier, Lauryn Elizabeth Hill, and Ashley Lanelle Thomas, all cousins of the bride, were flower girls.

They wore sleeveless tea-length gowns of white satin and English netting, and wore wreaths of roses in their hair. They wore white gloves and carried nosegays of roses, hydrangeas and peonies.

Geoffrey Kendell Hill, a cousin of the bride, served as ringbearer. He wore a Perry Ellis black tuxedo identical to ones worn by the groomsmen.

James Lee McLroy was best man.

Groomsmen were Thomas Allen Arens, Brandon Mark Cane, Jeffrey Webb Dillard, Brian A. Hatton, Christopher Kenneth Keel, Kevin Michael Meyer, Ian St. John Mylenbusch, and Craig Allen Taylor, brother of the groom.

The bride's brothers, Jared Michael Streich, Ryan Martin Streich, and William Kyle Streich served as ushers, as well as William Charles Berend and Gary L. Organ.

The center isle of the sanctuary was lined with tall topiaries cascading with white roses, hydrangeas, lilies



Mrs. Casey Ryan Taylor
(Seana Deanne Streich)

and other white flowers. Smilax draped the entire length of the isle on both sides.

The couple exchanged vows in front of three floral arrangements in giant granite floor urns, and antique iron, glass-enclosed candelabras.

As guests entered the church, harpist Shelley Archenbeau played "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," "Ave Maria," and "Hymn Medley."

Parents of the couple entered the church from the side isles to light the unity candle, as Greg Smith sang "Parent's Prayer." Susan Streich-Hill, aunt of the bride, sang a traditional wedding favorite, "Whither Thou Goest."

A string quartet, piano and trumpet played "Air from Water Music Suite" and "Rondeau from Sinfonies de Fanfare" for the processional. Smith sang "The Other Side of Me" as the couple lit the unity candle, and the bridal party exited as the string quartet, piano, harp and trumpet played "La Rejoissance" from the Royal Fireworks.

Following the ceremony, the bridal party and wedding guests were transported by trolley for a reception at the Wichita Club.

Tall cherubs holding baskets of cascading multicolored flowers accented long tables along mirrored walls of the foyer. The tables, covered with buttercream satin tablecloths, were centered with a tall cherub topiary cascading with flowers and greenery.

The bride's table was covered with a satin tablecloth and brocade overlay, and draped with smilax.

The five-tiered bride's cake was adorned with all white and ivory

fondant roses and other flowers and draped icing on a silver pedestal, surrounded by four free-floating cakes on crystal pedestals.

The groom's three-tiered chocolate cake, with raspberry liqueur filling, was covered with alternating white and dark chocolate squares.

The cakes were served by Benny Daniel of Masterpiece Cakes by Benny Daniel.

Guests were greeted with trays of frozen fruit drinks as they entered the dining room. They dined on selections from the pasta bar and the Mexican fiesta bar. Fruit and cheese were also served.

Dinner music was provided by violinist, David Holcomb, and pianist, Mike Smith. Later, dance music was provided by disk jockey Rick Hatcher.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at Zocalo's.

The bride is a graduate of Rider High School and Midwestern State Univ. where she was a member and pledge educator of Chi Omega sorority. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in art and is now a designer in the advertising department of the corporate headquarters for CompUSA in Addison.

The groom is a graduate of Oak Ridge High School in Spring, and Midwestern State Univ. where he was a member and treasurer of Sigma Nu fraternity. He earned a bachelors degree in mass communication and is a marketing representative for Sundance Digital in Las Colinas.

After a wedding trip to Curacao, Dutch Antilles, the couple will live in Dallas.

Look Who's New

Hamberger

Christy and Chris Hamberger of Wichita Falls are the parents of a son, Tyler McClay, born Sept. 9 at Wichita General Hospital. He weighed six pounds and three ounces.

His mother is the former Christy Matthews of Iowa Park.

Grandparents are Sandy Matthews of Wichita Falls, Jerry Matthews of Graford, and Terry and Sandy Hamberger of Wichita Falls.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Toler and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Matthews, all of Iowa Park.

Louise Yarbrough of Iowa Park is a great-great-grandmother.

Menasco

Eric and Kerrie Menasco of Wichita Falls are the parents of a daughter, Erica Paige, born Sept. 13, at Wichita General Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long.

The baby has a brother, Tracey Green, three years old.

Grandparents are Ray Menasco of Kamay, Debbie Menasco of Olney, and Kenneth and Bonnie Green of Wichita Falls.

Britt

A daughter, Jerni Lyn, was born Sept. 17 at Wichita General Hospital to Larry and Julie Britt of Iowa Park. She weighed six pounds and three ounces. The new baby has two sisters, Britnee, 10 and Breazi, 1, and a brother, Cody, 5. Her mother is the former Julie Menasco.

Grandparents are Monty and Ann Britt, and the late Barbara Britt, of Iowa Park, Ray Menasco of Kamay, and Debbie Menasco of Olney.



Reminders

The library has for public use a laminator, button machine and internet computer. Charge for using the laminator is 50 cents a foot; buttons are 50 cents each for pre-made ones, 25 cents if you bring your own paper/stickers to make them. Internet computer is cost-free to use and copies are 10 cents for each page.

Storytime Classes are held on Tuesdays, 9:30-10 a.m. and Fridays, 9-9:30 a.m. for children two years through pre-school. No pre-registration is necessary - just come join us.

Reader of the Month - Our next drawing will be held Oct. 2. Be sure to fill out an entry form the next time you are in and you might win a Reader of the Month tote bag and a button. Be sure and sign up each month as the old names are tossed out after the drawing.

Refrigerator Magnet - A magnet for your refrigerator, with the library hours on it is available from the librarian on duty. If you do not have one already, be sure and ask for one. NO COST to you!

Activity Calendars for all programs is available on the desk. This will let you know what is going on for storytime activities and any extra programs.

Thank You's

To everyone who assisted in setting up, donating books, and to our buyers who participated in the book sale last week. Because of you, the book sale was a success.

To Gayle Cleghorn for doing Storytime for me last Friday.



JESSICA ASHLEY will represent Hurst-Euless-Bedford at the Miss Texas Teen USA Pageant. Now a senior at Euless High School, she attended Iowa Park High School her junior year. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ashley, her grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ashley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rainey, all of Wichita Falls.

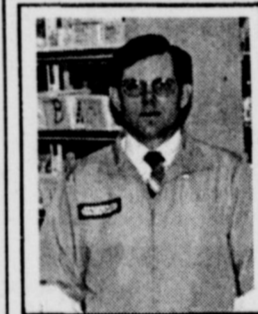
Santa's Castle

Letters have been sent to area schools in regard to their participation again this year. Some of the teachers have responded, but I need to know soon if your class will be participating so that we can have enough craft pieces made. Deadline is Oct. 15. Registration for the general public will be in November.

Health Notes

Preventing Alzheimer's?

by Joe Hughes, R.PH



There's lots of interest in drugs that might help prevent Alzheimer's disease. Medications such as estrogen, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), prednisone, calcium channel blockers, selegiline plus vitamin E, l-carnitine, and even nicotine may delay the onset or progression of Alzheimer's. Estrogen seems to reduce the risk of Alzheimer's, and may even improve cognitive function in women who already have it. One study reported that chronic use of NSAIDs might decrease the risk of Alzheimer's by 30% to 60%. Transdermal delivery (absorption through the skin) of a nicotine derivative and a type of medication known as a cholinesterase inhibitor are being investigated. Many of the medications that may help patients with Alzheimer's disease are already available for other uses, and much research is in progress.

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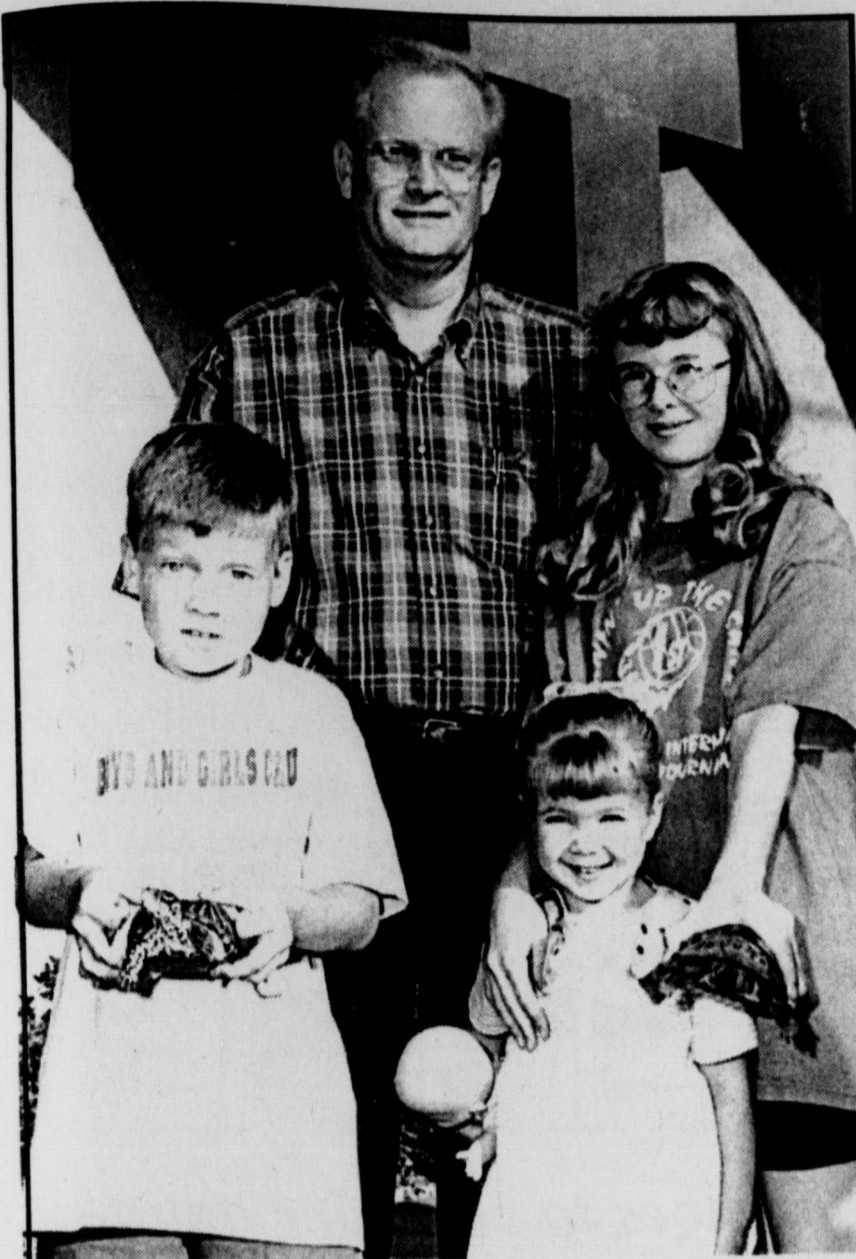
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23 Study Club opens year with brunch



THE WINNERS of the annual Turtle Trot, opening event of the Whoop-T-Do, were Andrew Virgin, 6, and Callie Raines, 4. Virgin's entry earned a \$25 cash prize and Raines' \$15 from sponsor Dutton Funeral Home.

Public Affairs and Legislation was the program topic when 23 Study Club opened the club year with a brunch in the home of Patsy Todd. Co-hostess was Helen Dale Roberts.

The guest speaker, Estalene Schultz of Henrietta, was introduced by Mrs. Roberts.

Mrs. Schultz is a retired teacher who serves as a member of the Silver-Haired Legislature. She also serves on a number of community boards and is active in First United Methodist Church.

The qualifications and duties of the legislators was outlined by Mrs. Schultz. She said that 27 states now have Silver-Haired Legislatures which focus primarily on being an advocate for interests and priorities of older persons. Another objective is to motivate senior citizens to realize that legislative involvement is a primary responsibility of effective citizenship, concerning not only their own welfare, but that of others.

She outlined a list of 15 prioritized resolutions of the current Sixth Silver-Haired Legislature, and urged members to study them and be active in contacting our representatives in the State Legislature.

Mrs. Schultz represents the counties of Wichita, Archer, and Clay, and works closely with AARP, Retired Teachers Association, and other interested groups as an advocate for those who need it.

She closed her presentation with a quote, "Do ordinary things with extraordinary love."

To open the meeting, Leader Colleen Roberts led the Pledge to the

American Flag and the group reading of the Club Collect.

Flossie Nunn gave the meditation and invocation. She read a selection from "Chicken Soup for the Soul," and closed with the quotation, "Those of us who refuse to risk and grow get swallowed up by life."

A presentation on "Women in the Arts," which centered on the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum soon to open in Santa Fe, N.M., was given by Norma Harrell.

The museum will feature the largest collection of Mrs. O'Keeffe's works ever to be displayed. Mrs. Harrell said that Mrs. O'Keeffe is the only woman artist to have a museum dedicated in her honor. The museum

was made possible by the generosity of Ann Burnett Marion, who is the granddaughter of Tom Burnett, well-known pioneer of the Iowa Park area, and for whom the local library is named.

Federation Report was given by Joy Bell McKinnon, who read two poems about Federation women, each stressing that an individual woman can make a difference.

President Wanda Singer conducted the business meeting and thanked everyone who worked on the new yearbooks, which were distributed at the meeting.

A former member, Kay Cole, was a special guest. She accompanied Mrs. Schultz to the meeting.

You Can't Be Recycled

Buckle Up

A reminder from this newspaper and the Troopers of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

State National Bank Presents

ACROSS

- 1 TX pilot flew a ___ in "Empire of the Sun"
- 5 Balmorhea State Recreation ___
- 6 TXism: "he'd argue with a fence ___"
- 7 citrus drinks
- 8 Gov. Neff ('21-'25) said he never tasted this beverage
- 9 TX Perot's IBM job
- 17 TXism: "he sounds like ___ axle" (bad singer)
- 19 TXism: "could melt ___ off your molars" (hot chili)
- 21 this Clint was Rowdy Yates (init.)
- 22 medicinal plant
- 23 Tom Landry is still held in ___ in Dallas
- 24 TXism: "___ toter" (policeman)
- 30 TX "Nokona" ball gloves are ___
- 34 SMU degree
- 35 TX Nimitz ran aground in this Bay
- 36 Texas Stadium ___ into a canyon
- 37 Astros try to avoid these on the score board
- 39 Abilene newspaper
- 43 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
- 44 Rocksprings was destroyed by a ___ in '27
- 45 TXism: "cough ___ up"
- 46 TXism: "ain't worth two ___" (no good)

- 47 TXism: "let sleeping dogs ___"
- 48 USS Cavalla is a ___ at Seawolf Park
- 50 the "Merry Mex" Texan
- 53 TXism: "she'll bend your ___" (talks a lot)
- 54 TX pitching legend (init.)
- 55 former Texas Rangers pitching coach Claude
- 56 TX Kris film: "Alice Live Here Anymore"
- 59 "Olive Oyl" Duvall (init.)

The Original

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38 TXism: "mad as a ___ on rooster"

40 ex-Cowboy fullback Agee (init.)

41 Perots old company

42 TXism: "___ buzzard's breath" (potent)

49 sweeper

51 "___ bien" (is good)

52 TX "Alley Oop" artist: ___ Hamlin

57 TXism: "smoke '___" (capture)

58 TXism: "ain't got a lick of ___" (dumb)

DOWN

- 1 hwy 83 town is gateway to Falcon Lake
- 2 Palo Duro Creek ___ into a canyon
- 3 done at TX colleges
- 4 TXism: "feeling his ___" (irisky)
- 9 this Nick comes down TX chimneys
- 10 TXism: "would have to study up to be ___" (slow)
- 11 mother of TX Ginger Rogers
- 12 TX Bush's high judge worked here (abbr.)

- 13 TXism: "that's nothing to ___ at"
- 14 pa's mate
- 15 Dr. Red Duke's association (abbr.)
- 16 in Bowie Co. on I-30
- 18 some TX districts have ___ school
- 20 TXism: "worth his weight in oil ___" (valuable)
- 24 TX actress Miller (init.)
- 25 TXism: "beer shed"
- 26 TX shrimpers catch 'em with this (2 wds.)
- 27 magnet that was to be used for SSC in TX
- 28 Austin art museum: "Laguna ___"

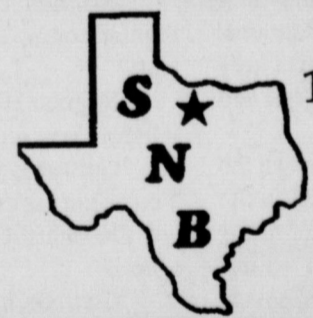
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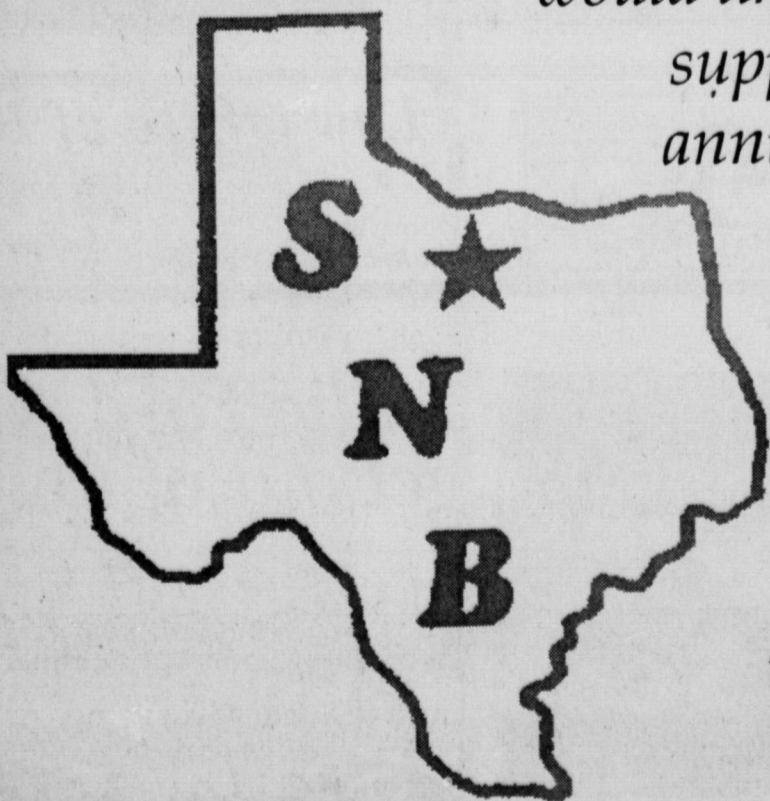
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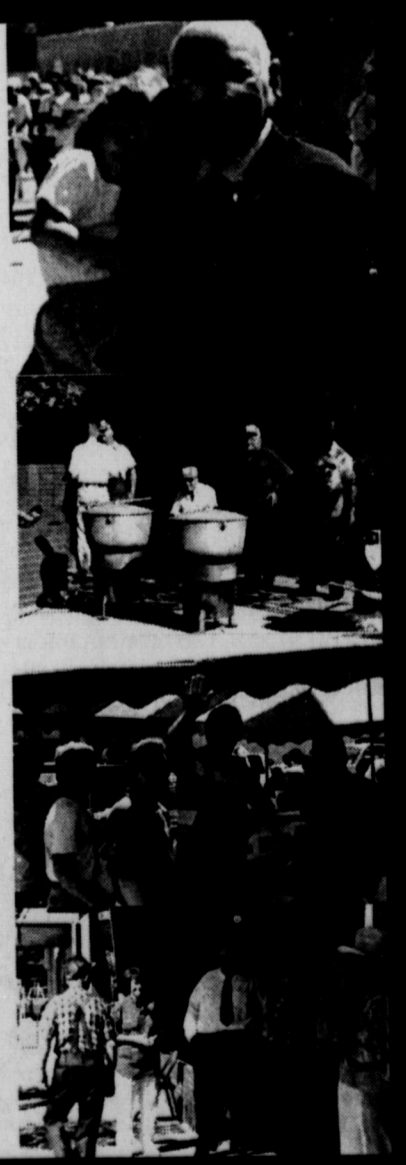
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As I See It... By Bob Hamilton



My how time flies, and so does one's memory.

I've gotta use this space to clear up some things, before I drown with all this egg on my face.

While writing that article about Carole Venhaus being the Region Nine nominee for Educator of the Year, in last week's edition, I erred.

Well, in a way I did, and in another way I didn't.

I said she was the first educator from Iowa Park to advance to the state level, for consideration of Teacher of the Year.

She was in fact not the first. Dorothy Palmer was the region's nominee in 1992 and Michael Bean

in 1995. And for good measure, Glen Mitchell was a nominee in 1993.

Now then, Mrs. Palmer and Bean were nominees for Elementary Educator of the Year, and Mitchell as Administrator of the Year.

I could have avoided all this, and been correctly accurate, had I said Mrs. Venhaus is the Region Nine nominee for Secondary Educator of the Year in Texas.

But that one wasn't the only time I erred in attempting to give due recognition to someone for achievement and recognition earned.

Back last spring, in reporting that Melinda Bradshaw had won the national powerlifting championship for her weight division, I tossed in a

phrase that she was the first from here to win anything national.

Okay, I was correct on that. But I wasn't thinking about "international."

Beverly Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Banks, won honors in the International Science Fair back in the late 1970s.

She did it with a four-year study in the "psychological changes in an individual's eyes." And for that, she was presented a trip to Hawaii.

Sorry, folks. I hope I haven't hurt too many feelings, misled too many readers, or damaged the paper's credibility.

And this egg on my face is stilling.

WORTH QUOTING

It probably does not mean much in the scope of national politics, but I have been following the nomination of former Massachusetts governor William Weld by President Clinton to be the U.S. Ambassador to Mexico. For all intents and purposes the nomination is dead, but it is creating great political theater.

To be ambassador to Mexico, Weld has to be approved by the Senate. For his nomination to reach the floor of the Senate for a vote, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has to hold hearings and take a vote on his nomination. For the Foreign Relations Committee to hold hearings, they must be scheduled by the committee chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms.

That is the rub. Sen. Helms thinks that Gov. Weld, though a fellow Republican, is totally unqualified for the job of Mexican Ambassador. One of the largest problems this country has with Mexico at the present time is the huge amount of drugs that are smuggled across our Southern border.

Through payoffs, corruption and plain incompetence, the Mexican government has made very little effort to stop the drug trade. In Sen. Helms view, Gov. Weld would only increase the problem if he were the Mexican Ambassador.

Weld has been a proponent of legalizing marijuana use and drug addict needle exchange programs. Weld's overall record has been very soft on penalizing drug sellers and users.

A showdown came between the two men last week. Weld sat in the audience of a Foreign Relations hearing and Sen. Helms, in no uncertain terms, told the former governor that there was no way he was going to be the Mexican Ambassador.

The statement came as a shock to those pundits inside Washington. One said, exasperated, "But, how can he do that! All the polls say Weld should win the nomination!"

Another pundit asked the question, "How can Sen. Helms, one man, thwart the democratic process?"

The answer is simple. Sen. Helms is a man of conviction. That is very rare in Washington today. He doesn't care about polls, pundits or following the majority. He believes in values that have gone out of style, like deciding what he thinks is right and staying the course, no matter what anyone else thinks.

This old-fashioned way of doing things has caught the "new" political press off guard. They cannot understand a politician who does not let the polls drive his actions.

That is the sign of true leader-

ship. A leader, by definition, leads people from one place to another. It could be from one physical place to another or from one ideological place to another.

A leader does not follow the whim of the crowd. They set their own course and then lead people along that course.

Too many politicians today are like the archer who shoots his arrow, then draws a target around where the arrow hit. They can make a bull's eye every time.

Even if you disagree with Sen. Helms, you have to admire his character. If you can understand it, you are more intelligent than most of the people in Washington who comment on national politics.

JIM HUDSON
Perryton Herald

"Gertrude, we finally found the address of that little company in New Braunfels that makes these pretzels."

"Okay, whaddye want?"

"Send a letter to Oeschlitz, Inc. at 120 Main Street, New Braunfels, and ask them to send one dozen cartons of Oeschlitz Glitzzy Pretzels."

"Tell them that we want the same kind they handed out at the press convention last year in San Antonio."

"How do you spell the name of the company?"

"O-e-s-c-h-l-i-t-z!"

"Sounds crazy. Doya want regular computer type or that other stuff?"

"Regular elite -- and let me read it before you send it."

"Gertrude, you can't send this. You've put ess'es instead of zzz's. It's not Ooeschlitz Glitzzy Prestels. Try again!"

"Gertrude, it's still wrong. You've put the zzz's in the wrong place. It's not Oeeshlitz Glitzzy Prezieltz. Try it once more and use the SpellCheck on it this time."

"Gertrude, SpellCheck made it read: Auschwitz Glittering Pastries - that's the German atrocity camp of World War II. It's evidently a northern SpellCheck instead of Southern."

"Just leave off the SpellCheck and the formal letter. Just drop a note to them and ask them to send us the pretzels passed out at the press convention."

"The printer won't handle that size sheet..."

"Forget the computer and the printer -- just write it longhand."

"I can't find a fountain pen that uses regular ink!"

"Dabnabbit, write it in pencil -- and it's Oeschlitz."

"Gertrude, it's not Oeeshlitz Gizzard Prezzles..."

"Ya sure you wouldn't like to

order something different. I know this little place in Kerrville that makes king-size kumquats that are out..."

"Gertrude..."

"Or there's that strange place over in Colorado City that makes those cute little cucumber cupcakes with cherries..."

"Sufferin' succotash, Gertrude, all we want is to place an order to Oeschlitz's for some pretzels."

"Up at Slaton, they make that sauteed schnitzel sausage that's seared with salsa..."

"Gertrude, stop it..."

"Or I've heard about this hole in the wall place in Waxahachie that takes wounded warhog and makes weeping wieners wrapped in whole wheat..."

"Of course, we could always call that place in Galveston..."

"What place is that?"

"You know... Guzzlin Gus that has that goffy gravy made from goggle-eyed shrimp and he sends it out in ginger boxes wrapped in galdiola gingham..."

"Just one more time, Gertrude!"

"Or I could get you some steak fingers from Buddy's real easy..."

"Please, Gertrude, just order the Glizzy Prizzles from Schwizzles. Oh, for Pete's sake, the prezzles from Wizzles -- Swizzles -- Switches..."

"I've got a phone number!"

"Good, call'em up, and order a dozen cartons of -- of -- of Oeschlitz Glitzzy Pretzels, okay?"

"Didja get Oeschlitz?"

"Nope, the line's tied up!"

"Aw-w-w..."

JAMES ROBERTS
Andrews County News

Three men died and arrived at the Pearly Gates at the same time. Before being admitted, St. Peter asked how they spent their time on earth.

First man explained that he was a missionary working in various disease-ridden pest holes around the globe, helping his fellow man and spreading the Gospel of Jesus.

"Come on in," said St. Peter.

The next guy was a doctor. He had labored tirelessly healing the people, making them whole and well. He, too, was admitted.

The third man said he was an administrator of an HMO. He told of his tough negotiating with doctors, hospitals, and patients. He helped make health care affordable for thousands of people.

"That sounds very impressive," St. Peter said. "You may also go in -- but you can only stay three days."

JAMES ROBERTS
Andrews County News



SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

CONTACT NOW FOR '98 RETIREMENT PLANS

If you are thinking about retiring next year, you should contact Social Security now to discuss your plans.

In some cases, your choice of retirement month could mean additional benefits for you and your family.

Because the computation varies based on your earnings for the year and the month in which you file, it's a good idea to check with a Social Security representative before making your decision.

Helpful Facts

Regular meetings of the Iowa Park city council is at 7 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays, in council chambers at 103 N. Wall. All meetings are open to the public.

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.

Trustees to consider options on facility needs financing

A special called meeting of the school board to consider options on financing facility additions will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library.

The district's financial advisor, Murphy Davis, will be at the meeting to go over the funding options with board members and answer questions.

Members of the Facility Task Force, which was formed last year to study needs in the school district,

have been invited to attend. Supt. Mike Caplinger said there would be time set aside for them to ask questions of Murphy.

Another item on the agenda calls for action to approve or reject joining the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Co-op, Region IX ESC.

A portion of the meeting will be closed in order for trustees to consider the acceptance of a donation of real estate.

Autumn brings cool, wet relief

The change from summer to autumn brought welcomed relief to area residents, in more than one way.

According to the calendar, autumn arrived Monday afternoon.

That fact was emphasized not only by a change in the temperature, but also by badly-needed moisture.

Temperatures for the past several weeks have been ranging from

the high 90s well into the 100s, began lowering Saturday, during Whoopt-Do, and Tuesday's high was only in the 70s.

Monday night and Tuesday morning, showers deposited .22 of an inch at Virgil Woodfin's home, but larger amounts were reported to the north and west of Iowa Park.

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