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Bernard Campbell, Pearl Harbor Vet, Remembers It Well

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day did not go without special notice here. We had the most precious telephone visit with our long-time Pearl Harbor contact, Bernard Campbell who is still as bright and sharp as he was back when he was sharing memories and photos of his experience of that national disaster of Dec. 7th in 1941.

Still active, Bernard does his own yard and house work and cooking. He lost his wife of 54 years ten years ago and so when his daughter Bernadine of Herndon, VA., asked what he wanted in October for his 90th birthday, he only asked they come and 11 kinfolks went out for a good steak dinner. He'll spend Christmas with them.

He was in the Navy for four and half years and he cherishes the memories of some of his mates, the late Wayne Campbell and Homer Bisbee. They were at Pearl on that fateful day so many years ago. He remembered the day, but didn't watch any of the television recollections Monday. Bernard retired as a rural mail carrier and gave up his beloved golf game some five years ago.

He lost his mother Dora when she was only 68 but his dad Clyde set quite a pattern; for him, he lived to be 98.

It's been 68 years since Seaman Campbell was a Navy barber at Pearl.

Children & Youth Annual Christmas Program At Calvary Baptist Sunday

The community is invited to attend the annual Christmas program put on by the children and youth of Calvary Baptist Church in Cisco. The event will be held Sunday, December 13th at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary of Calvary. The title of the program is appropriately "The Perfect Gift".

McMillan State Farm Food And Toy Drive

Eddie McMillan State Farm Insurance Agency will be having their 2nd Annual Food and Toy Drive again for the Holiday Season this year. As numerous families in Cisco are struggling during these economic times, it is important for our community to band together and help these people not only year round, but especially during the Holidays.

Eddie's office is accepting nonperishable food items and new, unwrapped toys now till December 11th. All food items will be going to the Cisco Food Pantry and toys will be given to the Cisco Goodfellows for them to distribute.

Items can be dropped off at Eddie McMillan's office at 801 Conrad Hilton, Monday through Friday from 9-5:00. "Santa's Helpers" will be excited to accept your donations. Please help make a difference in these peoples lives and give!

Toy and Food Drive Dec. 12

On December 12th Goodfellows plans to have a toy and food drive in front of Cisco Brookshires.

McMillan State Farm Insurance in Cisco is also collecting toys for the Goodfellows until December 11th.

Friday shopping and stress field days of trying to find the perfect gift. Hours are spent in shopping malls and on computers trying to get the best deal on the right item.

"The Perfect Gift" takes place at the Bethlehem Mall at the Star of Wonder Gift Shoppe filled with trinkets and treasures of all kinds. You'll find a capable staff ready to lend a hand to the customers seeking that perfect gift. Weary from their journey following the star, the three wisemen enter the shop seeking special gifts to present to the new king whom they believe to be in Bethlehem. Discover through magnificent songs, hilarious humor and a touching story that Jesus was "The Perfect Gift" from God to the world and the best gifts that we can give to Jesus is our hearts.

It is a heart touching portrayal of how we get caught up in the commercialization of Christmas and loose focus on what the real celebration should be about. Fifty-seven children from pre-school ages to fifth grade ages have put many hours of practice into the program. They will minister to your hearts and needs through script and song. These children are living proof that you don't have to be an adult for God to use you to serve Him and to minister to others.

Refreshments will be served after the program for all to fellowship and enjoy each other during this wonderful time of the year. At 7:00 pm, there will be a live drive through nativity put on by the youth of Calvary. The nativity will be in the front parking lot at the south end in front of the playground. We cannot promise that things will not be exciting. Everything will be live!

We hope to see you all there and wish everyone a very joyful, safe, and blessed Christmas.

State Rep. Jim Keffer Files For Re-Election

Representative Keffer to run on his strong conservative record and distinguished list of accomplishments for Brown, Eastland, Hood, Shackelford, Stephens and Palo Pinto Counties.

Eastland, TX— State Representative Jim Keffer filed on Friday to run for re-election in the Republican Primary. Keffer, who was first elected in 1996, pledges to continue fighting for the issues that are important to the residents of District 60.

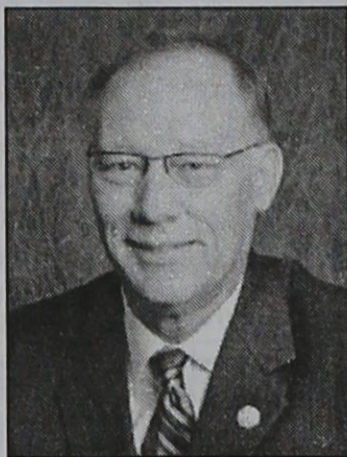
"I am proud to say that I have always fought to lower property taxes, protect our local lakes and water supplies, increase teach pay and protect our conservative family values," Keffer said. "I am honored to be your voice in the Texas House, and I humbly ask for your continued support."

Keffer is a trusted leader in the State Legislature and currently serves as chairman of the House Committee on Energy Resources and as a member on the Business & Industry, Calendars and Redistricting Committees. In previous sessions, Keffer has served as committee chairman of Ways & Means,

Redeemer Childhood Learning Center Holds Thanksgiving Program

Redeemer Childhood Learning Center kicked off the holiday season with a festive Thanksgiving celebration. Mrs. Melinda and Mrs. Robin took their classes to Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation to share the music that they had learned for the school Thanksgiving program. The residents enjoyed the sweet songs that the children sang. It was a nice reminder of why we celebrate Thanksgiving.

Prior to their trip to the nursing home, the students had worked for weeks learning their songs and learning the reasons for Thanksgiving. They



STATE REP. JIM KEFFER

Economic Development and the Select Committee on Property Tax Relief.

"I believe my experience in these leadership positions has provided me with the expertise needed to continue to be an effective advocate for the citizens of District 60," Keffer said.

Throughout his legislative career, Representative Keffer has been named one of the five best members of the legislature by Gallery Watch. He has received the "Legislator of the Year Award" from the Texas Economic Development Council, the Texas Eagle Forum "Freedom and Family Award", the Texas Association of Family Physicians' "Patient Advocacy Award", "Outstanding

Legislator Award" by the Texas Industrial Vocational Association, and the "Fighter for Free Enterprise Award" by the Texas Association of Business.

Jim and Leslie Keffer, his wife of 34 years, reside in Eastland, and are the proud parents of three sons who graduated from Eastland public schools and three Texas Universities. They are especially proud of their 16-month-old granddaughter. Keffer is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is President of EBAA Iron Sales, Inc., an iron foundry with plants in Eastland and Albany.

Drivers Warned Slow Down, Be Prepared For Delays By Icy Weather

Senior Trooper, Sparky Dean, of the Texas Highway Patrol, Texas Department of Public Safety, issued a weather related traffic warning for the Big Country on Monday, December 7.

The Texas Highway Patrol and other agencies were working numerous crashes in the Big Country due to icy roadways, a news release

Civic League Holiday Extravaganza

Cisco Civic League's 5th Annual Holiday Table Extravaganza will be held December 10th, at the Hilton Community Center, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Civic League members will show elaborately decorated Holiday Tables. A salad luncheon will be served.

The cost for viewing the tables, enjoying the Holiday foods and taking home a recipe booklet is \$10.00. Tickets are available from any Civic League member, or may be purchased at the door.

All proceeds will go to the Civic League's project fund. The public is invited to attend and share the Holiday fun.

said. Drops in temperatures and wet weather had caused elevated structures to ice over.

By icy weather, when driving cannot be avoided (emergencies only), drivers should remember to slow down, allow for ample following distance and be prepared for delays due to traffic problems and crashes.

As always during these types of road conditions, Trooper Sparky Dean added, some drivers will not be taking necessary precautions. Take care of yourself by avoiding travel, he said.

In Eastland County Tuesday morning, roads were wet but not icy, most commuters reported.

High winds and temperature in the 60s were expected Tuesday afternoon in front of a cold front, which will bring much cooler weather and freezing temperatures at night and the early morning hours to the Big Country.

Spirit Of Christmas Food Drive

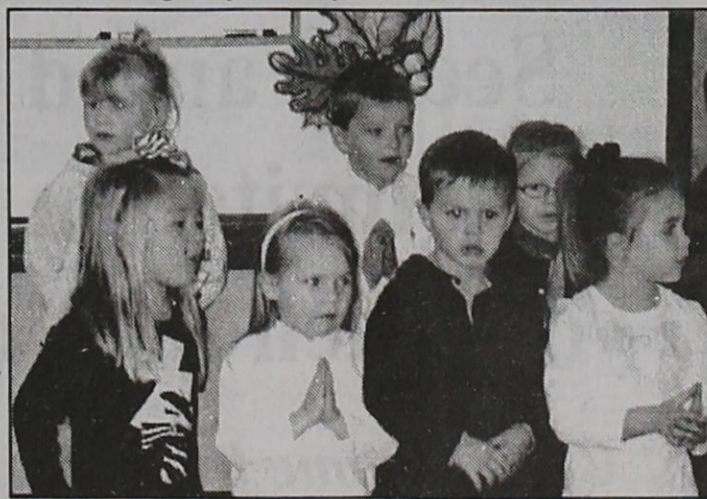
Donations to the 28th annual Spirit of Christmas Food Drive are still being accepted as the drive moves into its final weeks.

The goal is to feed 16,000 families in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi. The food drive is sponsored by Brookshire Grocery Company and various service organizations, including the Cisco Goodfellows.

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Cisco Food Pantry Hours

The Cisco Food Pantry's distribution days will be December 17th from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at 206 West 9th St.





Scenes from Redeemer Childhood Learning Center Thanksgiving program.

From Page One Spirit Of Christmas Food Drive

"Many families receive assistance through this effort, and every single donation counts," said Sam Anderson, director of consumer and community relations for BGC.

Donations may be made by placing non-perishable food items in designated bins inside participating stores before Christmas. Items needed include canned meats, vegetables, soups, beans, rice, and pasta, among others.

BGC will give at least one baking hen to each family assisted by the drive. In 2008, the company provided more than 16,000 hens. Food drive officials expect to provide the same or more

this year. Volunteers will gather, sort, box, and distribute the food before Christmas. Anderson said the drive targets those most in need,

especially the elderly and single-parent households. Recipients are screened by local relief organizations or government agencies to verify degree of need.

All food will be distributed in the area where it is collected.

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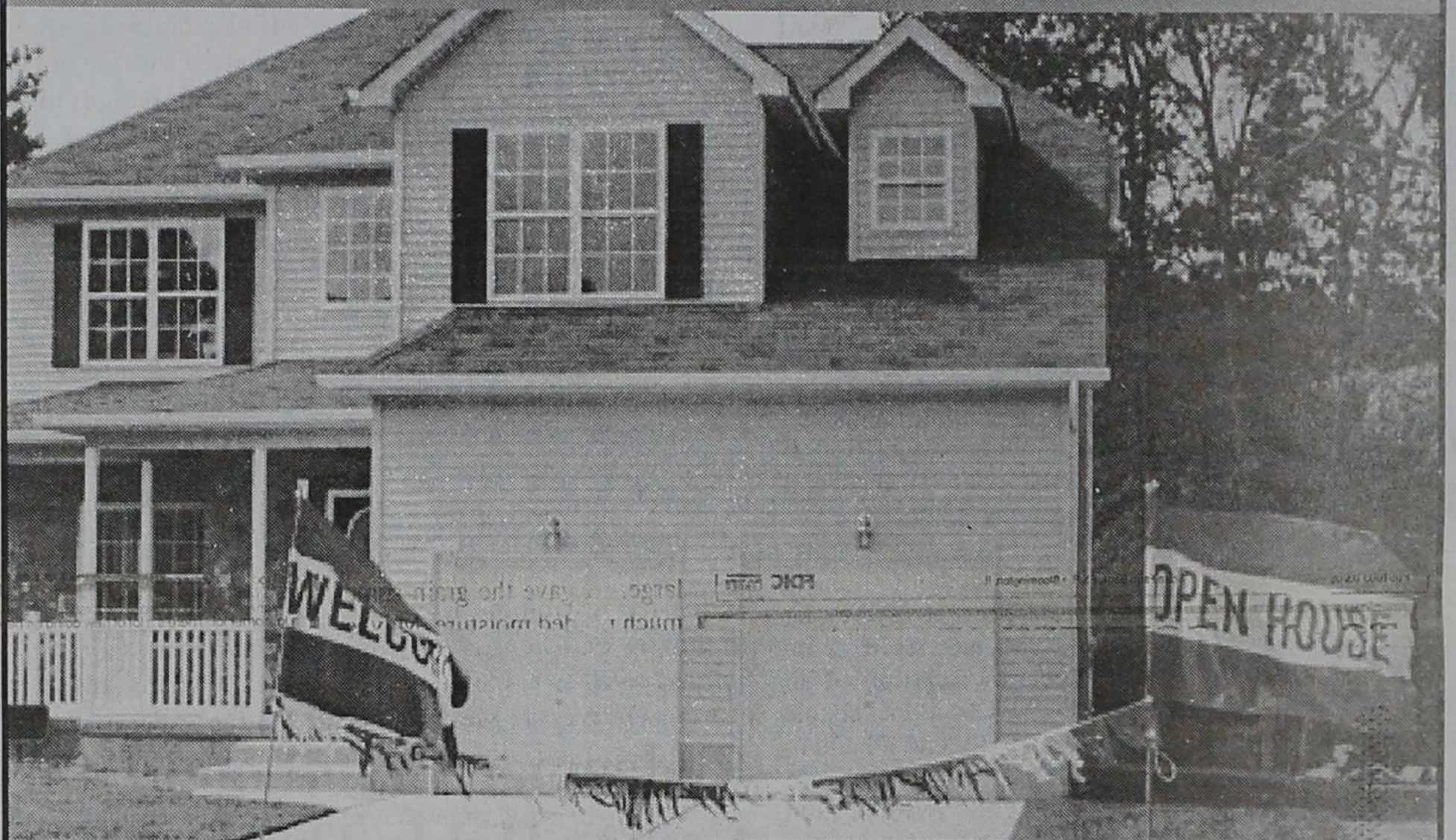
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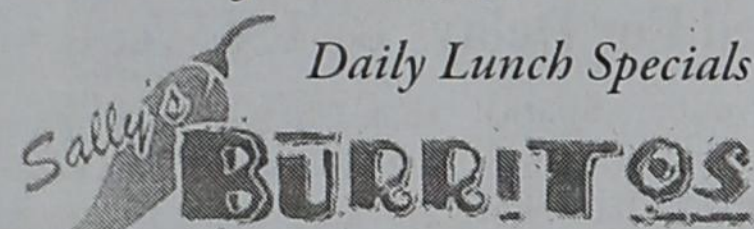
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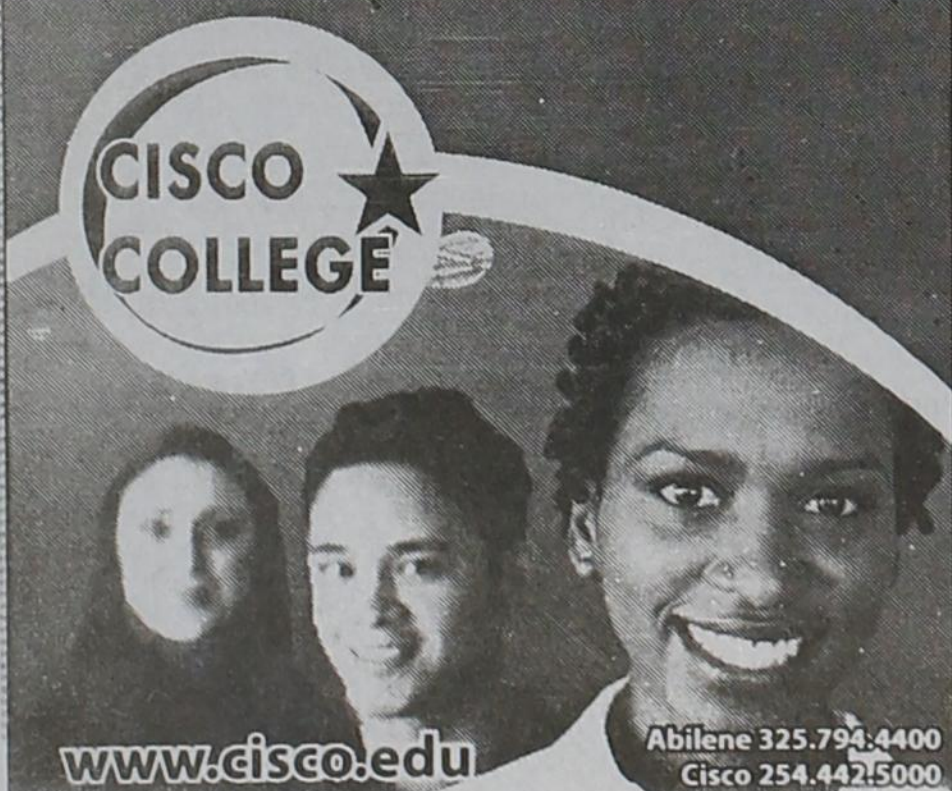
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A Truly Healthy Baked Holiday Treat

A recent study by the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research found that one in three cancers is preventable. I hope you'll share this recipe with your readers, as this good-for-you holiday treat serves as a reminder that a healthy diet is important for overall well-being.

Looking for creative ways to spread the cheer this holiday season? Texas Oncology has developed a tasty and simple holiday recipe for Holly Jolly Biscotti, which showcases the peak-season flavors of Texas citrus and pecans. Packed with healthy ingredients, this Italian-inspired, twice-baked cookie is a delicious and nutritious way to promote a good-for-you diet throughout the holidays not just for yourself, but everyone on your gift list.

"Nutrition plays a major role in promoting good health," said Vasu Moparty, M.D., a medical oncologist at Texas Oncology-Methodist Charlton Cancer Center. "Holly Jolly Biscotti is a classic holiday treat that is rich in fiber, Vitamin C, and proteins."

A recent study conducted by the World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research found that one in three cancers may be preventable. A healthy lifestyle and nutritious diet can lower the risk of disease and are also important for overall well-being.

brings together the decadent flavors of citrus, nuts, and chocolate. Texas oranges, which are locally grown in the rich soil of the Rio Grande Valley, offer high quantities of Vitamins A and C, while the Texas pecans provide a nutty dose of healthful protein. The sweet, dark chocolate is made up of more than 60 percent cacao, and along with oranges and pecans, serves as an excellent source of antioxidants. Combined with the whole wheat flour, which contains calcium, iron, and fiber, and olive oil which is rich in omega-3 and omega-9 fatty acids, Holly Jolly Biscotti is a healthy way to enjoy a classic holiday treat.

Whether having the whole family over or celebrating with a few friends and relatives, Holly Jolly Biscotti makes a great holiday gift and will spruce up any holiday spread. Enjoy with a hot cup of coffee in the morning or after dinner with friends, family, and a mug of cider.

Holly Jolly Biscotti Recipe

Yield: 24 to 26 biscotti

Ingredients:

- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons orange juice
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat pastry flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons orange zest
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

• 1 cup pecans, coarsely chopped

• 1 cup dark chocolate chips

Directions:
Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In a medium bowl, beat together eggs, olive oil, orange juice, and vanilla until well combined. In a separate bowl, whisk together both flours, sugar, orange zest, baking powder, and salt. Add dry mix slowly to wet ingredients until mixture forms a ball. Turn out dough mixture onto a well-floured surface and knead a few times. Fold in pecans and chocolate chips in alternating batches until evenly distributed.

Divide dough into two pieces. Form each piece into a log about 9 inches long, then press flat until it is about half an inch tall and 3 inches wide. Transfer logs to baking sheets and bake for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire racks for 20 minutes.

Using a serrated knife, slice each log on the diagonal into 1/2 inch pieces. Return to oven and bake on each side for about 10 minutes (approx. total of 20 minutes). Slices should be golden brown. Remove from oven to cool.

Enjoy more healthy holiday meals with these quick nutritional tips:

• Substitute butter or lard with healthy oils such as olive, canola, and other vegetable oils.

• Add fiber, crunch, flavor, "good fats," and a host of phytonutrients, vitamins, and minerals with chopped nuts such as pecans, walnuts, almonds, or hazelnuts. "Good fats," like those found in vegetable oils, can help the body regenerate cells and create hormones.

• Infuse salads with colorful, dark, leafy greens and seasonal fruits and vegetables. Dark, leafy greens are a good source of fiber and folate.

• Serve whole grain bread, which contains fiber, folic acid, and iron, with meals.

• Incorporate seasonal fruits, which are rich in vitamins and best consumed at their peak ripe times, into desserts.

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Candlelight Service At St. Barbara's Church December 12 In Thurber

On December 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. the public is invited to attend Candlelight Services in historic St. Barbara's Church in Thurber.

Songs of the season and the story of Christ will fill the 117-year old St. Barbara's Church with special holiday spirit. Choir members of the First Methodist Church of Gordon, directed by Richard Coates, will lead us in old familiar songs as John Gibson, our visiting preacher from Ranger, shares the real meaning of Christmas in his own unique style. Contributing to the evening's enjoyment will be Virginia Zubic, accompanied on the piano by Betsy Deering, as they also share their musical talents.

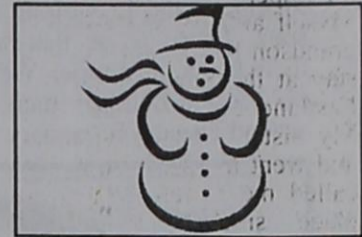
Refreshments will follow the services, provided by the Thurber Historical Association. St. Barbara's Church is part of historic Thurber Park, located on the south access road of I-20 and County Road 107 in Thurber. Take exit #367 - For information about the service; call 254-672-5314, 940-769-3564, or 264-672-5337.

Saint Barbara's Church, Thurber, Texas
Thurber Historical Assoc., Inc.

A bit of history about Saint Barbara's church -- The Texas and Pacific Coal Co. built and owned all buildings in Thurber, including churches. The church was completed in late 1892, and the company called it St. Thuribus, probably because "Thuribus" sounded similar to "Thurber." But within a few years, the name was appropriately changed to St. Barbara's, because St. Barbara was the patroness saint of miners.

The first Baptism was Antonin Wierzowiecki on 22 January 1893. Father A. M. Dynia, Fathers Kwoka and J. B. Etschenberg, Father Dolje and the next pastor, Father H. J. Baker (Oct. 1903-Feb. 1909) were greatly assisted by Father Merendino who would hear Confessions in six languages. The 1910 Census showed 18 different nationalities in Thurber. Other priests whose names appear on Baptismal records were Fathers Fabrio, Ardu, Kowalski, Garliardoni (for the Mexicans) and Kow. Father DeLuca was pastor from Feb. 1909 to Nov. 1918. Father Niedziela pastored both churches at Strawn and Thurber from Nov. 1918 to June 1920. Then Father Herkert June 1920-Oct. 1923, and Father Kline Oct. 1923-Dec. 1935. Father Corcoran (1936-1941) supervised the moving

Thursday, December 10, 2009 Security Title and Ledbetter Insurance Team Up For Snowman and Snowman Christmas



This is a wonderful Christmas Project for individuals, businesses, church groups, civic clubs, organizations, daycares or anyone with a kind heart for the elderly.

Security Title Company of Eastland, Texas has teamed up with Ledbetter Insurance Agency of Cisco, to invite the citizens of Eastland County to join in the gift of giving to the residents of the Homestead Nursing and Rehabilitation of Cisco and the residents of the Valley View Healthcare Center of Eastland.

We invite you to come by Ledbetter Insurance Agency located at 809 Conrad Hilton, Cisco (254) 442-3640 or Security Title Company located at 115 S. Lamar, Eastland (254) 629-1144 to choose a "Snowman" or "Snowwoman" and purchase the items listed on each "Snowman" or Snowwoman. Once you have purchased the items listed please return them to Ledbetter Insurance Agency or Security Title Company and we will deliver them to the nursing homes on the day of their Christmas Party.

If you have any questions you can call Shawna Saunders with Ledbetter Insurance Agency at 254-442-3640 or Belinda Matthews/Crystal Kidd with Security Title Company at 254-629-1300.

of St. Barbara's two miles to the north to Mingus, when Thurber was being dismantled. When moved, the church was sawed in two halves; each half moved separately, then re-joined in Mingus.

A unique feature to St. Barbara's was the 4 x 10-foot recess on the left side of the church. As was the custom then, friends and family sat overnight with the deceased in the home prior to the funeral. In many cases home visitation was impractical, and the deceased might be left in the Church for visitation.

There were about 2500 Baptisms and 335 Funeral Masses in St. Barbara's. During St. Barbara's Thurber days, clocks, watches, radios and TV's were not available for time checks as in modern times. When St. Barbara's bell was first heard on Sunday, that meant, "Thirty minutes before Mass, get dressed." The next bell was fifteen minutes before Mass; "Get moving toward church." The last bell, five minutes before Mass, meant, "Get in your pew."

In Mingus after 1970, the church was rarely used and was in disrepair. In the summer of 1992, St. Barbara's was moved back home to Thurber. Today, it is has been restored as a non-denominational church with a mandate that only religious activities be conducted in this venerable old church. After two moves, and over one hundred years, St. Barbara's Church proudly stands, ready for the next hundred years.

(Much of the above information provided by Leo S. Bielinski, in May 1994.)

Guest Writer - Jonnie S. Goodwin, Thurber, Texas

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Letters To The Editor

Editor,
This letter is in regards to the Super 8 Motel in Eastland. Myself and my sister and her grandson had a reservation to stay at the Super 8 Motel in Eastland on November 27th. My sister arrived before me and went to check us in. She called me to tell me that the place smelled horrible and was unkempt. She has a breathing condition and said she could not stay there. I had some problems on the road and was running late but I called at 4:30 to cancel the reservations. I talked a man at the desk who explained there is a 24 hour cancellation policy. How are you supposed to know until you check in that a place is unfit to stay in? I called the corporate customer service office and voiced my complaint after I learned my debit card was charged. A smart mouthed woman at the Super 8 Motel in Eastland called me on Monday evening and assured me that she was at the desk all afternoon on Friday and there was no record of my calling to cancel and that it would be my word against hers with the corporate customer service office. I called the corporate customer service office on Tuesday and was told that a review of the case had judged in favor of the motel...imagine that. Apparently, they do not have a "the customer is right" philosophy and will not refund any monies.

You can go to the Super 8 Motel website and learn that there are a number of hotels and motels in that group that probably operates under the same policy. I wouldn't stay at any of them.

This letter is to let the people of Eastland and the surrounding areas know that you might alert family and friends to check out the conditions at the Super 8 Motel BEFORE you make reservations.

I have visited family in Eastland for many years and have always thought you have lovely city. I'm sure your city is appreciative of the new

motel facilities you have. We stayed at the LaQuinta. The rate was accommodating and the staff was great.

Thank you,
Vera Dulaney
A Midland Traveler

Editor,
Why is it that when a person breaks the law, they should be shown compassion?

We should be proud of our police and anybody in law enforcement. It is a thankless job. Police in Abilene should be as good as ours in Eastland.

I say don't come to Eastland and break the law, and cry when you get caught. We have all heard ignorance of the law is no excuse.

B. Kennedy
Olden, TX

Open Letter to Mr. D. C. Roberts of Abilene
Dear Mr. Roberts,

I sincerely hope your Thanksgiving Day trip was a pleasant one even though you received a ticket from one of Eastland's finest.

Mr. Roberts the laws in our country are made for a reason. To protect our citizens and hopefully to cause our everyday life to function a little smoother. Would it not have been just as easy for you to circle the block and park LEGALLY rather than have the upset of a wrong way ticket. How can you call a police officer a Grinch when he puts his life on the line every day for you. What if we all parked indiscriminately on the street, would not that create chaos. If the officer had come to the door to ask you to move your car, he may have missed a call where someone's life was in danger. It boils down to one important fact, it is against the law to park on the wrong side of the street. You do the crime, you pay the fine.

Sincerely,
Patsy W. Campbell
Ranger, TX

Morton Valley Extension Education Club End Of Year Activity

Busy, Busy, Busy, is the word to describe members of the Morton Valley Extension Education Club. Thenovember meeting was held on the 11th of 2009 in the home of Flo Williamson with a full agenda. Sue Endebruck was Co-hostess for the meeting. One guest, Darrem Weldon, was present. President Jo Haley asked for reports on members who were ill or had a member of their family ill. The quilt members had made for the West Texas Rehab Auction in January was complete and had been delivered to the center. An invitation to the brunch the Center has each year had been received. Transportation was discussed for those wishing to attend. Seven members attended on December 3rd and viewed the beautiful quilts that had been donated. Jo reminded members that we should be thinking about a Cultural Arts item to be entered in the County, then District Competition in the Spring. Members are making plans for the Spring Festival we will have in April. The First Baptist Church has been reserved for April 22, 2010 for this event. November 19, 2009, members went to Cisco to meet with a group who want to organize a club there. We are excited about this. The Taste of Home Program at the Civic Center was attended by most

all members. This was the program selected as our Fifth Wednesday Program. Hallee Mitchel solicited members to help with the "Back Pack" Project sponsored by the Extension Organization. Our District Director, Millie Barrow, conducted the District 8 Training meeting at the Expo Center in Belton. Officers of our Club attended and brought home material to share with members. Millie is serving the second year of a two year term as District 8 Director and has expressed her desire to become an Education Committee person on the State Board. Club members sanctioned her nomination. Jo Haley was nominated for the Texas Leadership Award and Sue Allsup was nominated for the Texas Treasure award. These ladies will compete on the district level with nominees from each district. The winner will be considered for winner on the State Level. At present we are excited about our Christmas party that will be in the home of Millie Barrow with Betty Nichols co-hosting. Members will determine a person or organization to help with Christmas. It has been a good year. We have a great organization. We know 2010 will be a good year also. Merry Christmas to everyone and a wonderful New Year.

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Pig Tales From Hogtown

Brrrrrr! It's cold outside! Maybe this weather will get us all in the Christmas spirit.

Thanks to all who attended 'Breakfast at the DAC' last Saturday and all who attended the first weekend of the Christmas Store. Our Christmas Store will be open again this weekend - Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. We still have some nice things - come and see! I would like to thank all the ladies of the community who contribute their time and their cooking skills to the Christmas Store. The baked goods that they contribute are the first items to sell. They are all so good and most can be put in the

freezer for the holidays.

We always meet the nicest people at the DAC!

I am sorry to say that we have been unable to book a band for New Year's Eve. Our regular band was already booked up, as were other bands that we contacted. Instead, we will have a game night again. Bring a snack food and a favorite game and join us to welcome in 2010.

January 5th will be 'Breakfast at the DAC' again and we will start back with our regular second Friday dance on January 8th. We will welcome Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers back then.

See you in Desdemona!
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More Than Just A Coach

By: Rusty Maynard

As I look back on the recent events of that tragic night on Highway 6 for Coach Soto and the 4 girls she was carrying home from a game in Hico, I realized, and I hope you do after reading this article, that there is more to coaching than just x's and o's. The heroic actions taken by Coach Soto in an instant kept the accident from being fatal and is the perfect example of one of many things a coach does that is overlooked by those of us outside the realm of the coaching profession. Yes, I do believe that a coach is hired by a school based on how he or she turns those x's and o's into a resume weighed heavily on the difference in the number of wins and losses, but you see the word coach is merely just a title given to a person that has taken on the task of developing young people into what will be the future leaders of America. Let's start with the responsibility of being a role model both on and off school grounds. Coaches must set a good example for these young kids they teach in the classroom or in athletics because let's face it, many of these kids don't have the parental figure or guidance at home to teach them what is right and what is wrong. Morals are an important characteristic a coach must set forth each year for his or her athletes to follow and the coach must

follow them too. Secondly, coaches are teachers in the classroom, during a game, at practice, and around town. They don't just teach a subject or offensive and defensive plays, they teach life lessons and principles to make you a better athlete and to guide you through life's challenges faced when entering the real world. Thirdly, regardless if a coach has his or her own child, they must use parental instincts when faced with unexpected emergencies. On that night, Coach Soto was able to make a quick decision to prevent what potentially could have been a more devastating and horrific accident. Everyone of the individuals in the accident are able to continue their young lives and only one was seriously injured, but has since gotten out of the hospital to begin the recovery process. These characteristics are just a few of the many responsibilities a coach has on a day to day basis. Coach Soto's actions that night were a tremendous example of putting what a coach does into perspective and I hope by reading this, we can all put aside complaining about a player not getting enough playing time or what a coach could have called to make a better outcome to the game and really focus on all the great things that a coach does for our community, our school, and our athletes.

Weekend Tournament Results

Submitted by Rusty Maynard

Eastland Lady Mavs are the Champions of the Dublin Dr. Pepper Classic Tournament!

Eastland Mavericks came in 3rd place in the Dublin Dr. Pepper Tourn.

Cisco Lady Loboes came in 2nd place in the Rockport Tournament.

Ranger Lady Bulldogs are the Champions of the Rising Star Tournament! (Heather Gann was named MVP of the tournament and Monique Leal was named to the All-Tournament Team)

Upcoming Games

12/8 - Cisco Loboes and Lady Loboes play in Comanche, games start at 5:00

Eastland Mavericks and Lady Mavericks play at home against Breckenridge, games start at 4:00

Gorman Panthers and Lady Panthers play in Gordon, games start at 5:00

Ranger Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs play in Huckabay, games start at 6:00

12/10 - Ranger College Men's Basketball play in New Mexico, game starts at 7:00

12/10-13 - Cisco Loboes and Lady Loboes will compete in the Albany Tournament. The JV teams will compete in the Lingleville Tournament.

12/10-12 - Gorman Panthers and Lady Panthers host and compete in the Gorman Tournament

Ranger Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs compete in the Cross Plains Tournament

12/11 - Eastland Lady Mavs play Summit Christian in Cedar Park, game starts at 6:00

Eastland Mavericks play at home against San Saba, games start at 5:00

Playoff Scores

Submitted by Rusty Maynard

Albany beats Lindsay, 52-13.

Strawn beats Calvert, 84-35.

Abilene High beats Arlington Bowie, 35-7.

Abilene Wylie beats Lucas Lovejoy, 31-27.

Graham beats Wimberley, 48-7.

Daingerfield beats Newton, 27-6.

Playoff Pairings

Albany plays Stratford at 7:00 pm Friday, in Wolfforth (State Semifinals)

Strawn plays Garden City at 7:00 pm Saturday, in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium (State Championship Game)

Abilene High plays Klein at 2:00 pm Saturday, in Baylor's Floyd Casey Stadium

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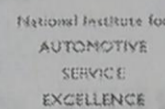
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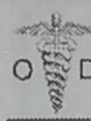
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STEPHENVILLE – A pesticide applicator's training on Dec. 10 in Stephenville will include an update on the spread of a phorid flies, a minuscule parasite that only preys on red imported fire ants.

"The parasite releases that have been made the last five or six years have been spreading out," said Dr. Chris Sansone, Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologist at San Angelo.

Sansone, one of the speakers at the program, will also review the chemical controls currently available

for fire ants and talk about hay quarantine restrictions on counties where fire ants are established.

The training program is a joint effort of AgriLife Extension offices in Somervell, Bosque, Comanche, Eastland County, Erath County, Hamilton County and Hood counties, said Josh Blanek, AgriLife Extension agent for Somervell County. The program will be held at Graham Street Church of Christ Family Center, 312 N. Graham St., Stephenville. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The program should conclude by 3 p.m.

Registration after Dec. 1 or at the door will be \$40. Josh Blanek, AgriLife Extension agent for Somervell County, strongly encouraged preregistration to ensure there will be enough lunches available.

Holders of a Texas Department of Agriculture private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicator's license will earn five continuing education units; one in the general category, one in laws and regulations, and

three in integrated pest management.

Other speakers and topics will include: "Being Prepared for a TDA Audit," "Pecan Management," "Pest Control Around the House," and "Rangeland Brush and Weed Control."

To register or for more information, contact Kathy Singletary at the AgriLife Extension office in Somervell County, 254-897-2809 or kmsingletary@ag.tamu.edu.

Immunization Clinic Dec. 16

Cross Timbers Health Clinics, Inc. have received the H1N1 vaccine. We will be conducting a public immunization clinic at the Eastland Community Health Clinic, 404 W. Commerce, Eastland, on Wednesday, December 16th from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The vaccine is free but there will be a \$10.00 administration fee.

Alzheimers Meeting

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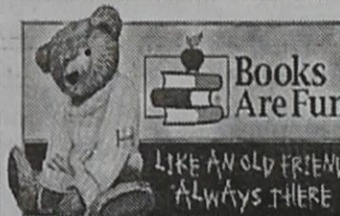
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Obituaries

Robert Charles McDougall

CISCO- Robert Charles McDougall 89, of Cisco and formerly of Dallas, passed away Friday December 4, 2009 in Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM Monday, December 7, 2009 at I-20 Church of Christ officiated by Lee Lewis; burial was at 1:00 PM at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene, (7457 West Lake Road), under the direction of Kimbrough Funeral Home.

Visitation with family and friends was Sunday from 3:00-5:00 PM at the funeral home.

Mr. McDougall was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa on May 16, 1920 to Robert Rice and Matilda (Kanter) McDougall. He married Margaret Marie Neugent on September 27, 1943. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. At the time of his discharge he had reached the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was in the Asiatic Pacific



Area; including Hawaiian Islands, St. Mathis, Philippine Islands and participated in the Bismark Archipelago operation and in action against the enemy on Luzon and Mindanao. He worked as a hairdresser at Sears and was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife Margaret Marie McDougall of Cisco; son, David Charles McDougall, Sr. of Ennis; grandson, Daniel C. McDougall of Cisco; sister, Dorothy Richardson of Cisco; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, David Charles McDougall II.

Mabel Ellie Adams

RANGER - Mabel Ellie Adams, 92, passed away Saturday December 5, 2009 in Ranger.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at Breckenridge Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home. Visitation will be Monday from 6 to 8 pm.

Mrs. Adams was born on October 17, 1917 in Abilene, Texas to Andrew and Oma (Jennings) Collins. She graduated from Abilene Christian High School and then received a degree in nursing from Cisco Junior College. She worked as a nurse for over 20 years. Mabel loved to garden and do arts and crafts. She was a wonderful cook and loved to cook for her family. Mabel was also a good seamstress. Mabel married Melvin Adams in 1938 in Sweetwater, TX and they enjoyed 52 years of marriage. They farmed

Ella Nora Wiesen

RANGER - Ella Nora Wiesen, 82, passed away Thursday December 3, 2009 in Eastland.

Graveside services were held Saturday, December 5, 2009 10:00 A.M. at Evergreen Cemetery.

Ella was born on March 16, 1927 to Burl and Ellie (Key) McGraw in Ranger. She graduated from Ranger High School and was a member of Merriman Baptist Church of Ranger.

Ella lived a very active lifestyle, she loved to garden, fish, cook and clean. She was a very giving person who loved doing things for others and she was a very family oriented lady.

Ella is preceded in death by her parents Burl and Ellie, two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her son Freddy Wiesen and daughter-in-law Cynthia of Ranger, two sisters Donnie Reynolds of Olden and Anna Lou Anderson of Aspermont, grandson Jason Wiesen of Ranger, sister-in-laws Betty McGraw of Olden and Elmore McGraw of Torence, GA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

James 'Jim' Marion White, Jr.

ODESSA- James "Jim" Marion White, Jr., 88, passed away Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at Hospice House in Odessa, after a short illness.

He was born on November 14, 1920, in Comanche County and grew up in Ranger, Texas. Mr. White was a retired salesman. He was a World War II veteran and served in Africa and Italy with the Sixth General Hospital and 88th Infantry Division.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred, and son, Jim.

Katherine Jane Ferguson Perrino

Katherine Jane Ferguson Perrino, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Ferguson of Eastland, passed away Saturday, December 5, 2009 at the home of her daughter in Kaysville, Utah.

Jane attended school in Eastland through high school graduation and then went on to graduate from Texas Wesleyan College with a degree in music. She married Charles Perrino of New York and had two children, daughter Karen Fondario of Kaysville, Utah and son, Charles Perrino of Santa Fe, NM.

Virginia Florence Harris

EASTLAND-Virginia Florence Harris of Eastland passed from this life on December 4, 2009.

Services will be under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home in Eastland. Services and a time of visitation will be held on Thursday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m. at Edwards Funeral Home Parlor in Eastland.

Virginia was born on Feb-

ruary 14, 1915, in Detroit, Michigan, to Herman and Emma (Wolf) Konzett. She moved to Texas in 1950 with her husband, Robert W. Emmons. He preceded her in death in 1979. Virginia married William Harris in Huntsville, Texas, in 1979. He preceded her in death in 2007.

He is survived by his daughter, Lana Vaughn; grandchildren, Brian, Allison, Colette and James and 11 grandchildren.

Military graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 12, 2009, at Sunset Memorial Gardens with VFW Post 4372.

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Jane was preceded in death by her husband, and her sister, Virginia Ferguson Muller.

She is survived by her children, her brother, Robert C. Ferguson, Jr. of Granbury and her sister, M. Elizabeth Ferguson Smith of Burlington.

Jane was an accomplished musician and taught piano and accompanied hundreds of music students throughout her career in Fort Worth. She spent the last few years living at the home of her daughter in Utah. She was a true lady who will be greatly missed by everyone she touched.

During her lifetime, she had many work experiences. After moving to Texas, she completed her LVN training through Methodist Hospital in Houston. She worked in Spring Branch area as an LVN and an office manager for a small doctor's office. After retirement, she and Bill Harris moved to Eastland, Texas.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Eastland. She loved to sew and to play the organ for her own enjoyment.

Virginia is survived by nieces Barbara Fry and husband, Fred, of Petoskey, MI and Diane Pierce, and husband, Paul, of Big Pine Key, FL, and by nephews Dennis Konzett and wife, Brenda, of Lovells, MI, Donald Konzett of Ranger, TX and Vernon "Buddy" Konzett of Detroit, MI.

She is also survived by several great-nieces and great-nephews, several great-great-nieces and nephews and many friends, including Randy and Joan Dunklin, and David and Barbara Byous.

In addition to Robert Emmons and William Harris, Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers: Raymond Konzett, and Vernon "Bud" Konzett.

In lieu of flowers memorials are to be made to First Christian Church in Eastland.

Louise Baker Huggins



EASTLAND - Louise Baker Huggins, 83, of Eastland, passed away Monday, December 7, 2009 in Abilene.

Graveside services will be held at 2 P.M. Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at the Staff Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Little and under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home.

Mrs. Huggins was born August 15, 1926 in Callahan County to Jim and Lucy (Reid) Everett. She was married to Eldon Baker, who

preceded her in death. She later married Jim Huggins, who also preceded her in death, as well as a grandson, Ted Bickerstaff.

Survivors include 3 children, Dale Baker of Dallas, James Baker & wife Linda of Eastland, and Mary Bickerstaff & husband Tim of Bastrop; 3 brothers, Jimmy Everett of Eastland and Donny Everett and Van Everett both of Odessa; a sister, Betty Kinney of Eastland; 2 grandchildren, Ginger Bare, and Cristina Dodrill; and 3 great-grandchildren, Jodie Bare, Dakota Bare, and Colton Dodrill; several nieces and nephews; many extended friends at the Ranger Care Center; and her beloved Cat.

Gilbert A. 'Andy' Swinson

ABILENE- Gilbert A. (Andy) Swinson, of Abilene died Friday, December 4, 2009.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 11 a.m., at Elmwood Memorial Park. Clinton Wheeler presided.

He was born in Cisco, Texas on October 15, 1919. He served in the Navy during World War II, performing construction work in many areas of the world.

He fondly remembered his

work on the Alcan Highway in Alaska, returning to this area many times during his life. He lived a varied, an exciting life, making Atlanta, Texas his home base until he married Lois on September 1, 2005. He resided in Abilene from that time on.

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Super Notes

By David K. Perry
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Gorman ISD Superintendent

Merry Christmas everyone! I love the Christmas season. Everyone's attitude seems to improve just a little. There is a hint of love, hope and joy in the air like no other time of the year. Why? People that are not even Christians celebrate this time of year and exchange presents and greeting cards and have parties. Why? I believe it is because the birth of Jesus represents love, joy and hope to all nations. The message of love and peace surrounding Him is a message the entire world wants to believe. Even if they are not Christians, they want to believe. They would like for the world to be at peace and for everyone to love one another. Love, hope, and peace; are we not blessed, those of us who truly believe and know His love! Remember this Christmas whose birthday you are celebrating, go to church, and be thankful for the gift of Jesus. If you are not a believer, I ask that you give yourself a gift. Visit with someone who is and let them explain to you why they believe and how you can receive the greatest blessing of all this Christmas.

The Junior Class is sponsoring a Jingle Bell Shop. Children in Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade will have the opportunity to pick out their own inexpensive, high quality "Secret" gifts for family and friends during school hours. Before the store opens, your child will bring home a special Budget Envelope; this will allow you and your child to decide together how much can be spent on each gift. The following days will be reserved for this purpose, December 11th will be the Shopping Day for Grades 6-8 and December 14th will be the shopping day for Grades Pre-K through 5th. If you would like your child to shop in the Jingle Bell

Store-please have their envelope back by the designated date above. Thanks for your continued support and Merry Christmas!

The Gorman Student Council is sponsoring a Shoebox Christmas! They are looking for boy and girl gifts from ages 4-18 years of age. You may turn in your shoebox donations into a Student Council Member or to Coach Lovelace. All donations must be received by December 14th. If you choose to wrap the shoebox please wrap the box and lid separately. Thanks so much!

Please support our basketball teams with your presence at the games. Your presence and your cheers mean a lot to our kids. Win or lose, just to see you there makes all their hard work worthwhile. Just knowing you care enough to be there id all it takes to make a child's day. I bet you didn't know you were that important.

Don't forget that we get out early on the 17th and 18th. Busses will run at 12:30pm. School will start up again on January 4, 2010. Can you believe it? 2010! Wilburn Overstreet came by our office the other day and was talking about some things at school when he was ten years old. That was 1916. What changes he has see in his lifetime, things that in 1916 were beyond the imagination at that time. What a wonderful world we live in and thank God for all the blessings we've received!

I received a phone call from a gentleman in DeLeon with some information on one of our bus drivers. I don't mind telling you that it is nice receiving calls about good things. We have many great things happen that go unnoticed simply because people complain a lot faster and more often than they praise people for doing a good job. The bus driver in question was called a hero by this caller and the driver in question is John Howard. It was said that because he was very observant prior to opening the bus door

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies monthly social will be held on Monday, December 14th at the Community Center (former school building). This will be a covered dish Christmas luncheon. Make plans to arrive at 11 a.m. and bring the food of your choice. Drinks will be furnished by the Hostesses. Visitors are welcome.

Kaley, daughter of Roy and Angela Powledge attends DeLeon School in the

to let a young student out that he saved her live. There was a reckless driver that passed the bus, even though the flashing lights were engaged and the stop sign was displayed, and the student may have been run over had Mr. Howard opened the door. I want to commend Mr. Howard for a job well done and thank all of our bus drivers for the great job they do for the students of Gorman ISD. Great job!

This week marks the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Please remember our veterans and our active duty military and their families during this season of love while they are having to stand in harm's way, some giving their very lives to protect my freedom to write this article and your freedom to read it without fear of persecution.

This will probably be my last article until after we return from Christmas break. I wish you all the best Christmas ever! Please be careful and watch out for the other guy. Do something nice for someone anonymously. You'll be surprised how good it makes you feel.

Remember, it takes community involvement for a school to be successful and you are welcome to get involved at Gorman ISD anytime. This is your school; these are your children; and these children are your future! Your input is always welcome. Come help us shape the future. Thank you for all you do to support us!

5th grade. She made a high score grade on the TAKS test. With several of her class members, they won a trip to Washington, D.C. over the past weekend. What a wonderful trip for these young children and teachers.

Roy and Angela Powledge hosted a birthday party on Sunday for their son, Colin. Several family members and friends attended to enjoy lunch followed with a chocolate birthday cake.

During this busy Holiday Season please take time out from your busy schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins with your cards and prayers.

Please contact this reporter with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated.

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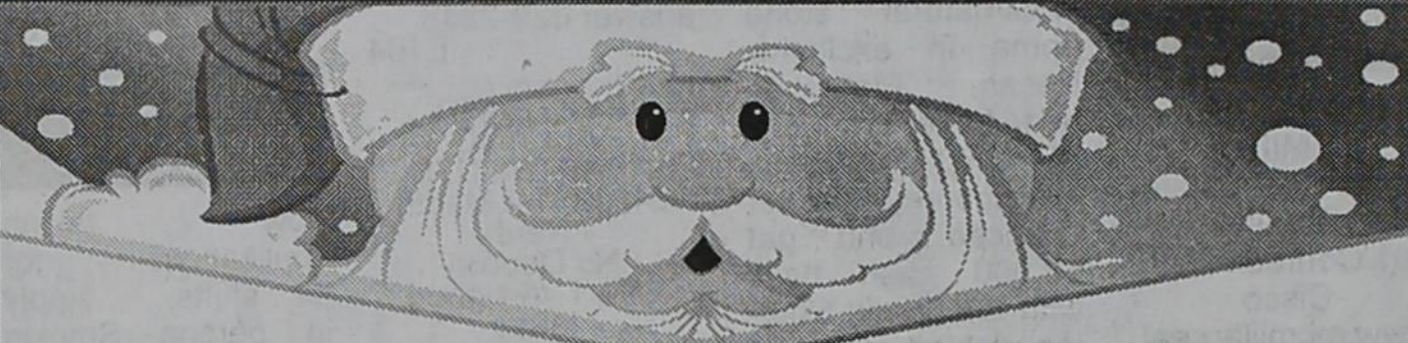
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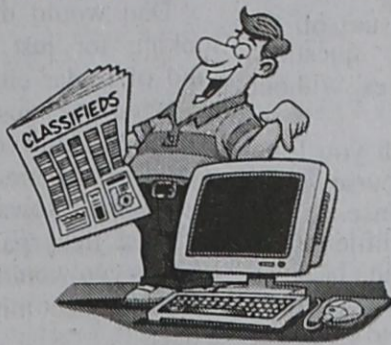
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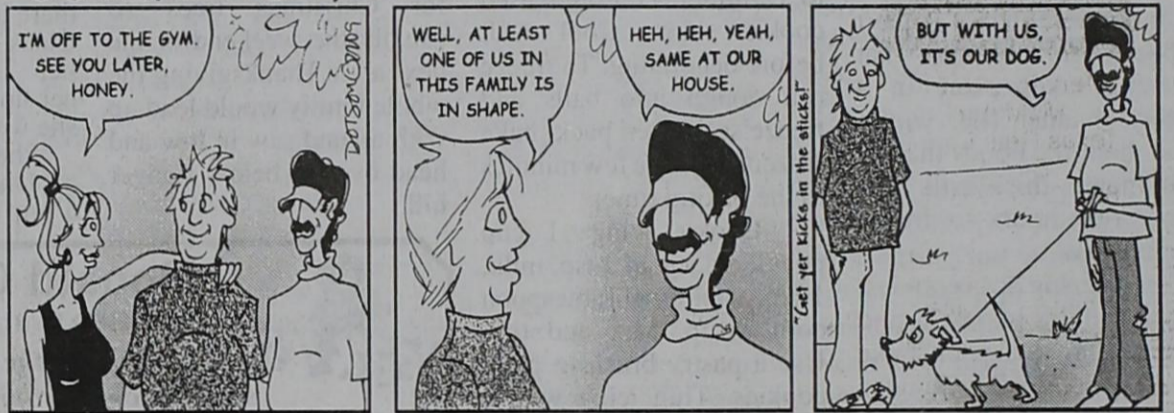
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Getting Ready For The Holidays

With the Christmas holiday quickly approaching, we will find our schedules becoming very busy. You might not realize it but you have a great tool right in your own home for easing your busy holiday schedule. The freezer can become your best friend during the busy holidays. Lots of baked goods, appetizers, entrees, and salads can be prepared and tucked away in the freezer, ready to be used when you need them. Here are a few freezing tips to get you started:

-Double-wrap baked goods securely using only specialty freezer wrappings; they should be both moisture-proof and vapor-proof. Label the outside of the package with the recipe name, reheating instructions and the date.

-Freeze in small containers with no more than a 1-quart capacity to ensure that freezing takes place in a timely manner (i.e. within four hours). Food that is two inches thick will take about two hours to freeze completely.

-For freezing drop cookies, shape cookies into balls and freeze solid, then pack; bake frozen, adding a few minutes to the baking time.

-If freezing frosted cookies,

freeze them individually on an uncovered tray or baking sheet, then transfer to labeled freezer bags. Baked cookies may be kept frozen for 4 to 6 months.

Information in this article is from Allrecipes.com. If you have any questions, please contact Halee Mitchell, County Extension Agent-FCS at 629-2222. The following is a sugar cookie recipe which freezes well.

Sugar Cookies

3-cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1 1/2 c. sugar
1 cup shortening
3 eggs

Sift together first three ingredients. Set aside. Cream together sugar and shortening. Add eggs one at a time and stir well. Add vanilla. Then add the dry ingredients from the first bowl. Stir with a wooden spoon. Chill one hour. Roll out on lightly floured waxed paper and cut into shapes. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes on ungreased cookie sheet. Cool well before decorating. To freeze roll dough into balls and freeze solid then pack; bake frozen, adding a few minutes to the baking time.

Cookie icing: 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 tsp. milk, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 Tablespoon corn syrup. Mix and tint. Use a pastry brush to paint cookies. Thin icing with a small amount of corn syrup to desired consistency.

Is There Really A Santa Claus?

By Joe Herring

Well let me start off by answering that question. The answer is "yes" without a doubt.

And let me tell you I am speaking of course from personal experience.

When I was a little fellow I hung my stocking because I was told if I had been good Santa was going to come see us. I was also told if I had been bad he was still going to come see us but he would only leave switches.

So I always did my best to stay out of the dog house at least until Christmas Day.

And yes he always came and at that special time of the year I got usually an apple and an orange and nuts that probably came from all over the world and big pieces of striped hard candy.

Also under the tree would be something truly wonderful and at least close to what I had secretly been wishing for so I know there was truly a Santa Claus that could only know that and bring it just for me. Sure made me feel special.

Flatwoods didn't have any trees that would pass for Christmas trees so usually the weekend or the next after Thanksgiving the whole family would load up with ax and saw in tow and head over to below Ranger hill.

Dad would drive slow looking for just the right kind of Cedar either along a fence or just inside. Everyone would vote and we would cut the tree to bring back home. Nowadays they call that tress passing and besides you would probably or possibly get mistaken for a deer.

Anyway we would put the thing in a bucket made to hold the tree upright and water it and it got placed usually by the front window or close and Mama would wrap a white cotton wrap around the bottom and we would put lights and our little decorations that were kept from year to year. It was always a beautiful sight to behold.

The Manger scene got laid out put in just the right places where I could grow up learning what the true meaning of Christmas was all about anyway.

But Santa Claus now he was for the kids and the young at heart. Several years ago my oldest daughter was a little girl and she came home crying one day.

I asked her what was wrong and she had been told by one of her little girl friends that there just was not any Santa Claus. It was all just a big lie. The next day I loaded her up and asked her where she would like to go.

She was given a choice of Disneyland, Florida, or a trip to see Santa Claus.

This was decided under the traffic light in down town Eastland. She said she wanted to go see Santa Claus so I drove to Colorado Springs, Colorado.

There was a place there called Santa's Workshop. We spent a whole day there. We visited with Santa and petted the Reindeer and had a wonderful time. To this day if you asked her if there is a Santa Claus she will tell you all about getting to go meet him for real.

One day last week my second grader and my kindergarten boy both asked me if there really was a Santa Claus. Someone told them on the bus or at school there was not any Santa.

I told them I believe there is and it doesn't make any difference if you are six or sixty. I also told them if

you don't believe you don't receive.

I told them it is far better to give than receive as well. They both told me they loved me. So all our stockings will be hung this year and our tree is trimmed. We will be counting all our Blessings and wishing all of you a Good Christmas at this very special time of year.

Crossword Answers

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Guest Slot

Dear Editor,
Thank you for allowing me to send monthly articles for the Eastland Telegram. God has supplied the thoughts.

"The time has come for me to let someone else write the articles, so The Perfect Christmas Gift," the Dec. article will be my last.

"Thank you, again, for letting me share."

Sincerely,
Hazel Stone

(Ed. Note: We regret to inclose this note regarding Hazel Stone's articles which we all have cherished for so long:

The Perfect Christmas Gift!

By Hazel Stone

1444 Pagewood Ave.
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The Spirit of Christ resides in the heart patiently waiting to be discovered.

Like the Wise Men, you need to make the spiritual journey and discover and honor the Christ Spirit.

We give and receive from a heart of love. Through the love of God within us, we have much to give, and through the love of God within others, we have much to receive.

Certainly God could have created a palace for the birthplace of Jesus, but God chose instead a barn for the birthplace of His Son.

On the first Christmas, there was no place for the baby Jesus in the inn, but I know to always reserve a place in my heart for the great love, hope and faith that the Babe of Christmas brought to the world.

The soul of Christmas is too often lost in its trimmings and wrappings. In Matthew 2 we read, "where is He...?" The widespread activities in connection with the season has become its chief peril. The birthday of Jesus is known and celebrated on every continent. Wise Men do rest until they have found the Christ.

Like the men of old, we too frequently do not look for God in the right places. The holiday season can be depressing for some people especially if it reminds them of deceased loved ones. The holidays are a time of remembrance, but painful memories can make some feel "down".

John 16:32 states: "and yet I am not alone...". Alone at Christmas? God bless with comfort those separated from their loved ones.

Life span continues to grow slightly each year in this country.

I recently made a new will. A will is a legal document which declares the intended disposition of possessions at the time of death. The persons entitled to receive the possessions at the time of death are called heirs.

Because Jesus died on the cross, we have full rights to the belongings of our Father. The fullness of time and the execution of God's will means that all God has is ours. How's that for a perfect Christmas gift?

My favorite Christmas card (and I've sent this card many times through the years) is a card which says on the front beside a Baby's foot print "Unto you is born this day"... Inside the card there is a hand print with a spot of blood in the center beside the words "a Savior which is Christ the Lord."

It is a paradox to think about death on Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Savior, but death and life go together as bookends in lifes' journey.

As a hospice worker, I realize that the reality of death gives life a deeper meaning.

Tradition tells us that Saint Francis of Assisi introduced some of our Christmas customs. In the 13th century, he wanted to help people catch the spirit of Christmas.

He asked the Pope for permission to set up a replica of the manger scene in the village of Greccio, Italy. He even had live animals in the stable and food for them. Crowds came to see this scene, and Saint Francis sang and preached to them. This may have been the basis for the miracle plays which were popular in churches in the Middle Ages. Since that day people have been singing the Christmas story as carols.

The sounds of Christmas delight the soul. Carolers' voices joyfully proclaim the good news of the birth of Jesus.

We enter into the joy of giving and receiving on Christmas, and the sharing and caring include more than material gifts.

Gifts that cannot be boxed or wrapped, (such as precious friends) are the best gifts possible and are sent by the Lord, and as I wrote before, God's gift to us, His only Son, is the perfect Christmas gift!



The Idle American

Commentary by Don Newbury

A Story of Steaks...

Had it been "duck, lobster or lamb chop night," there's a fair chance that I wouldn't have even chimed in. My knowledge of such delicacies is as limited as my Aunt Maude's is about golf.

Instead, I jumped right into the mix in the same light-headed manner Maude did upon hearing the hullabaloo about Tiger Woods. She said she knows so little about golf, she's "not sure which end of the caddie to hold." Enough about Tiger's "rough" experience.

This commentary concerns "steak night" on a cruise ship to the Panama Canal. Seated at a table with three "non-Texan" couples, my wife and I were stung by strong comments made by an Illinoisan. He claimed to be in a group back home that serves up equally great steaks four times annually. This came across as a challenge, and I felt obligated to speak up, loud and clear, about steaks grilled by Texans. Alas, I made a colossal "mis-steak..."

It seemed my duty to defend the honor of Texans, dating back to the infancy of the Old West, who've "grilled the best steaks we've ever lapped lips over."

And, Texan or not, I wanted to stand up for the Island Princess chefs who got all meals "right" without exception--including "steak night."

Without my Stetson hat and nary a Confederate bugle to blow, I turned on my best Texas accent. I spoke slowly, "semi-snarling" my words, confident that I'd soon have this Illinois guy up the creek without a paddle....

Mere moments later, I was the one who was sinking. His is a "give-away deal" for injured veterans. The top quality steaks he described are purchased, prepared and served by members of the Knights of Columbus from Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Carol Stream, IL. ("Top quality" doesn't seem to do justice. These are Kobe steaks, top dollar cuts introduced in Japan from Wagyu cattle.)

Recipients of their generosity are injured veterans in the spinal ward at nearby Hines VA Hospital, and the nurses who attend them.

On a recent visit, the Knights served "cooked to order" steaks for 40 vets and 10 nurses. They also gifted the patients with sweatshirts, and heard a report on two vets who competed in the recent Special Olympics in Spokane, WA. They led the applause for the four bronze medals the vets brought back. After all, the Knights financed the trip....

The meals are orchestrated by a Knight who is head chef at a swanky country club.

Like the mail, the steaks "must go through." Typically, the dozen or so Knights board a pair of vans, all cooking gear in tow. After processing through security, they grill on the grounds adjacent to the spinal ward. The weather? No matter. They sometimes grill in the snow.

Vets able to do so roll their wheelchairs into the cafeteria, where tables are lowered from the ceiling to accommodate them....

On one of the visits, 40 vets and 10 nurses were fed. That night, nine patients

were able to gather in the cafeteria, but of that number, only seven could feed themselves the cut-up portions. The other two could but move their lips and swallow, thus providing a literal example of "spoon fed."

The other 31 patients ate from trays delivered to their rooms. Whatever dining assistance each needed was lovingly provided.

When the honorees and nurses were all fed, the Knights ate, too....

My friend got misty-eyed telling the story. "These meals make the men and women at the hospital know that we care, and this labor of love strengthens the Knights every time, making us want to do more."

By the time he'd finished, we knew more about the meals in detail...how the steak is the finest they can buy...side dishes of asparagus and potatoes... bread and butter...and for dessert, kolacky, of course.

I dared not admit that I didn't know a "kolacky" from a front-end loader--at least not spelled "thataway." Maybe I had one thing over on him--I doubt that he had ever sopped up Ribbon Cane syrup with a fluffy homemade biscuit....

Needless to say, upon hearing the account, there was no offense to be found. What had seemed to matter early on in "steak night" conversation, no longer did.

My friend closed out the evening by mentioning

Eastland Lions Club Annual Pancake Supper Thursday

The Eastland Lions Club will have their Pancake Supper on Thursday, December 10th at the First Methodist Church in Eastland. They will begin serving pancakes at 6 p.m., but it will be a special event, all the proceeds will go to a scholarship to honor the memory of Tracy Lynn Maynard.

Let me tell you a little about Tracy. She came to a meeting of the Eastland Lions Club in September of 1998 and stated; "I want to help people, I want to serve my community." That

was when her big smile and bigger laugh became a Lion. Tracy served as Eastland Club President in 2002, she served on the District 2-E1 Cabinet for both PDG Eddie McMillian and PDG Dean Vernon. She worked the hardest on the Lions Benefit Bowl Football game held in Eastland. The game involved Cisco Junior College and Ranger College. When Ranger College dropped football, the game was moved to Cisco and involved CJC. The game proceeds went to the Texas Lions Camp and this is what Tracy loved the most--helping the children to have a camp to go to.

On November 13, 2009 we lost Tracy to her long battle with brain cancer. She knew her time was short but she worked on the football game until the middle of the summer.

Tracy was a "server", that is what her "Memorial Scholarship" will go to--an Eastland High School Senior who "serves". She graduated from Eastland High School in 1989.

One more Tracy story: The Eastland Fire Department once had "fill the boot" fund raisers each year. They usually collected a few hundred dollars. Tracy, a year out of high school, went out to help the firemen--they collected about 4 times their usual collection! That was Tracy.

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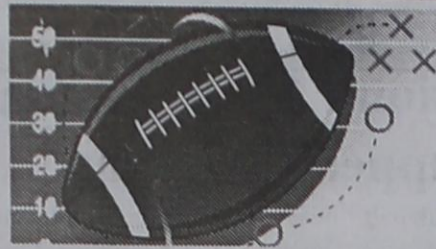
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Lady Mavs Win Dublin Dr. Pepper Tournament

The Eastland Lady Mavs participated in the Dublin Dr. Pepper Tournament in Dublin on December 3-5. There were 8 teams in the tournament and the Lady Mavs drew Gordon for their first game on Thursday, coming away with a 49-23 win.

Laura Carr led the Lady Mavs in scoring with 12 pts 4 rebounds. Courtney Carlton and Melodee Gunter had 9 pts each. Keeley Lowrance-6 pts 17 rebounds, Jordan Simmel-4 pts 1 rebound, Colin Montgomery-4 pts 3 rebounds, Jamie Batteas-3 pts 5 rebounds, Callie Reed-2 pts 5 rebounds, Leah Woolam- 2 rebounds.

On Friday the Lady Mavs advanced through the winners bracket to play an aggressive Fort Worth Country Day team and came out on top 28-18. Scoring leaders were Callie Reed-10 pts 2 rebounds, Keeley Lowrance-8 pts 12 rebounds, and Jamie Batteas-5 pts. Also scoring for the Lady Mavs were Jordan Simmel-3 pts 2 rebounds, Colin Montgomery-2 pts 2 rebounds, Courtney Carlton-4 rebounds, and Laura Carr-2 rebounds.

On Saturday the Lady Mavs advanced to the championship game to face a tough

Dublin team. The score was 11-7 at the end of the first period with Lowrance scoring 9 pts and Montgomery with 2 pts. The Lady Mavs added 11 more points in the second period to go up 22-17 at the half. Second period scoring was Woolam-4 pts, Carlton-3 pts, Lowrance-2 pts, and Simmel-2 pts.

Lowrance added 6 more points in the third to start the 4th period up 28-24. In the 4th period the Lady Lions took the lead but the Lady Mavs retook the lead late in the period with Simmel going 4 for 4 from free throw line and Batteas going 2 for 2 from the line. The Lady Mavs held the lead and went on to get the Championship win defeating the Lady Lions 39-38. Scoring leaders were Lowrance with 17 pts 7 rebounds, Carlton 7 pts 7 rebounds, and Simmel 6 pts 3 rebounds.

Keeley Lowrance and Courtney Carlton were selected to the Dublin Dr. Pepper All Tournament team. Congratulations to the Lady Mavs for a great tournament win!!!

This year's team is coached by Coach Rodney Gee, and assistants Coach Soto and Coach Hughey.



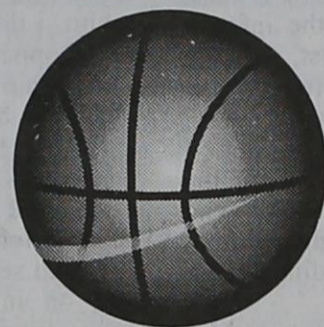
Lady Mavericks Win In Dublin Varsity Tournament

Ranger Junior High Basketball Results

Ranger Jr. High Boys were defeated by the Garner Giants 10-44 on Monday, Dec. 7th. Jason Hooper scored 4 points with Dominick Taylor, Austin Chatham and Marcuz Young scoring 2 points each.

Assisting for the Bulldogs were Jayson Bernard, Scott Thompson, Cody Harper, Conner Motley, Marcus Marsh, Joseph Espinoza, and Cristian DeLaTorre.

By Coaches Estrada and Goodwin



Whoosh!!! Lady Ranger Basketball Schedule

DATE	PLACE	TIME	OPPONENT
Oct. 10	Garland, TX	TBA	Super Scrimmage
Oct. 17	Carrollton, TX	TBA	Super Scrimmage
Nov. 3	Odessa, TX	5:30 PM	Odessa College
Nov. 6	Clarendon, TX	2:00 PM	Frank Phillips
Nov. 7	Clarendon, TX	4:00 PM	Clarendon
Nov. 10	Ranger, TX	5:00 PM	Western Oklahoma
Nov. 12 - 14	Tyler, TX	TBA	Tyler Classic
Nov. 17	Ranger, TX	5:00 PM	Tyler Junior College
Nov. 21	Ranger, TX	2:00 PM	Odessa College
Nov. 28	Ranger, TX	2 PM	Western Texas College
Dec. 5	Snyder, TX	2:00 PM	Western Texas College
Dec. 7	Altus, OK	5:00 PM	Western Oklahoma
Jan. 1 & 2	Kilgore, TX	TBA	Kilgore Classic
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Jan. 18	Weatherford, TX	5:30 PM	Weatherford
Jan. 20	Ranger, TX	5:30 PM	Collin
Jan. 23	Grayson, TX	2:00 PM	Grayson
Jan. 30	Terrell, TX	2:00 PM	SWCC
Feb. 3	Ranger, TX	5:30 PM	Cisco
Feb. 6	Hillsboro, TX	2:00 PM	Hill
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Feb. 13	Waco, TX	2:00 PM	McLennan
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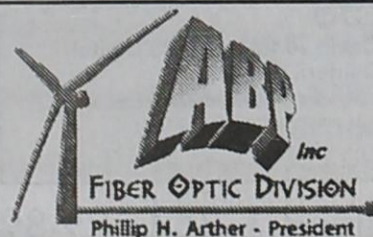
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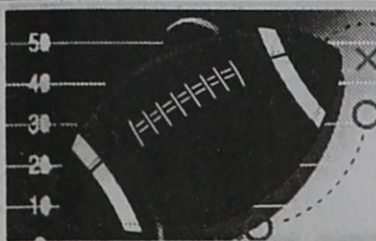
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Date:	Opponent:	Place:	Team:	Time:
10/31	Breckenridge Scrimmage	Breckenridge	FJV.V	9:00
11/3	Ballinger Scrimmage	Eastland	FJV.V	5:00
11/10	Big Spring	Merkel	FJV.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
11/14	Strawn	Eastland	V	11:00
11/14	Albany tournament	Albany	FJV	TBA
11/17	Gordon	Eastland	JVV	6:00,7:30
11/19&21	Abilene High	Abilene	F	TBA
11/19-21	Hico tournament	Hico	JVV	TBA
11/23	Millsap	Millsap	FJV.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
11/24	Dublin	Eastland	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
12/1	Comanche	Comanche	FJV.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
12/3-5	Dublin Tournament	Dublin	V	TBA
12/8	Breckenridge	Eastland	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
12/11	Summit Christian	Cedar Park	V	6:00
12/10-12	Dublin Tournament	Dublin	JV	TBA
12/14	Ranger	Eastland	F	7:30
12/18	Jim Ned	Jim Ned	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
12/28-30	Eula Tournament	Eula	V	TBA
1/5	Goldthwaite	Goldthwaite	JVV	4:00,6:30
1/8	*Hawley	Hawley	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
1/9	Eastland Tournament	Eastland	F	TBA
1/12	*Anson	Anson	JVV	4:00,5:00,6:30
1/15	*Merkel	Eastland	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
1/18	Albany	Albany	F	5:30
1/19	*Cisco	Cisco	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
1/22	*Clyde	Eastland	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
1/26	*Hawley	Eastland	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
1/29	*Anson	Eastland	JVV	4:00,5:00,6:30
2/1	Albany	Eastland	F	7:00
2/2	*Merkel	Merkel	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
2/5	*Cisco	Eastland	JVF.V	4:00,5:00,6:30
2/9	*Clyde	Clyde	JVF.V	5:00,7:30,8:00

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Newcomer of the Year - B.J. Ramirez, Freshman - Gorman

1st Team Offense:

All Purpose - Tyler Johnson, Senior - Gorman

2nd Team Offense:

RB Justin Little, Senior - Gorman
WR Justin Krantz, Senior - Ranger
OL Garrett Arnold, Sophomore - Ranger

2nd Team Defense:

DE T.J. Ewing, Junior - Ranger
OLB Ricky Diaz, Junior - Ranger
OLB A.J. Vaughn, Sophomore - Gorman
DB Justin Krantz, Junior - Ranger
PT.J. Ewing, Junior - Ranger

Pride Award:

Alex Giles - Gorman
Brett Thompson - Ranger
Academic All-District:
Alex Giles - Gorman
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Brett Thompson - Ranger
Shaun Young - Ranger

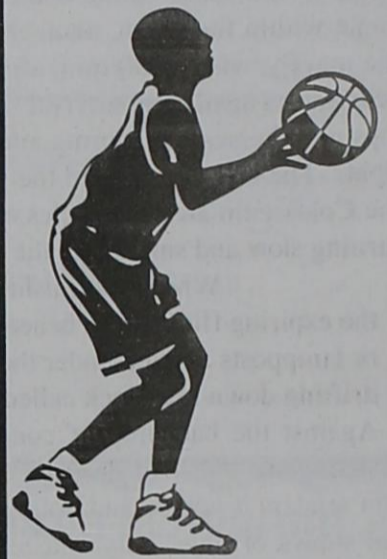
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Offensive MVP - Jarred Moylan - SR.
Offensive Newcomer - Dominique Segura - Soph.
1st Team Offense:
OL David Burrus - SR.
WR Jett Johnson - JR.
WR Austin Felts - SR.
TE Brandon Berry - SR.
K Julio Delgado - Soph.
2nd Team Offense:
OL Joe Copeland - SR.
WR Caleb Hullum - Soph.
P Brandon Berry - SR.
2nd Team Defense:
DT Levi Cagle - SR.
ILB Brian Broyles - JR.
OLB Josh Lowrance - JR.
DB Trent Brittain - Soph.
Honorable Mention:
OL John Paul Castanuela - SR.
OL Chase Johnson - SR.
OL Aaron Casey - SR.
DL Zeth Barron - SR.
ILB Phillip Gosnell - Soph.
OLB Colton Herrera - JR.

Lady Lobo Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Teams
Revised 10/25				
11/3	Scimmage (Dublin and Hamilton)	There	4:30	JVG, VG
11/10	Early	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
11/13	Eula	There	5:00	JVG, VG
11/17	Jim Ned	There	5:00	JVG, VG
11/20	Bangs	There	5:00	JVG, VG
11/23	Breckenridge	There	4:00	JVG, VG
11/24	Millsap	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
12/1	Coleman	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
12-3,4,5	Rockport-Fulton Tourn.	There	TBA	VG
12/8	Comanche	There	5:00	JVG, VG
12-11,12,13	Lingleville Tourn.	There	TBA	JVG
12-11,12,13	Albany Tourn.	There	TBA	VG
12/15	Haskell	Here	4:00	JVG, VG
12-29,30,31	Eula Tourn.	There	TBA	VG
1/2	Santo	Here	2:00	JVG, VG
1/5	Wall	Here	6:00	VG
1/8	Anson*	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
1/9	Albany Tourn.	There	TBA	JVG
1/12	Clyde*	Here	5:00	JVG, VG
1/15	Hawley*	There	5:00	JVG, VG
1/19	Eastland*	Here	4:00	JVG, VG
1/22	Merkel*	There	5:00	JVG, VG
1/26	Anson*	There	4:00	JVG, VG
1/29	Clyde*	There	5:00	JVG, VG
2/2	Hawley*	Here	4:00	JVG, VG
2/5	Eastland*	There	5:00	JVG, VG
2/9	Merkel*	Here	4:00	JVG, VG

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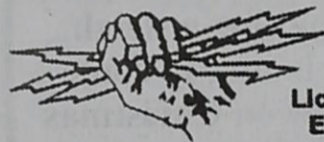
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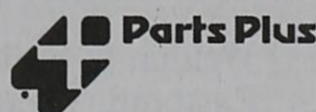
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SEISM AND SCHISM

A review of Colosseum by Katie Ford.

By Sasha Dugdale

Katie Ford's new book, Colosseum, takes its title from a startling meditation on the Colosseum in Rome. "Built for slaughter," the building saw gladiatorial combat, execution, and wild beasts tearing each other apart, and when the Roman Empire fell and the arena was left untended, exotic plants spread over the abandoned ground, sowed from seeds in the waste of the beasts. Caught at some oblique angle within the poem, another set of reflections concern the mayfly, whose 400 minutes of life and physical slightness are set against its survival "through antiquity with collapsing / horses, hailstorms and diffracted confusions of light." The tiny mayfly and the massive tiered structure of the Colosseum are both cycles of destruction and renewal, turning slow and small, like the wheels of God:

When it is finished it is said

the expiring flies gather beneath boatlights
or lampposts and die under them minutely,
drifting down in a flock called snowfall.

Against the backdrop of constant mortality comes the real tragedy, spiritual desolation, which numbs the voice and renders it hoarse and hollow, the speaker clutching at the straws of objectivity and remoteness: "If I remember correctly," "I said to myself." The site of suffering is no longer the arena without, but the injured soul within: "When one is the site of so much pain, one must pray / to be abandoned."

Ford's collection has at its heart the more recent tragedy of New Orleans, blasted by Hurricane Katrina and then flooded. It is in three parts, the first dealing with the storm, the second with flight and return, and the third with grief. My apportioning seems rather crass: Colosseum is characterized by lyricism and fluidity, and its narrative rises out of a tangled confusion of events and objects. Much in the manner of a disaster, we are never entirely sure of sequence; we live through dark days and random happenings that must be pieced together intuitively, for they hardly belong together logically. Tragedy wipes out all linear notions: time, history, inheritance. One disaster merges into another, one victim into another. In a remarkable prose poem, "Division," flight from New Orleans is within a landscape of constant geological movement: creasing, dividing. Catherine of Siena lived in hills like this, muses the lyrical voice, scouring her throat raw with twigs, so the communion she so desired would be felt:

She scalded herself at the baths, ran away to a cave,
shoved twigs into her mouth so that when the host traveled
down her raw throat she would indeed feel something, even
a god breaking inside her.

Colosseum is a study of the psychology of survival. We are left in no doubt. This matter goes to the heart of the human condition, our condition:

We love the stories of flood and the few
told to prepare in advance by their god.

In that story, the saved are
always us, meaning:
whoever holds the book.

—"Ark"

At its most immediate, this is simply the attempt to grasp the cup of grief which runneth over: the woman who uses the wind to open her wrists; the desire to be an unthinking vessel with no heart to be torn into "strips of weed" ("Vessel"). But then there are the seismic shifts in our understanding that happen slowly, over time. There is nothing of permanence. People are lonely in their suffering. In the sonnet "Injury," which opens with the plastic curtains around hospital beds, the injury is the transparency of those same curtains: "the thought we could not be harmed" has been felled and the convention of the sonnet is nothing more than a terrible empty irony.

Tragedy and devastation are hard things to write about in poetry, which doesn't of course mean that they shouldn't be attempted. There are terrible risks: voyeurism, sensationalism, the simple overbearing fact of the event. On the other hand, they are the stuff of poetry: Homer, Shakespeare, the poets of World War I in Britain, Mandelstam, Celan—all have provided a poetry that stands at some oblique angle to the suffering. Do you need to witness or partake of suffering to write about it? I think perhaps you do, if only to find the correct oblique angle from which to write. Katie Ford's is a finely wrought lyrical beauty, a poetry of detail and care, but she has set it within an epic arc—the small wheel of individual life revolves within the larger human

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And praise Him daily with joyful song
To look on His face all day long.

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Riding Double

Take a slippery slope, a little hope
And little children pulling a sleigh
Because lots of fun, is sure to come
For we wished for snow on Christmas
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Riding double, could cause you trouble
Because all trees you should go between
You can jump astride, a sleigh to ride
But you sure better learn how to lean.

Lean the same way, while riding a sleigh
You two, or prepare to take head-on
And become wed, to a tree ahead
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The pen is mightier than the sword



epic. And though we know that she has felt everything on her own pulse, still nothing is personal—the poems rise up through the clutter of the receding floods to become observations on the universality of suffering.

Excerpted from "Devastation and Digression," originally published in the February 2009 issue of Poetry magazine and available at www.poetryfoundation.org. Sasha Dugdale is a poet and translator. She recently translated Anton Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard for BBC Radio. Distributed by the Poetry Foundation.

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American Life in Poetry

Column 245

BY TED KOOSER, U.S. POET LAUREATE, 2004-2006

I love the way the following poem by Susie Patlove opens, with the little rooster trying to "be what he feels he must be." This poet lives in Massachusetts, in a community called Windy Hill, which must be a very good place for chickens, too.

Poor Patriarch

The rooster pushes his head
high among the hens, trying to be
what he feels he must be, here
in the confines of domesticity.
Before the tall legs of my presence,
he bristles and shakes his ruby comb.

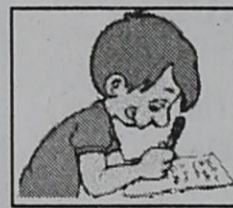
Little man, I want to say
the hens know who they are.
I want to ease his mistaken burden,
want him to crow with the plain
ecstasy of morning light as it
finds its winter way above the woods.

Poor outnumbered fellow,
how did he come to believe
that on his plumed shoulders
lay the safety of an entire flock?
I run my hand down the rippled
brindle of his back, urge him to relax,
drink in the female pleasures
that surround him, of egg laying,
of settling warm-breasted in the nest
of this brief and feathered time.

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Veterans News

The National Vietnam War Museum Announces Dedication Ceremony Of Monument For the 170th Assault Helicopter Company

At 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2009, members of the 170th Assault Helicopter Company will dedicate the first replica of the monument that was originally built at their unit's headquarters in Kontum, Vietnam in 1970. The monument was constructed to honor Bikini and Buccaneer crewmembers missing or killed in action or taken prisoner of war. The public is invited to attend the ceremony, estimated to last approximately thirty minutes at the museum site on Hwy 180, near Mineral Wells, Texas.

The surviving members of the 170th AHC decided to construct and donate a replica of the original monument to The National Vietnam War Museum. The monument has been placed in the Contemplation Garden, west of the Camp Hol-

loway Memorial Wall and in the shadow of the UH-1 helicopter.

The replica was constructed from the last known photograph of the original monument. The headstone, made of a 205 pound slab of Luder sandstone, captured the design and inscriptions of the original, but was stylized to complement the presentation theme selected for the Contemplation Garden. A bronze plaque on the front plate of the memorial contains the names of those killed in action or presumed dead.

LTC George S. Crawford, USA (RET), the last commanding officer of the 170th, will be the keynote speaker. A framed copy of the last known photograph of the original monument will be presented to the museum board of directors by Captain Gary Knight, the last Buccaneer 6, for display in the museum.

After the ceremony, refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Robert E. Talmadge, by email to: Robert.E.Talmadge@faa.gov or by phone at 817-684-6804 or 214-202-5263.

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Guest Slot by H.V.O.

IT WOULD be a sad day indeed if State Rep. Jim Keffer did not file for re-election. First elected in 1996, Rep. Keffer once again promises to continue fighting for the issues that are important to the residents of District 60 AND the State of Texas. The first elected from this county since Retired County Judge Scott Bailey served in the late '50s, Rep. Keffer has an impeccable record and we'd all be remiss not to consider the fact that there may come a day when we'll have to share him with the entire State in an even more important position.

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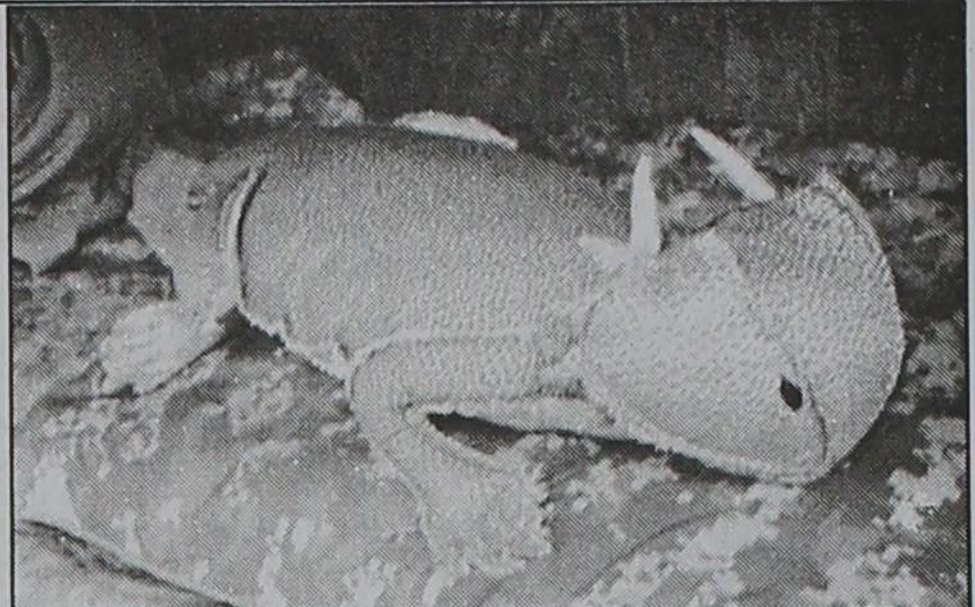
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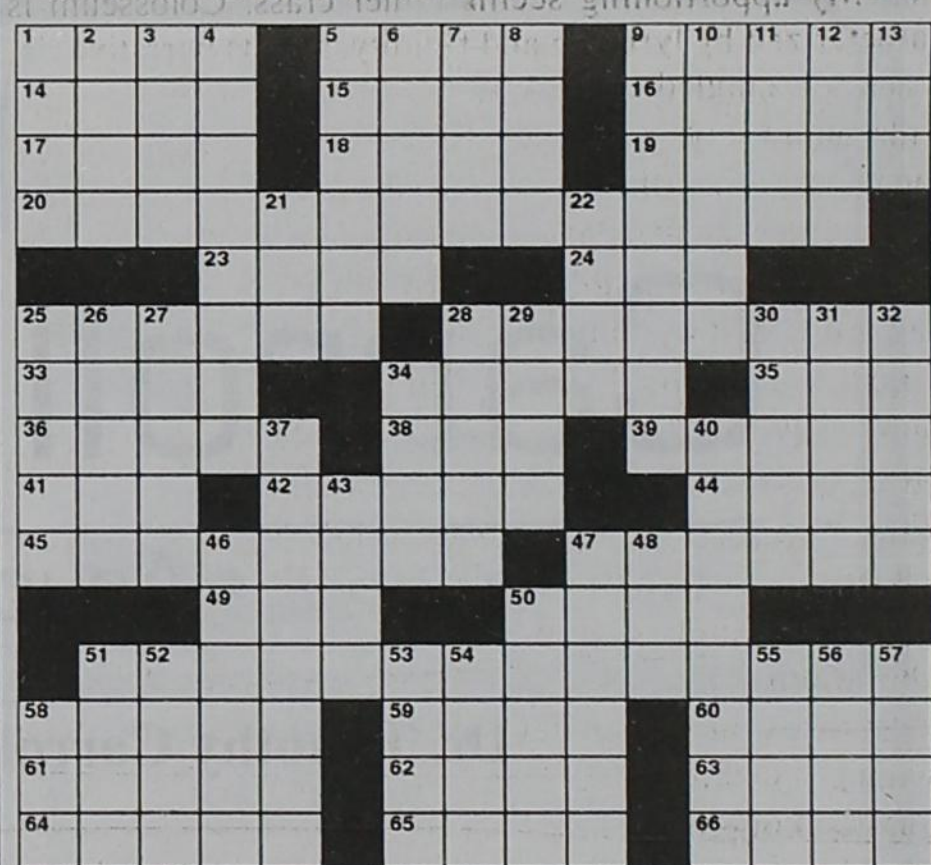
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- Opaque gem
- Fry quickly over high heat
- Examines animals
- Pleaded with
- Rt. angle building extension

- Skimp
- ...ze - grab
- In a way, receded
- Mississippi tributary
- Those who get away
- Dinghies
- Patti Hearst's captors
- Legumes
- Won 7 times by 20 across
- Famous Chicago mayor
- Space within a boundary
- Links game
- Shaded colors
- ...upine - quilled animal
- Small ornamental ladies' bag
- Set to end
- A domed or vaulted recess
- Sew a hawk's eyes closed

CLUES DOWN

- Not bright
- Continent
- 13-19
- Able to be drawn out
- Jewish state est. 1948
- Those who get things done
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- Egyptian cobras
- Athenian philosopher
- A... - law term, acceptance
- ...gate - lengthen
- Not short
- 33 1/3 records
- Tokyo
- Camp shelter
- Cover with liquid
- Belgian city
- Thaumaturgy
- Invoiced income
- ... lang syne
- Woolly indris genus
- R. Williams' Aladdin character
- Preminger & von Bismarck
- Point one point E of SE
- Troops in battle formation
- Pinned on bouquets
- Steady boyfriend
- Rear of (nautical)
- Spoil the appearance of
- Paddle
- Looks intently
- A source of illumination
- Czech River
- ...cious - taking by force
- Fall vertically
- Fa, mi or la
- Evidence that helps to solve a problem
- D...es - makes filthy
- 17C Dutch painter Gerrit

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'The Princess And The Frog' Coming To Majestic This Weekend

Disney's animated picture "The Princess and the Frog" will open at the Majestic Theater in Eastland on Fri., Dec. 11, and show at 7:30 nightly through Mon. Dec. 14. The film opened in a limited release in New York City and Los Angeles on Nov. 25, and it will expand to this wide release on Dec. 11.

Tickets will be the usual price of \$4.50 for general admission and \$6.00 for the balcony - adults only.

This new picture is billed as an "animated family comedy", and rated G. It is loosely based on E.D. Baker's novel called "The Frog Princess", which was derived from the earlier Grimm Bros. Fairy Tale about a princess and a frog. In this film, the Disney Studios has mostly gone back to traditional animation, which was drawn by hand rather than created by computers. So you will notice a different visionary effect. Some call it more artistic, with the pictures less like cartoons.

The story is set in the 1920's in the French Quarter of New Orleans, and also in the swamps around the city.

Among the stars - the Prince is voiced by Bruce Campo, Princess Tiana by Anika Novi

Rose, and other characters by Oprah Winfrey, Keith David, Jim Cummings and various actors.

The production is filled with music - a mixture of jazz, zydeco, blues and gospel. Much of this was composed for the film by Academy Award-winner Randy Newman.

In the story, a Prince (Campo) arrives in New Orleans for Mardi Gras, but he is transformed into a frog by the evil voodoo magician Dr. Facilier (David).

Then the Frog Prince mistakes a girl named Tiana (Anika Novi Rose) for a princess, and has her kiss him to break the spell.

That doesn't happen. Instead, the kiss turns Tiana into a frog as well.

The two of them must reach the good voodoo priestess of the Bayou, Mama Odie (Jennifer Lewis), to get her to take off the spell. While on their journey through the swamps they befriend a trumpet-playing alligator and romantic firefly.


Lots of fun and excitement here for kids and everyone.

Early reviews of the film in L.A. and New York are mostly positive, with most liking its retro look and feel.

Crossroads Ribbon Cutting Thursday

The Eastland Chamber of Commerce will host a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Thursday, December 10th, at

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Deadline For Letters To Santa to be published in this newspaper is Friday, December 11th.

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News From Lone Cedar

The weather this past week has not been very pleasant for golf, but this week looks a littler better. Because of the cold weather we decided not to have the winter league this past Saturday. However, we will try to make it up this next Saturday, December 12th. The T-off time will be 12 noon. The long range forecast looks pretty good, so come out and join us. The cost is \$40 per person and we will have at least two flights, depending on the turn out, and will pay 4 places in each flight. We are paying off of a handicap for two of the places in each flight. If you don't know your handicap we will help you with putting one together based on your average scores. This is all about having fun and keeping the rust knocked off your golf game. In other news we now have the steam sauna working on

the men's side, thanks to Jerry Blackwell. We appreciate the ladies allowing the men to use their's while the men's sauna has been down. This is a great time to take a nice, hot sauna, especially after a good workout or walk. Come out and see for yourself. There are a lot of things in the works for the new year. It is a great time to join, and there is still not initiation fee.

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The Sweet Potato Man

I was really interested in the article "a Sweet Potato Sampler" in the November 09 issue of Gourmet Magazine.

My Grandfather, W.B. Starr settled in Eastland County where the sand was deep, in the late 1800's. His idea to raise sweet potatoes and peanuts; the land favored each. He cross-bred a yam with a sweet potato and came out with a strain, a highly red colored, perfect shaped, sweet potato. He went one step forward--after the potatoes were sorted he put them in a kiln-dread barn- slat sin the floor and fires in the basement. His idea by the procedure; they would be sweeter! They were!

He sold them all over Texas and other states. He shipped the potato slips to many foreign countries- especially to

India. Gandhi sent a bright University student here to study the raising of potatoes and peanuts. He lived with us several years studying the procedure.

Texas A&M E.S. recognized my grandfather by naming the potato the "Red Star". His efforts in the peanut industry also netted recognition wherein Texas A&M. Named a Spanish peanut, the "Star" peanut.

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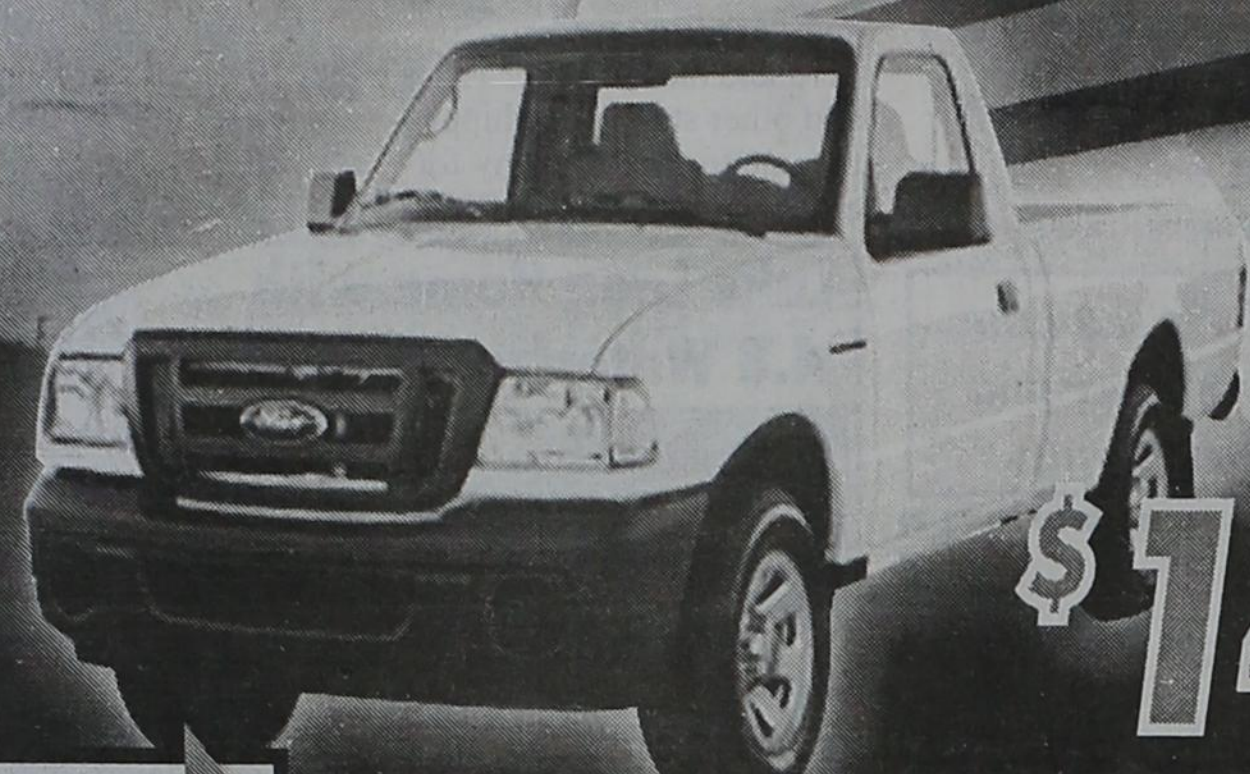
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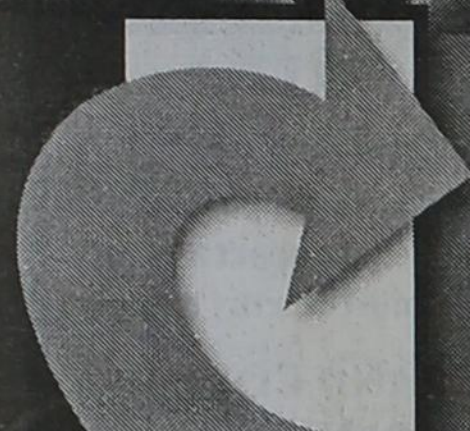


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