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"PAY" Begins Friday

After several months of preparation, the "Positive Action for Youth" conference will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26. It will begin again at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Lunch and babysitting are provided for free, although reservations for babysitting are required. For more information, call the Cross Plains High School office at 725-6121.

The following is a list of the scheduled workshops to be presented at the conference:

Friday Evening February 26

- 6:30 p.m. Introduction to the Conference - Carol Burson
- 6:45 p.m. Conference Focus: "Drawing Lines and Joining Forces" - Nicki Soice
- 7:30 p.m. Break
- 7:45 p.m. Concurrent Sessions
 1. Gangs and Violence - Lee Reed
 2. Jeopardy Multiplied: Substances and the Developing Adolescent - Tim Burns
- 8:45 p.m. Sessions Repeat (Groups Switch Sessions)

Saturday February 27

- 8:30 a.m. "Abstinence: A Critical Message" - Pat Socia
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. Break-Out Sessions (Choose one)
 1. Countering the Culture - Nicki Soice
 2. Resilience: Strategies for the Family - Tim Burns
 3. Signals: How to tell when a kid is really in trouble - Joleta Edinburgh
- 11:25 a.m. Session Repeat
- 12:20 p.m. Lunch and Luncheon Performance of "Voices Unmasked"
- 1:15 p.m. General Session - Developing Capable Young People - Jennifer Spelcher
- 2:15 p.m. Break-Out Sessions
 1. Adolescents and the Law - Judge Allen Gilbert
 2. Getting Started: A Smorgasbord of Ideas for Communities - Karla Cooke
 3. Self-Esteem and Personal Competence: The Critical Connection - Jennifer Spelcher
 4. Empowering Youth - Suzanne Young
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. Sessions Repeat
- 4:30 p.m. General Session - Where do we go from Here?
- 5:15 p.m. Dismissal

Abilene police officer Lee Reed will lead 2 workshops at the PAY conference - Positive Action for Youth - scheduled for Friday, February 26 and Saturday, February 27 at Cross Plains High School. Reed will be discussing gangs and cult behavior.

In the ritualistic crime segment, adults will be taught how to identify the elements that associate ritualistic behavior with criminal behavior and the signs in adolescents that could lead to violent behavior. He will also head the segment on gangs, which will help identify reasons for involvement of youth in gangs and the phenomenon of the gang movement in America. He will tell how intervention works with gangs. Reed has served on a task force for the California Department of Justice. He is also credited with writing several acts for the Texas Legislature dealing with missing and exploited children and ritualistic crime. In 1991, he was one of seven people selected by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children to write a national training program.

Reed's presentations are only a part of the Positive Action for Youth (PAY) Conference that are scheduled for February 26 and 27 at the high school. The PAY Conference is a series of workshops designed to look at the destructive behavior among today's youth. The conference will focus on specific strategies through which the participants can involve the entire

community in constructive, preventative nurturing of young people. More than sixty community members have committed themselves to attending the PAY Conference. Registration for the conference begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday. The conference continues at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. Lunch and babysitting are being provided for FREE. Reservations are necessary for babysitting. Please call Jean McWilliams at the high school for more information or if you would like to make a commitment to attend.

Local Roping Club To Meet On March 1

The Cross Plains Roping Club will meet in regular session on Monday, March 1, at the Dairy Queen in the Buffalo Room at 7 p.m.

All members and prospective members are invited to attend.

United Fund To Elect Officers And Board Of Directors

The Board of Directors for the Cross Plains United Fund will meet Thursday, February 25, at 3 p.m. in the City Hall. New directors and officers will be elected at this time.

Gifts To Cross Plains Cemetery Association

October 1992

Vetra Connelly, 160.44; Mark Adair (Int. on C.D.), 28.33; Marjorie Lacy, 50.00; Memorial for Jack Morris, 40.00; W. Leo Thompson, 25.00; Clara Nell Spencer, 25.00; Joe K. & Judy K. Lamberson, 30.00. Total for October \$358.77

November 1992

Michael & Joanne Cade (In memory of Jake Morris), 50.00; Earl Montgomery, 50.00; M/M Ralph Irenez, 20.00; Anna Whitmire, 50.00; Order of Eastern Star, 10.00; Joyce Odom (In memory of Sterling Odom), 25.00; M/M E. G. Walker & Johnnie R. Walker, 50.00; M/M Wm D. Brown, 50.00; Eager Family, 325.00. Total for November 630.00.

December 1992

Marie Christi, 50.00; Leota & Wayne Howser, 25.00; M/M Jay Hughes, 100.00; M/M Glen Payne, 50.00; Donnel & Imo Jean Clark, 25.00; Mrs. M. W. Freeman and Macon Freeman Jr., (In memory of Freeman Henderson) 50.00; In memory of Forrest Walker (by Helen & family), 50.00; Wilda Edington, 25.00; Mrs. S.T. VanBuron, 25.00; Kent J. Davis, 50.00; Alfred & Dorothy Anderson, Grady & Marie Anderson (In memory of Darwin Anderson) 25.00; Thelma L. Long (In memory of Cal), 25.00; Margaret A. McNeel, 25.00; Zella Erwin (In memory of Darwin Anderson), 10.00; Christine Cunningham Hutchingson (Interest on C.D.) 83.18. Total for December \$618.18.

January 1993

Nell Bowden (In memory of Kent) 100.00; Nell Bowden (In memory of Mike's 50th birthday) 100.00; Mrs. W.T. Cox 25.00. Total for January 225.00

Grave Opening Permits and Plots Reserved

October 1992

Jake Morris, 75.00; Vera Marinilli Service 75.00. Total for October 150.00

November 1992

Jonita Ramirez, Diego Ramirez 2 plots John & Eunice Morris 2 plots 300.00; Thomas Young Service 75.00. Total for November 375.00

Report Control Burns To Local Fire Department

The Cross Plains Volunteer Fire Department requests that area farmers and ranchers report control burns when scheduled.

Notice of control burns will be helpful to the department.

Election Filings Reported Slow

Gary Childers is the only candidate to file for re-election to the Cross Plains City Council.

There are no filings for school board trustee positions.

Deadline for filing is March 17 at the Superintendent's office and the City Hall.

AARP NEWS

The AARP Chapter will meet Monday, March 1, at 11 a.m. at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Guest speaker will be Bob Pipes, the new Church of Christ minister.

All members and anyone who would like to join the chapter may come fellowship with the group. You may join by paying dues. There is always a delicious meal at noon, with everyone bringing a covered dish.

Special Tax Credit For Low-Income Families

By PAUNIECE OGLESBY

Millions of low-income families with children aren't claiming the special tax credits, worth up to 2,000, that they are entitled to. Many workers who miss out on this credit earn so little they had no tax withheld from their paychecks and were not required to file a return. Workers who lost their jobs or only worked part-time may be eligible for this credit.

You may be eligible for this credit if you worked during the year, had at least one child, and you earned income was less than \$20,000.

Working families with wages between \$6,000 and \$13,000 can qualify for a credit of at least \$1,000. There is also additional credit of up to \$357 for a child born in 1992 and another for help to buy health insurance.

The Earned Income Credit was provided to give low-income parents an extra incentive for working and staying off welfare rolls.

Earned Income Credit is the only credit that is refundable. That means it can go to a family whose income is so low that it owes no tax but can receive a refund check of up to \$2,000.

To find out more about Earned Income Credit call the Cross Plains Multi-Purpose Center (725-7696), Pauniece Oglesby (725-6772) or Irma Miller (725-7696) to make an appointment with an AARP Tax-Aide Counselor.



LADY BUFFS — Varsity team members are Tamara Flippen (back, from left), Mandi Sowell, Jennifer Wheeler,

Heather Montgomery, and Glenda Evans; Tonya Stover (kneeling, from left), Amy Welch, Misty Strickland, and

Shana Bagley; Coach Elaine Shedd and managers, Leah King and Misty Abernathy are not pictured.

Cross Plains Lady Buffs Bi-District Champions

By Coach Elaine Shedd

Almost a year had passed since the Lady Buffs had last seen the Roscoe Plowgirls. No one had forgotten the score or outcome of that night...especially those Lady Buffs. Friday, Feb. 19 Glenda Evans began and ended the ballgame with a shot. She began with a 3-point shot and ended it on an almost "must make" free throw to give the Lady Buffs their second bi-district title.

The Plowgirls and Buffs battled all night with 10 lead changes and four ties. (3 ties in the second half). Casey Buchanan tied the score at half with a 3-point shot leaving both teams with 13.

In the second half, the third quarter saw the Buffs lead increase as much as 9 at one time, but those Plowgirls had it down to 4 by the end of the quarter.

Fourth quarter action saw the Lady Buffs "hang" on and battle with those Roscoe girls. With around 4 minutes remaining the Plowgirls had it up at 31. Last tie was at :40 seconds and the score was 35 each.

The Lady Buffs chose to take the last shot which would take them to either

victory or overtime.

The guards had spread out (keeping an eye on the clock) passed a few times and then...with approximately 15 seconds left, Glenda Evans started to drive and was fouled. She was given a one-and-one. Roscoe called two time-outs to try to shake her up. However, Glenda made the first one and gave the Buffs a 36-35 lead and eventual final score.

We wish to thank all those who made the trip to Abilene. With a win on Tuesday (Feb. 23) the Buffs could travel back to Abilene.

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	T
C.P.	7	6	16	7	36
Roscoe	6	7	12	10	35

Points:

Montgomery 8, Evans, 7, Welch, 6, Wheeler 6, Bagley 5, Flippin 2, Stover 2.

Rebounds:

Welch 6, Montgomery 6.

Assists:

Welch 5, Bagley 4.

Buff's shot 52% from the field and 50% from the free throw line.

Shelly's Hair Studio Opens At Rising Star

The Grand Opening of Shelly's Hair Studio at 106 West Austin Street in Rising Star will be held Tuesday, March 2. Shelly Hill and Lee Wilson are salon operators.

Shelly's Hair Studio specializes in men, women and children's haircuts, perms, colors, frost, and more.

For appointment call (817) 643-1006 and walk-ins are welcome. The shop will be open daily at 9 a.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the open house and refreshments will be served.

Colonial Oaks Services

Pioneer Baptist Church will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing on Sunday, February 28, commencing at 3:30 p.m.



PAL PRESENTS GUEST SPEAKER Motivational speaker, Joe Land, (Center) with the PAL students. Following the assembly he presented L-R Earl Meroney, Robbie Hutton, Brandon Smith, Amy Welch, Jennifer Wheeler and Michael Cowan.

Speaker For PAL Groups

By Carol Atchley

The Cross Plains High School PAL (Peer Assistance and Leadership) group arranged for a very interesting speaker to come to Cross Plains and talk with students in grades 7-12.

Joe Land, a self made multi-millionaire and public speaker who tours the country speaking to various groups spoke to the C.P. students and staff on Tuesday, February 16 during the 30 minute homeroom time.

Basically, Land spoke to the students about "Happiness being a state of mind." He pointed out that although he has the

financial means to buy or do whatever he wants, material possessions don't provide real happiness. He provided many personal examples of how this attitude has changed his life. He stressed the idea that a person must feel good about themselves before they can be truly happy and an important part of that is feeling that you are contributing and serving others rather than being self-serving.

The students listened intently as Land explained his philosophy on happiness and he said that if nothing else, he hoped he "planted a seed" for the students to think about.

Courthouse NEWS

COUNTY COURT Bill Johnson, presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Charged with theft of property by check: Barbara Howard, Sean Maginnis, Lora Mosley, Rodney Free, Debbie Saleem.

Frank Ramos, reckless conduct.
Bryan Robert Baccus, DWI.
Ann Saenz, criminal trespass.
Kenny Dean Shurley, possession of marijuana.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Gerald Brown, TPC, \$10 fine \$160 court costs.

Connie Potter, telephone harassment, \$100 fine \$137 court costs.

Todd C. Weingarten, theft, \$200 fine \$137 court costs, 30 days in jail probated for 6 months.

Motions filed to revoke probation: Juan A. Ramirez, Troy C. Snyder.

Joe Allen Waggoner, assault charge dismissed due to being convicted in another case.

Cheryl Bennett, TPC, \$10 fine \$160 court costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Janice Fay Holland & Victor Wayne Graham of Baird.

Anna Kate Wells, Woodward OK, Melvin Lee Witherspoon, Baird.

NEW VEHICLES

Stephanie Heatley, Albany, Pont 2 dr. Gaylon Johnson, Moran, Chry 4 dr. Jerry Collins, Sweetwater, Chev PU. Curtis & Tina Wyatt, Abilene, GMC PU.

John W. Gibson, Dallas, Chev PU. Clayton Chemical, Abilene, Dodge Housecar.

Virginia Powers, Brownwood, Chev Housecar.

42nd DISTRICT COURT John Weeks, presiding

Civil Minutes

Paula McBride, individual and next friend to Amanda Paske, a minor, vs Destiny Prickett & Joe Prickett, damages, car wreck, court awards \$15,000 to Paula McBride, \$30,000 to Paula McBride for minor daughter, Amanda Paske, to be held until her 18th birthday.

Divorces granted: Fleming, Carla Dean and Terry Michael.

Satterfield, Sharla Michelle and Charles Gene, Jr.

Felony Minutes

Coy Wayne Neatherlin, DWI, \$1000 fine, 90 days in jail.

Andrew D. Cantu, possession of a controlled substance, dismissed due to being convicted in another case.

Annette Cantu Davis, possession of a controlled substance dismissed due to insufficient evidence.

David Paul West, DWI, \$500 fine, 30 days in jail.

Jason Allen Koch, arson, 8 years at TDC probated for 8 years and must make \$6936 restitution.

OBITUARY

Lela Foster

Lela Foster, 81, died Saturday, February 20, 1993, in the Colonial Oaks Nursing Home at Cross Plains.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Hale officiating. Burial was in Atwell Cemetery.

Mrs. Foster was born in Noodle, was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church.

Preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Elliott, and a son, Thelbert Foster.

Survivors include a son, Gerald O. Foster of Cross Plains; a daughter, Lola Strahan of Eules; three brothers, B.F. Hutchins of the Atwell community, and Tuff Hutchins and George Hutchins, both of Cross Plains; a sister, Edna Foster of Cross Plains; eight grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dustin Sanders, Tony Sanders, Sam Strahan, Davey Royall, Jody Rice, and Stephen Patchell.

Chet Duncan

Chet Duncan of Soledad Mission District recently died at Casa Serena Convalescent Hospital after a long illness. He was 79.

A native of Cross Plains, Mr. Duncan lived in Soledad Mission District California since 1937. He was a retired farmer and had owned C.C. Duncan & Son Farms. Mr. Duncan was a member of the Soledad Lions Club, the California Farm Bureau and the Independent Growers Association. He was also a former Mission School trustee and a member of the Mission District Community Club.

Mr. Duncan is survived by his wife, Iva Duncan of Soledad Mission District; his son, Charles Duncan of Soledad, CA; his daughters, Mary Jo Hook of Soledad and Vera Snowden of

Greenfield; his sister, Allie Dickson of Cross Plains; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the mortuary chapel. Burial was held in the Soledad Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 801 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey 93940, or the donor's favorite charity.

Linton B. Baker

Linton B. Baker, 74, died Monday, February 15, 1993, in a Brownwood nursing home.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Cross Plains Cemetery with Bud Stephens officiating, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Baker was born in Comanche and was an oilfield laborer.

Survivors include three nieces, Estalee Potter of Cross Plains; Lorene McClure of Fort Worth and Elizabeth Coats of San Antonio.

Nora B. Curry

BIG SPRING — Nora A. Curry Vieregge, 94, died Wednesday, February 17, 1993, in a local hospital.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Aaron Oden and Robert Turner officiating. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Born in Cross Plains, her family was among the pioneer families who settled Nolan County. She had been an active member of Oasis Church of Christ and the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center. She was the widow of Archie R. Curry and Alvin Vieregge.

Survivors include two sons, Marshall Curry of Sweetwater and Charles Curry of Granbury; a daughter, Christine Freeman of Big Spring; two stepsons, Charles Vieregge of Big Spring and Harry Vieregge of North Highlands, California; two sisters, Martha Oden of Sweetwater and Faye Moore of Midland; a brother, Thurman Moore of Colorado City; eight grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and four step-great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 1223, Big Spring, 79721-1223, or to the Sweetwater Cemetery Association.

Cottonwood Baptist Church To Host "Pacesetters"

The Cottonwood Baptist Church will host The Pacesetters, an awarding winning gospel group based out of Burleson, Texas, during the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, February 28.

The public is cordially invited to take the opportunity to hear one of the greatest singing groups of gospel music in the nation today.

The Pacesetters travel over a four state area carrying their ministry of song and testimony to people of all walks of life. Each member of the group is a resident of the Metroplex area. Ages vary and interests are individual, enhancing an ability for them to communicate with people of all ages and touch lives with a most important message of love and understanding. The group's style of singing has been described as southern,

country and traditional gospel.

The Pacesetters have been honored by the Southern Gospel Music Association as its "Group of the Year" in 1983, and was nominated again in 1990. The members of the group have also been honored in various categories such as Jeff Hensley, "Male Vocalist" 1992, John Fulton, "Favorite Tenor" 1990, and Jay Hensley, "Musician of the Year" 1984. Jim Smith and Randy Hart make up the rest of the Pacesetters.

Together since 1977, the Pacesetters have recorded nine tapes. They have had several singles that have had national air-play on many radio station throughout the United States.

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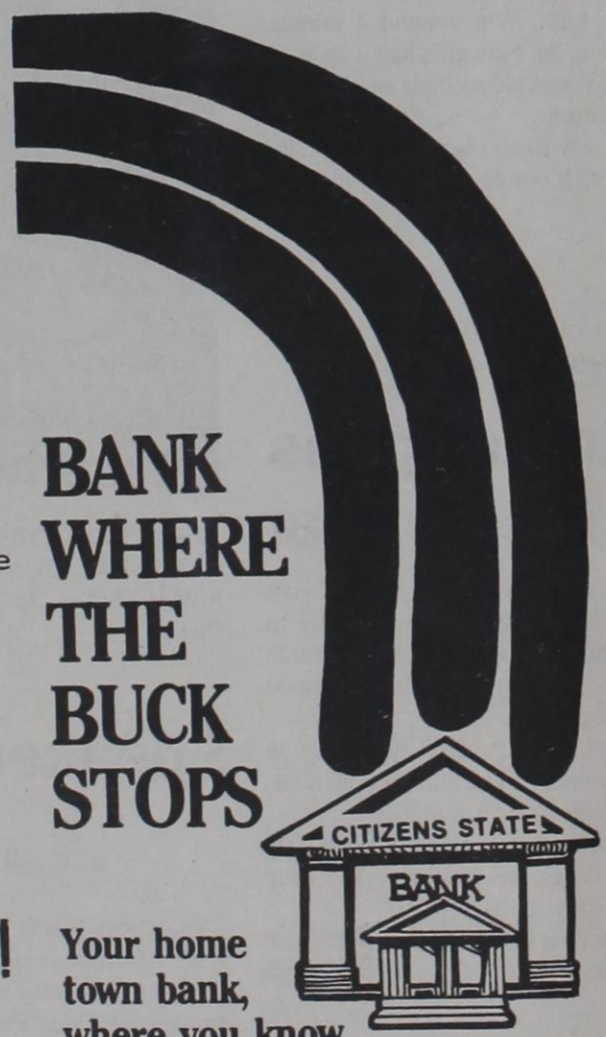
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THE PIONEER PATCHWORK

By IRMA MILLER

The Quilting Club finished the Rail Fence and put in a Fan into the frames while working on the Primrose.

Jean Alexander and May and D.P. Jones went to Corpus Christi this week. Jean visited Star Appleton, her daughter and her family, while May and D.P. visited their friends and went to see the Lexington, Home Port, and the Aquarium. They returned home Saturday.

Jean Fore went with Frankie and Oliver Smith to the musical at Cottonwood on the weekend. On Monday Myrtle and Grasson Harlow and Velma Morrow of Arlington were visiting with Jean.

Laverne Hutton visited briefly with her sister, Betty Haslam of Clyde, and their mother at her home in Cross Plains. Sunday, she and Cowan were in the home of Gilbert and Ruby Williams for refreshments and fellowship with friends. Laverne and Sandy put up a Rail Fence in Laverne's quilting frames last week. It is another graduation gift.

Visiting Novilia Barton were her neighbors, Barbara and Bob Powell on Sunday.

Visiting Lotie Sooter were Cecil and Carl Sooter of Sonora, California, Bob and Jane Dixon of Monroe, Louisiana and other relatives who live in this vicinity.

Barbara and Bob Powell were in Oklahoma on business and to visit friends and relatives this week.

Mr. And Mrs. Wayne Dennis Celebrates 55 Years

On the eve of their 55th wedding anniversary, Wayne and Wilda Dennis enjoyed a candlelight supper with Kay and Marvin Mosley at the Dennis' home. The meal was prepared by Wayne and Wilda's nieces, Kay and Dorothy Mosley. They received a bouquet of cut flowers from their children, Glenda Davis, Vickie Stevens and Donnie Dennis.

The evening was enjoyed and very special for Wayne and Wilda. Their family wish them many more happy years together!!

Senior Citizens Stats

By MARIE HORTON



"It's fun to hang out with book friends".

(Reading Motivators)
New Library Cards: Alisa Dianne Hail, Brice Hail, Edward Lee Walten
Membership: John & Betty Sue Adams, Mrs. R.C. Ames

New Books:
Fiction: *Beloved* - Toni Morrison, *Driving Force* - Dick Francis, *The Side of the Angels* - Leona Blair

Non Fiction: *Understanding the Dead Sea Scrolls*, *Dollarwise Guide to American Colleges*.

Children's: *Learn the Value of Series*; Elaine Goley 1. *Understanding Others*, 2. *Caring*, 3. *Helping*, 4. *Friendship*.

It made me real happy to hear that this sweet little lady took a subscription to the paper so she could read my articles. That made me feel like I was doing something right. Thank you for telling me.

As a follow-up from last week's grandbaby report is Brad and Cindy Bowlin (Gene and Betty Greenwood's daughter and family) are the ones that had the twins. They were named Ethan Manning and Courtney Beth. The twins have a sister, Kaila, almost three. She is anxious for them to play with her and she cried when they wouldn't.

June Hickman's granddaughter, Kelli Brown from Guam, is going to Cisco Junior College and is staying with June. She is proud of her.

We have ten birthdays to celebrate this month: John Masey, Ruby Harrell, Doyle McMillan, Faye Chambers, Elva Woody, Mary Bates, Hub Freeman, Vernie McMillan, Minnie Swann, and Erma Floyd.

We miss Vera Pearl Bunnell, but understand she is doing great in Rising Star Nursing Home. She will always be my special valentine.

Lois Garrett gave me this bit of humor. It was Saturday the sixteenth of January, Bransford Eubank (95 and his wife, Eloise, 85) attended their granddaughter's wedding in Kearns, Texas. Bill Kilgore stopped by to visit with them and found them gone. When he told Lois Garrett about it she said they went to Waco to a wedding.

In all seriousness with a straight face, Bill asked, "Are they going to the inauguration?"

We were happy to see Clyde Linker back with us.

Bring someone sixty plus and come to the Center for good food and fun. Let's all get well, O.K.?

MINUTE MUSINGS

By ESTHLOY S. DICKSON

This is a beautiful Monday morning—sunshine and not a leaf astir. I believe the temperature is okay also.

On Friday of last week, mid-morning, I heard a loud "bang" on my south wall, west end. I went out there and found a large male redbird fluttering in the sand. I picked him up and brought him into the house. I "ducked" his head in a cup of warm water—he drank a few sips. He seemed to rally but only partially normal. I carried him back out there and gave him a cracker and a slice of apple. I kept an eye on him for quite sometime. Finally, he flew into a tree—looked back at me and seemed to say: "Thanks, kid, you did good." Quite an experience for me.

There has been a covey of quail out here nearly every day.

Betty and J.T. Beggs were in Brownwood on business one day last week and had dinner while there. They visited the L.W. Mitchells one day. They attended some special services at the church during the week.

Sally and Bob Roody had a busy week. They visited Ms. Nettie at the nursing home nearly every day. They talked to Cindy and Charlie on the telephone several times. Bob and Sue McNeil of Baird visited them one evening. They played "42" and had a nice evening. On Sunday, they visited Gene Hicks and family, and several members at Lake Cisco.

I talked to Lucile Callaway. She heard from our kids in Longview. Their little ones had had the chicken pox. They had all recovered nicely.

I talked to Helen Tillotson—she didn't have any special news. They were all well, with no complaints—and that's good news.



TIGER CUBS JANUARY GUEST Jim Cook, Texas Highway Patrol, spoke to the Tiger Cub Scouts on the subject of "safety." Scouts are Dusty Dickson (from left) Brandon Phillips, Jordan Hataway and Josh Nelson; Andrew Taff (left, kneeling) and Marcus Williams.

BURKETT NEWS

Visitors in the home of Jack and Zora Debusk were Susan Andis of Coleman, Melissa Fleming and son Zachary of New Orleans, LA.

Doris and Andrew Walker attended the Cottonwood Musical Friday night. They visited H.O. Trent, who is in Brownwood Hospital, and Glenn and Barbara Gray of Brownwood. Sunday they visited with Erma Trent of Cross Plains.

Eureta and Jody Whitley of San Saba and Jack and Lovera Strickland had

lunch with Lat Mountain Sunday. Jack and Lovera visited Mark and Marsha Turney Sunday evening.

Lucille Cross expresses her gratitude for the kindness shown to her during and after her surgery. The flowers sent from the Church of Christ were beautiful.

Get well wishes go to Tye Brown, who is in the Veterans Hospital in Kerrville.

Emma Boyce is in Humana Hospital in Abilene after receiving a broken bone from a fall. She had a successful surgery Monday. We all wish Emma a speedy recovery.

Freeda and Virgil Burkett visited with Emma Boyce and family at Humana Hospital Monday.

Liz and Low Golson went to San Angelo Thursday to attend a reception where their granddaughter, Kala Golson, received a ribbon for her poem which won third place in the Reflections Contest for all Tom Green County schools.

Imagine That By Kala Golson

I told my Ma I saw a purple cat. All she said was "Imagine that."
I told my Ma I read about a flying rat. All she said was "Imagine that."

I told my Ma if she did not stop saying that, I would hit myself with a baseball bat. All she said was "Imagine that."

I told my Ma about good old Rodney Nat that got a spat from his brother Matt. All she said was "Imagine that."

Sometimes I think about Ma and Pa having a baby named Pat. Can you "Imagine that?"

ROWDEN

By Mrs. N. V. Gibbs

Some more winter weather hit this area this week with the thermometer going as low as 24 degrees one morning. Flowering jasmine, daffodils and Japonica plants in the Gibbs yard were still looking pretty. Tony and Judy Steele came down Friday afternoon with some Sand Cherry plants trees. Holes were dug in the wettest soil in the yard. They should soon start growing.

Edna Dye was in Abilene Saturday morning to attend the Abilene Art League club meeting. She presented the program on porcelain painting.

Dorothy Reynolds attended the pancake supper in Clyde at the school grounds. Their church, Cherry Heights, were helping with the meal and program.

Charles and Nancy Palmer of Clyde and their son, Michael, were in San Antonio for the stock show. Michael entered some lambs in the show.

Julie Patterson and children of Baird spent the weekend with her parents and grandmother Bob and Kathy Dye and Anna Dendy.

Walter and Lorene O'Dell of Abilene visited Claribel Gibbs Friday afternoon, and also visited Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin. Their first stop was at the Burntbranch cemetery where his parents were buried. They remarked that the cemetery was in very good shape. Walter said briars and other grasses had been taken out of all the fences. They wanted to express their thanks to the keepers of the cemetery.

Visitors in the Robert Watson family home were Cody of Texas Tech and Brad and Michal Watson of Arlington.

Mrs. Joe Marshall of Abilene and her sister visited Gene and Vernie Belle Mauldin Friday. Vernie Belle had quilted a quilt for Mrs. Marshall.



MR. AND MISS VALENTINE — The Pioneersmen honored Shawn Ellis and Karmen Key at their Valentine Banquet.

Pioneersmen To Hear Scott Childress

The Pioneersmen will meet Saturday, February 27, at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Pioneer Baptist Church.

A program "The Responsibilities of Marriage," will be presented by Scott Childress.

Mr. Childress, retired from the school system, has served as superintendent in New Mexico at Animas, Capitan, and Gallup.

Come, join the youth group and enjoy the supper, program, games, and fellowship.

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UPDATE AND THANKS from Joe Coppinger

Dear Friends,

I feel so indebted to my community. There is now ay to calculate the tremendous prayer response that must have gone up in my behalf. I truly feel that God has taken my hand and walked with me through the "Valley Of The Shadow Of Death." I never did fear death but only felt safe in the hands of my Lord. That is only normal when I think of that I might be eternally safe in Him.

As you already know, my surgery was February 1. It was high risk, and the three other patients on my floor who had this same surgery were all suffering from complications. All had been there at least a month, and the outlook for them was, to say the least, uncertain. It made us feel very humble and almost guilty to make so much progress, so quickly.

I was discharged from the hospital after only ten days and have no dictory restrictions.

The cards have been a tremendous source of encouragement. There were so many at times it was overwhelming, but every word was read and appreciated.

Thanks once again for all the concern you have demonstrated to me through your prayers, visits, telephone calls, cards, flowers, food, and just being in your thoughts. I will forever appreciate it.

In His Marvelous Grace,
Joe Coppinger

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Your Family



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Ain't life great?
Now that you've
turned 38!
Live it up,
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**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**
From Your Friends,
Tim, Lar and Cod

C.P. STUDENT REVIEW

SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL LIST

A Honor Roll

First Grade

Jordan D. Pancake
Aaron K. Turnage
Kimberly L. Mosier
Janielle A. Rivard
Wesley W. Price
Jordan C. Hataway
Tessa K. Winters
Andrea N. Purvis
Joshlin J. Nelson
Dusty D. Dickson
Brittany R. Apple
Phillip A. Bennett
Chey A. McDorman
Sammy G. Gardner
Jennifer A. Young
Lacey J. Koenig
Evan L. Miller

Second Grade

Dustin L. Martin
Tiffany S. McCorkle
Jamie D. Davis
Christopher H. Harris
Sheila M. Bell
Joseph A. Albrecht
Andrew J. Carouth
George M. Taff
Lacy D. Rutledge
Marissa M. Black
Ashley D. Cook
Cole D. Koenig
Amanda C. Kitchens
Danielle J. Rivard
Nathaniel A. Joy
Kevin M. Scott
Kevin R. Cheshier
Jaron P. Hataway
Keali D. Eppard
Emily J. Winfrey

Third Grade

Joseph A. Dillard
Joshua W. Hopkins
Tony T. Beggs
Gregory C. Black
Melanie S. Cheshier
Erin Stephens
James N. Ross
Sara C. Delgadillo
Angela D. Swift
Shena J. Thomas

Fourth Grade

Nicholas R. Dimitri
Roger C. Carey
Ryan K. Aitchison
Jake D. Merryman
April M. Weaver
Ashley J. Harris
Nicholas R. Dimitri
Roger C. Carey
Ryan K. Aitchison
Jake D. Merryman
April M. Weaver
Ashley J. Harris

Sixth Grade

Elizabeth E. McCarty
Zachary V. Edington
Chandra T. Heath
Shannadon P. Black
David M. McGowen
Brandi M. Carouth
LeaJean A. Wyatt
Ventura Monrreal
Ashley D. Beggs
Joseph L. Hopkins
Samuel L. Nixon
Mindy M. Mitchell
Amanda G. Dillard
Jolena N. Fleming
(40%)

Seventh Grade

Morgan R. Pendleton
Kevin C. Nickerson
Nicholas A. Graves
Jill C. Potter
Natasha A. Webb
Donna J. Besselaar
Benji B. Blackstock
Justin D. Hopkins
Kimberly D. Ratliff
Carlton D. Thomas
John L. Worsham
Jarad L. Richards
Crystal D. Carouth
Nathaniel J. Swift
(50%)

Eighth Grade

Jaonna N. Harris

Jeremy A. Barnett
Adriana E. Monrreal
Kristy L. Bowden
Lee W. Wheeler
John P. Chesshir
Chris R. Wood
Malyssa A. Sowell
Jason R. Carey
Justin C. Richey
(35%)

AB Honor Roll

First Grade

Jeri D. Hinkle
Andrew V. Taff
Nicole L. Clark
Wanda M. Jones
Teralyn M. Terry
Marcus W. Williams
Brandon W. Phillips

Second Grade

Jared C. Wooten
Lance B. Vasquez
Nathan R. Allison
Danielle E. Eppard
Lisa B. Fortune
Sunny D. Westerman
Chris D. Sliger
Benjamin T. Faries
Jonathan D. Beauchamp
Eric M. Womack
Mary L. Stephenson
Tiffany S. Goains
Kaci J. Shields
Byron L. McNutt
Oliver R. Savell
Charlene A. Canales

Third Grade

Alisha D. Branham
Jennifer H. Canales
Marian P. Reed
Jana N. Higginbottom
Christy R. Jones
Joseph H. Johnson
Billy J. Shaw
Violetta Vasquez
Citanya M. Scott
Rebecca N. Tennison
Ryan R. Hale
Sarah K. Nixon
Jeffrey D. Worley
Jason O. Beauchamp
Sean B. Higginbottom
Jason C. James
Jenny L. Pancake
Bridget N. Callaway
Stephanie C. Parker
Candice S. Bailey
Shane A. Sharpe
Kevin D. Wilson
Rick A. Winters
Aaron M. Norris

Fourth Grade

Larry D. Whitehead
Rick O. Branham
Lindsey V. Barnett
Tommy J. Harris
Brandon W. Gilliam
Robert L. Hill
Donald D. Dallas
Kristin D. Hunter
Amanda A. Munson
Ashlee D. Hutchins
Tessa J. Wyatt
Toni M. Wyatt
Cody L. Reed
Lisa M. Shields
Jennifer D. Turner
Wanda C. Bell
Michael P. Bennett
Christopher C. Kitchens

Fifth Grade

Clint Bailey
Marian S. Hix
Christine D. Kitchens
Pat E. Savell
Jody D. Gosnell
Lindy Merryman
Misty M. Kelly
Royce W. Gomillion
Jimmy R. Clark
Ann M. Stephenson
Larry D. Lee
Jaden M. Winfrey
Scotty L. Hutton
Lisa M. Delgadillo
Amber M. Taff
Christopher D. Ely
Billie J. Shaw
April S. Potter
Chrystal Canales
Tabitha J. Clark
Kenneth W. Ratliff
Justin L. Bright
Jackson L. Worsham
Virginia R. Phillips
Christina R. Beaty

Sixth Grade

Rowdy B. Dillard
Andrew J. Johnson
Amy S. Hale
Reymundo Reyes
Tommy L. Connelly
Jessica L. Childers
(17%)

Seventh Grade

Charles K. Copher
Tonya S. Humphrey
Melissa K. Clark
David L. Reed
Jason T. Sproles
Jeremy L. Box
Billie J. Reed
Joseph D. Turner
Leifton W. Hunter
R. Scott Brame
Jody J. Fortune
Dusty R. Hargrove
Leellen G. Johnson
Clifton B. Kirkham
Felicia R. Ramirez
Jeremy R. Pancake
Mandy L. Bushnell
(50%)

Eighth Grade

Connie E. Stout
Sean J. Jones
James R. Beaty
Rebecca A. Foster
Constantino Reyes
Hugo Mauricio
Nikki L. Beggs
Jennifer D. Hogan
Porcious H. Potter
Brandon S. Stover
Candice R. Eppard
Shanna Hutton
Crystal A. Carouth
Zanda Q. Ward
Amanda B. McGuire
Shannon N. Petty
(48%)

A Honor Roll

Freshman

Janeal Stephens
Karen Dunn
Brock Walker
Amanda Tomlinson
Blake Foster
(14%)

Sophomore

Amy Strength
Cole Gilliam
Scott Cheshier
Tamara Hutton
Jared Harris
Renee Atchley
Tonya Stover
Jenny Potter
Amber Williams
Jimmy Lee
(35%)

Junior

Glenda Evans
April Hogan
Shana Bagley
Tamara Flippin
Mark Trammell
Joy Klingberg
Lee Williams
Lori Dillard
Coby Childers
Heather Montgomery
Jason Fleming
Amanda Sowell
(34%)

Senior

Robbie Hutton
Amy Welch
Rhonda Swift
Jennifer Wheeler
Gayle Upton
Trey Fortune
Carlile Albrecht
Dustin Hinyard
Corey Townson
Johnny Pointer
Sonya Renfro
Michael Cowan
(46%)

AB Honor Roll

Donnie Dillard
DeAnna Besselaar
Chris Connelly
Jeff Brown
Willie Merryman
Emma Albrecht
Jared Potter
Clayton Goble
Hillary Giles

Brandi Adams
Misty Strickland
Nina Phillips
Randy Hale
Cody Leicht
Sabrina Taylor
Jeff Key
Todd Smith
Misty Abernathy
Jeff Parker
Tiffany Free
Kelley Wellmaker
Crystal Fortune
Brandy Weaver
Whitney Kirkham
(68%)

Sophomore

LeeAnne Scott
Terry Shults
Sheryl Glover
Chris Maddox
Brittany Hinyard
Leah King
Allison McGowen
Willie Nickerson
Rachelle Bishop
Jodi Dallas
Michael Tollett
Matthew Reed
(34%)

Junior

Cody Winfrey
Tiffany McKenzie
Renetha Carouth
Connie Steele
Billy Stearns
Elizabeth Davis
Denese Whiteley
Kelly Barclay
Rodney Rudloff
Brandon McGuire
Tim Yates
Billy Walker
(34%)

Senior

Randy Stephenson
Brandon Smith
Stephanie Yates
Charlotte Letney
Bettina Gomillion
Brad Morgan
Billy Brown
Gary Hargrove
Earl Meroney
James Jones
Bill Steele
(42%)



Middle School Girls Basketball Team with Coach Elaine Shedd



HOW ABOUT THIS JACKET? Coach Shedd models gift from her team.

Surprise

The Cross Plains Middle School girls basketball team surprised their coach Elaine Shedd, with a new jacket on

Wednesday, February 17. Each of the girls also signed the jacket, making it even more special.

Cross Plains School Calendar

For the week of
February 25 — March 3

Thursday, February 25 — Houston Stock Show;
Friday, February 26 — Pay Program begins. Breckenridge Tennis Tournament.
Saturday, February 27 — PAY Program begins. Breckenridge Tennis Tournament.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

March 1 — 5

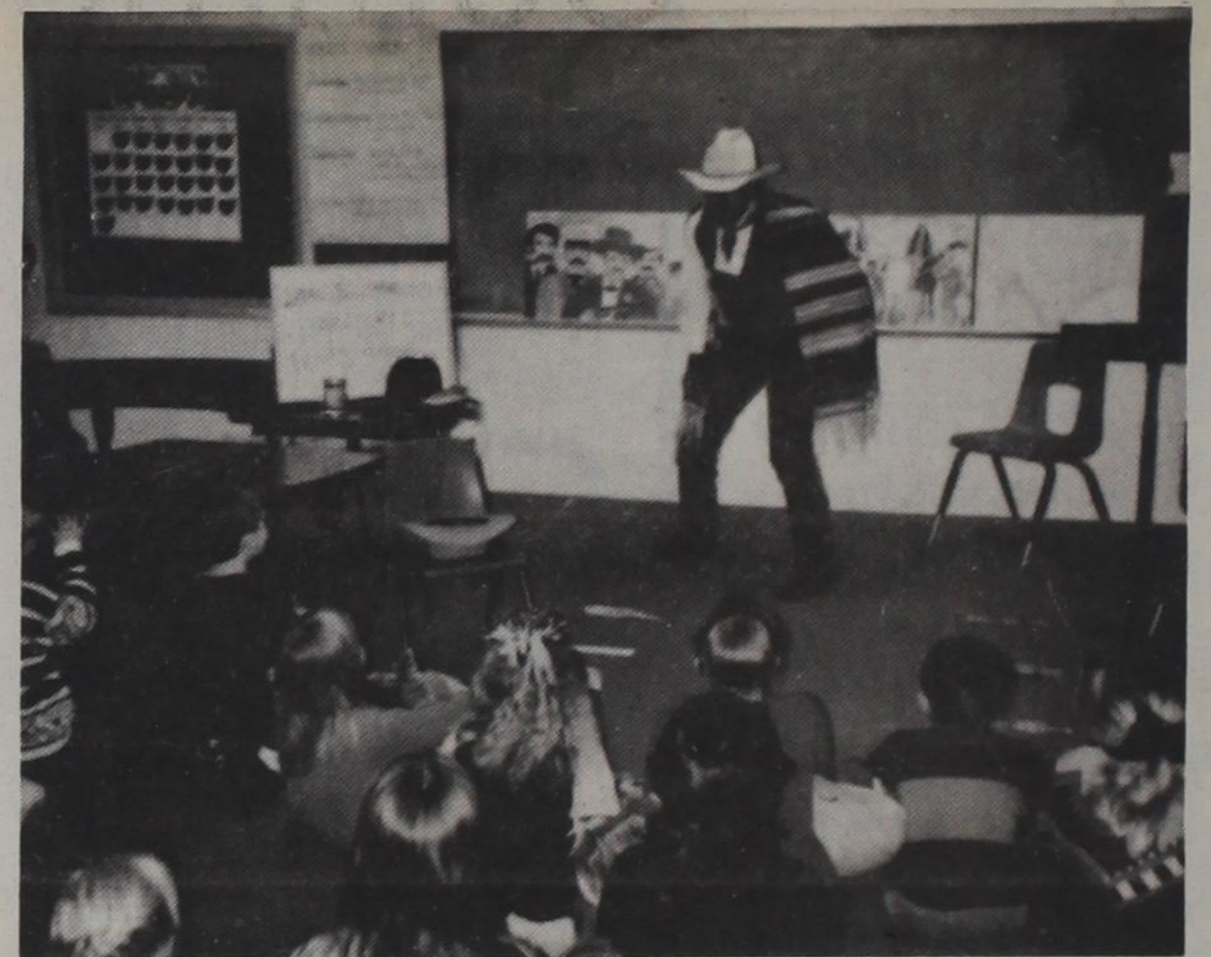
Breakfast

(Subject to Change)

Monday — Oatmeal, toast, grape juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Bacon, egg, biscuit, jelly, orange juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Choice of ready to eat cereal, toast, grape juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Cheese toast, orange juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Waffles, sausage, grape juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken nuggets w/ gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, chocolate pudding, milk.
TUESDAY — Vegetable beef soup, grilled cheese sandwich, crackers, peach halves, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Turkey casserole, salad, corn, garlic bread, milk.
THURSDAY — Chili w/crackers, pinto beans, pineapple chunks, corn bread, milk.
FRIDAY — Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, French fries, cookie, milk.



ENTERTAINING GUEST gave a great program to the elementary SPEAKER: "Sam", alias Lee Wheeler, gifted and talented students.

Elementary G/T Sees Sam

By Carol Atchley

Lee Wheeler at one time was a stand-up comedian in Austin, but decided he didn't like that particular life style, so he gave it up. He is now associated with the Region XIV Education Service Center through his business "Diversified Services" in Breckenridge. It was through the Service Center and the "Wings" program that Mr. Wheeler came to Cross Plains Elementary School on Wednesday, February 17. He spoke to the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade gifted and talented students. Dressed in western attire, he humorously portrayed an old western storyteller named Sam. Using his comedy background, he used some props, did impersonations, did pantomime, etc. while talking to the students about "Thinking to Learn & Learning to Think." The group of students were very enthusiastic and Mrs. Karen Richey and Mrs. Pat Stephens, elementary gifted and talented teachers, both stated that it was a good program. He talked about expectations, limitations, problems, wisdom and cooperation among other topics.

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7th AND 8th - Billie Jo Reed (from left) 3rd runner-up, daughter of Linda Reed; Natasha Webb, 2nd runner-up, daughter of Wayne and Darlene Webb and Melissa Clark, 1st runner-up, daughter of Erwin and Donna Clark; Jill Potter, Miss Valentine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Potter.

Cooleys Perform Locally

The Cooley family consisting of Haskell and JoLee Cooley and

children, Cason and Camissa of Wichita, Kansas will present "A Time for Refreshing" at the Penetecostal Church in Pioneer on Monday, March 1, at 7pm.

The public is cordially invited to attend the inspirational message in music.

CAR SALE



COLONIAL OAKS NURSING HOME NEWS

LINDA EDINGTON
Activity Director

There was a virus bug going thru town last week. Hopefully it has blown threw now and everybody can get back to feeling normal again.

We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family of Lela Foster.

A warm welcome to our new resident June Culvahouse.

Lucille Clark from Granbury and Evelyn Hard from San Angelo were here visiting Lillian Smith and Nettie Clark.

Janet Purvis from Cottonwood visited Bertha Wheeler, Mildred Ford, Ruth Joy and Dorothy Thomas.

Barbara and Halye Kendrick and Doxie McPherson from Baird, Elva Nell Dupriest and Wanda Goble from Rankin, and Connie Griffith from Noodle were here visiting Valeria Rouse. Visiting daily is Doris Goble, Eddie Faye Dill and Destine Morgan.

Sally Roady visited Nettie Roady, also N.A. and Gittie Roady from Baird. Charlene Metcalf visited Clara Coburn.

C. G. Hutchins visited with Valeria Rouse and Lola Patton.

Daisy King, Dan Ingram from Ft. Worth visited Inez Ingram.

Ruby McCowen, Leo and Jewel Thompson were here visiting everybody.

Barbara Young visited Midge McCall, Valerie Rouse and others.

V. Callaway visited with Ruth Joy and Bertha Wheeler.

Chuck and Elva Woody visited with Nettie Clark.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Midge McCall, Sylvia Smith (3), Estelle Breeding (3), Dorothy Thomas (3), Lucille Stone (3), Vera Belyen (2), Ressa Glover (2), Ruth Joy (2) and Zenovia Strickland.

Tuesday: Art Class. Popcorn and dominoes.

Wednesday: Sing-a-long with Sally Roady, Pearl Greenwood, Vernie McMillan and Ruby McCowen. Exercise Class.

Thursday: Linen folding. Dominoe and Skip-Bo games.

Friday: Bingo winners were: Lucille Stone (3), Sylvia Smith (2), Bertha Wheeler (2), Dorothy Thomas, Estelle Breeding Vera Belyen and Ruth Joy. Afternoon singing with Sister Ruby and Bobby Jack McCowen.

Sunday: Church service with Church of Christ.

Love makes every day special.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - A political observer describing himself as a visionary has suggested voters nationwide should consider electing Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock or Comptroller John Sharp president of the United States.

Last week, on the same day President Bill Clinton proposed massive taxes, Bullock told capitol reporters \$2.2 billion more could be put into education, health care, social services and law enforcement — without increasing taxes.

His proposal would use government efficiency measures and bookkeeping transactions pointed out by Sharp, Gov. Ann Richards and the Senate's staff.

Two Texans like Bullock and Sharp are needed in Washington, since — when all is said and done — folks up there obviously lack the smarts to substantially cut federal spending, our observer noted.

Texas Congressmen Cautious

Responding to the president's proposals, interim U.S. Sen. Bob Krueger seems to have gotten the message that voters don't want big spenders.

"I'm not going to vote for any tax increase until government puts its house in order," Krueger said following Clinton's speech.

Krueger ran a \$24,250 ad in the *Washington Post* last week asking federal employees to expose "specific examples of waste and poor management."

His campaign spokesman, Monte Williams, said Krueger would welcome Clinton campaign help here, "but we wouldn't welcome his tax increases."

Other Texas congressmen remained cautious, most not committing to Clinton's tax proposals.

Krueger's main Democratic opposition thus far, former attorney general Jim Mattox, said Clinton "deserves an A+ for having the guts to give Congress a comprehensive budget package."

Campaign Planning Begins

Meanwhile, Gov. Richards is making plans for a statewide campaign to win voter approval of a two-part constitutional amendment on school finance, which Republicans and some education groups vowed to campaign against.

Richards said she intends "to put together a serious, sophisticated plan to bring information to the people of Texas so that we will have an affirmative vote."

Karen Hughes, state GOP executive director, said the party "will counter the Democrats' 'Chicken Little' message that the sky is falling and the schools are going to close down."

Supports Ag Tax Reform

House Speaker Pete Laney, indisputably a bona fide farmer, said he supports efforts to halt abuses of the state's agriculture tax laws.

The measure, intended to protect family farmers, has loopholes used by developers and land speculators to pay less in property taxes than homeowners with equal valued property.

"I don't think the law was created to grant exemptions to people to warehouse land," Laney said. "I would definitely look with favor on something that would tighten up abuses."

Laney said extensive reform could contribute millions of dollars in additional revenues to local school districts.

Stalking Bill Passed

Legislation to make stalking a crime won unanimous approval in the Senate last week, and more than 100 House members have signed on to carry the bill in the House.

The Senate sponsor, Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, said many Texans have been victimized by stalkers, but the state has no law to stop such harassment, which can involve following someone or making threatening phone calls.

"Once again, Texas is bringing up the rear to the rest of the country. Thirty-one other states have adopted anti-stalking legislation," Moncrief said.

Under his bill, stalking would be punishable by up to six months in jail and a \$3,500 fine. Repeat offenders could be sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Bullock: Mr. South Texas

Gov. Ann Richards and other state officials gathered in Laredo on Feb. 20 to join the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association in honoring Lt. Gov. Bullock as this year's Mr. South Texas.

Manuel Bravo, the association's president, said the selection committee unanimously chose Bullock because "he has long demonstrated his interest in the growth and development of South Texas."

Bullock is the 42nd recipient of the annual award. Mexican officials were also on hand for the awards ceremony.

Other Highlights

The Senate confirmed the appointment of three new members of the University of Texas System Board of Regents: Lowell Lebermann, 53, president of a beer distributorship in Austin; Martha Smiley, 45, an Austin attorney; and Peter Coneway, 48, a Houston investor.

State education officials voted to permit girls to play junior high and high school football next year, but some college officials said last week that women won't play in the Southwest Conference unless some court orders it.

The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill allowing the state to buy General Motors Caprice automobiles, which are assembled in Arlington. The bill changes the maximum wheelbase and horsepower specifications for vehicles that may be purchased or leased by state agencies.

ASCS Sign-Up For Farm Programs

ASCS Sign-up

"We will begin accepting applications for the 1993 farm programs on March 1," Scotty H. Odom, County Executive Director of the Callahan County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, said. As in the past several years, the sign-up will be conducted by appointments and producers may begin calling for appointment now. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is requiring acreage reductions of 10 percent for corn, 5 percent for grain sorghum, and rice, 7.5 percent for upland cotton, 20 percent for extra long staple cotton, and zero percent for wheat, oats, and barley.

Farmers who meet acreage reduction and other program requirements will be eligible for price support loans and deficiency payments. "Producers may request 50 percent of the estimated total deficiency payments in program crops when they sign up for the 1993 programs," Odom said. The payments will be issued in cash, and will be limited to the farms' intended program acreage. He said the 1993 programs have flexible planting features, the same as in 1992. Up to 25 percent of the crop acreage base or flex acres, may be planted to any program crop, any oilseed, industrial, or experimental crop designated by USDA, or any other crop except fruits and vegetables.

"A full list of crops which may be planted on flex acreage will be available in our office," ASCS official Odom said.

For additional details on these and other 1993 farm program provisions, farmers may contact the Callahan County ASCS Office. The 1993 farm program sign-up ends April 30.

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Connie Young
Mrs. R.P. Barnett
Nathan James Bryan
J.S. Archer
Michael J. Quinn
Jason Collier
Billy Wilson

FEBRUARY 27
Thalia W. Fritz
Albert Lovell
Ella Duncan
Shawn Reed
Mrs. Houston Strong
Patrick Joseph Conlee
Judy Holcomb Livingston
Lee Roy Higginbottom

FEBRUARY 28
Ricky Cavanaugh Shanks
Charlotte Bishop
Stephen Brown
Bobra Burkett
Curtis Hines
Mary Pancake
Randy Foster
Keith Waitkins
Susan McNeel
Earlene Justice
Rosalea G. McClain
Barbara Stephens
Joe Frendle Mullins, Jr
MARCH 1
Kelly Michael Scott
Eddie Strickland
Tom Sibley
Dorothy Aiken
Jay McCuin
Minter B. Sheffey
Fred Landolt
Raymond Newman
William Christopher Clark

MARCH 2
Lucile Callaway
Norma (Lee) Lawson
Tony Wyatt

Roy Dillard
L.B. Jones
Lois Minton
Gary McIntosh
Jan (Neal) Bradford
Jack Webb Baum
Mrs. J.R. Rector, Sr.
Mrs. Leroy Brooker
Betty Helms
Stephen George Friend

MARCH 3
Deanna Hagar
Doug Hegemier
Gerry L. Holly
Michiel Bates
Donna Kaye Chambers
Grady Ramey
Sue Carroll

MARCH 4
Faye Franke
Harvey Thomas
Beth (Wood) Hilburn
Vickie Steele Swinney
Trey Rowen
J.D. Moore
Michele Aiken

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

When our son Jess was born eight years ago, our lives changed forever. Of course, every parent learns that his life is never the same after the birth of a child. But with Jess, we faced a host of challenges many mothers and fathers do not. Jess has cerebral palsy. He has trouble communicating and doing anything for himself. In short, for the past eight years we have devoted most of our time, energy and resources to this fragile little boy.

Those who have never had the experience of raising a child with a serious disability cannot begin to understand the sense of isolation and disconnection that goes along with such a responsibility. Jess requires constant attention and assistance. Even now, a night's sleep is often interrupted to soothe a distraught youngster. Emotionally and financially, the situation has been draining.

For us, having periods of respite has proven crucial. We simply must have a few hours to ourselves once in awhile to rest and rejuvenate. On occasion, we need to be able to completely leave our home in Smithville for overnight trips. For years, we relied on faithful friends who were willing to step in for a few hours or a day at a time.

Our situation improved dramatically in 1988 when we discovered a wonderful program run by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. The program is called IN-Home and Family Support and it provides a small monthly stipend for families who have a member with a disability. The stipend can be used for any number of services, from respite to transportation to rehabilitation therapies of all types. Families of low and middle incomes are eligible to draw up to \$300 a month, or up to \$3,600 a year, depending upon individual needs. Funding is also available for a one-time allotment of up to \$3,600 for physical modifications to a residence or the purchase or lease of special equipment.

The beauty of the program is that it offers choices. We were not subject to the dictates of a rigid set of guidelines. We were free to tailor a set of services to meet our needs. For us, of course, the money has gone to pay for respite care for Jess. Now we're able to go out a few evenings a month and occasionally take our other son, now 6, on a few excursions. We have also used some of the money for speech therapy classes for Jess.

We used the one-time \$3,600 grant to make some much-needed structural changes in our home. We have a three-story house, which has meant carrying Jess in his wheelchair up flights of stairs. We have been able to install an elevator, add a wheelchair-accessible bathroom and add storage space for Jess' equipment. The one-time payment did not cover all the expenses of the modifications, but it helped enormously.

In-Home and Family Support is a unique, user-friendly government program. Families are not subjected to miles of red tape, mountains of forms to fill out and constant interviews. It is an investment in and an affirmation of people with disabilities who want to live at home and the families who support them.

For us, In-Home and Family Support has made a huge difference in the quality of our lives. Likewise, it has provided help and hope to more than 5,000 other individuals with disabilities and their families. Currently, Texas MHMR has almost 3,900 on waiting lists for this valuable program. The agency has asked the legislature to provide additional funding so thousands more Texans can benefit from In-Home and Family Support. We cannot think of any more efficient or productive way to spend the taxpayer's dollars.

Jeri and Walter Winslett
Smithville, Texas

Dear Editor:

I am extremely upset over the obvious injustice between prison funding and school funding that has been shown in the recent news. I believe our legislators are playing with our children's education and lives, and I think we voters should do something to correct the situation.

This month, there have been news reports of \$250 million appropriation to alleviate overcrowded jails in Texas, plus another \$57.4 million appropriation designated for that purpose for Harris County (*Abilene Reporter News*, February 2 and February 10). In addition (*Abilene Reporter News*, February 9), Taylor County is preparing to expand its jail.

In all of this, the process of prison funding has been reported as an exercise in problem-solving: the prisons are overcrowded, the situation must change, therefore monies are appropriated to correct the situation. Fine; well and good. It seems to me that is the way a representative democracy should work--identify a problem, assess possible solutions, and take action.

That process, however, most definitely does not occur when it comes to school funding. I continue to see and hear, instead, news reports of intense partisan bickering over appropriations for education. Whereas the prison problem is attacked, the issue of school funding is characterized by legislators engaged in bickering and head-butting, wrangling over their petty, personal differences, even sleeping during legislative school-funding sessions. As a result, school funding in the legislature is an unnecessarily prolonged, arduous, partisan process that works to the disadvantage of our children and their parents, and that most assuredly does not reflect any glory on the legislature. Moreover, while prisons are expanded and upgraded, while due consideration is given to providing for the needs and comforts of prisoners, the monies that are finally appropriated for our schools are niggardly by comparison. While prisons are supplied and staffed, schools have so little money that teachers themselves, who are themselves underpaid and undervalued, must pay for supplies for their students. While prisons are built that are often perceived as being nearly luxury resorts, schools are supplied with only spartan, portable buildings. While it costs Texas between \$18,000 and \$20,000 to incarcerate one prisoner for a year, the upkeep for one student for a year in Texas costs only \$2,000; yet all the quarreling is over school funding, not prison funding.

This makes no sense to me. I believe this situation indicates our legislators have neither the ability to perceive, nor the courage to act upon, what is right and important. I question whether those abilities will ever be manifested by the

current crop of politicians in Austin. Going by their recent history, I must conclude the prognosis is gloomy.

Feeling that way, I think we citizens must exercise our rights to correct the situation. In short, I think it is time for a recall election: get rid of the politicians who cannot transcend their personal differences, and replace them with legislators who will have the sense and fortitude to do what is right and important.

Sincerely,
Bobbie Alexander
Clyde, Texas 79510

Soldier Wants To Hear From Hometown

Justin Whitsitt is currently serving with the U.S. Marine Corp and would like to hear from residents of his hometown, Cross Plains. He is a 1992 graduate of Cross Plains High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mitchell.

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Cottonwood News

By BEVERLY BROWN

On Sunday, February 28, the "Pacesetters" gospel singing group will at the Cottonwood Church morning worship services at 11 a.m. Further details are in the *Cross Plains Review*. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

It was great talking with Dennis Kelly of Abilene when he was home recently at his parents', Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly.

Mr. James Brown and Mr. Dalton Guire of Abilene were by on Saturday to see Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown.

Last week Mrs. Darwin Anderson was visiting with Mrs. Ethel Anderson. On Saturday her sister, Mrs. Daisy Holcomb came by to see her.

On Sunday afternoon family members gathered to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Bill Nickerson, Sr. at their home were: Mrs. Randal Franke, Amie and Kellie; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hines, Jeffrey and Julie, all of Clyde, and Connie Potter, Rickey Jo and April; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kelly.

The Cottonwood Quilting Club members had a large turn-out on Friday night for the Ben Richey Boys Ranch Benefit at the Cottonwood Musical. Mr. Jack Chamberlin of Abilene was the winner of the quilt drawing. The president of the Ben Richey Boys Ranch, Mr. Claud Champion, presented the club with a plaque of appreciation for their support.

The ladies appreciated your patronage, donations of baked goods, and sandwiches for the evening's festivities.

Personals

Suma Dill's visitors were Fred Dill, Erma Dill, Joe Houser of Abilene and Gaylon Duggan of Rising Star.



This picture was taken along time ago. It looks a little like someone we know. When they made him, they broke the mold. But turning 50 doesn't make him old.

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