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Former Resident Speaks Out On Education

Editor's Note: Jann Phenix wrote this feature article which was published in the December 19, 1995 issue of the Austin American-Statesman about a former resident, Toody (McDermott) Byrd. Her ideas concerning education are refreshing and realistic. I hope she has tremendous success in promoting her thoughts on the subject. Vanda King.

WORDS TO LIVE BY
Retired school adviser offers cutting wit, healing wisdom

Every once in a while you run across someone who speaks from the heart, with great wisdom and common sense. If that person has a sense of humor as well, we should listen with our hearts as well as our ears.

Toody Byrd, now retired from her post as director of guidance and counseling in the Eanes school district, has long inspired, entertained and energized everyone who hears her.

Byrd's wisdom does not come wrapped in a saccharin bow. She is not saucy, not stodgy. She has been known to slip four-letter words into her presentations to sometimes stuffy educators. This mother, wife, and grandmother does not have nearly as many lines on her face as she should, considering she is past retirement age. She is mischievous, fun-loving and somewhat irreverent—a shorter, rounder, more mature Mary Poppins.

Listen then, educators and parents alike, to some candid and caring suggestions from Toody Byrd, school counselor extraordinaire, about how to right some of the wrongs in our educational system.

"Everybody knows there is something wrong with education, and everybody knows how to fix it, but nobody agrees on the fix-it theories," Byrd says in her West Texas twang, which is at once charming and country.

"They all come up with these theories. One is we need to use the business approach. Another one says, academics only. Another one says we've got to keep church and state separate and prayer out of schools. Another say values are important but who is going to teach them? Everybody agree we've got to get those test scores up.

"As far as the business approach goes, I think we ought to remember that businesses turn out products and schools turn out people. And the products that businesses turn out are only going to be as good as the people we turn out. We ought to remember that busi-

nesses have employees, we have kids. No matter how bad those kids screw up, we can't cut their wages and we can't fire them. We just get them back next year...if we're lucky.

"Prison statistics show you that over 90 percent of prison inmates were student dropouts, but not all school dropouts go to prison. Most of them stay where they are, marry other school dropouts and have five kids that drop out of school.

"Then we say we've got to get these kids earlier. My lord, we get them when they are 4 years old. At 1 year, they are nursing babies. At 2 years, they have a thumb and a blanket. Three years is not very long to be a little kid. And somehow, I thought that childhood ought to be a journey, not a race.

"The 'academics only' theory is the one that scares me the most. I am convinced that if we educate their heads and not their hearts, we're going to turn out a bunch of intellectual barbarians.

"We need not worry about prayer in schools too much because as long as there are algebra tests, there will be prayer in the schools.

"Every time we hear 'values' somebody thinks we're going to talk about sex education. To me, values are when you tell kids it's not OK to be mean, it's not OK to lie, it's not OK to steal, it's not OK to destroy either property or people. I think those values ought to be taught at home, at school, at churches...wherever kids are.

"We all agree we've got to get those test scores up, but it is always going to be as important to teach students that kids don't go around shooting kids as it is that we teach them to score 1500 on the SAT.

"We're dealing with kids who have problems that some of us never dreamed of. Drugs, gangs, AIDS and sex—I guess we dreamed about sex, but we didn't talk about it. If we did, we didn't call it sex, we called it 'it'.

"I say to kids that I am not nearly so worried that you will graduate from high school without knowing the three R's as I am worried that you will graduate without knowing the three I's. You are not indestructible, you are not immortal, and you are not infertile.

"Regardless of the problems kids have now, I think kids have the same basic needs they have always had, the same basic needs we have. They need to be loved, they need to be accepted, and they need to do something well and be told about it."

This Christmas, it won't hurt to keep in mind that these are, indeed, the gifts that keep on giving.

Colonial Oaks Services

Cornerstone Methodist will conduct worship services at Colonial Oaks Nursing Home on Sunday, December 31, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Blake Foster Named To Who's Who

Blake Foster, a senior at Cross Plains High School, was named to the 1994-95 Who's Who Among High School Students. He was not listed last week with other local students due to his Cisco address.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Foster.

If there are other students in this area who were omitted, please contact the Cross Plains Review for publication of your name.

HARVEST OF LOVE

Editor's Note: This article was published in the December 22, 1995 issue of the Abilene Reporter-News and was written by Bill Whitaker. It tells of the greatest harvest of all, caring friends. Vanda King.

PEANUT HARVEST RIGHT IN SEASON

This Christmas will find a long shadow falling over the Roy Churchill household, but his family can still find comfort and joy in certain things. Peanuts, for instance.

If Roy Churchill had pride about anything, it was the lowly, much-maligned but irresistible peanut. In fact, he was proud of a whole lot of them. Sixty-five acres, more or less.

During his years as a coach at Abilene Christian University and later as grounds keeper for the Abilene Prairie Dogs, Roy relished baseball—and peanuts, of course, are integral to the whole experience of baseball.

But it went beyond that. As Roy's friends know, he also prided himself on his own peanuts, grown on the family farm in Eastland County. Roy was genuinely thrilled last season when he learned he had the champion peanuts of Eastland County.

So it was only natural, after Roy's death Labor Day weekend following a traffic accident, that folks in the know in Abilene and the Cross Plains area quietly gathered forces to watch over the crop Roy lovingly planted but didn't live to harvest.

Some weeks ago, those same peanuts were just as lovingly harvested—reportedly, 18-20 trailers' worth.

"I know Roy was especially happy to win for those peanuts he grew a year ago," said a Churchill friend who asked to remain anonymous. "That's bragging rights for the farmers, but for Roy (to win) it was exceptional.

"He was a city boy who came down here," his friend said, "but he had consulted the old farmers and he had put their advice to work."

Consequently, when Roy won the goober honor in Eastland County, many a farmer was peanut-proud for him.

Of course, Roy had plenty of help, not just from his old man, famed ecology teacher and range scientist F. M. Churchill, long of ACU, but from farmers such as James Chesshir, who initially worked F. M.'s land in Eastland County and taught Roy the nuts and bolts of peanuts.

Roy's death this year at age 41 from

injuries sustained in a traffic accident on the Judge Ely Speedway shocked many, but even more jarring was the wealth of support that kicked in for wife Kathy and their three sons.

Over the busy Labor Day weekend, Roy's friends gathered at the new house the Churchill family was just moving into. They dug up the yard, installed a sprinkler system, put down grass, erected a fence and moved furniture and appliances in.

But that wasn't the end of it. Friends who knew Roy and his dad came together to keep an eye on the peanut crop Roy had planted, including area rancher "Butch" Pharr, who changed Roy's irrigation pipes and checked the crop.

When harvest time came recently, farmer Kenneth Monfort, who had finished harvesting his own field, took hired hands over to Roy's place to harvest a crop that now, thanks to Butch's dedication and insight, was a peanut man's field of dreams.

"He brought over the finest equipment and devoted it to harvesting Roy's peanuts for about a week," Roy's friend said of Kenneth. "He's the one who invested the time and money, though there were 10 others who were also willing to do it."

"And you couldn't have harvested those peanuts at a better time. Kenneth just happened to finish his own field and had his equipment ready and waiting. He was in touch with the other farmers and Roy's family."

In other words, a quiet act of sacrifice and thoughtfulness, not just by Butch and Kenneth but by many friends here and in the area who helped with the actual harvesting. As is typical of our area farmers, they're somewhat modest about it all.

But, believe me, F. M. and the rest of the Churchill clan will sing their praises long after the peanuts have been gobbled up.

"Among them, I'm so thankful for Charles Chesshir," F. M. said, referring to James Chesshir's son. "Charles organized it, ramrodded the whole thing. He and Roy were best friends, farmed together since junior high. But he was the one behind it. He even had one of the ladies, Janice Merryman, plant the wheat. She just wanted to do it—and she can handle a tractor with the best."

"I'm told Roy would be proud again of the harvest, which went far beyond expectations.

"Not bad," one farmer said of the high-yield, high-quality peanut harvest, "for a guy with a full-time job."

Callahan County Sheriff Election Contested

The office of County Sheriff will be contested, both on the Democratic Primary Election ballot and General Election ballot, after three men have filed for the sheriff's position in recent weeks.

Incumbent County Sheriff Eddie Curtis and Rod Waggoner have filed for the sheriff's position on the Democratic Party ballot, while Paul Jaworski filed as a sheriff's candidate for the Republican Primary Election.

Curtis, 44, filed for the office of county sheriff on Friday, December 15. Curtis, completing his first term as county sheriff, has resided in the state and in the county 44 years. He lists his address at 539 Chestnut in Baird.

Waggoner, a former Clyde police officer, filed Tuesday, December 12 for the position of county sheriff on the Democratic Party ticket. Waggoner, 43, has resided in the state 27 years and in the county 15 years. Waggoner, who is currently a deputy sheriff in Burnet County, lists his address at 6376 Private Road 1133 in Clyde.

The only local office candidate filing for the Republican Primary Election is Paul Jaworski.

Jaworski, a former deputy sheriff in Callahan County, filed Tuesday, December 12 for the office of county sheriff, according to Callahan County Republican Party Chairman David Holmes of Cross Plains.

Jaworski, 47, is currently employed as a police officer for the Clyde Police Department. He has resided in Texas 17 years and in Callahan County 13 years. Jaworski lists his residence at 7785 County Road 229 in Clyde. He lives in the Eula community.

Also filing for re-election as county attorney is Allen Wright. Wright, 43, is completing his first term as county attorney. He has resided in the state 23 years and in the county seven years. Wright, who filed with the Democratic Party Tuesday, December 26, lists an address of 6000 County Road 203 in Clyde.

Bun Barry, the incumbent tax assessor/collector, also filed for re-election for the Democratic Primary Election.

Barry, 45, has resided in the state and in the county 45 years. He filed with the Democratic Party County Chairman Tuesday, December 26. Barry resides at Rt. 1 Box 147 in Baird.

Other Democratic Primary Election ballot candidates who have filed in recent weeks include:

David Blalock, the incumbent County Constable from Precinct #1 (Clyde), filed for re-election December 11.

Harold Hicks, Precinct #1 incumbent commissioner from Clyde, filed December 4 for re-election on the Democratic Party ticket.

Tommy Holland, incumbent Precinct #3 commissioner from Baird, filed for the Democratic Primary Election on December 4.

Those county public offices which will be up for election in 1996 include: County Attorney, County Commissioner Precinct #1, County Commissioner Precinct #3, County Sheriff, County Tax Assessor-Collector and all three County Constable places in Clyde, Baird and Cross Plains.

Candidate filing for the Democratic Primary Election began December 3 at the offices of the Hardwick Company on West Highway 80 in Baird. Democratic Party County Chairman Jon Hardwick can be reached at (915) 854-1256.

Hardwick said besides being a resident of the county, a registered voter and over the age of 18, candidates are required to pay a filing fee to be placed on the primary election ballot. The filing fee for the office of County Attorney is \$1,000. The filing fee for County Sheriff, County Tax Assessor-Collector and County Commissioner is \$600. A filing fee of \$300 is charged for a candidate running for the office of County Constable.

Filing for a place on the Democratic primary ballot will continue until 6:00 p.m. on January 2, 1996, Hardwick said.

The Democratic Primary Election Day will be March 12, 1996 in Callahan County. Early voting for the primary election will take place from February 21, 1996 through March 8, 1996.

All individuals wishing to file for a county office position in the upcoming Democratic Primary Election are required to file a campaign treasurer form with the county clerk, according to the Texas Election Code. The campaign treasurer form may be obtained from the office of County Clerk Darlene Walker at the Callahan County Courthouse in Baird.

Individuals must file the campaign treasurer form with the county clerk before filing with the Democratic Party county chairman, Hardwick noted.

Candidate filing for the Republican Primary Election is taking place with Republican Party Chairman David Holmes in Cross Plains. Holmes can be reached by telephone at (817) 725-7141. The candidate deadline for a place on the Republican Primary Election is the same as the Democratic Party Primary.

Are You Standing On A Million Dollar Liability?

You may be if you own an unregistered petroleum storage tank!

Tank owners and operators who are required to remediate a site may be eligible to apply for reimbursement of clean-up costs, up to \$1 million per release, from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's (TNRCC) Petroleum Storage Tank Remediation Fund. In order to receive these funds, your tank(s) must be registered!

Petroleum storage tank owners who have not registered their tanks with the TNRCC by December 31, 1995, will be ineligible for reimbursement in the event a spill or leak occurs. Owners of unregistered tanks will be responsible for all costs of corrective action.

The TNRCC is targeting groups that are most likely to be affected and may not be aware. These groups include: Owners/Operators of gas stations, Owners of former gas stations, Realtors with underground storage tank transactions, Financial institutions which have foreclosed on property with abandoned storage tanks, and fleet operators.

TNRCC staff will hold Storage Tank Workshops to help you determine whether you have underground or above-ground tanks that should be registered, and how to register them, how to apply for reimbursement for corrective action expenses. These workshops are free and informal. For information on the town, date, and time of the workshop in your area, contact Martha Glasgow at (512) 239-2159.

New Deadlines For The Cross Plains Review
Articles Must be Turned In Mondays By Noon (No Exceptions)
Advertisements Must Be In Tuesdays By 5:00 p.m.
The Cross Plains Review Will Be Closed Monday New Year's Day So Articles Need To Be Turned In Friday.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURT
Bill Johnson presiding

42nd DISTRICT COURT
John Weeks presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Charged with resisting arrest: Cynthia N. Kersey, Thomas Jerald Kersey.

Misdemeanor Minutes

Dana L. Bell, theft of property by check, \$10 fine \$195 court costs.

Probations discharged: Michael Beeler, Ronald Dale Wilson, Stephen Leon Abernathy, Charles John Mantooth, Christopher Hurley Speckels, Z.C. Madera.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Martie Arlene Moore & Timothy Jon Comer of Anchorage, AK.

Civil Filings

Divorces filed:
Mendez, Esmeralda & Siprino.
Garrett, Deborah & Falcon, and in the interest of minor children.

Watts, Emily A. & Michael Sean, and in the interest of minor children.

Civil Minutes

Divorce granted:
Harber, Regina Ruth & Bruce Allen.

OBITUARIES

Mildred Ann Turner

Mildred Ann Turner, 78, died Monday, December 18, 1995, in an Eastland hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Higginbotham Funeral Chapel, burial was in Pioneer Cemetery.

Mrs. Turner was born in Paint Rock and was a member of the Jehovah's Witness.

Survivors include one son, Rex V. Turner of Pioneer; two daughters, Zandre V. Vaglin of Abilene and Kora E. Agnew of Cisco; one brother, Richard D. Hamann of Austin; 7 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Osburn 'Ozzie' Burns

RISING STAR—Osburn "Ozzie" Burns, 84, died Monday, December 25, 1995, at an Early nursing home.

Services were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Church of Christ with Ted Kell officiating. Burial was in Rising Star Cemetery, directed by Higginbotham Funeral Home.

Mr. Burns was born in Marquez and had lived in Rising Star for 45 years. He was retired from Coastal States Gas Company and belonged to the Church of Christ. He married Ollie Clark Burns in 1931 in Sipe Springs.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Laquita Lucas of Rising Star and Peggy Wilson of The Colony; one brother, Ad Burns of Abilene; one sister, Peggy McKibben of Odessa; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Judy D. Schweitzberger

RISING STAR—Judy D. Schweitzberger, 48, formerly of Early, died Monday, December 18, 1995, at her home.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Heartland Funeral Home of Early with the Rev. Bud Stephens officiating. Burial followed at May Cemetery, under the direction of Heartland Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Schweitzberger was born in Brownwood and lived in Brown County most of her life. She married Charles Schweitzberger on December 17, 1971, in Brownwood. She was a homemaker and a member of the Northridge Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Charles of Rising Star; two sisters, Mary Smith of Waco and Willie Faye Neely of Odessa.

WINTER SERVICE CHECK WARNINGS

The Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation (TDLR) encourages consumers to beware of some common pitfalls associated with winter furnace checks and seasonal repairs to residential heating systems. Consumers can take more of an active role in ensuring they get quality service by following these guidelines:

Use a Licensed Contractor. State law requires air conditioning/heating contractors to be licensed and carry liability insurance. A license issued by the state to legally do business as a contractor IS NOT the same as a certificate number issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) qualifying a person to handle refrigerant.

Check up on the Contractor. Look for the contractor's license number in yellow page ads, on business cards, invoices and company vehicles. Contact TDLR to check on the status of the license, and to determine if there have been any complaints filed against the company.

Be Suspicious of Extra-Low Prices. Companies offering rock-bottom prices are sometimes more interested in selling you unneeded equipment.

Get a Second Opinion. Check with another contractor when recommendations are made to replace a system, or to make repairs costing more than \$500.

Beware of Reports of Carbon Monoxide Problems and Cracked Heat Exchangers. These are common come-ons during the winter season. Ask for specifics on how the carbon monoxide check is done, and watch the technician while he works.

Keep Removed Parts. This will prove that the part was really changed.

Report Consumer Problems. To report suspected non-licensed contractors, or any problems with a licensed contractor, contact TDLR at 1-800-803-9202 or (512) 463-6599.

TDLR has been regulating the air conditioning/heating industry in Texas since 1983. In addition, the agency regulates 12 other businesses, industries, trades and occupations. The agency is responsible for ensuring public safety and welfare in all of the areas it regulates, and has the authority to conduct inspections, investigate complaints and issue penalties.

Major Manufacturers and Education Focus of Big Country Farm & Ranch Show

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA—The 4th Big Country Farm and Ranch Show, February 14 and 15, 1996, will offer the regions producers the opportunity to attend two days filled with major manufacturers and dealers as well as educational meetings. Over 350 companies will be on hand to display the latest agricultural technology and associations will be conducting meetings.

Over 360 exhibits of the latest farming technology will be on display for the regions producers. Hundreds of company representatives will be at the show, including Case IH, Caterpillar, Crustbuster, Ford, John Deere, Linn Enterprises and New Holland. Meeting will be conducted by the Taylor County Extension Service, Texas Department of Agricultural and the Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association.

The 1996 Big Country Farm and Ranch Show is scheduled for February 14 and 15 at the Taylor County Fair-

grounds in Abilene. Sponsors for this years event include the *Abilene Reporter-News*, KEAN-Radio, KTAB-TV, Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association and Taylor County Extension Service. Admission to the show is free. For more information on exhibiting or attending please call (612) 894-8007.



...whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother. Matthew 12:50.

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WCTCOG Changes Deadline To Feb. 5 On Solid Waste Task Force Grants

Due to the hectic holidays, the WCTCOG Solid Waste Task Force has changed the deadline date for grant funding for solid waste projects from January 3, 1996 to 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 1996, to give all eligible applicants ample time to complete the forms.

West Central Texas Council of Governments, in cooperation with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, announces availability of \$200,290 for Municipal Solid Waste Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 1996 in our 19 county region. The purpose of the program is to provide grant funding for projects to eligible entities which will provide a direct and measurable effect in four grant categories: Waste Reduction and Recycling, Local Enforcement, Household Hazardous Waste, and Other Waste Management Projects to include Citizen Collection Stations. These priorities were identified by interested citizens at a public hearing held on October 12, 1995 in the WCTCOG offices.

Requests for Proposal (RFP) packets for each of these grant categories can be obtained by responding by telephone to Aveia Morris, Waste Management Coordinator, at (915) 672-8544 or by mail at P. O. Box 3195, Abilene, TX 79604-3195. WCTCOG will make staff available to assist local entities to complete applications for funding. If there is sufficient interest, WCTCOG may consider conducting a workshop for eligible applicants, to explain in detail the procedures for submitting an application.

RFPs are due back in the WCTCOG offices by 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 1996. Copies of all project applications will be made available for public inspection during regular WCTCOG business hours for 10 working days after the deadline for application submittal, and before the meeting of the solid waste advisory committee members. The recommendations of the advisory committee will then be provided to the Executive Committee of WCTCOG on February 28, 1996 for final action. The time frame for the grant is flexible, dependent on the complexity of the project, but is not limited to be completed by August 31, 1996.

ANOTHER CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR MEDICARE

If you're 65 or over and don't have Part B Medicare coverage, you'll have a chance to sign up for the Part B medical insurance coverage during the 1996 annual enrollment period, according to Ken Hargis, Social Security manager in Abilene.

Every year, the government offers a three-month open enrollment period from January 1 to March 31. "This period is to give you a second chance if you didn't enroll when you were first eligible or you dropped your coverage in the interim," said Hargis. If you enroll during the current sign-up period, your coverage will begin July 1, 1996. For 1996, the cost for Part B coverage is \$42.50 per month. Most delayed enrollees pay a 10 percent surcharge for each year they could have been enrolled but weren't.

Part B coverage, also called "medical insurance", helps pay for doctors' care, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical services. People are offered the option of signing up for Part B at the same time they are automatically enrolled in Medicare's Part A program. Part A helps pay for inpatient hospital care and certain other services.

People who want to sign up for Part B Medicare coverage should call the Abilene Social Security office or call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any business day. "The lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so it's best to call at other times," said Hargis.

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The P.A.D. Advisory Council of The National Council on the Aging

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If your answer to a question is yes, circle the score indicated. If your answer is no, go on to the next question.

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1) Do you have a family history of diabetes or cardiovascular problems (high blood pressure, heart attack, stroke)?	10
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3) Do you have any of these symptoms? a) aching, cramping or pain in the legs when you walk or exercise, which disappears after rest. b) occasional tingling, numbness or coldness in your hands or feet. c) loss of hair on your feet or toes d) irregularity in the growth of fingernails or toenails.	30
4) Do you experience impotence? (men)	20
5) Do you currently smoke? If not, have you ever smoked?	10
6) Are you more than 25 pounds overweight?	20
7) Do you not exercise regularly?	10
8) Do you eat fried or fatty foods 3 times a week or more?	10

TOTAL CIRCLE SCORES _____

If you scored 50 points or more, you may be a candidate for P.A.D. Discuss this test with your doctor at your next appointment. If you have P.A.D., he can recommend effective treatment. If you scored more than 80 points, we urge you to make an appointment with your doctor.

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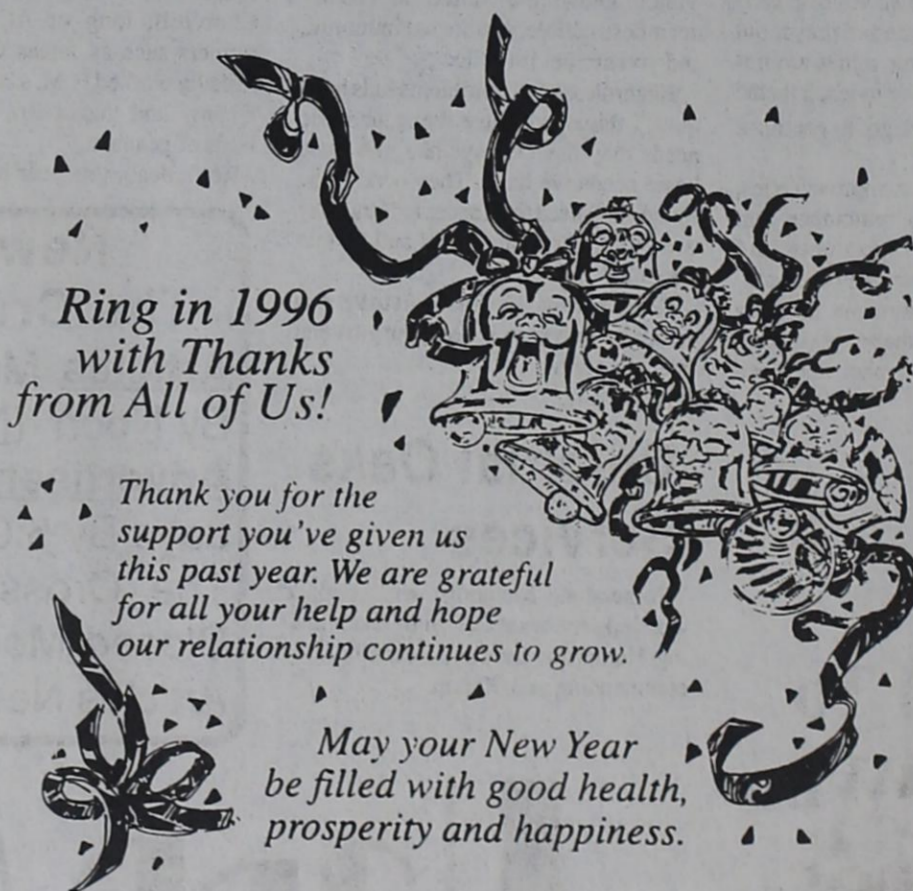
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Thank you for the support you've given us this past year. We are grateful for all your help and hope our relationship continues to grow.

May your New Year be filled with good health, prosperity and happiness.

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By LINDA EDINGTON
ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

The truest meaning of Christmas giving lives in the spirit of volunteering. We're grateful to all our volunteers for the work and time they have given during this past year. Thank you for sharing the most precious gift of all...The Gift of Yourself!

Our appreciation to Emma Black for the fruit cake, to Joan McCowen for the fudge, to the Living Water Ministry for the socks, wall pictures and fruit basket, to Beverly Brown for the candy and kitchen calendar, to Dolores Garrett for the cookies to Ike Neal for the boxes of candy, to the United Methodist Church for the lotion and Kleenex, to Joyce Cottrell for the bibs and to Bonnie Witt for the candy.

James Featherston from Temple, Sam Callaway and Jonathan Featherston from Belton visited Jake Green.

Jim and Frances Irwin, Bill and Etta Lee Miller from Tolar, Minnie Swann from Baird, and Linda and Latricia Chandler visited with Glenda Chandler.

Lanitta Sturgill with the 4-H club members Jamie Sturgill, Melanie Harris, Allisha Branham, Shanda McClure, Tiffany Goain, Amanda Kitchens, Rick Branham, Chris Kitchens, Marleena Branham, Toni Mae Wyatt, and Ashley Harris came and visited everybody.

Virginia Callaway from Cottonwood

visited Bertha Wheeler.

Naomi and Ruby McCowen visited Gerie Powell and others.

Betty Montgomery from Midland, Buck and Dorothy Welch, Bob, Kathy, Payton, and Jasara Graves from Arlington visited Leila Montgomery.

Virginia Childers from Potosi visited Mable Fann and Inez Ingram.

Florence and Elmer Falkner, Elaine Norris from Garland visited Sylvia Smith.

Beverly Brown visited Mildred Ford. Thoughts and prayers for Suma Dill who is in the hospital.

Vera Belyeu was our winner at Jack's Place. Thanks Jack and Wanda.

Activities during the week:

Monday: Bingo winners were Allie Dickson, Mary Keele, Dorothy Thomas (2), Gerie Powell, and Midge McCall; Exercise class.

Tuesday: Art class, Popcorn, and Skip-Bo games.

Wednesday: Sing-A-Long with Bob Wallace; Exercise class.

Thursday: Bingo winners were Midge McCall (4), Mary Keele (2), Gerie Powell, Vera Belyeu, Sylvia Smith, Allie Dickson, and Dorothy Thomas; Music with Colleen Anderson.

Friday: Singing with Bob Wallace; Sit-Down Basketball.

Sunday: Cornerstone Methodist.

We're wishing you a New Year of Peace and Happiness!

End-Of-Year Reminders From Social Security

Do you have a child born this year who doesn't have a Social Security number? Have you changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce, or any other reason)? Are you receiving Social Security benefits and you've moved this year?

If these are the kinds of situations that match your circumstances, this is the time of year you should be sure to talk to Social Security. It's a good time to do a reality check to make sure you are on top of your rights and responsibilities under Social Security.

Do you have a child who was born this year who doesn't have a Social Security number? The law requires you to list the Social Security number on your tax return for each dependent born before November 1, 1995, being claimed on your 1995 tax return. If you have a child born before November 1 who does not have a Social Security Number, you should make sure you get one before you file your tax return for 1996. Remember, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will not process a return without correct Social Security numbers for dependents.

If you've changed your name this year (through marriage, divorce, or any other reason) and haven't made sure your new name is listed on your Social Security card and in Social Security's records, there may be problems posting your earnings to Social Security's files. (This could reduce your future Social Security benefits.) Also, the Internal Revenue Service may have problems processing your tax return.

To get a replacement card, you usually need one identifying document. To change the name on your card, you need documentation that shows your old name and your new name. If you were

born outside the United States, you generally must show proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status. Your replacement card will have the same number as your old card.

If you're receiving Social Security benefits and you've moved this year, make sure we have your new address. (Sometimes people who have their checks sent directly to their bank forget to tell us about a change in their mailing address.)

You must notify the post office and Social Security immediately if you change your mailing address. In fact, failure to report a change of address is the leading cause of checks not arriving on time. Your report should include your claim number, your old address, and the new address, including ZIP code. Give the names of all family members who should receive benefits or information at the new address.

You should report a new address even if you have direct deposit because important letters from Social Security are sent to your mailing address, even though your benefits go directly to a bank. Your benefits could be stopped temporarily if Social Security cannot locate you because you have not reported a change of address.

If you receive Social Security and worked in 1995, you need to report your earnings to Social Security by April 15, 1996. The 1995 limits were \$8,160 for people under 65 and \$11,280 for people 65-69. Remember that you can earn more money in 1995 before your benefits are reduced. If you're under 65, you can earn up to \$8,280 next year with no reduction in benefits. If you're 65 to 69, you can earn up to \$11,520 in 1996 with no reduction. If you're 70 or older, there is no limit on your earnings.

Congressman Stenholm Announces Service Academy Nominees

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Charles W. Stenholm (D-TX) is pleased to announce that 32 young men and women from the 17th District of Texas have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies. Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July 1996.

"I am always so impressed by the high caliber of candidates that apply to my office each year," said Stenholm. "But it certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult."

Ten individuals were nominated to compete for one appointment slot at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and six young men were nominated to compete for one appointment vacancy at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York. Twenty students were nominated to compete for two appointment slots at the Military Academy at West Point, New York, and also at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

The individuals, and the academies to which they have been nominated, are: Clara Aguirre of San Angelo, Air Force; Nick Anderson of Granbury, Air Force and Naval; Chris Bolinger of Trent, Military and Merchant Marine; Steven Boyd of Comanche, Naval and Military; Patrick Buckner of Roby, Naval and Military; James Burton of Abilene, Naval and Military; Melissa Crockett of Abilene, Military; Brandon Donaldson of Brownwood, Air Force and Naval; Shane Engel of Abilene, Air Force and Naval; Cody Fowler of Mineral Wells, Naval; Blake Hargis of Abilene, Military; Dallas Hopper of Ackerly, Air Force and Military; Josh Howard of Haskell, Military; Shilah Hudson of Granbury, Air Force and Naval; Aaron King of Mineral Wells, Naval and Merchant Marine; Jeff Knox of Graham, Air Force and Military; Tim Lanphere of Hawley, Military; Lillian Lien of Abilene, Military and Naval;

Adam Long of Paradise, Military and Naval; James Norman of San Angelo, Air Force; David Nowlin of Rotan, Naval and Military; Cassandra Shafer of Abilene, Military and Naval; Dempsey Singleton of Graham, Air Force and Naval; Corey Tucker of Bridgeport, Military and Merchant Marine; Chris Ward of Granbury, Air Force; Will Ward of Mineral Wells, Naval and Military; Brek Wendeln of Stephenville, Naval and Merchant Marine; Brodie White of Eastland, Naval and Merchant Marine.

The nominees will now be contacted by the academies with additional information and instructions, and will be scheduled for medical and physical examinations. The academies will make appointment announcements by late spring.

Chameleon...Not So Obvious Benefit Presentation

Dance Discovery Studios presents Chameleon... Not So Obvious January 13 and 14, 1996 at the Paramount Theatre. This will be an exciting new adventure in dance unlike any before in Abilene. An unique experience in jazz. Shows will be Saturday, January 13 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 14 at 2:00 p.m.

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Feds Can Learn Lesson From Lone Star State

AUSTIN—Lt. Governor Bob Bullock today called on federal elected officials in Washington to quit acting like Scrooge and give Texans and all Americans the best Christmas gift ever by starting to work together to do what is right for the nation.

"In Texas, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Speaker and members of the Texas House and Senate have put partisan politics aside to do what is best for Texas," Bullock said. "The best thing the federal government and the Texas Congressional Delegation can do is follow in her footsteps."

"The time is at hand for Washington lawmakers to sit up and take notice. Party politics and bureaucratic bickering have no place in the debate when it

comes to doing what is best for our nation and her people," Bullock said.

"In addition to the Christmas holiday, next week marks the 150th anniversary of Texas becoming the 28th state of this great country. It is sadly ironic that our nation now is being torn apart by party politics and constant conflict," Bullock said.

"Texas is moving forward with a balanced budget, welfare reform, a new juvenile justice code and a new education code that can be a model for the nation," Bullock said.

"The federal government could do a great service and give Americans the best Christmas gift ever by working together today to do what is best for our nation tomorrow."

Section 16 Grant Requests For Nonprofit Organizations Deadline January 26

ABILENE—The Texas Department of Transportation has issued a request for applications from nonprofit organizations to apply for Section 16 grants. To be eligible, these organizations must provide transportation services to elderly and or disabled persons, or be in need of equipment for eligible transportation programs.

Section 16 grants provide for eligible capital expenses to include the replacement of buses, vans, trolleys and other vehicles used to transport elderly and or disabled persons. Also included are the purchases of vehicles for service ex-

pansions, purchases of radio equipment and necessary auxiliary equipment. The funding is appropriated by the Federal Government under the Federal Transit Act.

To be eligible for consideration, each proposal must include a completed Section 16 grant nomination form. Forms for organizations in the Abilene District are available from Joe Clark, P. O. Box 150, Abilene, TX 79604. He may be reached by telephone at (915) 676-6812.

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In Psalm 90:14 the Psalmist, by inspiration from God, said: "So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Why is it that some have gained more wisdom in 1995 than others? Have some "numbered their days" wrong while others have "numbered their days" correctly? One thing I understand the "numbering of our days" to mean is to remember how few they are. While the Psalmist also says that "the days of our lives are seventy years, and perhaps eighty by reason of strength," he adds that "it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Psalm 90:10. James put it this way: "For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away," James 4:14. One commentator explained the "numbering of our days" well by saying, "We must so number our days as to compare our work with them, and mind it accordingly with a double diligence, as those that have no time to trifle." Perhaps the reason some people's 1995 measures "more" is because they lived each day, one day at a time, as if it would be their last - and worked toward gaining as much as possible from that day. Gain the most possible from Sunday by coming and studying and worshipping together - and live each day "as unto the Lord."

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Sincerely,

Callahan Co. Child
Protective Services Board
Alton Payne, Secretary

Dear Editor,
Like most Americans, I have opposed the deployment of U. S. troops to participate in an uncertain peace-keeping mission in Bosnia, where U. S. interests do not seem immediately apparent. In response to calls, letters, news reports, and recent votes in the House and Senate, let me state my views regarding U. S. foreign policy in Bosnia.

During the past four years, Bosnia has been the setting for the worst slaughter Europe has seen since World War II. The civil war has resulted in almost 250,000 deaths and millions of homeless refugees in the countries that made up the former Yugoslavia.

Tragically, the United Nations-sponsored arms embargo prevented the Bosnians from protecting themselves. I voted for legislation to lift the arms

embargo, but I continue to believe the U.S. military should not become involved in this European civil war. Frankly, this entire situation should have been addressed by our European allies, but they could not or would not without our help.

During the Dayton peace negotiations, I supported a resolution expressing the sense of the House that a successful outcome for the Bosnia peace talks should not assume U. S. troop deployment.

Despite the grave misgivings of Democrats and Republicans alike in Congress, the president chose to exercise his Constitutional authority as Commander-in-Chief to commit U. S. forces to Bosnia in a peacekeeping mission. On December 13, both the House and Senate considered legislation regarding U. S. military involvement in Bosnia. The House passed, and I supported, a resolution expressing serious reservations about the deployment policy, but expressing support for our troops.

I opposed an earlier resolution which would have cut off all funding to U. S. troops in the field. Having served in Congress during four different administrations, I have always tried to support, by my words and deeds, the men and women who are put in harm's way by the orders of their Commander-in-Chief. Regardless of the reservations or opposition I might have had about some of these missions, I will not have anything to do with legislation that fails to support our men and women in uniform. It is un-American, unpatriotic, and I won't be a part of it.

As for Bosnia, the United States is faced with two bad foreign policy options: 1) participating in an uncertain and unpopular mission in Bosnia, or 2) becoming increasingly isolationist in a world in which our economic well-being depends on world trade and stability. Given the fragile nature of the young East European democracies, and the increased power of Russia's communist party, our allies are concerned about stability in Central Europe. Bosnia could have an impact on the United States' future international role, particularly in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

The decision has been made regarding our role, as leader of the free world, in the peacekeeping mission. It seems clear to me the Congress and the American people should now do everything necessary to ensure that our troops have the protection and support they need to fulfill their mission, and that they are returned safely to their families. We own them no less.

Congressman Charles Stenholm

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Most popular names for Texas babies in '94

Boys' names	Girls' names
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