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NEWS at a glance

Social to honor emergency crews

The Howardwick Friendship Club will host an Ice Cream Social to honor emergency personnel in Donley County Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Honored guests will include firefighters, paramedics, EMTs, DPS personnel, and members of the Donley County Sheriff's Department.

The event will be held in the Howardwick City Park. Music will be provided by the Gospel Chords, and folks are urged to bring any finger foods, desserts, or homemade-ice cream.

Bronco season tickets are on sale

Season tickets and reserved seating go on sale this week for the 2001 Football Season in Bronco Stadium.

Each football reserved seating/season ticket is \$23, which allows admission into the five regular season home games and reserves a seat in a prime viewing location.

Tickets go on sale to the public at 8:30 a.m. August 16 and can only be purchased in the CISD Administration Building at 416 S. Allen St.

Meet the Broncos Night set Aug. 23

The annual Meet the Broncos and Lady Broncos Night will be next Thursday, August 23 at 7:30 p.m.

All parents, classmates, and fans are invited to come to Bronco Stadium and meet the CHS athletes for 2001-2002.

CC students need off-campus rooms

Clarendon College is seeking off-campus housing for students this fall as it appears the residence halls may not hold them all.

If you have an extra sleeping room, apartment, or house you would rent to a CC student on a monthly basis, contact Dean of Students Jay Caldwell at 874-3571, ext. 229.

VFW says don't mess with holiday

Texas State Commander Danny R. Henry of the Veterans of Foreign Wars spoke out recently against a proposal that would change Veterans Day to Election Day every four years to make it a federal holiday.

"The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month is a special time for all veterans, beginning with World War I," he said.

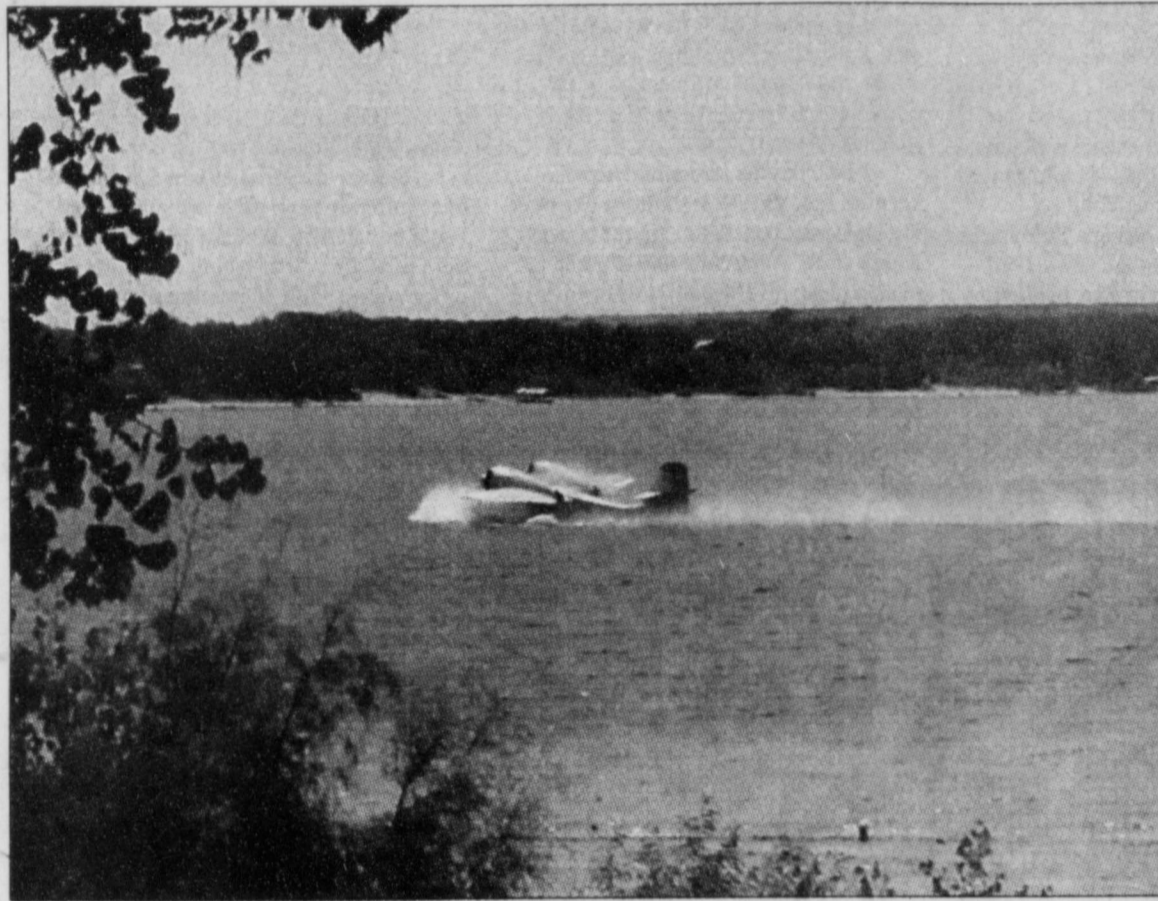
Henry said changing Veterans Day to Election Day would cause nothing but confusion.

"Veterans say leave Veterans Day alone."

Inside:

- Do smokers really save governments money? One report says they do... when they die early.
- First Baptist Church gets ready to register kids for pre-kindergarten classes.
- Bronco Band members have had a busy summer.
- And St. Mary's Catholic Church in Clarendon is 109 years old this year.

All this and much more in this week's thrilling edition!



Ze plane! Ze plane!

Mr. Roarke and Tattoo were nowhere around, but the plane from the old television show, *Fantasy Island*, did make a stop at Greenbelt Lake last Wednesday, August 8. Greenbelt general manager Bobbie Kidd said Leonard Hudson of Pampa purchased the plane in May and brought it to the local reservoir to practice taking off and landing. The plane was taxiing around the lake most of the day and actually got stuck briefly on Sandy Beach when it pulled up for the assembled spectators.

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County keeps trash to itself

Rural residents of Donley County will continue to take their trash to a county owned facility for at least a year, commissioners decided Monday.

The county had considered closing its solid waste facility east of Clarendon in order to contract with the city's new waste transfer station at the Three Feathers Recycling Center. City officials promised the county seven-day-a-week service and a more convenient system of dumping in exchange for a one-year contract.

Reaction from county residents was mixed on the city's proposal, County Judge Jack Hall said.

"There was a lot of comment both ways," Hall said. "The commissioners aren't going to rush into something that a lot of people don't like."

During their regular session this week, commissioners voted to delay taking any action on a solid waste agreement with the city for one year.

The city's new facility is scheduled to be finished by the end of this month.

In other county business, the commissioners' court approved a new \$4 fee that will be added to traffic tickets in local justice of the peace courts.

The fee will take effect September 1, 2001, and the revenue will be used for technology upgrades in the justices' offices.

The court considered and approved a new computer system for the county treasurer's office and approved a new printer for the tax assessor's office.

A new policy and procedure manual for the city-county library was adopted.

Paula Lowrie, chief appraiser with the Donley Appraisal District, addressed the court concerning property tax abatements. Commissioners took no action on an abatement request from Dr. John Howard.

The City of Clarendon Local Housing Authority was granted a waiver for payment of taxes, and Valor Telecom was given an easement for line installation at County Roads P and 13.

DPS reminds motorists to watch for school children

As the school year starts, the Department of Public Safety reminds motorists to slow down around schools and to watch for children who may be exiting school buses. Drivers also should be aware that children may cross streets without watching where they're going.

Students attending Clarendon and Hedley schools will begin classes next Monday, August 20.

"The first few days of school, it's easy to be distracted," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Make sure you're paying attention when you're driving, especially in and around school zones or near school buses. You don't want to become part of a tragedy."

More than 1.3 million Texas children a day ride school buses, which continue to be the safest form of highway transportation—fewer than 1 percent of traffic crashes in the state involve them.

The most common time for collisions is when school buses are loading or unloading students. According to the National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, most children injured or killed while getting on or off buses are under the age of 10. All students should be

taught to follow safety rules and to watch for traffic before crossing streets.

Texas law forbids vehicles from passing a school bus while its alternately flashing red warning lights are activated. Motorists can be fined up to \$1,000 for passing a school bus while the warning lights are activated. Subsequent violations can lead to suspension of a driver license for up to six months.

"Stopping for school buses is the law. DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses; if you pass a stopped school bus, you will receive a ticket," Davis said.

In 1999—the latest year for which statistics are available—two children were killed in separate incidents when they exited school buses in Travis and Rusk counties.

In other incidents across the state, 1,348 bus drivers or occupants were injured in school bus crashes, and 18 were injured while loading or unloading school buses.

For more information on school bus safety, please contact DPS School Bus Safety Program Administrator Charley Kennington at 254-867-4611 or the Public Information Office at 512-424-2080.

Commissioners looking at 2 plans for new lines

Donley County Commissioners will decide next Wednesday at 10 a.m. between two plans that will redraw local precinct lines and affect about 400 people in the City of Clarendon.

Both plans were presented to a citizens' advisory board during an open meeting Monday evening in the Courthouse Annex by Bobbie C. Hill, an attorney from Wheeler who was hired by the county to oversee redistricting.

Neither plan under consideration would affect precinct lines in rural areas. Hedley and Howardwick would also remain unchanged.

Plan 1 and Plan 2 both attempt to equalize the populations of county precincts by moving a large block of people out of Precinct 1 through rearranging boundaries within the city limits of Clarendon.

Plan 1 would alter Precinct Two by carving out a narrow strip about two blocks wide along most of US 287 in Clarendon. The goal of this plan is to put the highway and most of the business district under the jurisdiction of Precinct 1&2 Justice of the Peace Jimmy Johnson.

Johnson, whose office is located in Clarendon, said he was speaking on behalf of local businesses and citizens who want to be able to file small claims cases and hot check charges in the town where they do business rather than drive to Hedley where Precinct 3&4 Justice Ann Kennedy's office is.

"It's not fair to ask a business on 287 to go to Hedley to file a hot check," Johnson said.

Johnson also said anyone who received a traffic ticket on US 287 in Clarendon would be able to pay it in his office.

But Justice Kennedy countered Johnson's points.

"We only have a few small claims

cases a year, and hot checks are being handled in the [Clarendon] municipal court," she said.

In order to accomplish Plan 1, the connection of Precinct 4 between north and south Clarendon is held together by a census block 25 feet wide on the east side of town.

Plan 2 is a more contiguous plan with precinct lines in the county seat being drawn in large blocks. Hill said she prefers Plan 2 because of its simplicity. In this plan, most of Clarendon's business district would be under the jurisdiction of Justice Kennedy in Hedley.

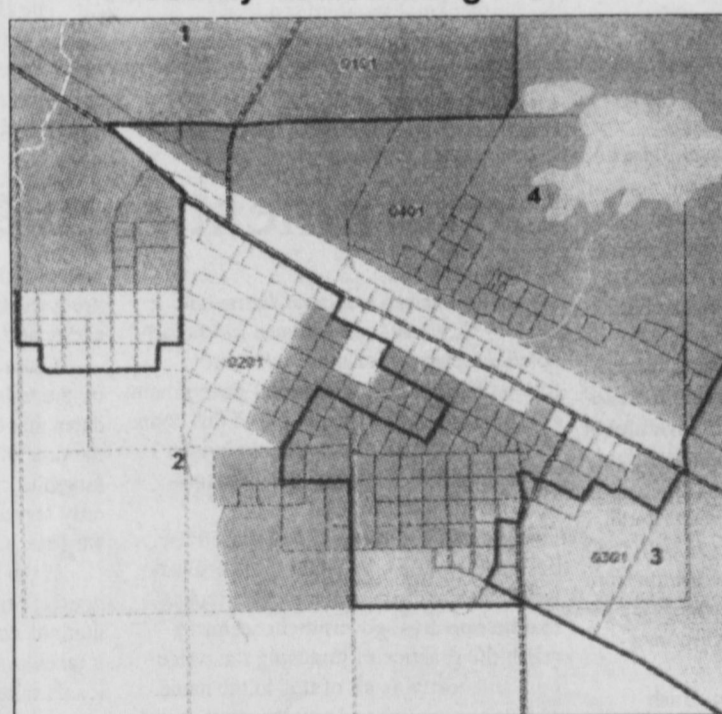
The possibility of a Plan 3 was discussed which would split part of Howardwick in to Precinct 4, but the lack of a second suitable polling place in the lakeside city was cited as a drawback. Also, Howardwick residents voiced concern about having to drive more than 20 miles to Hedley to conduct J.P. court business.

As a result of these comments, the county will not consider splitting Howardwick at this time. But Hill said if the community continues to grow, the county might have no choice but to split it following the next census in 2010.

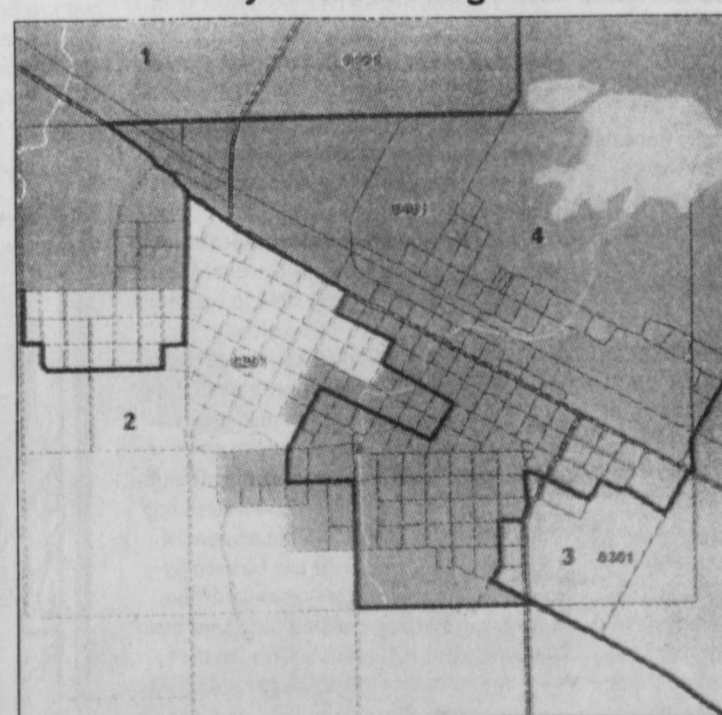
The 2000 federal census found a total of 3,828 people in Donley County, an increase of more than 3.5 percent from the 1990 census. The growth was centered in Howardwick, which more than doubled its population from 205 to 437 people. That growth created an imbalance in precinct populations, which has necessitated redrawing precinct boundaries.

After commissioners select a plan, the new boundaries will be submitted to the US Department of Justice to make sure they comply with the Voting Rights Act, Hill said. The new boundaries will then take effect January 1, 2002.

County Redistricting Plan 1



County Redistricting Plan 2



Proposed precincts are shown in red for Pct. 1, yellow for Pct. 2, blue for Pct. 3, and green for Pct. 4. The heavy, dark blue line represents the current boundaries. Map prepared by DeskMap Systems, Inc.

More GOP candidates enter race

Two more Republicans have announced their candidacy to run for the late Tom Haywood's state senate seat.

Harry Reynolds and Kirk Wilson are running against each other as well as against Craig Estes of Wichita Falls, who announced his candidacy two weeks ago.

Reynolds, a businessman and former mayor of Sherman, was in Clarendon last Wednesday. He has been active in local politics in Grayson County for about 25 years and is a fiscal conservative.

Reynolds says he believes certain issues—such as education, health care, and crime prevention—go beyond money and that government for its own sake is not always best.

Reynolds is chief executive of Monitor, Inc., a steel fabrication facility. He is also a Certified Public Accountant and owned an accounting firm for 16 years. He and his wife Alera have two grown children.

Former Denton County Judge Kirk Wilson is also running for the vacant District 30 senate seat.

Wilson says he is supported by several elected officials, business leaders, and Republican and conservative activists across the district.

Wilson chaired Haywood's 1994 campaign in Denton County, and Wilson's wife Andrea used to work for the late senator. He says he believes Haywood "would have looked favorably on my candidacy to replace him."

Gov. Rick Perry has called a special election for November 6, 2001, to fill the vacant senate seat. At press-time, the ENTERPRISE had no word of any Democrats, Libertarians or independents yet entering the race.

editor's
Commentary

Smokers save governments lots of money

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Poor Phillip Morris. The big tobacco company just can't seem to get a break these days. First in June a jury of idiots in California found the company responsible for a lifelong smoker's lung cancer and demanded the company cough up \$3 billion to make him feel better. And then just a couple of weeks ago, the company was criticized for basically admitting its product kills people. (Like we didn't know that.)

Phillip Morris, it seems, had the audacity to commission a report to see if there were any positive benefits to smoking. It turns out there is one - it saves governments millions of dollars in health care costs, old age benefits, and elderly housing when smokers die early. (Gasp!)

According to an article by the Associated Press, the tobacco company hired Arthur D. Little International to research the cost of smoking in the Czech Republic. It found that the European country's treasury benefited to the tune of \$146 million in 1999 because of smokers who took that last puff before catching an early ticket to Heaven.

The report also said that the Czech government paid out \$394 million to cover the health care costs of smokers and those exposed to passive smoke. But that was practically evened out by an excise tax on tobacco. In addition, Czech smokers paid value added taxes totaling \$89 million and customs duties of \$9 million. Tobacco businesses kicked in another \$19 million in income tax.

Health Nazis were predictably outraged at the report. One group said it showed a "callous disregard for life." Another called it "a sort of extermination program for the newly retired." Honestly, you'd think Phillip Morris was advocating killing people. When in fact, they were just conducting a simple economic study. It's not like they were shooting people in the street for goodness sake.

The figures from the report weren't available when tobacco companies in this country were extorted by state attorneys general in 1998 and forced to pay more than \$206 billion ostensibly to recover the smoking-related expenses incurred by the socialized medicine programs. After the shakedown, much of that money was supposed to be put into anti-smoking campaigns, the goal of which, we must assume, would be to kill the tobacco industry by attrition.

But another AP report Sunday indicates that states are not doing that at all. In fact, only five percent of the settlement money has gone specifically to tobacco use prevention. More than one third is going to health care, and a little more than a quarter is going to endowments or state revenues.

Tennessee will meet budget shortfalls next year using \$557 million from their tobacco settlement money. North Dakota will use nearly half of their funds for a water and flood project.

Currently in Washington, DC, the Bush administration is reportedly trying to settle a federal lawsuit against the nation's tobacco companies, which was filed in 1999 by the corrupt and scandalous Justice Department under the command of General Janet Reno. That suit seeks to recover an estimated \$20 billion per year in health care costs related to sick smokers.

These lawsuits have absolutely nothing to do with justice. They are politically motivated attacks on increasingly unpopular companies with which to fill government coffers with ill-gotten gains - sort of "taxation by litigation" if you will.

Are smokers dying? Sure they are. But it's through their own actions of enjoying a legal product. That's their choice. All of this goes on while government profits from smokers thanks to insanely high "sin" taxes on tobacco. And, just to keep the whole cycle going, government continues to subsidize tobacco farmers.

Attorney General Ashcroft and President Bush should make no attempt to settle this case out of court. Instead, they ought to take steps to drop the case immediately and call it for what it is - an abuse of the legal system, a waste of taxpayer money, and an attempt to blackmail a legitimate American industry selling a perfectly legal product.

It is high time that somebody brought some honesty to this situation. A settlement in the federal lawsuit would only serve to reaffirm the overzealous War on Tobacco being waged in this country by Health Nazis and other fanatics and encourage future litigation as a means to political ends.

Rather than be vilified for the Czech report, Phillip Morris should be applauded - maybe even given a Pulitzer Prize - for having the courage to see what the truth is. Socialistic government programs reap financial gains when their beneficiaries have a shortened lifespan. Put simply, early deaths leave extra funds to spread around to buy votes and further propagate social programs.

Actually, liberals should be falling all over themselves thanking tobacco companies. The National Democratic Committee and Big Tobacco should join forces to promote smoking among people of all ages. They should make Joe Camel and the Marlboro Man their poster boys. After all, when smokers die, that just leaves more money to help "save Social Security and Medicare." And isn't that all that really matters?

Cloning, stem cell scientists are playing God

Are we playing God?

An Italian embryologist announced last week that he will begin cloning humans as an effort to help infertile couples have children. He anticipates that the first cloned children will be born next year.

Claims are that cloning can help to prevent incurable diseases and genetic disorders. With the abilities to scrape off a few cells from a newly formed embryo, scientists can grow new cells and use them to "fix" ailments such as Parkinson and Alzheimer's. And parents who wish to recreate their dying or deceased child can use cloning to make a similar child.

As of lately, I'm getting a little freaked out reading or watching the news. It all sounds like an episode of *The Twilight Zone*, but folks, this is real. And I know the spin put on these new scientific discoveries is all positive and for the advancement of the human race.



on the Mark

with Christi Ross

However, these claims all start out sounding good, sometimes too good. If we start using cloning and stem cell research, where will it lead us? I hate to use the cliché "it's a slippery slope," but that's exactly what it is.

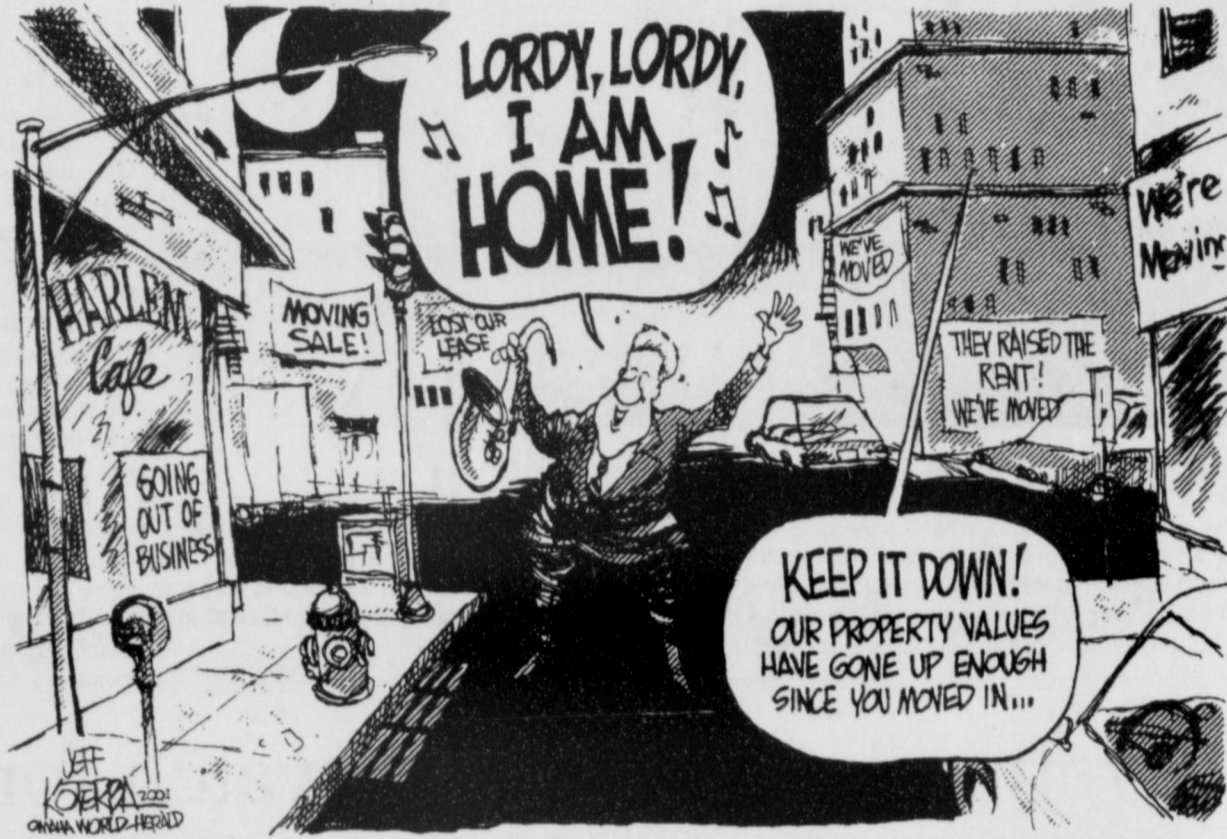
What does the future of these discoveries hold for us? It's almost like opening Pandora's box. Although the benefits appear to be wonderful, who is going to stop inquisitive scientists from creating clones for harvesting body parts and organs or cloning humans for slaves?

Look back at history to see where the science of perfecting the human race got

us. It gave us World War II as Hitler's Nazis used science to try to create a perfect race. They used science to rid themselves of those with diseases and unfavorable conditions and appearances. Their quest for this flawless life resulted in nothing more than mass death.

Man is not meant to be perfect, much less free of all diseases and afflictions. Nor are we supposed to live forever. We can't save everybody, nor should we. The cycle of life always ends with death, and we will all have to experience it.

I feel for the families who have loved ones suffering from these afflictions that could be aided by the stem cell research, but I don't think it's right to take a life in order to save a life. Sometimes you just have to let go, and just like playing Poker, you need to know when to cash in your chips and walk away from the table. The game of life can't go on forever.



Energy crisis calmer, but storm still out there

Gas prices have started trickling down at the pump. California has not had a rolling black out for several weeks. We no longer read stories about older Americans not being able to pay their utility bills. Has the storm created by the energy crisis passed?

Hardly. Refineries have been able to catch up somewhat in gasoline production, and natural gas consumption has decreased, as it does every summer. But the fundamental problem remains.

We still import nearly 60 percent of the oil we use. We still have not built a new refinery since 1976. We are still way behind in encouraging the production



issue Update

with Rep. Mac Thornberry

of new energy and in modernizing our energy infrastructure - even as we have been doing a good job in using energy more efficiently.

The House of Representatives recently passed major energy legislation that will help. It takes a broad, comprehensive approach aimed at encouraging conservation and research, building a greater

national reliance on clean, renewable fuels, increasing our production of fuel here at home, and modernizing our national energy infrastructure.

Among other things, the bill includes measures that I have been pushing for quite some time now that will keep marginal oil and gas wells from being closed-in.

Keeping these wells pumping is important because marginal wells account for about 100,000 of the total wells in Texas and 25 percent of our State's total production.

We need to act now. The winds may have calmed momentarily, but there is still a storm out there.

Government regulations 'ridiculous, costly'

By Bill Hammond

In its attempt to extend fairness to the less fortunate, convenience for the disabled, and safety for those who can't follow instructions, the federal government continues to parent the people of this country with excessive, costly regulations to the tune of \$18.7 billion. Their reason - because it's good for you.

From low-flow toilet legislation designed to conserve water to ordinances for businesses to install bicycle racks that no one uses, government seems to relish the practice of imposing the ridiculous and costly. Is all of this in the name of balance, equity and conservation or just more unnecessary parenting?

Congress often gives great leeway to federal entities to make rules that are binding on the companies that fall within their jurisdiction. This chaotic approach allows government agencies, comprised of faceless and unaccountable bureaucrats, to impose strict regulations that do little but take money out of our paychecks.

Congress, a great source of leaks, went into the plumbing business by requiring that toilets installed after 1994 to function with much less water (1.6 gallons). The bad news is that it now takes two or three flushes and more water to get the job done.

Clinton loved the toilet mandates so much, he extended regulations to cover washing machines as a part of his midnight regulation madness. The 37,504-word regulation set "standards" on the amount of electricity and water that can be used by home washing machines - standards that only front-loading washing machines meet. This mandate will go into effect in the near future unless President Bush rescinds it. Conservatively, a front-load washer can cost \$200 to double the amount of a top loading washer. It is also estimated that

you would have to do eight loads of laundry a week to realize any savings in electricity and water.

Closer to home, and not to be outdone by the feds, Austin's city government mandates that businesses erect bicycle racks to the tune of 500 plus dollars each. The monument to cyclists built at TABCC's offices only serves as an occasional bookshelf as we pack our cars to go home.

If the implementation of regulations doesn't break you, the enforcement of regulations could. By conservative estimates, it takes over 100 days of the average American's salary to pay for the cost of government.

Individually, these examples don't seem so drastically costly, but consider this: the federal government alone has 134,723 pages of regulations, which takes over 130,000 employees to implement and enforce.

Is this really necessary?

Ronald Reagan didn't think so when he established the Grace Commission in 1981 to come up with cost-cutting ideas for government. Because of his efforts, the number of regulations actually reduced drastically. But, by the time Carter left office, he added an additional 20,000 pages to the books paid for by you and me.

Excessive regulations will stunt the growth of this country if not stopped.

But past experience has taught us that government, just like the five year-old whose hand gets caught in the cookie jar, can't help itself. It's time for the taxpayers to take over the parenting.

Call your legislator and let them know that excessive regulations deter economic growth in your community.

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New EMTs certified

Carl Cox, Lauren Braddock, Robin Sell, Tommy Hill and Danny Hill are the newest certified EMT-Basics with the Associated Ambulance Authority.

Photo courtesy Associated Ambulance Authority

Senior Citizens to enjoy show in Claude

By Vida O'Neal
On August 18, we will be traveling to Claude again to the Gem Theater. The Threadneedle Street will be performing in Claude.

Program to help cancer patients look, feel better

Look Good...Feel Better is a program that helps cancer patients cope with the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment.

4-H Better Bake Show to be held this Friday

By Sue Church, County FCS Agent

Before the new school year gets in gear, youth are encouraged to participate in the annual 4-H Better Bake Show which will take place Friday, August 17, 9:00 a.m. at the Texas Cooperative Extension Office located at 201 E. Third Street in Clarendon.

Participants are asked to bring

six drop cookies (2 to 2 1/2" in diameter) made from a scratch recipe and displayed on a disposable plate and enclosed in a plastic zip bag.

The first place winner will qual-

ify to represent Donley County at the Tri-State 4-H Better Bake Show on September 15 at Amarillo.

First Baptist Pre-Kindergarten to hold registration

First Baptist Church Pre-Kindergarten will hold registration for three, four, and five-year-old children who will be attending the class.

Registration for 3 year old children will be held August 28 at 8:15 a.m. Four and five year old children will register August 27, at 8:15 a.m.

Parents can pick-up registration packets at the church office. Only the first three sheets must be turned

in, and the others are for your information throughout the school year.

During registration, parents may meet each other and sign-up to volunteer for fieldtrips and parties.

Three-year-olds will attend

classes on Tuesday and Thursday. Four and five year olds will attend class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Each class will meet from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. Classes begin on September 4 for three-year-olds and September 5 for four and five year old.

For more information, call 874-3735 or 874-3833.

weather report

Table with 4 columns: Day, Date, High, Low, Prec. Rows for Mon through Sun.

7 Day in August have been 100° or more. 32 Days have been 100° or more this summer.

weekend forecast

Friday, Aug. 17 Cloudy 85° / 62°

Saturday, Aug. 18 Partly Cloudy 88° / 64°

Sunday, Aug. 19 Partly Cloudy 88° / 64°

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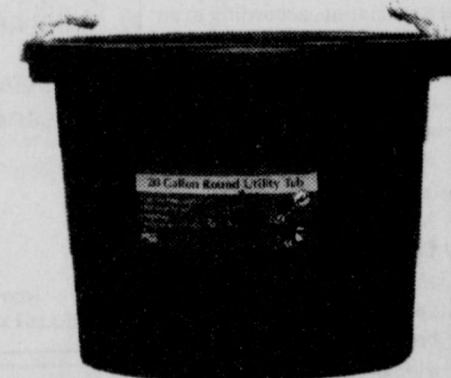
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¿Qué Pasa?

Your guide to "what's happening" around Donley County.

August 16 United Christian Men's Breakfast • Methodist Church Fellowship Hall • 7 a.m.

Breast Cancer Screening Clinic • Hedley High School • 356-1905.

VFW Spaghetti Supper • VFW Hall • 5 p.m.

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Howardwick Friendship Club Ice Cream Social • Howardwick City Park • 7:30 p.m.

August 18 Chamber of Commerce Kid Fish Tournament • Lakeside Marina • 10 a.m.

August 20 CISD and HISD classes begin.

Breast Cancer Screening • Medical Center Nursing Home • 356-1905.

August 21 Immunization Clinic • Texas Dept. of Health office • 9 a.m.

August 23 Meet the Broncos & Lady Broncos • Bronco Stadium • 7:30 p.m.

Community Menus Aug. 20 - 24

Donley County Senior Citizens Mon: Sweet and sour pork chops, squash casserole, green peas, rosy applesauce, brownies, roll, coffee, tea, lowfat milk...

Hedley Senior Citizens Mon: Catfish fillet, mixed greens, French fries, coleslaw, orange, corn muffin, milk, tea, coffee...

Clarendon Schools Breakfast Mon: Cereal, toast, fruit, milk Tues: Eggs and toast, fruit, milk...

Hedley Schools Breakfast Mon: Biscuit and gravy, sausage patties, butter and jelly, cereal, juice, milk, graham crackers...

New Orleans road trip meals lots of eating

School starts next week. Are you ready? The football team started getting ready last week. The band started practicing this week.

Fish Camp was Monday for incoming freshmen at Clarendon High School, complete with a party at Thunder Junction.

Our household missed the weekend festivities because we were in New Orleans, visiting the new grand-baby. He's perfect, beautiful, and

more peaceful than most babies I've known. He takes after his daddy who could sleep even through mealtimes.

It's different, visiting New Orleans with a native guide. We rode the streetcar from the terminal point all the way downtown, listened to jazz musicians in front of the cathedral, strolled the French Quarter in the rain, rode the riverboat from the zoo to the aquarium and back.

And we ate and ate and ate. We shouldn't have to eat again for at least a week.

We had fried crawfish and alligator tails. We had crawfish etouffee and shrimp Creole. We had barbecued Cajun chicken with yams, and sautéed shrimp, and seafood pasta, and Memphis-style pork ribs.



around Town By Gail Shelton CLARENDON • 874-9186 though I'm sure their pork ribs are quite tasty—but that other Memphis off to the east.) Some of us had one thing and some had another, but we shared tastes of everything.

we ate dinner Saturday. One of the fellows came down through the tables playing his washboard with spoons. He offered me one of the spoons, but as I hadn't been paying attention to what he'd been doing (I was busy with the tea the waitress had just brought) I took the spoon and stirred my tea with it instead of participating in the music.

We had to hang around in Amarillo when we got back, waiting for the airline to ship the suitcase that got left behind in Dallas, but we got all our belongings home the same day we arrived ourselves.

Rain appreciated in the Hedley, Giles area

I awoke Saturday morning to the happy sound of rain on the roof. It rained until about 9 a.m. and again about noon, then again later in the afternoon.

I haven't talked to Keith about how much it rained at Giles, but Ora Pearl Farris said as she was returning from Wichita Falls Thursday, she ran into a heavy rain between Memphis and Hedley.

However much it rained, I'm grateful for it. I never saw it rain too much. I'm always afraid if it stops raining, it will forget to start again, the way it did last year.

Ora Pearl spent several days last week in Wichita Falls with her daughter and son-in-law, Eram Lee and Don Young. She went to the eye doctor there.

Leonard Mullins has been here several times lately. He helped Dan Mullins pick his produce to take to market. Leonard recently retired and can't find enough to do at Fritch. I told him he needed a job.

We had a nice crowd at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. Jim and Anita Mitchell were there. He's walking well after his knee surgery, and they had their kids with them.

Jim recently had both his knees replaced, all at once. He said he was improving daily. Good for him... and Anita.

Bill and Tanya Combs had his guitar and her banjo and were in charge of the music. We always enjoy their music, whether its guitar and banjo or guitar and fiddle or just the piano. I especially enjoy the old, old songs they sing.

I know most of the old ones. Mother used to sing all the old ones to my brothers and me. I can close my eyes and hear her singing "When I Can Read My Title Clear To Mansions In The Sky."

The news is full of the president's stand on stem cell research. I heard some movie personnel talking about the subject, and they're in



watt's Happening By Peggy Watt HEDLEY • 856-5919 favor of it since they are afflicted with Parkinson's disease and spinal cord injuries and one who's husband has Alzheimer's.

I'm in favor of diabetes and kidney research. Not necessarily on embryos but on adult stem cells. My doctor told me that in three years the researchers will have developed a procedure that would take one of my cells and grow me some new kidneys.



Jessica Monroe and daughters, Katie and Lindsey, look at the play lake diorama in the new "People of the Plains" exhibit at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

Panhandle-Plains Museum to hold grand re-opening

On August 25, 2001, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will open the doors on the newly renovated Pioneer Hall and the innovative new exhibit "People of the Plains: Experiments in Living."

Pioneer Hall will be restored to its original 1930s appearance architecturally. In order to recreate the ambiance of Pioneer Hall, exhibit cases have been designed to resemble some of the original exhibit furniture. Paint colors have been duplicated, and the original front windows have been uncovered.

Exhibits in Pioneer Hall include an articulated skeleton of a prehistoric rhinoceros (Aphelops) that inhabited the Panhandle-Plains region in large numbers more than 20 million years ago; a reproduction of an Antelope Creek structure, depicting the life-ways of prehistoric American Indians more than 800 years ago; a 1903 Model A Ford (serial #28), the oldest known assembly line car in the world; a "mud wagon" used for travel during the 1800s; and a life cast of Fred Scott, veteran Panhandle cowboy.

People of the Plains: Experiments in Living is the Museum's newest exhibit, illustrating the similarities of various groups of people living on the Southern Plains during the past 14,000 years.

"A Cool Drink of Water" compares and contrasts sources of water, with a playa lake diorama, model windmill, and a working cistern pump. "Food for the Table" compares the Plains Indian's method of acquiring food with cowboys and ranch life, and the modern feed lots.

"A Roof Over Our Heads" illustrates the various types of housing used in the Panhandle-Plains region.

"Dress for Success" features garments worn by Euro-Americans and American Indians in the "Plain and Fancy" exhibit. "Wedding Wear" is exhibited nearby.

"Supply and Demand" illustrates the development of trade among the American Indians, as well as between Euro-Americans and American Indians. "From Trails to Rails" explores the development of transportation

from prehistoric American Indians traveling by foot to the use of horses, railroads, automobiles, and aviation.

This exhibit explores the areas of technology, sociology, and ideology. Visitors will find an engaging educational experience that offers a diversity of perspectives, a variety of activities, and a dynamic continually changing presentation to the Museum's exceptional collections.

Hedley alumni from 40s, 50s reunite in Amarillo

By Jean Stavenhagen An outstanding number of ex-students from the 1940s and 1950s of Hedley High School gathered for a combined reunion on August 4th at the Fifth Season Inn located in Amarillo.

Over two hundred ex-students, spouses and special guests registered and enjoyed a buffet barbecue dinner followed by a short program. Jerrol Peters presented the welcome address and introduced the special guests. Don Reeves gave the invocation. James Stone introduced the classes of the '40s followed by the introduction of the classes of the '50s by Jean Stavenhagen.

Special guests were: Mrs. Oma Peters, mother of Jerrol Peters and Jo Mosley Walker, mother of Jane Mosley Kerr. The ex-students and teachers attending were: Mary Lovelace Gibbs, 1930; Elva Davis, 1933; Theresa Bain McPherson, 1939; Geraldine Riley Saiz, 1939; LaRue

Shadle Pittman, teacher; Connie DeBord, teacher.

Class of 1940: Eutha Davis Hickey, Class of 1941: LaJuna Reid, Keith Bain. Class of 1942: Glyndon Cherry, E.L. McQueen, J.M. Dickson, Chardean Martin, Camilla D. Pistoria. Class of 1943: Albert Martin. 1944: Peggy McCain, Ila Faye Ewing, Lovelle Bain Casey, Murdicke Tipton Hill, Gene Davis, Juanita Ward Adams.

1945: Dorothy Brinson Martin, James Stone, Letha Bain Smith, Kathryn Baker Jones, Eva Jean Crisler, Wanda Horn Tilger. 1946: Charles Johnson, Bonnie Edens Cherry, Joe Usrey, Vera Bain Smith, Carter Huffman, Dorothy Hopson. 1947: Juanita Jo Usrey Graham, Velva Johnson Gibson, Thelma Moss Shields, Fay Owens Naylor. 1948: Bobby Everett, R. R. L. Stone, Joe Bevers, Duane Naylor, Jean Spear Bailey, Eleanor Tipton Wilkinson. 1949: Jimmie Owens, Corkey Hunsucker, Kay

McQueen.

Class of 1950: Anita Bain West, Rita Johnson Stone, Mary Hunsucker Tibbets, Jerrol Peters, Gerald Proctor, Joan Ray Moreman Whitmore. 1951: Mary Opal Bailey Nash, Mary Lou Greer Skaggs. 1952: Stanley Bailey, Virginia Melton Bailey, Barbara Davis Chedester, Don Hansard, Mattie Lou McKee Nivens, Virginia Owens Gafford. 1953: Ray Dean Brown, Johnny Brumley, Jerry Jones, Jack Moreman, Carolyn "Tipple" Jones, Mary Ruth Sargent White, Peggy Spear Stevens, Theola Noble Leeper, Jack Quisenberry, Thelma Usrey, Veta Usrey Bedard. 1954: Oren Allen, Jean Bailey Stavenhagen, Noriene Gibson Murray, Vinona Hansard Bennett, Wilbur "Red" Leeper, JoAnn Moore Martin, Wanda Moore Youree, Carolyn Morris Dismuke, Jane Mosley Kerr, Clyde Nivens, Willie Owens Pigg, Kenneth Painter, Pat Prichard Jennings, Tomie Prichard, Joan Youree Mabry.

1955: Louise Bailey Browne, Leon Bevers, Charlene Johnson Melton, Nancy Nash Brumley, Don Reeves, Martha Spalding Lowe, Jack Usrey, V.C. "Butch" Waddell, Mack White, Mickey Wynn Youree. 1956: Mary Ann Brumley Winegeart, Sandra Davis Penn, Wanda Hansard Richards, Blackie Johnson, Peggy Mullins Watt, Lawanda Penick Kilgore, Richard Stotts, Jeneda Woodard, Gay, Evelyn Holeman Hendrix. 1957: Terry Bailey, Bud Johnson, Carolyn McPherson, Lewis Stiles, Sharon Moore, Joe Wood. 1958: David Boli-ver, Berle Owens, Bill Reeves, Jimmie Taylor, Barbara Ward Elam, Donald Youree, Kathleen Spalding. 1959: Elnora Butler Corona, Rodney Hargrove, Loveta Houdashell Anderson, Dwayne Meador, Leonard Mullins, Wilma Moore Mangum.

Others attending were: Marie Butler Burchfield, Alta Butler Conrad, Pat Hargrove, Bill Hill, and Sara Spalding.



rain or Shine By Cynthia Hall HOWARDWICK • 874-2951 Dear Readers, By the time you read this, I will be "resting comfortably" as they like to say in hospital jargon! On Monday the 13th I am having three disks removed from my neck, bone grafting done, and then a metal plate with screws inserted. Sounds like lots of fun, doesn't it? My hope is that it will be a solution to the chronic pain that I have suffered for years.

Woodard is promoted

Tarina Woodard, daughter of Jerry and Nelda Woodard and sister of Travis Woodard of Clarendon, was promoted to Senior Associate in the Audition Division of the Assurance and Business Advisory Services.

Tarina is a 1999 graduate of Texas Tech University with a Master of Science degree in Accounting. In December 2000, Tarina completed the necessary requirements and received her license as a Certified Public Account (CPA).

She has been employed by Price-waterhouse-Coopers in Dallas since she graduated from Texas Tech. She is also a graduate of Booker ISD.

Fund set up for Klause

A fund has been established at Amarillo National Bank to help with the medical expenses of Carol Klause, who was injured in an automobile accident last February.

Klause lived in Clarendon until she was six years old, and her mother, Melba Patton, owns a home at Greenbelt Lake. She has surgery scheduled out of the country on August 22.

The family asks donations be sent to the Carol Klause Benefit Fund, c/o Amarillo National Bank, PO Box 1, Amarillo, TX 79105, Attn: Teller Workroom.

A little brighter day

By Mary Beth Nelson My husband and I both enjoy fresh flowers on the breakfast or lunch table. Our recent severe heat frequently prevented this special pleasure. Because my yard plants are quite sparse, I actually became excited over a lonely rose exhibiting itself on the Talisman bush one morning. Its slightly brown edges did not discourage my taking it to the breakfast table.

A few hours later, I encountered a sudden fragrance as only can come from a rose. The refreshing aroma from the little "droughty" flower briefly permeated the room. I smiled at the unexpected delight. To me, this is one of those tiny blessings that often go unnoticed.

Each time I passed the table, the rose teased me with its essence. I am convinced that if this incidental occurrence by one of God's creations could provide such pleasure to my day, surely, in some way, humans can supply a certain amount of comfort in the lives of others.

George MacDonald once said, "If I can put one touch of rosy sunset into the life of any man or woman, I shall feel I have worked with God." What a glorious feeling that must be! God provides opportunities if we will take time to look for them. Just an encouraging word from an understanding heart or a kind deed might help provide that rosy sunset, instigate a smile, and make someone's day a little brighter.

Bible Thought: "You are the light of the world... In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14,16 (NIV)

Mary Beth Nelson is a freelance writer for various inspirational magazines and books.

CISD Trustees tour school facilities, plan budget development

The Clarendon ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session August 9 in the Functional Living Center.

The budget was amended, and trustees made a tour of the school's facilities to review summer maintenance projects.

The board approved West Texas Gas as the 2001-2002 transportation fuel provider for gasoline and diesel.

The "Electronic Information

Resources Acceptable Use Policy Agreement" was accepted.

Trustees passed a resolution for CISD to become a member of the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative and to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement.

The board approved a motion to enter into an agreement allowing the Texas Association of School Boards to function as a Buyer's Agent to

negotiate the purchase of electricity from a retail electric provider.

Superintendent Monty Hysinger led a discussion regarding the district's intent to apply for a school renovation and repair grant. A report was also given by Hysinger on the district's accountability rating appeal to the TEA Commissioner.

Administrative reports were given by Athletic Director Roger

Hoeltzel, CHS Principal Larry Jeffers, CJH Principal Marvin Elam, Elementary Principal Mike Word, and Superintendent Hysinger.

A discussion was also held regarding the development of the 2001-2002 budget, and a called meeting of the board was set for August 28 at 7 p.m. to conduct a budget hearing and to adopt the local school tax rate.

Bronco Band stays busy during summer months

Summer is almost over, but the Bronco Band stayed busy with contests and trips. After the successful State Solo and Ensemble contest, the Bronco Band competed in the Texas Honor Band Concert competition at the Region and Area levels. The Bronco Band was the third place band at Area and missed qualifying to go to State by one place.

Our Area consists of about 25 AA high school bands and, once again, CHS was judged as the third best. Excellent job!

Students from junior high and high school attended camp at Southwestern Oklahoma State University

in Weatherford, Okla., during June and July. Clarendon was represented well at all three camps. The practice and help these students received on their instruments or flags will give them a head start going into the fall.

The band ended the summer with a trip up to Denver to watch a Drum Corps show and to go to Six Flags/Elitch Gardens amusement park. Besides a lackluster marching show, the students had a good time and met several new friends from White Deer who rode with them.

Officials with the Bronco Band hope everyone has had a fantastic summer and that students are looking

forward to a great year.

The following is the practice schedule for the band:

August 16: 1:00 - Trombone sectional; 3:00 - trumpet sectional; 5:00 - horn sectional; 7:00 tuba/baritone sectional.

August 17: 1:00 - Flute sectional; 3:00 - clarinet sectional; 5:00 - saxophone sectional.

August 20: 7:00 - Percussion.

August 21: 6:30 - Band Booster meeting; 7:00 - full band rehearsal.

August 27: 6:00 - Uniform check-out.

August 28: 7:00 - Full band rehearsal.

Obituaries

Littlefield

Graveside services for Lloyd Daniel Littlefield, age 82, were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 9, 2001, in Jericho Cemetery. Burial was held in Jericho Cemetery under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., in Clarendon.

Mr. Littlefield died Monday, August 6, 2001, in Groom. He was born February 18, 1919, in Sunset, Wise County, Texas. He was a Wheeler Country resident until age seven when his family moved to Wayside. He moved from Jericho to Groom in 1970. He married Verda Lee James on May 31, 1941, at Panhandle. He had been a farmer and rancher most of his life. He served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Verda Littlefield of Groom; three sons, Lloyd Littlefield of McLean, Leroy Littlefield of Rosenberg, and Jerry Littlefield of Waelder, Texas; one brother, John Littlefield of Muleshoe; seven grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Casket bearers were Russell Littlefield, Jim Bob Adams, John McMordie, Mark Littlefield, and Greg Littlefield, all grandsons of Mr. Littlefield.

Local youth joins

Hereford Association

KANSAS CITY, MO - Paul K. Goetz of Clarendon recently became a junior member of the American Hereford Association, according to an announcement from the beef breed's headquarters in Kansas City, MO.

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For more information, contact the association's youth department at (816) 842-3757.



Clarendon Lions Club held their regular Tuesday, August 14 meeting with Boss Lion Pro Temp Myles Shelton in charge.

We had 15 members and three guests. Our guests were Russell Estlack, guest of Lion Allen Estlack; Mike Word and Shirley Owens, guests of Lion Monty Hysinger.

We had reports on the college, high school, Girl Scouts, and livestock show.

There being no further business, we were adjourned.

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Concert to benefit Palo Duro Canyon

The Partners for Palo Duro Canyon Foundation is presenting a benefit concert to help the park's endowment fund.

On Saturday, September 8, the foundation presents Red Steagall and R. W. Hampton in concert to benefit the park's endowment fund. The evening starts with a barbecue dinner at

6:30 and the concert at 8 p.m. It is being held at the Pioneer Amphitheater in the state park.

Tickets are \$25 and include the barbecue dinner. Tickets are available through Panhandle Tickets (806-378-3096) or you can purchase tickets at the box office at the Amarillo Civic Center.

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2001 Property Tax Rates in Donley County

This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for Donley County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$364,656	\$114,526
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$364,656	\$114,526
Last year's tax base	\$138,180,467	\$135,314,449
Last year's total tax rate	0.263899 /\$100	0.084637 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$364,537	\$114,331
This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$145,010,614	\$142,118,584
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.251386 /\$100	0.080447 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.331833 /\$100	
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and including taxes for state criminal justice mandate)	\$390,502	\$140,305
This year's adjusted tax base	\$145,010,614	\$142,118,584
= This year's effective operating rate	0.269292 /\$100	0.098724 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.290835 /\$100	0.106621 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.000000 /\$100	0.000000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.290835 /\$100	0.106621 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.397456 /\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Donley County adopts a 2001 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.331833 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2000 by \$1.966.

Schedule A: General Fund Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$55,687
Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund	\$504,821

Schedule D: State Criminal Justice Mandate

The Donley County Auditor certifies that Donley County has spent \$93,658 in the previous 12 months beginning October 1, 2000, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Donley County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 307 S Sully.

Name of person preparing this notice: Paula Lowrie

Title: Chief Appraiser

Date prepared: August 10, 2001

St. Mary's Church 109 years old

Reprinted with permission from The Journey of the Diocese of Amarillo: 75 Years on the Llano Estacado, 1926-2001.

To accommodate the growing number of Catholics in the area, St. Mary's Church was built in Clarendon in 1892 at a cost of \$1,700. It was the first church building for a Catholic congregation ever raised in the Panhandle of Texas.

Although there were Catholic congregations in Mobeetie and Tascosa prior to 1892, no church was even built in Mobeetie, and St. Banabas Chapel at Tascosa was built only in 1900.

In 1890, the Diocese of Dallas was established. The Texas Panhandle fell within its boundaries. Missionary priests were sent from Gainesville in Cook County, then from Henrietta in Wise County, when available.

When the roundhouse of the Ft. Worth & Denver Railroad was located in New Clarendon in 1891, many German and Irish Catholic families moved in. Bishop Thomas F. Brennan, of the new Dioceses of Dallas, decided to build a church there and make Clarendon the headquarters for further missionary efforts to other sparsely populated areas of the "Last Frontier." Father J.J. O'Riordan was put in charge of building the new church, which was completed in June 1892.

The next Bishop of Dallas, Bishop E.J. Dunne, bought land for a cemetery and a school in late 1898. The school was built by Father John Lenert next to the church grounds. It was completed in time for the beginning of the spring term in January of 1899. The school, operated by the Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word from San Antonio, was both a co-educational day school and a girl's boarding school. It was very popular until its closing in 1911 due to a typhoid epidemic. The Incarnate Word Sisters moved to Amarillo and opened St. Mary's Academy there in 1913. The school at Clarendon was torn down and sold for lumber in 1918.

In 1902, the Fort Worth and Denver roundhouse was moved from Clarendon to Childress when it was certain that Amarillo would be the main crossroads of the rail lines. With the roundhouse move, the Catholic population of Clarendon dwindled and has never quite recovered.

The Diocese of Amarillo was created in 1926. Priests came from Childress (Holy Angels), Groom (Immaculate Heart of Mary), and Price College in Amarillo to say Mass on Sundays.

In 1949, Bishop Laurence J. FitzSimon named Father Richard Vaughan to restore St. Mary's Church. By 1949, brush covered the façade and hid the fact that the bell tower was gone, the vestibule had been removed, and its Gothic windows replaced with rectangular ones. Father Vaughan set about raising money and restoring the little church as far as possible. The work was completed in 1951. Bishop FitzSimon dedicated the church as "The Shrine of Our Lady of the Panhandle." St. Mary's, Clarendon, was canonically erected as a parish on July 1, 1959.

The ladies of St. Mary's organized a combined Christian Mothers' and Altar Society in the late 1980s. In 1994, under the guidance of Father Terry Burke, a parish council was formed and constitution written. St. Mary's today has approximately 30 families. Annual St. Mary's Day celebrations have been held since 1998. These are old-fashioned Sunday barbecue dinners with music and camaraderie. The funds from these celebrations, held the second Sunday in September, will be used to build a parish hall.

The rectory has temporarily been converted into a kitchen and meeting facility. Recent renovations to the church include new windows, carpet, and painting.

The parish is growing and working hard to serve the community as well as Clarendon College.

Amarillo Diocese to celebrate 75th anniversary next weekend

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo will celebrate its 75th anniversary August 25 at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. People from all over the top 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle will join guests traveling from across the nation in a Eucharistic celebration. Mass will begin at 11 a.m.

Archbishop Patrick Flores of San Antonio will be the main celebrant, and Bishop Charles Grahmann of Dallas will give the homily. Other guests joining Bishop John W. Yanta of Amarillo and Bishop Leroy T. Mathiesen will include twelve bishops and a long list of priests and nuns.

The Diocese of Amarillo was created in 1926 by Pope Pius XI. The area was formed from portions of the dioceses of Dallas, El Paso, and San

Antonio. Originally, the Diocese of Amarillo was comprised of 70 counties in approximately 73,000 square miles. In 1961, the Diocese of San Angelo was created, taking with it the southern 24 counties of the Amarillo diocese. And in 1983, another 20 counties became part of the Diocese of Lubbock, which was created by Pope John II.

Within the 26-county Diocese of Amarillo, at the end of the year 2000, there were approximately 54,208 registered Catholics attending 35 parish churches and 13 mission churches.

Seating is limited at the mass. To get free tickets, call the diocese at 806-655-2556. People with tickets should arrive before 10:45 a.m. to be guaranteed seats. After that, general admittance will fill any empty seats.

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State Bar: Seniors targeted victims of living trust scams

AUSTIN — Living trust sales are a growing area of consumer fraud, according to news release from the Texas State Bar.

It is estimated that thousands of consumers lose between \$500 and \$5,000 each year through unnecessary living trust purchases.

Living trusts are generally established by people attempting to avoid probate, the legal process that transfers a person's assets after death. When a living trust is established, assets are immediately transferred to the trust, and the trust is considered owner of the assets.

For Texans with properly drafted wills who do not own property in another state, a living trust is usually unnecessary.

"While living trusts meet the needs of some consumers, they are

not the best option for everyone," says Texas Young Lawyers Association President Amos Mazzant of Sherman. "The cost of creating, funding, and administering a living trust outweighs the benefits for many people."

Con artists often mislead senior citizens to believe that living trusts help reduce death taxes and avoid creditors, contested wills, and guardianship expenses. Some salespeople falsely claim that probate requires excessive time and money and that a living trust is the only way to avoid probate.

When estate planning, consumers should take sufficient time to make decisions, realizing that legitimate advisors will not encourage a hasty decision. Seniors should speak to a trusted and knowledgeable source before making a commitment and

avoid responding to offers they do not fully understand.

Consumers should be cautious of businesses that promote living trusts through free seminars and estate analyses, telemarketing, direct mail, door-to-door sales, and advertisements without describing the pros and cons of selecting a living trust.

If a living trust appears to be a consumer's best option, it should be drafted by a licensed Texas attorney with expertise in estate planning to ensure that the document is tailored to meet state law requirements. A trust prepared by an attorney will generally cost less than the prices charged by sales representatives.

Anyone who believes they have been a victim of a living trust scam should call the State Bar of Texas at 800-204-2222. While non-attorneys

are not subject to State Bar rules, they may be practicing law without a license.

The Texas Young Lawyers Association, in conjunction with the State Bar of Texas, has created a pamphlet, *Living Trust Scams and the Senior Consumer*, which exposes living trust myths and provides suggestions for well-informed decision making. To receive a free copy of the pamphlet, call the State Bar Communications Department at 800-204-2222, ext. 2610 or view online at www.texasbar.com/pubinf/legalinfo/scams.htm. A 25-minute video on living trust scams is also available for loan by calling the State Bar.

VFW announces campaign to recruit veterans

Roy J. Grona, Commander District 9, Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars announced recently a renewed campaign to seek out eligible veterans for membership in the VFW.

"With a rich tradition rooted in the 19th century, the Veterans of Foreign Wars is today the oldest major veterans organization in America," said Grona.

"Celebrating its centennial in 1999, it entered the 20th century with 1.9 million members. The four cornerstones of the VFW's foundation include preserving veterans rights, advocating a strong national defense, promoting patriotism, and offering

community service."

In the year 1999-2000, Grona said the National VFW donated over sixty three million dollars to local communities and devoted over thirteen million hours of volunteer labor.

"The number of combat veterans is declining rapidly," says Grona. "Our World War II veterans are passing on at rate of 1,000 per day. It is only through our numbers and strength that our message and that of our members will be heard in Washington," Grona added.

Eligibility for the VFW is that the person be a citizen of the United States who has served honorably in the US Armed Forces in any foreign

war or expedition recognized by a campaign medal authorized by the US Government, or honorable service in Korea after June 30, 1949.

"This recruiting campaign will probably be the hardest campaign our members have faced since they earned their Combat Campaign Ribbons," said Grona. "I urge every citizen who has an interest in the VFW and the ideas we support to contact their nearest VFW Post for more information."

In Donley County, the local post is VFW Post 7782. They may be contacted by phone at 874-VETS or stop by the post located at 812 E. Second Street in Clarendon.

Carson County Museum to present Lone Star Pastel Society exhibit

The Carson County Square House Museum is honored to present the Lone Star Pastel Society Members Only first juried show.

Thirty-six members are showing their work in the Hazelwood Gallery of the Museum. The genre of topics is varied and reflects the many interests of the artists. An exciting selection of portraits and still lifes complements the exceptional landscapes.

Familiar names like Beth Thomas, Cheryl Squyres, Ben Konis, Ginny and Len Slesick, Bud Alward, Lois Minnick, and Gary Ward balance newcomers such as Brian Singleton with his stunning portraits.

Continuing the tradition of camaraderie and recognition of fellow art-

ists begun in 1995 by Len Slesick and Beth Thomas, who first realized the need for the Lone Star Pastel Society, the organization has now grown to include over 80 members. Its objective is to further education and appreciation of pastel as a "fine art medium."

The Society has also extended its mission to recognize outstanding artists in other fields as honorary members of this prestigious cadre.

Lone Star Pastel Society's association with the Square House Museum began in 1997. Members have held individual exhibits there, many choosing the museum as the site of their first solo exhibits. The Members Only exhibit has become an event anti-

ciated by both entities. This year marks what organizers hope will become the first of many juried shows.

The exhibit will be displayed through August with a reception honoring the artists on Sunday, August 19, 2001, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Hazelwood Gallery.

The Square House Museum encourages the public to take this opportunity to come enjoy the vibrant art and meet the creators.

The Square House Museum in Panhandle is open seven days a week, 9 to 5 Monday through Saturday and 1 to 5 on Sundays with free admission.

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NOTICE--

Donley County Hospital District (DCHD) will use the following rules to comply with its responsibility under the Texas Constitution and Enabling Legislation to provide medical care for indigents. Applications can be requested at Medical Center Nursing Home (MCNH). Assistance in completing the application will be provided by MCNH Administration if needed. DCHD will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health and DCHD Indigent Care Policies. In summary, these rules are:

- 1) Application forms must be completely filled out, signed, and dated.
- 2) Verification of income, residence, household composition, and resources is required.
- 3) Maximum countable income cannot exceed:

Family Size	Minimum Income Standards
1	\$150
2	203
3	256
4	309
5	362
6	415
7	467
8	520
9	573
10	626
11	679
12	732

4) Total countable resources and assets cannot exceed \$2,000 or \$3,000 if the household contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The value of a car greater than \$4,650 is counted against the \$2,000 limit. Personal possessions and homestead are exempt assets.

- 5) Eligible persons must be a resident of Donley County
- 6) Applicants must provide all information and documentation which is requested.
- 7) Applicants must apply for any programs for which they are potentially eligible. The DCHD program is payor of last resort.
- 8) Applicants have the right to appeal adverse decisions.

** Posting of notice required by Section 7, Page 7, Section 61.024 (c) Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act and DCHD Indigent Health Care Policy.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED RATES

The Clarendon Consolidated Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 28, 2001 in the Functional Living Center Building. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.2700	\$ 0.0000	\$ 1.2700	\$ 2,704	\$ 4,821
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.1245	\$ 0.0000	\$ 1.1245	\$ 2,455	\$ 5,069
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.3050	\$ 0.0000	\$ 1.3050	\$ 2,774	\$ 5,394

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 36,280	\$ 39,033
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 21,280	\$ 24,033
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.3050
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 270.26	\$ 313.63
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 43.37

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.30553. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.30553.

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:	Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 736,720
	Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$

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Sheriff's Report:

Three lanes blocked as semi-truck loses brick load near Hedley

August 6
 12:36 a.m. - Vehicle reported playing loud music on S. Koogle St.
 4:00 a.m. - Suspicious person in store at US 287 and Koogle.
 7:37 a.m. - Semi tractor trailer lost entire load of bricks on US 287 east of Hedley. Three lanes blocked.
 8:57 a.m. - Possible break in reported in the 500 block of E. Second St.
 1:25 p.m. - Minor accident in a parking lot of the 500 block of W. Second. Three vehicles involved.
 3:15 p.m. - Out at Hedley City Hall.
August 7
 12:57 a.m. - Unfamiliar vehicle driving around behind Medical Center.
 12:18 p.m. - Vehicle hit and run two miles west of Hedley on US 287.
 3:44 p.m. - Motorcycle accident on mile west of Hedley on US

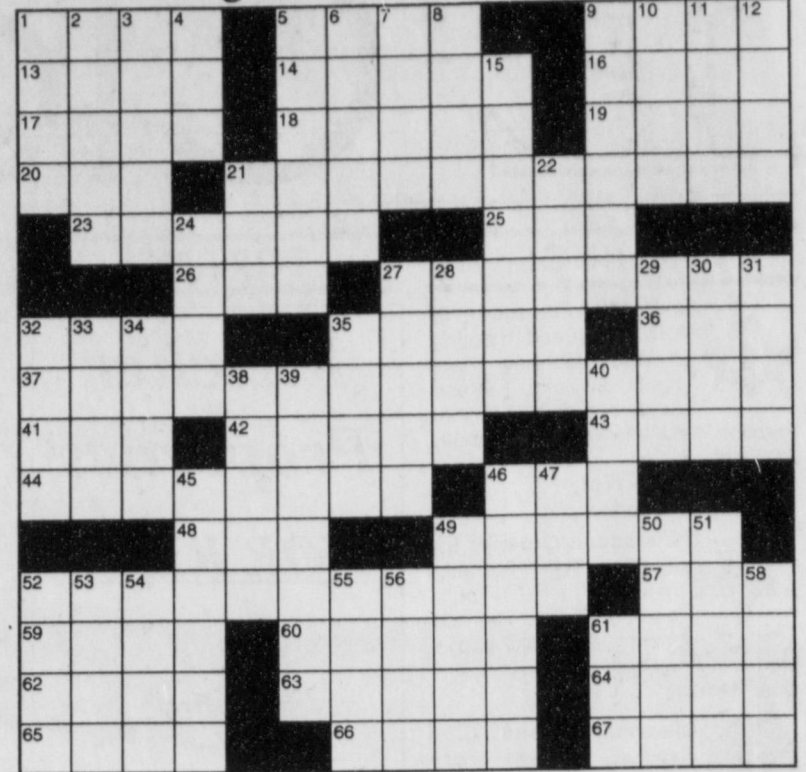
287.
 10:04 p.m. - Possible vehicle break in reported in the 600 block of W. Fourth St.
 11:01 p.m. - Domestic situation on Borger St. in Howardwick.
August 8
 12:17 a.m. - Checking for reported unfamiliar male walking in the 100 block of McLean St.
 11:06 a.m. - Toddler reported walking near US 287 east of Kearney St.
 12:50 p.m. - Burglary of a residence reported in Howardwick.
 3:56 p.m. - Accident reported on US 287 at FM 1260.
 8:31 p.m. - Erratic semi driver reported westbound on US 287.
 9:13 p.m. - Two vehicles reported drag racing in the 500 block of Second St.
 9:17 p.m. - Suspicious vehicle circling business on E. Second St.

August 9
 2:55 a.m. - Report of female screaming in the 1100 block of W. Seventh St. in Clarendon.
 7:27 p.m. - Adult male lying next to the highway five miles east of town.
 8:25 p.m. - Out in the 200 block of N. McClelland.
 10:00 p.m. - Loud music reported at Jefferson and Fifth Streets.
 11:18 p.m. - Vehicle with loud music reported on S. Koogle.
August 10
 12:50 a.m. - Dispatched to Sandy Beach.
 2:53 p.m. - Train car fire reported.
August 11
 1:38 a.m. - Business alarm in the 900 block of W. Second.
 7:48 a.m. - Theft reported in the 500 block of S. Leroy St.
 10:33 p.m. - Vandalism to vehicle reported in the 100 block of S.

McClelland.
 11:13 p.m. - Loud music reported at a camping area at Greenbelt Lake.
August 12
 1:06 a.m. - Out at Sandy Beach.
 1:17 a.m. - Loud music reported in the 500 block of E. Second.
 2:49 a.m. - Assisting motorist.
 10:52 a.m. - Gunshots reported at ponds near Greenbelt Lake.
 1:39 p.m. - Out at residence in the 600 block of E. Montgomery St.
 6:07 p.m. - Assisting EMS in the 900 block of W. Second.
 8:40 p.m. - Trespassers reported at vehicle yard south of town.
 9:05 p.m. - Stolen vehicle reported in the 100 block of S. McClelland.

Summary for August 6-12
 Livestock Out: 7
 Arrests: 1
 Ambulance Calls: 10
 Fire Calls: 1
 Wrecker Calls: 3

Big E Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
 1. Female parent
 5. Expresses pleasure
 9. Pouch
 13. Breezed through
 14. Prague
 16. ___ Ladd, actor
 17. Usually with wooden soles
 18. Describes soft pronunciation
 19. National capital of Peru
 20. Wrath
 21. Plotter
 23. Hindu's creator god
 25. Veterans' battleground
 26. Support
 27. Introduce to something new
 32. Norse goddess of old age
 35. Past (archaic)
 36. "The ___ Squad"
 37. Woody Allen, in "Bananas"
 41. Plant virus
 42. Fungus genus
 43. Chests
 44. Corkscrewed
 46. Swiss river
 48. Collection of anecdotes
 49. Indulgences
 52. Circulate
 57. Take to one's heels
 59. ___ Clapton, musician
- DOWN**
 1. Wizards
 2. Sour or bitter in taste
 3. Postage or taxi
 4. Oklahoma city
 5. Composure
 6. Site of open-air sporting events
 7. ___ Christian Andersen, children's author
 8. Carry passengers or freight
 9. Deli meat
 10. Settled down
 11. Military disguise (abbr.)
 12. Knot in a tree
 15. Inanely foolish
 21. 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
 22. African badgerlike carnivore
- 24. Plant part**
 27. Paid no attention to (slang)
 28. Cagrenous inflammation
 29. Independent ruler or chieftain
 30. Albanian dialect
 31. Old English letters
 32. Tritons
 33. Not firm, "wilted lettuce"
 34. ___ Strauss, jeans maker
 35. ___ Frank's diary
 38. Allman brother
 39. Moslem
 40. Gulls
 45. Scamp
 46. Type of blood vessel
 47. Length of time
 49. Frontier movie (slang)
 50. Fill with high spirits
 51. Languages of Sulu Archipelago
 52. Fake
 53. Extremely robust
 54. Storage structure
 55. Asian country
 56. Spoken in northeastern India
 58. Harelike rodent of Argentina
 61. Obstruct

House passes energy plan with Thornberry elements

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The House of Representatives passed legislation recently that will provide the United States with its first comprehensive energy plan in more than eight years.

The bill, The Securing America's Future Energy Act (HR 4), includes provisions pushed for by U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-Clarendon) that will provide incentives to keep oil and gas wells from being closed-in, deductions for exploration costs, and

other measures to encourage domestic production.

"For the past several years, I have been pushing to increase our energy independence," Thornberry said. "It's clear that we need an energy policy to prepare for the future. This bill would do just that by coming one step closer to better providing for our future energy needs."

The bill, which passed the House by a vote of 240 to 189, would encourage production of domestic

energy, help modernize America's aging energy infrastructure, promote conservation, and advance research of alternative sources of fuel.

Thornberry is a member of the House Resources Committee. He is also the author of legislation to boost domestic oil and gas production and an advocate of strengthening the Nation's energy supply in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The bill will now be sent to the Senate for a vote.

Methodist Youth to host back to school dance

A Back to School Dance and Fellowship for junior and senior high youth will be held August 25 at the First United Methodist Church from 7 to 11 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED RATES

The Hedley Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 p.m., August 31, 2001, in Home Economics Room, Hedley School, Hedley, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.2600	\$0.000	\$1.2600	\$ 1,890	\$6,055
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	1.1484	0.000	1.1484	1,778	6,166
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.3300	\$ 0.000*	\$1.3300	\$ 2,054	\$ 6,648

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 21,010	\$ 23,542
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 6,010	\$ 8,542
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.33
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 75.73	\$ 113.60
Increase/Decrease in Taxes		\$ 0.07

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.33829. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.33829.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balances)	\$ 250,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balances)	\$ 0.00

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