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## Texas Unemployment Rate Drops Again: Employment Shows Modest Gain

### Callahan County Rate Rises Slightly

The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped by two-tenths of a percentage point to 5.7 percent from May to June. Texas employers added jobs for the ninth consecutive month. The number of unemployed Texans declined 22,834 from May to June and has declined 116,158 since June 2003.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission's labor market information, the not-adjusted unemployment rate for Callahan County rose slightly again from 3.4 in April, 3.5 in May to 3.9 in June.

The June rate for Callahan County is based on a labor force of 6,783, with 6,516 employed and 267 unemployed.

Texas Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) showed an unemployment rate of 6.5 in June.

Among the lowest rates quoted were Amarillo with 3.7, and Abilene and San Angelo with 3.8.

Lubbock was listed with an unemployment rate of 4.2.

Bryan-College Station showed the lowest rate, only 2.3.

Brownsville-Harlingen with 10.4 and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission with 12.3 both exceeded the 10% rate, topping the MSAs unemployment list.

Total Nonagricultural Employment in Texas gained 3,300 jobs from May to June and 111,700 jobs since Sep-

tember 2003. Initial claims for unemployment compensation for the week ending July 3, 2004, declined 8.0 percent compared to one year ago.

"We continue to see encouraging signs in the Texas labor market, including declining unemployment and added job growth," said Texas Workforce Commission Chair Diane Rath. "While employment growth moderated somewhat over the month, the annual growth rate stood at 1.0 percent, its highest level since June 2001."

Since the beginning of the year, 70,300 jobs have been added. Eight major industries in Texas have shown job growth over the year. Education & Health Services has led all industries showing a gain of 37,500 jobs over the last 12 months, an annual growth rate of 3.4 percent. Trade, Transportation & Utilities also showed positive gains over the year adding 23,200 jobs, while Leisure & Hospitality added 20,000.

"Employment continued to grow, as many employers are expanding their product lines and services," said Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Good job gains in the last nine months are a welcome indication of broad-based business expansion."

Employment in Leisure & Hospitality increased for the

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## A Model Prayer From A Citizen

By Jim Hicks  
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"With God's help, I will no longer criticize, condemn, or complain about the authorities.

"Our Father in heaven, we humble ourselves, and pray and seek Your face, and turn from our wicked ways and we know that You will hear from heaven, will forgive our sins, and heal our land.

"May we all be doers of Your word and not hearers only, deceiving our own selves.

"We should not be overly critical of those in authority, such as the UN and all government positions down through the state and into local government, including our school boards.

"You tell us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for all of those You put in authority, and for the Lord of harvest to send laborers unto the fields that are already unto harvest. Help us to be thankful in all things; and may we pray for our enemies and for all of the above and for those in authority in Iraq, including the al-Qaida.

"You tell us that if our enemy hungers-feed him; if he thirsts-give him drink; and by doing this it will be like heaping coals of fire on his head.

"We also pray for our armed forces here at home and around the world; and we especially lift our Commander-in-Chief up to You, so that he will do your will also.

"May Your will be done in earth as it is in heaven, and we love You in Jesus' blessed, Holy name we pray." AMEN.

## A Special Thanks From The Kutter Davis Family!

We would like to thank everyone for coming out and contributing to the ice cream benefit at the Baird ISD cafeteria held for our son Kutter Davis. We would like to give special thanks to Darlene King for ALWAYS having the time to help someone in need. Your wings may not be visible but we know that they are there. We would also like to thank all of the makers of the wonderful ice cream. You froze not only cream and sugar but a moment in time that will never be forgotten. We have a long journey ahead of us and all of the donors have helped to make that road a little bit smoother.

We give love and thanks to each and every one of you. We live in a community that not only reaches out to those in need but gives them a hug and tells them that everything will be alright too, and that is not just your average small town.

We are thankful to be in a community that has so many wonderful people in it. We love you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. God bless you all.

Kevin & Kerri Davis

## Inside This Issue ....

Walter Williams, Baird I. S. D. instructor, history and travel writer, shares fascinating vacation experiences from the Petrified Forest in his article "Do Not Hurry The Voyage".

## Callahan County Represented At State 4-H Roundup

The annual Texas Roundup was held on the campus of Texas A & M June 8-10. Callahan County was represented by five individuals competing in Dairy Cattle Judging and the Natural Resource Contest.

Whitney Hicks, Ethan White, Shayla Lee, and Ty Strickland all participated in the State Dairy Cattle Judging.

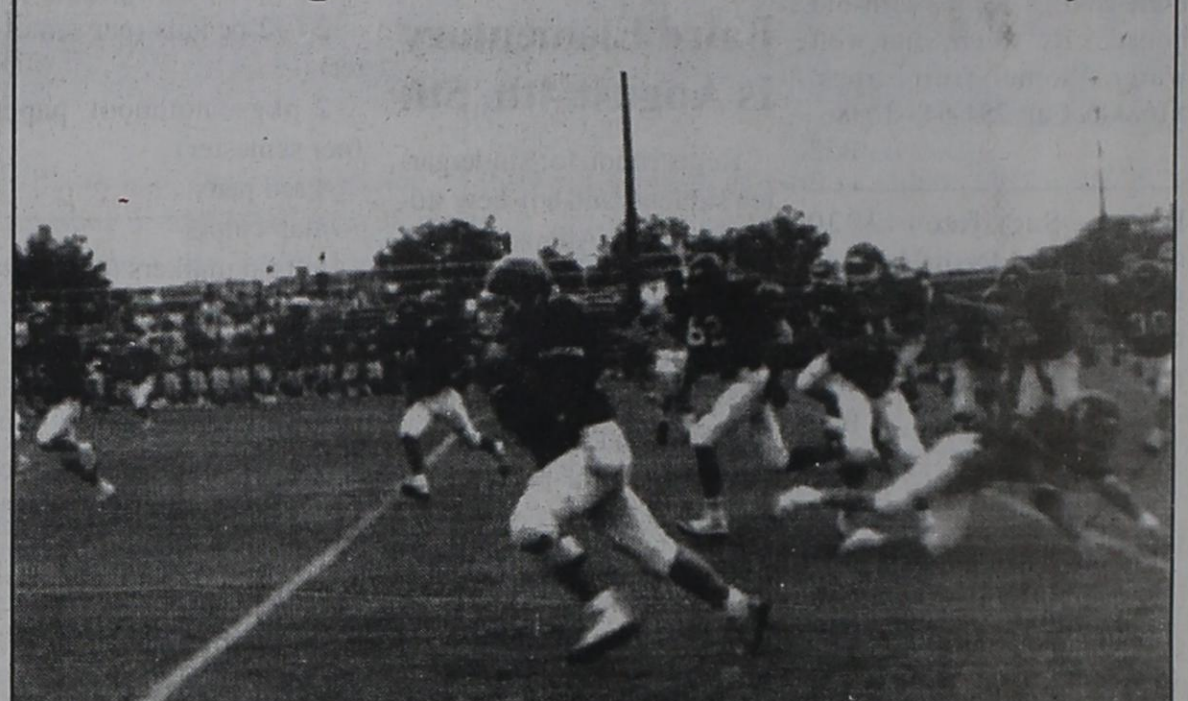
Donald Capra also represented Callahan placing fourth in the Natural Resource Demonstration.

The state competition is the highest level of competition in the State and these 4-H members represented Callahan County very well.

**2004 Awards Program**  
The 2004 Awards Program will be held Saturday, August 14th, 7:00 p.m. at the

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## From The Pages Of Baird Bear Football History ....



Burke Robbinson making a run during scrimmage with Cisco Baird Star Archives

## Presale Of Baird Bear History Book Continues

The presale of books on the history of the Baird Bears football is continuing through July 25, 2004. The cost of the book up until that time is \$15. Ordering your book early will serve two purposes. You will save \$5, but more importantly, the Booster Club will have a more accurate idea of how many copies to have printed. Please order early, and help ensure that we get enough copies printed for everyone to have one. For more information, please call Shane Deel at 854-0149 or 665-9945.

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*Please See Inside For Order Form ....*

## Attention!

### Cheerleaders Hold Baird Mini-Cheer Camp

The Baird High School Varsity Cheerleaders will be having a mini-cheer camp on August 2nd through August 5th at the high school.

Camp will run each day from 9:00 to 12:00. The cost is \$40.00 per child or \$60.00 for families with two children.

Early registration will be on July 30th from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m., however, you do not have to pre-register to attend.

For more information, please contact Lauren Rodriguez at 665-2892 or Jodi Neal at 854-1356.

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## School Starts August 16

### Baird Elementary Releases List Of Supplies

School starts August 16, 2004 at 8:00 A.M.

It's time to start putting together student's supplies for the upcoming year.

Baird Elementary has released a list of supplies for the 2004-2005 school year.

The list is as follows:

#### Kindergarten

Crayons --16 or 24 count, small size

10 pencils

2 glue sticks

2 small bottles of glue

scissors--Fiskars work best

1 pkg. Manila paper (9x12)

1 pkg. Colored construction paper (9x12)

2 large boxes Kleenex nap pad

markers, fat size spiral notebook-journal (small 70 sheet size)

backpack

**First Grade**

\*\*40 plain #2 pencils

2 boxes crayons, 24 count

\*\*3 folders with brads

1 large box of Kleenex

\*\*3 large bottles of glue

1 pair of scissors (Fiskars are best)

plastic dish pan (approx. 12 x 14)

1 set of wide crayola washable markers

watercolor paints

1 small school supply box

2 spiral notebooks

2 pkgs. 12 x 18 manila paper

per

2 pkgs. 9 x 12 colored construction paper

2 pkgs. of pencil top erasers

1 set of map colors

\*\*Please do not label supplies marked with an asterisk

**Second Grade**

48 #2 pencils

small glue

scissors (sharp Fiskars)

3 boxes Kleenex

2 spiral notebooks

4 pocket folders with brads (blue, red, yellow, green)

2 sets map pencils

1 package pencil top erasers

1 large eraser

1 package 8 1/2 x 11 construction paper

1 package 8 1/2 x 11 manila paper

1 cloth zippered pencil pouch

supply box

1 box markers

1 small box crayons

Ear phones for computers

**Third Grade**

2 pkgs. Wide ruled notebook paper

#2 pencils

scissors with a point

Friskars

1 pkg. of 24 count crayons

glue

2 red pens

1 pkg. colored construction paper

1 pkg. manila paper

4 boxes of Kleenex

Eraser

2 sets of Map Pencils

4 pocket folders (red, blue, yellow, green)

scotch tape

sticky notes

1 set of Earphones for the computer

**4th, 5th, 6th Grade**

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**Miscellaneous**

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**D.P.S. Report**

07-11-04 to 07-17-04

**Cases Investigated**

Warnings 0 143  
Complaints - 172  
DWI - 2  
Possession of Marijuana - 1  
Driving Under Influence  
Minor - 1

Open Container - 1  
Leaving Scene of Accident - 1

**Accidents**

There were 5 accidents investigated during this time span

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**School Supplies**

1 lg. 3 ring binder  
1 zipper pencil pouch  
20 #2 pencils (per semester)  
2 pkgs. notebook paper (per semester)  
4 red pens  
map colors  
felt tip markers (optional)  
1 pkg. typing paper  
2 boxes of Kleenex  
1 roll of scotch tape  
highlighters  
1 pkg. of manila paper (12x18)

**Science Supplies 4th - 6th Grade**

3 ring binder  
Map pencils  
Dividers  
Pencil pouch  
Pencils  
Optional: Kleenex

**Resource Room Supply List**

2 pkgs. wide ruled notebook paper  
1 bottle glue  
2 boxes Kleenex  
1 pkg. of map colors or crayons  
#2 pencils  
markers  
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From Page One .....

**Unemployment**

fourth straight month with a 3,400-job gain in June. Education & Health Services added an additional 1,500 jobs last month.

"The Texas unemployment rate has now dropped 1.2 percentage points from a high of 6.9 percent last June," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Each month the number of unemployed continues to drop, and I take that as great news for Texas."

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Clyde Intermediate School Cafeteria. Each family is once again asked to bring two covered dishes; a main dish and a vegetable or dessert.

If you plan to attend you need to call the County Extension Office by August 1st and let them know for which project completion certificate you are eligible.

If you cannot attend the Awards Program and want your project completion certificate, please call the County Extension Office and they will make sure you receive your certificate.

Remember to RSVP by August 1st.

**Sheep, Goat and Swine Validation Tags**

All sheep, goats and swine will be validate again this year and you will need to order your tags through the Extension Office. Lamb and Goat tags need to be ordered by August 18th. Cost of the tags will be \$6.00 per tag.

Swine tag orders will need to be in the Extension Office by September 1st. The date for Swine tag orders is tentative and could change as more information is received from the state. So now is the time to be planning your tag orders so you will be prepared.

**West Texas Fair Entries & Schedules (September 10th - 18th, 2004)**

Schedules  
September 10, 2004  
Open Market Lambs - Arrival Time: 10th Sept. 12:00 - 5:00 - 11th Sept. Show Time - 8:30 a.m. in Lamb Arena

Youth Meat Goats - Arrival Time - 10th 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Show Time 11th Sept. 8:30 a.m. Outdoor Arena

All entries for the Jr. Steer, Jr. Breeding Cattle and Jr. Breeding Sheep are due in the Extension Office by August 16th.

If you plan to enter a 4-H project in the West Texas Fair, please come by or call

the Extension Office so that I will know who plans to participate. Also, if you are interested in participating in the West Texas Fair Calf Scramble we need to know ASAP. Applicants will be chosen on a first come, first serve basis. Must be 13 years

Thursday, July 22, 2004 old and have previous show experience.

**State Fair Entries**  
State Fair entries are due in the Extension Office by August 16th. Please call is you plan to enter.

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submitted by Robert Pritz, Callahan Cnt. Ext. Agent

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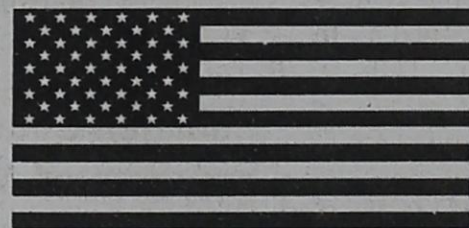
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**Never, Never Quit!**

Do you remember this famous quote from Sir Winston Churchill? How appropriate it is for the day and time we are living in? Also, doesn't this famous quote symbolize what our founding fathers desired for us? We recently celebrated our own independence, now let's all thank God for the sacrifices made, so the people of Iraq can celebrate their own independence day of June 30, 2004.

However, isn't it a shame, and I'll dare say a "national sin", as we celebrate the birth of our nation that a large percentage of Americans take it for granted, and the very freedoms sought after and paid for by the blood of American men and women over the past 300 years are being systematically destroyed. And guess what folks; too many of us are just standing by and wondering what's happening. That's the problem we just stand around and wonder what's happening. Look at the news and you'll hear the call to turn over our power as the United States of America; to the will and control of the United Nations. Do you ever think this was what the hopes and dreams of our founding fathers was about. Is this what they pledged their fortunes and lives for? It is



**EARLY EASTLAND CHURCH CONGREGATION** -- This photo is of the congregation of the First Church of God in either 1927 or 1928. There are approximately 125 shown here, and there are a number of identified names, many of which will be recognized today. Among the identified are Gus and Ada Falk holding an infant Gene Falk; J.M. and Dora Smith, Lula Mae Smith, Barney Smith; W. E. Halleneck; the pastor was Rev. W. S. Hancock. This congregation in conjunction with the West Texas District of Church of God, established Camp Inspiration which was active for many years, and just purchased by the Eastland Economic Development Corp. for expansion. The local church is presently not active. The building shown here is on S. Lamar St. The photo was shared to us by Darrel Basham, historian of the local church and camp, of which there is a lot of material. It is understood that the photo belongs to Gene Falk. The camp once was site for Warner University.

any wonder why the hopes and dreams of our founding fathers are being dashed to the ground. We are beginning to remove the foundational absolutes and cornerstones of our own nation.

In God we trust isn't just a motto, it was a way of life. To be a nation under God isn't an issue of debate; it's pledged as a statement of recognition, thanksgiving, honor, awe, and responsibility for all Americans. The life of an unborn child is something to be held sacred. Today it's debated who holds its very life.

Our founders recognized life was a right given to all mankind by the Creator of the Heavens and Earth

Mankind gives birth to more mankind, both male and female. This is still God's eternal plan for man. It's not for the courts of this land to decide it's legitimate to defy God's plan by allowing homosexuals and lesbians to be married. God's plan is one man and one woman. As such this union is considered the nucleus of the family to conceive, birth, and nurture children. God's plan for all of His creation always involves sowing and reaping. Read Job 4:8 and Proverbs 11:18 and 22:8.

Turn over the pages of history for the past 70 years, and you'll find we've been sowing some very bad seed into the rich soil of this great nation.

It's interesting to note how the Christian church and the proclaimed body of Christ has also removed itself from its foundation. Instead of being built on a solid granite rock, it finds itself on a large and unstable piece of sandstone. Much of the church today has closed its ears to the word of God, and is now listening to the humanistic deception of none other than Satan himself. The church is rapidly becoming as blind as "the children of Abraham" noted by Jesus in John 8:31 to 47. I say read it and weep. The body of Christ, His church must fall upon its face and ask for God to forgive it and restore it upon His foundation. Until this

happens to the church in America will see even greater desolation and destruction across this land. The church must submit itself to the absolutes of God's word, to the power of His love, the power of the Holy Spirit; and demonstrate an unwavering faith in the will of God Almighty for this nation. Thus the tradition bound will of the church must be crucified with Christ, buried with Christ, and resurrected with Christ. When this happens the church will see itself as a totally new creation who carries the DNA of God and not man. Then the church can once again fulfill its functional "roll" as the Apostle Paul writes to the

Corinthian church. (Read 1 Cor. 5:6-8.)

As we celebrate the 228th birthday of our United States of America let's join together in prayer for this nation. We must never, never quit honoring God in all we do. As we continue to build our nation; let it be as one created by God, as one nation, to be indivisible, and to be the world's stronghold of liberty and justice for all. Let's demand, declare, and demonstrate from my house, to your house, and to the White House that we are a people of character rooted in the moral clarity of God Almighty. After all, these are the reasons why millions of people from around the world came here in the first place.

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Savings \$9,235 **\$33,900** +TTL

**'04 Ford F350 SuperDuty XLT 4x4**

PowerStroke, Diesel, Auto, FX4 Package, Camper Package, Pwr Seat, #698929 • MSRP \$44,735 • BFLM Discount \$5,228 • Cash Rebate \$1,500, Bonus Cash \$500

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# Texas Council on Family Violence, Attorney General Launch 2nd Phase of Statewide Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign

## 140 Texas Women Killed Last Year by Husbands or Partners

DALLAS (June 29, 2004) — Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV) and Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott today kicked-off the second phase of its highly effective public awareness campaign, "Break the Silence — Make the Call" in the state of Texas. This phase of the campaign will focus on educating friends and family of domestic violence victims about available safety and shelter assistance options and will encourage them to act by getting more information themselves or referring the victims in their lives to local domestic violence programs and services. Domestic violence continues to be a leading issue in Texas, with research revealing more than two women are killed by their partner every week.

"My daughter was murdered by her husband after years of physical and emotional abuse. I knew about the abuse and tried to help, but I didn't know enough about how to help her find safety. I don't know if I could have saved my daughter's life, but I believe in my heart that the chances of her escaping the abuse would have been greater if I had known more," stated Jackie Bolden. "I will continue to speak out on this issue as a part of TCFV's Break

the Silence, Make the Call campaign because I believe my story and the information TCFV is sharing with family members and friends of domestic violence victims will save lives."

The Texas Department of Public Safety and TCFV report that there were 140 women killed by acts of family violence in Texas last year alone, and that's just the tip of the iceberg. Statewide research shows that 74 percent of Texans have been abused, or know someone who has suffered abuse. Based on the results of research conducted as part of phase one of the campaign, a person who is abused will turn first to a family member or friend for help. However, 35 percent of Texans who are themselves a victim or learn of a family member's violent circumstances do nothing, either because they don't realize how they can find help or they don't want to get involved. These findings indicate that educating friends and family members of victims of domestic violence is vital to building a well-informed community that can support those being abused and hold those who are hurting their partners accountable for their behavior.

"Many victims of domestic violence suffer silently each day,



Texas Council on Family Violence and the Office of the Attorney General launch second phase of statewide domestic violence public awareness campaign, "Break the Silence - Make the Call," helping friends and family of victims save lives. Thomasina Olaniyi-Oke recounts her story of abuse and how her loved ones intervened to save her life as Attorney General Greg Abbott, TCFV Executive Director Sheryl Cates and Jackie Bolden, mother of a domestic violence homicide victim, look on.

alone and afraid," said Greg Abbott, Texas Attorney General. "We want all Texans to be aware of the signs of abuse and to know how to help a family member, friend, or even a coworker find safety, because domestic violence is not just a family problem, it is a crime with serious repercussions that the victim and the entire community must face. This campaign will go a long way in building Texas communities that are informed about domestic violence and equipped to take action in support of loved ones suffering abuse."

In 2002, with the aid of a \$2 million grant from the Office of the Attorney General, TCFV launched an unprecedented 16-month, bilingual public awareness campaign called "Break the Silence — Make the Call,"

empowering domestic violence survivors with the information they need to seek and obtain help. Phase one of the campaign resulted in a 69 percent increase in English-language calls from Texas to the National Domestic Violence Hotline and a staggering 93 percent increase in Spanish-language calls in its inaugural month. The first phase also included extensive research via a statewide poll and focus groups with survivors of abuse to determine the knowledge base and direct impact of domestic violence in our state. The results of this research indicated that friends and family of victims need specific information in order to effectively help their loved ones who are experiencing abuse.

"We hope that all Texans, not just survivors, become more

informed about the impact of domestic violence on all our communities and the life-saving programs and services available to help domestic violence victims find safety, including the National Domestic Violence Hotline," stated Sheryl Cates, Executive Director of TCFV. "When a friend or family member of a person living with abuse calls the Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE or TTY 800-787-3224, we can offer helpful information about these available programs and services, as well as advice on how to approach a friend privately about her options, and we encourage everyone to use these confidential and anonymous services to find the help they need."

As part of the kick-off, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott officially announced phase two

of TCFV's statewide "Break the Silence — Make the Call" campaign at press conferences in Houston, Dallas and Austin. The fully bilingual extension of the campaign will ensure that the awareness efforts of the first phase have the basis and longevity needed to have a significant impact on victim safety, and will extend awareness efforts and education to friends and family.

Information will include how to recognize possible signs of abuse, what Texans should know about domestic violence, what friends and family can do to help loved ones in abusive relationships and how to contact local domestic violence programs and services. The campaign will heavily promote the National Domestic Violence Hotline number, 1-800-799-SAFE or TTY 800-787-3224, which is operated by TCFV through television, radio and print public service announcements, statewide media relations and wide distribution of printed materials.

"Domestic violence hurts not only victims, but also children and other loved ones in their lives," Mr. Abbott said. "This public awareness campaign will provide crucial information on domestic violence to friends and family, guiding them to 'break the silence and make the call' on behalf of a loved one experiencing the isolation, fear and trauma of domestic violence."

## 'Spider Man 2' Swings Into Majestic Theater This Weekend

Columbia Pictures' "Spider-Man 2" is the latest installment of an adventure series based on a story from the old Marvel Comic books. It follows "Spider-Man" which drew attention worldwide in 2002.

This latest episode was released in early July, and is coming to the Majestic Theater in Eastland this weekend, July 23-26.

Curtain time will be 7:30 nightly, with admission \$4 at the box office.

There will be balcony seats available to adults only for \$5.50.

This fantasy/action movie is rated PG-13, and includes some violence.

"Spider-Man 2" reunites the filmmakers and cast from the first film, including Tobey Maguire as Peter Parker (Spider-Man), Kristen Dunst as his girlfriend, and James Franco as his friend Harry Osborn.

In this episode Spider-Man encounters a new enemy, the villainous "Doc Ock", who is portrayed by Alfred Molina.

The setting is still the streets and skyscrapers of New York City - an ideal place for a spider to climb!

In this new story, two years have passed, and challenges face Peter as he struggles with "the gift and the curse." Outwardly he is trying to be a normal college student - inwardly he has superhuman powers that he dare not discuss with his girlfriend or anyone else.

After all, who would believe that he can sprout huge tentacles and climb to dizzying heights in the landscape? That sets him far apart from other human beings.

Tormented by his secrets, Peter finds that his relationships with all he holds dear are in danger of unraveling.

But his life becomes even more complicated when he encounters the diabolical powers of Dr. Otto Octavius, who is out to destroy everything.

Spider-Man must use all his skills to thwart these schemes! "Spider-Man 2" has its share of mind-blowing action, including a scary train sequence. But the best part is

that the characters have some dimension, even in this fantasy film. And remember - The

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# 'Do Not Hurry The Voyage'

By Walter Williams

My family and I swept across the plains on Route 66, now called I-40, from Albuquerque to the famous corner in Winslow, Arizona. We wanted to make a beeline for the Grand Canyon. On an impulse, because we needed a rest after leaving Gallup, New Mexico, we stopped at the Petrified Forest. What we found was a paradise of color and history that is singularly unique in travel experiences. The words from *Ithaca* by Constantine Cavafy written about a destination half a world away from the Petrified Forest, reminds me of my time spent in this desolate area of America's southwest. "Always keep Ithaca in your mind. To arrive there is your ultimate goal. But do not hurry the voyage at all."

The landscape was resplendent with facets of color emanating from every quarter as we descended at the Blue Mesa area to the dried riverbed below. A herd of Pronghorn Antelope purposefully paralleled the austere watercourse in search of a few tufts of desert grass. The stratified soil formations formed a fabulous display of pink, white, and lavender carved by the methodical process of erosion over thousands of years. To hurry from this Triassic landscape would surely have transgressed some immortal code.

Having survived the sieges of eons, the arrival of the railroads almost doomed these prehistoric Elysian Fields. The first tourists loaded train cars with the precious agate, amethyst crystals, and quartz material from the petrified timber. They hauled them away, some to be crushed and used for emery sandpaper. Even an early explorer and artist sent to survey a railroad route couldn't help but take a few specimens with him. Baldwin Mollhausen stated in 1853, "Trees of all sizes lay irregularly scattered about great heaps of petrifications gleaming with such splendid colours that we could not resist the temptation." The temptation, of course, was to break off a few pieces and cart them away. Today, collecting within park boundaries is forbidden, but shops do sell samples collected from private property outside of the park.

Very intriguing to most tourists is the fact that the petrified trees dating to more than 200 million years ago did not actually grow in this area. During the Triassic Period the park was a flat, marshy swampland. According to Park Ranger Marcel Johnston, a river system draining from volcanic mountains that would become the Mogollons washed the giant trees down from the heights during tremendous floods and buried them under 300 feet of sediment rich in silica and ash called the Chinle formation. Deprived of oxygen, the trees did not rot and slowly began to petrify.

The first visitors to the park were ice age hunters following Pleistocene game, especially the herds of bison and mastodon. The weapon of choice for these primitive hunters was the fluted Clovis or Folsom point. Although Paleo kill sites have not been discovered in the park, fluted points made of petrified wood have been found in adjacent areas. Puerco Pueblo and the Agate House, two tremendous archeo-

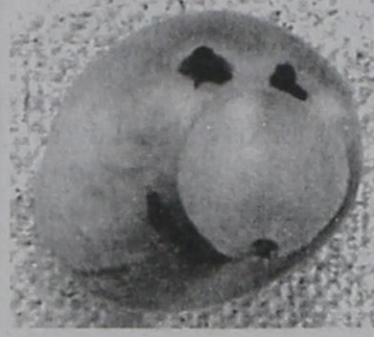


logical sites located within park boundaries are open to the public. They give a glimpse into the lives of the early residents of the park. These people farmed the land, planted beans, corn, and squash, lived in multi-storied houses, and made baskets. A large central plaza provided a protected play area for children and a work place for the women to grind corn with manos and metates in the cool desert evenings. Pottery items can be viewed at the Painted Desert Inn upon entering the park from the East, but most of the pottery is considered to be trade items made by other tribes. Archeologists believe Puerco Pueblo had more than 100 rooms at its peak occupation period. The search for Quivira led Coronado to the forest in 1541; he found the land deserted. The people probably left due to changing climate with resulting drought. The nearby Hopi or Zuni's would have absorbed the Puerco people.

Some of the most numerous and best-preserved petroglyphs in America are found in the Petrified Forest. In the area known as Newspaper Rock, they are mostly geometric designs, with spirals and circles being the most prominent design. Over 600 are located at this site but many more are located throughout the park. The petroglyphs, thought to be based upon lunar cycles, may also commemorate important events, clan marks, and territorial boundaries. Be sure to bring binoculars since direct access to the petroglyphs is forbidden due to unstable terrain. Use a telephoto lens and try to take your best pictures in early morning or evening light to limit harsh shadows.

# Miss West Texas Fair And Rodeo Queen, Teen Pageant

Entry forms are available at the offices of the West Texas Fair & Rodeo for young ladies interested in the 2004 Miss West Texas Fair & Rodeo Queen and Teen



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Pageant. The pageant dates are September 10-12, 2004. Entries must be received in the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office by 5:00 p.m., August 20th.

Winners will reign over the 2004 West Texas Fair & PRCA Rodeo September 14-18, 2004. They will also represent the West Texas Fair & Rodeo at various other rodeos, parades and other activities in the West Texas area during the year and will also compete in the Miss Rodeo Texas Pageant held in San Antonio, Texas in June of 2005.

Age limits for the "Miss" division are 19-24 years of age and for the "Teen" division they are 14-18.

Prizes for each division include: Crown, Banner, Roses, Handmade Spurs, Hand Tooled Spur Straps, Wranglers, Buckle and more. Winner of Horsemanship in each division receives a Saddle Blanket with Hand Tooled Corners.

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Call the West Texas Fair & Rodeo Office at (325) 677-4376 for entry forms or they may be picked up at 1700 Hwy 36, Abilene, Texas 79602.

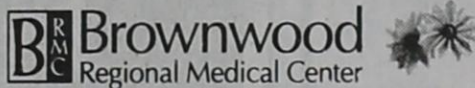


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# Obituary

## Larry Rogers

ALBANY- Larry Rogers, 56, died Saturday, July 17, 2004 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Graveside funeral services were held Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. at the Albany Cemetery, Doug Stenberg officiated. Burial was under the direction of Morehart Mortuary.

Larry Dale Rogers was born on June 21, 1948 in Albany, Texas to I.B. Rogers and Velma Lee Dendy Rogers. He grew up in Albany and married Mary Alexander on September 16, 1967 in Albany. He served in the Vietnam War in the U.S. Air Force and worked as a driller for Snyder Drilling Corp. for over 12 years. Larry was a loving husband, father, son, and brother, and was a part of the Trinity Covenant Fellowship Family.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, I.B.

Rogers, in 1996.

Larry is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife, Mary; four sons, Joey Rogers of Georgetown, William Rogers and wife, Janna of Albany, Robert Rogers and wife, Candy of Albany and Kevin Rogers of the home; and his daughter, Cathy Rogers of Albany; six grandchildren, Jordyn, Jady, Jessica, Clayton, Sarah and Nikki B; three sisters, Patricia and husband, Jackie Martin of Moran, Twila and husband, Mike Harris of Albany and Beverly Rogers and Randy Hayes of Albany. Larry had numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Covenant Fellowship in Albany and may be left at Morehart Mortuary. Condolences may be sent online at [www.morehartmortuary.net](http://www.morehartmortuary.net).

## Memorial Services For Kenneth Parrack To Be Held Saturday, July 24

Memorial Services for Kenneth Eugene Parrack will be held Saturday, July 24, 2004 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Ranger. Rev. Arthur Camacho, Jr. will be officiating and would appreciate hearing in advance from those who would like to speak, sing or be a part of the service in any way. Please contact Rev. Camacho at 647-3522 day or 647-3496 evening.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, July 24, 2004 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Ranger. Rev. Arthur Camacho, Jr. will be officiating and would appreciate hearing in advance from those who would like to speak, sing or be a part of the service in any way. Please contact Rev. Camacho at 647-3522 day or 647-3496 evening.

## Local Adventists Volunteer For Health Study

Around ten Seventh-day Adventist in this area have joined a new large long-term study investigating the relationship of diet and lifestyle with cancer.

The nationwide study of 125,000 Seventh-day Adventists will be one of the largest of its kind. The study is conducted by researchers from noted Loma Linda University in California, and is funded by the National Institute of Health.

It is expected that members from most Adventist Churches in the U.S. will participate. Researchers believe that information from this study will help improve health for everyone.

Dr. Gary Fraser, Director of the research at Loma Linda, says, "Up to 40 percent of cancers could be prevented by an improved diet. In this study we hope to identify specific foods that can prevent cancer."

Breast, prostate and colon cancer are of particular interest. Among many other foods, the role of soy products and soy milk as protective foods will be investigated.

Adventists make an ideal group to research these cancers and other diet-related illnesses because of their diversity in diet - ranging from vegetarian to those who have diets similar to the general population.

About 40 percent of Adventists eat a vegetarian diet. The diversity in diet in this largely non-smoking group gives strength to the study.

Previous long-term studies of Adventists in California in 1960 and 1976 made many interesting discoveries regarding diet, lifestyle and disease outcome. These earlier Loma Linda studies showed that Adventists, on an average, live much longer than the general population, and have a much lower risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, colon



**DID YOU RIDE THIS CROSS ROADS SCHOOL BUS??** Here are a few students who did.

Ranger Historical Preservation Society is pleased to have the two above Cross Roads School and Bus pictures



added to the Photo Collection in the Society's Ruth Terry Denney Library-Research Center. They were donated by Mrs. Betty McGraw in memory of her late husband B. D. Maci McGraw. Although "Mac" is not in the school picture, one brother and two sisters appear in row two from the bottom. Also Mr. Larkin J. Akers has identified five others. Row one from bottom: (1) Unknown; (2) Christine Akers Thomas; (3) Larkin J. Akers (informant); (4) Unknown; (5) Frederick Mazon Ferrell; (6) Unknown; (7) Emma Frances Ferrell (married name unknown) (8) Etoile Akers Shefler. Row two: Second from left, (believed to be) Felton L. McGraw; the two girls on end of row two are, Anna Lou McGraw Anderson, and Maudine McGraw McGee. Could the teacher be Miss Maverine Lemley, and principal Mr. Gus Reynolds? The Society would also appreciate hearing from anyone who can confirm this identity and/or other students. Any and all responses may be sent to Ranger Historical Preservation Society, P.O. Box 320, Ranger, Texas 76470. Or call 254-647-5353, Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. to Noon, and 1:00 - 5 P.M.

cancer and arthritis. One of the most interesting aspects of these earlier studies showed that five simple habits could prolong life for as much as 10-12 years.

This included not smoking, eating a plant-based diet, exercising regularly, maintaining normal body weight and eating a small amount of nuts several times a week.

This new long-term study will explore further how diet and lifestyle affect the risk of cancer and other chronic diseases.

Those participating in the study complete a fairly lengthy questionnaire on lifestyle and diet, and then are followed up over a number of years. They will receive newsletters, and Loma Linda researchers will have contact with them.

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**Agriculture Appropriations**

Earlier this week, I urged my colleagues in the House of Representatives to approve the Fiscal Year 2005 Agriculture Appropriations bill, which would provide funds to agricultural and rural development programs administered by the Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Appropriators did the best they could given current budget constraints and produced the best bill possible in a bad situation. But still our agricultural community is being asked to do more than its fair share when it comes to making budget cuts.

When the House passed the budget resolution earlier this year, I warned that it would require significant reductions in agriculture and force us to reopen the Farm Bill. Although those concerns were dismissed by some at the time, this bill clearly shows my concerns were valid.

In order to live within the allocations imposed on agriculture by the budget resolution, the Appropriations Committee was forced to reopen the Farm Bill and reduce or zero out many of its important conservation, rural development, research and energy programs.

As you may know, Larry Combest and I worked to develop the Farm Bill in a very inclusive and bipartisan manner, and it has worked very well thus far. But our current fiscal policies—which are being developed without that kind of common-sense bipartisanship—are causing the piece-by-piece dismantling of the Farm Bill.

I hope that the leaders of the House will soon reach across the aisle so that we can work together towards a common solution.

What is an even bigger shame is the fact that when you slowly dismantle the Farm Bill in this fashion, without the benefit of an overarching budget agreement, you still don't move towards balancing the budget.

The Agriculture Appropriations bill is one of 13 appropriations bills Congress annually considers to provide funding to various federal departments, agencies and programs. H.R. 4766 is now approved, and it is up to the U.S. Senate to consider similar legislation.

**Brazil's Cotton Case Before the WTO**

This week, Congressman Cass Ballenger (R-NC), a leader on the House International Relations Committee, invited me to meet with a delegation of Brazilian legislators to discuss trade, security, and other matters that concern our two countries.

I stressed my disappointment over the Brazilian

government's choice to challenge the U.S. cotton program with litigation instead of working with the U.S. in the World Trade Organization (WTO) to negotiate reforms in agriculture for the benefit of all our producers.

The U.S. has been a leader in trying to start, continue, and restart the WTO trade negotiations after they were deliberately subverted and obstructed by Brazil several months ago.

I have always maintained that we will put everything on the table, but others must do so as well. Our agricultural tariffs are low—the average is 12 percent—while worldwide agricultural tariffs average 62 percent.

I have serious reservations about a country or a party that files a case against you while you are sitting at the table trying to negotiate a solution to a problem. The U.S. and Brazil should be partners in opening the world's agricultural markets, and Brazil's actions are not helpful in maintaining U.S. agriculture's leadership in trade negotiations.

The Administration has assured me that officials will vigorously defend our programs at every available opportunity in this process. I continue to believe that the programs Larry Combest and I developed in the 2002 Farm Bill meet our WTO obligations.

Whatever the ultimate outcome, I expect the U.S. will live up to its commitments in the international trade arena. If programs must be adjusted in order to be in compliance, I expect that we will do so in the least disruptive manner.

However, you can be sure I will never support gutting our farm programs for the benefit of a country that is one of our major competitors.

There is still a long row to hoe in this process, and it remains to be seen exactly what the final outcome of the case will be. In the meantime, don't sell your cotton stripper, however you may want to get some tar and feathers.

**BSE Update**

This week, the House Agriculture and the House Government Reform Committees held a joint hearing with USDA officials regarding BSE surveillance in the U.S.

For many years prior to the identification of that single, BSE-positive animal in Washington State late last year, we in the agriculture community, USDA and the House Agriculture Committee have been considering how to protect the BSE-free

status of our domestic cattle herd.

The continued safety of our beef supply is a testament to the success of these efforts.

Since we discovered the first case inside our borders, despite the fact this was a Canadian-born animal, the USDA has begun a rigorous surveillance program designed to sample as many as 260,000 animals in the next 12 to 18 months.

Still, there are legitimate questions about the manner in which USDA is moving forward with this program. I look forward to working with the department to iron out concerns about risk communication, sample selection, geographic distribution and other testing protocols.

Certainly, we'll continue to maintain standards that prevent the spread of BSE and protect consumers from potential exposure to it. Consumers should be assured our

Thursday, July 22, 2004

**National Corn Growers President's Award**

I recently visited with the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and my longtime friend Dee Vaughan, president of the NCGA. As a grower from Dumas, Texas, Vaughan, like many others in NCGA, understands the importance of today's Farm Bill and farm programs for rural America.

It was a great pleasure for me to receive the 2004 President's Award from the NCGA, the highest award the corn growers give to anyone, and I thank each and every one of them for honoring me in this way and for their support in working for rural America.

Congressman Stenholm represents the 17th District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives and is the Ranking Member of the House Committee on Agriculture.

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# The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

## Armed but Not Dangerous.

Don't get him started, this 34-year-old cancer patient. Spend some time with him, and you'll marvel at super-sized spirit, faith, love, commitment and a bunch of other superlatives—way too many for most mortals.

If it's a first-time meeting, you'll decide that he's well-armed with self-effacing stories to make sure you understand—even if it's hours later—that he's better than "okay" with his circumstances. He faces the future with full confidence in God's declaration: "I Am." Plus he has an ever-present cadre of jokes to allay folks' fears that he might ever cave in to self-pity.

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His name is Kyle Ogle. He lives on a 50-acre spread in

northern Parker County with his wife, Darla, and two children. He sells medical equipment for Getinge USA, Inc., having called on hospitals and clinics around the state for five years. Because of multiple cancer surgeries and an amputation, he's missed a few fairly big chunks of work; once he was out for four months with surgery and chemotherapy. Yet, he's been a leading salesman for his company, just as he was previously for McGraw-Hill book company.

Before he decided to "disarm" with his jokes—and before his amputation—he grew to expect greetings like, "Here comes the 'arm' man." (One of his best-selling items is a technical pendant device that hangs from the ceiling to provide a "third arm" for physicians.) Since his amputation, they've softened the saluta-

tion; he's now "the pendant guy."

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"I don't want special treatment; I'm still just one of the gang," Ogle said, flashing a smile wide enough for three faces. He threw a pre-surgery party with fraternity buddies at his home for an "all-nighter" of domino-playing and tall-tale recycling. He wanted to "nail down" the group's dogged determination to maintain a strong faith and good cheer in the face of whatever. They laughed about the printed invitations to his "Farewell to Arm" party.

In a few days, several of the same buddies gathered at the hospital as doctors removed Kyle's right arm and shoulder. Cancer, in a "hide and seek" mode for six years, this time dictated radical surgery. Two weeks later, he was back at work, joking about becoming immediately left-handed. "If you see me on the interstate talking on my cell phone, you might want to give me some extra room," he warned.

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Growing up in Richardson, he says he was a "so-so" athlete, dabbling in football and track, and an above average student at J. J. Pearce High School, graduating in 1988. Then it was off to pursue his "five-year plan" at Baylor University. There, Darla Ward, Denton High School's '89 homecoming queen, caught his eye. They were married in the fall of '94.

They had good jobs, a nice home in Denton and enjoyed good health. Less than two years later, things changed. In September of '96, during a hunting trip near San Saba with friends Tommy Saxon, Mark Wiggins and Jeff Turner, he felt a lump in his armpit. There was surgery for lymphoma, but the diagnosis was wrong. Within days, he was under the knife again, this time for synovial sarcoma, a rare form of cancer diagnosed in

the US only about 100 times annually. He was cancer-free for almost five years, then, at his step-sister's wedding in Colorado, he felt another lump in his shoulder.

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Ever the outdoorsman, Kyle was already a devotee of bow hunting. He and another bud, Tim Nabers, hunted wild turkeys and deer on the Nabers Ranch, near Brownwood. Kyle sewed a strip of nylon webbing on the bow string. He holds the webbing tight between his molars, stretches the bow taut with his left hand, and lets it fly. Last year, soon after surgery, he killed a pair of doe within hours, plus several turkeys. His bow deer count is now at five.

He's counting the days until the annual One-Arm Dove Hunt in Olney. "Last year, 71 of us were there, and I may be better with a shotgun now with my left arm than I used to be with my right," he claims. "They have a great breakfast that costs just 10 cents a finger. I'm going to try to get them down to 40 cents, 'cause a thumb's not a finger."

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Turner, one of several friends dating back to elementary school days, is in awe of Kyle's faith and tenacious spirit, telling of him wherever he goes. Kyle brushes such accolades aside, however, claiming that friends are competing for pallbearer roles.

Things weren't funny a while back when son Turner, going on age six, fell off the sofa. They rushed him to Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. (Turner calls hospitals "boo-boo houses.") As they neared the hospital, his screams grew louder. Then, they learned of a BIG misunderstanding. "When Daddy went to the 'boo-boo house,' they cut off his arm," he screamed. "I don't want them to take off my head."

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Kyle has told his story for church groups in Weatherford, Denton and Plano, and on an upcoming TV show, will have a bigger forum. A while back, he killed a deer on a bow hunt at the Ford Ranch near Brady-on-camera. He will be featured on a Christian TV show called "The Fever," hosted by Mark Scroggins on the national outdoor channel.

He is finishing a regimen of twice-a-month FDA Phase II trial treatments in San Antonio, preparatory to having a couple of spots removed from a lung next month at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. His wife, son and almost four year-old daughter, Donna Katherine, are cheering

him on. He's already signed up for the One-Arm Dove Hunt on September 10. If you happen to be in Olney that day, you can easily pick Kyle out of the crowd. He's a strapping 6-3, good-looking 200-pounder with an ear-to-ear smile. He'll be the one over by the monkey bars, organizing the contest.

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## 4th of July Lake Leon Fandango

The Carpenter/ Dixon Clan celebrated the Fourth of July at Lake Leon with the largest gathering on record since the tradition began over 40 years ago. The two day celebration, the official "4th of July Lake Leon Fandango", included an abundance of food and activities for all ages.

Activities began each day with Breakfast at the house of Debbie and Herb Hunter. Saturday, July 3, the celebration officially began with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner. Morning activities included a basketball tournament for the younger crowd, Slip and Slide for the youngest age group, and golf for the men. Saturday lunch was hosted by the 3rd Generation girls at Kim and Matt Hunter's house. Activities continued in the afternoon with horseshoes, homemade ice cream and the ever popular swimming and water activities in the lake. The evening meal was hosted by Julianne & Steve Sitzes and LeAnna Brewster at the Sitzes' house. Fireworks, moonlight boat rides and fishing continued the night activities.

Sunday, July 4, began with a prayer devotional to reflect and remember those who serve in the military and fight for our freedom and protection.

Activities continued with balloon toss contest, dock jumping, free swim and wakeboard and skiing.

Lunch was hosted by Sue Hallman, Pearl Carpenter and Jimmie Dixon at the Dixon house. The popular activity of the afternoon was Lake Fear Factor involving inner tubes and teamwork. Time ran out before the Food segment of the competition. The teenage/20-something crowd rated this event Excellent.

The July 4th Fandango crowd grew in numbers close to 100 people with family and friends, including Brent Hill's friends from Baylor University, Jerrod Hill's friends from Tarleton State University, Andy Brewster's football friends from University of North Texas and the Sitzes boys' friends from Abilene and various in-law/out-laws from Ft. Worth, Abilene, Midland, Stephenville and surrounding areas.

The evening meal was hosted by Janet and Duane Hill at the Hill house and concluded with The Rusty Nails Band performing on the Dock. Lead singer, Brad Stinson opened the show with a moving rendition of the Star Spangled Banner as the sun was setting. The fireworks show at La Mancha was spectacular as the band entertained to those on land and in boats. With Stinson on Lead Guitar, Chad Hodges playing bass guitar and Ross Schulte on drums, the band continued to rock the dock till well past midnight. For more information on the band visit [www.rustynailsband.com](http://www.rustynailsband.com).

The founders of this lake family group are Brooks and Pearl Carpenter of Stephenville and Jimmie

Dixon and the late N.D. Dixon of Midland. Brooks and Jimmie are brother and sister. All 8 of the original children, Jerry, Randall, Dale and Janet and Sue, Debbie, LeAnna and Julianne were present for the July 4th evening celebration.

Chairman for this event was Debbie Hunter and Co-chairman Janet Hill. Committee members were Julianne Sitzes - T-shirts and games, LeAnna Brewster - Decorations and flags, Sue Hallman - Food and grandkids. Crystal Hill and Heather Osman were 3-G representatives. Jimmie, Brooks and Pearl were official judges for all events. The youngest Fandango participants were Carly and Maggie, both 4 months old.

## Struck-Arnold Family Reunion

The Annual Struck-Arnold Family Reunion will be Saturday, July 24th and Sunday, July 25th at the Cisco Country Club. There will be Karaoke Saturday evening. Family and friends are invited to attend. Early guests can attend dutch-treat dinner at Pulido's restaurant on Friday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

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## Keith Blanding Leads Sports Team To State Championship In Kansas

Keith Blanding of Courtland, Kansas led his high school's sports team to a (1-A) State Championship in May 2004. It was the first time the Pike Valley Panthers had ever won a state championship in "any" sport!

Keith won in 4 events - the long jump, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash and the 400 meter dash. He won the 400 meter dash in 2003. In the long jump event, he broke his own record with 22 feet and 11 3/4". This was all pretty

## Seeds From The Sower

By Michael A. Guido Metter, Georgia

One morning a father read the Bible to his family and prayed. Just as soon as he said "Amen!" his little boy shouted, "Now let's do something."

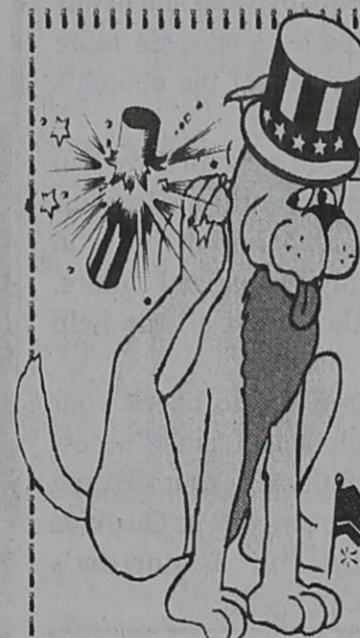
He had the right idea, for the Bible says, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only."

Many listen to the Bible, but they don't accept the

Christ of the Good News. They pray that sinners might be won to the Lord, but they don't put feet to their prayers and witness to them.

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awesome, his aunt, Athena Blanding stated after attending the meet in person, which was held in Wichita, Kansas. Darlene Crumpler, Keith's aunt, from Abilene, along with his grandmother were pleased to attend Keith's graduation earlier.

Keith graduated as an honor student from Pike Valley High School in Kansas

Thursday, July 22, 2004 the last of May 2004.

Keith is the son of Leo and Sheila Blanding of Courtland, Kansas. He is the grandson of Drucilla Blanding of Cisco and the nephew of Athena Blanding of Abilene.

Keith plans to attend Wichita State in Wichita, Kansas in the fall and major in engineering.

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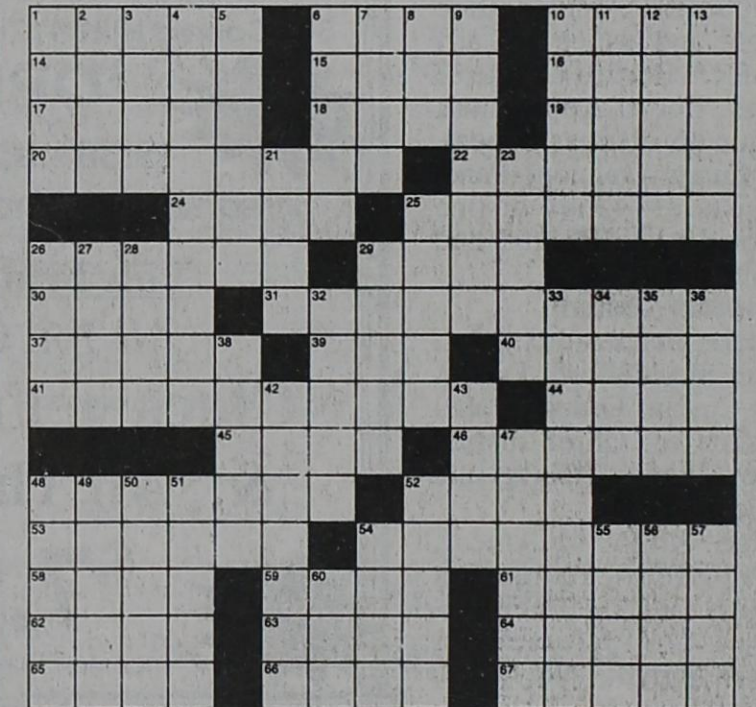
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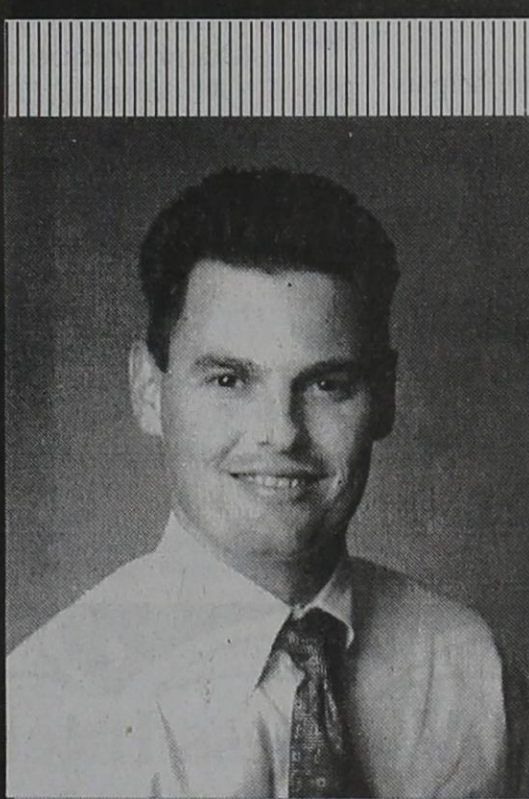


- Across
1. Condemns to death.
  6. Variant of caulk.
  10. French for "but".
  14. To distribute by lot.
  15. Jan. author of Who Ordered the Jumbo Shrimp?
  16. Holmead Minarik, author of children's Little Bear book series.
  17. Lane, 2002 Best Actress Oscar nominee.
  18. Pivoted bar in a ratchet.
  19. To make agitated.
  20. Person who makes sure rules are followed.
  22. Flat storage trunk.
  24. Large snakes that kill by constriction.
  25. Small, often isolated areas.
  26. DeeDee, Stephanie Kramer's role on Hunter.
  29. To push to do something.
  30. I owe you.
  31. State of being married to one person at a time.
  37. Durable, plain-woven, cotton fabric.
  39. Benatar, singer of "Hit Me with Your Best Shot".
  40. River in Argentina flowing from the Andes to the Atlantic.
  41. Fat-soluble vitamin that prevents rickets.
  44. Diamond, starred in the 1980 remake of The Jazz Singer.
  45. Ellen DeGeneres' role in Finding Nemo.
  46. To think about constantly.
  48. Bel Geddes, Miss Ellie on Dallas.
  52. Group of similar persons or things.
  53. State of thinking of only one's self.
  54. Person who travels in an automobile.
  58. Thin strip used to hold items together.
  59. Angle formed by a leaf or branch with the stem.
  61. Medicines, "the golden mean".
  62. To travel by horse.
  63. Louise, Ginger on Gilligan's Island.
  64. Moistens.
  65. At another time.
  66. At all times.
  67. Narrow strips of metal or wood.
  - Down
  1. Miami County, site of one of the country's worst hurricane disasters.
  2. IA, oldest town in Jones County.
  3. Ill, king and patron saint of Norway.
  4. Having only one metal ion or positive radical.
  5. Short for cholesterol.
  6. Sleeveless garments worn by magicians.
  7. Gelatinous material derived from certain algae.
  8. Ayers, the original Dr. Kildare in the movies.
  9. Steven, creator of children's book series featuring a Great Dane named Pinkerton.
  10. Publishing company of a variety of medical publications.
  11. Having close resemblance to.
  12. Little island.
  13. Prophets.
  21. Nearly motionless.
  23. Atlantic or Pacific.
  25. Earliest form of.
  26. Abbreviation for miscellaneous.
  27. South American tree whose leaves contain cocaine.
  28. To twist the hair into ringlets.
  29. Consisting of a single element.
  32. Theatrical presentation in which the action is set to music.
  33. Taking place monthly.
  34. Double curve with the shape of an elongated S.
  35. Dorothy, author of A Woman's Voice.
  36. Old French coins worth 12 deniers.
  38. Fabled king who turned all he touched into gold.
  42. Salt or ester of formic acid.
  43. Valuables pillaged in times of war.
  47. These Old, made-for-TV movie starring Debbie Reynolds.
  48. Yogi, New York Yankees catcher.
  49. Once more.
  50. James, group led by former Gregg Allman saxman Mark Shover.
  51. Joseph, Democratic senator from Delaware.
  52. Proceeding from the sun.
  54. Excavation in the earth from which ore is extracted.
  55. La Douce, movie starring Jack Lemmon.
  56. Division of a clan.
  57. Chief news agency of the Soviet Union.
  60. Roman numeral for 14.

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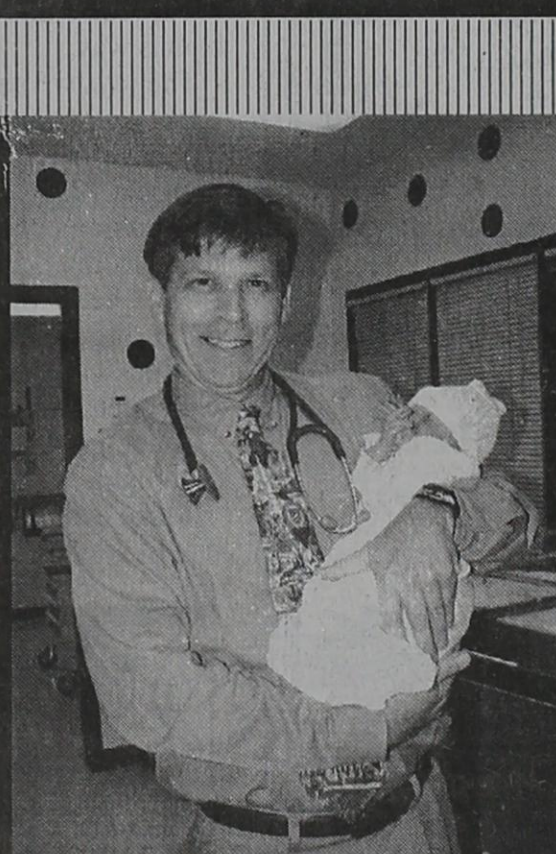


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**Dr. Jamie Cox will be starting his practice with B & W Clinic, Monday, July 19, 2004. Dr. Cox is a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He served in the United States Air Force as a Medical Service Specialist. Dr. Cox will be a Family Practitioner and will do Obstetrics and Pediatrics. Dr. Cox is married and has two daughters. Hobbies include hunting, hiking, camping, reading, tennis.**

On behalf of Eastland Memorial Hospital we would like to welcome Dr. Cox



**Dr. Bob Matthews is a 1983 graduate of the University of Texas at Galveston. He is a member of the Texas & American Association of Family Practice. Since 1986, Dr. Matthews has been Board Certified in Family Practice and in practice at the B & W Clinic. His practice includes maternity & child-care.**

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## 11th Court of Appeals

Eastland, Texas  
Proceedings (En Banc)  
July 15, 2004

### Affirmed

Meinautje Duba v. Stanley Lee Duba, Collin. (Memorandum Opinion by Justice Wright) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Trinity Joe Campbell v. State of Texas, Nolan. (Opinion by Justice McCall). (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Pierro Leroi Jackson v. State of Texas, Dallas. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice Hill)

Garry Peoples v. Cynthia Woods et al, Walker. (Memorandum Opinion by Justice McCall) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

### Affirmed in part & Reversed & Remanded in part

Martin and Sandra Coyne et al v. Kaufman County, Kaufman. (Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

### Petition for Writ of Mandamus Denied

In re R. Wayne Johnson, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se petition for writ of mandamus. (Per Curiam Memorandum Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

### Motions Submitted & Granted; Appeals Dismissed

Rodgers Dean Jenkins v. State of Texas, Eastland. Appellant's pro se motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Opinion by Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall).

Jonas Shermaine Curry v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

William Reeves v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's motion to dismiss appeal. (Per Curiam Opinion) (Panel consists of: Chief Justice Arnot, Justice Wright, and Justice McCall)

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### Motions Submitted & Granted

Saleh W. Igal v. Brightstar Information Technology Group, Inc. and BRBA, Inc., Dallas.

Edward Mucclan Harris v. State of Texas, Stephens. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Ronald Evan Richardson v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Martin Rios v. State of Texas, Ector. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Charles Tarrant v. Thelma Marie Gibbons, Midland. Appellant's motion to withdraw as counsel on appeal.

William Jeffery Wigington

v. State of Texas, Midland. State's motion for extension of time to file brief.

In the matter of William B. Latham, Sr., Deceased, Ector. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Perry Jeffrey et al v. Robertson Sales & Service, Inc. et al, Gaines. Appellee's motion for extension of time to file brief.

Andrew Hodge Mayweather v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's fourth motion for extension of time to file brief.

Travis Coker v. State of Texas, Ector. Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file brief.

Allan Wayne Brubaker v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's motion for extension of time to file brief.

In re Eric Michael Whitfield, Orig. Proc. Appellant's pro se motion for extension of time to file motion for rehearing.

In re R. Wayne Johnson, Orig. Proc. Relator's pro se motion in forma pauperis.

### Motions Submitted & Overruled

Michael Alex Fields v. State of Texas, Taylor. Appellant's pro se motion to recall mandate.

Ray B. Smith v. Electromedical Products International, Inc., Palo Pinto. Appellant's motion to supplement brief.

## Making A Difference

By Rex M. Rogers

### Budgeting For Youth A Good Investment

In my role as a college president, I speak frequently in churches all over the Midwest and from time to time, nationally. As a result I see a lot of good things and some not-so-good things going on in Bible-believing churches.

One of the things that bothers me most is that I regularly find churches spending more money on bus maintenance or flowers for the pulpit than they spend on their youth programs. I did you not. Lots of churches invest greater percentages of their budgets on lots of items that may be good ideas, but at least in my mind, do not begin to compare to the value of young people.

I've been in churches where the part-time youth director told me he annually begs for more funds but can't seem to get through to the decision-makers. I've been in churches where the buildings are debt free and the church has a savings account, but the youth program

is struggling or nonexistent-choked off for lack of funds.

One of the greatest budget culprits (and this is where I'll get into trouble) is the church foreign missions' budget. I've seen churches send 30 percent to 40 percent of their budget overseas while refusing to give more than 4 percent to their youth. Am I against foreign missions? Of course not. Foreign missions are a vital part of the church's "Great Commission." My point is that foreign missions is only a part of the Great Commission. Youth ministry is an equally valid and in this time perhaps an even more critical part of the church's responsibility.

What do we gain if we win the whole world and lose our own kids? Our youth live in a highly secularized culture, and they need all the help they can get.

I urge you to check your church budget, and if necessary, rethink it. Your kids and mine are worth it. Our kids should be tomorrow's church!

### Poetry Corner

By Wanda Skinner

#### This Day

We gather to enjoy this wonderful day.

We speak of the good things we know.

Our fellowship is meant to be this way.

The joys we share help us grow.

Life is full of many great things.

Blessings come to us in many forms.

The heart with gratitude often sings.

Hugs come from friends with open arms.

Count this day as one filled with light.

Make everything done today be right.

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### Tomorrow

By Wanda Skinner

Tomorrow may never come because of our way of life.

So I must live for the day I have now

And not get filled with sin and hate and strife.

I have to let God teach me how

To face the tomorrows I have left before me.

With love and joy and

peace

I want others a new life to see.

It would be so nice if wars could cease.

I have this day in which to work and play.

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**Public Invited To Attend Transportation Commission Meeting In Childress**

Childress - The Texas Transportation Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting in Childress on July 29, 2004 at the Childress Fair Park Auditorium, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The commission periodically holds meetings in locations around the state to give all Texans an opportunity to participate in state transportation decision-making.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) encourages the public to attend this meeting. At the conclusion of all agenda items, the commission will allow an open comment period, not to exceed one hour, to receive public comment on any matter that is under the jurisdiction of the commission. No action will be taken. Each

speaker will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Anyone planning to make public comment must fill out a speakers comment card that will be available at the registration table, prior to the meeting.

The Texas Transportation Commission consists of five members appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate to govern the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Members' six-year terms are staggered, so that an appointment is generally made every two years. The governor designates one member of the commission to serve as the chair.

The chair, referred to as the commissioner of transportation, is Ric Williamson

**Obituary**

**Albert Ray Lawrence**

Baird - Albert Ray Lawrence, 66, of Baird, died Friday, July 17, 2004. A graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2004 at Ross Cemetery Annex. Jon McCormick officiated directed by Parker Funeral Home.

Albert was born February 10, 1938 in Loraine, Texas. He had lived in Baird most of his life. He graduated from Baird High School and Cisco Junior College. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He worked for Master Corporation in Abilene and then worked at the Abilene State School where he retired as a Boiler Operator. He was a member of the Baird Church of Christ

and he was a member of the American Legion Eugene Bell Post in Baird.

Albert Ray Lawrence is survived by one son, Ray Ennis; one brother, Lonnie Lawrence; one sister, Roberta Roady and husband Art of Abilene, TX; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Myrtle Dickson Lawrence; father, Charlie Lawrence, Sr.; brother, Charles Wilson Lawrence, Jr.

Visitation was held Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Callahan Co. Nutrition Project or Hendrick Hospice Care.

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In its survey outcome report, CARF said, "West Texas Rehabilitation Center is recognized for the level of commitment to excellence that is evident in all aspects of the organization." The survey summary continues: "The strong clinical, executive and board leadership provides the organization with unique opportunities to serve the residents of West Texas."

In response to the report, WTRC President Wood Gilliland noted that the Rehab Center is not required by law to seek CARF accreditation of its programs:

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of Weatherford. John W. Johnson of Houston, Robert Nichols of Jacksonville, Ted Houghton of El Paso and Hope Andrade of San Antonio are currently serving as commission members. Mike Behrens is the executive director for the Texas Department of Transportation.

This is the first time that the commission has held a meeting in TxDOT's

Childress District. The first out-of-town commission meeting was in 1920, but TxDOT did not start regularly holding them outside of Austin until 1937.

The Transportation Commission is responsible for establishing policy and rules necessary to carry out the duties and functions of the commission and TxDOT, including the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of the state transportation system, and developing a statewide transportation plan the contains all modes of transportation, including highways and turnpikes, aviation, mass transportation, railroads and high-speed railroads, and water traffic.

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## Letter To The Editor

The Social Security Fairness Act, H. R. 594, is co-sponsored by three hundred members of the U. S. House of Representatives. This bill would abolish the Government Pension Offset entirely. The bill was filed in early 2003. Tom DeLay has refused to place the bill on the calendar for a vote by House members.

To force the bill to be placed on the calendar, a discharge petition has been filed. This would compel Mr. DeLay to schedule a prompt vote on the House floor of H. R. 594. This petition needs 26 more signatures.

All social security beneficiaries are not penalized by a reduction in their benefits. The Government offset singles out educators, firemen, policemen, postal workers, etc. by reducing their social security benefits that have been earned. Some would call this discrimination.

The discharge petition would allow the above-mentioned people to receive all

the social security benefits they qualify for. A more fair way for all people.

U. S. Representative Charles Stenholm has signed the discharge petition. U. S. Representative Randy Neugebauer, who was a co-sponsor of the bill, has not signed the discharge petition. All Texas Democratic House members have signed the discharge petition. Six Republicans from Texas have not.

When you vote in November, remember these circumstances. We want people representing us who look after our welfare. There are people on the poverty level due to the Government Offset of their social security pensions.

Please use the free toll-free telephone number at the Capitol, 1-800-839-5276, and call Neugebauer's office and ask him to sign the discharge petition. Tom DeLay can be reached at the same number.

Mitzi Hart  
Merkel, Texas

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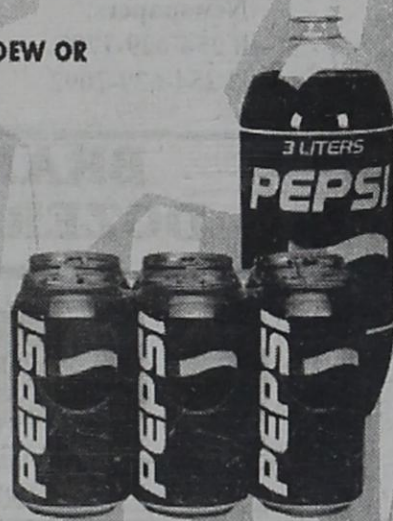
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