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Answerline

Q. When is the new CISD head baseball coach supposed to start?
A. Scotty Brewington of Ennis will begin duties Thurs., Feb. 26.

Briefly

Little League Signups
Little League signups for T-ball, Minor, Major and Junior leagues will be held Thursday, February 26 and March 1st, 2004 at the Charter Communications office (formerly Eddie's Pharmacy) from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Another signup will be held Thursday, March 4 at the Texas Fest at Hutchinson Elementary. Please bring birth certificate. Signup fees will be \$40 for t-ball, minor and major league and \$45 for junior league.

Immunization Clinic
Texas Department of Health will hold an immunization clinic Tuesday, March 9 from 10-12 and 1:30-3 at the Wallace Center, Colorado City. Please bring child's immunization record to clinic. For more information please call 754-4945.

Golden Age Club
The Westbrook Golden Age Club will meet Tuesday, March 2 with a potluck supper at 6 p.m. Potential members and all visitors welcome.

Project Celebration
Project Celebration will have a meeting Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Colorado High School library. All seniors and parents are invited to attend.

Texas Tumblers
The Texas Tumblers meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday's every week. Ages 3-6, Coconuts, meet from 4-5 p.m.; ages 7 & up, Coconuts, meet from 5-6 p.m.; Bananas meet from 6:30-7:30 p.m.; and ages 13 & up meet from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Girls Softball Signups
Mitchell County Girls Softball Association will have sign-ups on Thursday, February 26 and Tuesday, March 2 from 6-8 p.m. at the Civic Center. Please bring birth certificate, social security number and the child signing up for a photo ID. Children ages 4 and up by January 1, 2004 are eligible to play.

KCCB Meeting
KCCB will meet Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 5th and Chestnut.

CCNet Board Meeting
The CCNET Board of Directors will hold the annual meeting on Thursday, March 4 at 11 a.m. at Summer's Restaurant. All interested persons are invited to attend this Dutch Treat luncheon and express their ideas and thoughts for the future of CCNET.

Deaths

**Bell, Guelker,
Howell, Palmer,
Standley**

Around Town

Happy 4th birthday **Brayden Coronado** (Mar. 1)...Ask **Isaac Yanez** what kind of glasses he's going to get... **Wilma Reynolds** enjoying some pancakes... **Kim Merket** getting a shock from a stapler... Happy 23rd anniversary **Gloria and Rick Lucas**... Happy 64th anniversary **Ellwood and Mabel Graham**... Happy birthday **Raymond Molina** (Mar. 3)... **Kody Wood** starts the habit...

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McNeal's pre-trial hearing set

A pre-trial hearing for City Council member Bob McNeal is set for 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, in Municipal Court at the Civic Center.

McNeal's bench trial before Municipal Court Judge Belinda Blassingame is set for 11 a.m. March 16 in the county courtroom at the Mitchell County Courthouse.

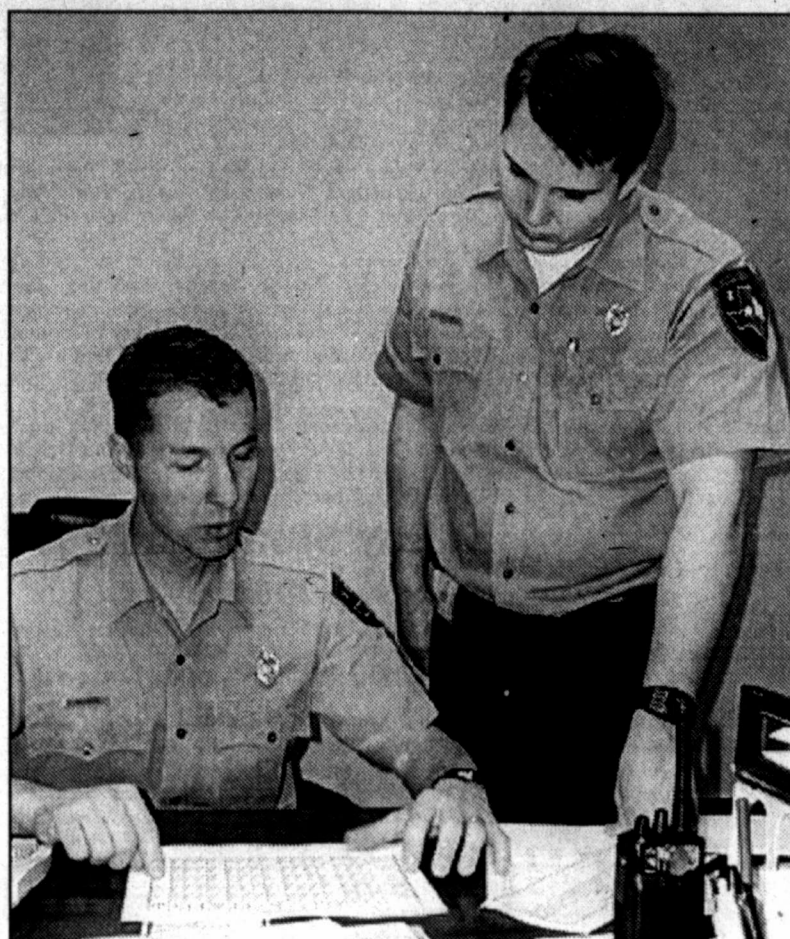
McNeal, who was elected the District 2 representative in May 2003, pleaded not guilty Dec. 18 to a Class C misdemeanor charge of violating the city's weed, rubbish and brush ordinance.

McNeal's trial is one of three scheduled on the March 16 docket.

Trials are also set for Anthony Arispe at 10 a.m. and Esmeralda Franco at 10:30 a.m.

Arispe is charged with possession of alcohol in a vehicle while Franco is charged with failure to yield the right of way

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JASON COOPER, LEFT, Mitchell County EMS director since 2001, will resign his position in late May when he plans to start physician's attendant school in Midland, and assistant EMS director Jason Tyler will lead the service. Tyler has been with the EMS for five years.

Cooper prepares Tyler for new role with county EMS

The Mitchell County Emergency Medical Service will have a new director in late May.

EMS Director Jason Cooper will resign his position in May when he plans to start physician's attendant school in Midland, and assistant EMS director Jason Tyler will be promoted to director.

Cooper has been EMS director since 2001, while Tyler has been with the service for five years, and was recently promoted to his current position in a supervisory role.

Hospital Administrator Linda Mize said Cooper is currently training Tyler for his new role.

Cooper said the 24-month physician attendant's program provided by Texas Tech University begins in late May in Midland.

"This is something I have wanted to do for a long time,"

Cooper said Tuesday, Feb. 24. "I applied to PA school this past fall and was accepted. It's a master's degree program in physician attendant's studies.

"My intention is to return here and practice if I can get a sponsorship through the hospital."

Cooper said Tyler will assume his new duties when he plans to leave at the end of May.

"He has been a supervisor in my absence the past couple of years," Cooper said of Tyler. "He was officially named to be my replacement a month ago."

Cooper served as EMS director in 1999 for one year.

He returned as a paramedic a short time later in 1999 and was promoted to EMS director in 2001.

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Three honored at Chamber banquet

Bobbie Banks, Blaine Lemons and Bob Ratliff were honored during the 95th annual Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Civic Center.

In addition, three former Chamber of Commerce board presidents provided past accounts of the Chamber and Colorado City in following the banquet's theme "Memories ... From Then ... Until Now."

Banks received the Citizen of the Year award for 2003, while Lemons is the first recipient of the Young Citizen of the Year award.

Ratliff, a Colorado City businessman, was recognized for his 50 years in the insurance business.

Patrick Toombs, Tom Scott and Mike Ratliff made the presentations.

Banks is a member of the

Mitchell County Hospital District's board of directors, and director of the Heart of West Texas Museum.

She also was selected Woman of the Year by the Colorado City Business and Professional Women's Club for 2003.

Lemons, a former City Council member, is active in the Mitchell County and district 4-H programs, and was recognized as a role model and mentor in the Pee Wee League football program.

He is a 1987 Colorado High School graduate and 1991 graduate of Texas Tech University.

Mike Ratliff honored his dad, Bob, a descendant of a Mitchell County pioneer family, for his 50 years in the insurance business.

Mike now owns the Ratliff Insurance Agency, although

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THREE MITCHELL COUNTY RESIDENTS were honored during the 95th annual Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Civic Center. Bobbie Banks was selected as the 2003 Citizen of the Year; Blaine Lemons received the first Young Citizen of the Year award; and businessman Bob Ratliff, second from left, was recognized for his 50 years in the insurance business. Mike Ratliff, left, who now owns the business, introduced his dad, a descendant of a Mitchell County pioneer family. Related photo, page 3.

Community pays tribute to fire chief

The Colorado City Police Department dispatcher paged "321" twice Monday, Feb. 23.

There was no response. The response made to dispatcher Martha Martinez was that "321" had ended his tour of duty.

She then said, "321, farewell."

Martinez was among several hundred Mitchell County residents paying tribute and saying a final farewell to Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Tommy Jay Guelker. His radio call number was "321."

Guelker, 51, died Friday, Feb. 20, when he suffered a heart attack at his home.

He served as the CCVFD's fire chief since 1990 and was remembered during services at First Baptist Church by three longtime friends and colleagues.

Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook firefighters paid Guelker a stately tribute by leading the funeral procession

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THE COLORADO CITY VOLUNTEER Fire Department paid the highest tribute to a firefighter Monday, Feb. 23, when Unit 30 carried the flag-draped casket of Fire Chief Tommy Jay Guelker to the Colorado City Cemetery. Guelker's bunker gear, including his jacket, boots, pants and helmet, was located behind the fire truck during the lengthy funeral procession that also included Loraine and Westbrook firefighters. Firefighters David Denison and Lynn Boyd accompanied the casket. Guelker died Friday, Feb. 20

Ex-Record publisher Joe Bell dies

Joe Bell, publisher and editor of the Colorado City Record from 1952 to 1972, died Feb. 19 in Austin.

Graveside services were held Feb. 22 in Valera.

Bell, 84, died following a lengthy struggle with Parkinson's disease and other illnesses.

Bell, who was born in Brownwood, purchased the Record in the spring of 1952 along with Roy Fox of San Saba with W.W. Whipkey.

Bell bought out Fox a year later and stepped in as editor and publisher. Mac McKinnon bought the newspaper from Bell in August 1971.

McKinnon, now publisher of The Dublin Citizen, sold the Record in November 1980 to Western Communications -- a San Angelo-based company that owned several rural newspapers in West Texas.

Earl Plagens purchased 10 percent of Western Communications and began work as publisher in May 1982.

He purchased the remaining

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local news

Conditions provide quality quail hunt in Mitchell County

Bad weather has dampened the final week of quail season, but the 2003-04 hunt in Mitchell County will go into the books as one of the best in several years.

The four-month-long season ends Sunday, Feb. 29 statewide. "This was an exceptional year on quail hunting," said Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Warden Randy Bullard. "It's a long season, but quail hunting is big in Mitchell County."

"I would say this has been as good a season as we've had in eight or nine years in my opinion, and in the opinion of landowners and hunters, too."

Bullard said a large number of hunters from East Texas travel west during the season because "it's a bird that in some parts of the state doesn't really exist because of the fire ant problem. We don't have near the problem as in other parts of the state."

"We get a lot of people, particularly from East Texas, to come to Mitchell County and hunt. They've had a successful year."

"We had an excellent population. I had a lot of hunters comment about the extra large

coveys. They were seeing large coveys of birds as many as 60 to 70 birds in a covey.

"They were very excited about that, and seeing and hunting and killing more blue quail, which is a scaled quail. Quail hunters have been happy."

Bullard said hunter success was steady throughout the season with deer hunters playing a big role after the whitetail season closed in January.

"It really didn't slack off," Bullard said. "We've had years when the quail hunting was good the first month and slacked off after that. This year we've had good quail hunting the whole season countywide."

"The thing about quail hunters is that you have them coming in every weekend for four months of the year."

Bullard said early summer rainfall in 2003 provided the necessary cover in addition to at least "two to three good hatches and plenty of food for the young birds."

"Hopefully, we will get some good spring rains and keep the forage and vegetation up for them, providing a place to hide," Bullard said. "I expect another good year next year."

OBITUARIES

Joseph Edward Bell

1920-2004

Joseph Edward Bell, died Thursday, February 19, 2004 following a long struggle with Parkinson's and other illnesses. He was 84 years old. Graveside services were held Sunday, February 22 in Valera, Texas. Memorial services were held at University Christian Church in Austin Monday, February 23.

Joe Bell was born in Brownwood on Jan. 14, 1920, the last child of W.A. and Ellie Smith Bell. He attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood, where he worked on the college paper and covered ball games for 50 cents a night. He married Madge Bennett of Valera on Christmas Eve, 1941. After working as the first Marine combat correspondent from Texas during World War II, his college friend Roy Fox offered him a half-interest in the twice-weekly Colorado City Record in 1952.

Between 1952 and 1972 he owned, edited and published the Colorado City Record, a newspaper that won more than 50 awards, including sweepstakes honors from the Texas Press Association as the state's best newspaper of its size. He was former president of the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce and recipient of a distinguished service award from the national Junior Chamber of Commerce. Joe and Madge retired for good in the mid-1990s and moved to Austin.

Survivors include his wife, Madge; one daughter, Brenda Bell; one son and daughter-in-law, Craig Bell and Sue Moss; granddaughters, Ann Bell Farrar and Lily Farrar and Katherine Bell-Moss Campbell and husband Greg; great-grandson, William Bell Campbell and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bobby Standley

1932-2004

Bobby Standley, 71, died Thursday, February 19, 2004 at Anson General Hospital. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 22, 2004, at Lawrence-Adams Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Walton officiating. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Born September 2, 1932, in Lawton, Oklahoma, Bobby was a son of the late Charley H. and Mabel Ann (Peterson) Standley. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and attended Odessa Junior College. Bobby married Sherrie Stephens January 26, 1957 in Lovington, New Mexico. He worked as a pumper for Superior Oil Company, Mobile Oil Company, and retired from Pioneer Oil Company in 1997. Bobby moved to Anson from Colorado City in 2000.

Survivors include his wife, Sherrie Standley of Anson; three daughters and son-in-law, Celinda Knight of Midland, Debbie Standley of Anson, and Tina and Larry Miller of Denton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Eddie and Terri Beene of Wall and Charley H. and Leslie Standley, II of Midland; one brother, Lowene Standley and wife, Barbara of Midland; one sister, Trenna White and husband, Tommy of Midland; 13 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Jack Edward Palmer

1928-2004

Jack Edward Palmer, 75, of Odessa, died Saturday, February 21, 2004 at Medical Center Hospital. He was born Monday, May 21, 1928, in Westbrook, Mitchell County to the late Delores Hart and Bennie Lawrence Palmer.

Jack was a resident of Lincoln Tower in Odessa for 10 years, having moved there from Jal, NM, where he had lived and worked for 50 years. He retired as a Plant Operator from El Paso Natural Gas with 41 years of service.

He is survived by his brothers, Larry Palmer and wife, Janice, of Odessa; and Leroy Palmer and wife, Jackie, of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

Memorial services were held Monday, February 23, 2004 at Lincoln Tower in Odessa. Graveside services followed at Westbrook Cemetery with Brother Ted Short officiating.

Honorary pallbearers were Keith Palmer, Kerian Palmer, Deral Palmer, Greg Palmer, Paul Bailey, and Zachary Bajley. Arrangements were by Family Services Funeral Parlor of Kermit.

Tommy Jay Guelker

1953-2004

Mr. Tommy Jay Guelker, 51, of Colorado City, died Friday, February 20, 2004 at a local hospital. Services were held Monday in the First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Guelker was born to J.H. and Esther Jones Guelker in Sweetwater on January 16, 1953. He married Debby Bradford on April 28, 1979 in Levelland. He owned and operated Colorado City Electric. He joined the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department on February 17, 1983 and was the Volunteer Fire Chief since December of 1990. He was an avid sports player, was President of the Mitchell County Girls Softball League and a loving husband and father, and a friend to many.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Debby Guelker of Colorado City; two daughters, Christine Michelle Guelker of San Angelo and Samantha Nicole Guelker of Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota; his parents, J.H. and Esther Guelker of Colorado City; two sisters, Terri Robbens of Las Vegas, Nevada and Genia Conner of Owasso, Oklahoma; and one brother, Carl Guelker of Colorado City.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department.

Theda Howell

1922-2004

Theda Howell, 82, passed away in Arlington following a stroke. Ms. Howell spent her childhood in Colorado City, where she graduated with the class of 1938.

Ms. Howell's father was a T.P. Railway agent here. Her mother owned a popular photography studio on Oak Street. Ms. Howell was honored several times by the city of Arlington, where she was parade co-marshal with then mayor Vandegreiff. She traveled extensively and was assigned job duties in Tel Aviv, Israel where she spent several years. She also enjoyed trips to various cities in Europe.

Memorial services will be held at her home in Arlington at 3 p.m. Saturday, February 28. Friends and family will gather to recall achievements, activities and interests of Theda and to celebrate her life. Ms. Howell always attended the Mitchell County Reunion and all Class of '39 activities. She was a fun person and those who remember her, loved to be in her presence.

She is survived by one son, David of Arlington.

EMS

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Cooper said he expects the county EMS to continue its advanced services and maintain its reputation under Tyler's leadership.

Cooper said Tyler is "easily qualified for this job. He has the dedication, the crew's trust, and they respect his decisions. I think they will support him. They also want what is best for the service."

Tyler said, "I feel confidence that Cooper will train me the way I need to be trained to run this service efficiently. I feel comfortable as the EMS director."

"I feel I am going to lead

the crew to better pastures that are yet to come. I feel that I want to continue the education and professionalism that we have gained from Cooper being the EMS director and continue that in the county and community."

Tyler has advanced his training during his time with the county EMS. He is a national registered paramedic and last year became a critical care paramedic.

"We have always pushed education and you can see that it has improved our service a great deal," he said.

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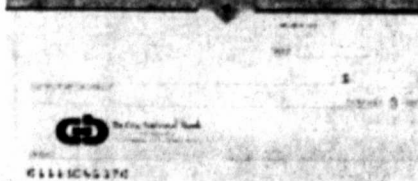
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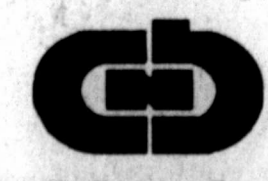
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SEVERAL SPEAKERS WERE featured during the 95th annual Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet as they provided insight to the Chamber's history. Left to right are Tandy Curlee, Chamber president in 1965; Marsha Jordan, the Chamber's first lady president in 1991; and Mac McKinnon, Chamber president in 1976, and now a Dublin resident. Sue Lowrance, the Chamber's current executive director, was honored for her efforts with the banquet, and Charles Rice was introduced as the Chamber's incoming president.



DOCTOR DEE ROACH, Medical Director for Valley Fair Lodge, accepted from the residents of Valley Fair Lodge a new TV/VCR for the new Family Medical Clinic lobby. Resident Margie Beason (right), on behalf of all the residents, also presented a selection of Jack Hanna videos to Dr. Roach. The residents of the Roundtable Group at Valley Fair Lodge decided almost a year ago that children some time grow restless while in the waiting room and felt the wildlife videos would help the wait until they get in to see their doctor. The wildlife series of videos is suitable and entertaining for a wide age group as well.

Hospital patients moved

Patients have been moved to the new Mitchell County Hospital at 997 West I-20 and it's just a matter of time before the doors are locked at the old facility at 1543 Chestnut St.

Mitchell County Emergency Medical Service paramedics transferred six patients to the new health care facility Thursday, Feb. 19, and others arrived in Valley Fair Lodge's new van.

Family Medical Associates remains the only hospital district facility not having made the move.

The rural health clinic will remain at 505 Chestnut St. until a parking lot is completed at the new site.

The new facility also houses the EMS and Heart of West Texas Home Health Care.

Bad weather is expected to delay parking lot, curb and gutter work.

Karen Holman, the hospital's administrative secretary, said the patient transfer was "smooth. We're working out the bugs here at the new hospital."

Hospital Administrator Linda Mize said there are areas in the new facility that still need updates to meet the Americans With Disabilities Act.

"We are waiting for a final report from Mike Bailey at the Texas Department of Health on his inspection," Mize said.

Bailey gave the district clearance to make the full move from its old location to the new site after an inspection Thursday, Feb. 12.

The hospital's pharmacy, radiology department and laboratory made the move Feb. 19.

Mize also said hospital personnel has been busy getting

the new hospital in order.

During their Tuesday night, Feb. 24, meeting, hospital district directors voted to allow C-C Net to keep equipment the group purchased with a grant, with the stimulation of providing the new hospital with equipment to replace outdated equipment.

Mary Ann Davila made the request for C-C Net.

Mize said, "Our staff person helped write the grant. We were all supposed to continue the management of the grant."

Mize said an audit of the C-C Net grant has just been completed and given clearance.

"We feel like our business is health care," she said. "We don't feel like that is part of our mandate, and we have asked to let out of that particular process."

"They have agreed to help

us with some things, but for the most part they will take care of the community. We have all we can do to tend to our own business right now.

"We are opting out of that." Larry Johnson, hospital board president, told directors he took his last treatment Tuesday for prostate cancer after having surgery several months ago.

"The doctor told me that if I live to be an old man, I am going to die from something beside prostate cancer," Johnson said. "I am on the road to recovery. It's going to be downhill from here."

Directors also approved Winnie Roach and Helen Stubblefield as new hospital auxiliary members, and allied health privileges for Christine Heady, who is employed at the two prison units.

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Election set for hospital directors

The Mitchell County Hospital District's directors called the May 15 election during their Tuesday night, Feb. 24, meeting.

Karen Holman, administrative secretary, said candidate filing started Wednesday, Feb. 25, and continues through March 15.

Places held by Bobbie Banks, Hollis Gainey and DeLynn Hackfeld will be on the ballot.

Early voting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the new hospital's lobby April 28 through May 11.

Applications for ballots by mail can be submitted until May 8.

Sandra Sullivan is early voting clerk. Brenda Kelley will serve as election judge in Colorado City, Christine Britton in Loraine and Leslie Moody in Westbrook.

Polling places will be at the Mitchell County Courthouse, Westbrook school district, and Loraine Senior Citizens building.

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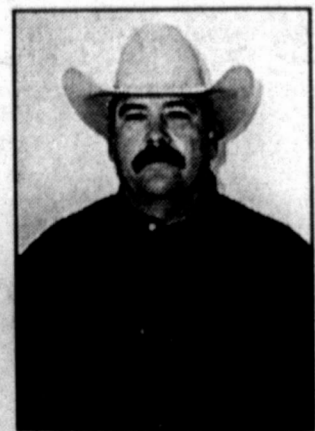
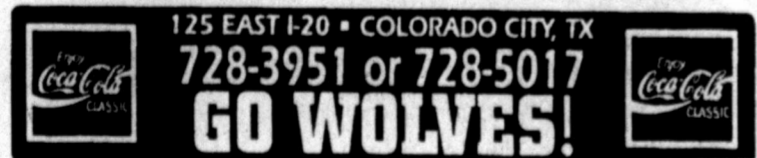
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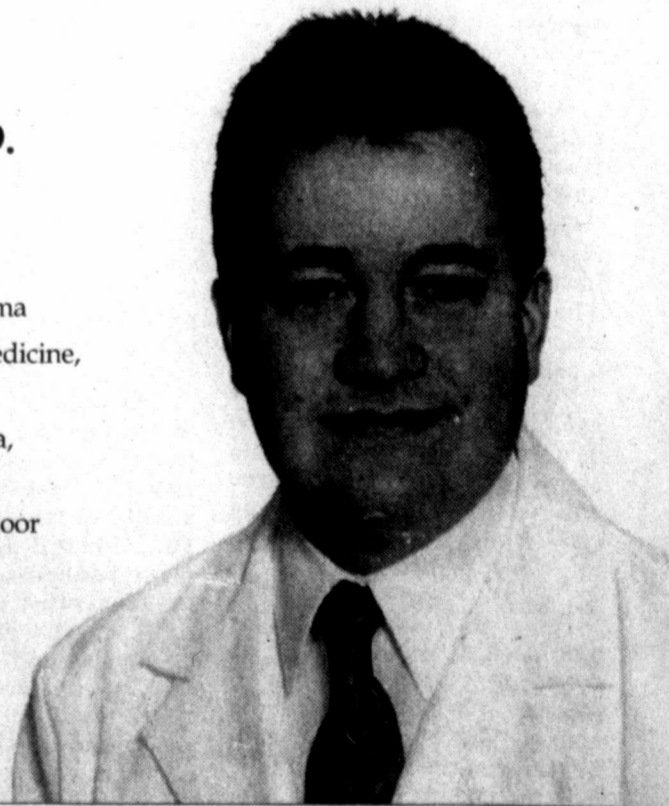
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Early voting in primaries now under way

Early voting is under way in the March 9 Democratic and Republican primaries with 40 voters casting ballots as of Tuesday, Feb. 24, at the Mitchell County Courthouse.

Election Clerk Brenda Kelley said 21 voted in the Democratic primary and eight in the Republican primary on Monday, Feb. 23 -- the first day for early voting.

As of 3 p.m. Tuesday, eight ballots were cast in the Democratic primary and three in the GOP primary.

Debby Carlock, early voting clerk, said early votes can be cast from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1-5 p.m. through March 4, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 5 -- the last day to vote early.

The last day to receive applications for ballots by mail is Monday, March 1.

For more information, phone 728-3481.

The focus in the primary election is on contested races for county commissioner in Precincts 1 and 3.

In Precinct 1, there is a three-way race in the Democratic primary among Jimmy Ray "Jug" Rees, Larry Don Watlington and Brooks Wallis.

The Precinct 1 commissioner's job became available when incumbent Ed Roach said he plans to retire after his term expires at the close of 2004, giving him 20 years as a county commissioner.

Mickey Neff is the only Republican seeking the Precinct 1 commissioner's position. He has no opposition in the primary.

The Precinct 3 commissioner's position has contested races in both primaries.

George Hardegree and Larry Johnson seek the Republican nomination, while incumbent commissioner Wendy Inman faces Harrell Crawford in the Democratic primary.

Several other incumbents filed for re-election, and they are unopposed in the March 9 primary.

Tom Rees Sr. is seeking re-election as Mitchell County attorney. He filed Dec. 16 for

the Democratic primary.

Rees is seeking his first full term as county attorney.

County commissioners appointed Rees to fill the unexpired term of Mark Piland, and he was elected to the position in November 2002.

Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs and Tax Assessor-Collector Faye Lee have both filed for re-election in the Democratic primary.

Lee has served as tax assessor-collector for seven years. Toombs was first elected to office in November 1992.

Tommy Scott, who is the current constable for Precincts 2 and 3, filed his intent with County Judge Ray Mayo to seek the county sheriff's job on the Independent ticket.

After the March 9 primary, Scott can start collecting the 97 signatures needed in order to get him on the Nov. 2 general election ballot.

The 97 signatures represent 5 percent of the voters who cast ballots in the 2002 gubernatorial election.

The last day for independ-

ent candidates to file applications and petitions is May 13.

County GOP chair Jay McCollum and County Democratic chair Geory Martin also have filed for re-election in the primary.

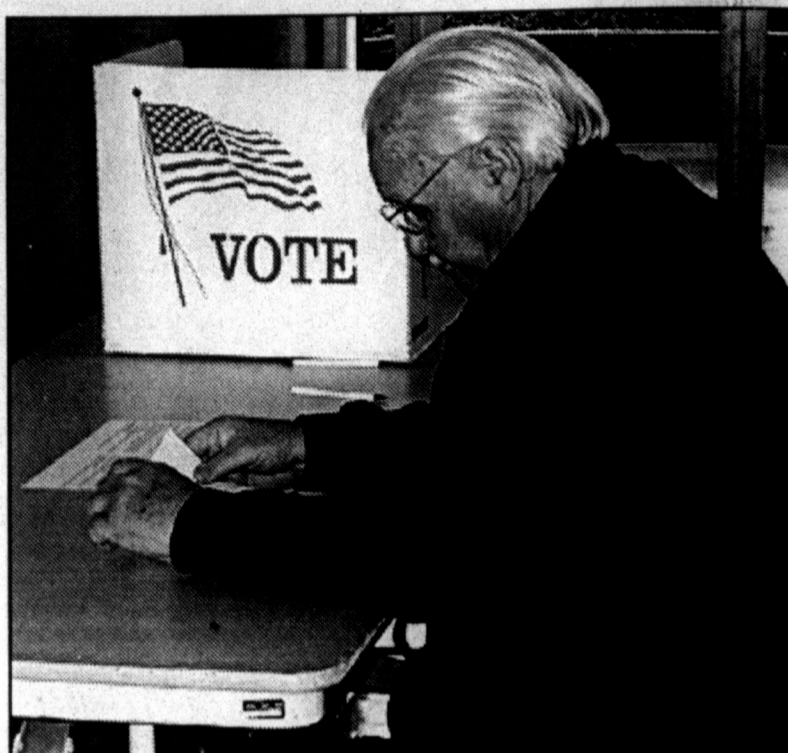
Neither has opposition in the primary but will be on the ballot.

The following GOP and Democratic precinct chairs face no opposition in the primaries and are considered duly declared appointed and will not appear on the ballot.

Democratic Party precinct chairs are Robert Cox, 046; Joan Merket Long, Precinct 4; and Bobby L. Lemons, Precinct 1.

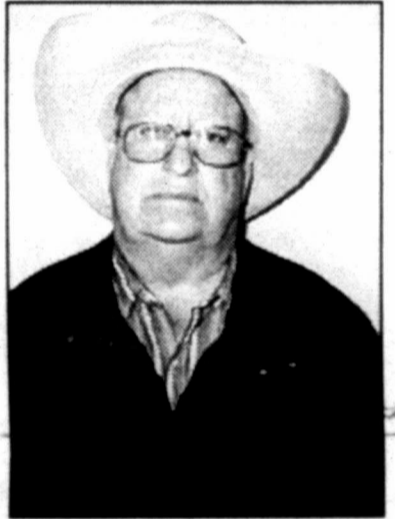
No one has filed for chairs in Precincts 2, 025 and 3. Those chairmen will be appointed.

GOP precinct chairs filing are Donald Smith, Precinct 1; Kenneth Kendall, Precinct 4; Frank Brownfield, 046; John W. Beckmeyer, 025; Leslie Scott, Precinct 3; and D'Dee Morris, Precinct 2.



JAMES HARDESTY OF LORAINE was among 29 Mitchell County voters casting ballots Monday, Feb. 23 -- the first day for early voting in the March 9 primary. Election Clerk Brenda Kelley said 21 voted in the Democratic primary and eight in the Republican primary. Early voting ends March 5 at the county courthouse.

Precinct 1 Democratic Candidates



Jug Rees

Why are you qualified to serve as county commissioner?

My work history includes six years with the Texas Highway Department where I learned to maintain roads as well as preparing budgets and keeping the books in the office.

I farmed for 28 years, working with budgets and employees. I retired from farming and will be a fulltime employee.

In past years, city and county officials have not always helped out each other. Do you see any problem with the city and county working together on a project beneficial to both entities?

No, I don't see a problem. When both parties sit down and talk it out and forget who is right or wrong, positive decisions can be made. Everybody has to work together for the good of Mitchell County.

The county jail is aging and is not meeting state jail compliances. The state jail commission will eventually order the county to build a new jail. Do you think it should be built large enough to house offenders from other counties?

Yes. When the population of Mitchell County grows, we will have room for our own inmates. Revenue from other counties will help pay for the jail.

Counties with a strong industrial tax base lessens the tax burden on property owners. What would you do to increase the industrial tax base in Mitchell County?

I would work with the other commissioners and entities to encourage industries to locate here. We need to let them know what we have going for us. The new hospital is a sign of growth, not of a dying town.

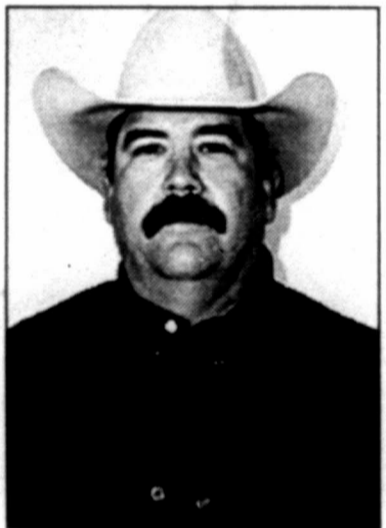
Do you think the county should allow its equipment and employees to be used for projects that benefit the county such as the parking lot construction at the new hospital?

If the county has the equip-

ment and employees that know the paving and construction business and can do the job cheaper than a contractor, yes. However, the county's needs are important also. So there has to be a balance. We need to maintain the county roads and occasionally assist other entities.

Small to mid-size West Texas communities are battling for economic development. Communities are buying economic development, offering companies thousands of dollars to locate in their town. How can we compete with them?

Mitchell County needs to advertise the quality of our schools, our new hospital, and our two lakes.



Brooks Wallis

Why are you qualified to serve as county commissioner?

Having owned and operated my own business for 25 years, I have acquired the knowledge and skills needed to prepare and adhere to budgets and manage the county's finances. I am also experienced in the areas of employee supervision, the operation and maintenance of equipment, and the construction and maintenance of roads.

In past years, city and county officials have not always helped out each other. Do you see any problem with the city and county working together on a project beneficial to both entities?

I believe cooperation between the city and the county on projects beneficial to both entities would be beneficial for the taxpayers as well as improving the morale of the whole community.

The county jail is aging and is not meeting state jail compliances. The state jail commission will eventually order the county to build a new jail. Do you think it should be built large enough to house offenders from other counties?

That is something that should be studied. We need to look at the revenue that could be received versus the cost of the larger jail and expenses associated with housing offenders from other counties.

Counties with a strong industrial tax base lessens the tax burden on property owners. What would you do to increase the industrial tax base in Mitchell County?

I would work with the Board of Economic Development to promote the industry that we have here in our county and to seek new industries wanting to locate in a small rural area.

Do you think the county should allow its equipment and employees to be used for projects that benefit the county such as the parking lot construction at the new hospital?

I do not believe that the county equipment and manpower should have been used on a project of this magnitude. Our county equipment is for, and the county employees are experienced in, road and bridge construction and maintenance, not site construction for multi-million dollar buildings.

The site preparation and building paid should have been done by a contractor with experience and expertise in this area.

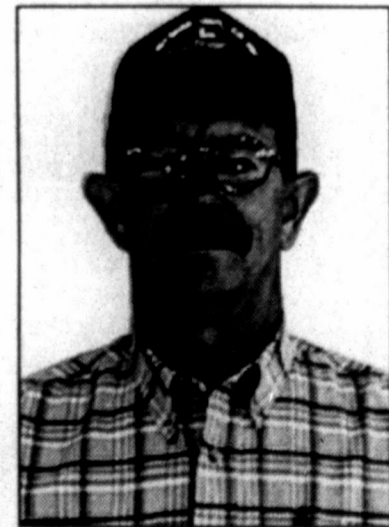
As for the county constructing just the parking lot, it is a double-edge sword. I do not believe the county should compete with area contractors, but I do believe we should save every tax dollar we can. For projects like the sports complex, I think it is good that the county can use its equipment and manpower to obligate its portion of the funds for the matching grants used to fund those types of projects.

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Location. Our community is centrally located between four major urban areas and on I-20.

Natural resources -- we have water.

Human resources -- we have great people.



Larry Don Watlington

Why are you qualified to serve as county commissioner?

I am honest, dedicated and

willing to serve. I have 31 years of successful financial planning experience. During that time, I have worked with large budgets, and staying on top of my operations. I have always been a hands-on employer to my employees. I am experienced in the operation and maintenance of heavy equipment. I would like to serve the people of Mitchell County.

In past years, city and county officials have not helped out each other. Do you see any problem with the city and county working together on a project beneficial to both entities?

Many of the residents in Precinct 1 live within the city limits. To be fair and serve all the taxpayers, I feel it is important for the city and the county to work together. As long as the projects are beneficial to all and everybody, I think the city and county need to work together.

The county jail is aging and is not meeting state jail compliances. The state jail commission will eventually order the county to build a new jail. Do you think it should be built large enough to house offenders from other counties?

I would say yes because if it comes to that housing out-of-county offenders would bring revenue and jobs into the county. I know that is going to be a big expense when that time comes, but I think we should look at what it costs in relation to housing our inmates somewhere else. I would presume it would be more beneficial, if we had to build a jail, to build one that would house out-of-county inmates.

Counties with a strong industrial tax base lessens the tax burden on property owners. What would you do to increase the industrial tax base in Mitchell County?

I would work with other commissioners and keep an open mind to ideas that are brought to the commissioners by the economic development board. We need to try to reduce our taxes, if we possibly can, so that industry will look at Mitchell County as an affordable place to locate. Being wise with our choices in soliciting prospective industry, that would help employ local residents as well as bring in new families to our community would help also. Every county needs economic growth and that's a big part of Mitchell County's future.

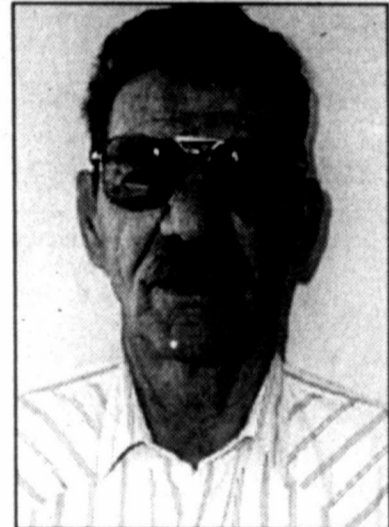
Do you think the county should allow its equipment and employees to be used for projects that benefit the county such as the parking lot construction at the new hospital?

Yes, I think we should if it is financially beneficial to the county and the city as long as we do not neglect our roads and right of ways in the county.

Small to mid-size West Texas communities are battling for economic development. Communities are buying economic development, offering companies thousands of dollars to locate in their town. How can we compete with them?

If your tax base does not allow, you cannot compete dollar for dollar with those other communities, but you can and must promote and enhance those resources we have to offer. Tax abatement are a good thing, but I believe they should only be temporary, for a short period of time. Once they get their business established, they should start paying their taxes like the rest of us.

Precinct 3 Democratic Candidates



Harrell Crawford

Why are you qualified to serve as county commissioner?

I have 20 years of financial and logistics with the U.S. Navy, and 19 years of dirt construction, and the operation and teaching of heavy equipment, and 30 years of supervising personnel.

In past years, city and county officials have not always helped out each other. Do you see any problem with the city and county working together on a project beneficial to both entities?

Only when it involves funds from different taxing entities. That could become a burden on the taxpayers. We are all in this boat together, so let's row together.

The county jail is aging and is not meeting state jail compliances. The state jail commission will eventually order the county to build a new jail. Do you think it should be built large enough to house offenders from other counties?

No. We are a small community and it would involve more than just housing additional offenders.

Counties with a strong industrial tax base lessens the tax burden on property owners. What would you do to in-

crease the industrial tax base in Mitchell County?

We are going to have to sell the idea to large companies. Mitchell County would be a profitable location for their business.

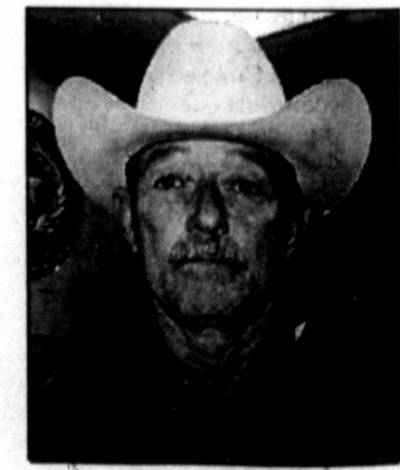
Do you think the county should allow its equipment and employees to be used for projects that benefit the county such as the parking lot construction at the new hospital?

Again, the county and the hospital are two separate taxing entities. We are going to pay twice for the hospital's parking lot. The county got in over its head when they didn't investigate how deeply they would become involved before they took on that responsibility. Our road and bridge crews are exactly that.

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We don't try to compete with the Joneses! We sell our town to companies by actually advertising what we have to offer such as the interstate, two U.S. highways, three utility companies, a hospital, schools, vacant properties, affordable housing, and a large work force.

Get together with the city and utilities, and offer the companies some kind of incentive to locate here such as tax abatement and utility rate adjustments.



Wendy Inman

Why are you qualified to serve as county commissioner?

I feel like I was qualified to serve as county commissioner because I had served on the Westbrook Independent School District board for six years, and I have served on the deacon board at First Baptist Church where we have to deal with money and problems that arise. Being county commissioner is a little bit larger position than the other two. It's normally not the same problems you contend with but they are just problems you contend and you do the best job you can to get them corrected. I seeking my third term as commissioner.

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CANDIDATES

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In past years, city and county officials have not always helped out each other. Do you see any problem with the city and county working together on a project beneficial to both entities?

The county in the past has helped with the city many times, especially Precinct 1 and Precinct 3. We have donated our services of our trucks and our hands to help with city clean-ups by hauling off material from alleys. I feel like we have helped more than most people know. I feel we will help the city any time we can ... any kind of clean up date ... and looking to see if we can help in other ways ... how we can cooperate with each other.

The county jail is aging and is not meeting state jail compliances. The state jail commission will eventually order the county to build a new jail, do you think it should be built large enough to house offenders from other counties?

If we don't meet the compliances of the state, I think eventually we are going to have to have a few facility, and hopefully, if it ever takes place, I would like to have a joint city and county facility as one. That would have to be worked who was in charge, but I would like to have it maybe a Mitchell County law enforcement center.

Counties with a strong industrial tax base lessens the tax burden on property owners. What would you do to increase the industrial tax base in Mitchell County?

I know the county needs some industry to come in, and we have not yet gotten any big industry to come to Mitchell County, but there is always that possibility that something will take place, and when it does, it will lessen the burden on the county taxpayers. That's what we are striving to do is try to lessen the burden on the county taxpayers, and hopefully with new businesses we can do that. We do our best at budget workshop to scrutinize department budgets and keep the tax base down the best we can.

Do you think the county should allow its equipment and employees to be used for projects that benefit the county such as the parking lot construction at the new hospital?

If it's feasible to where we can do this, I would encourage the use of county equipment and employees to help with benefits like the hospital and sports complex because they are vital, especially the hospital. In the near future, we have to look at each situation as it comes to see if it would be beneficial for the county.

Small to mid-size West Texas communities are battling for economic development. Communities are buying economic development, offering companies thousands of dollars to locate in their town.

How can we compete with them?

I am not real eager to buy economic development to come in. I don't particularly like to do that with county money, but if that is the only way to get new businesses to come in that is an alternative to go for. I would rather offer new businesses that want to come in a nice clean city and county to live in ... one that looks like has potential for growth. They could in turn maybe give them an abatement of sort to come in, but buying them is the least thing I want to do. I would rather give a tax abatement because that would eventually help down the road when a company would start paying taxes.

Precinct 3 Republican Candidates



George Hardegree

Why are you qualified to serve as county commissioner?

I am a graduate of Texas Tech University. I have served as chairman of the Mitchell County Fair, treasurer of the Westbrook Fire Department and president of the Area II Ag Science Teachers Association. I operate my own business, my wife owns her own business. That makes us qualified in that we handle budgets. We also have employees. Our budgets are nearly \$200,000 a year. You add a zero and it's \$2 million and that's pretty much the precinct budget. If that is what it takes to be a county commissioner, I can do that. I can visit with people and I can work with people.

In past years, city and county officials have not always helped out each other. Do you see any problem with the city and county working together on a project beneficial to both entities?

I think that all three city entities -- Colorado City, Westbrook and Loraine -- need to work together with the county. I think people in those cities are being double taxed for some services. There is a fine line there because each one wants to be as an individual, but the citizens of those three cities have those taxes from the cities applied to them which is basically a duplication of services. We have people in town paying for roads to be done out in the county and the county is not

really helping with the city. I think they have to work together better. I think the county needs to help the cities more. Sometimes I think they should share what they have and help each other out more.

The county jail is aging and is not meeting state jail compliances. The state jail commission will eventually order the county to build a new jail, do you think it should be built large enough to house offenders from other counties?

I think the jail is just like all the other things that we have in Mitchell County that we've had to upgrade ... the hospital and things like that. Yes, eventually we will probably have to build a new jail or we're going to be paying someone else to house our inmates. I think that if we do build one we need to be able to house a few extra to bring in that extra revenue. How much bigger? I will have to see what is most cost-effective for us. We're sending some to Dickens County now. We need an average of 16. Eventually they are going to tell us we are no longer in compliance for safety, or cell space. Eventually that is something the county will have to do is build a new jail.

Counties with a strong industrial tax base lessens the tax burden on property owners. What would you do to increase the industrial tax base in Mitchell County?

That's a question our Board of Economic Development would like to know the answer to because they have been working on it. I think economic development is something we are going to have to do. Looking at what Wal-Mart had to say, I wonder if we are in a state of metamorphosis, or if we're in the middle and pupating, or at the end of our life and we're dying. I hope we're pupating because if we're dying we are continuing to this trend and no one is going to come to us. We are going to have to turn it around, and hopefully go through a pupation stage, if you will, and emerge at the other side in more of butterfly state than dead state. We have business people coming in to hunt. They have some kind of companies that could bring dollars to town, and money from outside Mitchell County into Mitchell County. We have to attract people here and then the business will come here. To start that, we have to bring someone in who manufactures something, sells something, and the money for those goods comes back to our county.

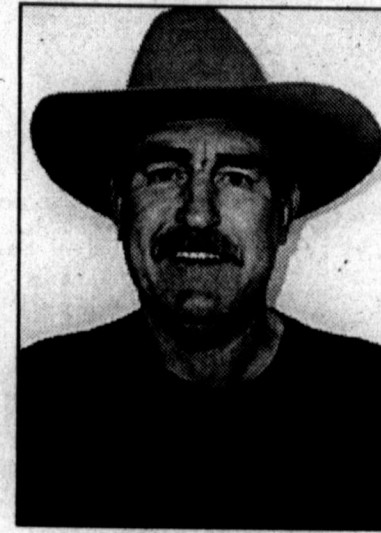
Do you think the county should allow its equipment and employees to be used for projects that benefit the county such as the parking lot construction at the new hospital?

We're all citizens of Mitchell County. It's tax dollars either way you look at it. When I initially heard the county was going to help with the hospital, I thought that would help lessen the burden that we're going to have to pay back to the hospital. Looking back at it now, I don't think it was such a good idea because of some of the problems they've run into. The parking lot is a different issue. I don't see that as being too much of a negative.

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Competing with them is touchy. I know there has been some surrounding towns who have paid a quarter of a million dollars to businesses only to find they have a big goose egg because the business never relocated or went bankrupt. I think if you can find a company that is willing to move in and they are financially sound, maybe we can give them some land. That seems what we have an abundance of. Maybe that would be the kind of incentive

we could use to attract people. I am not willing to give them money.



Larry Johnson

Why are you qualified to serve as county commissioner?

My work experience at Amoco Production Co. and service on the Mitchell County Hospital board have qualified me to be a county commissioner. I have 27 years service with Amoco, 16 of which was supervision of employees and construction projects. The most notable project was construction of a \$3 million gas plant between Big Lake and Garden City.

In May, I will have completed three years on the Mitchell County hospital board, and will have been chairman of the board for two years. Through my leadership, and an excellent board, and outstanding administration, we have reversed the downward trend the hospital has suffered and have created financial stability.

In past years, city and county officials have not

helped out each other. Do you see any problem with the city and county working together on a project beneficial to both entities?

The county and the city worked well together in acquiring Alco and the two prisons. I see no reason why such a working relationship cannot continue. It is very important to have all taxing entities working together to improve the quality of living in Mitchell County. Any conflicts between city and county have been personalities. I can work with personalities and I don't have any problem getting along with people.

The county jail is aging and is not meeting state jail compliances. The state jail commission will eventually order the county to build a new jail, do you think it should be built large enough to house offenders from other counties?

I would like to see a committee appointed to examine our current jail and determine future needs. Once the data is collected, I would present it to the public and let the citizens decide what they want. If a new jail is required, I would like to see much of the funding come from drug forfeiture money and lastly from a bond vote. In the event of a new jail, I would build it to hold our projected needs and house other county offenders until our needs fill the space.

Counties with a strong industrial tax base lessens the tax burden on property owners. What would you do to increase the industrial tax base in Mitchell County?

I would work with the Board of Economic Development to

try to lure new business to Mitchell County. However, I feel our best bet would be to help grow the businesses that are a solid part of our community now. Anybody currently doing business here, we need to help and expand their businesses.

Do you think the county should allow its equipment and employees to be used for projects that benefit the county such as the parking lot construction at the new hospital?

I think interlocal agreements which allow county equipment and employees to work on projects to benefit the county are good business. In the case of the county working at the new hospital, the hospital would not have been completed without the county's help. I don't see any problem with utilizing county equipment to help other entities as long as there is an interlocal agreement is signed and each entity compensated.

Small to mid-size West Texas communities are battling for economic development. Communities are buying economic development, offering companies thousands of dollars to locate in their town. How can we compete with them?

I feel we should continue to try to lure new businesses to our county. However, we must be very selective in the businesses in which we invest. There might be some businesses that would take our money and leave in a short time. We need to be very selective about those businesses. It's always good business to try to get new business into the county.

Please take the time to vote in the Democratic Primary!

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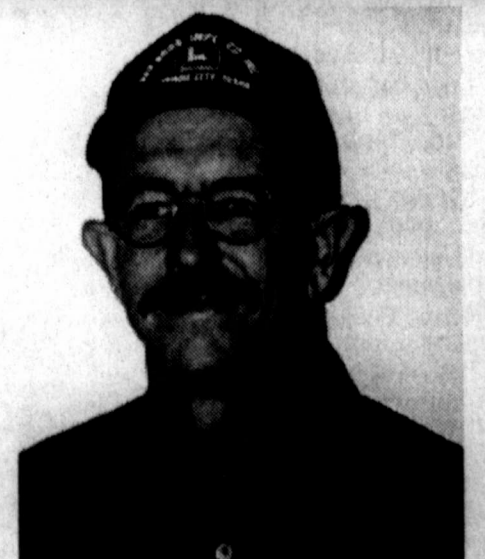
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Bob still works part-time. Ratliff's early days growing up in Colorado City were recalled, in addition to his serving in the military during World War II.

Former Chamber presidents Mac McKinnon (1976), Tandy Curlee (1965) and Marsha Jordan (1991) recalled instances and the flurry of activity occurring during their time in office.

Jordan also honored Sue Lowrance, Chamber's executive vice president, for her efforts in organizing the banquet.

Keith Hiser's visual presentation of Colorado City "Memories ... From Then ... Until Now" drew a round of applause, supporting comments by Jordan and Lowrance about community spirit, being a part of the city, and residents volunteering to participate in Chamber and other events.

Lowrance, who completed her first year as executive director in early February, introduced incoming and outgoing Chamber directors.

Outgoing directors are Sandra Williams, Tommy Meeks and Randy Anderson. New directors are J.V. Young, Martha Fricke and Earl Plagens.

Holdover directors Mike Bagwell and Marsha Moore.

Officers are Charles Rice, president; John Martinez, secretary; Edith Womack, first vice president; and Dobie Williams, treasurer.

Lowrance also recognized Chamber secretary Carla Hammond and longtime friend Emma Hopper of Snyder.

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from the church to the Colorado City Cemetery in fire trucks used by the respective department.

Colorado City's Unit 30 carried the casket draped with a U.S. flag. Guelker's bunker gear was motionless at the back of the truck.

Mitchell County paid its final respects to an individual whose contributions to the community were enormous.

During the eulogy, Tom Carlock, Donnie Phillips and Linda Mathis remembered Guelker's 100 percent effort, his dedication to his profession as an electrician, his service as fire chief, and as a loving father and husband to his family.

Phillips, Loraine's fire chief, said Guelker was "dedicated to his job, to the fire department, and to his family."

"He also believed in unity," Phillips said, recalling how Guelker helped erase an imaginary line once drawn across Interstate 20 by the three fire departments.

"No fire department was to cross that imaginary line," he said.

Phillips, Guelker and former Westbrook Fire Chief Steve Rollins were instrumental in eliminating that line.

"We put a stop to it," Phillips said. "Tommy and I considered there was just one fire department and that was a county department. That's what I remember about him the best. He is going to be missed."

Firefighter Rick Goodney said Guelker "always watched out for his guys. Firefighters and their safety came first. He thought of others before himself. He had our best interest in mind."

Carlock and Guelker were friends since childhood.

"Some of the things I will miss about him are his laugh, and his leadership in the fire department," said Carlock. "I will miss the look he gave when I agitated him."

"He will be my most unforgettable character."

"He was proud of his family," Mathis said. "Any time he talked about his wife and daughters it was with the highest degree of respect and pride."

"And as fire chief, he always respected his men and was proud of his department. He was a positive leader."

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Steven E. Mask, Colorado City to Stephanie Diane Miller, Colorado City, 2-13-04.

Larry Paul Raschke, Colorado City to Melissa Sue Courtney, Colorado City, 2-13-04.

Cory Kyschane Morris, Colorado City to Cristina Isabel Gutierrez, Colorado City, 2-10-04.

David Lee Moore, Colorado City to Leslee Diane Moore, Colorado City, 2-9-04.

David Lee Hanes, Snyder to Cynthia Renee Fritz, Snyder, 2-6-04.

Jeri Jean Casey, 40, THP, DWI-A, 2-13-04.

Marvin Ray King, 48, CCPD, parole violation, 2-13-04.

Paulette Ford Holladay, 51, THP, DWI-F, DWLI, 2-14-04.

Jaryd Whisenhunt, 17, CCPD, DOC, 2-15-04.

Joey Chapa, 27, MCSO, riot participation, 2-16-04.

Maria Rodriguez, 29, Tarrant Co., theft by check, 2-17-04.

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James Tollison, 27, MCSO-mtr. Randall Co., 2-18-04.

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Eric Wayne Grimes, 19, CCPD, sexual assault of a child, 2-19-04.

Mark Steven Angel, 38, THP, TBC-Warrant Co., IBC-Mitchell Co., 2-19-04.

Luis Antonio Boca, 34, MCSO, deadly conduct, court commital, 2-20-04.

Della Throna Ausbie, 39, CCPD, DOC language/PI, DPS warrant x1, 2-20-04.

Felipe Guerrero Hernandez, 50, MCSO, mtr.-DWI, 2-21-04.

David Iglesias, 29, MCSO, court commital-DWI-F, 2-20-04.

Mark P. Diaz, DWI, February 18, 2004, plea of guilty, \$1,000 fine, \$326 court costs, 90 days suspended/6 months, \$40 per month probation fees, driver's license is suspended for 90 days, 80 hours community service, DWI school.

Christopher Cole Chaney, Possession of Marijuana, February 18, 2004, plea of nolo contendere, \$750 fine, \$211 court costs, 90 days suspended/6 months, \$40 per month probation fees, 80 hours community service.

Tomas Jesus Aguilar, DWLI, February 18, 2004, plea of guilty, \$500 fine, \$211 court costs, 10 days suspended/6 months, \$25 per month probation fees, 80 hours community service.

Carlos Aguirre Dominguez aka Jose Carlos Dominguez, DWI (2nd), February 18, 2004, plea of guilty, \$1,384 fine, \$316 court costs, 6 days jail sentence.

Gerrardo Jerry Rodriguez, Harboring Runaway Child, February 20, 2004, plea of guilty, \$500 fine, \$271 court costs, 6 months suspended/12 months, \$40 per month probation fee, 80 hours community service.

Luis Antonio Boca, Deadly Conduct, February 20, 2004, plea of guilty, \$2,000 fine, \$226 court costs, 3 days jail sentence.

DISTRICT COURT ACTION

The State of Texas vs. Jennifer Jones, Deferred Sentence Order, guilty, probation 3 years, \$500 fine, \$400 attorney fees, \$288 court costs, 2-12-04.

The State of Texas vs. Jennifer Jones, Court-Appointed Counsel's Request for Base Compensation, 2-12-04.

The State of Texas vs. Welvin Rashad Ross, Judgment on Plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere Before Court Waiver of Jury Trial, guilty, 2 years confinement in State Jail division of TDCJ, 2 years probated, \$750 fine, \$400 attorney fees, \$140 restitution, \$288 court costs, 2-12-04.

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The State of Texas vs. Kerry Jon Aitchison, Order on Defendant's Application for Determination of Indigency & Request for Court-Appointed Counsel, 2-5-04.

The State of Texas vs. Timothy Arocha, Judgment on Plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere Before Court Waiver of Jury Trial, guilty, 4 years confinement in TDCJ-ID, probated 4 years, \$800 fine, \$288 court costs, 2-20-04.

The State of Texas vs. Mary Espinoza Guerrero, Deferred Sentence Order, guilty, 2 years probation, \$288 court costs, 2-20-04.

The State of Texas vs. David Iglesias, Judgment on Plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere Before Court Waiver of Jury Trial, 5-years confinement in TDCJ-ID, probated 5 years, \$1200 fine, \$288 court costs, \$400 attorney fees, 10 days mandatory jail time and suspension of license for one year, 160 hours community service, 2-20-04.

The State of Texas vs. David Iglesias, Court-Appointed Counsel's Request for Base Compensation, 2-20-04.

The State of Texas vs. John H. Preston, Judgment on Plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere Before Court Waiver of Jury Trial, guilty, 12 years in TDCJ-ID, \$500 fine, \$288 court costs, \$400 attorney fees, 2-20-04.

The State of Texas vs. John H. Preston, Court-Appointed Counsel's Request for Base Compensation, 2-20-04.

The State of Texas vs. Rene Ramos, Motion to Dismiss, 2-20-04.

The State of Texas vs. Ruben Armas, Motion to Dismiss, 2-20-04.

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at a stop sign.

City Attorney Jeanie Fuller said that by McNeal pleading not guilty, he waived a jury trial, instead choosing a bench trial where he will appear before Blessingame.

Fuller said that McNeal will appear in court pro se, or represent himself at the hearing.

Fuller said McNeal will be offered a plea agreement at the pre-trial hearing.

"The standard plea offer for people who have been accused of violating ordinances is, that we usually give them a period of time to clean up," Fuller said. "If they clean up, we dismiss the case."

McNeal has been mailed four letters asking him to clean up his properties at 704 East 7th St. and 720 East 7th St.

A Collection of Antique Motorcycles

By Tumbleweed Smith



Jim Watson of Fredericksburg has some real treasures in a building behind his garage: some old motorized two-wheelers with brand names I didn't know existed. They're all road worthy. Jim has gathered and restored all of them over a long period of time. He got his first one while he was in college.

He has three BMW's (two from the 1960's) which he doesn't include in his collection. Those are for running around the country. One has more than 100,000 miles on it. Another has 80,000 miles. Jim likes to ride. One has a sidecar on it. He uses that to run local errands.

He lists the items in his collection: "I have two Indian motorcycles, one a 1918 Power Plus that I've had since 1968, the other one is a 1948 Indian Chief, which I've only had about three years. There's also a 1927 Harley Davidson and a 1912 Pierce (which he worked on during his 26 years as a petroleum chemist). That's by far the rarest motorcycle I have. It was made by the same people who made the Pierce motor cars in Buffalo, New York back in the 20's and 30's but they only built motorcycles 4 years, from 1909 to 1913. There's probably less than a dozen of those in existence worldwide. Finally, I've got a 1922 Cleveland, a brand that was built in Cleveland, Ohio from the mid-teens until about 1924. Today it seems like everybody has a Harley Davidson. That company is over a hundred years old now. Indian was the largest manufacturer up to and through the first world war. They were made in Springfield, Massachusetts. The last Indians were made in 1953. Most of the other brands of motorcycles went out prior to the great depression of the late 20's. There had been more than 200 manufacturers of motorcycles in the U.S. I used to have a 1928 Henderson, but I sold that."

The first motorcycle was made of wood, built by Daimler-Benz in 1885. Indian came into existence in 1901. Harley Davidson started in 1903. By 1910, Indian, Harley and Excelsior and others were selling in the tens of thousands a year. In the early days, motorcycles were transportation. They were not sport vehicles. Henry Ford diminished the use of motorcycles. In the early 1900's you could buy a Model T cheaper than you could buy an Indian.

The headlight on his 1918 Indian looks like a train light. It's actually an acetylene lighting system. Both the headlight and tail light are lighted with a match. At the time, the lighting system was optional.

Swap meets are good places to find parts. The biggest motorcycle swap shop is in Davenport, Iowa over Labor Day.

Jim started riding motorcycles when he sold his 57 Chevy to pay college fees. He had some change left and he bought an old Italian scooter from a guy in the dorm. He's had some sort of motorcycle ever since. He says they tend to accumulate. His cycles are beautiful and attract attention when he rides them.

A sign on his wall reads: *Why spend a reasonable amount of money on a new motorcycle when you could spend an unreasonable amount on a used one.*

Jim calls his hobby an addiction. "These old things have intrinsic value. I think we have an obligation to try to preserve some of this stuff for posterity."

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POLICE REPORT

OFFENSES

- On Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at about 2:51 p.m. Del Bert Ostrander, 17 year-old male, 1804 Chestnut Street was arrested at the Police Station for a Mitchell County warrant charging him with Truancy. He was released to JP Haltom. Arresting Officer: Torres
- On Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at about 4:15 p.m. Travis Green, 50 year-old male, 1107 Nicalosa Street was arrested at Concho and Central Streets for Driving While Intoxicated. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Mitchell
- On Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at about 10:56 a.m. Justin Tovar, 17 year-old male, 109 W. 9th Street reports Assault. The offense occurred at Colorado High School. Tovar identified his assailant. This case will be referred to Municipal Court for consideration of prosecution. Investigating Officer: Torres
- On Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at about 3:00 p.m. Pete Orona, 44 year-old male, 806 Locust Street reports Burglary of Habitation. Sometime Friday, February 13, 2004 person(s) entered his house and stole an electric guitar, an air compressor, a yellow grinder and mechanics tools contained in a blue toolbox. Estimated Loss: \$1,600.00. Suspects have been identified and the investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Torres, Taylor and Allen
- On Wednesday, February 18, 2004 Jay Ermis, 53 year-old male, CR 248 reports Assault by Threat. The date of the offense is Tuesday, February 10, 2004 occurring at the C. C. Thompson room. Ermis identified his assailant. This case will be referred to Municipal Court for consideration of prosecution. Investigating Officer: Mitchell
- On Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at about 7:30 p.m. Officer Allen found a passenger car's Texas license plate at 7th and Chestnut Streets. The item was returned to its owner on February 20, 2004.
- On Wednesday, February 18, 2004 at about 9:30 p.m. Daniel Hatter, 18 year-old male, 1735 Vine Street was arrested in the 1700 block of Vine Street for Public Intoxication following a report of a disturbance at 18th and Vine Streets. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Mitchell
- On Thursday, February 19, 2004 at about 8:25 a.m. Bill Muncrief, 904 E. 18th Street reports Theft. A battery was stolen from his green and white 1978 Ford pickup that was parked at his business at 1713 Westpoint Avenue. Estimated Loss: \$70.00. Investigating Officer: Torres
- On Thursday, February 19, 2004 at about 10:46 a.m. Eric Wayne Grimes, 19 year-old male, 437 E. 15th Street was arrested at the Police Station for Sexual Assault of a Child. The victim is a 15 year-old female of Colorado City. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Torres
- On Thursday, February 19, 2004 at about 3:00 p.m., Jennifer Ruiz, CR 214, reports Burglary of Vehicle. Her cell phone, a silver Kyocera, was stolen from her white 1994 Ford pickup while parked in the 700 block of Pine Street the night before. Estimated Loss: \$146.00. Investigating Officer: Torres
- On Friday, February 20, 2004 at about 9:00 a.m. Norman McNeese, 52 year-old male, LCR 317 reports Assault by Threat. McNeese reports that a male juvenile student threatened him at the AEP facility located in the 1100 block of Hickory Street. This case will be referred to Municipal Court for consideration of prosecution. Investigating Officer: Torres
- On Friday, February 20, 2004 at about 7:48 p.m. Alice Lopez, 43 year-old female, 849 E. 9th Street reports Burglary of Habitation. Lopez reported that she was away from her home for about an hour. When she returned she discovered that person(s) unknown had entered her house and stolen a Sony DVD player, an Audiovox 3 disc CD player and an assortment of music CDs. Estimated Loss: \$300.00. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Perez
- On Friday, February 20, 2004 at about 9:52 p.m. Della Ausbie, 39 year-old female, 124 College Circle was arrested at "Big Mama's" in the 100 block of South Austin for Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct and a warrant from DPS Grayson County for a traffic offense. She was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez
- On Friday, February 20, 2004 at about 11:11 p.m. Officer Allen discovered indications of a burglary in progress at 139 W. 2nd Street. A business door was open and several items were stacked outside the business. No one was located inside the building. The property was recovered for safekeeping. On Monday, February 23, 2004 the property was returned to the owner, Gary Harkins, LCR 256. Investigation is continuing.
- On Saturday, February 21, 2004 at about 5:45 p.m. Della Ausbie, 39 year-old female, 124 College Circle reports Assault. The assault is reported to have occurred on February 20, 2004 at "Big Mama's" in the 100 block of South Austin Street. Ausbie identified her assailant. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Dill
- On Sunday, February 22, 2004 at about 3:00 a.m. Misty Rich, 22 year-old female, 2330 N. Hwy 208 reports Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. Sometime during the nighttime a person that she knows took her white 2000 Chevrolet pickup without her permission. She saw the person and vehicle driving past the Colorado City Apartments and waved the person down. When Officer Allen arrived he observed Rich struggling with the other person. The suspect then fled on foot. The suspect has been identified and investigation is continuing.
- On Sunday, February 22, 2004 at about 6:15 p.m. Fuller Foods turned in found contraband - a baggy of marijuana that was found discarded in the store. The contraband will be held for destruction. Reporting Officer: Dill

ACCIDENTS

- On Tuesday, February 17, 2004 at about 3:50 p.m. a collision occurred at Central and Concho Streets. A yellow 1995 Ford School Bus belonging to Colorado Independent School District driven by Jackie Corbell, 67 year-old male, 883 E. 13th Street was westbound on Central Street. The bus failed to yield right of way from a stop sign and entered the intersection. A white 1985 Chevrolet 4-door driven by Travis Green, 50 year-old male, 1107 Nicalosa Street was southbound on Concho Street. The vehicles collided in the intersection. There were no injuries to anyone on the bus. The bus had six students aboard. Mr Green reported a possible injury. The bus was driven from the scene but the Chevrolet had to be towed due to damage. Investigating Officer: Mitchell

Golden algae cell counts climb in lake

The golden algae's toxicity has increased in Lake Colorado City, but the current fish kill may be limited to Cherry and Morgan creeks.

Brian Van Zee, district supervisor for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in San Angelo, said water samples taken Thursday, Feb. 19, showed a cell count of 36,000 cells per milliliter.

Van Zee said the count is an increase from the Jan. 22 water sample when the cell count was 11,000 cells per milliliter and the algae was moderately toxic.

Van Zee said an increase in cell count densities "almost assures the algae will become toxic," but he also has seen toxic water with the cell count ranging from 7,000 to 10,000 cells per milliliter.

The Feb. 19 sample was taken at the state park's boat ramp.

The cell count in February 2003 was 298,000.

Van Zee said that considering the size of Lake Colorado City, the golden algae could be distributed throughout the lake, but "at the same time we are hoping fish can find places to escape the toxic water and hide. Fish will avoid the toxic water."

Van Zee said dead fish, mostly carp and shad, have been spotted along the Cherry and Morgan creek shorelines.

A 15- to 20-pound channel catfish stock last year was also seen in the northern part.

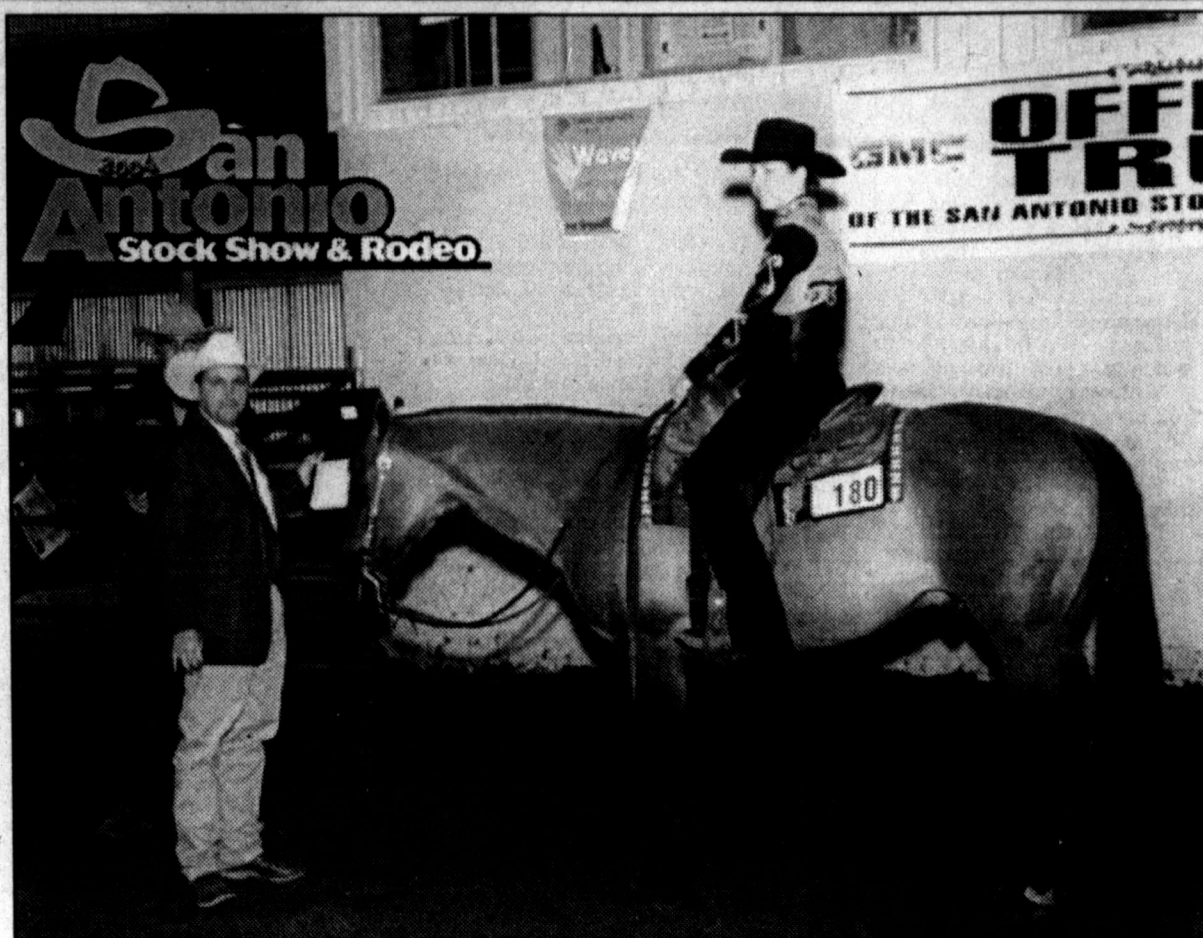
Van Zee said the golden algae is "never completely gone, but we were hoping we could get through this year without another fish kill."

He said the TPWD still plans to stock blue gills, channel catfish, crappie and largemouth bass in 2004, depending on the toxicity level.

The TPWD also plans to conduct gill net surveys in March and April to check the fishery population.

The lake is one of 23 state-wide affected by the golden algae, including E.V. Spence.

Park Superintendent Tracy Ferguson said, "We haven't seen any dead fish around the park on the south end of the lake. Cell counts are still lower than last year."




THE WINNER OF THE SAN ANTONIO QUARTER HORSE SHOW Reserve High Point Youth Scholarship was Kelly Morris aboard a horse named Ima Bar Seeker. Kelly and Ima Bar Seeker participated in the Youth Showmanship at Halter, Youth Western Riding, Youth Western Horsemanship and Youth Trails. Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Morris of Colorado City. Kelly will receive a \$6,000 scholarship from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc. Kelly is currently enrolled in Colorado High School and will graduate in 2007. She is also a member of the Mitchell County 4-H under the direction of John Senter.

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SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Kelley, Hutchinson and Middle School Breakfast Menu March 1-5

Monday - Dry cereal w/toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Breakfast burritos, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Breadsticks, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Breakfast taco, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Sausage w/toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Kelley and Hutchinson Lunch Menu March 1-5

Monday - Wolf burger on a bun, french fries, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Potato and egg burrito, spicy pintos, Spanish rice, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, sweet peas, garlic toast, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Ham n cheese sandwich, potato chips, pickle spears, cookie, apple, choice of milk.
Friday - Macaroni n cheese, glazed carrots, green beans, Texas toast, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD High School Breakfast Menu March 1-5

Monday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, waffles, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Assorted dry cereal w/biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Middle and High School Lunch Menu March 1-5

Monday - Taco salad, pizza, french fries, green beans, pineapple tidbits, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Chef salad w/ham, spaghetti w/meat sauce, golden corn, garlic toast, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Chef salad w/chicken, chicken pot pie, mashed

potatoes, tossed salad, hot roll, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - Baked potato w/trimmings, frito pie, tossed salad, refried beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - Garden salad, Wolf burger, french fries, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu March 1-5

Monday - Cereal, toast, fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Honey bun, toast, juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Cheese toast, bacon, fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Pizza, juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Scrambled eggs, biscuit, hash browns, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu March 1-5

Monday - Burrito, cheese, onion rings, salad dressing, ketchup, peaches, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Turkey pie, sliced potatoes, bread sticks, jello salad, cookies, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Tacos, cheese, beans, salad, salsa, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

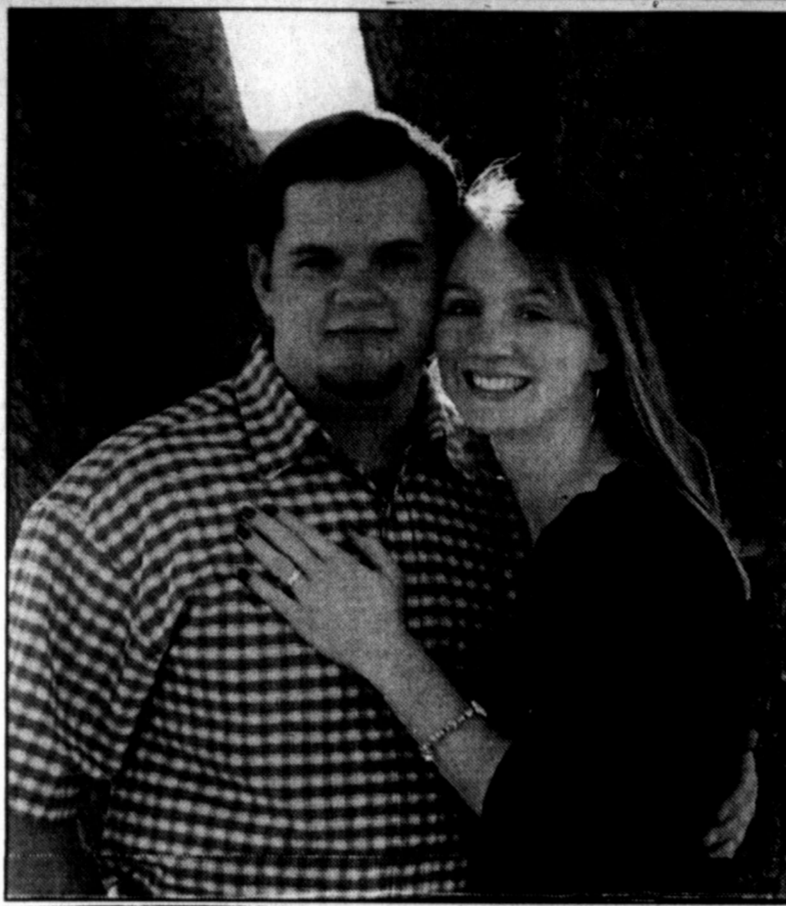
Thursday - Pork chop, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, pears, choice of milk.
Friday - Cheese pizza, salad, dressing, corn, push-ups, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu March 1-5

Monday - Sausage, bacon, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - Oatmeal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - Dry cereal, toast, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday - Pancake pups, syrup, fruit juice, milk.
Friday - Sausage, bacon, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu March 1-5

Monday - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, go-gurt, milk.
Tuesday - Pizza, vegetable salad, pineapple chunks, milk.
Wednesday - Green enchiladas, beans, salad, frozen peaches, cornbread, milk.
Thursday - Hamburgers, french fries, vegetable salad, jello, milk.
Friday - Fish sticks, tartar sauce, black-eyed peas, scalloped potatoes, carrot sticks, brownies, milk.



Lorin Wolf and Kay Lee Stubblefield

Stubblefield, Wolf to exchange vows

Kay Lee Stubblefield of Colorado City and Lorin Wolf of Coahoma will exchange marriage vows at 6 p.m., April 24, 2004 at First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Melody Stubblefield, and the granddaughter of Ira and Jean Edwards, Ernestine O'Dell and the late C.N. Stubblefield all of Colorado City. Special friend grandparents are Wayne and Lenetta DuBose of Colorado City.

Memorial for Powell set by club

On Friday, March 5 at 11:30 a.m., Colorado City Garden Club will host a memorial dedication for Gay Powell, longtime member, who passed away March 2002. Steve Birdwell, former Vicar of All Saints Episcopal Church, will officiate.

Memorials were given in honor of Gay to the Garden Club Crepe Myrtle Society. Club members worked on projects to raise money for a beautification project at the cemetery. A memorial stone, placed at one of the trees, is being dedicated to Gay.

Friends are invited to attend. Memorials in honor or memory of your loved ones may be given to Colorado City Garden Club.

Thompson on TWU dean's list

Texas Woman's University has released its dean's list for the spring 2003 semester. Jessica Thompson, of Colorado City, majoring in nursing, made the list.

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Memorial gifts help Mitchell Co. Library

Many people help support the Mitchell County Public Library by giving memorial gifts in memory of family or friends. Money given to the library is normally used for the purchase of books. Donating money for a book is a way of giving a lasting memorial. A small plaque is placed in the front of the book, which tells whom the book was given in memory of as well as the name of the donor.

Some of the memorials that have been received in the last few months include those given in memory of Margaret Lipps. Books chosen for Ms. Lipps include the 2004 *Taste of Home Annual Recipe Cookbook*. This book has many delicious recipes for home type cooking. *Good and Mad* by Jane Middleton-Moz is a practical, fun guide that offers effective strategies for transforming problem anger into an empowering tool for clarity and communication.

The Dumbest Moments in Business History by Adam Horowitz was given in memory of W.J. Camp. This humorous book is about useless products, ruinous deals, clueless bosses and other signs of unintelligent life in the workplace.

Texas Parks and Campgrounds by George Oxford Miller was donated in memory of Dual Oren Blair and Tharon Henderson. This guidebook for outdoor recreation provides a quick and easy way to determine the extent of the amenities provided at each Texas park or campground.

High Calling by Evelyn Husband tells of the coura-

geous life and faith of her husband, space shuttle Columbia commander Rick Husband. This book was given in memory of Roy Lee Beach.

Night Whispers by Judith McNaught and *Justice* by Dana Fuller Ross are large print books. The larger print is wonderful for someone who doesn't see well or for anyone who prefers a larger size print. *DW: A Lifetime Going Around in Circles* by Darrell Waltrip is about his life as a *Nascar* driver as well as the story of *Nascar*. These books were given in memory of Darrell Shurtleff.

Chad Lindsey had a book called *Steer Wrestling* by Josepha Sherman placed in the library in his memory. This children's book explores steer wrestling, steer roping and rodeos.

Other memorials have also been received in honor of Mary Pate Sims, Faye Coon Dorn, Jean May Morris, Benita Olivas, Kathy Walker, Mearl Currie, Billy Emerson, Tharon Henderson, Cecile McDonald, Fred Rathjen, Karen White and Josie Feaster.

The library also accepts donations in honor of people. This is an excellent way to let someone know that you are thinking about them, that you appreciate them, or you want to honor them for some accomplishment in their life. A donation honoring Gwen Wisstrand was recently received. The book chosen to honor Ms. Wisstrand was *High Country* by Nevada Barr, which is a new mystery.

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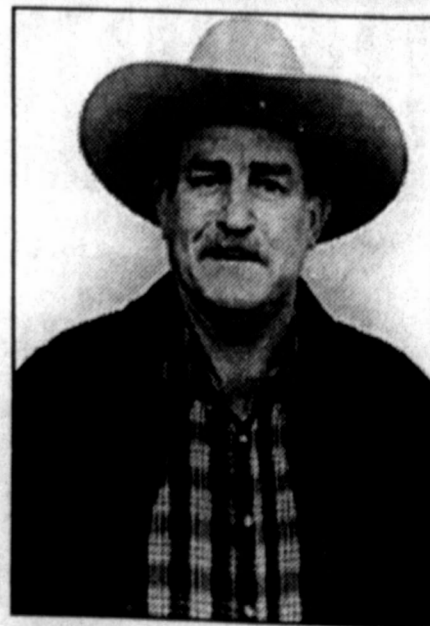
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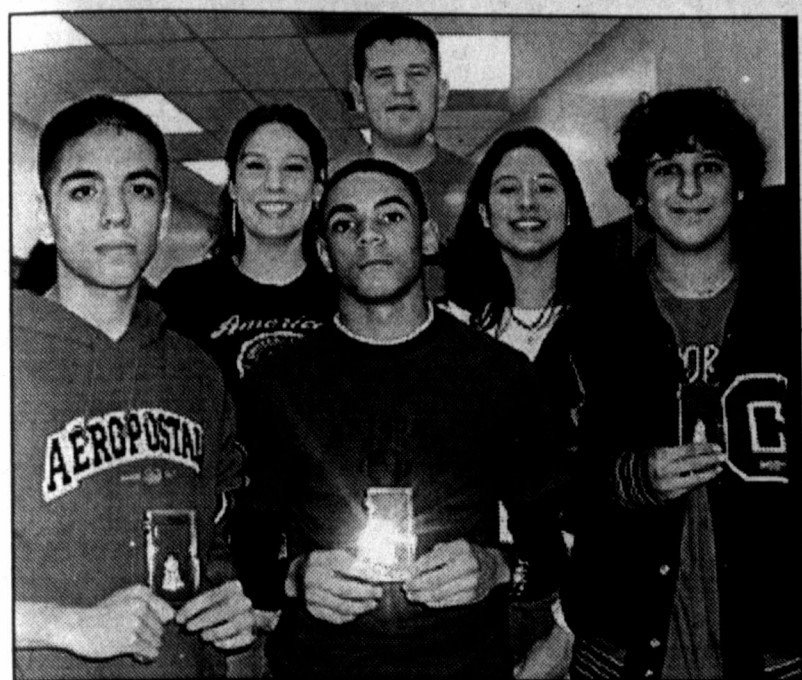
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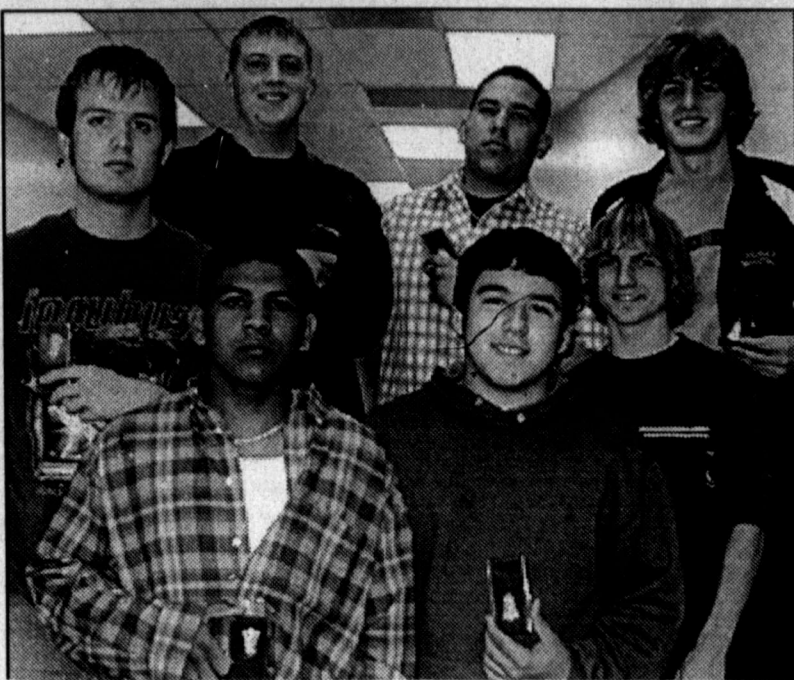
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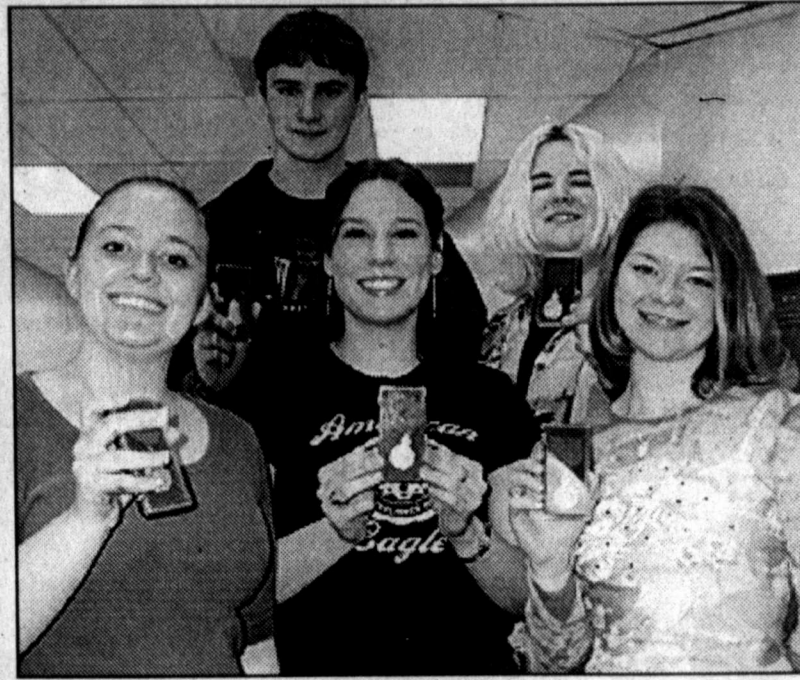
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TWO CHS SAXOPHONE quartets are advancing to the state UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest May 31 in San Marcos. Six of the eight members are, top, Michael Chambers; left to right are Cody Avalos, Joni Clay, Hann Ollison, Diana Bueno and Stuart Ponko. Not pictured are Wesley Callaway and Logan Boyd.



SEVEN MEMBERS OF two CHS brass quartets (trombone and tuba) earning Division I ratings in the Region 2 contest are, top, left to right, Caleb Merket, Jon Haralson, Ivan Rodriguez and Evans Jones; bottom, left to right, Michael Davila, Bradley Gandy and Dustin Wylie. Not pictured is Angel Sosa.



FIVE COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL band members earned Division I ratings in solo competition at the Region 2 UIL contest in Abilene on Saturday, Feb. 21. Left to right are Kimberly Bell, Carl Ramsey, Joni Clay, Kimberly Bell and Megan Drummond.

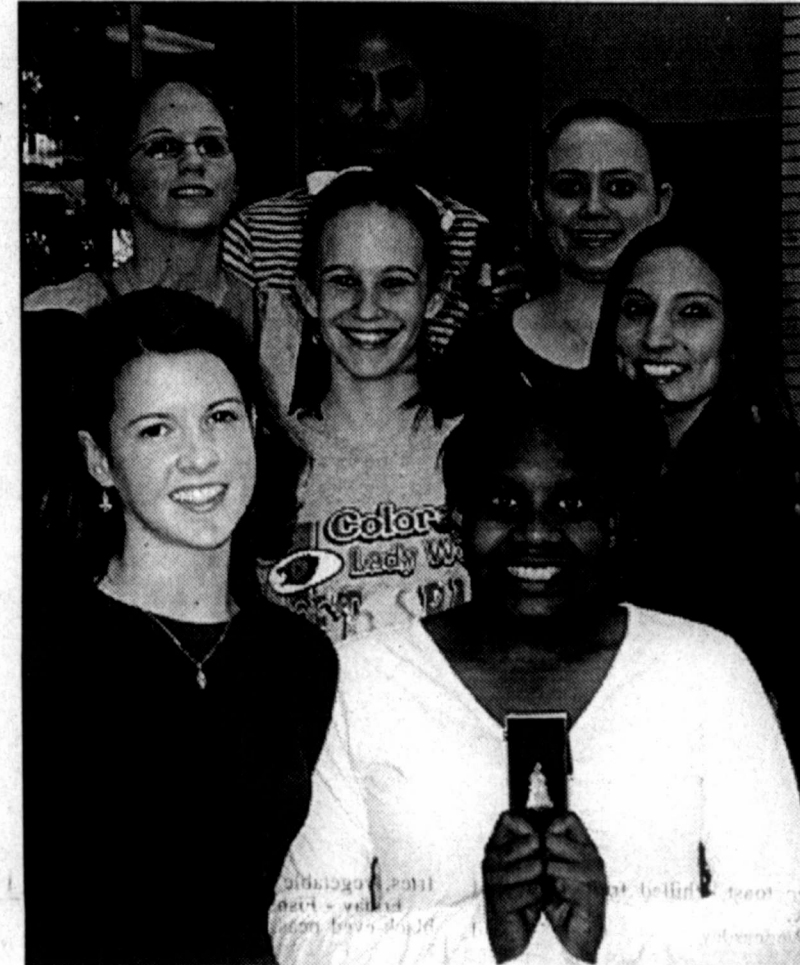
Band members headed to state contest

Thirty-seven members of the Colorado High School band are advancing to the state UIL solo and ensemble contest May 31. The 37 were among 47 CHS band members competing in the Region 2 solo and ensemble contest Feb. 21 at Abilene High School. The other 10 finished with Division II ratings. The 37 earned Division I ratings to earn a trip to the state event at Texas State University at San Marcos. A Division I rating is required to receive a gold medal at state. A Division II rating in the solo category will earn a silver medal. In 2002, 41 CHS band members advanced to state in the solo and ensemble contest.

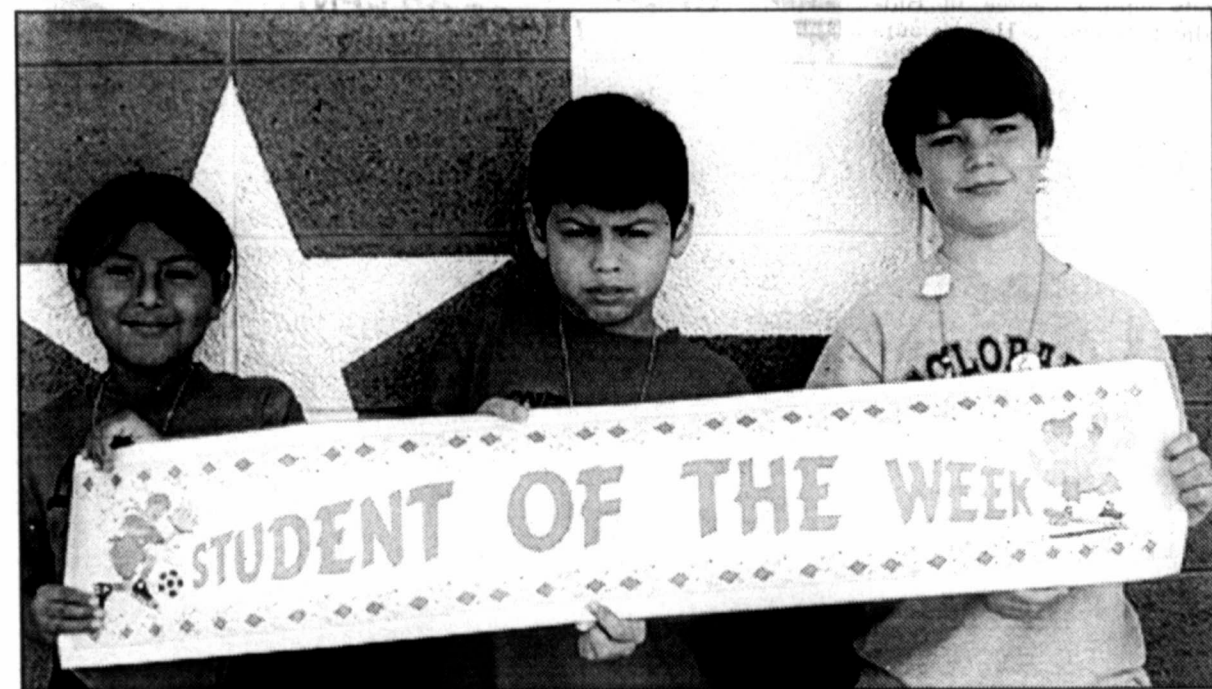
CHS band director Jeremy Ross expected fewer musicians to advance to state this year because of a change in the date of the band's concert and sight-reading contest. "I anticipated it to be much less than last year when we took 41 students," Ross said. "Region 2 moved our concert and sight-reading contest from the middle of April to March 4. "So, we've had to use the time between Christmas and now on that particular contest since it involves everybody." Ross said the solo and ensemble contest is "an individual contest. In the past, we have been able to give them some class time to work on that during the week. This time they

have been on their own before or after school. "They've shown great resolve and risen to the challenge with that. I didn't think we would have that many advance." Five CHS twirlers also advance to state in solo and ensemble competition. They are Sagan Everett, Julianne Thompson, Krisha Arispe, Kirby Matlock and Kassie Owens. Ross said that since the concert and sight-reading contest is "so early we're going to have more time to prepare them for the state contest." CHS students earning Division I ratings at region were:

- SOLO**
Kimberly Barr, piccolo; Megan Drummond, flute; Joni Clay, piano; Carl Ramsey, music theory; Kimberly Bell, baritone saxophone.
- ENSEMBLE**
Flute quartet -- "Pavane" -- Sara Warren, Virginia Tovar, Megan Tolle, Kinsey Kirchner; flute quartet -- "Pavane" -- Donnica Fowler, Kimberly Barr, Lori Davila, Bianca Godina.
Clarinet quartet -- "American Sketches" -- Calli Haltom, Tommie Bocanegra, April Fox, Terah Lelek; tuba quartet -- "Promenade" -- Dustin Wylie, Ivan Rodriguez, Angel Sosa, Evan Jones, Kassie Owens.
Saxophone quartet -- "Prelude and Fugue" -- Joni Clay, Diana Bueno, Wesley Callaway, Hann Ollison; saxophone quartet -- "Sinfonia 3" -- Michael Chambers, Stuart Ponko, Cody Avalos, Logan Boyd.
Trombone quartet -- "Suite for Trombones" -- Caleb Merket, Jon Haralson, Michael Davila, Bradley Gandy.



TWO FLUTE QUARTETS qualified for state UIL competition by earning Division I ratings in Region 2 contest. Seven of the members are Lori Davila, top; middle, Kinsey Kirchner, Sara Warren and Kim Barr; bottom, Megan Tolle, left, and Donnica Fowler. Not pictured is Bianca Godina.



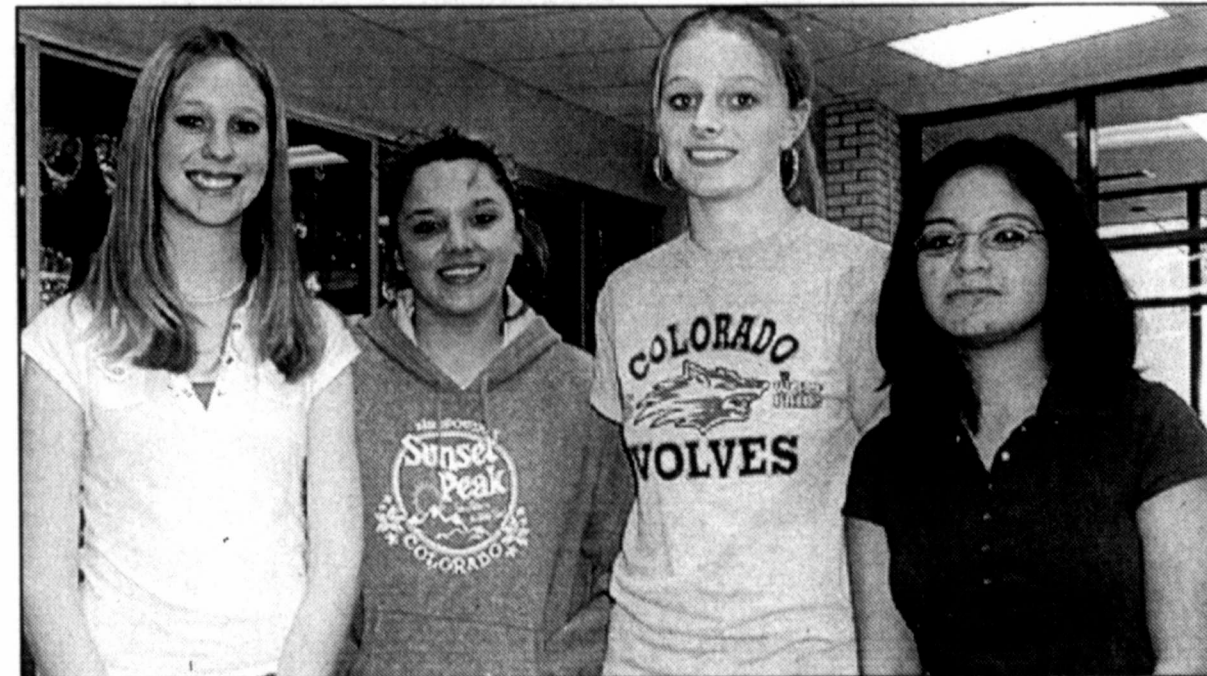
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary School are, left to right, Hope Sanchez, third-grade; Aaron Mendoza, fourth-grade; and Kyler Free, fifth-grade.

Hutchinson students of week named

Students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Hope Sanchez, Aaron Mendoza, and Kyler Free. Hope is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. Her parents are Sandy and David Sanchez. She has a pet dog named Little Bear. Her favorite subject is Language and her favorite thing about Hutchinson is PE and Music. Aaron is a fourth grader in

Mrs. Godina's class. His mother is Melba Mendoza. He likes to play video games and ride his bike. His favorite subject is PE and his favorite thing about Hutchinson is lunchtime with friends. Kyler is a fifth grader in Mrs. Dea's class. His parents are Scott and Robie Free. He has a pet named Air Soft. His favorite subject is cars and his favorite thing about Hutchin-

son is PE and the teachers. A student from each grade level is chosen weekly as the student of the week, and a picture is placed in the newspaper. The student is chosen based on criteria established by the teachers. The student receives a "dog tag" necklace imprinted with Student of the Week, Hutchinson Elementary. The tags are donated by City National Bank.



THE CLARINET QUARTET of, left to right, Terah Lelek, Calli Haltom, April Fox and Tommie Bocanegra earned a Division I rating in the Region 2 UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest in Abilene and advance to state May 31 in San Marcos.

LISD honor roll is released

- Loraine ISD has released the honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of the 2003-2004 school year.
- A Honor Roll**
First grade - Matthew Davila, Madeline Gibson, Bailee Young.
Second grade - Laura Clements, Shelby Higgins.
Sixth grade - Megan Oliver.
Seventh grade - Felicia Gibson.
Tenth grade - Heaven McGrauel, Lucy Rico.
Eleventh grade - Anthony Esquivel.
Twelfth grade - George Davila, Stephanie Rich, Amanda Walker.

- A-B Honor Roll**
First grade - Katie Barrera, Benjamin Clements.
Second grade - Timothy Garza, Mark Sanchez, Lindsey Teran, Scotty Bailey, Colton Chavez.
Third grade - Kacey Neeley, Kylie Jaimes, Cassandra Martinez.
Fourth grade - Shannon Clements, Catelyn Johnston, Brandon Gibson, Dehvan Neeley, Celia Rico.
Fifth grade - Alicia Hernandez.
Sixth grade - Erica Medina, Cassandra Jimenez.
Seventh grade - Seth Clements, Candace Aguilar, Ector Lopez.

- Eighth grade** - Kenny Esquivel, Sean Vasquez, Donta Smith.
Ninth grade - Annette Davila, Miguel Acevedo, Jose Carrillo.
Tenth grade - Maral Ilysova, Gloria Rodriguez, Michael Walker, Michael Sanchez.
Eleventh grade - Krystal Sanchez, Ashley Smith, Amanda Aguilar, Nathan Clements, Eliza Garcia, April Bailey, Steven Wooddell, Andrea McMath.
Twelfth grade - Elias Martinez, Tabatha Epperson, Ryan Lucas, Eliza Martinez, Ascencion Vidal, Elaine Gutierrez, Johnny Jimenez, Gene Messick, D.J. Vanderpool.

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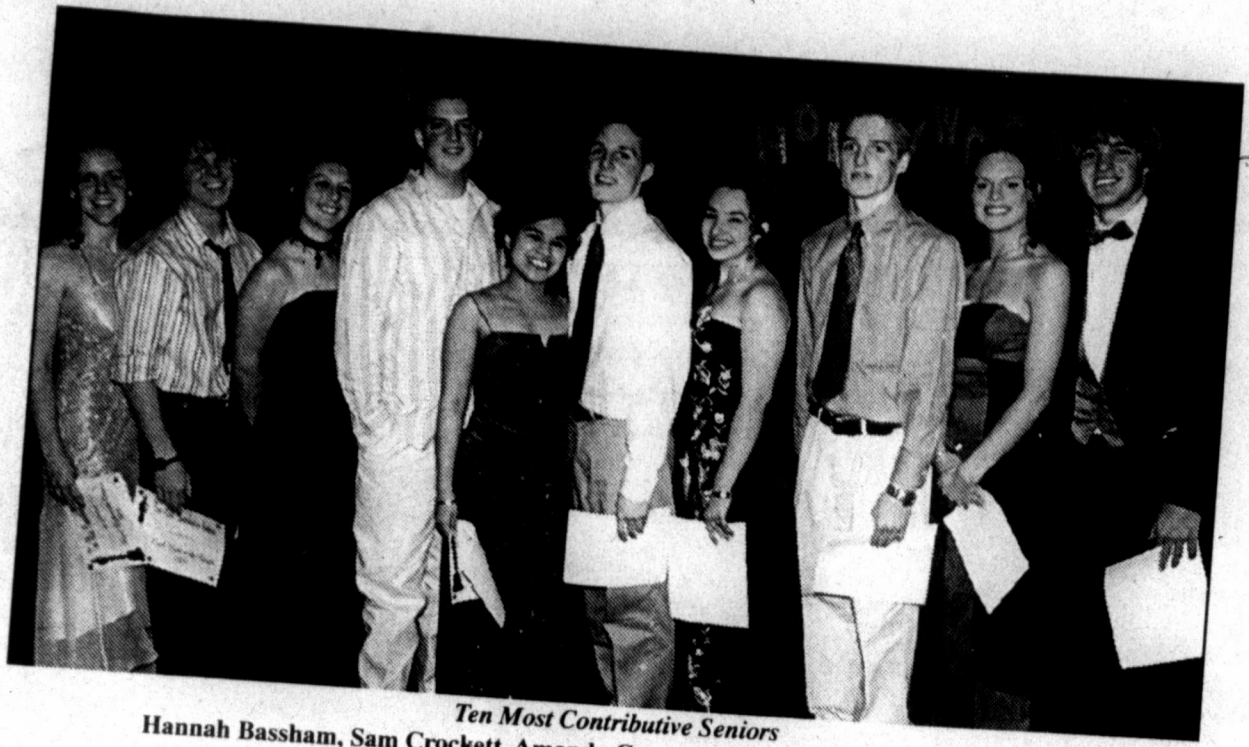
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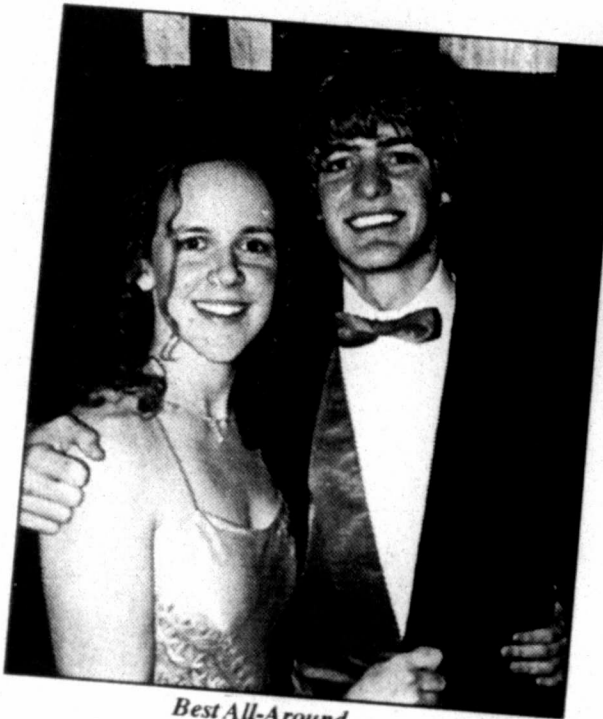


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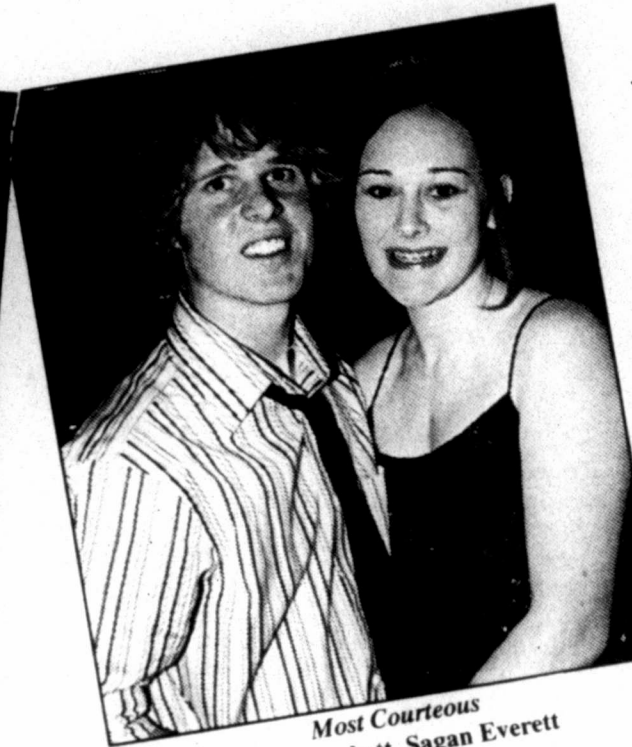
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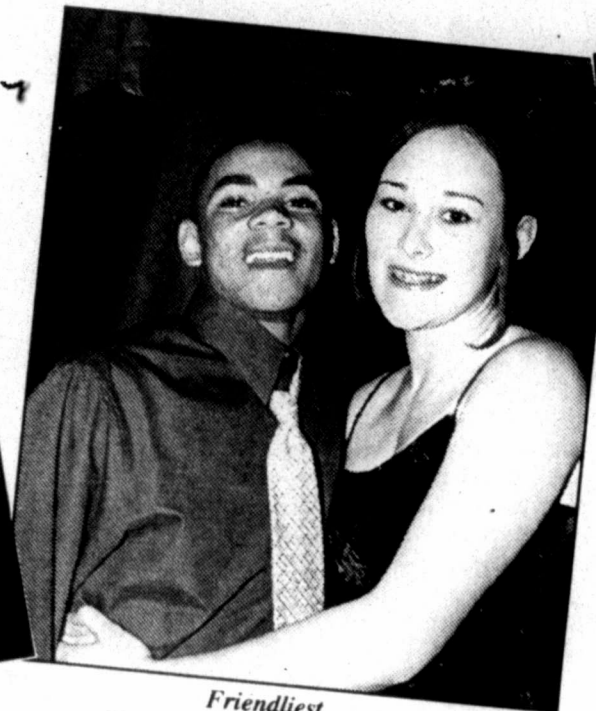
Ten Most Contributive Seniors
Hannah Bassham, Sam Crockett, Amanda Guerra, Jonathan Haralson, Jennifer Rios, Christopher Spear, Sandra Leija, Patrick Spear, Lauren Zigler, Evan Jones.



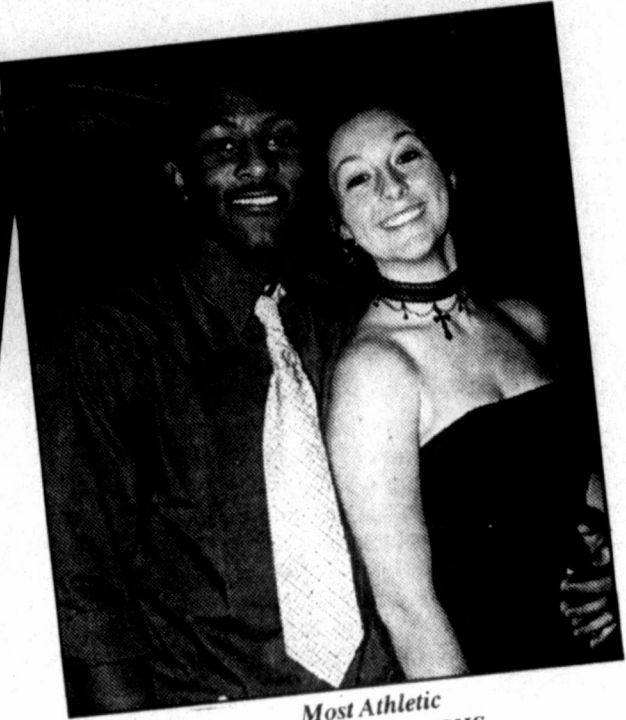
Best All-Around
Hannah Bassham, Evan Jones



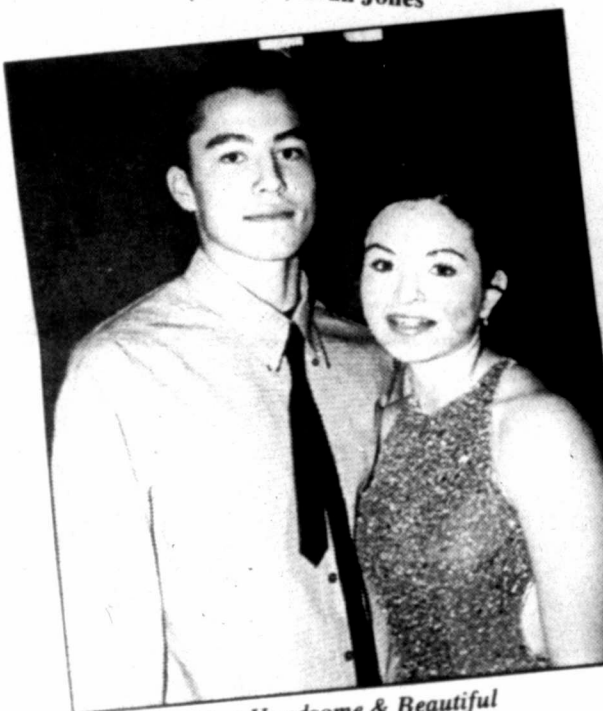
Most Courteous
Sam Crockett, Sagan Everett



Friendliest
Hann Ollison, Sagan Everett



*Most Athletic
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Jacobie Russell, Amanda Guerra



Most Handsome & Beautiful
Jeremy Regalado, Felicia Franco



King and Queen Howl
Karen Franco, Ivan Rodriguez



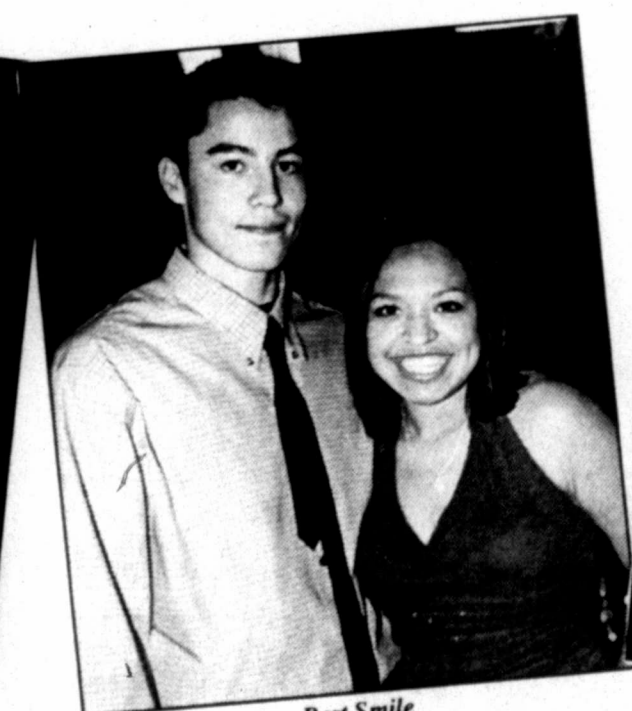
Best Dressed
Carlos Leanos, Felicia Franco



Most Dependable
Michael Davila, Megan Drummond



Most Academic
Megan Drummond, Floyd Hebert



Best Smile
Jeremy Regalado, Felicia Arredondo



Most Talented
Eric Pineda, Naneki Collins



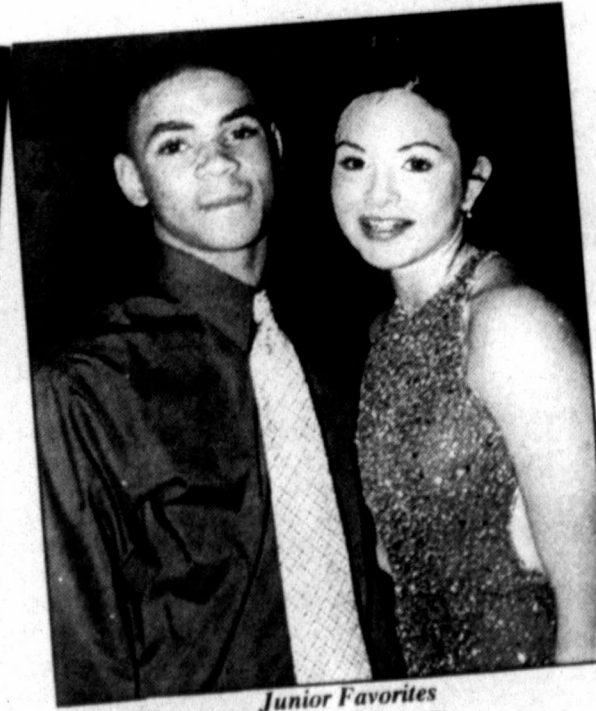
Most Likely to Succeed
Hannah Bassham, Sam Crockett



Freshman Favorites
Kateshia Russell, Nick Edwards, Jessica Castillo



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Texas Fest planned at Hutchinson

Hutchinson Elementary will host their annual Texas Fest Thursday, March 4, 2004 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Hamburgers with all the fixin's cooked by the Kiwanis Club "Sons of Betty Crocker" cooking team, will be served with french fries, beans, Texas pecan brownies, and tea. Tickets for the meal will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and children.

Activities include the Bounce House and three inflatable games, Horse Shoe Toss, Cake Walk, Photo Booth, Dart Throw, Texas Paintball Shootout and much more. Tickets for the different activities are 12 for \$5 before Thursday, March 4 and they will be 50¢ each at the door.

Something new this year will be Texas Gift Baskets. Thirteen gigantic baskets full of wonderful gifts and prizes will be created by the staff. Each class will choose a theme and each student will bring a prize to fill their class basket. A silent auction throughout the night in the cafeteria will be held to take bids on each basket.

Everyone is invited to come out and support Hutchinson Elementary and join the fun.

LISD perfect attendance students named

Loraine ISD has released the perfect attendance list for the fourth six weeks of the 2003-2004 school year.

Pre-Kindergarten - Amor Del Rosario Carrillo, Jacory Vidal.

Kindergarten - Isaiah Garcia-Jennings, Crystal Olivarez, Charlie Neeley, Oscar Gonzales.

First grade - Abram Hernandez, Justin Fisk, Matthew Davila, Ben Clements, Bailee Young, Katie Barrera.

Second grade - Darrian Garcia, Timothy Garza, Ricky Cantu, Scotty Bailey, Kayla Novak, Claudia Deloera, Laura Clements, Lindsey Teran, Mark Sanchez.

Third grade - Kacey Neeley, Cassandra Martinez, Kylie Jaimes, Gabriel Gutierrez, Emilio Gonzales.

Fourth grade - Celia Rico, Dehvan Neeley, Damian Garcia, Matthew Sanchez, Jazmine Delacruz.

Fifth grade - Brian Garcia, Megan Sanchez, Carlos Lopez, Daniel Villalon, Alicia Hernandez, Elias Gonzales, Adrian Talamantes.

Sixth grade - Megan Oliver, Erica Medina, Mario Lopez, Alex Lambaren, Kassandra Jimenez, Vanessa Villalon, Christopher Brown, Marendra Cantu, Daniel Talamantes.

Seventh grade - Jessica Bradley, Ector Lopez, Robert Cantu, David Huerta, Seth Clements, Jacob Sanchez, Candace Aguilar.

Eighth grade - Beau Preston, Kenny Esquivel, Claudia Barrera.

Ninth grade - Nathan Oliver, Jose Carrillo, Margarita Medina, Levi Hester, Annette Davila, Ashley Guerrero, Zachary Gibson.

Tenth grade - Lucy Rico, Heaven McGrael, Marcus Williams, Michael Walker.

Eleventh grade - Eliza Garcia, April Bailey, Steven Wooddell, Cameron Smith, Krystal Sanchez, Nathan Clements, Amanda Aguilar.

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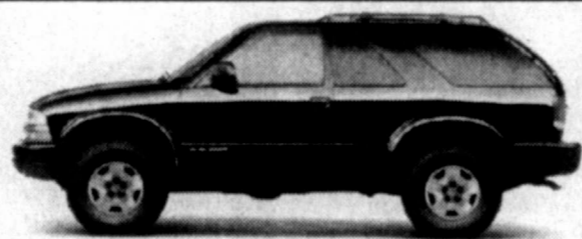
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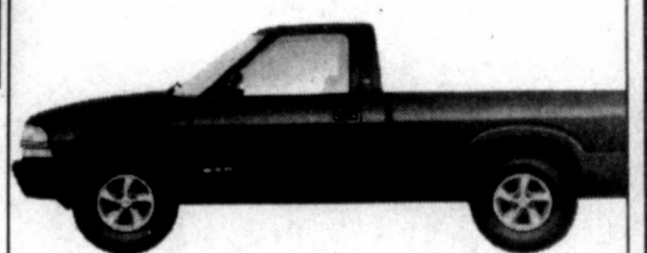
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...will face Van Horn

The Colorado Wolves will take on Van Horn in an area playoff game, but the site and time are still to be determined.

Van Horn upset Reagan County 57-52 in a bi-district game Tuesday night, Feb. 24.

The Wolves drew a first round bye in the basketball playoffs after capturing the district championship.

The Wolves took on the mighty Nazareth Swifts, a team ranked No. 2 in Class A in a warm-up game played at Lubbock last Friday with the Swifts downing the Wolves 51-35.

The Wolves led the contest 5-3 at the end of the first quarter, but a 25-4 second quarter run by the Swifts doomed the Wolves.

With a 28-9 half-time lead, the Swifts increased the lead to 47-21 with a 19-12 third quarter run.

The Wolves did close the gap in the final quarter, outscoring Nazareth by a 14-3 margin, but it was not enough to derail the quick Swifts.

"They hit nine treys on us, six of those coming in the second quarter," said head coach Danny Keeton.

Chris Spear and Isaac Franco each had 8 points to lead the Wolves.

Coach Whitfield accepts position at Lubbock ISD

When Rex Whitfield accepted the head baseball job for the Colorado Wolves last summer, the first thing he said was that he would not be the savior for the baseball squad that had just lost five of the nine starters to graduation.

He was right, he won't be here!

Last week he was offered the defensive coordinator job at Lubbock Estacado, a 4-A school, and was to report there on Thursday.

In the meantime the Wolves baseball season is just getting underway, though not fully, due to several members of the team still involved in the basketball playoffs.

Head football coach and athletic director Frank Johnson, upon hearing of Whitfield's offer, was able to find a replacement in a matter of a few days.

Expected to report this Thursday is former Ennis High School assistant baseball coach Scotty Brewington.

According to Ennis head baseball coach Kevin Kalinec, the Wolves are getting a very knowledgeable and capable coach.

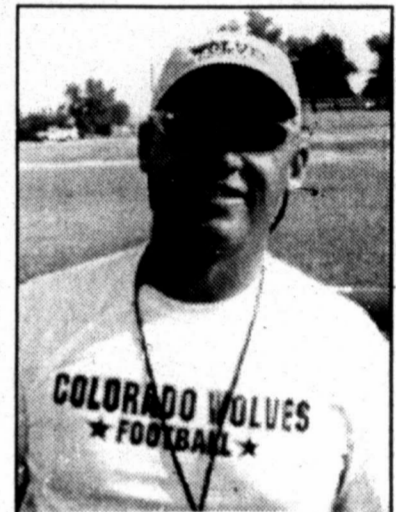
"It's always tough to let go a good assistant like coach

Brewington," said Kalinec. "but it will be a great opportunity for him to get head coaching experience. He is excited about the new baseball complex there, and getting started."

Brewington was the athletic coordinator for the Ennis Middle School as well as working with linebackers on the varsity level.

Both the early termination of Whitfield's contract, and the official hiring of Brewington will have to be approved by the Colorado ISD school board.

Those items are expected to be approved at the next board meeting.



REX WHITFIELD

Lady Wolves go 5-0 to win tournament

The Lady Wolves softball team sent out a message to area teams last weekend—we may be young, but we are pretty darn good!

The girls, with only a few days of practice behind them, blew away the competition in the Sweetwater Invitational played last Friday and Saturday.

Playing with only 8 players due to other commitments, the Lady Wolves took on host Sweetwater with freshman Brittany Hill getting the nod on the mound.

Hill threw a 3-hitter at the Lady Mustangs in a 5-4 win over the varsity team.

The girls next took on the Mustang JV, replacing Anson who was a no-show for the tournament.

Hill once again answered the call, throwing a 1-hitter in the 20-4 whipping of the JV team.

In the last Friday night game Kateshia Russell got the call on the mound against a top-notch Hawley team.

Russell threw a 3-hitter as the

Lady Wolves put the Lady Bearcats away by a score of 1-0.

"This was a real good game," said coach Jerold Epperson. "I thought we might have problems with them, but it turned out to be our best game. We played great defense against them."

On Saturday the Lady Wolves played Winters, defeating them 11-3 with Russell going the distance on the mound. She only allowed one hit against the Lady Blizzards.

The final game of the tournament for the Lady Wolves was against the Seminole Lady Indians with Russell throwing a no-hitter in a 17-0 rout that was called at the end of five innings.

"I was really proud of the way these girls played," said Epperson. "To be honest I thought we might make a lot of errors in the field because we had not had much practice, but we played very good defensively. We are just going

to get better as the season goes along."

The Lady Wolves will travel to Midland this weekend for what should be another tough round of play. The team will face several 5-A schools in pool play so tough competition is what they will get.

"I felt like this would be good for us to face faster

pitchers early on in the season," said Epperson. "Somewhere down the line you are going to run into some real fast pitchers so it should be good for them to be tested this early."

The first game will begin at 6:15 p.m. Thursday at Midland High's softball complex.

Lorraine loses to Roscoe in playoff warm-up game

The Lorraine Bulldogs found the going a little rough when they played Roscoe in a warm-up game at Roscoe last Thursday.

The Plowboys, runners-up in District 14-A to Rotan, jumped on the Bulldogs quickly with a 10-2 run in the first six minutes before ending the first quarter leading 14-4.

Roscoe pushed the lead to 20-10 at the half, one of the Bulldogs' worst half-time outputs.

The Plowboys didn't allow Lorraine to get back in the game during the second half, going up 30-16 at the end of the third quarter. Roscoe finished up with a 17-9 fourth quarter run to put the game away at 47-25.

Junior Cameron Smith was high point with 8 points while Michael Walker added 6.

Lorraine was to play #4 ranked Kising Star at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Jim Ned High School at Tuscola at 8 p.m. for the bi-district title.

Speaking of Sports...

By Carl Graham
Girls softball is off and running for another season. The Lady Wolves won the Sweetwater tournament this past weekend to get off to a great start.

The team may be young, but has loads of talent. They will only get better with time.

Basketball is still going on for the Wolves as they play this Friday night in Big Spring where they will be taking on either Reagan County or Van Horn in the area round of the play-offs.

Lorraine was to have played state-ranked Rising Star at Tuscola Tuesday night in the

bi-district round of the play-offs. This is the first time the Bulldogs have made the play-offs in around eight years. We wish them luck.

Former Lady Wolf Alison Lopez is about to complete her first year of collegiate basketball. She is a point guard for the Howard College Lady Hawks, averaging 9.3 points per game. The Lady Hawks have struggled this season with loads of youth on the team. Alison will miss the play-offs for the first time in four years.

That's it for now folks! Take things easy, and remember, be a good sport in everything you do.

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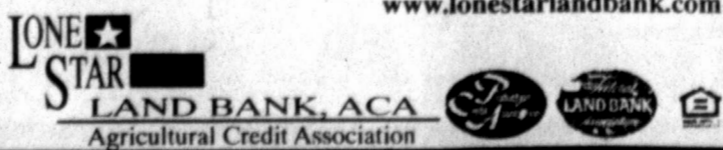


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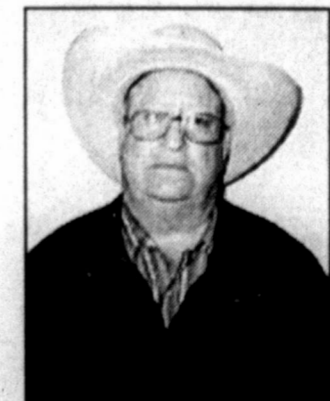
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*In Christ's name,
Norma Chavez
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The family of Ysabel Luna*

Card of Thanks

We would like to extend our appreciation to all our friends who did so much for us during the loss of Helen Ruth and Virgil Ruth, Sr. A special thank you to Bro. Foster of First Assembly of God Church, Bethany Foster, and also Paula Alberts. Thank you for all the prayers and flowers.
The Ruth Family

Card of Thanks

With grateful hearts, we thank all those who did so much to help us in our time of grief. We would especially like to thank Dr. Roach and the staff of Mitchell County Hospital, the Colorado City Fire Department and the First Baptist Church. The kindness and thoughtfulness shown was indeed helpful.

The family of Tommy Guelker

Card of Thanks

Our hearts overflow with sincere appreciation for all who expressed their love and sympathy in so many comforting ways during our recent sorrow. We are deeply grateful to all of you.

The J.H. Guelker family

Card of Thanks

We, the family of Domingo Arguijo, would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the thoughts and prayers for Domingo during his illness. We would like to thank Dr. Scott and all the Odyssey Hospice Healthcare volunteers who helped care for him. Also thanks to those who sent food, flowers and other items during our time of sorrow. God bless y'all.

*The Arguijo family
Janie, Rey, Irmalinda, Jesse, Rachel
& Frankie*

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

EnerVest Operating L.L.P., 1001 Fannin Street, Suite 1111, Houston, Texas 77002 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Middle Clearfork formation from its North Westbrook Unit Well #5405. The proposed well is located 5 miles North of Westbrook in Mitchell County, in the Westbrook Field. The proposed well will inject fluids into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 2930 to 3130 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, with fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. (Telephone 512-463-6790).

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT RENEWAL PERMIT NO. 19350

APPLICATION Sweetwater Ready-mix Concrete, Co., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 19350 which would authorize

continued operation of their concrete batch plant located at 721 South Service Road Interstate Highway 20, Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter (aggregate, cement and road dust). This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 29, 2004. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Abilene regional office, and the Mitchell County Courthouse 400 Pine Street, Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Abilene regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and should not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act 382.056(o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted

comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concern raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

INFORMATION Written public comments and requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.state.tx.us. Further information may also be obtained from Sweetwater Ready-mix Concrete, Co., P.O. Box 1196, Sweetwater, Texas 79556 or by calling Mr. Gregg Burwick, Vice President at (325)236-6200. Issuance Date: February 6, 2004

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NOTICE

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Copies of the RFI Document may be obtained by written request to WTCMHMR Attn: Cindy Smith, Director of Network Management; 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or via internet at www.wtcmhmr.org. INTERESTED PARTIES MUST RESPOND TO THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY 3:00 O'CLOCK P.M. CST, April 30, 2004, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS IN PARAGRAPH 2.1 OF THE RFI DOCUMENT.

Questions regarding the RFI Process should be directed to Cindy Smith at 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or cindy_smith@wtcmhmr.org. NOTE: Similar RFI Notices are being published for many local service areas in Texas. Those interested in responding for a county other than the one(s) identified above, should contact that county's Local Mental Health and/or Mental Retardation Authority for further information or the RFI Document.

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private Club registration permit by Mi Ranchito, an unincorporated association of persons, to be located at 237 Concho Street, Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. Officers of said private club are: David Castillo, president, Austin Barber, vice-president and Diana Rios, secretary/treasurer.

NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
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NO: 68-04

Notice is hereby given that a hearing will be held on the 3rd day of March, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Court at the County Courthouse of the above named County in Colorado City, Texas on the application of the hereinafter named owner for a license to sell beer at retail at a location not heretofore licensed. The substance of said application is as follows:

1. Type of license of permit - Wine & Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit
2. Exact location of business - 102 East Pacific Avenue
3. Name of owner or owners - Almaz Webb
4. Assumed or trade name - Maz's Place

Any person shall be permitted to contest the facts stated in said application and the applicant's right to secure said license or permit upon giving security for costs as provided by law.

Witness my hand this the 17th day of February, 2004
Debby Carlock
County Clerk Mitchell County, Texas

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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loraine news

By Bessie Ann Vaughn

The sandstorm that blew in recently was terrible and not at all kind to man or beast and caused the deaths of some.

It occurred to me later that our servicemen and women suffered through sandstorms that bad or worse for days on end. (Just one of their problems).

We pray they can all come home before long.

Buddie Tune and his wife Debbie from Austin visited with Ralston Bruce at the Methodist Church last Thursday. Buddie's dad was a former pastor here sometime ago, Rev. Cecil Tune. The Tune's were on their way to Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Dub and Gerrie Woodell went to Lubbock Thursday to make a doctor's appointment for Dub. Gerrie said they were in the sandstorm going and also coming back and that it was terrible. Glad they got home safely.

We have concerns for Virgil Parnell at this time. Last week he had a two stint procedure to allow greater blood flow to the heart after having a heart attack. He is doing well and going strong at this time.

Bill and Doris Banks of Big Spring visited with Nell Doyle last Tuesday. Bill and the late Jasper Doyle were cousins. Nell said they caught up on family news and had a great visit.

The Loraine Senior Citizens are having a chili supper on Saturday, February 28. There will be live music. Bowen says, pile in the old model A and come out. Bobby and Jan, David and Becki and Jim and Linda.

I spoke with Lela Beaty Monday morning and she reports that Ed is doing well now. He went to Lubbock Monday for a check up with his doctor.

Leila Beaty was away from home a lot since the new year. She was in Corsicana visiting her daughter, Diane Seaton, for a long visit and she also visited with her daughter, Lajoice Sheppard in Corpus Christi, for some time.

When her son had emergency health problems she stayed in Lamesa at her grandsons home to be near Lubbock to visit Ed while hospitalized. He is Rocky Sheppard. She is now back home and we are glad she is well and also that Ed is doing well at this time.

It is good to share with you the report that Narl Long received a good report at his last check-up.

Betty Chandler just returned from Kingsland, Texas. She visited with her daddy and two sisters, Pat Tumlinson of Kingsland and Barbara Hall of Scottsboro, Alabama. The three sisters drove to San Antonio on Sunday to visit Cornerstone Church where John Hagee pastors. After the service, they had a nice lunch at Red Lobster. Betty said she really enjoyed the week that she was away.

After a week of celebrating the 97th birthday of Pauline Smiley, a family dinner continued the celebration at the home of Susan and Larry Farr at Lake Colorado City last Sunday. Enjoying the dinner were Brad and Pennie Henderson and girls from Midland, Cody and Bridget Scott of San Angelo, Jay and Doris Henderson and the birthday girl herself, Pauline Smiley. We, in the

community, add our belated birthday wishes to her also.

Last Thursday morning, Charles and Mary Rose Bowen drove to Lubbock to see the endodontist and eye doctor. When they left Loraine the wind was strong Charles recalls. He had an appointment with his endodontist at 1 p.m. The eye appointment was at 2:30.

About 3:30, they were on their way back to Loraine and their daughter Brenda called. Brenda's sister Barbara is employed at University Medical Center as Director of Patient Services.

Barbara said that Highway 84 north of Post was closed due to multi automobile accidents so they drove to Tahoka and then to Post. If Barbara hadn't heard of the automobile accidents, they would have been delayed reaching home.

BELL

FROM PAGE 1

90 percent of the stock in October 1985 to assume complete ownership.

Plagens continues to publish the newspaper which is celebrating its 100th year of providing local news to Mitchell County residents.

Bell moved to Colorado City from Fort Worth where he had worked for the Star-Telegram and Press.

The *Record* was located at 132 Walnut St., but Bell moved the office to 156 E. Second St. in the mid-1950s.

While publisher and editor, Bell wrote stories, headlines and set type as the twice-weekly paper won more than 50 awards during his stay.

Bell returned to the Star-Telegram as a reporter as he neared 60 years of age.

He also worked as administrative aide for state Rep. Elmer Martin of Loraine in the mid-1970s and managed Martin's re-election campaign.

Bell returned to the Brownwood *Bulletin* for a short stay as a reporter, before he and his wife, Marge, made Austin their permanent home in the mid-1990s.

Bell, who was a Marine combat correspondent during World War II, served as president of the Colorado City Chamber of Commerce in 1955 and was a recipient of a distinguished service award from the national Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bell left the newspaper business in 1985, working in public relations. The Bells retired for good in the mid-1990s.

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Charles Bowen reports that the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department will have their farm equipment sale on March 27th at the Loraine Co-op Gin yard.

Senior Center
Line dancers were scheduled for Monday's entertainment.

On Wednesday, February 25, is the birthday party for seniors having birthdays in February. Tommy Wright will sing along with his tapes. He has a nice selection of songs.

Friday, February 27, bingo will be played for prizes.

Remember to leap around Sunday, February 29, as it is leap day and leap year all year.

Make plans to attend the chili supper with live music on Saturday, February 28.

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