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By Nanalee Nichols
"Do YOU have an answer for these questions?"

Tom Harris, Advertising and Sales Manager at Paris Lumber Company called me Saturday morning. I was really flattered, because he said "You're about the only person I know who might know the answer to this question"

Of course, I immediately couldn't answer the question he asked...but perhaps you can.

Question: Where did the expression Mind Your P's and Q's come from?

Somewhere in the junk that floats around in what I call a mind the idea that it had something to do with learning to write in cursive script surfaced, but I could only tell him that MIGHT be it.

So, if you know Tom, tell him, why you mind p's and q's are please call me and tell me. I really, really need to know, because I've looked through every book I have and can't find out. I've questioned every person I've come in contact with....no luck. My number is 652-4205 at work, or call me at home. I want to know!

Another thing to consider. Is it a ritual of turtlehood for young turtles to try and cross the highway in spring?

Sunday, on the way to Paris we saw the first three turtles making that slow motion turtle-dash across the perilous roadway.

Sadly, as always, on the way back we saw the shattered shells of two of the three.

It happens every spring time. Dozens of turtles trying to cross dirt or gravel roads, Farm to Market Roads or the highways.

They scramble, get flipped on their backs and crushed in pitiful numbers. Why?

Is it written in the book of Turtle Life that all shall cross in springtime? Are they moving from one home to another? Are they in search of love. If so, they are definitely looking for love in all the wrong places, because those highways are taking their toll!

Any way, most of all I want to know why one mind p's and q's!

Help me please, before I go nuts!

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Three Announce Candidacy for Talco-Bogata School Board

Three have announced their candidacy for positions on the Talco-Bogata CISD Board of Trustees. They are Nicky Brown, Position 1; Mollie Williams, incumbent for Position 4; Ricky Franks, incumbent for the At-Large Position.

Nicky Brown of Talco has announced his candidacy for position 1 on the Talco-Bogata Board of Trustees.

Nicky has lived in Titus County and the Talco-Bogata CISD for the past 35 years. He attended Talco Elementary and Junior High and graduated from Rivercrest High School in 1979. He and his wife Linda have two sons, Coleman, who is a Freshman at Rivercrest and Ty, who is in Kindergarten at Talco Elementary. The fam-

ily are active members of the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco and are active in community and extra-curricular school activities such as Little Dribblers, Players in Progress and the Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club.

Nicky said, "I feel that I would make a good board member because I have lived in the Talco-Bogata School District all my life and I care about our school system and the children in it. The welfare of the school and children are my main concern".

Mollie Williams, incumbent for the place 4 in the Talco-Bogata CISD Board of Trustee election to be held May 3, 1997 is seeking for her third consecutive term on the Board.

Mollie has served as secretary of the Board for four years and vice-president for two years. "Although there have been some rough times for the school and some unpleasant tasks for the Board, seeing the accomplishments of our district have made it all worthwhile," says Mollie, "and", she continues, "There are still many things to be done to make our district the very best it can be. We have already

begun the work toward many of these goals and I would really like the opportunity to see them through."

Mollie is a lifetime resident of Bogata. She is employed with Guaranty Bank as administrative assistant. She is an active member of the First Assembly of God Church where she teaches the Young Adult Sunday School Class, Children's Church Class, serves as the Family night Coordinator and vocalist. Mollie and her husband Mike have three daughters, Mikel Haynes, Mandy and Marla Williams, and three grandsons, Micah, Matthew and Mason Haynes.

Ricky Franks, incumbent, of Talco has announced his candidacy for the at large position on the Talco-Bogata Board of Trustees.

Ricky has served as a member of the board for the past six years. He attended Talco Elementary and Junior High and graduated from Rivercrest. He is employed at Texas Utilities Mining Co. He is married to Lori (Hervey) Franks and they have two children. Clint, who is a graduate of Rivercrest and Kelsey, who will begin Kindergarten next year at Talco School. The family are active mem-

bers of the Calvary Baptist Church in Talco and are also involved in extra-curricular and community activities, such as the Rivercrest Booster Club, Players in Progress and Talco Tee Ball where Ricky serves as Tee Ball Director.

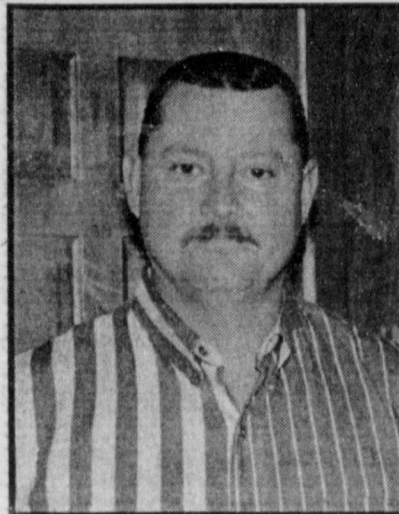
Ricky said, "I hope the community feels I have done a good job on the board in the past years and I will appreciate their votes this year. I will continue to try and represent our communities well and help give our children the best education possible".

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish I could adequately put into words everything I would like to say about our Rivercrest Rebels and coaching staff. Reverend Bush "hit the nail on the head" when he said our team never quit. Anyone who had the privilege of seeing the Regional play-off game in Tyler witnessed that first hand. When all the seconds had ticked off the clock and that final buzzer sounded, you could tell that our Rebels left everything they had on that court. Every emotion, every ounce of effort in their beings. We earned the respect of everyone in Wagstaff Gym that night. We fought back with a spirit that some teams never achieve and some coaches can never instill in their players.

The Rebels are the kids you have seen in your church, the little boys who have played in Little Dribblers and the young men you have watched grow up and practice to play as a team. A team that would earn a #2 ranking in the state of Texas. Our team. They are fine representatives of Rivercrest High School, the communities they belong to, and the homes they grew up in. I am proud to call you a championship team.

Also appreciate our coaching staff and all the effort that goes into preparing and fine tuning such a team. Trust me, this team did not come into being overnight. Several years work went into this team. I cannot imagine all the hours they worked, the strategy entailed, and the nerves of steel that went into this wonderful, winning season. They are men who teach classes, have family responsibilities, and put so much of themselves into such a labor of love. My little 9 year old daughter, Sarah, wrote a good luck letter to Coach Wood and the Rebel team. That Friday morning, before leaving to go to Tyler to play one of the most important games of his 30 year career, when he had a jillion things racing through his mind, Coach Wood stopped me in the hall at RHS. He wanted me to know he had the letter displayed in the dressing room and would I tell her "thank you" for sending it to his boys? Such a man has earned my utmost respect,



Nicky Brown



Mollie Williams



Ricky Franks

Organizational meeting to be held to form Bogata Chamber of Commerce

Gary Petty of Texas New Mexico Power Company has announced that there will be an organizational meeting to form a Chamber of Commerce in Bogata. The meeting will be held March 18th from 11:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. at Texas New Mexico Power Company Construction Center on Hwy. 271 just west of Bogata.

Everyone interested in helping form a chamber, stimulating economic growth and progress is urged to attend.

There will be a sandwich lunch.

Chip Bower, who is under contract with Texas New Mexico to help form chambers and other community-oriented groups will be on hand to assist in this project.

Please come.

It's time to renew your flags

The Bogata Lions Club is trying to wind up the Americal Flag program subscriptions. The cost to participate in the program is \$15.00 per year. If you subscribe to this program, the Bogata Lions Club will come to your location in Bogata or the surrounding areas, including area cemeteries and place a flag for a day on your property in the place of your choosing.

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In order to participate in this program, please send \$15.00 and the order blank to: Bogata Lions Flag Program, Attn: Shirley Vickers P.O. Box 697, Bogata, TX 75417. Or give your check to any Lions Club Member.

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People 'n Things

Saturday, March 15

Bogata VFW Post 8187 will sponsor a dance featuring the Ghost Riders Band. The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. and end at 12:30 a.m. Everyone must have photo ID and be 21 years of age or older to attend.

Thursday, March 20

Bogata Lions Club will meet at the community center at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 12

Bogata Homecoming will be held at the old Bogata Gym at 7:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The Bogata High School Class of 1962 will meet for a reunion at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. For more information call Mary Ann Hill Ward at home 903-657-7244 or work 903-657-8544.

Bogata High School Classes of 1941 and 1942 will combine and meet for a reunion at Rosalie Community Center on Highway 909. Come at 10:00 o'clock. Noon meal can be purchased at Rosalie Store and Cafe.

Third Tuesday of Each Month

Commodities will be distributed from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. at the Bogata Community Center.

Notice

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 8 P.M. in the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Rec. Room in Clarksville. Everyone is Welcome.

The Lady Rebel softball team will play Honey Grove on Thursday, March 13 at the Johntown field, if possible, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support our young ladies as they compete.

The Talco-Bogata Little Dribbler Tournament that was set for March 8 was canceled due to UIL participation. The tournament will be played at Rivercrest High School on March 22. Everyone is encouraged to come out and watch our upcoming varsity players.

The Rivercrest Rebel baseball team will compete in tournament play at Maud on March 13-14-15.

There will be a meeting of the Talco Baseball-Softball Association on Thursday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Talco City Hall. All officers, board members and coaches are urged to attend. Parents and interested person are also welcome to attend.

The will be a work day at the Talco ball field on Saturday, March 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting. Everyone is urged to bring their tools, weed eaters, paint brushes, etc. and help get the field and concession stand ready for the coming year.

All softball officials; plan to attend the Southwest Softball Officials Association Mechanics Class to be held in Mt. Vernon on Sunday, March 23 at the girls softball field behind the school beginning at 2:30 p.m. The class will cost \$1.00 per person and will teach ways to make calls and other important instruction for softball officials. For more information contact Johnny Rutledge, Dixie Girls District Director of Mt. Pleasant.

Report suspected drug activity to DPS toll-free

If you have information about illegal drug trafficking anywhere in Texas, the Department of Public Safety would like to hear from you.

Beginning March 1, you can help fight illegal drug sales in Texas by calling the DPS toll-free at 1-800-525-5555 to report suspected drug activity anywhere in the state. A headquarters communications officer in Austin will relay your information to the appropriate Highway Patrol or Narcotics officer in your area.

If you believe a drug shipment is being transported, provide the dispatcher with as much information as possible about the vehicle its location, direction of travel and license plate number. If the drugs are being stored at a building or residence, provide the location and any available information about when the drugs

might be moved.

Please contact your local police or sheriff's department if you would like to report individuals possessing small quantities of marijuana or other drugs.

The main DPS 1-800 number also may be used to report erratic or drunken drivers or to seek assistance if you become stranded on the highway. When calling for these purposes, make sure to pinpoint your location and direction of travel using mile markers, crossroads or other landmarks.

To report marijuana under cultivation, contact the DPS Narcotics Service at 1-800-868-6274.

For a recorded sound bite on this topic, call 512-424-2606.

Read about DPS on-line at <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us>.



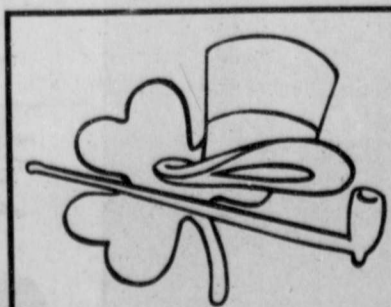
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Country Cooking

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Liz Irwin

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Our Cook's Column this week deals with the lowly tea leaf. Many a problem have been worked out over a cup of tea or glass of iced tea.

Tea is a beverage prepared by pouring boiling water over processed tea leaves. It ranks as the most popular drink in more countries than any other beverage.

India has always played a dominant role in world tea production. Today, India produces about 1-1/2 billion pounds each year. China is the second largest producer with 1 billion pounds annually. Other tea-producing countries include Argentina, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, the Soviet Union, Sri Lanka and Turkey.

The tea-producing countries themselves consume over one-half of the global tea crop. Great Britain imports the greatest amount of tea—about 400 million pounds annually. On the average, about 7 pounds of tea are consumed per person each year in Great Britain. In the United States, tea is about 3/4 of a pound per person per year.

There are three main kinds of tea; black, green and oolong. They differ in the method used to process the leaves. The processing takes place in

a factory or near the tea estate. All tea-producing countries manufacture black tea. Most of the green and oolong tea comes from China, Japan and Taiwan.

Grades of tea vary according to the size of the leaves. The largest leaves are selected for packaging as loose tea and are classified in order of size—orange pekoe, pekoe and pekoe souchong. The smaller or broken leaves are generally used in tea bags and are classified as broken orange pekoe, broken orange pekoe fannings and fannings.

Instant tea is made by brewing tea on a large scale and then removing the water by a drying process. When the process is completed, only a powder remains.

Tea grown in different countries or even in different parts of the same country, vary in taste, flavor and quality. To obtain the best teas, each company employs tea taster's who select only certain teas for purchase. The company then sells the blend of tea under its own brand name.

Thus ends your tea lesson for the week. So sit back, brew up a batch and solve the world's problems or just your own! See you in the kitchen!

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Tea Recipes

Apricot Tea Mix
1-18 ounce orange breakfast drink mix
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup pre-sweetened lemonade mix
1/2 cup instant tea
1-3 ounce package apricot jello
2-1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves
Mix all ingredients and store in airtight container. To serve, dissolve 1-1/2 to 2 tablespoons of mix in 1 cup of boiling water. Makes 4-4-1/2 cups of mix.

Cranberry Tea
1 quart cranberry juice
1-6 ounce can orange juice
1-6 ounce can lemonade
2 cups sugar
1 package red hot candies
1 stick cinnamon
12 cloves
Mix all ingredients together in a saucepan. Boil mixture for 7-8 minutes. Strain and store. Use 2 cups water to 1 cup concentrate. Heat and serve. For a large party, use an electric coffee urn. This tea stays hot and is easy for guests to help themselves. Serves 30.

Friendship Tea
1-8 ounce jar Tang
1/2 cup instant tea
1/2 teaspoon cloves
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup dry lemonade mix
1/2 cup red hot candies
1-3 ounce package apricot jello
Mix and store in tightly-covered jar. To make one cup of tea, put 3 teaspoons of mix in a boiling cup of water and stir.

Peach Hot Drink Mix
2 large packages peach jello
1 small package peach jello
1/2 cup Tang
1 cup instant tea mix with lemon and sugar
Mix and store. To serve, use 2-3 teaspoons to a cup of hot water.

Russian Tea
1/2 cup tea
2 sticks cinnamon
1 teaspoon whole cloves
1 gallon water
3 cups sugar
2 grapefruit
3 lemons
3 oranges
Tie tea, cinnamon and cloves in a sack and boil in water for 3-4 minutes. Add sugar and stir. Just before serving, add grapefruit, lemon and orange juice. Serves 25 people.

Texas Spiced Tea
2 ounces instant tea with Nutrasweet
2 small packages lemonade Koolaid
1-2.2 ounce can orange Crystal Light
1 teaspoon ground cloves
1-1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Mix all dry ingredients together. Store in an air-tight jar. To serve, use 1 scant teaspoon of mix per cup with very hot water. Stir.

Tea With a Twang
2 cups Tang
2 cups instant tea w/lemon and sugar
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon cloves
5 cups boiling water
2-1/2 cups cranberry juice
Combine Tang, tea, cinnamon and cloves in a large jar and shake. To serve, mix 1 cup tea mixture with boiling water. Add cranberry juice. Heat and serve warm. Serves 10.

*Don't walk in front of me,
I may not always follow.
Don't walk behind me,
I may not always lead.
Just walk beside me
and be my friend.*

Fulbright News
By Betty Rodgers
652-6051

Clovis and Katy VanDeaver attended the play of games of Rivercrest High School at Mt. Pleasant, Gilver and Tyler.

Betty Rodgers, Jimmie King, Raymond Dugger Jr. and Clovis and Katy VanDeaver attended the revival at Bogata First Baptist Church.

Clovis and Katy VanDeaver attended the wedding of their granddaughter, Shanna Harrison to Michael James in Kennard on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane King spent last Wednesday with Jimmie King. Mrs. Kyle King of Reno visited Jimmie King.

Dicky King of Paris visited his mother, Jimmie King Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle King, Shelley and Travis came for Jimmie King Saturday and took her out for dinner. Thursday night the community

club met in the home of Mrs. Ethel Epps with seven members present to start work on the community year book.

Betty Rodgers, Monte and Sheley Rodgers spent the weekend in Boyd with Mrs. Bernice Thomas. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cremeen in Springtown.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarley are moving into their home here. They are from Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Ethel Epps and her niece and nephew of Paris visited her sister in Clarksville Friday night, Bernice Conlan.

The school children are out having a great time this week during spring break.

Marcella Wright visited the Bob Mitchell's and Betty Rodgers Monday afternoon. Melissa Arriaga visited Monday night.

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A special "Thank You" to everyone for the many calls, cards, flowers, gifts, prayers and visits while I was in the hospital and since I have been home.

Bonnie Huddleston

Card Of Thanks
The family of **Wretha Watkins** would like to thank the many friends for the prayers, flowers, donations, cards, visits and calls during the loss of our loved one.

A special thanks to Brother and Mrs. Robertson, Brother and Mrs. Bush, James Wood and to those who served in many ways.
God Bless each of you.

Alexander & Kiker Families

Ruby Holbert dies Feb. 26th

Services for Holbert of Lubbock were held Feb. 26th in W.W. Rix chapel with the Rev. Alan Korinke officiating.

She died Monday, Feb. 24, 1997 in Methodist Hospital.

She was born in Cunningham, April 30, 1911 to Harvey Corrie (Reece) Oglesby.

She graduated from Cunningham High School.

She married Walter L. Holbert on June 26, 1937. He died January 15, 1982.

They moved to Lubbock from Paris, Texas in 1949 where they had operated grocery stores.

She later worked Dunlaps. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include a son, Charles R. Holbert of Denton, a daughter, Nelda Hovden of Lubbock, a sister, Emma Harrison of Paris, Texas; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Grandsons served as casket bearers.

Worth Seaman dies February 5

Worth Seaman, 78, of Georgetown, passed away on February 5.

He was born in Red River County, Texas, on March 23, 1918, the son of George and Vannie (Craddock) Seaman. He was raised in the Methodist Church. As a veteran of the U.S. Army he served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He then began his career with the Texas Department of Public Safety, retiring in 1980 as Service Commander of Motor Vehicle Theft.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Doloris Seaman of Georgetown; his sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Anne Seaman of Los Angeles and Joel and Loren Seaman of Leander, his daughter, Sharon Lockhart of Weir, his brother, Jack Seaman of Greenville, and his sister, Joyce Clark of Carrollton. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren and many other loving relatives and friends.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 8, in the Colonial Chapel of Cook-Walden Funeral Home with Dr. Jim Haskell officiating. Burial was in Cook-Walden Capital Parks.

Mr. Seaman was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Dixie Seaman and Grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Van Dorn Craddock of Bogata.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Texas State Troopers Disaster Fund or Thomas Park (of Bogata)

Lester S. Bankhead dies March 4

Lester S. Bankhead died March 4 at Odessa Medical Center Hospital.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on March 7 in Harkey Funeral Home Chapel in Monahans with the Rev. Gordon Cox officiating. Burial followed in Monahans Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Bankhead was born November 1, 1928 in Franklin County. He married the former Robbie Necia Morgan on August 23, 1947. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Lester S. Bankhead III (Butch) of Imperial; three daughters, Zondra Diehl of Monahans, Donna Wilson of Hobbs, NM and Carla Woods of Midland; two sisters, Rebecca Nelson and Dorothy Messer, both of Pittsburg; seven nieces and nephews and 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Helen Black dies March 5

Helen Black, age 91 of McLean died Wednesday, March 5.

Services were held at 3:00 p.m. Friday at the McLean United Methodist Church with the Rev. Thacke Haynes, pastor, officiating. Burial was at 4:00 p.m. Saturday at Highland Cemetery in Deport.

Mrs. Black was born in Deport on June 19, 1905, the daughter of Henry and Ida Webb. She attended public schools in Deport and completed two years of study at the College of Industrial Arts. She married Robert Eades Black of Blossom in 1925 and they moved to McLean in 1927.

She taught in Rosalie and Blossom, then first grade at McLean until 1929 and subsequently substituted. She taught private speech lessons for a number of years and was active in the McLean Public Library. She wrote a weekly column for the McLean News in the 1940's. She was a member of the Methodist Church and of the Pioneer Study Club.

She was invited by the president of Texas Women's University to visit the school and permit the president to view her book of mementoes she had collected.

Survivors include one son, Robert Duane Black of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Larry (Jan) Edwards of Albuquerque, NM; a brother, Mac Webb of Deport; a sister, Mrs. F.L. (Ruth) Haberle of Jacksonville; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Brandon Haynes Dudley dies March 6

Brandon Haynes of Duncanville died March 6.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 9 at the First United Methodist Church in Duncanville with the Rev. Clayton Oliphant officiating. Interment followed in Little Bethel Memorial Park in Duncanville under the direction of David Clayton & Sons Funeral Home.

He was born February 5, 1968. A 1986 graduate of Duncanville High School and was employed with True Green-Chemlawn.

Survivors include his parents, Linda and Rodger Dudley; sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Randy Risner; brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Jacque Dudley; nephew Michael Dudley, nieces Cortney, Katie and Kelcie Risner; grandparents, Dorothy Haynes and Lois and Claudie Dudley of Deport; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Oma Holloway Chambers dies March 7

Oma Holloway Chambers, age 100 of Kansas City, formerly of Paris, died Friday, March 7 in San Antonio.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, March 8 at the First United Methodist Church of Kansas City and graveside rites were conducted at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 10 at Evergreen Cemetery with Rev. Ray Starnes officiating. Fry-Gibbs Funeral Home had charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Chambers was born August 9, 1896 in Dodd City, a daughter of the late Walter E. and Clara Shaffer Holloway. She was a retired school teacher and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Paris.

Survivors include a daughter, Clareda Purser of Karnes City; a son, David Holloway Chambers of Ft. Worth; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Cheatem Chambers; a brother, Orville Holloway; and a sister, Vista Caldwell.

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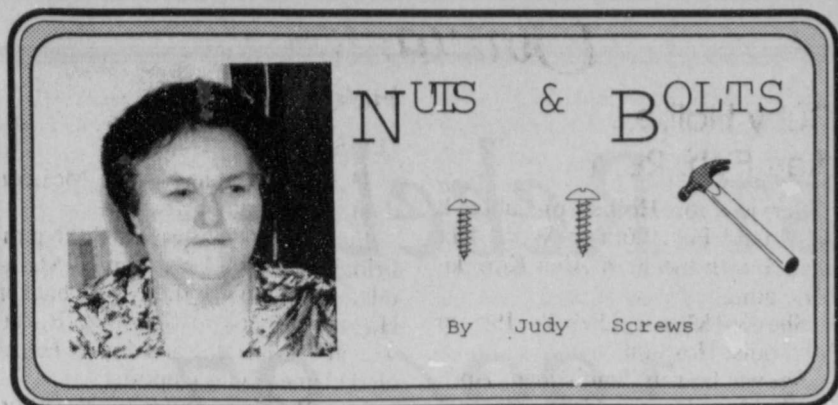
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A couple of years ago, we had these strange looking, rounded, orange, brown and black colored, hard backed bugs come to our house in the early part of the winter. They stayed a couple of weeks, just long enough to be irritating, but they left and didn't come back until about the same time last year. I asked a few people about them and they said they were ladybugs (they look like potato bugs to me) and not to worry about them, they were harmless and would only stay a while. This was true the first year. But this time they have stayed the winter with us. The main problem is that they are just disgusting. They get on the windows and the sliding glass door and somehow or the other manage to get inside the house. They do not live very long. Some die on their own and some are killed by me, but I don't understand why our home has all of a sudden become their home.

I looked in the encyclopedia. I am not sure what I thought I would accomplish by looking in the encyclopedia. I didn't accomplish anything. I have learned that yes, indeed they are lady bugs or lady beetles. I guess

I should be grateful that they are not the vicious biting kind. I am. They are supposed to be good for plants. We have two ivy plants. The creatures have not even looked in their direction.

If they were any other type of household pest, I could just get the appropriate bug spray or trap and wait for the results, but I have tried to spray these weird looking things and while they will die if you spray them, you must spray each of them individually. You can't just put out traps or baits and hope they will get in it. They just seem to want to slither across the sliding glass door and get on the ceiling and go toward the light.

If anyone has any idea what to do to get rid of these pests, please let me know. I'm sure that they will want to go and live on the new plants out in the yard soon, but it would really make me feel better if I didn't feel as though we were at their mercy and having to wait until it is convenient for them to leave. I also do not want to house them next winter.

Help!!!

The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them. —Robert Frost



Mr. & Mrs. Gene Sartor III
Sartor-Cleavenger vows exchanged

Gene Sartor III and Julie Cleavenger were wed on February 8, 1997 in Phoenix, Arizona. The couple will reside in Phoenix.

RED RIVER HEALTHCARE

CENTER NEWS

Visiting Gladys Prater were Velma Watson, Margaret Prater and Angie Jones, Kaleb and Shelbi.

Hester Keith's visitors were Billie Nolen, Myra Johnson, Beverly Babb, K.T. and Kay Haddock and Robbie Cloud.

Wanda Morgan visited Inez Henson

Visiting Hazel Brown were Velma Watson, Carl and Dian Brown and Helen Harper.

John Keith's visitors were Billie Nolen, Louise Ross, Beverly Babb and K.T. and Kay Haddock.

Gene Smith's visitors were Kathy Ward, Esther Tillman, Lindsey Ward and Jerry and Paula Hutson.

Tony Watkins visited Dorothy Watkins.

Eulalah Roach visited George Hancock.

Weldon Hume visited Stasha Hume.

Tony Watkins visited Oma McKinney.

Jettie Minshew's visitors were Jim G. Garrett, Helon and Sam Latimer, Casey Bradley of Bismarck, Arkansas, Phyllis Duffer, Zelma Mauldin, Margie Garrett and Yvonne Powell.

Visiting Delbert Harper were Helen Harper, Nancy Harper and Ashlyn.

Charlie House visited Irene House. Don Guess visited Jimmy and Agnes Guess.

Charla White, M. Crawford and Angie Patras visited Jimmie Duffie. Mary Ann Williams visited Barney Alsobrook.

Sonny Gamble visited Bonnie Gamble.

Billie Hancock's visitors were Shirley Smith and Tedd Grayson.

Odessa Burrow Pannell fund to award RN scholarship

The Odessa Burrow Pannell Scholarship Fund is awarding a scholarship to an R.N. student and an L.V.N. student, currently enrolled in a nursing program. Applicants must be a permanent resident of Red River County. Applications are available through the Nursing Department of East Texas Medical Center, Clarksville, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. Deadline for applications is April 4, 1997. Scholarships will be announced May 9, 1997.



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Lady Rebels defeat Lady Patriots 12-5

The Lady Rebels softball team traveled to Prairiland on Thursday, March 6 to meet the Lady Patriots in the first district game of the season.

In the first inning the Lady Rebels were able to score Tiffany Prentice on a hit from Courtney Jones. The third out in the inning came leaving Jones, Erin Stansell and Katie Hare on base.

Katie Hare went to work on the mound for the Lady Rebels. The first three batters were the first three outs. A fly to Jana Weatherall in center field, a fly to Tasha Brown on first base and a throw from Hare to Brown for the final out.

In the second inning the Lady Pats sent three of four batters to the bench and at bat scored three runs on two base hits and an error. Score 3-1 Lady Pats.

The third inning saw the Lady Rebs make a comeback. Lead off hitter Jana Weatherall made it to base on an error. Courtney Jones flew out to the centerfielder for one out. Erin Stansell made it to base on an error and Katie Hare, Tasha Brown and Carolina Prado took the walk which scored Weatherall and Stansell. A strike out added the second out for the Lady Rebs. A one base hit from Tiffany Prentice scored Hare. Joanie Swarts got to base on a shortstop error and scored Brown which brought the Lady

Rebs back to their lead off hitter, Jana Weatherall, who took the walk scoring Prado. Courtney Jones took a walk as scored Prentice before the third and final out came. Score 7-3 Lady Rebels. In the bottom of the third the Lady Pats flew out to Erin Stansell and Jana Weatherall and Katie Hare sent the third out to the bench on a strike out.

The fourth inning saw the Lady Rebs unable to score while leaving Prentice, Brown and Missy Carroll on base. The Lady Pats also had a bad fourth inning with two batters being struck out by Hare and one throw out by Jones on third base to Brown on first base.

In the top of the fifth the Lady Rebs again left batters Stansell and Hare on base. The Lady Pats scored one run on a basehit and left one runner on base. The three outs came from Stansell on second to Brown on first, Prentice on shortstop to Brown on first and Hare on the pitchers mound to Brown on first.


The sixth inning saw three Lady Rebels up and three down while the Lady Pats were able to pick up another score in the bottom of the sixth off a Lady Rebel error. Score 7-5 Lady Rebels.

The final inning saw the Lady Rebels get their bats to working. Joanie Swarts began the action get-

ting on base on a Lady Pat error. Jana moved Swarts with a base hit. An infield fly and a fielders choice picked up two outs for the Lady Pats but the Lady Rebels were not through. Tasha Brown, Carolina Prado, Missy Carroll and Tiffany Prentice all got big base hits before the final out scoring Weatherall, Hare, Brown and Prado. The Lady Pats were unable to make the comeback and had three batters up and three batters out in the bottom of the inning. A fly out to Carolina Prado in right field, a fielders choice from Stansell on second to Prentice, shortstop, covering second base and a fly out to Stansell on second ended the game. Final 12-5 Lady Rebels.

The Lady Rebels traveled to Greenville on Friday for a double header with the Greenville Junior Varsity. The 5A school's JV could not hold a light to the 2A Lady Rebel Varsity. The Lady Rebs behind the pitching of Erin Stansell and Katie Hare took both games. The first one 37-0, the second 18-0. The entire Lady Rebel bench got playing time for good fielding and batting practice.

The Lady Rebel were to play on Tuesday, a double header with Dodd City at Johtown and will play on Thursday, March 13 vs Honey Grove in a double header at Johtown. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the girls as they compete.



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Booster Club to meet March 17

The Rivercrest Athletic Booster Club will hold its meeting on March 17, 1997 in the Homemaking Room at the High School.

The nominating committee will review their recommendations for officers for the 1997-98 year. The nominations will be discussed and additional nominations will be taken from the membership a large. Members are asked to please attend this meeting. New officers will be elected at the April meeting.

The Club also will be needing volunteers to help work at the concession stand at the Rivercrest Invitational Track and Field Meet on Saturday, March 22. All help will be appreciated.

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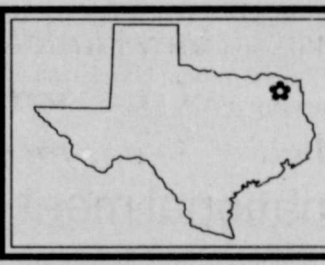
Rivercrest travels to White Oak

The Rivercrest Lady Rebels and Rebels track and field teams traveled to White Oak on Friday, March 7. Almost all of the teams present were 3A school. Schools attending were; Elysian Fields, Spring Hill, Barbers Hill, White Oak, Pittsburg, Gladewater, Queen City, Waskom, West Rusk and Alba-Golden.

The Rebels were able to net 40 team points. Scoring were; 1st place-1600 meter relay-Alvin Savage, Jeff Savage, Justin Smith and Jody Gray with a time of 3:31; 35; 2nd place-

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Red River County Sheriff's Report March 2-8, 1997

March 2: Disturbance in Avery; phone harassment in Manchester; activated alarm in Avery; loud music in Bogata.

March 3: Cattle complaint on FM909; public intoxication in Negley; suspicious person in Kanawha; disturbance in Avery; violation of protective order in Detroit.

March 4: Noise disturbance on Hwy. 37 north; minor accident in Detroit; violation of protective order in Detroit.

March 5: Suspicious circumstances in Bogata; family violence on Hwy. 37 north; burglary of habitation in Clarksville.

March 6: Theft in Bogata; unlawful carrying a weapon on 82 west; unlawful carrying of weapon.

March 7: Cattle complaint on Hwy 82 west; burglary of habitation in Bogata; suspicious activity in Detroit; disturbance in Bagwell; suspicious person in Detroit.

March 8: Disturbance in Bogata; burned vehicle in Bogata; loud music in Detroit; missing vehicle in Bogata; welfare concern in Avery; suspicious activity on 909.

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Enjoying supper at the Fish Fry Friday night was Drue and Billie Pirtle, Robbie Hawkins, James and Clara Gaddis.

Saturday night supper guests of Robbie Hawkins was Steven, Kathy, Ryan, Koren, Seth and Seton Hawkins, Douglas Hawkins, Mark, Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins.

Sunday night supper guests of Mark, Jana, Haley and Heather Hawkins were Adam, Traci and Aaron Eudy, Ryan, Darla and Allix Brunson, Holly Jean, Bonnie and Elmer Green. They enjoyed Traci's barbeque and baked beans.

Heather and Haley Hawkins spent the night Friday with their Granny, Robbie Hawkins.

Larry Wayne Neeley, Heather and Haley Hawkins spent the day Friday with Pauline Gibbs.

Sunday lunch guests of Robbie Hawkins was Mark, Jana, Heather and Haley Hawkins, Ryan, Darla and Allix Brunson, Douglas Hawkins, Steven, Kathy, Ryan, Koren, Seth and Seton Hawkins.

Spring break visitors of Dan and Mary Kathryn Cotten were their granddaughters, Kristina Cotten from Hattiesburg and Amanda Cotten from Frisco.

Sunday lunch guests of Drue and Billie Pirtle were Robin, Kyla and Jesse Harville, Bro. Bobby Clark. Sunday night supper guest was Robbie Hawkins.

Through the week visitors of Drue and Billie Pirtle were James and Clara Gaddis, Kelley and Kristin Harville and Brian Harville.

Wednesday lunch guests of Mrs. Dorothy Foster was Mrs. Nannie Belle Ham of Deport.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Barnard and other relatives received word of the death of Jackie Childers of Corsicana. Mr. Childers was killed in a car accident. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Childers, Formerly of Johtown.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hawkins enjoyed their daughter, Kay Magee of Galveston, granddaughter, Kristin Magee Ward of Houston and great granddaughter, Sheradan Magee also of Houston over the week-end. It was great having a four year old around.

Rivercrest Menu March 17-21

Monday

Lunch

- Pizza
- Corn
- Crackles
- Fruit
- Milk

Tuesday

Lunch

- Chicken Fried Steak
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Green Peas
- Hot Rolls, Butter & Honey Milk

Wednesday

Lunch

- Corn Dog
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peas
- Pickle Spears
- Fruit
- Milk

Thursday

Lunch

- Chicken & Dumplings
- Green Beans
- Crackers
- Carrots
- Milk

Friday

Lunch

- Cheeseburgers
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1997 School board awards sponsored by TASA

TASA (Texas Association of School Administrators) created the School Board Awards Program in 1971 to recognize those school boards that have demonstrated outstanding dedication and those school boards that have demonstrated outstanding dedication and rendered ethical service to the children of Texas. The criteria has been revised several times in the last few years, including the inclusion of greater emphasis on evidence of support for educational performance improvement; the streamlining of data submission requirements; and the expansion of the awards program to allow each regional selection committee to submit up to two nominations for state competition, one from districts with less than 1,000 students and one from districts with more than 1000 students.

Nominations

Nominations may be submitted by any Texas superintendent who is a current member of the Texas Association of School Administrators. School boards nominated for the

Awards Program must have served during the school year immediately preceding the Awards Program. For 1997 only those school boards serving during the 1996-97 school year are eligible to be nominated.

Deadlines

* **June 27** Deadline to submit nominations date to Education Service Center Directors.

* **August 29** Honor Boards will be announced.

* **September 26** Honor Boards will be interviewed by TASA's School Boards Awards Program Committee at the TASA/TASB Joint Annual Convention

* **September 28** Honor Boards will be recognized and the Outstanding Board announced at a special awards presentation during the TASA/TASB Joint Annual Convention in Houston.

For additional information contact: Ann Halstead, TASA Director of Communications and Technology @ 512-477-6361; e-mail AHalstead@TASAnet.org FAX: 512-482-8658

Financial Women International meet

The East Texas North Group of Financial Women International met at Sincerely Yours in Mt. Pleasant on January 15, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Following a business meeting and dinner, Nita King gave a very interesting program about Texas-based mail order catalog enterprise, Sincerely Yours. Members and guests were treated to a tour through the showroom, warehouse, telemarketing and creative areas of the company.

It was announced that Donna Butterfield, FWI Director-Foundation/Education will present a program, "Stress That Motivates" at the May 14 meeting to be held in Mt.

Pleasant Country Club. Guests are welcome. Watch the paper for further details in May.

The 1996-97 year celebrates 75 years of history for FWI and the local chapter would like to invite all women in a financial services profession to visit and perhaps become a member of this organization.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. on March 12, 1997 at Ryan's Steakhouse in Longview. For more information or reservations, please contact Tammy Gibbons at Spring Hill State Bank in Longview at 903-759-0751.

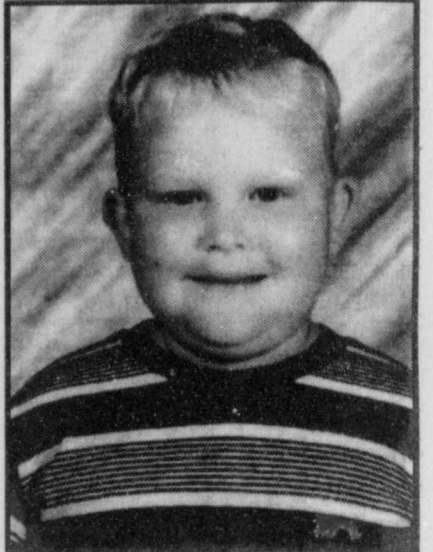
T-Byrds coming to Clarksville

The T-Byrds will be in Clarksville on March 22 for a musical extravaganza to be held at the Clarksville High School Cafeterium to benefit the Red River County Historical Society restoration projects. General admission tickets are \$10.00 and \$15.00 for reserved seats.

Tickets may be obtained at the Broadway Emporium on the square in Clarksville or from Historical Society board members.

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For information, contact Jack Herrington at 427-2813 or Pat Twiford at 427-5182.



SIX YEARS CELEBRATED-Landon Harris celebrated his 6th birthday at his home in Bridges Chapel on Saturday, March 1. Landon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Harris. He is a student at Vivian Fowler School in Mt. Pleasant. Attending the party were; his parents, Mark and Darlene, his grandparents, Glen and Yvonne Harris of Talco and Johnnie Talley. Everyone enjoyed cake and Landon received many nice gifts. Landon is the great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Fall of Talco.



Thursday at 7:00 P.M. is "42" time and every Saturday at 1:30 is Bingo playing time.

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Toppings celebrate 58

Johnny and Willie Mae Skidmore Topping were married March 6, 1939.

They had four daughters, Wanda Lou Phipps (deceased), Johnnie Mae Watts, Linda Frances Williams and Carolyn Kay Selman.

The Toppings celebrated their anniversary quietly at home in Bogata.

RR Special Olympics to sponsor BBQ

The Red River County Special Olympic volunteers will sponsor a Barbeque supper on Saturday, March 15, 1997 at the Clarksville High School Cafeterium.

The supper will get underway at 4:00 p.m. with tickets being sold by volunteers. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Tickets will

also be sold at the door. A drawing will be held during the event for door prizes.

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By Dave Seber

For those who want to know more about the internet but don't know where to start!

The World Wide Web belongs to everyone and to no one. Governments want to regulate it, business wants to make money on it, academics want it exclusively for scholarly research, etc. The ARPANET from 1969, designed to assure control of a ravaged society after a nuclear holocaust, has been superseded by its mutant offspring, the Internet. The Internet is wonderfully out of control and has spread throughout the world. The National Science Foundation Network's high-speed lines were once known as the "Internet Backbone." Today there are "backbones" in Canada, Japan, Europe and privately held Internet Backbones created for business traffic. MCI recently spent 60 million dollars upgrading part of the internet backbone. The Internet is a rare example of a true modern, functional anarchy. There is no board of directors, no stockholders and no official censors. Any computer can speak as a peer to any other as long as it obeys the rules of the protocols, which are strictly technical, not social or political.

In Early 1996, a task force was formed by the White House to head off the possibility of other agencies levying new taxes on electronic commerce. It includes representatives of Treasury, Commerce, State Department, National Security Council, National Economic Council, Office of U.S.A., Trade Representatives and the Federal Communications Commission. They are looking into areas of customs and taxation, electronic payment systems, security and encryption, privacy, commercial law for net commerce, technical standards, information content and telecommunications, infrastructure and interoperability. The administration is working on international aspects of electronic money with other G-7 members to present at a June 1997 conference in Denver. On January 15, CNET reported that Visa and MasterCard were almost ready to finalize the Secure Electronic Transactions (SET) protocol for credit purchases. Visa said it will have a SET trial using e-cash cards in May or June, 1997. 1997 will be a year of experimentation for all sorts of electronic commerce-wallets as plug-ins for browsers, "smart" card technology to simply replace cash with no information about the user being sent over the Internet. All of this is already working quietly in Finland's largest bank, the most wired nation in the world. Merita, Finland's largest bank, provides more than 3 million account holders with highly secure electronic access by computer. Nearly 30% of Finnish homes have a PC and 60% of the population have Internet access. In Finland, there are 62 internet-connected computers per 1,000 residents, twice that of the U.S. Banking, shopping and just visiting or migrating from the real world to the electronic world there at a remarkable rate. Nokia Oy, a Finnish company, is making communicator called Model 9000, a phone and computer hybrid no larger than a bulky cellular phone of a decade ago. It allows Internet access to a user anywhere he might be. 1997 will be the first year of the U.S. of real Internet Commerce. A secure payment system is the only thing holding it back. By the turn of the century, "network literacy" will be forcing itself into the very texture of you life, like it or not.

Steve Crowston deployed to Mediterranean

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Steve Crowston, son of Rita N. and Billy W. Crowston Sr. of Rt. 1, Talco, Texas, is halfway through a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Ramage.

Crowston is one of more than 300 sailors aboard the guided missile destroyer who departed his home port of Norfolk, VA., as part of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group. The battle group includes eight tactical aircraft squadrons, seven surface combatants, two submarines and the three-ship USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

During December, USS Ramage and Naval units from six NATO countries participated in one of the largest

Sixth Fleet undersea warfare exercises. The exercise was to evaluate U.S. and NATO's coordinated operations in countering submarines in shallow, intermediate and deep coastal waters.

Crowston's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar which enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

So far Crowston has visited France, Greece and Italy.

The 1992 graduate of Mt. Vernon High School joined the Navy in June of 1996.

Deaf people benefit from cochlear implants

Today, more than 15,000 deaf people benefit from cochlear implants, a device introduced a little more than a decade ago.

"Manufacturers continue to improve upon their design," said Rose Chmiel, an audiologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "Newer implants have more channels than earlier single-electrode models. As a result, speech understanding is much improved. Also, a smaller speech processor has been developed and other innovations are planned that will make cochlear implants even more user friendly."

Cochlear implants provide sound "information" for adults and children who have nerve deafness in both ears. Surviving nerve fibers in the inner ear or cochlea are stimulated through use of a surgically implanted receiver/stimulator which is connected to an external headset that includes a microphone, transmitter and speech processor.

Today's speech processor is about the size of a cassette tape and is worn on a belt or in a pocket. In the works are cochlear implants with external components small enough to fit behind the ear like a hearing aid, and implants that can be worn while undergoing magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Other planned improvements include:

- * Models for people who do not

have auditory nerves, either genetically or due to illness.

- * Continues improvement in reducing noise interference and making speech clearer.

- * Models that protect against interference from static electricity.

Cochlear implants are wonderfully successful," said Chmiel. "And while not everyone qualifies, the criteria for the procedure includes a significant percentage of deaf adults and children."

Adults, 18 years and older, must have profound or severe-to-profound hearing loss which developed after learning oral speech and language, limited benefit from hearing aids, no medical problems that could cause complications, and a desire to be a part of the hearing and speaking world versus relying in sign language.

Children, ages 2 to 17, must have profound hearing loss, little or no useful benefit from hearing aids, no medical problems that can cause complications, high motivation from both the child and family, and placement in an educational program that emphasizes the development of auditory skills after the implant has been fitted.

"There are about 200 cochlear implant centers around the country," said Chmiel. "This successful procedure is becoming increasingly an option for more and more Americans."

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Methodist to host gospel group

The Blossom United Methodist Church will host in concert the Gospel quartet, "Creations". It will be Southern gospel at it's finest. on Sunday, March 16, 1997 beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The New Creations Quartet was organized in 1971 and is one of the West Coast's longest established Southern Gospel groups. With this unique style, lives are touched as a resurging commitment is pledged to

God's hand at the "helm" as the Quartet travels the broadened horizons of full-time ministry.

Bill McClain, Butch Brown, Tim Callon, Dave Skipworth and Everett Evans make up the New Creations and recognized their first release, "He'll Lift You Up" on Mark V's Heart*Look Label in the Spring of 1996.

For more information contact 903-982-6777.



(Staff Photo By Liz Irwin)
THE NEW CREATIONS will be in concert at the Blossom United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 16 beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact 903-982-6777.

Hale-Bopp Comet will be highly visible

Comet Hale-Bopp was discovered on July 23, 1995. When first viewed, it was 250 times brighter than Comet Halley at the same distance, and is about three times as big as Comet Halley. It is said to be the biggest, brightest comet in the last century. Backyard comet-gazers can already spot it hovering on the eastern horizon each day before dawn.

You can spot the comet by looking east about 30 minutes before dawn. Hold your fist at arm's length. The comet is east-north-east and about two or three fists above the horizon. It will slowly move northward each day.


Comets have long evoked a range of awed emotions and strange ideas in those lucky enough to see them. Comets have been blamed for droughts, famines and floods throughout history.

The last time Comet Hale-Bopp visited the inner solar system, Stonehenge was about to reach it's final configuration, 4,200 years ago!

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The community extends it's sympathy to the family of Neal and Ann Baker in the loss of her mother, Mrs. Boyd of Corsicana.

Jane O'Neal, Murray and Sue Jackson spent the weekend in Kansas City with David and Cathy Jackson.

Francis Thomas picked Norman and Rachel Sain up Saturday for a visit in Johntown. They had dinner with Francis Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. George Green. Sunday afternoon Francis Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. George Green and Virginia Bell visited with Norman and Rachel. Ollie Ruth Carl Bufford and June Guthrie ate supper with Norman and Rachel on Monday.

Buddy Pynes spent Saturday with his mother, Loretta Pynes. They went shopping.

Laytner and Zack Kennedy spent Saturday night with Bobby and Shelby Kennedy. Zack spent Sunday night with them.

Callie and Rudy Carrasco have been visiting family and friends in Minter. They visited Russell, Mary Helen, Johnny and Kathy Whitney and family Monday.

James and Pat Norwood, Buddy Taylor, Leslie, Paula, Justin, and Jennifer Taylor, Billy Ray, Neva Jean, Brandon and Georgina Oats, Amber and Spur Norwood, Cyde Elmer, Jerri Dale and Chance Bankhead, Edd and Sandra Burke, Neal, Jason Baker, Ronnie, Shannon Baker went to Austin to the boys state basketball finals.

Lillian King came to Leonard and Billie Fords to spend the week. Carol,

Bobby, Ashley, Jason, Anna and Danie! Arrington from Gilmer spent the day Sunday. Ryan and Marissa Kindle of Gilmer spent the day Sunday. Kay Lynn Ford left Sunday morning for a skiing trip in Colorado. Joyce and Haley Yazell visited Billie Ford at school Friday and ate lunch with her, they spent the night Friday night with Leonard and Billie.

Kathren Sugg is the proud grandmother of a new granddaughter, born Wednesday, named Taylor Lynne Sugg. Sue and Charles David were here for the weekend. They visited his mother, Lucille Crafton in the Paris Health Center. Kathren Sugg attended the funeral of David Campbell Monday. Josh Gordon, son of Mike and Audrey Gordon of Minter underwent bone marrow transplant recently. He is now in intensive care in a Dallas hospital.

Burl Dean Watson was honored with a birthday dinner Saturday. All his family was present.

Amy Hicks will have surgery in Dallas Wednesday.

Bill and Shirley Page are expecting Kaci Brehm, Sandra and her daughter on Tuesday for a two day visit.

Jonathan Arnold is spending spring break with Charles and Jean Williams.

Shane and Zarinska Morton went to the car races in Royce City this weekend.

Stacy, Linda, Stoney and Charity Musgrove ate lunch with Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove Sunday.

Larry and Pam O'Neal ate supper with Johnnie and Nelta Musgrove Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Swift of Leitchfield, Ky. spent Friday night with Johnnie and Nelta and attended the performance of Stacy Musgrove and band at the VFW in Paris Friday night. Family and friends enjoyed Friday and Saturday performances.

Visting Lou Hatfield over the weekend were daughter and granddaughter Sheran and Virginia Johle from Hutto.

All visited relatives in Mt. Pleasant; Hughlon, Bobby and Whit Barret and Janette Christlow from lunch on Saturday.

Darold and Ida Mae Norwood visited Sheila Norwood in Denton Tuesday.

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I am researching the name Ballard, including a George Ballard. Anyone in this area having knowledge of the name Ballard can respond to: Donna Edwards, Rt. 1, Box 68, Suiphur Springs, Texas 75482 or call 903-945-3054.

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Do you need to reapply annually?

If your land already receives agricultural or timber productivity appraisal, you normally don't need to reapply unless the chief appraiser requires you to do so. If a new application is required, the appraisal district will notify you by mail.

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NAYB has openings for Spring season

The North American Youth Basketball announced today that it has several remaining openings in it's first annual Longview, Spring Youth Basketball Tournaments.

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A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

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Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owned a home on January 1st (and used it as their primary residence on that date) is entitled to a \$5,000 homestead exemption to lower their school taxes this year.....and it doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. (Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.)

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled, or if you're 65 years old or older, you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on our home. And if you qualify for the over-65 exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. (The ceiling does not apply to county or city property taxes, and those entities may offer other exemptions.) The over-65 homeowner's exemptions, and school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home.

Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 1996, you won't need to reapply for 1997 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home, or if you've moved to a new home, you'll need to file for an exemption for 1997. And if you turned 65 or became disabled during 1996, you need to file for the additional exemptions.

When and where should I file?

File applications by April 30 at your appraisal district office. If you need more time, contact us at:
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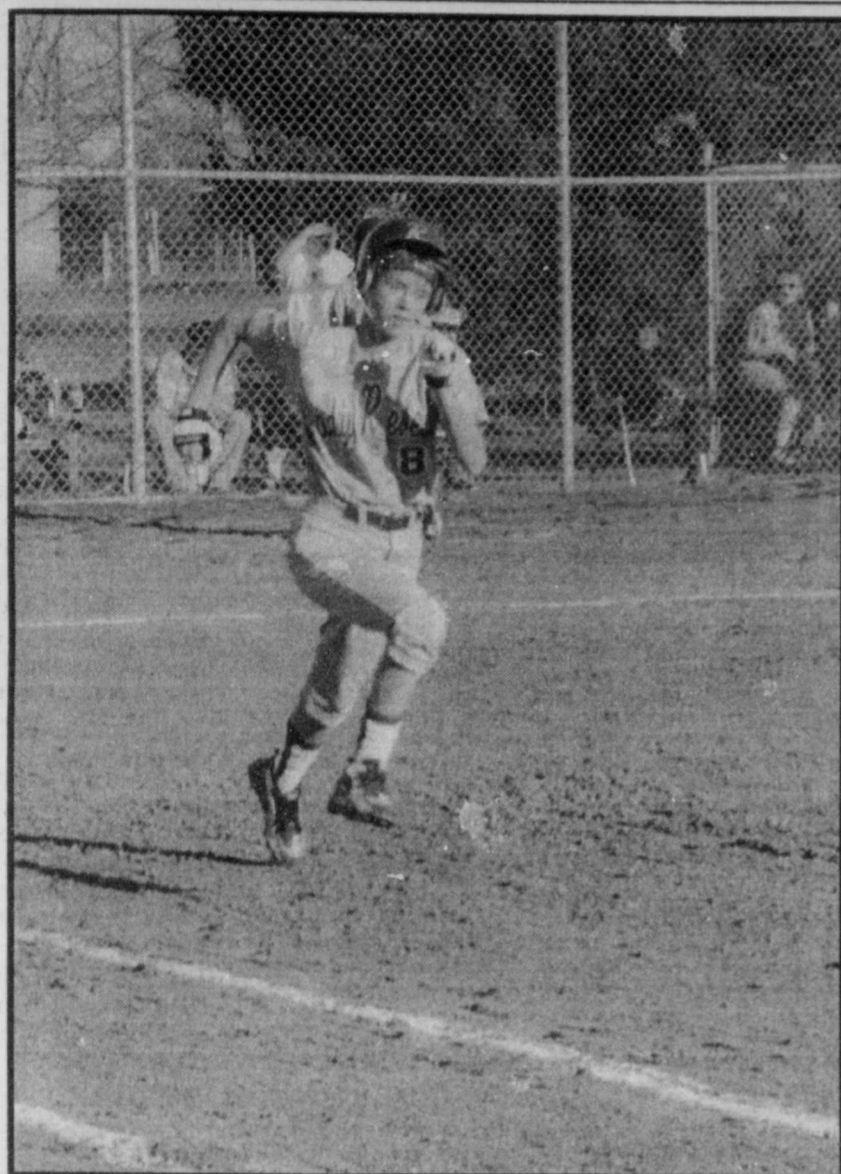
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Believe all you hear about catching colds?

COLLEGE STATION—During winter months, it's a good idea to keep warm and dry, but most health specialists will tell you, this has little to do with cold or flu prevention.

"Common beliefs about how a person gets a cold are unfounded," said Dr. Carol Rice, a registered nurse and health specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas A&M University. "Many think that being out in cold or rainy weather, sitting in a draft, or coming inside from hot weather into a building cooled by air conditioning will bring on a cold. None of these ideas are supported by research."

What causes colds are more than 200 viruses, she said. Adults average about six colds each year while children may have as many as nine colds a year.

"The reason colds occur more often during winter months is because people stay inside where viruses tend to be more concentrated," she said.

To reduce the incidence of colds it is important to always wash your hands with soap and water, and avoid hand contact with those who have colds, Rice said. Also, try to keep hands away from your mouth and nose.

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History of First Baptist Church - Bogata

By June Denny Stanley

The earliest record found of any church in Bogata was among the records of Miss Edna Howison, whose ancestors, the Humphreys, along with the Wilsons, were the first settlers to come to this area. They came in 1836. In 1876, Mr. Humphrey gave land in East Bogata for a building site. (A Park is located there, just off East 3rd Street in a wooded area near a creek) A building located in the park where the community house now stands served as a school, a church and a Grange. The Grange was an agricultural and political organization of the time. The Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Church of Christ all held services there, each having their preacher come once a month. It is likely that this was when the Baptist Church was first organized in Bogata. Miss Lucy Igo, a long time member of the church stated that she was baptized in 1881. George Ferguson was the pastor at that time. Other Baptist ministers who preached in that building were brothers McCullough and Blanchard. (Miss Lucy was a member of the Baptist Church of Bogata from 1881 until her death in 1971. She was 101 years old) The Baptismal place for the church was a hole of water in the spring branch which flowed near by. The Cumberland Presbyterians built a frame church on North Main Street in 1890. This church was used by all denominations for many years. In 1900 the Baptist congregation decided to build their own church on a lot donated by Reverend J.E. Horner. This was the same lot on which the church that burned stood. It was a hexagon shaped building made of lumber.

Labor for building the church was volunteered by members and other citizens of the town. John Barnett was general foreman. He donated every other days work. The lumber was hauled from north of Bagwell by citizens who donated their time and labor. Among them Messrs. Sam Ferguson, Dan Thomas, Dan McCain, Ben Bryson and J.H. Brunette.

Some of the active members and contributors of the church at that time were Reverend J.E. Horner and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Moore, who gave the first \$100., Mr. and Mrs. Dick Baird, L.W. Lassiter, Mr.

and Mrs Johnny Dickson, the Joe McCullough family, Mr. and Mrs. Ephram Igo, Dee Porter, the Polk Roach family, the Frank Roach family and Charlie Patton.

The year the church was completed the association met here which was quite an occasion and one to be remembered and talked about. It was during the time of the Galveston flood, and the wind was so high and the rain so great that delegates could hardly go to and from the church. A baptistry was built in the church in 1905. A well was dug at the back to furnish water for baptizing. The water was drawn out of the well and carried by bucket to fill the baptistry for baptizing new members. Mrs. Annie Horner Lowry served as superintendent of the Sunday School from 1900 to about 1907.

In the month of May each year the leaders of the church would have what was called "Children's Day". Including all the children of the community. It was a great occasion for the grown ups as well as the children because it was a day when the girls came out in new lawn and organically laced trimmed dresses with wide colored ribbon sashes and bows of ribbon. The drills and marches we had were greatly enjoyed by the grown ups as it gave them the chance to see their offspring show off their best talent. Mrs. W.H. Grayson and Mrs. S. A. Patterson were early day musicians who usually put the children's play over.

O.J. Cooper served the church as clerk and secretary of the Sunday School from 1910 until 1945. Walter McDavid served as superintendent of the Sunday School from 1922 until 1947.

Some of the early day pastors were Brothers Horner, George Ferguson, McCullough, Blanchard, Veteto and Lee Fuller. In late years, Brother Peaden, Brother John A. Williams, Brother John Goodman and Brother Robert Hewley. In 1937 under the pastorate of Reverend Hewley the Hexagon Building was completely remodeled and made into a 40X60 foot building with Sunday School rooms and an auditorium in one unit. One report states that adding to or dividing the building was not practical, so the building was torn down. The foundation and floors were found

to be in very good condition so they were used for the new building. With some adjustments the new building was almost square. It contained three classrooms, Brothers Weathersby and Hill followed Brother J.E. Anderson, pastor at that time. Brother Curtis Hoover was called as pastor in 1943 and served until 1949. More Sunday School rooms were added at the north end of the building and a Tabernacle was built north of that building.

It is reported that a young man came to town in the early 1940s as editor of The Bogata News. He was Catholic, but he attended some services of a revival. He wrote, "I never saw such a town as this one. The merchants treat each other like partners, not as competitors. We went to a Baptist revival where a Baptist preached, a Presbyterian preacher led the singing and the Methodist preacher led in Prayer.

L.L. Hanson came as pastor following Brother Hoover. Brother Charles Tope was the next Pastor. While the Tope were in Bogata, the church purchased a parsonage located on Clarksville Street.

In 1955, the building was again replaced, this time with a brick structure. The old Sunday School rooms remained until 1972 when they too were replaced with a brick building.

Other pastors who served this church were Brothers: Brinlee, Stan Nelson, Marvin Solum, Blake Dunagan and James Barnes.

During Brother Barnes; ministry here, central heat and air conditioning were added to the church and parsonage.

Davis (Dickie) Golden followed Brother Barnes. He served as pastor for more than five years. One of his most outstanding qualities was his love and concern of children. The church did not have a van or bus at that time, so he picked up children from around the area so they could attend services. These were children whose parents did not care to attend church. (This was not church history, but an interesting anecdote: One Sunday Morning during the sermon, a little boy went up the the pulpit to Brother Golden and told him that he had to go to the bathroom. Fortunately an alert lady went to both of their rescue.) Soon after Brother Golden left the church, the congrega-

tion bought a bus and then sold it to buy a van. (1987: a van fund is set up with the hope of adding a second vehicle in the very near future.)

Bob Posey came as pastor in 1975. During the latter part of Brother Golden's ministry or the early part of Brother Posey's ministry, the church hired a second staff member, a Youth and Music Director. Rip Cannon, Kenneth Winn, C.D. Glass Billy Harris, Ollie Lee, Denny Whitley, Brian Baggett, Gary Koerner and Vince Blankenship have served in this capacity.

During Brother Posey's tenure, the church has built a brick parsonage which is located on Highway 271 east of Bogata. Another house has been purchased for the music director.

On a Sunday afternoon in November, 1986, the brick buildings mentioned above were destroyed by fire. Just minutes after the morning worship service was dismissed, the fire was discovered.

Except for the organ and the grand piano in the auditorium the entire

plant and contents were destroyed. The Assembly of God congregation in Bogata graciously allowed the Baptists to meet in their gym and classroom facilities. With the exception of Training Union on the Sunday night of the fire, every service was held on schedule. All service and meetings were held there until November 16, 1987 when the congregation met in its new building for the first time.

The new building was constructed on a plot of land located on North Main Street near the intersection with Highway 37. The building, contents and parking lot are paid for thanks to good insurance coverage and the generosity of many other churches and many people. The Baptistry picture was painted by Molee Huddleston and Carol Hale.

This is the building that holds this information in a time capsule. Upon the completion of this building, many members felt that the church had experienced a miracle.

On October 1, 1988 Brother Greg Bowers was called as pastor. He faithfully served the church until January 1991. Brother George Thomas was called as pastor on August 1, 1991 and served until July 1995. April 7, 1996, on Easter Sunday morning, was Brother Park Robertson's first Sunday as pastor. He is currently still serving the church. On September 6, 1996, the church called Brother Rick Holeman to serve as Minister of Youth and Music.

A special note of thanks to John Paul Cooper, who supplied a handwritten history by his mother, Lallie Cooper; Ann Cody who also supplied a hand written history for the dedication service of the church in 1987. The Bogata News for articles by Mollie Williams and Iva Hooker. 1997 Homecoming Committee: Patsy Ward, Sue Huffman, Mary Jo Porterfield, June Stanley and Neil Rozell.



BOGATA BAPTIST CHURCH



First Baptist Church

Bogata Locals

By Judy Screws
Call 632-5322

Amanda Griffin and Carmen Aceveda from Carrigan, Texas visited last week with their grandfather, Norris Phipps, and great grandparents, Johnny and Willie Mae Topping.

Sandra Lidell of Dallas and Sheila Buck of Hillsboro visited over the week end with their mother, Lucille O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Murl Roach of Deport were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana.

Jerry and Chris Anna Guerra, Christopher and Jerred visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana.

Happy March birthdays to Buddy Stringfellow, Kimberly Young, Jennifer Roberts, Kelsey Stringfellow, Robin Webb, Dixie Stringfellow and Aunt Johnnie.

Andrea and Jeff McKenzie and family of Lewisville visited with Andrea's grandparents, Loyce and Ed Huddleston, over the week end.

Doyle and Nina Smith of Denton visited Christine Baker last week and attended the funeral of Wretha Watkins. They also visited the ladies' mother, Ruby Corbell, at Regency Nursing Center in Clarksville.

Emily Ward and Tyler and Austin Easley would like to welcome their cousin, Hunter Cole Binion, to the world. Hunter was born at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas on February 24, 1997.

They hope he will soon be home. Visiting Dixie Stringfellow this week were Jimmy Stringfellow, Vicki and Dee Tabb and Billy, Kathy, Kaley and Kellen Stringfellow.

Jerry Gray drove his mother, Willie Mae Gray, to Fort Worth this week to visit her sister, Shirley Sturdivant. While there Jerry and Willie Mae will also be visiting Janice and Horace Horton and Jenny and Bob Bryan.

Christopher and Jerred Guerra of Paris are spending a few days of their spring break in Bogata with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Screws and Tana.

Among the out of town visitors here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ida Barnard were Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lamb of Seminole; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Wilson of Clifton; June Wilson and daughter Katie of Waco; Jo Ann Mayse of Ft. Worth; Linda Marning, Wortham; Susie Scriber of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Childers of Cypress; Elderie Calberia and family, Jimmie Ruth Childers, Jim Childers, of Streetman; Howell Potter of Ft. Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Stovall of Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Childers and family of Coriscana; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Potter of Sunvale; Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Potter of Kaufman; Lea Merritt of Oklahoma; Jerri Nell Genung, Florida; Barbara Bernard, Florida; Rhonda Robinson of Irving; Carol Fox of Dallas; Brenda Andrews of Wiley and Joe Wilson of Houston.

Bogata School Menu
March 17-21

- Monday**
 - Breakfast: Cereal, Toast & Jelly, Juice & Milk
 - Lunch: Pizza, Corn, Fruit, Pickle Spears, Crackers, Milk
- Tuesday**
 - Breakfast: Pancakes & Syrup, Juice & Milk
 - Lunch: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Honey, Milk
- Wednesday**
 - Breakfast: Sausage & Biscuit, Jelly, Juice & Milk
 - Lunch: Corn Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Pickle Spears, Strawberry Yogurt Cup, Milk
- Thursday**
 - Breakfast: Donuts, Graham Crackers & Peanut Butter, Juice, Milk
 - Lunch: Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Carrots, Crackers, Milk
- Friday**
 - Breakfast: Cereal, Toast & Jelly, Juice & Milk
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County Attorney

Jack Herrington

County Attorney Jack Herrington reports that Glenn Wayne Jackson was sentenced to 40 years in prison for the aggravated sexual assault of a child. Herrington said, "Jackson will have to spend 20 years day-for-day before he will even be considered for parole."

Others receiving sentences Monday were: Roy Miles who received one year in the county jail on a revocation of probation; Dusty Lee Baer, who was sentenced to 10 years probation with the condition that he spend 6 months in county jail as a condition of his probation for the burglary of a house; Martisha Rosser received 5 years probation and restitution in a forgery case; Willie James Scales was sent to prison for five years for a felony DWI; and Johnny Harper was sentenced to four years in prison on a revocation of probation.

James B. Zimmerman, Justice, Court of Appeals-Retired, sitting by assignment for the Indecency with a Child charges against Clayton Hall, attorney, has set the three cases for trial on Monday, July 7, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. before a jury in the District Courtroom of Sulphur Springs, TX.

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Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

The City of Blossom, P.O. Box 297, Blossom, TX 75416
 To: All Interested Agencies, Groups and Persons:
 Seventeen (17) days after this publication, the City of Blossom, Blossom, Texas intends to request the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for Project No. 716089.

Exempt Activities:
 Administration
 Planning and Engineering of Wastewater Collection System Improvements
Environmental Assessment Activities:
 Wastewater Collection System Improvements

Finding of No Significant Impact
 it has been determined that such a request of release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the City of Blossom has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reason for such a decision is based upon the fact that all environmental concerns could either be minimized or mitigated.

An Environmental Review Record for the proposed project has been made by the City of Blossom which documents the environmental review

of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. The Environmental Review Record is on file at the Office of Community Development: City of Blossom, 1240 W. Front St., Blossom, TX 75416, and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Public Comments on Findings
 All interested agencies, groups and persons, disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Blossom to the address set forth above. Such written comments must be received at the address specified within sixteen (16) days after this publication. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Blossom will not request the release of funds or take administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the proceeding sentence.

Release of Funds
 The City of Blossom will undertake the activities described above with Community Development Block Grant funds under Title I from its Program Year 1996 under grant number 716089 from the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Blossom is certifying to TDHCA that Mr. Ronnie Westbrook in his official capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Blossom may use Block Grant funds and it will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. TDHCA will accept an objection to its approval only on one or more of the bases and the procedures described in 24CFR Part 58.75. Objections are to be addressed to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, TX 78711.

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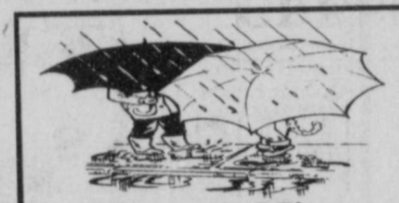
Births

John and Kristi Purviance announce the arrival of their daughter, **Mayzie Brooke**, born February 28 in Titus Regional Medical Center, Mt. Pleasant, weighing 7 lbs. 9 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Dennis and Joyce Purviance of Ft. Worth, John and Connie Kay Brooks of Bogata. Great-grandparents are Randall and Margie Mayes of Bogata, Phillip and Roberta Brooks of Mt. Pleasant and Jess and Thelma Purviance of Clear Lake, Iowa.

Hunter Cole Binion arrived at 7:07 p.m. Feb. 24, 1994 weighing 3 lbs. 11 ozs. and 16 inches long at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas. Parents are Kevin and Julie Binion of Bogata. Grandparents are Wayne and Jelu Binion of Talco, John and Nina Stoner of Bogata. Great Grandparents are the M.L. Brown's of Bogata and Irby and JoAnn Smith of Sherman.

Beta Club induction to be held March 20

The Rivercrest Beta Club will hold its Induction Service on Thursday, March 20, 1997 at the school auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. There will be a reception following the service. Everyone is invited to attend.



Have A Nice Weekend



COVERED-Lady Rebels First base Tasha Brown #15 and Second base Erin Stansell # 8 both wind up at the base after getting Lady Pat Jamie Batey out at first and Stansell looks for the throw to third. The Lady Rebels defeated the Lady Pats 12-5 in Thursday's district game at Prairiland. (Staff Photo Nancy Brown)

1997 Rivercrest Golf Schedule

- March 17
- March 18
- March 24
- March 31
- April 7
- April 21-22
- May 5

- Prairiland HS Tournament, Elk Hollow, Paris
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- Wolfe City Tournament, Webb Hill Country Club
- District 17AA, Clarksville Country Club
- District 17AA, Clarksville Country Club
- Region III, Tyler
- State Meet, Austin

- Boys
- Girls
- Boys and Girls
- Boys
- Girls
- Boys and Girls
- Boys and Girls

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