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Brittany Creech waving her
Justo sign at the concert.

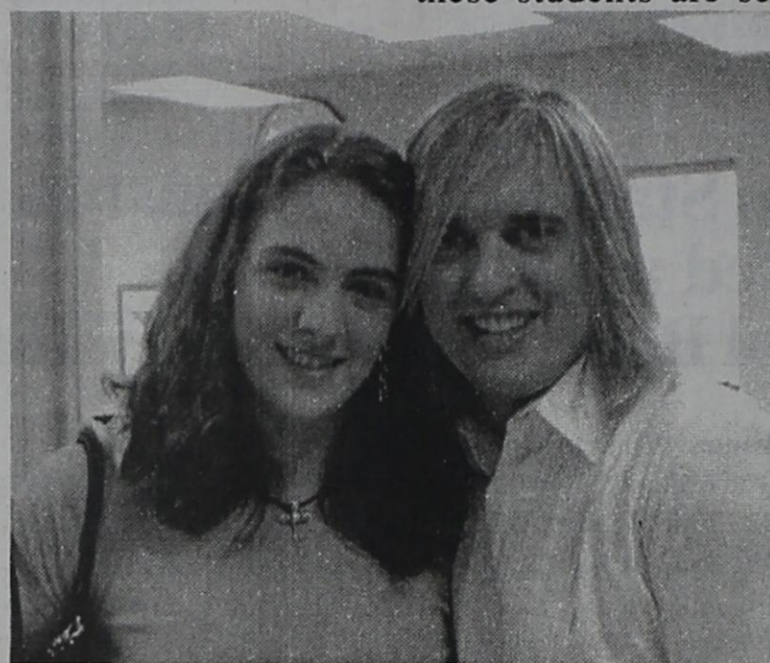
Justo Lamas Thrills Baird Spanish Classes

Coleman High School was the place to be Wednesday, February 1, as about 400 Spanish students from the area converged to hear Justo Lamas, an Argentinean Pop Star perform in concert. Amid roars of delight from the students, Justo ran onto the stage and started singing. Students enthusiastically stood shouting, 'Justo, Justo, Justo,' and began to sing with him. The concert sounded like any concert but the enchantment was that Justo and these English-speaking students were singing in Spanish. In fact, they were doing more than just singing, they were demonstrating how much they had learned while enjoying a sense of accomplishment.

Justo used a strong Anti-Drug and alcohol message to speak to students about lifestyle choices. 'Every problem has a solution. Nothing is impossible. Believe in yourself were all messages Justo left with the students including his theme song, *No hay camino sin salida* -There is no road without an exit.' He also mixed his performance with famous Spanish songs like Guantanamera, the perennial favorite-La Bamba, and Eres Tu in order to generate interest and student participation. He has written several songs that are geared towards students studying Spanish, so the sentence structure is relatively easy to follow and the themes track subjects students study in class. Mr. Williams, the Baird Spanish teacher appreciates the concerts, because, "It gives students the opportunity to hear the target language spoken by native speakers under

Winner of the Baird Project Graduation Beef Raffle

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Local Achieves Degree at Tarleton State University

STEPHENVILLE, TX-Seventeen members of the Winter 2005 graduating class at Tarleton State University received special recognition during commencement exercises held December 17. The selection of Departmental Outstanding Graduates is a tradition at Tarleton commencements and these students are se-

lected by faculty and administrators from their major department based on academic excellence and student abilities.

Among those achieving an undergraduate degree at Tarleton State University was Karli Diane Jennings of Baird, with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. Karli Diane was a recipient of an Honorary Degree.

Baird residents, Ty Wilson and Christopher Harris, Top T.S.T.C Honor Roll

Baird residents Ty Wilson and Christopher Harris have earned a place on the President's Honor Roll for the Fall semester at Texas State Technical College Waco. Wilson and Harris are students in Diesel Equipment Technology, and are among those recognized with a scholastic achievement of a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

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be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

A Tale of Two Coaches Coaching Head Job Takes Ballinger Native to Clyde to 2006-7 Football Team

Besting out some over 140 applicants, the school board at Clyde has voted for the appointment of Craig Slaughter a Winters native and up to January 16, the head football coach at Hearne High School, to be the head football coach and athletic director at Clyde C.I.S.D. as of the Monday, January 16 school board meeting. Slaughter has spent four years before now as head football coach and athletic director at Hearne I.S.D., located northeast of Bryan/College Station in Robertson County. With 290 students, Class AA Hearne High School, has compiled a 24-19 record during Slaughter's last four years.

Tom Slagle will be replaced on the recommendation of Clyde C.I.S.D. superintendent Dr. Kevin Spiller. Coach Slagle has been reassigned to other coaching duties within the school system. Coach Slaughter has been offered a two year contract with the school district and began his duties in Clyde on February 1, according to Dr. Spiller. Of the 10 individuals who were interviewed by a Selection Committee on January 7 at the Clyde C.I.S.D. Administration Building, Dr. Spiller commented that "I think we really found the right guy," at the Monday meeting.

The motion by Kenneth Kniffen to offer the head coach athletic director position to Slaughter was seconded by Tina Sartor. Slaughter's history: He is a 32 year old graduate of Winters High School where he played football for the Blizzards. He received his degree in kinesiology from Angelo State University in San Angelo. Coach Slaughter met his wife of seven years, Kim, while they were attending college in San Angelo, and she is an elementary art teacher in Bryan I.S.D.

His first teaching job brought him to Eastland I.S.D. one year later, before becoming an assistant coach at Ballinger High School in 1997. He later became defensive coordinator while at Ballinger before leaving after the 2001 year to take his very first head coaching job at Hearne. Ballinger and Clyde were former district opponents before Ballinger dropped down to Class AA two seasons ago.

Slaughter's parents continue to live in Ballinger.

No Action Taken on Contract of Coach Bryan Webb in Meeting of Baird School Board-Open Forum

The Baird School Board is scheduled to meet on February 16th to decide the tenure of head football coach, Bryan Webb. In a meeting of the school board in which the star Chance Rodriguez presented a petition with 64 signatures and football man-

ager Emalie Green as well as parents and the former principal Al Hunter spoke on his behalf. On Jan. 10th, the board only decided to retain and raise the salary of Superintendent Cliff Gardner in their regular Monday meeting, when the enrollment was stated as 350, with 114 in high school, 74 in middle school and 162 in elementary.

TAKS practice testing began on targeting instruction according to principal Vick Orlando.

A well-ness program is

being implemented with Marilu Strickland and Sandra Carter.

The school cafeteria passed with flying colors, a Dept. of Health Inspection.

The decision to retain Coach Web will be decided at the scheduled Feb. 16 meeting, a Thursday at 6:30. The board considers the possibility of combining the Athletic Director and head football coach jobs.

The board is pursuing a grant from Tex. Tech and the West Central Tex. Council of Governments for a wellness program for Grades 1-5.

Baird Head Start Now Accepting Applications

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D.P.S. Report

1-28 through 2-4-2006
Cases Investigated
Warnings.....109
Complaints.....125
D.W.I.....5
Public Intoxication....3
Accidents....
There was 1 accident, investigated during this time span.

Announcement:

Ranger College Announcement: You are cordially invited to attend a Reception Honoring the new Ranger College President, Dr. and Mrs. Ken Tunstall and Family. The reception will be Friday, February 10, 2006, from

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Talent, Enthusiasm Abound As Local Stars Perform To Thunderous Applause

Here from his own lips and script, the introduction by the man of the Golden Tonsils, Master of Ceremonies Emmett Lasater, master Ad-Libber and all-around Good Fellow:

The Grand Ole Opry began just five years after commercial radio was born in the United States. In 1925, the National Life and Accident Insurance Company built a radio station as a public service to the local community and with the hope that the new medium could advertise insurance policies.

The station's call letters, WSM, stood for the company's motto: "We Shield Millions."

Preshow by Local Grand Ole Opry Band

Welcome tonight to the Grand opening of the Eastland County Historical Museum! We welcome the Grand Ole Opry to the Grand New Eastland.

What a beautiful night to show off the beautiful work that has been accomplished so far. The Museum Board is to be congratulated for the road traveled, but it is now up to the rest of us to chip in and make it the success it can be. Grants can be obtained but only if they can show strong local support. Your gift will ensure that exhibits such as tonight's will be here year round for years to come. Be a part of Eastland County's dream.

You have had the pleasure of listening to the Local Grand Ole Opry Band. Now let me introduce you to Eastland County residents that have actually performed on stage at the opry.

At the age of 6, Roy lost the sight in his left eye and fingers on his left hand to a dynamite cap explosion. As a result of these childhood injuries, he is unable to hold and chord any stringed instrument in the usual fashion.

With the help from family and friends, he devised a contraption he called his "Gut Strap." Instead of holding up his pants, the gut strap holds up his fiddle! Using a belt, Roy fastens the 'Gut Strap' around his waist. The cushioned arm holds the fiddle in place as he plays/frets over the top. A large rubber band is fastened over the scroll of the fiddle to keep it from 'floating' when pressure is applied as he frets the fiddle. A very unique device for a very unique fiddler!

Roy has appeared on many TV shows and has been featured in Texas Highways. I encourage you to go to his website: www.fingerlessfiddler.com to read more and to purchase his music.

Roy and his youngest brother, Bert, had the distinguished honor of playing together on The Grand Ole Opry from 1979 until 1991 as Roy Acuf's special guest.

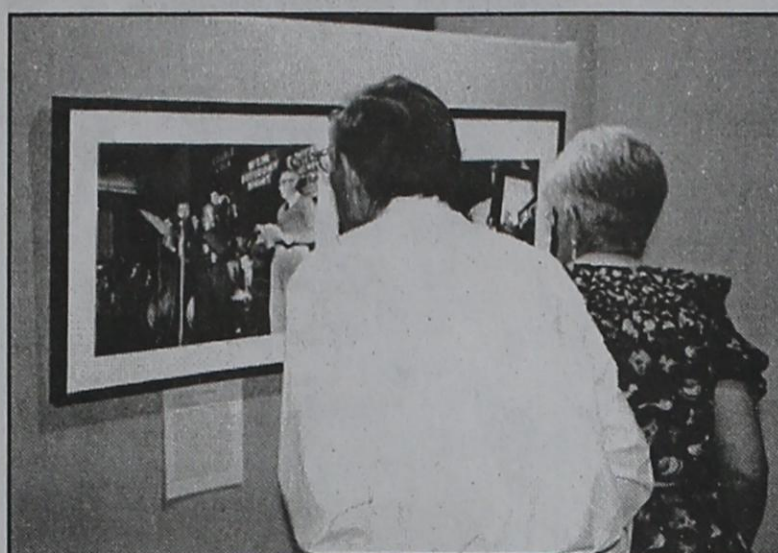
How lucky we are to have him help us honor the Opry tonight.

Ladies and Gentlemen - Roy Thackerson and Raymond Hart.

Jeanne Pruett was the lead off singer.

This next performer has been singing for nine years and is only 12 now! In fact in three weeks she moves to Nashville to jump start her career. You now have the opportunity to be able to say I knew her when - Ladies and Gentlemen - a little bundle of dynamite - Morgan Frazier.

The Eastland County Theatre on the Square under di-



People view Grand Ole Opry Exhibit.



Jim Wright performs Jim Reeves song.

rection of Jean Darnell and Don Bradshaw, has worked very hard to line up some Grand Ole Opry performers. The Theatre on the Square is a growing group and you are invited to be a part of this wonderful fun bunch - contact Jean and now...

The "Queen of Country Music," was born Ellen Muriel Deason, in Nashville, Tennessee on August 30, 1919. She created the role for all other female country singers. "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels" recorded in 1952, was her first number one song and she was the first female to sell a million records and reach number one in the country field. For 14 consecutive years she was voted the nation's number one "Country Female Artist" by all of the trade publications. Our performer Kitty Wells by Jayne Jones.

Our next performer was on stage Oct. 2, 1954 and sung Blue Moon of Kentucky during his one and only Opry appearance. He didn't like the way he was treated and vowed to never return.

Ladies and Gentlemen - Elvis Presley by Chad Edgington.

Minnie Pearl was the undisputed queen of country comedy, known for her hopelessly styleless knee-length country dresses, her straw hat decorated with colorful plastic flowers and \$1.98 price tag, and her cheerful shout of "How-dee! I'm just so proud to be here!" For fifty years, she performed as a member of the Grand Ole Opry. Nancy Hughes takes us back in time -- all together now "How-dee!"

Born in Butcher Hollow, Kentucky and known by fans as a Coal Miner's Daughter, Loretta Lynn brought to us by Dorothy Matthews.

Born in Vernon, TX and graduating high school in Wink is one of the greatest - please welcome Roy Orbison by Richard Rossander!

Next is the performer born in Panola County, TX known for his smooth voice - Jim Wright performing Jim Reeves.

And now one of the great singers from Eastland performing the hit song from a

great female singer - Lynn Anderson by Jaycee Pruitt.

This star's big break came when she won an Arthur Godfrey Talent program in 1957 with the hit Walkin' After Midnight. Patsy Cline presented by Wendy Rogers.

The First Lady of Country Music and the ole possum Now Show Jones - Tammy Wynett and George Jones brought to you by Dr. Bob and Dorothy Matthews.

The Red Headed Stranger was the leader of the Outlaw Country Music and wrote Crazy for Patsy Cline - Welcome Willie Nelson brought to you by Larry Wesson.

Emmy Lou Harris by Jean Darnell.

Our next performer was born October 27, 1933 near Shreveport, LA, and grew up in the small sawmill town of Huttig, Ark. He balked at piano lessons but learned to play piano by ear at age 5. Please welcome Floyd Cramer brought to you by Roy Rodgers.

Before our last group, we would like to invite you back Friday, Feb. 10 to hear free, "The Echoes" singing songs of the fifties.

The Opry is famous for having Gospel groups and our Gospel group tonight is Redeemed.

At the close many were thanked including all the entertainers; Jean Darnell, talent recruiter and director; H.V. O'Brien, coordinator for the Exhibit and the Opening Events; Ed Allcorn, building manager who hung the exhibit; First Baptist Church, for loan of the stage and additional chairs; Norm Logan and his Art Club for special decorations and signage; and many others who contributed in any way to the success of the event.



Pictured (left) is performer Morgan Frazier and (right) Minnie Pearl - Nancy Hughes. Photos by Terry Simmons

From Page One

Celebrities From Far and Near Helped Open The Museum/Exhibit To Receptive Opry Enthusiasts

It was a stellar performance to open the full evening of exciting entertainment Friday.

"Born in Gorman Sanitarium," Mr. Barnes now heads up an important firm with offices in Austin and New York City, in brief remarks praised the countians for their cooperative spirit in accomplishing to much for the locals and visitors.

He interrupted a flight from N.Y. City with a stop over at Brownwood for his visit here. (His big plane couldn't land at the local airport; a problem soon to be elevated.) He was brought from that airport and returned for his continued flight by Jim Farrar, chair of the E.E.D.C., who gave him a grand tour of the many things that have been developed and others under development. (Jim now says that Mr. Barnes couldn't believe his eyes at all the progress and

pledged his support.)

In his off-the-cuff talk Mr. Barnes let it be known that this was a "Sentimental Journey" for him to return to his home county, be welcomed so warmly by friends and strangers, and to know that this place could show the way to other Texas cities, large and small, could through cooperation and imaginative thinking bring their own towns up to date.

He said he'd be back for Starbuck's Coffee; and in fact is due to return in April for a public book signing. His book will tell how the Sharpstown bank scandal was used to keep him from gaining the governorship of Texas some years back.

Good words, good entertainment and the first looks at the Opry Exhibit were all pluses for the two-night visitors, missed by those who didn't make it.

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Chris Reeves

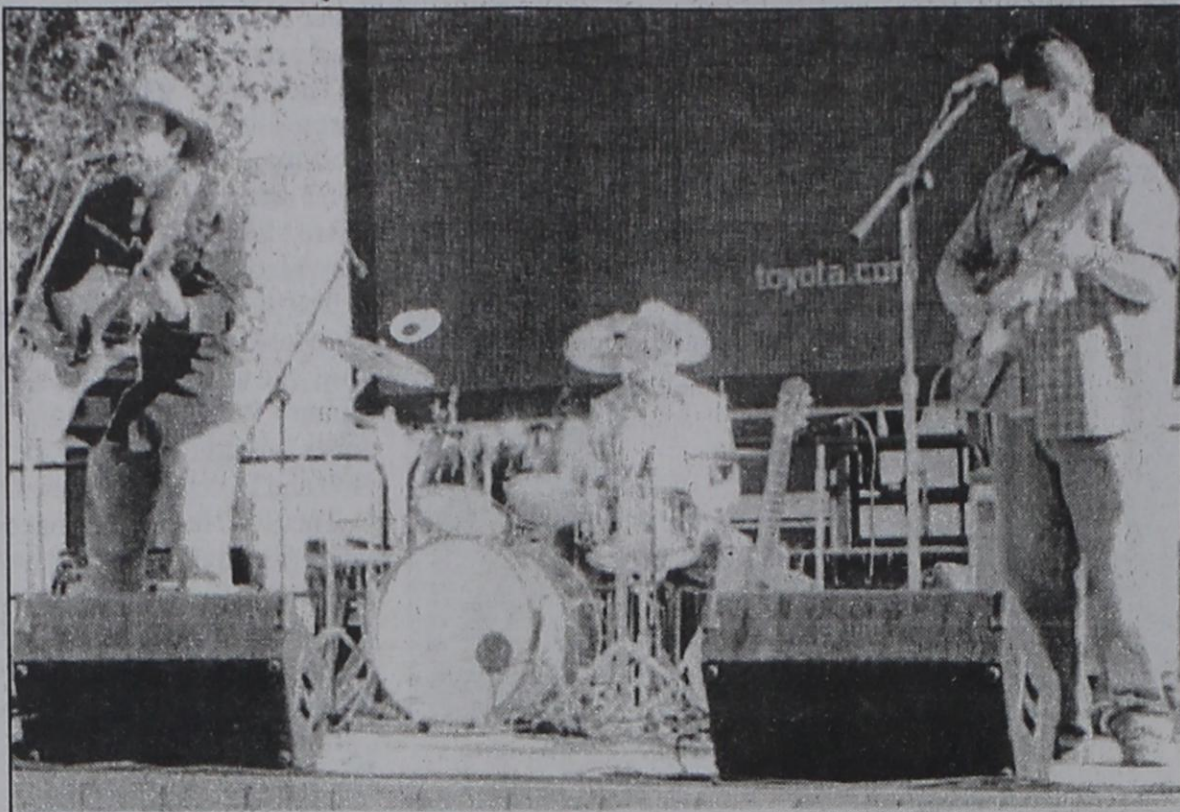
Chris Reeves Is Opry Vet, And Busy Performer

Chris Reeves, local musician, made his debut on the Grand Ole Opry in June, 2005. While in Nashville, Chris also got to perform at the Country Music Hall of Fame, and was included in a show that featured the Season 2 contestants of USA

Networks 'Nashville Star'.

Chris plays Lead and Spanish guitar for 'Nashville Star' Season One Runner Up John Arthur Martinez.

They will be going to Nashville soon to record a new CD, which will include Chris on guitar and vocals,



Chris Reeves (far right) playing with band

and include a song co-written by Chris and John Arthur. While in Nashville, John Arthur will be doing an interview with Europe's largest country music magazine to promote their upcoming tour in Europe. This tour will include stops in France, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Vienna, and possibly Germany and Austria. This tour will last from the end of July to the middle of August.

Chris is now 25 years old. He started taking lessons from Carl Whiteley when he was 10 years old. He started out on guitar, but quickly picked up the fiddle, mandolin and bass. Carl and wife Helen started a band with their students, which included Chris and sister Lesli. They traveled all over central

Texas playing musicals, oprys, festivals, nursing homes, reunions, etc.

Later Chris started playing for different area bands such as Joe Martin and The Little Branson Band, George Allison and Easy Country, Vernon Willingham and the Texas Rhythm Boys, Texas Touch, Southern Edge, Southern Cross, Jack Rosser and the Special Edition, and the Heart of Texas band.

Chris has learned from watching and listening to all the musicians he has had the opportunity to play with.

When he first started playing at the musicals, he would watch Rosie Marshall, Earl Hill, Gene Christia, Bob Donahoo, and many more.

Chris also works for local band Georgia Overdrive, San

Antonio musician Luke Olson, and Carnival Recording Artist Craig Dillingham. Georgia Overdrive includes, Chris, Bassist Darwin Archer, and Drummer Chris Pittman.

Chris has also been in the studio lately with Freddy Powers, who has co-written songs with Merle Haggard and Willie Nelson, and also has written #1 hits for George Jones and Haggard. Chris enjoyed meeting Freddy and listening to his stories.

Chris has also recorded with Mike Blakely and John M. Greenberg, both of Marble Falls, Texas.

Chris is the son of Phillip and Nina Reeves of Cisco.

For more information, please visit Chris' web site: www.chrisreeves.net and John Arthur's web site: www.johnarthurmartinez.net

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Dan Newbury

Towels, Traditions and Trademarks

Texas A&M University Aggies have been gung-ho from the "git-go," and anyone who figured they'd take "12th man" trademark infringement sitting down had best rethink the matter. (Some Aggies maintain, by the way, that "git-go's" originated in College Station, but such is not documented.)

Whatever, Texas A&M opened in 1876, and traditions started soon thereafter. The "12th man" tradition evolved in 1922, and it became so interwoven with "Aggiedom" that they got a trademark. Papers were officially drawn up in 1990, the government signed off on it without any flap, and few poachers have tried to ride on the Aggies, trademark coat-tails—until now.

Military tacticians stress the importance of preparedness, warning that adversaries who are least expected pop up at the most unlikely places. They are right once more. Who would have guessed that Seattle Seahawk faithful would decide that they, too, would claim "12th man" trappings? And at the Mount Everest of sporting events—Super Bowl XL, for pity's sake?

At press time (hours before the big game), Aggies were mad enough to chew pine trees into two by four's. Papers were flying "wherefores and whereases" filled the air—as A&M officials sought restraining orders to make Seattle backers abandon plans to take "12th man" flags and towels to the game, and to market same.

It seems to me that the offenders would do well to retreat to the drawing board. Trademarks have teeth. How tragic to consider the possibility of defeats on both foot-

ball field and in the courtroom. Yes, their "12th man" plans at this writing are bird-brained at worst and half-baked at best.

Hell hath no fury like an Aggie scorned. Let the Seahawks have "12th bird" if they wish, or "12th fan," or "12th primate." Or, let them eat cake.

Oh, this isn't the first time for the Aggies to face trespassers trying to "horn in" on the tradition. (Notice I didn't say "LONGHORN in.")

In the past, poachers had no ill intent. Typically, they apologize, tip their hats and slowly ride away.

T-Sippers are amused. One UT supporter sniffed that the Aggies ought to loosen up. "They should consider it a blessing; it may be the only way they can get their flag to a championship event," one crowed.

Another pointed out that this, notoriety, like Aggie jokes, keeps the school's name in the news. "Super Bowl advertisers paid \$2.5 million for 30-second ads, and the Aggies are getting a ton of publicity for nothing."

I heard the other day that some Pittsburgh fans are miffed, too. They claim that the idea of waving towels originated with them, dating back to the days of the Steelers, vaunted "steel curtain" defense.

Can't the Seattle folks think of something else to

My pre-Super Bowl dreams had little to do with the game. Instead, my focus was on harried security personnel. Already burdened with awesome responsibilities of checking for firearms and glass containers, they also had to check for "12th man" flags and towels.

And the few towels they found said "Holiday Inn."

I applaud the Aggies, proud traditions and fierce loyalties to the point of envy. With former students whose support is virtually without equal, long waiting lists for admission, an endowment of some five billion dollars and strong state appropriations, the university's future is bright.

Really, they don't need to worry about "free publicity." If they want it, they can buy it.

Catch Aggies at somber moments, and they'll admit that finally, the mystique of Texas A&M defies definition. "Others can't understand it, and we can't explain it," one said.

Another maroon-clad fan asked, "You know what I'd be if I wasn't a Texas Aggie? I'd be ashamed."

Yet again, I've told you more than I know. Any pregame suggestions I might have offered now appear in print too late. I hope, though, that towels twirled by the crowd were Pittsburgh's terrible ones, that the flag hoisted highest was the red, white and blue, and that the game wasn't a "super bore."

And I hope the Seahawk faithful had something to wave about. Hey, that's it!

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Walton Brown, president of Research Innovations, compiled the report through

Maybe they could have simply "done the wave!" Assuming it isn't trademarked, and that no one in D.C. don't consider Texas A&M trademarks to be Aggie jokes.

However you slice it, what Seahawk fans are doing is rotten to the corps.

Dr. Newbury is a speaker and writer whose weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in six states. He welcomes comments, as well as speaking invitations, at 817-447-3872, or email, newbury@speakerdoc.com. His website is www.speakerdoc.com



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The Law Of Grades And Grading

By Dr. Joe Mills

In this article, three questions are addressed that apply to grades and the process of awarding grades at all levels: elementary and secondary schools, colleges, and universities. Why are grade appeals and grade-related litigation increasing? When may grades be appealed at your institution? How may grades be appealed in the future?

Why? Today, schools and colleges must have established grade appeal policies and procedures, grade appeal committees, and/or grade appeal hearing officers. Serious grade disputes and/or formal appeals should be routed to that established committee or hearing officer. Often, this does not happen, and a school principal or college/university dean handles the appeal; however, this is a mistake because the principal or dean is subject to accusations of bias since he/she is a line administrator. While courts generally uphold the teacher or professor's right to grade, several factors are causing an increase in judicial intervention, and these factors include the following: (1) the increasing willingness of students and/or parents to contest an alleged wrong; (2) the growing application of consumer standards to education; (3) the widespread absence of established and legitimate grade appeal policies and procedures and committees; (4) the reluctance of some teachers and professors to publicly defend their grading practices; (5) the refusal of some teachers and professors to adhere to institutional grading policies, including grading the way I want to

grade, keeping no grade record book, awarding no grades based upon objective evaluation scores, and not spelling out grading procedures and expectations in a course syllabus that is distributed on the first day of class; (6) the growing number of attorneys who specialize in "rights" issues; and (7) the growing activism of the federal judiciary.

When? Under certain circumstances and abetted by the current litigation climate, grades may be successfully appealed. Note the following examples. (1) When a grade is awarded as punishment for a non-academic/behavioral matter such as arriving late to class. (2) When grades are lowered for all students because of the non-academic behavior of a group of students within a class. (3) When different grading standards for different students are used to determine grades in a class. (4) When a teacher or professor alters the grading standards that were announced at the beginning of the class and printed in the course syllabus. (5) When a teacher or professor deviates from the established grading policy of the school, college, or university. (6) When a student's assignment is graded and a review of the assignment and the method for determining the grade is not permitted by the teacher or professor. (7) When a final grade is lowered because a student missed an examination for a valid reason and was not permitted to make up the exam. (8) When the failure of one course (e.g., a nursing program) may lead directly to the student's dismissal from the entire program. (9) When a failing grade will

Life Behind The Lines

By Jon Payne

Foreword: Jon Payne, who wrote this news story, is a Freshman at Loma Linda Academy in California. He met the Iraqi doctor at a meeting of the Global Operations and Development Group, which he attended with his parents, Kim and Marvin Payne - formerly of Eastland County.

Dr. Zahar was the featured speaker for Global Operations, an organization of churches which assists with hospitals in Iraq.

I have recently had the privilege of speaking with an Iraqi Doctor in the field of plastic surgery. His name is Dr. Zahar (pronounced Zoo-hair with a slight roll on the R.) Dr. Zahar received his degree in Iraq, yet trained from 1978-88 in Ireland.

"One of the biggest challenges in Iraq," he said, "was the low supply of medical equipment and materials. Most of the medical equipment that is shipped in is taken by the black market."

lead directly to a denial of graduation. (10) When a grade is lowered because a student refused to provide sexual or personal favors to his/her teacher or professor. (11) When a grade is awarded by a graduate assistant or teacher aide or a substitute and not the regular teacher or professor. (12) When grades are withheld as pawns in collective bargaining disputes. (13) And, when any grade is improperly computed.

How? In the future, how may grades be appealed? (1) By an attorney who represents the student. (2) By a judge beyond a computation dispute and

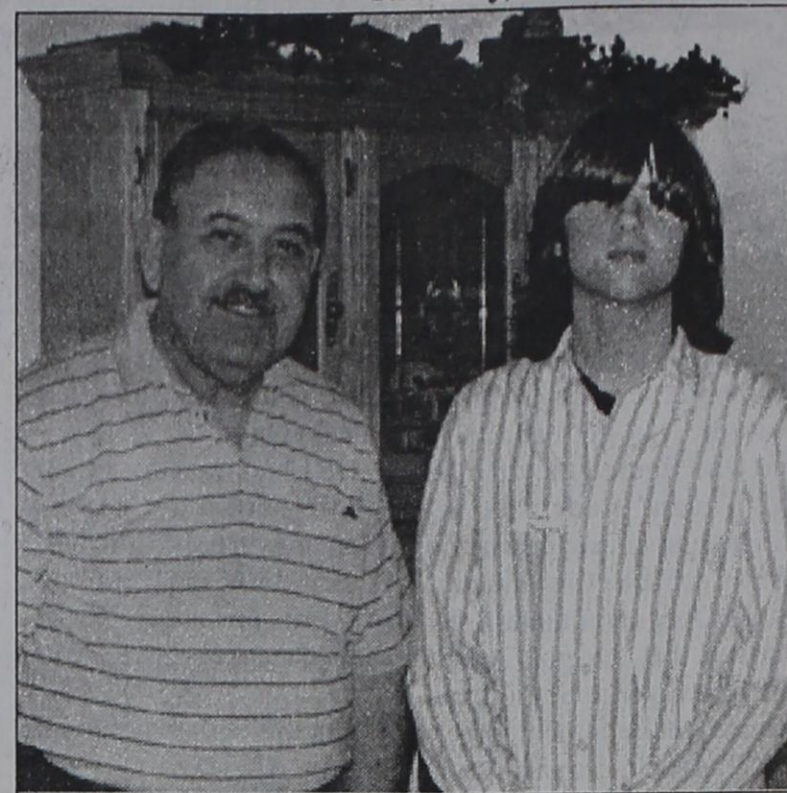
The hospital where he works, located in Basra, is the largest hospital in Southern Iraq, yet the doctors are working with 340 patients in the most rudimentary environments. Most of the injuries he treats are bullet wounds and severe burns.

Dr. Zahar spoke to me of his experiences in the United States of America where he attended a global plastic surgeon's Convention in Boston, Massachusetts. One enormous surprise he came across was the organization of American hospitals compared to those in Iraq.

Dr. Zahar also described



including significant allegations concerning the violation of the student's rights, especially if such violates a federal law. (3) By having an attorney attempt to prove arbitrariness or capriciousness or bad faith on the part of the teacher or professor. (4) By using a number of students who offer testimony in support of the appeal. (5) By indicating that significant damage claims will be sought should the student not win his/her appeal and should the issue be appealed to a court of law. (6) By securing SGA support for and media coverage of the appeal process. (7) If a faculty



Jon Payne and Iraqi doctor, Dr. Zahar.

the political situation in Iraq. He said, "The allied forces are the only force holding the country together, most citizens want the American sol-

diers to stay for at least another year."

Dr. Zahar left me with just one last message to convey. "Pray for Iraq."

grade appeal committee hears the dispute, to appeal beyond that committee since such a committee is often not sympathetic to students.

Today's litigation climate makes grade appeals inevitable for unlike it has been in the past, grading is no longer an uncontested activity. Furthermore, the current number of anti-discrimination laws provide many traps for unwary teachers and professors, and these laws can be used to maneuver courts into intervening—like it or not. In response, teachers and professors should better learn and understand their rights and responsibilities—for students are definitely learning theirs.

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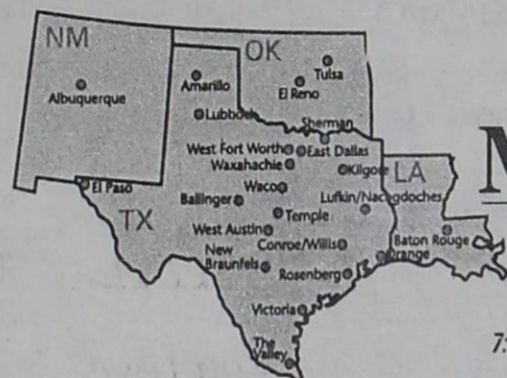
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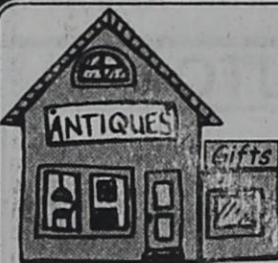
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From Whence Came I?

By Wanda Lee Beck Skinner

In The Courtroom

Acclaim Life

In the courtroom a jurist must weigh the evidence and make a decision. In genealogy, we also have to listen to and weigh all the evidence. We do not have to discard all the evidence not proven but it does need to be noted in your genealogy work when and how the evidence is proven. We do not have admissible and inadmissible evidence rather we have proven and unproven evidence. Put down your evidence: what you have seen and heard for yourself and what others have seen and heard and also the family stories that have been handed down for generations. Put down the proofs you have found: Birth, Death, Marriage, Probate and Land Records and even newspaper articles and items from history books. CAUTION: Just because it is in print does not necessarily mean it is true. If you don't believe it you should check with some persons who have sent for a birth certificate and found wrong spelling, wrong date and even sometimes wrong last names on the original document. After all the people who do those records are human and they do err. Put down the source of your information: Other people, books, internet, records and pictures. I was guilty a while back of doing a very mischievous thing (very unlike me, wouldn't you say?). Our last family group picture was taken before the birth of two, and now three grandchildren.

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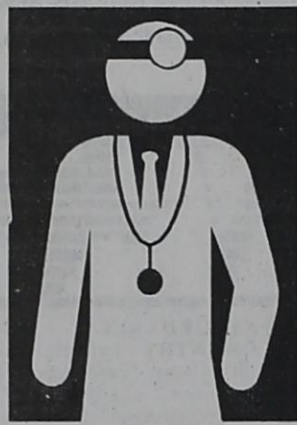
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Kokomo News

By Zelda Jordan

Bro. Jim Haggard of Strawn preached at both services at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday. The Title of his message on Sunday morning "Was God just the God of the Mountain?" using scriptures from 1 Kings and several other references telling us that God is the God of the Valley as well as God on the Mountain top. Great spiritual victory comes through pain or sorrow. God's presence is dearest in the darkest hour of our lives. God sometimes allows us to go through the valley so that we might be able to climb a mountain. We must wait on the Lord and be of good courage.

Other visitors in the service were Bro. Haggard's wife, Bobbie, Kendall Knowles and Meagan Ledbetter of Eastland. The special music was rendered by Helen and Woodrow Browning, Daryl Hirst and Bro. Jim Haggard with Glynda Bond at the keyboard.

Bro. Haggard's message on Sunday night was from Hosea 3:1-3 on "God's love for His people."

Discussion went well at the Kokomo Community meeting on Friday night and the decision was made to get information on the cost of a metal building 35 X 40 ft. Delmon Eaves will get this information and present it to the next meeting, which hasn't been scheduled as yet. Blue prints for the inside of the building was presented by Verda Jean Eaves and approved by all present. Others present were Larry and Betty Strube, Kenneth Rogers, Pat and Patsy Collins, Bobby and Mary Jane Little, Martha Wood, Helen Browning and Zelda Jordan. We appreciate all those who came, and we hope there will be more at the next meeting. This is a project for the whole community.

OREN AND NORMA WEBB HONORED ON 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Oren and Norma Webb honored them on their 40th wedding anniversary with a dinner at ZJ's in Gorman on Saturday night, January 28, 2006. Family helping them celebrate were James Webb, Stacy Webb and Renee Fox of Granbury, Judy and Sarah Porter and Tino and Scarlett Torres of Austin, John Melde and Amanda Porter of Elgin, Jacob and Alice Webb of Burleson, Kaci, Randall, Aaron and Kaelee Suniga of Comanche. Others attending were Misty Hugg of Stephenville, and Lewis, Valia, Chad and Kish Suniga of Comanche.

A special gift to Oren and Norma from their family was a photo album engraved with "40 years of Family Memories." A precious gift indeed as many of the pictures were copies of family pictures that Oren and Norma lost when their home burned on January 1.

Our congratulations to Oren and Norma and may there be many more Happy Anniversaries.

Oren Webb entered Hendricks Medical Center on Tuesday and tests were made and he received three stents in his heart arteries on Thursday. He came home on

Saturday and is feeling better but must take it easy for a while. He and Norma had many visitors while in the hospital. Their cousins, Gary and Janet Setliff of Sweetwater visited with them on Sunday. We send our prayers and get well wishes to Oren and Norma.

We also send get well wishes and our prayers to Thomas Seay who has been in the Eastland hospital.

Kendall Knowles and Meagan Ledbetter of Eastland spent the weekend with Ashley and Breckley Little and their parents, James and Jill Little.

Beverly and Bob Phariss of Haskell visited with Larry and Betty Strube on Thursday. Alvis and Bonnie Scitern visited with Larry and Betty on Monday.

Inetha Anderson of Baird, Linda Brumbelow of Stephenville, Lanora Speer of Ranger, and Don O'Neal of Houston visited with Sylvia Buchanan. Don O'Neal also visited with his sister, Nancy Hendricks at Heritage Manor in Gorman.

Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and Zelda Jordan were in Abilene on Monday for Zelda to receive an injection in her back. They also shopped at Sam's, and enjoyed lunch at the Golden Corral.

Karen Patterson, Betty Little, Jimmy and Verna Lee Little and Zelda Jordan were among the very large crowd that attended the fund raising benefit fish fry for the Carbon Fire Department at Cook's Fish Barn on Monday night. Delicious food and wonderful fellowship with others attending.

Remember to pray daily for Rain.

'The Pink Panther' Opens Feb. 10 At Majestic Theatre And Across U.S.

We don't have much about "The Pink Panther" yet - the movie is so new that the reviewers haven't caught up with it.

Its opening night at the Majestic Theater in Eastland will be Feb. 10, the same night it will open at selected places across the country.

Curtain time will be 7:30 p.m. each night through Monday, Feb. 13. The picture was produced by the MGM Studios, and is called "An action/adventure, comedy, thriller, and crime/gangster film".

It is rated PG, and reported to have occasional crude and suggestive humor and language.

No big city prices for admission here, just the usual \$4 at the box office, and

\$5.50 for balcony seats. (Adults only)

The story is set in Paris, and depicts what happens when a legendary soccer coach is murdered - and his priceless ring stolen. This ring has a stunning diamond known as the "Pink Panther," hence the name of the film.

The French government needs a master detective to solve the murder and recover the gem - but instead they end up with an unusual character named Inspector Jacques Clouseau. (Portrayed by Steve Martin)

Clouseau must unmask the murderer and keep his

boss, Dreyfus (Kevin Kline) from taking credit for the victory. Somehow all this must be accomplished without bringing the French legal system to a complete halt!

Kline and Martin are backed up by some other American and some International stars. The picture was filmed in Paris, France, New York USA, and Prague, Czech Republic, with some re-shoots in Vancouver, Canada.

This sounds like an interesting film, and we'll be hearing more of it.

Thank You For Donations, Support At Benefit

I would like to thank all of Eastland County for the donations and support last week at the Fire Departments Benefit.

I would like to thank Robert, Brandy, and Rebekah Weeks for the great line up of music.

A big thanks also goes to JoKay and Robby Hand for going out and getting all of our donations and auction items together.

A sincere thanks goes to all of the great musicians who volunteered their time and talent to come and entertain. Thank you to the girls at the Farmers and Merchants

Bank - Lori, Danielle, and Mandy - who worked the door for us.

Thanks to Nancy Harris, Pat Bird, and our auctioneer, David McKelvain.

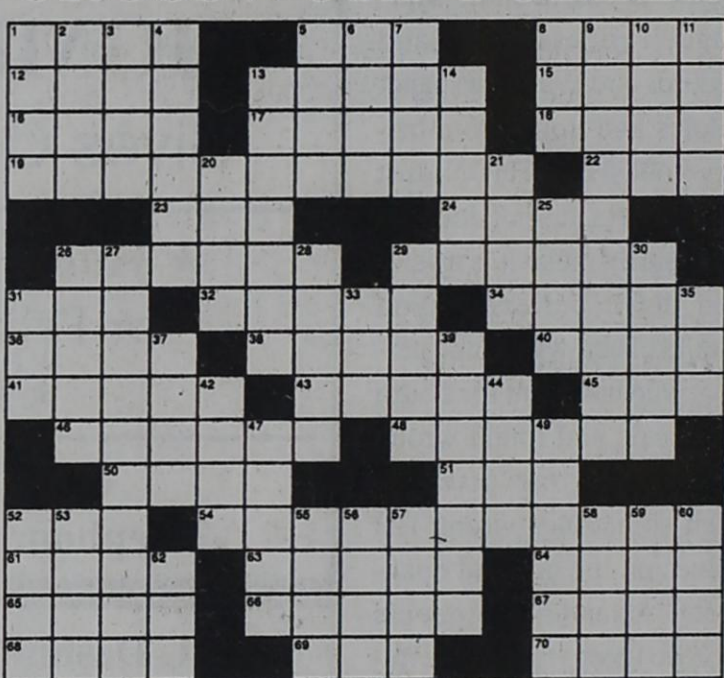
Thanks to our local radio station All Texas 97, and our very own Eastland County Newspapers, as well as the Gorman Progress for the great advertising.

Thanks to Roger Terrell, Gene Bilby, Lanny Hand, and John Pagitt for all their help, and the Ranger Chamber of Commerce for the use of the Jayce Rodeo Barn.

Bonnie (Weeks) Pagitt

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- Across
- Heavy-sleeved outer garment.
 - Spade, character created by Dashiell Hammett.
 - Flexible tube for conveying liquids.
 - Opposed to something.
 - Brightly colored flower part.
 - Characters in Warhammer 40,000 game.
 - Woman's shoe with a heel and no fastenings.
 - AKA verdigris.
 - Small, ornamental case for holding needles.
 - Changing into vapor.
 - Covering for the head.
 - Airport code for Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom-Turnhouse.
 - T. Shimano Rishi, abbot of the Zen Studies Society.
 - Upper part of a town.
 - Burst in.
 - Name of a Hawaiian band.
 - Cambodian money.
 - Arrange the troops in ranks.
 - Acronym for Inside Science News Service.
 - Silly person.
 - Amount by which one exceeds or falls short of another.
 - Light-sensitive membrane lining the inner eyeball.
 - People, places or things.
 - Acronym for India Office Library.
 - Sea horse.
 - Standards governing a person's conduct.
 - Records of a vehicle's performance.
- Down
- Head of land projecting into a body of water.
 - Acronym for UN Office of Verification.
 - Type of yoga, gñona.
 - Wayne, Palmer Woodward on Melrose Place.
 - Plural of "serum."
 - Equatorial Guinea.
 - Plural of magus.
 - Instrument for loosening the earth.
 - Of the surgical treatment of skeletal system disorders.
 - Predatory gull-like sea bird.
 - Acronym for Electrical System Integrated Test.
 - Peruke.
 - One who avoids people.
 - Strong, pervasive quality.
 - Jeer at.
 - Silver dollar of Spain.
 - Undo the sewing of.
 - Wide breeches worn during the reign of Charles II.
 - Extremely bright colors.
 - Single copy of a periodical.
 - Acronym for Time-Shared Disk Operating System.
 - Empty space.
 - Old card game in which forfeits are paid into a pool.
 - Acronym for Standard Service Link.
 - Tall, cylindrical structure in which fodder is stored.
 - Measure of the loss of information in a transmitted message.
 - Acronym for Alpha Red Green Blue (color model).
 - Block entrance to.
 - People that use.
 - Place in a tomb.
 - Heavy cord of tightly interwoven fiber.
 - Plural of "hilum."
 - Spraying upward as if from the ground.
 - Acronym for Latvian Maritime Law Association.
 - Aromatic salve.
 - Musical work that has been created.
 - Chadic language spoken south of Lake Chad.
 - Acronym for St. Louis Fire Department.
 - Bird allied to the crows but smaller.

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OBITUARIES

Bonnie Joye Simmons

Clyde-bonnie Joye Simmons of Clyde went to be with Jesus on February 3, 2006. The family welcomed visitors from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Sunday, February 5, at Bailey Funeral Home in Clyde. Services were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 6th, 2006 at the Clyde Church of Christ.

Bonnie was born December 1, 1932 in Abilene to M.C. and Grace Bacon Bowden. She attended Abilene Christian Schools until she moved to baird during high school. She married Roscoe Simmons on December 3, 1948. They lived in Clyde throughout their 57 years of marriage.

Members of the Clyde Church of Christ were Bonnie's extended family. She volunteered in various capacities as long as her health allowed and it was there that she worshipped and guided her family to love God.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Tommy and Billy Arthur Bowden. She is survived by her husband, Roscoe; one son, David of Jay, Florida; two daughters, Nancy Patterson and her husband, Herb of Abilene and Cindy Haas of San Antonio; six grandchildren, Brent Patterson Christie Bird, Cathy Santiago, Stephanni Sewell and Amanda King and eleven great grandchildren.

A faithful wife, devoted mother and loving Nana, Bonnie was the heart of her family and she will always be loved.

Our special appreciation goes to Dr. Hirsch and his staff and to the Hendrick Medical Center employees for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice Care, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, Tex., 79604.

Richard Earl Dusek

Clyde-Richard Earl Dusek, 89, of Clyde, died Thursday, Feb. 2nd, in an Abilene Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Clyde Cemetery with Pat Ginn officiating under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mr. Dusek was born August 20, 1916, in Lamesa, Tex. to F.J. and Lillian (Loftis) Dusek. He graduated from Abilene High School in 1934 and went on to Officer Candidate School in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. He married Dee Dusek on December 6, 1941 in Clyde. They moved to Clyde from Abilene in 1971. Mr. Dusek served in the U.S. Army during WWII and also served for 33 years in the Texas National Guard, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was

CEO of Independent Grocers, Inc., for twelve years and had previously worked for the Lipton Corporation. He was a member of the Clyde United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dee Dusek of Clyde; three daughters, Martha Ann Ginn and husband Pat of Lubbock, Gayle Brothers and husband John of Albuquerque, NM, and Denise Potter and husband Kirk of Lubbock. Six grandchildren, Rob Brothers and fiancée Amanda Calderone, and Jennifer Brothers, all of Albuquerque, Cheryl Bishop and husband Rod of Plano, Elizabeth Ginn of Dallas, Kristen Potter and Jason Potter both of Lubbock; two great-grandchildren Brayden and McKenzie Bishop of Plano, and two nephews, Bobby Dusek and Jimmie Dusek.

Edward Alvin Campbell

Edward Alvin Campbell, 80, of Eula died Sunday at a local hospital.

Mr. Campbell was born January 8, 1926, in Weston, Wisconsin, to Ernest Beech and Helen Virginia Wilson Campbell. He married Carol Delores Crume on May 6, 1950 in Neillsville WI. They moved to Eula from Abilene in 1972. He retired from the United States Air Force as a Tech Sergeant, serving during WWII on a B-24 as a ballgunner. He later retired from WTU after 20 years of service. He was a Methodist.

He is survived by his wife, Carol of Eula; four daughters,

Carol Ann Zocchi of New Jersey, Mary Jane Pendas and husband Ron of Bremerton, Washington, Linda Sue Favor and husband Jimmy of Merkel and Amy Lee Mowins and husband John of Monticello, Florida; one sister, Florence Andregg of Wisconsin; four grandchildren, Jessica Favor and fiancée Chris Norfleet of Abilene, Jeffrey and Molly Favor of Abilene, Michael Zocchi and Michelle Zocchi, both of New Jersey; two great-grandchildren, Kirsten Favor and Alexis Norfleet.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Eula Fire Department

UIL REALIGNS DISTRICTS
FOR 2006-08 SEASONS

By Terry Simmons

A lot of nail biting and sweating finally came to an end on Thursday morning, February 2, 2006 with the announcement of the University Interscholastic League's biennial realignments. And as one media source anticipated, all heck broke loose. This realignment is the results of student enrollment at Texas public high schools that are taken and classified into five groups for academic and athletic competitions. There are 32 districts in each classification except for schools playing 6 man football in Class A.

Results for schools in our area are as follows:

1-A Region 2

District 12 include Cross Plains, De Leon, Gorman, Perrin-Whitt, Ranger, Santo and Tolar.

District 15 are:

Albany, Baird, Hamlin, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan and Winters.

2-A Region 1

District 5 are Anson, Coahoma, Colorado City, Haskell, Hawley, Merkel, Stamford and Stanton.

District 6 are

Ballinger, Bangs, Coleman, Early, San Angelo Grape Creek, San Saba, Tuscola, Jim Ned and Wall.

2-A Region 2

District 10 are Boyd, Brock(basketball only), Cisco, Eastland, Godley, Millsap, Paradise and Peaster(basketball only).

District 11 are Dublin, Grandview, Hico, Itasca, Keene(basketball), Maypearl

and Rio Vista.

In 6 man football the alignments for the area are:

1A District 9: Bowie Gold-Burg, Bryson, Gordon, Newcastle and Strawn.

1A District 13: Blanket, May,

Rising Star, Santa Anna and Valera Panther Creek.

So, as you can see, there has been quiet a bit of shuffling of the schools and especially local school systems. In a letter found on the UIL website announcing Thursday's realignments, a breakdown shows how enrollments were used. It is as follows: 05-A enrollment of 1,985 and up; 4-A - 950 to 1,984; 3-A - 415 to 949; 2-A - 195 to 414; 1-A - 194 and below. Schools with an enrollment of 99.9 or lower may choose to participate in six-man football or opt to play 11-man but remain in smaller divisions for basketball and spring meet.

The letter also listed important dates for schools wishing to change or request and appeal of their new assignments. Those dates are: February 2-13, 2006 for schools wishing to change districts. These schools can contact the district assigned, and the district they want to be changed to, and ask for a vote. If a unanimous vote is achieved from both districts then both districts can contact UIL. February 13, 2006 is the deadline for a participant school to request an appeal of their assignments. February 20, 2006 is the date which the District Assignment Appeals Hearing for Oral Arguments will be held in Austin. Finally February 21, 2006 will be the first day for District Executive Committee meetings to set the district schedules.

It is also noted in this letter that Football schools may play their first game no earlier than August 31, 2006.

Emergency Farm Loan
Applications Being Accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans caused by extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Anson, Richard G. Young said.

"Callahan is one of 9 primary counties in Texas recently named by the President of the United States eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from extreme wildfire threat that occurred on December 1, 2005, and continuing."

Richard G. Young said, "Farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest is 3.75 percent."

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible

for a FSA emergency loan," Richard G. Young said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have a figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under the emergency designation will be accepted until September 11, 2006 but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Richard G. Young said.

FSA is a credit agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizen requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Anson is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

LOCAL BASKETBALL

Callahan County:

Local Boys
Box Scores

Eula, 68,
Baird, 50
Eula 20 14 10 6-50
Baird 23 17 13 15-68
Baird- Rodriguez 2,
English 10, Mcghee 2,
Nichols 14, Scott 4, Manning 6, Parker 12.

Eula- Bartlett 10, Dement, 11; Handley 19; Samford 10; Marcee, 6
Reid 12, Arch 7.

Records: Eula 25-6 overall; District 9-0.
Baird 4-4.

J.V. Score: Eula 52.
Baird 38.

Cross Plains 29,
Albany 61
Cross Plains 7 7 5 10-29
Albany 16 9 17 19-61

Cross Plains:
Koenig 3, Golson 8,
Estes 10, Dillard 2,
Watkins 6

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Callahan County
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Records-Cross Plains 3-6 in district; Albany 18-8, 7-2.

J.V. Score--Albany 30,
Cross Plains 22.

Local Girls'
Box Scores

Eula 47, Baird 30

Eula 4 9 10 7-30
Baird 11 14 11 11-47
Baird-Suarez 9, Orlando 2, Johnston 1, Windham 4,
Tollett 5, Burns 5, Lowe 4.
Eula: Reyes 10, Carrigan 5 Layman 7, Galle 10,
Booth 4, Hillin 10.
Records--Baird 7-3, Eula 8-2.

J.V. Score Baird 37,
Eula 36 in O.T.

Albany 75,
Cross Plains 31

Cross Plains 11 0 11 9-31
Albany 18 19 21 17-75
CROSS Plains: Scott 6,
Avants 2, Douglas 6, Harris 14, Hutton 4.

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Lady Bears 2006 Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Feb. 21	Hawley JV	Here	5:00
Feb. 23-25	Eula Tournament	There	TBA
March 3	Clyde JV	Here	4:30
March 7	Ranger	There	4:30
March 10-11	Breckenridge Tourn.	There	TBA
March 14	Gorman	There	4:30
March 16	Albany	Here	10:00
March 24	Eula	Here	4:30
March 28	Anson JV	There	5:30
March 31	Ranger	Here	4:30
April 4	Albany	There	4:30
April 7	Gorman	Here	4:30
April 11	Stamford	Here	4:30
April 14	Eula	There	10:00

Coaches: Julie Young and Amanda Whitaker
Girl's Coordinator: Clay Barnett
Principal: Vic Orlando
Superintendent: Cliff Gardner
Girl's Athletics: 854-1400 Ext. 317

Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

Thursday, Feb. 9: ChiliKisses or Cheese Kissed Cheese Nachos or TacoPizza, Whole kernel corn, Salad, Spanish Rice, PintoTossed Salad, Hot roll, Bear beans, Cornbread, Brownie.Cookies.

Friday, Feb. 10: Chili CheeseWedge, FrenchChicken Burger or Steak fries, Lettuce & tomato, Des-Burger, Baked Chips, Lettuce & Tomato, Fruit Cup and Jello.

Monday, Feb. 13: Sloppy Joe or Grilled Ham & Cheese, Tator tots, Fruit Cup, Thanks for Reading

How To Help Cross Plains Fire Victims

Many have asked how to help our neighbors of Cross Plains whom have fell victim to the wild fires so to let everyone know there has been funds set up at the Texas Heritage Bank, the account is 942758. Also the First Baptist Church of Cross Plains. There has been boxes placed at Lawrence Brothers, Dollar General, Family Dollar, Dairy Queen, Thrifty's, First National Bank of Clyde, First Baptist. All household items are needed. If anyone has good, used furniture or appliances you would like to donate call Amy or Eddie Hart 893-2528 Sharon or Tony Gage 893-2698, Mark Burgess 370-9484, Lisa Harber 893-4319.

Work Day Set
for January 28,
For First United
Methodist Men

The First United Methodist Men of Baird will be organizing a church work day on Saturday, January 28th. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and will be followed by several projects around the church.

Everyone's help is appreciated and will make the task go much more quickly. For additional information, please call 854-1080.

Clyde Ranks 16th in Sugarland
Poll for TABR

According to the Texas Association of Basketball Rankings for the week of Jan. 30th, in the Class 3A rank, Clyde ranked 16th in the compilation from Sugarland, TX

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Celebrities From Far and Near Helped Open Eastland Museum/Exhibit To Receptive Opry Enthusiasts

Two Eastland County nights were filled with music, visits by celebrities and positive thinking in the official opening of the Eastland County Museum and Grand Ole Opry Exhibit Thursday and Friday.

The Thursday night preview turned into a super highlighted event with the surprise guest appearance of County Native and Former Lt. Governor Ben Barnes, a special invitee for the event. The Friday night extravaganza was highlighted

with the special appearance of Roy Thackerson, The Fingerless Fiddler who has been featured regularly on the Nashville Opry stage, who drive 18 hours from his present work in Arizona, and 18 back in order to appear before his home county friends.

His playing, amply backed up by Opry Guitarist Raymond Hart and Mrs. Thackerson, thrilled the audience and drove them to their feet with the non-stop 'Orange Blossom Special.'



The Echoes to Perform in Eastland, Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Chad Donoho & The Echoes have been playing together for approximately 8 months. They have played at Ripfest, Valentino's Restaurant, and at the Cisco-Eastland basketball games where they played a variety of 50's and 60's music. Their most recent performance was at Craig's Music, Inc. in Weatherford, Texas last Friday night, Feb. 3rd. They opened as a Buddy Holly and The Crickets Tribute Band prior to Me & My Monkey, The Beatles Tribute.

Echos Set For Eastland Museum Friday-Free Concert

The next free public concert at the County Museum will be Friday beginning at 7 p.m. and featuring the Echos, a popular musical group that specializes in '50s music.

The Echos are from Cisco and have a popular following in this area.

The event is the next

available presented in connection with the Eastland County Theatre on the Square.

The Museum is located in the old bank building where the Grand Ole Opry Exhibit runs through March 10. Exhibit hours are 10 to 4 Tuesday through Friday; 10 to 2 Saturdays; and closed Sunday and Monday.



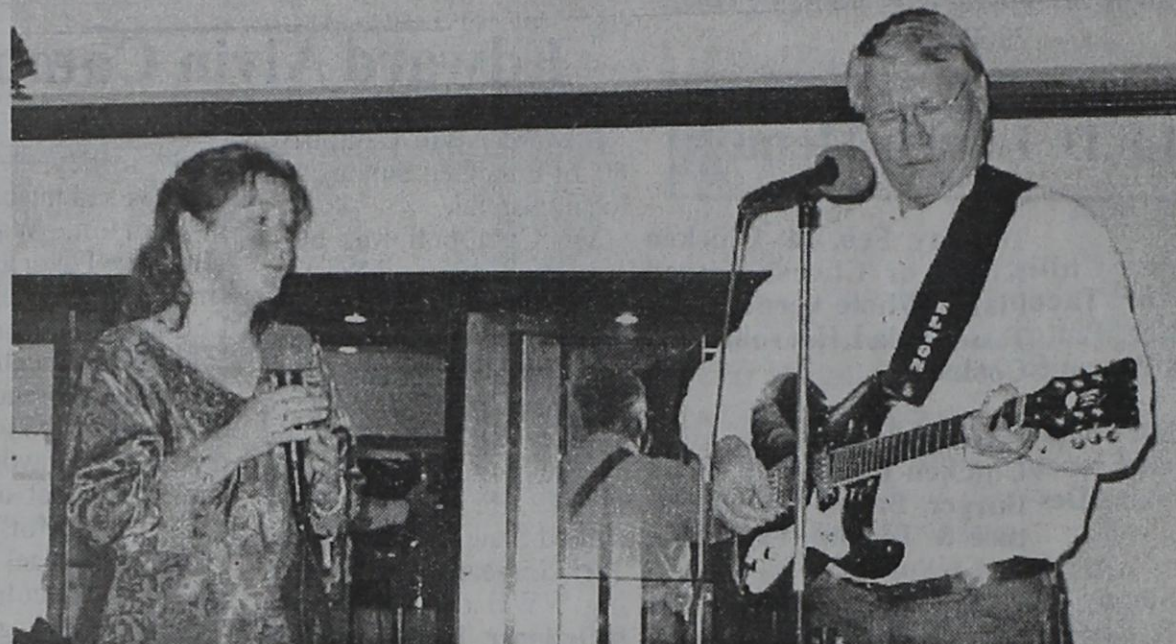
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Eastland County Newspaper Publisher H.V. O'Brien, right, and Ex-Lieutenant Governor Ben Barnes of Austin at the Eastland County Museum on the opening night of the Exhibit of the Grand Ole Opry in Eastland, TX; Thursday, Feb. 2nd



Roy Thackerson and the Backup Band for the Grand Ole Opry Exhibit Opening



The Gospel group from Eastland named Redeemed

Tobacco Use Can Lead to an Unhealthy Heart

Tobacco companies warn users that cigarette smoking can cause lung cancer, and smokeless tobacco can lead to mouth cancer. However, recent studies show that more tobacco users are killed by coronary heart disease than by smoking-induced cancers. Furthermore, non-smokers are not free from risks-environmental tobacco smoke, or second-hand smoke, is the cause of illness in many individuals suffering from heart disease.

Tobacco use accounts for 30 percent of all heart disease deaths in the United States, which makes it the No. 1 preventable cause of the illness. Statistically, smoking cigarettes triples one's risk of dying from heart disease. Tobacco users are also more likely to suffer from heart attacks, high blood pressure, blood clots, stroke and other cardiovascular disorders.

The smoke released by cigarettes contains high levels of carbon monoxide, at least 40 known carcinogens and more than 4000 chemicals. These toxins affect the heart by reducing the amount of oxygen the blood is able to carry. In many cases, the heart, brain and lungs do not receive enough oxygen to adequately perform everyday functions, like breathing and pumping blood. The smoke also damages the endothelium, the layer of cells that lines all blood vessels, including the coronary arteries.

Many people choose to use smokeless tobacco because it is smoke-free, and it is easier to conceal than cigarettes. In fact, 7.8

million people older than age 12 use smokeless tobacco on a regular basis. Smokeless tobacco includes snuff, which is pinched between the lower lips and the gums, and chewing tobacco, which is kept between the cheek and the gums. Holding one "pinch" of smokeless tobacco in the mouth for 30 minutes is equivalent to the same amount of nicotine found in three to four cigarettes. Oral use of tobacco may increase heart rate and contributes to blood clots, and use also increases the risk of high blood pressure, which can lead to heart disease.

Those who don't use tobacco are still not safe from its ill effects. It is estimated that 90 percent of non-smoking people in the United States are exposed to environmental tobacco smoke, which should be treated as an environmental toxin. Long-term exposure to secondhand smoke contributes to a 30 percent increase in the risk of heart disease in non-smokers. About 37000 people die from coronary heart disease each year because of exposure to secondhand smoke.

It's never too early to talk to your children about tobacco smoking. In a study of 1,443 kids, 10 percent said they had tried tobacco and 5 percent said they use tobacco once in a while or every week. At least 23 percent of these kids said that no family members have ever discussed tobacco use.

It's also never too late to quit using tobacco products and plan a healthy check-

up. Studies show that one year after quitting tobacco use, the risk of developing heart disease is cut in half; and after five years of abstinence, the risk of stroke is reduced to levels comparable to those of people who have never smoked. Various programs at Texas Tech University Health Science Center and other organizations can assist in

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