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Briefly

Softball league

An organizational meeting of the Mitchell County Church Softball League will be held Monday, March 31 at 7 p.m. at the C. C. Thompson Room.

All interested persons are urged to attend. If unable to attend, call 728-3430 for additional information.

Benefit game

A benefit basketball game between the Fire Angels and the Lady Blues will be played in the Westbrook gym to raise money for the Westbrook Fire Department. The money will be used to buy new communication devices.

Everyone is invited to attend the benefit game on Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Library week

Everyone is invited to attend National Library Week at the Mitchell County Public Library during the week of April 9-12.

Refreshments will be served from 2-4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8. The Brush & Palette Club will have an art show during that week at the library.

Vision rally

The First Assembly of God, 430 East 17th Street, is having a special series of meetings called "Vision Rallies" April 3-4.

Rev. Carl Corser of St. Louis, Mo., will be the evangelist.

The purpose of the meetings is to get inspired to go out and help the needy of the community.

Services start at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, they start at 8:30 p.m.

Dance set

The C. City Dancers will have a dance Tuesday, April 1 from 7-10 p.m. at the Civic Center.

The Porky Proctor Band will provide music.

Class of '66

The Colorado High School class of 1966 will have its 20-year reunion July 4-5 at the Country Club.

Reunion organizers are trying to locate several members of the class. Anyone knowing the addresses of Joyce Allen, Charles Bondurant, Mary Delgado, Linda Delgado, Gloria Lozano, Minnie Lujan, Melton Moore, Julieta Parades, Robert Stewart, Jimmy Wilson, Jackie Gooden Crump, Rickie Houston or Gwen Watson are asked to call Tina (Love) Raschke at 728-5332 (home) or 728-5331 (office).

Migrant Program

All parents of students enrolled in the Migrant Program are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the progress of the students involved in the program.

The meetings will be Wednesday, April 2 at 3:45 p.m. for Hutchinson Elementary students and Thursday, April 3 at 2:45 p.m. for Kelley Elementary students.

Around Town

CHICK KENNEDY late for morning coffee...DON HENDERSON takes in an auction...WES SMITH shows up late...BILL GILSTRAP is all smiles...DON JONES attends a garage sale...HENRY HILBERRY saves the day.

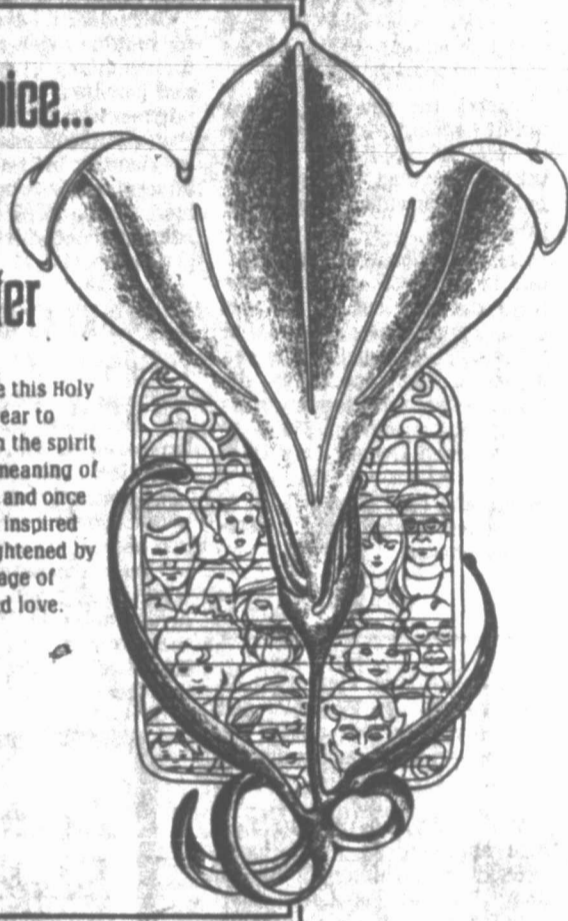
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Rejoice...

It's Easter

Let's take this Holy time of year to reflect on the spirit and the meaning of Easter... and once again be inspired and enlightened by His message of peace and love.



City budget gains tentative approval

The Colorado City Council Thursday tentatively approved a new budget reflecting a 1.6 percent overall operating increase from the present budget.

The council will formally approve the budget at its April 7 meeting. The tentative approval came at the end of a budget workshop.

Brenda Tarter, city manager, explained that the new budget does not include an across-the-board raise for employees although a merit-type raise for some employees is provided for. The proposed budget shows the general fund with \$1,447,723.10, a 3.7 percent increase over the present general fund of \$1,397,360. The water and sewer fund will drop 2.1 percent from \$866,470 to \$848,000.

The new budget reflects an increase in sanitation rates from \$10 to \$12 per residential water user.

Mrs. Tarter said the budget shows an additional \$15,500 earmarked for the airport to pay the city's part of a grant to resurface the runway and \$11,000 for a full-time employee at Ruddick Park. She noted that the city's landfill now costs about \$110,000 a year to operate compared to \$10,000 before new state regulations.

Mrs. Tarter said that Colorado City's present tax rate of 53.19 cents per \$100 evaluation brings in about \$377,000 a year in taxes, about one third of what the hospital district receives. She said a comparison of area cities shows Snyder with a tax rate of 25.50 cents per \$100; Sweetwater, 60 cents; and Big Spring, 68 cents.

Mayor Elmer Martin commended Mrs. Tarter for the budget work, saying "you do have a good budget" and adding that the budget will help the city

meet the recession "head-on". In other business Thursday, the council conducted two public hearings - one for motel-hotel occupancy tax allocations and one for revenue sharing allocations.

Mrs. Tarter said that the city has \$12,000 in hotel-motel tax funds requests totaling \$26,000. Only one organization, Colorado City Sesquicentennial Committee, received the amount it requested - \$500. The other organizations and the amount each received includes Colorado City Bass Club, \$250; Colorado City Playhouse, \$1,000; Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department, \$2,000; United Girls Softball Association, \$1,000; Museum, \$350; Little League, \$1,000; Ruddick Park, \$4,000; Boys Club, \$100; Colorado City Jaycees, \$200; and Chamber of

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Bids prove disappointing

City officials and Park Board members were disappointed Thursday when bids were opened for the swimming pool complex renovation at Ruddick Park.

Only three bids were received and the lowest had a base bid of \$268,000. City officials had hoped to have more bidders and a low bid in the \$130,000 range, explained City Manager Brenda Tarter.

The bids were opened at city hall by representatives of Tittle, Luther and Loving, architects for the project which is being funded with a \$125,000 matching grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

Although the city has \$250,000 with which to work, a number of other projects are planned in the overall park renovation including a hike and bike trail, playground areas and an underground sprinkler system.

Another disappointment was the number of days required to do the job. City officials had hoped to have the new swimming pool by the first of summer, but the low bidder, Aqua-Fab of Arizona, projected 110 calendar days for the project once contracts are signed. That

would mean opening the swimming pool until July.

The other bidders include Lee George Construction, \$294,300 with 150 calendar days to complete the job and Hawkins Buildings, \$268,200 with 170 calendar days to finish the work.

Aqua-Fab is currently refurbishing three swimming pools at Fort Hood. The same company also refurbished the city pool at Stamford which was built by the WPA and required the same type of renovation planned for the Ruddick Park pool. Mrs. Tarter said she and several council members plan to visit Stamford this week to inspect that pool.

Mayor Elmer Martin, who attended the bid opening Thursday, instructed the architects to try to negotiate a lower bid price from the low bidder. He asked that the Park Board, chaired by Woody Anderson, have a recommendation prior to the council's April 7 meeting.

"We do appreciate you submitting bids," Martin told the bidders who attended the opening. "We will contact you when a bid has been decided upon." Aqua-Fab's bid included a



MELANIE REES, left, presents Gay Houston, chairman of the finance committee of the Colorado City Park Board, a check for \$375, the proceeds from the recent Spring Carnival sponsored by the Colorado High School Student Council and the dance sponsored by the CHS band. Miss Rees serves as president of the band and is a member of the student council as well. The money will be used for the Pool and Park Fund for Ruddick Park.

base bid of \$164,000 for the swimming pool itself and a base bid of \$44,000 for renovation of the pool house. There were a number of alternative bids that the Park Board will study and recommend whether or not to accept. The alternate bids included such things as a concrete courtyard, \$2,300; adding a pool

veranda, \$6,750; metal fencing instead chain link, \$10,000; painting, \$3,800; skylights for the pool house, \$1,000; underwater lighting, \$2,400; pool maintenance equipment, \$650; and lifesaving equipment, \$250.

Following the bid opening, the Park Board discussed the bids and expressed hope that a lower

dollar amount can be reached through negotiations with Aqua-Fab.

Mrs. Tarter told the board that two water wells have been drilled at Ruddick Park and that each one will pump about 50 gallons per minute. The wells will be used for the sprinkler system planned for the park.



ELAINE KELLY, Marie Jackson and Kent Womack, left to right, rehearse a scene from "On Golden Pond" which will be presented by the Colorado City Playhouse starting Thursday.

'On Golden Pond' opens Thursday

If experience is all it takes to insure a successful theater production, then the upcoming Colorado City Playhouse production of "On Golden Pond" should be a smashing success.

The play opens Thursday night for a six-night run and stars Tandy Curlee, Marie Jackson, Tom Kelly, Elaine Kelly, Kent Womack and Ruben Hurt. The play is directed by Walter Hearin, a veteran performer who is trying his hand at directing for the first time.

Curlee plays Norman Thayer Jr., the cantankerous 80-year-old who softens his disposition when he's thrown together with a 13-year-old boy for the summer.

Curlee, as most Playhouse patrons recall, has appeared in many productions including

"Hello Dolly", "The Rainmaker", "South Pacific", "Showboat", "I'll Abner", "Oklahoma", "Paint Your Wagon", and "Come Blow Your Horn". His directing credits include "Sound of Music", "Arsenic and Old Lace", "Never Too Late", "6 Rms R'v Vu" and "Born Yesterday".

Curlee was the 1985 recipient of the Colorado City Playhouse Best Director's Award for "Chapter Two".

Mrs. Jackson has been cast in the role of Ethel Thayer, Norman's wife. Mrs. Jackson has previously appeared in "Something's Afoot", "The Silver Whistle", "Dirty Work at the Crossroads", and "Hello Dolly". She also serves the Playhouse as

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City

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Commerce, \$1,600.
The Chamber of Commerce had requested \$7,500 to help promote tourism by advertising in brochures which are given to tourists entering the state.
Jim Baum, representing the chamber as chairman of the tourism committee, said that tourism is now Texas' second largest industry and that by not promoting tourism, Colorado City is losing an opportunity to create a new industry.
Baum said the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce receives 50 percent of the hotel-motel tax for tourism while the San Angelo chamber receives 54 percent, the Snyder chamber 60 percent, the Sweetwater chamber 90 percent and the Odessa chamber 78 percent.
Baum said that the oil industry slump has caused the local unemployment rate to climb to 11 percent in February compared to 4.5 percent in December and said that tourism can help create jobs.
Martin said that the council realizes the need for tourism and the need to promote Colorado City, but said that long-range planning is needed to make sure "there are things to see and do after the tourists get here."
After the council decided to allocate the funds as recom-

mended by the city staff, Bob Rely, chamber president, asked that the council consider raising the local motel tax from 3 to 6 percent. He said that the chamber would like to have the additional tax revenue solely to promote Colorado City.
No action was taken on Rely's request, but Martin promised the council will study the matter further.
Mrs. Tarter said the maximum amount that can be taxed is 7 percent and that Snyder charges 6 percent and Sweetwater 5 percent. The tax is charged to guests who stay at each motel-hotel and is reimbursed by the state to the cities.

During the revenue sharing public hearing, Mrs. Tarter said the city is expected to receive \$42,049 from the 17th entitlement period which will end the federal program.
She said there's about \$12,000 left in revenue sharing funds from the previous entitlement period, giving the city a total of \$53,940. The council approved \$5,000 of the amount to the Wallace Center for senior citizen nutritional program, \$8,400 to the Mitchell County Day Care Center; \$30,000 to the city's equipment fund; and \$20,540 to the police department for vehicle purchases.

Local volunteers sought for program

The West Central Texas Ombudsman Task Force is a volunteer group currently seeking volunteers from Mitchell County to assist in local nursing homes.
The Ombudsman Program is mandated by the Older Americans Act which is administered by the West Central Texas Council of Governments through the Texas Department on Aging. At this time there are no Ombudsmen in Mitchell County.
Ombudsmen are advocates for nursing home residents and their families. They are trained and certified by the Texas Department on Aging in conjunction with the Texas Department of Health. In their roles as advocates, the Ombudsmen attend inspections and public hearings conducted by the Tex-

as Department of Health in long-term care nursing facilities. The Ombudsmen may also refer complaints to the Texas Department of Health for investigation.

The West Central Texas Council of Governments serves the 19 counties of West Central Texas as the Area Agency on Aging. It is the hope of Dr. John Ashby, professor at Abilene Christian University and chairman of the Ombudsman Task Force, that Mitchell County will soon be served by a local Ombudsman.

Those who are interested in serving as an Ombudsman may receive further information by calling Jimmy Walls, staff Ombudsman for WCTCOG at (915) 672-8544 collect.

Concern expressed

AUSTIN—Richard C. Hudson, chairman of Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association, has expressed his concern about the valuation of oil and gas properties by local jurisdictions in light of the dramatic drop in crude oil and natural gas prices.
"These dramatic declines in oil and gas prices are unprecedented in the last 50 years that the Texas oil and gas industry has been supporting our state and local governments through

severance taxes and local property taxes," Hudson said.
Never before in history has the oil and gas industry experienced such an economic downturn. Drilling operations and the workover of older wells have been curtailed or in many instances abandoned. Oil and gas exploration projects are being postponed or totally scrapped as companies restructure their organizations to survive.

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Playhouse

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vice president for the 1986 season and oversees the general operations of the Playhouse as well as making sure the operation committee and season productions run smoothly.
Womack portrays the part of Charlie, the mail carrier who delivers mail by boat on Golden Pond. Womack has appeared in many productions, including "Something's Afoot", "The Rainmaker", "Never Too Late",

Playhouse

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"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum", and "Harvey". He also chairs the ground preparation committee for 1986.

Mrs. Kelly, as Chelsea, has also appeared in many local productions including "Showboat", "Never Too Late", and "Hello Dolly". She is also membership chairman for the 1986 season.

A sixth grade student, Hurt is nonetheless a veteran performer having appeared in "A Member of the Wedding" and "The King and I". Hurt plays the part of Billy Ray, the teen who wins the hearts of Norman and Ethel.

Playing the part of Bill Ray, Chelsea's good-natured finance, Kelly has long been active on the stage as well as behind the scenes. He has appeared in "Wait Until Dark", "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum", "The Rainmaker", and "Hello Dolly". He is also chairperson of the program committee for 1986.

Performances are scheduled for Thursday, April 3; Friday, April 4; Saturday, April 5; Thursday, April 10; Friday, April 11; and Saturday, April 12 at 8 p.m. nightly.

The box office will open Monday at the Opera House, 337 Walnut. Tickets are \$5 each and may be reserved by calling 728-3491. Senior citizens will be admitted half price at the Thursday, April 10 performance.

"On Golden Pond" is the story of an elderly couple returning to their beloved summer home. Hearin describes the play as a "masterpiece of entertainment" and one in which most people can relate.

"On Golden Pond" was written by Ernest Thompson and first appeared on Broadway in 1979. It was later made into a movie which starred Henry Fonda, Jane Fonda and Katharine Hepburn.

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Area School Menus

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WEDNESDAY - Sausage, biscuits, fruit and milk.
THURSDAY - Cinnamon rolls, applesauce and milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal, juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Smoked sausage, Pork & Beans, tossed salad, sliced bread, Rice Krispie bars and milk.
TUESDAY - Irish stew, vegetables, stuffed celery, cornbread, apple crisp and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce and tomatoes, pickles and onions, cookies and milk.
THURSDAY - Chalupas, Spanish rice, shredded lettuce, sliced bread, fruit Jell-O and milk.
FRIDAY - Country fried steak, baked potato, green beans, hot rolls, honey and milk.

LORAINÉ

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - No school.
TUESDAY - Cereal, juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal, toast, juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Honey buns, applesauce and milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal, juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - No school.
TUESDAY - Beef and gravy, buttered rice, carrot ambrosia, butter, hot rolls, syrup and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beans and chili, tater tots, tomato relish, catsup, butter, cornbread, applesauce cake and milk.
THURSDAY - Fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, pudding and milk.
FRIDAY - Fish portions, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese.

beans, bread, cobbler and milk.
WESTBROOK BREAKFAST
MONDAY - French toast, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Donuts, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Bacon, biscuits, butter, syrup, honey, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Rice Krispie bars, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal, orange juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Corn dogs, mustard, cheese strips, new potatoes, green beans, prunes and milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, mixed vegetables, biscuits, butter, syrup, honey and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Tamali pie, pinto beans, tossed salad, corn-

bread, pineapple chunks and milk.

THURSDAY - Burritos, chili and cheese, corn, cabbage slaw, crispy chewies and milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, French fries, Jell-O and milk.

Three local students named to honor roll

Three Colorado City students have been named to the winter quarter honor roll at Texas State Technical Institute in Sweetwater, according to Dr. Herbert Robbins, campus president. Named to the president's honor roll were Rebecca Owens who is enrolled in vocational nursing and Dirk Reed who is enrolled in electronic servicing technology.

Cindy Haltmann, enrolled in automotive office technology, was named to the dean of instruction's honor roll. To be eligible for the campus president's honor roll, a student must maintain a 4.0 grade point average in all classes for the quarter. Students maintaining a 3.5 to 3.99 grade point average qualify for the dean of instruction's honor roll.

NOW THIS!

FORDS ARE BETTER
 A friend told me about a Kindergarten teacher who was having a discussion with her class on the subject of eyes health. One bright-face kid eagerly jumped up and told the class that his grandpa had been to the eye doctor and had learned that he had a cataract. Not to be outdone, another bright face joined in and said that his grandpa used to have a cataract but he traded it for a Ford pick-up because Fords were better. So...maybe it's time we discussed cataract.

Cataract (kat-er-akt) is an opacity, or clouding of the eye's lens which blocks the passage of light needed for vision. It's underlying causes has not been determined. It may be hereditary as "ghost images" (the impression of a "shin" over the eyes, trouble with lights, among other symptoms) and may be noticeable to others as a milky spot in the normally black pupil of the eye. It is said that if we live long enough, most of us will develop cataracts. Treatments for cataracts is surgery. Surgery can be done when the person feels that the degree of vision loss caused by the cataract is interfering with normal life activities. One of the safest operations a patient can undergo, cataract surgery offers a successful means to restore vision in more than 95 out of 100 cases. If you have any questions about this subject please feel free to call me.

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Lawn & Gardening Tips

Q: Should I fertilize my garden when I plant the seeds?
A: If your soil test report shows nitrogen or phosphorus to be extremely lacking in your garden plot, you could apply an appropriate fertilizer prior to planting. Be careful, though, to keep it away from the planting row so you don't burn the sensitive new roots as they develop. Otherwise, wait until the plants have been up and growing for two to three weeks.

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Home and Family

Watson, Reed present programs

The Self Culture Club met Friday, March 21 at the home of Mrs. Lealle Keith, hostess.

The program was presented by Dona Reed who led a discussion on "I Am a Sick American" and by Pearl Watson who discussed "Texas Hospitals Overcharging Government for Medicare Bills."

Mrs. Reed noted that Americans "are sick of commentators and columnists canonizing anarchists, revolutionaries and criminals," while at the same time condemning law enforcement officials when such criminals are brought to justice.

"Americans are sick of Supreme Court decisions which turn criminals loose on society while

other decisions try to take away my means of protecting my home and my family," said Mrs. Reed.

"Americans are sick of cynical attitudes toward patriotism and of politicians with no backbone," Mrs. Reed further noted.

"Take note, all you - you will not find me throwing a rock or a bomb; you will not find me under a placard; you will not see me take to the streets; or find me ranting to wild-eyed mobs," she said.

"You will find true Americans speaking out in support of these officials, institutions and personalities who contribute to the elevation of society and not to its destruction," she said. "But most of all find me, as an American, at the polling place. There, all of us can cast our vote for an America where people can walk the streets without fear."

Mrs. Watson, in her presentation, noted that according to an Associated Press news article, Texas taxpayers have been foot-

ing the bill for some hospitals' televisions, telephones and had debts because of overcharging in the government's Medicare program.

The AP article quoted a federal study which showed that the General Accounting Office, which reviewed the 1981 billings of 11 hospitals, found that all had overcharged the Medicare program in claims, some of which were caught by auditors and disallowed.

Mrs. Watson said that some of the hundreds of ineligible charges eventually rejected by the federal government include:

- a Texas City hospital's attempt to recoup its income tax payment for the previous year - \$776,419;
- a Galveston-area hospital's bill for \$1,374 for a doctor's moving expense;
- a San Antonio hospital's charge of \$175,525 for unexplained "employee discounts";
- a Garland hospital's attempt to charge \$204,823 in indigent health care costs - after the

hospital already had been repaid once.

Mrs. Watson noted the Health Care Financing Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said its Medicare specialists have found that for each dollar spent auditing hospital cost reports nationally, the government saves at least \$5. Officials said hospitals "have attempted to be reimbursed by Medicare for such impermissible items as season hockey passes, country club dues, liquor, color televisions, airline tickets for administrators' wives and telephones."

Mrs. Watson said the article quoted one GAO official as saying that "it's to the hospital's benefit to put things in that the auditor will have to throw out. It's customary to throw in things like hockey tickets to keep them (auditors) busy so they don't get to the bigger stuff."

The next meeting will be Friday, April 4, at which time results of the spring convention will be discussed.

Jim Davis - Minister of Music And Youth

"Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." This was the cry of the oppressed people of Israel. Surely the Messiah had come to establish His kingdom on earth. It was Jerusalem where the scriptures teach that Messiah will reign, that He made His triumphant entry. The people had witnessed the feeding of the 5,000, the raising of Lazarus from the grave, the healing of the blind, the lame, the deaf, and the leprosy. Demons had been cast out, the sea calmed, and many other miracles were performed by Jesus of Nazareth. Surely now would be the time to break from Roman rule.

I'm sure that the people were not surprised that Christ entered the Temple. What better place would there be to organize a revolution. I'm certain that many of the people were glad to see someone run the money changers and thieves out of the Temple. It was about time. I would guess that many of the common people were glad to see Jesus, openly expose the hypocrisy of the religious leaders. But at some point in time as Jesus spoke, the convicting power of the Holy Spirit made clear to every individual the truth that, "the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God..." "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." The revolution must take place in the individual's heart. "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Webb the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question. "What think ye of Christ? Whose son is He?" They said to him, the son of David. Then Christ said to them, "how then does David in the spirit call Him Lord saying, 'The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?'" (Ps 110:1) If David his Father called Him Lord how is He His Son? No man was able to answer Him a word, and at that point they quit asking Him questions.

It is because the Father of the Messiah was God the David called Him Lord. The Scribes and Pharisees who opposed Christ were put to silence. Jesus Christ made the bold claim of being "the way, and the truth, and the life, no man can go to the father except through His work on the cross."

Calvary Baptist Church

Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Evening Meeting 7 p.m.

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Evening Service - 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service & Bible Study 7 p.m.

St. Luke Methodist Church
1635 Walnut
Donny Crowson
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
10:50 a.m. Morning Worship
Evening Service 7 p.m.

Mission Bautista Calvario
Felix Silva - Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11 a.m.
Church Training 6 p.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

All Saints Episcopal Church
3rd & Locust 728-2243
Rev. Monte Jones - Vicar
Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m.
Church School-Wed. 3:45 p.m.
Bible Study 1st & 4th Wed.
7 p.m. 1315 Chestnut

Hickory Street Missionary Baptist
2145 Hickory
Larry Travis - Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Evening 7 p.m.

Payne Chapel C.M.E. Church
700 E. Front
Rev. James R. Galbreath
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Service 11 a.m.
C.Y.F. 5 p.m.

Christian Temple Church
204 E. 5th 728-2876
Morn. Worship 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Evening Meeting 7 p.m.

First Assembly Of God
Rev. Fred Johnson - Pastor
839 E. 17th 728-2187
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Night 7:30 p.m.

First Christian Church
220 E. 4th 728-2566
Sunday Bible School 10 a.m.
Worship & communion 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church
5th & Chestnut
Roy Byrd - Minister
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

Holiness Church
1902 Mulberry St.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
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Rev. E.H. Shelton
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Church Training 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wednesday Meeting 7 p.m.

22nd & Austin Church Of Christ
Gary Dennis - Minister
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Sun. Morn. Bible Class 9:45
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Night Worship 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Guadalupe Salazar

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Pastor - Elder Edward Kirkpatrick
College & Terrell
Sun. Morn. Service 10:30 a.m.

Dorn United Methodist Church
Donny L. Crowson
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship 9:30 a.m.

Westbrook Baptist Church
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Service 7 p.m.

Westbrook Methodist Church
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Sunday School 10:30

Loraine First Baptist Church
Loraine 737-2206
Rick Alkire - Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Worship 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
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Rita Richards - Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

Crockett & Smiley Church Of Christ
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Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Service 8 p.m.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11 a.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Mission
4th & Pine
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship 6:30 p.m.
Laymen Beyer Franco

King Solomon Baptist Church
Rev. H.H. Lee - Pastor
1st and Bolden St.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m.
Evening Worship Ser. 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Jesus Name Pentecostal Church
Sterling City Hwy.
Rev. James Sanders - Pastor
Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Tue. Youth Service 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church
3rd & Christ 728-3442
Rev. Glen Rosenfeldt - Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:55 a.m.
Church Training 6 p.m.
Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Fellowship Meal 6:30
2nd Teacher Meeting 7 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 8 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Charles Casey - Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sun. Morn. Worship 10:55
Church Training 6 p.m.
Evening Service 7 p.m.
Wed. Ladies Bible Study 9:30
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
333 Chestnut 728-5296
Rev. Julius Early - Pastor
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Morn. Worship 11 a.m.
Church Training 6 p.m.
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Wed. Evening Meet. 7 p.m.

Plainview Baptist Church
John Taylor - Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Church Service 11 a.m.
Sun. Night Service 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Wednesday 6 p.m.
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Christian Fellowship
E. Hwy. 90
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Thursday Worship 7:30 p.m.

Richardson hosts club

The "C" City Lake Extension Club met Tuesday, March 25 at the home of Inez Richardson, hostess.

The meeting was called to order with Billie Patterson leading the club prayer and Rosa Barron leading exercise. Vada Carlile read minutes and presented the treasurer's report.

Lily Farrar distributed pamphlets from KTPX Channel 9 TV on how to deal with tornadoes. She also presented a program on "Family Life."

Mrs. Farrar discussed ways in which the younger generation can deal with the older generation and how to cope if their parents become mentally or physically impaired. She also stressed ways in which older adults can get along with the younger people. She noted that most older people want to be independent as long as they can, but still want the security of

knowing their children will be there to help when it is needed.

In other business, the club voted to purchase small white towels for making bibs for nursing homes this year.

All members were urged to attend the District TEHA meeting in April.

Billie Patterson showed flower arranging and Bobbie Norman showed hat decorating with flowers, for crafts.

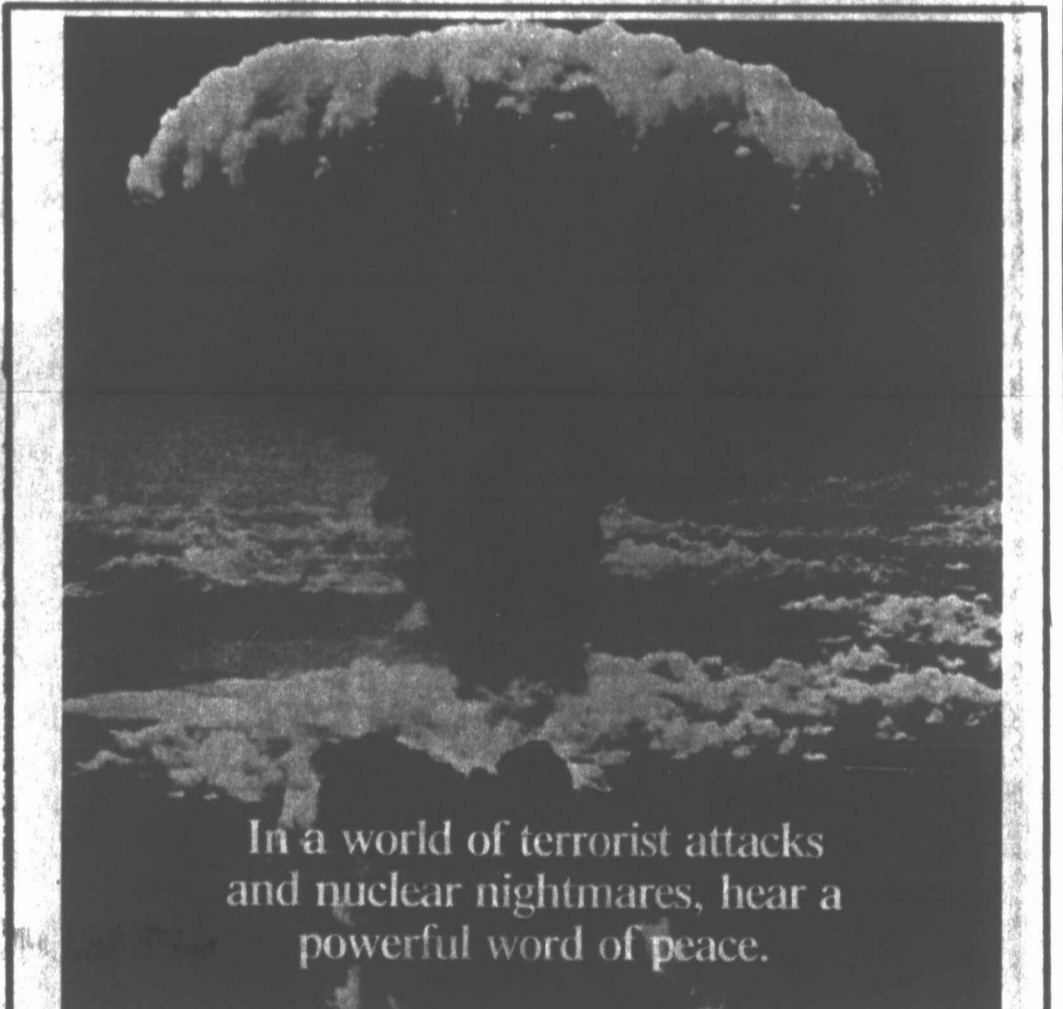
The roll call was answered by "A Personal Improvement I'd like to Make in Myself" by Rosa Barron, Marie Harlow, Bea Har-

low, Ozella Brookshire, Fannie Morris, Billie Patterson, Bobbie Norman, Vada Carlile, Lily Farrar and Inez Richardson.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8 at the Westbrook Tax Office.

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Local News



MEMBERS OF THE Colorado City Singers include, from left, front row, Edna Pace, Mary Lloyd, Jessie Mae Merket, Eula Pickens, Mary Womack, Mary Lynn Hackelman. Middle row, from left, are Thelma Howell, Jo Tiller, Fanny Fae Feaster, Minnie Howell, Jean Edwards. Back row from left, are Ivan Barber, John Tiller, Shorty Pace and Guy Hackelman. Not pictured are Erdine Morgan, Elnora Barber, Versie McMillan, Jessie Black, Edna Ballard, Floy Law, Ira Edwards, Wilma Womack, Ada Womack and Nellie Grace Haley.

Group sings at services

The Colorado City Singers sang Thursday, March 27 for the community Holy Week Services conducted at First Baptist Church.

The community choir is composed of people who just enjoy singing. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to join the choir which meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday morning at Wallace Center.

The choir has a variety of programs which include patriotic, popular, Irish, gospel songs and hymns. The choir is currently preparing a program of Texas songs for Sesquicentennial programs.

The choir has been invited to sing for the Odessa Chapter of the AARP in May and has already performed for the Kiwanis Club, the T.E.H.A. District Meeting, Mitchell County Extension Homemakers annual dinner, Loraine, Westbrook, Plainview Baptist Church, Oak

Bridal shower honors Raschke

A bridal shower was held in First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Loraine for Melissa Raschke, bride-elect of Adam Merket.

Decorated cake squares, candy minis and punch were served from a table carrying out shades of blue, chosen colors of Miss Raschke.

The hostesses were Mmes. Joe Terry, Raymond Hackfeld, Gene Britton, Grady Mitchell, Sharon Henderson, Donald Graham, Hubert Meadows, Calvin Forbus, Rex McDaniel, Dean Oliver, J. W. Boyd, Billy Cornutt, Mark Cornutt, Shep Compton, Atwood Sheffield, Bob Looney, T. J. Green Jr., Loyd Brame, Gene Smith, Linton Ray Webb, Earl Phillips, Donnie Phillips, Charles Finley and Rodney Hallmark.

Street Baptist Church, First Baptist adult dinner and both local nursing homes.

Members of the choir include Erdine Morgan, pianist; Elnora Barber, Versie McMillan, Jessie Black, Edna Ballard, Floy Law, Ira Edwards, Wilma Womack, Ada Womack, Nellie Grace Hal-

ey, Edna Pace, Mary Lloyd, Jessie Mae Merket, Eula Pickens, Mary Womack, Mary Lynn Hackelman, director, Thelma Howell, Jo Tiller, Fanny Fae Feaster, Minnie Howell, Jean Edwards, Ivan Barber, John Tiller, Shorty Pace and Guy Hackelman.

Hospital Report

Patients Admitted

March 25
Floye Johnson, City, medical;
Carl Vaughn, City, medical;
Hillard A. Woods, Big Spring, medical.

March 26
Kathy Johnson, City, medical;
Winnie Maddin, City, medical;
Floyd Shepherd, City, medical;
Heath Watlington, City, accident.

March 27

Fannie Morris, City, medical;
Bud England, Snyder, medical.

Patients Dismissed
March 25
Walter Stokes, City, medical;
Queetie Ausbie, City, medical.

March 26
Anabel Shepherd, City, medical.

March 27
Heath Watlington, City, accident;
Lena Lupton, City, medical.

March 28

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Local News

Obituaries

Partee

Former Colorado City resident Mrs. Jerris Partee, 50, of Big Spring died Wednesday at Granville C. Morton Hospital in Dallas following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were Friday at 3 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle-Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Rev. Keith Wiseman, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Partee was born June 15, 1935 in Colorado City. She married Kenneth Partee January 3, 1951 in Colorado City. He predeceased her in death on February 24, 1985.

She was a member of the Baptist Church. She had lived in Big Spring since 1967, moving there from Brownwood.

Survivors include three sons, Stanley E. Partee, Kenneth A. Partee and Tony R. Partee, all of Big Spring; two daughters Carletta R. Knappe of Midland

and Tonya R. Gregory of Big Spring; a brother, Eric Bryner of Odessa; a sister, Nellie Ward of Odessa; and six grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be made to the Wadley Blood Institute in Dallas.

Whirley

Adrus Willie Whirley, 82, of Paradise, former long time resident of Colorado City, died Tuesday in a Fort Worth Hospital.

Services were held Friday at 10 a.m. Friday at the First Baptist Church in Paradise with burial at 5 p.m. in the Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. Glenn Roenfeldt officiating.

Born November 8, 1903 in Hamilton, she married Romeo Whirley June 23, 1923 in Colorado City. He died March 19, 1952. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Paradise.

Survivors include four daughters, Jimmie Lee Wooley of Smithville, Betty Jo Prescott of Boyd, Neida Dain of Springdale, Ark., and Bobbie Jean Sweeney of Paradise; two sons, J. L. Whirley of Smithville and Earl Havens Whirley of Boyd; two sisters Theina Hock of Kingsville and Velma Bigbee of Hobbs, N.M.; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Meet Your Chambers Members



Woody Anderson
"I think it is important to be a Chamber member in a small community such as ours because every effort needs to be made to maintain, improve, and hopefully increase all business interests," says Woody Anderson of the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce. "I think the chamber works in that direction, and I want to be a part of it."

Anderson is from a family of agriculture businessmen who began their business in 1922. Anderson purchased the family farm in 1974, and it has doubled in size since that time. He is a member of most farm organizations and secretary of

the Producers Coop Gin Board. Born in Colorado City, Anderson attended the University of Texas at Austin where he received his bachelor of journalism degree and majored in public relations. He now serves as the Mitchell County representative for the Texas Ex-Students Association.

Since returning to make Colorado City his home Anderson has been honored as the Jaycees Outstanding Young Man and the Kiwanis Club Citizen of the Year. He has also served as vice president of the Kiwanis Club and on the Colorado City Park and Recreation Board.

Anderson has served as chairman of the Agriculture Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the board of directors. Anderson was elected to serve as a member of the board of directors through 1988. In February he was elected by the Chamber of Commerce board of directors to serve as parliamentarian for 1986. As such he will also oversee the community development area of the Chamber. Community development includes the clean-up and beautification, parades, Mitchell County Fair, Railroad Arts and Crafts Roundup, rodeo and teachers reception.

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"I believe we need bold action to use the strength of regulatory agencies and to change federal policy toward the industry before the crisis becomes a national disaster," he said.

The senator's broad-based package of legislation contains provisions to protect the industry against adverse changes in the Tax Code, to allow restructuring for hard-pressed

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Loraine tracksters attend meet

Points scored were few but the Loraine track team turned in good times at a swift Irion County track meet Saturday. The Bulldog girls scored 16 points, with fourth place finishes in both the 400 and 800 meter relays.

In the 400 relay, Sheila Darnell, Beverly Griffin, Pat Alvarez and Cheryl Alvarez ran a 53.3 and the same team ran a 1:54.4 in the 800 relay, both relays qualified for regional last season.

Leading the boys efforts were Joe Alvarez and Eddie Benitez. Alvarez turned in a 2:15 and placed seventh in his first ever 800 meter run and Benitez ran a 5:10 for ninth in the 1600 meter run.

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A "DASH-FOR-CASH" was one of the highlights of last Sunday's "Mud Bog" held at the Rodeo arena. The \$100 winner was local driver Rick Alvarez (left) of Colorado City. Finishing second was Abel Alvarez also of Colorado City.



MUD was plentiful and driving was tough for the contestants at last Sunday's Jaycee sponsored "Mud Bog". The event was a successful fund raiser for the club.

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Program could prove costly

AUSTIN—State Comptroller Bob Bullock Friday warned that new rules of the federal food stamp program could cost Texas government \$150 million in lost sales tax revenue on candy and soft drinks.

Bullock said reauthorization of the federal program contain-

ed new provisions that forbid states from participating if they collect taxes on food-stamp purchases.

"We don't tax meat and potatoes, but we do tax candy, soft drinks and diluted juices," Bullock said.

Bullock said the Legislature will have to look at an option of creating a two-tier system to exempt these products when they are purchased with food stamps or totally exempt taxes on candy, soft drinks and diluted juices.

He said that unless Congress is willing to bend on the issue and make changes in the law before the deadline the state's food stamp eligibility will be threatened and another source of state tax revenue will be cut off at the knees.

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Chamber brochure donations increase

"Tourism is now the second largest industry in the state, and we're lagging behind other West Texas cities," says Jim Baum, co-chairman of the Tourism Development Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Baum recently attended a conference on Developing Tourism Dollars in Small Cities sponsored by The Discover Texas Association and the Texas Economic Development Commission. It was there he learned that "The legislature thinks so much of tourism it passed a law during the last session that stipulated no school district can begin fall classes until after Labor Day. The effect of that law was tourists were kept in the state another two weeks...and another ten million dollars was spent in Texas."

"Tourism is a big industry," adds Baum. The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce plans to create a regular tourism budget in order to create a new industry in Colorado City. "Tourism creates jobs. Businesses have to have sales people to meet customer increases...cafes have to have personnel...and increased tourism has a rippling effect."

Jim Baum along with his

co-chairman, Hank Hardwick, and the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors wish to thank the following people for their investment in this new industry in Mitchell County: Marion Beaaham; L. B. Elliott; Higginbotham-Bartlett; Lovell-Carr; KVMC-KAUM; Alladdin and H. Hussain Sr.; Bob Rely; Max Shaw; Raymond and Virginia Fuller; Lee Woods; Plegans Printing; Walter and Anna Stasts; Beeman Dockrey; John McMackin (Treasurer Equipment); Corky's True Value; Jon Millington; Colorado City Museum; City National Bank; Robert Alford; Kiwanianes; Opti-Ma.; Thompson, Rees & McKinney; TESCO; J. C. Britton; Eddie's Pharmacy; First Western Savings & Loan; First National Bank; Stereo Corral; Rattliff Insurance; Dairy Queen; Clay Strange; Darrell Shurtliff; Landmark Cablevision; Dona Reed; Villa Inn Motel; Mr. and Mrs. Odell Fuller; Bill's Truck Town; Jessie's Villa Restaurant; Rod Caldwell, M.D.; Smylers (three locations); Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Palmer; B&PW Club; Rockwell Brothers; Tandy and Loves Curlee; Mac-Michael's and Lone Wolf Electric Coop.

Thanks to the generosity of these citizens the Tourism Development Committee is proceeding with the production of a color brochure of the community, a basic sales tool in promoting any community.

Auto visitors to Texas spend an average of \$20.90 per person for each night they spend in the state. Thus, a family of four would pump \$84 into the economy each day they are here. For every dollar spent in attracting tourists, the state receives \$2.80 in return.

Every dollar our community invests in attracting tourists, people who stay overnight, will bring in almost three times the initial investment.

You too can invest in the future of your community through your Chamber of Commerce. "Together We're Better" and we want you to help us make it happen.

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. David Compton of Plano announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Lynne, on March 24 weighing 10 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Jane Ward of Midland. Paternal grandparents are Shep and Sally Compton of Loraine. Paternal great-grandmother is Lynne Compton, also of Loraine.

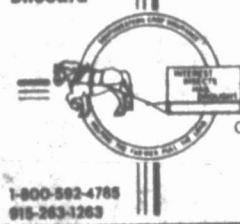
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MONDAY, MARCH 31	
Medicaid Transportation	8-4 p.m.
Texas Department of Health	8-4:30 p.m.
Fit for Life Exercises	5:15 p.m.
Body Control	6 p.m.
Weight Watchers	6 p.m.
Volleyball League	6:30 p.m.
TUESDAY, APRIL 1	
Medicaid Transportation	8-4 p.m.
Quilting	10 a.m.
Noon Meal	12 Noon
Job Training Representative	1:30 p.m.
Body Control	6 p.m.
Accounting Class	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fit for Life Class	6:30 p.m.
Cake Decorating	7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2	
Medicaid Transportation	8-4 p.m.
Child Immunization Clinic	10-2 p.m.
Social Security Representative	10-2 p.m.
Noon Meal	12 Noon
Duplicate Bridge	1:30 p.m.
Fit for Life Exercises	5:15 p.m.
THURSDAY, APRIL 3	
Quilting	9:30 a.m.
Nutrition Skit-Debbie Christian	11:40 a.m.
Noon Meal	12 Noon
Body Control	6 p.m.
FRIDAY, APRIL 4	
Volleyball Tournament	
Fit for Life Exercises	5:15 p.m.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5	
Volleyball Tournament	
No skating until April 19	
New classes: body control, April 7; introduction to computers, April 28; investing, when 10 enroll and local volleyball tournament, April 4-5. For more information call Wallace Center 728-2392 or Health Office 728-5796.	

Insurance industry under constant watch

By Jim Mattox
Attorney General

It is hard to image getting by in today's world without insurance. You cannot drive legally without it. Life insurance, homeowners insurance, and health insurance may not be absolutely vital, but they are very important.

Something as necessary and as complicated as insurance has a vast potential for abuse and fraud. For this reason, the Texas Attorney General's Office has been watching the insurance industry since the 1880s when Jim Hogg ran the "wildcat"—that is, unlicensed companies that had been taking advantage of Texas policyholders out the state.

That tradition has continued during my administration. For example, salespeople selling Academy Life Insurance policies as annuities bilked more than 1800 older Texans out of their life savings. But we brought suit and were able to return more than \$10 million to them.

In another case, the bankruptcy of the Baldwin-United Corporation threatened the annuities of some 10,700 Texas investors. By participating in the settlement negotiations, a process that involved representatives from 22 brokerage firms and 47 states, we were able to recover \$1.9 million.

Taxes are an annual concern. For a number of years, life insurance companies headquartered in other states paid our taxes on the premiums collected from Texas policyholders under protest. That means that while the money was paid, it was held in escrow until the courts ruled on the legality of our tax. (The companies complained because we charged them a higher rate than we charged life insurance companies headquartered in Texas.) We were able to settle 21 of these protest suits last spring and free up \$49 million for the General Revenue Fund.

We have another serious situation involving insurance on our hands, perhaps the most serious ever. It is the explosion in the rates doctors, ministers, charitable organizations, and municipalities must pay for liability insurance—if they can get coverage at all.

The insurance companies say that large jury awards have driven premiums up, caused the insurance industry to lose money, and have made certain types of coverage unprofitable at any price. Other sources indicate,

however, that insurance companies brought their economic problems on themselves by attracting customers with low premiums when interest rates were high. Now that interest rates have dropped, they are trying to cover their investment losses by digging into the pockets of the policyholders.

The insurance industry claims that it lost \$5.5 billion nationwide in liability coverage last year. But the National Insurance Consumer Organization says the industry made \$6.6 billion in 1985. The difference is that the industry failed to count capital gains on stock, investment earnings and tax credits as profits, and improperly counted dividend payments as losses.

The industry is lobbying state governments and Congress to help them out of their investment mistakes by changing our traditional concepts of justice. If you put that campaign together with the sudden unavailability of insurance nationwide, the coincidence makes you wonder if there is any illegal collusion or restraint of trade going on.

This suspicious coincidence led me to begin an investigation into the insurance industry in Texas, and to ask the attorneys general of the other states to do likewise. Such investigations will show whether illegalities have taken place. And they will go a long way towards making insurance available and affordable again.

Medicare needs revamping

By Lloyd Bentsen
United States Senator

A lengthy illness can wipe out the financial resources of an elderly person—even someone of means who has worked and saved for a lifetime.

Medicare isn't much help in these situations.

A 71-year-old Houston man ran up \$95,000 in hospital and doctor charges. After Medicare benefits were paid, he still owed \$43,000.

In East Texas, a 70-year-old woman was left with a \$26,000 debt when an illness exhausted all of her Medicare coverage.

Long-term illnesses such as these people experienced strike fear in elderly persons across the United States. They know that with the increasingly sophisticated and costly array of medical services available today, they might survive their illness only to be ruined financially.

Medicare currently covers all reasonable hospital fees for up to 90 days, once a \$492 deductible charge is paid for each period of hospitalization.

After 90 days, patients pay a share of the costs which increases with the length of the hospital stay. After 150 days, the patient must pay all charges.

The Medicare and Medicaid programs are designed to help those most in need of medical care—the elderly. Although persons 65 and older make up 12 percent of our population, they account for 33 percent of all health care expenditures. They consume 31 percent of all hospital services, 28 percent of physician services, 34 percent of all prescription drug sales, and 80 percent of nursing home costs.

But it is these very people—the elderly living off savings or fixed incomes—that Medicare fails to help with the overwhelming expenses that can result from a serious, long-term illness.

In 1984, I introduced—and have since continued to push for—legislation that would protect older Americans against such catastrophic medical costs.

I am pleased that the President recently expressed interest in developing a plan to extend Medicare coverage to long-term hospitalization. Members of my staff already have met with White House representatives to discuss the details of my proposal.

The Bentsen Catastrophic Insurance plan is self-financing and will not add to the solvency problems facing the Medicare trust funds.

Its increased hospital benefits would be financed by an additional Medicare premium of some \$3.75 a month. But in return, Medicare recipients would be covered for all reasonable hospital charges after the deductible is paid, no matter how long their stay. In addition, the \$492 deductible charge now required for each hospital stay would be limited to two such payments a year.

My bill would provide optional

coverage to pay 100 percent of all reasonable doctors' fees, after a deductible and initial out-of-pocket expenses are satisfied. The increased physician benefits would be financed by another premium of some \$10 to \$12 a month, assuming full participation.

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Remember the Alamo!

In the winter of 1835-36, all seemed well on the Texas frontier—the Texas army held both Goliad and the Alamo at San Antonio de Bexar, the two strongest presidios, and Texas had cleared out Mexican troops. Most Texas army regulars felt secure enough to leave the Alamo and Goliad to be guarded by American volunteers, a slim force for such critical sites. In his book *Lone Star*, T. R. Fehrenbach writes that ominous signs were about to disturb the winter calm. Sam Houston was commanding the Texas forces, but he hardly controlled their activities, according to historian Archie McDonald. Some talked of moving south to regain lands confiscated by the Mexican government. First, Col. Frank Johnson led an expedition to capture Matamoros, Col. James Fannin, then headquartered at Goliad, was commissioned to lead an expedition south as well, and even Jim Bowie received similar authorization. Houston advised against moving forces south, and then went off to East Texas to negotiate a peace treaty with Chief Philip Bowles and the Cherokees.

In the meantime, Mexican Gen. Santa Anna determined the time was ripe to sweep north and suppress this latest rebellion against central Mexican control. He crossed the Rio Grande with about 6,000 men in mid-February, McDonald says, intending to chase every Anglo-American from Texas.

The Texans at San Antonio were not prepared for such an army. Lt. Col. William B. Travis had arrived in January with only a few recruits and soon found himself in command.

With engineer Green B. Jamison, he had built up the old compound of the San Antonio de Velasco Mission, known as the Alamo, into a fortress. Jim Bowie arrived with about 100 volunteers, bringing their combined command to about 150 men. David Crockett arrived with an additional handful of men from Tennessee. Travis and Bowie argued over command, but neither of them did as Houston ordered—destroy the place and escape. Finally, Bowie became ill and Travis assumed full command. He wrote letters to everyone, especially to Fannin, requesting aid. Fannin's 500 men at Goliad might have been of some help if they had come, but Travis needed many more when Santa Anna arrived.

Santa Anna divided his army at the Rio Grande. He sent General Jose Urrea on a southerly course to capture Johnson at San Patricio and Fannin at Goliad, and Urrea accomplished both tasks without much difficulty. Most of the Anglo-Texas prisoners were to be executed by Santa Anna's orders.

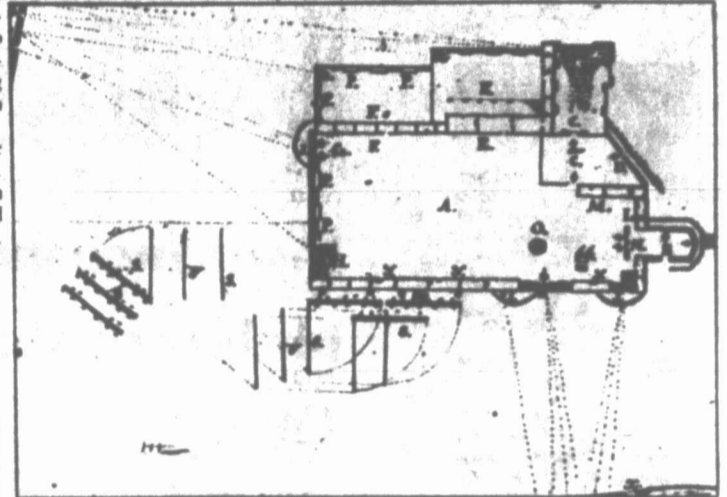
Santa Anna moved north with General Joaquin Ramirez y Sesma's command and began a 13-day siege on the Alamo. Travis's plea for help

continued: "We consider death preferable to disgrace... For God's sake and the sake of our country, send us reinforcements." His celebrated letter of February 24, addressed to all Americans, brought thousands from the United States. But help arrived too late.

On March 6, 1836, the Mexican army stormed the Alamo. Travis's cries of "Victory or Death!" were silenced. All of the defenders were killed during the battle or executed afterwards. Mrs. Susanna Dickenson, wife of Alamo artilleryman Almeron Dickenson, was sent down the road to Gonzales to spread the news that the Alamo had fallen and that Santa Anna promised to sweep along the Sabine River.

Hundreds gathered at Gonzales to await Sam Houston for the next move. Santa Anna had provided them with a battle cry: "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!"

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Mexican Col. Jose Juan Sanchez Navarro added this diagram of attack patterns to his official report of the battle at the Alamo mission in March, 1836. Courtesy of the Barker Texas History Center, UT-Austin.

Beach, Erwin attend seminar

Mitchell County Clerk Joan Beach and District Clerk Bill Erwin joined some 450 other officials for the 14th annual County and District Clerk's Seminar March 28-29 in College Station. Theme of the seminar was "Informational-Not Political."

"During an election year, we're interested in efficiently carrying out our job of conducting elections," said Mrs. Beach. "That means staying abreast of current information about election codes and responsibilities rather than political rhetoric." "Conferences such as this give us an advantage in providing the best public services possible while minimizing the burden on local taxpayers," said Erwin. "With federal and state governments cutting back on funds for local governments, county officials have to be more resourceful in making ends meet."

During the seminar, the county and district clerks were addressed by Robert Aldemeyer of Kenton County, Kentucky, who is president of the National Association of Counties, and Texas Secretary of State Myra McDermott.

Major discussions included election codes, probate law, child support enforcement, records management, juvenile law and bankruptcy sales.

The annual seminar is one of the educational programs sponsored by the V. G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The institute provides a forum of mutual support for county officials, the extension staff and various government, academic and business leaders in Texas.

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