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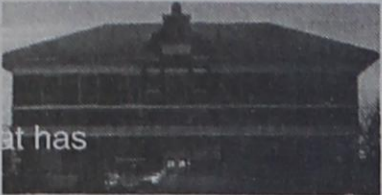
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Tickets For Project Graduation

The parents of the Senior Class of 2006 are selling tickets for a side of beef to raise money for Project Graduation. The tickets are \$10.00 each. The drawing will be in February 2006. You can purchase the ticket from any senior parent or contact Baird High School at 854-1400 ext. 302

Lights of Love Trees to Be Placed on

The Baird Christmas lighting committee will be sponsoring the Lights of Love trees. They will once again be placed on the courthouse lawn. If you would like the name of a loved one placed on a star on top of a tree you can do so for \$15.00. A 4' Christmas tree that will be placed on the Courthouse lawn. This is a special way to pay tribute to a deceased friend or relative or to honor someone while they are living. Your donations can be sent to the chamber office or given to Donna Bell,

A lighting contest will be held once again this year. More details on this will be announced at a later date.

And don't forget to come take a walk through our 5000 square foot building with thousands of lights and over dozens of animated displays. It is the Winter Wonderland at the Christmas Village, located at 129 Market St. (1/2 block N. of the Depot on the east side of the street.) This is the third year for the village, which is a lighted "indoor holiday fantasy--a place for children of all ages." There are new and different displays again this year. There is no admission fee although donations will be accepted. Santa will be there (except on Dec. 24, since this is his busiest night of the year) to visit with the children and they

Callahan County Has Entered into a Burn Ban Effective 11-22-05

Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District

Now taking Windbreak Tree Orders

The Callahan Divide Soil & Water Conservation District is

now taking orders for their Annual Windbreak Tree Program. Each year the District offers these trees to the general public on a first come first served basis at a very inexpensive price. These windbreak trees come fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery out of Lubbock TX.

This year's selection of available trees include three varieties of evergreens. We have Afghanistan Pine, Italian Stone Pine and Eastern Redcedar. The Evergreen's are priced at 5 for \$12.00 or 30 for \$55.00. In the Hardwood category we have Aromatic Sumac, Hackberry, Black Cherry, Chinkapin Oak, Honeylocust, Lacebark Elm, Nanking Cherry, Russian Olive, Sand Plum and Shumard Oak. This variety is priced at 10 for \$12.00. This year we are also offering several wildlife packets which consist of four different species of trees per packet. Each packet contains 100 trees, twenty-five of each of the four species depending on the packet purchased.

Contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Baird for info on which trees are included in a certain packet. Each wildlife packet is priced at \$60.00 and they have four to choose from Packets for Deer, Squirrel, Quail and Pheasant and Turkey are available.

All orders are pre-paid with a check or money order. These trees are delivered fresh from the Texas Forest Service Nursery on that date.

Orders will be taken until January 20th, 2006 or until supplies are depleted, whichever comes first. Trees will be delivered to Baird on February 17, 2006. If you would like to get more information on our windbreak trees, on planning, planting and maintenance of windbreak trees or how to purchase these low cost seedlings contact the Natural Resources Conservation service in Baird TX at (325)-854-1349, EXT 3. The office in Baird is located at 141 W. 4th, Suite B.

Orders will be taken until January 20th, 2006 or until supplies are depleted, whichever comes first. . .

Records: Holly 1-0, Baird 1-2.

J.V. Game: Baird 37, Hawley 34.

Hawley Phillips 13, Cobb 10, Jordan 7, Caffey 6.

Baird: Windham 13, Orlando 4, Juarez 3, Johnston 3, Tollett 3.

Records-/Baird 4-1, Hawley 3-2

J.V. Play: Hawley 36, Baird 26

Mrn's District Games:

Cross Plains 65, May 45

May 6 14 16 9-45

Cross Plains 20 16 14 15-65

Cross Plains--Koenig 21, Golson 13, Callaway 7, Watkins 7, Dillard 6, Estes 6, Dickson 3, Vasquez 2.

Games Played on Monday, November 21, 2005.

Statement from Attorney General Greg Abbott About Texas Supreme Court's Ruling in School Finance Case

6-1-06 Is Deadline to Fix Chopped Robin Hood

The Texas Supreme Court has just ruled on the school finance (West Orange Cove school finance lawsuit). The Court ruled that the system is unconstitutional because it constitutes a state property tax, but is not adequate or inefficient.

The Supreme Court set a deadline of June 1, 2006 for the system to be changed.

More than likely Governor Perry will call a special session sometime in April after the primaries and after his comtime to study the tax issue.

The Governor's Texas Tax Reform Commission chaired by John Sharp met for the first time to consider issues and concerns with reforming the current tax structure which funds schools.

The 24-member panel listened to a panel that a new business tax system must be fair, broad-based, modern, understandable and competitive.

They will hold a series of public hearings across the state in the next few months.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott

"This is a important decision for millions of Texas Supreme Court's-decision validates the quality of the fn of our educational system. The evidence showed-and the Supreme Court recognized--that high standards set by the Texas Legislature were being achieved at school districts around the state."

"The Court recognized-as all Texans recognize--that we can and should do a better job of educating students in Texas. But, just because we can do a better job does not mean that the job being done now is unconstitutional."

"The Texas Supreme Court unanimously held that the Texas public education system is entirely consistent with the education provisions of the Texas Constitution. Specifically, the Texas Supreme Court unanimously reversed the district court and concluded that the Texas system satisfies the adequacy, efficiency, and suitability provisions of the Constitution."

"This is a victory for democracy, because it ensures that decisions about educa-

tion poolicymaking will remain in the elected Legislature rather than the courts."

"However, the Court did find that our current "Robin Hood" Tax System violates the tax provision of Article VIII. The Court gave the Legislature until June 1 of next year to correct the system."

"I trust that the Legislature will take the opportunity to set decisively and to design a new tax system that is fair and even-handed for all taxpayers, while maintaining and building upon an excellent education system that demands results for every schoolchild in Texas."

Canvassing of Votes in Open Meeting of Callahan Commissioners' Court Yields No Change in Number of Votes Cast or Turnout of Election

The results of the Constitutional Amendment Election held November 8, 2005, were upheld in a canvassing of the votes in the Open Meeting of the Callahan County Commissioners' Court held November 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. at 100 West 4th Suite 200 at the Callahan County Courthouse in the Commissioners' Court Room in Baird.

Election Judge and County Clerk Jeannie Bohannon of the Callahan Courthouse acting on behalf of the Commissioner's Court reports that the election wnet as originally counted and that there are no contested amendments and that the Election results will stand as presented in the Nov. 11, 2005 Callahan County Baird Star.

DPS Report

11-13-05 until 11-10-05

Cases Investigated:
Warnings-84
Complaints-87
Fugitive Arrest-Theft Arrest by Check-1
Driving Under Influence by Minor-1
Open Container-1
Accidents-There were 7 accidents investigated during this time span.

Have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving Season and Day
November 24, 2005!!!



Winter Wonder Land Opens in Baird Friday, Free Admission, Free Pictures with Santa for Children

Baird Male Bears Fair Better in J.V. Basketball Play

Baird 7	12	8	14-41	Cogburn 5.
Hawle 4	6	13	17-40	Hawley-Cadle 8, Parker 8,
Baird-Rodrigues 8, Scott 7, Parker 6, Manning 5,				Keith 7, Bounds 6, Garret 5
				Records: Holly 1-0, Baird 1-2.
				J.V. Game: Baird 37, Hawley 34.

Baird Girls Non-district Play

Baird 28,	Hawley 41
Hawley 10	12 0 12-41
Baird 4	5 8 7-28
Hawley Phillips 13, Cobb 10, Jordan 7, Caffey 6.	

Baird I.S.D. Lunch Menu

Monday: November 28:	Cup. Green beans, Hot Roll, Jello.
Tuesday: November 29:	Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Fruit
Wednesday, Nov. 30:	Chicken Stix or Hot Ham or Cheese Melt, Tator Tots, Steamed Broccoli, Hot Roll, Cake.

Christmas Time is Here Again
Get your yards ready for judging!
This Year there will be four categories:
Best Over All
Most Original
Kids Choice
Best Commercial
CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS.
(Signs will be placed in each winning yard and will be picked up After Christmas for use again next Year.)
Judging date will be December 15, 2005

PUBLIC FORUM

Of 42 Years Ago An Eastlander Remembers A Thanksgiving Meal And Message

A 42-year-old Thanksgiving menu message still rings true for an Eastlander, as it would for all of us.

Wilson Ensor, Jr. was a 19-year-old in Korea in 1963—far from home, but serving our country with pride as so many have done and are still doing.

He was a member of the famed First Cavalry Division and the Thanksgiving program that accompanied the troops' turkey and baked ham feast with all the trimmings (mincemeat and pumpkin pies) that day carried an important message from their commander, as timely now as then.

Major General C.F. Leonard, Jr. said in part:

"As members of the 1st Cavalry Division, guarding Freedom's Frontier, we should think of this Thanksgiving Day as one of particular significance to all of us. Today we find ourselves facing an armed aggressor who is ready to impose his way of life upon us.

"Were it not for our presence in Korea, that aggressor would destroy those principles for which the Pilgrim Fathers struggled so nobly to attain. Our families, though separated from us, can join with us in being thankful for our many freedoms and blessings. They too can feel proud in the knowledge of your contributions to the preservation of our national ideals.

"Let us join in expressing our thanks to God for His blessings this day and ask for renewed strength in

discharging our responsibilities to our families and our Nation."

(Ed. Note: As for the presence, could we just as well substitute the name Iraq for Korea today?)

On behalf of the Eastland Rifle and Pistol Club,

I would like to take this opportunity to apologize for an inadvertent mistake of identity by mis-matching names of some participants at the turkey shoot held by the Eastland Rifle and Pistol Club at the Ringling Lake Range, Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005 with Mr. Vince Gwinn.

I apologize to Mr. Vance Gwinn and/or others for any problems this oversight has caused! Vance was not in attendance nor have I witnessed him at any gun club function that I have attended in my two years affiliation with, or as an officer of the Eastland Rifle and Pistol Gun Club.

Lyndell Ray Garrett
Vice President
Eastland Rifle and
Pistol Club

Dear Editor:

I wanted to write and thank you for your help in getting me to trial. I understand you couldn't print my letter. But because you looked into it. Things begin to happen. It has taken over two years, but finally they have set a court date.

My trial date is April 17th. I know I may be a small time person, and not worth a lot of attention but because you took the time to look into my letter, I may finally get my chance to tell my side.

Last time I let people tell me how I should and should not do or say. "See where it got me." This time things will come out that should have last time. It might even sell a

few papers here and there.

I know that I get your paper two times a week and I read them well. They help me keep up on the way Eastland is growing, and man it's growing. I still have family there so anything that happens in Eastland is important to me also. Maybe someday all this will be behind me and I'll have a chance to move on with my life.

Again, thanks for looking into my letter. Keep up the good work and help Eastland grow.

I should be back in Eastland around March or April 1st and ready for trial. Be looking to see you then or at least read about it in your paper.

Your friend,
John Wayne Woodall

'...The Thing I Value Most'

A young man learns what's most important in life from the guy next door.

It had been some time since Jack had seen the old man. College, girls, career, and life itself got in the way. In fact, Jack moved clear across the country in pursuit of his dreams. There, in the rush of his busy life, Jack had little time to think about the past and often no time to spend with his wife and son. He was working on his future, and nothing could stop him.

Over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days.

"Jack, did you hear me?" "Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said.

"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence'

as he put it," Mom told him.

"I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.

"You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important...Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time.

Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time. The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture...Jack stopped suddenly.

"What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked.

"The box is gone," he said.

"What box?" Mom asked.

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most,'" Jack said.

It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

"Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next three



Mindi Roulston

days," the note read.

Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read. Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside.

"Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved:

"Jack, Thanks for your time! -Harold Belser"

"The thing he valued most...was...my time"

Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked.

"I need some time to spend with my son," he said.

"Oh, by the way, Janet...thanks for your time!"

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away,"

x x x

Think about this. You may not realize it, but it's 100% true.

1. At least 2 people in this world love you so much they would die for you.

2. At least 15 people in this world love you in some way.

3. A smile from you can bring happiness to anyone, even if they don't like you.

4. Every night, SOMEONE thinks about you before they go to sleep.

5. You mean the world to someone.

6. If not for you, someone may not be living.

7. You are special and unique.

8. When you think you have no chance of getting what you want, you probably won't get it, but if you trust God to do what's best, and wait on His time, sooner or later, you will get it or something better.

9. When you make the biggest mistake ever, something good can still come from it.

10. When you think the world has turned its back on you, take a look: you most likely turned your back on the world.

11. Someone that you don't even know exists loves you.

12. Always remember the compliments you received. Forget about the rude remarks.—

13. Always tell someone how you feel about them; you will feel much better when they know and you'll both be happy.

14. If you have a great friend, take the time to let them know that they are great.

Send this letter to all the people you care about, if you do so, you will certainly brighten someone's day and might change their perspective on life...for the better.

To everyone I sent this to

"Thanks for your time"

Submitted by Patti Roulston (Mindi's Mom)

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Discover The Treasures Of Eastland County

To Name Just A Few:

- * Boom-Town, USA, Ranger
- * Hilton's First Hotel, Cisco
- * Old Rip, Eastland
- * Stamp Mural, Eastland
- * Santa Claus Bank Robbery, Cisco
- * Hanging Pole, Eastland
- * Fort Blair, Desdemona
- * Peanut Capital, USA, Gorman
- * Texas Playboy Club, Carbon
- * Early Settlers, Rising Star
- * Doc Scurlock's Grave, Eastland
- * The Palatial Majestic Theatre, Eastland
- * The Old Brick Bankhead (Hwy. 80) crosses the County.

Treasure Antiques At Every Location

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Obituaries

James Layton Snyder

James Layton Snyder, 86, passed away on Saturday, November 19, 2005. He was born June 28, 1919 in Callahan County, the youngest son of Lula Driskill Snyder and Cyrus Byron Snyder, pioneer cattle people of Shackelford, Callahan, Scurry, and Mitchell counties of Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Marguerite Brannen Snyder, four brothers, C.B., Faye, Buddy and Morris Snyder; and two sisters, Frances Cooley and Laura Snyder. He is survived by one brother, Ralph Snyder of Moran, TX, and two sons, Byron Snyder and his wife, Martha Ann, of Houston, and Jim Snyder and his wife, Kim, of Baird and Abilene. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Gregg Snyder and his wife, Sarah, of Houston, Worth Snyder of New York City, N.Y., and Natalie and Meredith Snyder of Abilene, as well as many nieces and nephews.

In 1941 James received a Bachelor's Degree from Texas Tech University. While at Texas Tech he served as President of the Freshman and Senior Classes, as well as the Student Body. In 1989 he was named a Distinguished Alumni of the University.

While at Texas Tech, James met his future wife, Marguerite Brannen. During WWII he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Lejeune, a troop transport ship captured from Germany. He served for four years and was discharged with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Following his naval service, James worked

for IBM in Dallas and Fort Worth. In the early 1950's James and Marguerite moved to Baird and began ranching. Additional business interests included Alderman -Cave Milling and Grain Company and Win-Tex Feeders, Inc. Among his many honor, James was appointed to the Board of Regents at Texas Tech University by Governor Dolph Briscoe in 1977. He was appointed in 1983 to the Texas Animal Health Commission by Gov. Mark White. Other activities included involvement as President of the National Ranching Heritage Association, President of the Baird Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of the 17th Congressional District, service on the Board of Stewards, First United Methodist Church of Baird. James was also an active member of the Baird Masonic Lodge #522, West Texas Rehabilitation Center, West Texas Fair Association, and the Texas Law Enforcement and Youth Development Foundation.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, Nov. 21, 2005 at the First United Methodist Church of Baird. Military graveside rites will follow at Ross Cemetery Annex, under the direction of Parker Funeral Home.

FOR SALE: White '84 Monte Carlo, one owner, 115,000 actual miles, V-8, good air, Michelin tires, \$3,000 firm. Call 254-442-1303 to see, 8 to 9 a.m. or 9 to 10 p.m. Only.

Thanks for Reading the Callahan Star

Major Rita Louise Lewis

Major Rita Louise Lewis, U.S.A.F. retired, 74, died Sunday, November 13, 2005 at her home in Clyde. According to her wishes there was no service. Elmwood Funeral Home of So. Hwy 277 is handling cremation arrangements.

Ms Lewis was born on February 20, 1931 in St. Joseph, Missouri where she also attended nursing school at Missouri Methodist Hospital. She enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1954 and served her country 20 years with stations in California, Turkey, Japan, Vietnam and San Antonio, where she was the head nurse in charge of pediatrics at Wilford Hall. She accomplished much in her lifetime through her passion for nursing. Coming to Abilene after her military retirement in 1976, Rita attended McMurry college and obtained a bachelor of science degree in 1980. Always the nurse and wanting to help others, she established Nurse Care, Inc., and was the founder of Hospice of the Big Country.

She had a great love for the

ranch she lived on in Clyde where she made a happy home for horses, dogs, cats, lamas, birds and fishes that she loved, always leaving room in her heart for one more stray in need of a home. Rita is best remembered as a generous, warm-hearted person who was always helping others. She was a skilled artist and a Catholic.

Survivors include her mother, Sarah Lewis of Clyde, one brother, Donald Lewis and wife Patricia of Peterborough, England; one sister, Wanda Evans of New Port Beach, California; nieces and nephews, Jennifer Lewis, Ed Snyder, Dr. Mark Evans, Michael Evans and John Evans; great nieces and nephews; Cody, Catlin, Hailey, LuLu, Rosa; close friends and caregivers, Maggie Davis, Mary Huckelbridge, Michael Little, Daniel and Julie Whitley, and Larry and Twilla Simmons.

The family would like to thank all of the staff of Hospice of the Big Country for

Callahan County (Baird) Star Classifieds

For Sale

FOR SALE: 8 Lots with old house, city water and well water, some fruit trees \$16,000. Owner Finance \$6,000 down. Sipe Springs area, Comanche Co. Call (254) 629-8417 or (254) 629-8712.

FOR SALE: 21 ft. gooseneck cattle trailer \$2,000; trailer \$600. Call (254) 629-8417.

Houses for Sale

I'm Mad...At banks who don't give House Loans because of Bad Credit problems or New Employment. Id, Call L.D. Kirk, Homeland Mortgages, (254)947-4475.

FOR SALE: Cream Puff, '90 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme - V-6—loaded. 64,000 miles. Call 254-629-2413 after 6 p.m. to see. \$3995.00.

B52 their kindness and caring during Rita's life here in Abilene as friends and staff. In lieu flowers memorial donation may be made to Hospice of the Big Country, 4601

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31 Acres overlooking Lake Cisco, paved road frontage, large hill, public boat ramp directly across from the property, excellent view of Lake Cisco and beyond, \$48,600.

38 Acres mostly wooded with oaks, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$57,000.

51 Acres wooded & open with 2 fields, Interstate 20 road frontage, seasonal creek, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail. \$51,200.

58 Acres with 4 BR, 2 bath, water well, property is mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$130,000.

60 Acres by Lake Cisco, over half a mile of road frontage that is within 200 yds of Lake Cisco shoreline, mostly wooded, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, quail, \$172,000.

77 Acres completely wooded with oaks, water well, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs & dove. \$115,000.

80 Acres mostly wooded with oaks, water well, 2 ponds with 1 being stocked with fish, remole, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,000.

81 Acres wooded with oak & mesquite trees with a very large hill, 1 pond, creek. This property is surrounded by large fences, great hunting property, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck & quail, \$104,895.

107 Acres with house several coastal fields, several wooded areas with oak, pecan & cottonwood trees, 3 ponds, water well, 2 creeks, house is a 3 BR, 1 bath, needs some work, older large barn, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail, \$160,000.

83 Acres 95% wooded with oak trees, small pond, good property for hunting at a home site, wildlife includes deer, turkey, hogs, dove & quail, \$115,785.

118 Acres Comanche County, wooded & open, two creeks, 1 runs most of year round, 3 ponds, 3 water wells, oak, pecan, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$1,300 per acre.

127 Acres mostly wooded with oaks, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$187,500.

150 Acres or a large creek, wood, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$187,500.

151 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oaks and mesquite, several smaller fields, creeks, hills, 3 water wells, 3 ponds, 3 BR, 2 bath home with outbuildings. Deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$220,183.

164 Acres mostly wooded with Post oaks & mesquite trees, large hills and canyons, field, 1 pond stocked with fish, high water table, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$242,500.

217 Acres 65% fields & grassland, ponds, creek, hill, 35% oak & mesquite timber, Stephens Co., deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$260,400.

262 Acres with house, mostly wooded with oak & mesquite trees, 2 fields perfect for game plots, 4 ponds stocked with fish, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$393,000.

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2 BR, 1 bath home, separate office or den, CHA, carport, storage bldg., corner property, lg. kitchen with many nice cabinets. Reduced to \$32,000.

Duplex on 1 1/2 lots with 1 BR, living room, kitchen, 3/4 bath and CHA on each side, it can be used as single family home. \$32,000.

2 BR home plus another room which can be used as a 3rd BR or extra family room, CHA, 5 ceiling fans, storm windows, patio, attached garage, fenced back yard, large trees, \$35,000.

3 BR, 1 bath older brick veneer home, separate DR, breakfast nook, storm windows, large trees, detached storage, corner property, lots of character, \$35,000.

3 BR, 1 bath home, separate dining room, CHA, carport, garage, privacy fenced backyard. \$35,000.

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large rooms, CHA, fireplace, double pane windows, enclosed back porch, metal siding, double garage, \$36,000.

2 BR, 1 1/2 bath home, large rooms, separate LR, DR and den, many kitchen cabinets, double carport, 2 storage bldgs., large trees, 3 lots, fenced back yard, very spacious inside & out.

3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, recently built, has CHA, double pane windows, porch across front, carport, fenced backyard, storage bldg., pecan and other trees, \$59,500.

Spacious 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath home, large oaks, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$59,500.

3 BR, 2 bath home with CHA, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$62,000.

3 BR home, lg. rooms, fireplace, 7 ceiling fans, kitchen and bathroom recently remodeled, surrounded by large oak trees, double carport and storage bldg., \$63,500.

3 BR, 2 bath home with CHA, water well, deer, turkey, hogs, dove, duck, quail, \$63,500.

5 BR, 2 bath, 2 story home. Lots of character, formal DR, office, lg. rooms, mostly wooden floors, 2 CHA units, surrounded by large pecan and oak trees, lg. corner property, several fireplaces, fenced backyard. REDUCED TO \$76,500.

4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home with CHA, woodburning fireplace, large living room, covered patio, carport, garage, and other extras on corner lot. \$79,900.

Home in Eastland - 4 BR home with vinyl siding and storm windows, inside recently repainted and carpet replaced, CHA, lg. corner property, double carport and garage, \$49,500.

Home in Eastland - 3 BR brick home on 3 fenced acres with CHA has full bath, 3/4 bath and 1/2 bath, separate LR, den with WBFP, lg. kitchen with many nice cabinets, utility room, enclosed back porch, double garage, inground pool, approx. 50' x 50' metal building, many nice oak and other trees. \$82,500.

Just Outside of Town on 13 acres, 3 BR, 2 bath home with CHA and WBFP. Many nice kitchen cabinets, great view of pond (stocked with fish), from kitchen and dining room, water well, double carport, 2 large storage bldgs., mobile home or RV hookup, partially wooded plus some coastal.

2 BR, 1 bath home with CA, woodburning heater, screened porch, large oak trees, dock, 2 decks and 3 storage buildings, \$42,500.

2 BR Home, CHA, partially furnished, lots of parking space, storage building, dock, large oak trees, \$56,000.

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 1/2 cup Heavy Whipping Cream

1 tablespoon sugar
 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger

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Beat 1/2 cup whipping cream at high speed in small bowl, scraping bowl often, until soft peaks form. Add 1 tablespoon sugar and ginger. Continue beating until stiff peaks form.

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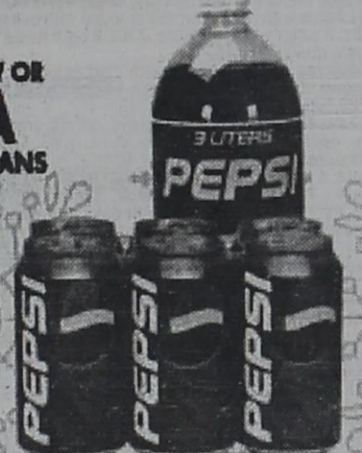
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Can We Make Droughts Shorter and Hurricanes Weaker?

Farmers invest their money in sophisticated seeds, spend weeks planting their crops and sometimes are forced to watch as day after day of unusual weather bakes their crops to a crisp, destroying their livelihood and raising the cost of produce in our supermarkets. But this may not be necessary.

Our satellites can spot approaching hurricanes from hundreds of miles away. Meteorologists can predict their paths with reasonable accuracy. But still we are forced to watch extremely powerful storms batter our coasts. The most powerful hurricanes cause substantial loss of life and destroy billions of dollars in property - shutting down businesses and costing workers their jobs. The recent storms in the Gulf of Mexico destroyed oil platforms and severely damaged refineries, causing a spike in the price of gasoline. What if there was something we could do to weaken such storms before they come ashore?

The idea of controlling the weather sounds like something from a science-fiction film, but it may be possible. People have been

controlling the weather in small ways for many years. Since Benjamin Franklin's pioneering work on electricity in the mid 1700s, multitudes have been using lightning rods to protect their property from thunderstorms. For half a century, ski resorts have been making their own snow when Mother Nature refuses to cooperate. Controlling the weather may seem unlikely now, but when the Wright Brothers were busy building their first airplane, most people would not have believed that flying across continents and oceans would become commonplace.

Controlling the weather in significant ways may not be very far off. Experimenting on weather modification is difficult, particularly because researchers studying weather have difficulty isolating variables, but a number of scientists report significant success. Their best results so far come from seeding clouds to increase the amount of rainfall. Some trials over Texas produced clouds that lasted 18 percent longer than normal and generated 71 percent more precipitation. These trials are starting to convince skeptics. And, while you might worry that bringing down more rain in one place reduces the amount

of rain elsewhere, so far, data suggests that such effects are small to non-existent.

Scientists have also had success modifying other types of weather. Airports have managed to clear up cold fog around busy runways, and several major airports now have systems to dissipate fog. It may also be possible to reduce the damage caused by hail. One project showed such significant results in reducing hail damage to crops that it enticed the Canadian insurance industry to support a multi-year effort to reduce hail damage in Alberta's largest cities.

Further research may lead to even greater ability to control the destructive forces of hurricanes and tornados. German and Russian scientists have devised a way they believe we might make hurricanes dissipate harmlessly by using jet engines to reduce the temperature of the ocean surface. Even if such plans ultimately fail, it may still be possible to at least weaken hurricanes or steer them away from cities and oil refineries, where they now cause the most damage. It may also be possible to weaken a tornado or lessen its lifespan.

Other countries are investing in weather modification technology. According to Congressional testimony, China is "funding greatly-expanded weather modification research and operations program at \$100 million per year, as well as training over

1500 new weather modification scientists." Weather modification projects have also taken off in countries as diverse as Argentina, Saudi Arabia and Israel.

I believe it is time for the United States to reexamine this issue. We need to assess what opportunities may exist to alleviate droughts by increasing rainfall. We need to look into the possibility of reducing hurricane and tornado damage by using advanced technology with our increasing knowledge of weather systems.

To take a step forward in weather modification, I have introduced legislation in the U.S. Senate. If Congress passes my bill, it will start a national weather modification research effort through federal and state programs. It will focus a portion of the executive branch on weather modification by creating a Weather Modification Subcommittee within the Office of Science and Technology Policy. It will gather outside experts on a Weather Modification Advisory and Research Board to advise the subcommittee. This board will work to promote the research and development of weather modification. With the hard work and determination of American researchers and universities, I hope we might one day make substantial reductions in the damage weather causes to people, crops and property.

Kokomo News

By Zeldia Jordan

I want to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for each day. God's love and blessings shown to us each day, our family, home, food, the air we breathe, our friends and neighbors, and the freedom we have in our country that many countries do not have are many of the reasons that we have to be thankful to God who is so good to us.

Bro. Ken Smith of Eastland preached in the Sunday morning service at the Kokomo Baptist Church. His wife, Esther, and children, Lacy, Greg and David and his mother, Ann, also attended the service. Other visitors were Tommy Seay of Alpine, Jarad Fails of Arlington and Bailey Underwood of Gorman. The special music was rendered by Kay Snider, Aletha Burgess, Karen Patterson, Helen Browning, Thomas Seay, Daryl Hirst, Oren Webb, Jimmy Little, Joe Bond and Woodrow Browning with Glynda Bond at the piano.

Following the worship service the annual Thanksgiving dinner was held in the fellowship hall, and what a bountiful feast it was to enjoy as we had fellowship with one another around the table. Gene Snider gave the prayer of thanks for the food and the blessings we receive.

On Sunday night of the Kokomo Baptist Church joined several of the area churches for the annual Community Thanksgiving service at the First United Methodist Church in Gorman, and were certainly blessed by the program of congregational singing and special music and the message by Rev. Richard

Watson, pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church. A happy time of fellowship and refreshments were enjoyed in the fellowship hall following the service. It is wonderful that we can gather together to worship our Lord with our Christian brothers and sisters. Our thanks to all those who prepared the delicious food.

Sylvia Buchanan, Nancy Hendricks, Ann Warren, Zeldia Jordan, and James and Ruby Lee Kinser attended the Reception honoring Bro. Clarence and Leona Wilson on their 50th anniversary at the Valley Grove Baptist Church in Stephenville on Saturday. Several from the Gorman and Carbon area also attended the reception. I want attempt to name them for I might leave someone out. It was a wonderful celebration.

Woodrow and Helen Browning attended the funeral of her uncle in Comanche on Saturday.

Brian Bond of Ft. Myers, Florida is visiting with his parents, Joe and Glynda Bond and will be visiting with them thru the Thanksgiving holidays. Joe and Glynda met Brian at the DFW airport on Sunday afternoon.

Gail McFall of Houston visited from Friday until Monday with Larry and Betty Strube.

Those visiting with LaVon Snider this week were Gene and Kay Snider. LaVon visited with Ted and Charlotte Snider. On Friday, LaVon was in Stephenville to have lunch and visit with Dwayne and Connie Snider.

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The Idle American

Commentary By Dr. Don Newbury

Numbers and Other Stuff

When the initial blitz of computers started changing the landscape of our lives, it was apparent to those of us who've been forever uncomfortable around numbers that we were no match for a phenomenon coming on quicker than kudzu.

We told lame jokes and waxed philosophical about this new technology. Someone said, "What this world needs is a computer for all the things that don't add up."

Here lately, though, sheer numbers are making a comeback, even for us who still cringe at the thought of long division. And perhaps the most talked about number is "0," one whose worth is nothing at all, claimed my high school math teacher O. B. Chambers, unless there are other numbers to the left of the "0."

He started throwing in commas between which the zeros came in "threes." Non-mathematical minds couldn't keep pace as Mr. Chambers explained that these "clumps of zeros" determined thousands, millions, billions and trillions.

One day a classmate overheard his parents talking about a news report of "six Brazilians dying in an avalanche."

He could hardly wait for math class to ask Mr. Chambers how many trillions it takes to make a "brazillion."

I digress—again. Let's get back to zeros in the news today. Who would have guessed that Americans would get excited to see zeros as middle numbers in three-digit gasoline prices? (Two "0-something" is much more palatable than two "ninety-something.") If gasoline prices drop further,

they might dip under \$2 a gallon.

And major league baseball players are talking about some new numbers that greatly toughen the league's drug policy. They've added some zeros to the right, and the new "bite instead of bark" policy is welcome news in the holiday season, or any time.

Numbers and references thereto have always been big in music. Remember the Statler Brothers, big hit of '64, "Counting Flowers on the Wall?" This ditty came to mind the other day upon arrival at the airport a couple of hours before flight time. I had cleared security, and was waiting for my shoes to make the same clearance.

Upon becoming re-shod, I snapped a shoelace, and during re-knotting, heard recorded announcements droning on and on and on. I decided to start counting them.

"If anyone hands you a foreign object, report it to a security officer immediately." It is the same monotonous warning we hear so many times it becomes meaningless.

About 10 minutes later, the same announcement was repeated; I started thinking and counting with what too often is a one-track mind.

Was there ever any serious regard for domestic objects? Don't authorities think that Americans are capable of making dangerous objects any more, or has such know-how been outsourced, too?

I have never been handed an object in an airport (not counting fliers and coupons; these are not considered "cutting edge" objects). I have never seen anyone handed a foreign object, nor have I ever seen a security officer receiving a foreign

object.

If such ever occurs, though, we must assume that such objects are foreign.

If, in the unlikely scenario, you are handed such an object, assume that it is foreign. If you just must know, examine it carefully en route to the security officer. You'll likely find "made in Taiwan" in small letters.

Finally, if the object is buzzing, ticking or has wires dangling from it, hand it back, feign a coughing spell, hustle away in double-time and take a later flight.

Or travel another day. Or choose another airport.

And quit counting. I finally did, settling for a TV weather monitor instead. "The temperature today will be in the 80-degree range," the weatherman said.

Immediately, my mind flashed back to Mr. Chambers, instruction: "To have a range, two numbers are required," he emphasized. We laughed at his suggestion that using one number with reference to a range would be akin to a fisherman describing a fish "this long" with just one hand.

I thought of the many times news reports give us "half a loaf"—salaries in the "\$40,000 range," rainfall "in the four-inch range" and winds in the "90-MPH range."

Then, I thought of another valued teacher who told us to notice how often folks spell—and say—"Memento" when they mean "ME-mento."

But who's counting?...

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Just Try Not To Figure Your Part Of The National Debt And Enjoy Thanksgiving Holiday

The National Debt has not gone down (from year to year) since the end of the Dwight Eisenhower administration.

World War I increased the debt by \$25 Billion.

The Great Depression increased the Debt by \$33 Billion.

World War II increased the debt by \$222.

The Clinton "peace time" years increased the debt by \$1,200 Billion.

We can but imagine what the Wars in Iraq and on Terrorism, the hurricanes of 2005 and all the other world disasters to which we have contributed has done to this nation's national debt.

As this is written, the

National Debt Clock is ticking and as of 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005 r e a d s \$8,052,471,598,000.00.

On July 1, 1900, the debt was \$2,136,961,091.67.

It went to \$14,592,161,414.00 on July 1st, 1918.

It hit \$33,778,543,493.73 on June 30, 1936.

On June 30, 1943 the debt stood at \$136,696,090,329.90.

A year later in 1944, it hit \$201,003,387,221.13.

It hit \$303,470,080,489.27 on the last day of 1962, and

hit \$424,130,961,959.95 on the last day of '71;

\$576,649,000,000.00 on the last day of '75. It hit

\$653,544,000,000.00 on the last day of '76.

On the last day of '77 it hit \$718,943,000,000.00 and \$845,116,000,000.00 a year later;

and \$930,210,000,000.00 at the end of '80.

It was at the end of '81 that it topped \$1,000,000,000.00, where it stayed until '86 when it hit the \$2,000,000,000.00 mark.

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Making A Difference

By Rex M. Rogers

Thankful On Thanksgiving In Spite Of It All

Sometimes it seems like being thankful is just too much to ask in the face of current circumstances—until we stop and think about it. And that's the great and lasting purpose of President's Lincoln legacy in this national holiday we call Thanksgiving.

I'm thankful for American veterans, past and present, who serve faithfully and honorably. I'm thankful that the Iraq War, troubling though it is, is not World War III. I'm thankful for the example of heroes like Rosa Parks and for the fact that God allowed Peter Drucker, America's management and organizational genius, to be with us for 95 years.

I'm thankful for the incredible generosity of the American people, demonstrated once again in the wake of a tsunami, hurricanes, and earthquake. I'm thankful for religious liberty, for freedom of expression, for economic opportunity, and for a reasonable hope for a better tomorrow.

I'm thankful for parents yet living who all their lives have loved and supported me. While I know not everyone enjoys this blessing, I believe it is up to me and them to carry the better example forward to the next generation. The "Greatest Generation" was great because of their selfless service. We Bombers need to take a page out of their book and be grateful we are old enough to have known them.

I'm thankful for a democratic country, even in the face of divisiveness, political wrangling and rancor, the

relative absence of statesman or women, and the periodic gridlock this creates. Why? Because the alternative is repression. Our system is noisy, but I'm thankful for the noise.

I'm thankful disco and leisure suits went the way of the pet rock, that dogs are still our best friends, and that, though death and taxes are inevitable, while I'll be in heaven, taxes will not. I'm thankful for Thanksgiving.

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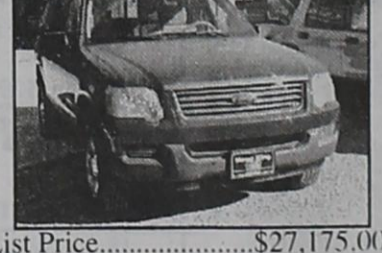


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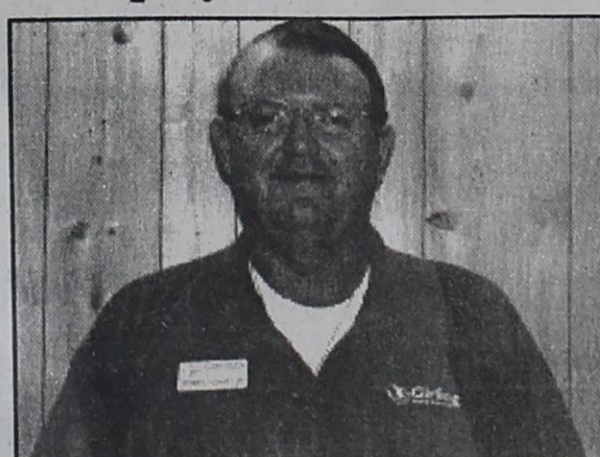
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State Capital Highlights

By Ed Sterling

State spent \$1.3 billion on Katrina, Rita

AUSTIN - Costs of responding to the ruin caused by hurricanes Katrina and Rita are adding up fast. On Nov. 16, Texas' purse-string agency, the Legislative Budget Board, estimated \$1.3 billion had been spent by the state on hurricane relief since the storms hit.

Costs to local governmental entities have been at least that much, making the combined costs more like \$3 billion, so far.

Yet, while this amount of money addresses the short-term impact, it does not take into account such long-term costs as housing, feeding, schooling, health care and employment.

For now though, it is easy to guess how some of the state's \$3 billion budget surplus over the next biennium may be used.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is supposed to reimburse Texas for many costs related to the hurricanes if all goes according to design.

But FEMA observes certain limits. The agency said that on March 1, 2006, Katrina evacuees' apartment leases co-signed by Texas state or local governments must be assumed by the occupant, if the occupant elects to remain in the apartment. But Texas is negotiating with FEMA to extend the period to 12 to 18 months.

The fate of evacuees who've been staying in hotels and motels, however, is unknown. FEMA said it won't pay for the rooms past Dec. 1, but the state of Texas is appealing that deadline.

Meanwhile, FEMA said it would reimburse the city of Austin \$21.5 million for the cost of providing housing to Katrina evacuees. This covers rent for 4,500 units, plus utilities, transportation and move-in costs such as food, furniture and housewares.

The city of Houston received a similar reimbursement grant for \$101 million.

Court ruling doesn't materialize

Rumors of a Nov. 17 ruling proved false.

So court watchers are still waiting for the Texas Supreme Court to rule on the state's appeal of a lower court ruling saying the current method of funding public education benefits wealthier school districts and hurts poorer school districts to the point of being unconstitutional.

If the high court upholds the lower court ruling, the abiding question will be how the tax system can be re-engineered to give property owners tax relief and improve public education to an acceptable level in all schools.

The governor's recently created Texas Tax Reform Commission, chaired by former Comptroller John Sharp, will formally contemplate the question.

The commission met for the first time on Nov. 21 and took testimony from staff

DeLay, Earle haggling continues

The latest in the state's highest-profile ethics story is that Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, also known as chief enforcer of state ethics laws, is fighting motions by DeLay's defense attorney Dick DeGuerin.

One defense motion seeks to get the congressman's trial moved to his home county (Fort Bend).

A second defense motion seeks permission to cross-examine grand jurors to determine if they were coerced into indicting DeLay.

Earlier this fall, DeLay was indicted on charges of money laundering and conspiracy to violate Texas election laws prohibiting corporations from directly contributing campaign funds to candidates. The alleged infractions took place in 2002.

Vital document costs to go up

Fees for Texas birth and death certificates will increase Dec. 1, to \$22 from \$11 for a birth certificate and to \$20 from \$9 for a death certificate.

The state health department said the increases are needed to pay the cost of transferring some 48 million paper and microfilm birth, death and marriage records and other vital documents to electronic files.

Heflin seeks lottery chiefdom

Former state Rep. Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, applied for the position of director of the Texas Lottery Commission. After 22 years in the House, Heflin was narrowly defeated in his 2004 reelection bid by Democrat and political novice Hubert Vo.

For Thanksgiving The Oath Of A Freeman

By Frank J. Romano

This is a tale of religious nonconformity, the first known document printed in colonial America, forgery, and even murder. It is about what might be the most valuable piece of American printing ever--and no one has ever even seen it.

In 1638, Reverend Jose Glover left England with his wife, five children, a few technicians, and a printing press. He was a noncomforting miser who wanted to provide religious books for the Colony. On the voyage to America, Rev. Glover passed away, leaving his widow and Stephen Daye a locksmith, to complete the mission. They soon met Henry Dunster, the first president of Harvard University, who let them set up the printing press in his house in Cambridge. Mrs. Glover, whose first name is lost to history, married Mr. Dunster.

The first document printed in America was "Oath of a Freeman", a pledge of allegiance to the Commonwealth, which was read aloud by people in the Massachusetts Bay Colony who were given the right to vote. They had to be male, churchgoing, and have had a transforming religious experience. "Freeman" in Colonial days meant you were a full citizen of the Colony. Under the first Massachusetts charter, only Freeman had the right to hold meetings, indentured servants and bonded servant

No trace left behind

The text of the oath was found in Governor Winthrop's original 1630 handwritten manuscript, now at the Boston Public Library. The printed Oath was a broadside, a single sheet of paper without much decoration and probably containing punctuation and spelling errors because Stephen Daye could neither read nor write. Since it was a single sheet of paper, historians guess that it could have been thrown away, tucked into books, or even used to wrap food. They approximate the Oath's worth at \$5 million to \$7 million. It was printed in Cambridge, Massachusetts by Stephen Day in 1639, and there is no known copy of the original. The only reason anyone knew it existed is that the Bay Psalm Book refers to it.

"The Whole Booke of Psalmes Faithfully Translated into English Metre" was the next major piece of printing in America. It was about 5 by 7 inches, just under 300 pages, and filled with errors. A total of 1700 copies were printed and the 11 copies that survive are worn and battered. Matthew Day took over the trade and dropped the terminal e from his father's name. Mrs. Glover died two years after she married Dunster. Day died in 1649, and the press passed to Samuel Green. Years later it would be the press of Benjamin Franklin's brother, but that is another story.

Mark Hofmann, a dealer in rare documents in Salt Lake City who had sold historical papers to the Mormon Church, created a forgery of the Oath. At the Argosy Bookshop in New York City, he slipped the Oath into a plastic sleeve with a \$50 price. He paid for the item and obtained a sales receipt. Hofmann later offered the item for sale to a dealer who, in turn, offered it to the Library of Congress for more than \$1 million. Neither the Library of Congress nor the American Antiquarian Society bought the document. Hofmann had borrowed money, using this sale as collateral, and spent it. He owed a lot of money. He deflected attention by making and set-

ting off pipe bombs. One was planted in the office of someone who was helping facilitate a sale between the church and Hofmann. A second bomb was placed in the mailbox of a church elder. Two people were killed. The third device went off in his car and injured Hofmann. He was sentenced to life in prison. The investigation is reconstructed in "The Judgment of Experts" and in "Salamander: The Story of the Mormon Forgery Murders."

The forger had to re-create a one-of-a-kind document that cannot be compared to another document from the same time. The forged document had to create an illusion of moveable type. The typeface had to be the same as what Daye owned at that time and show the level of wear expected from the type. All the letters would not be perfectly aligned. The letters in the Bay Psalm Book of 1640 were printed on the same press on which the Oath supposedly was printed, and the forgery type almost touch. The paper used had to be a blank sheet from that time period able to withstand carbon dating. A carbon-based ink is necessary. One way to create it is to mix linseed oil with burnt paper from the period, but the oil must not contain synthetic properties.

The forgeries are now collectors' items, but the ultimate collector's item--the Oath--eludes us.

Frank Romano is professor emeritus of Rochester Institute of Technology and founder of Electronic-Publishing 30 years ago.

Timely Tips

by Kate Worth

BIGGER & BETTER - Buying in bulk is a great way to save money and save on extra trips to the store. When there's extra trips, you always buy more than what you went for (I know I do). I run in for one thing, and end up picking up this and picking up that. Great bulk items are toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, laundry detergent, etc. Venetta

FRESHEN LINEN CLOSET - In the linen closet, place cotton balls that have been sprayed with your favorite perfume. Once they are dry, place them in corners and on the shelves or even in your lingerie drawer. Sarah K.

LAUNDRY BASKET MAGIC - Place a fabric softener sheet in the bottom of your laundry basket (remember to change it weekly). This will keep the basket from getting that stale odor and will also keep the room where you keep your dirty clothes smelling fresh. Jane D.

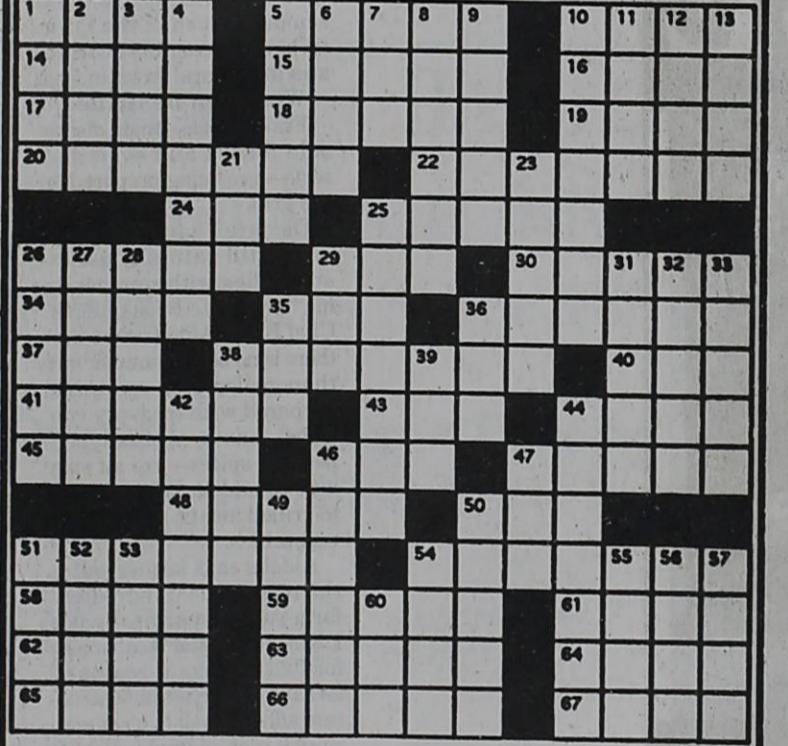
MAIL CALL - Put a sealed envelope in the freezer for a few hours, then slide a knife under the flap. The envelope can then be resealed. I do this, and it saves me from buying envelopes all the time. I just place labels over the original address to reuse. Missy C.

RECYCLE - Use empty toilet paper roll to store appliance cords. It keeps them neat and you can write on the roll what appliance it belongs to. Bob G.

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Obituaries

Ottile Winona Gray

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Services were 2:00 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, at Clyde First Baptist Church with Toby Henson officiating. Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Mrs. Gray was born April 18, 1929, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Sam and Elsie (Daniels) Faulkner. She grew

up in the Downey Community near Proctor. She graduated from Downey Community School and she was the widow of Harry Gray whom she married Feb. 8, 1946, in Proctor. They moved to Clyde in 1966 from Winters. She had worked for Clyde Nursing Home for 17 years in food service before retiring. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by three sons: H.G. & Marsha Gray of Ft. Worth, Jim Gray of

Abilene, and Doug and Linda Gray of Abilene. one daughter; Shirley & Hughie Gray of Clyde; one sister in law: Patsy & Otis Harvey of Dublin; a daughter in law: Darla Ross of Abilene; ten grandchildren: Scott Gray of Ft. Worth, Melissa & Tim Kendall of Flomot, Amy Gray of California, Jason & Sheree Gray of Clyde, Jenna & Aaron Clendenene of Novice, April & Bud Coats of Clyde, Ernie Clendennen of Abilene; and Charles Clendennen of Abilene, Belinda Evans of Colorado, and William Clendennen of

Amarillo; and 12 great grandchildren, of whom Mrs. Gray said was definitely a joy in her life because she could spoil them and send them home to their grandmothers. They are Jere & Jacob Kendall of Flomot; Sheyenne, Joseph and Destiny Gray of California; Avry & Emma Clendennen of Novice; Jadelynn Gray of Clyde; Kellie & Mattie Clendennen of Abilene; and Damon & Demetrice Evans of Colorado.

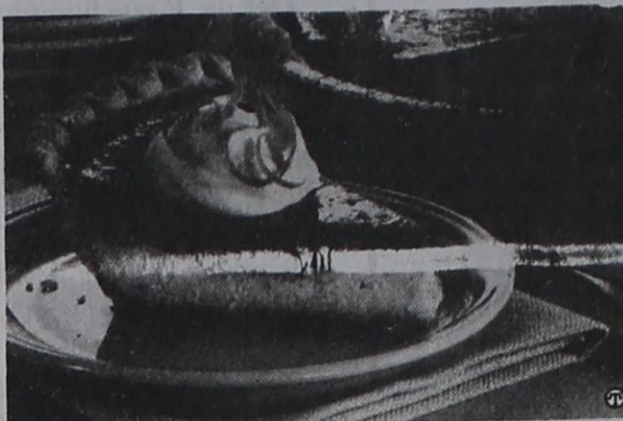
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It's Time For Sweet Potato Pie



(NAPS)—While sweet potatoes abound, delight your family and guests with this tasty pie. It's an easy recipe made even easier with a frozen pie crust that's ready to bake in its own disposable pan. Bake ahead and refrigerate for your next fall gathering.

Layered Cream Cheese-Sweet Potato Pie

- 1 Pillsbury Pet-Ritz frozen deep dish pie crust
- Cream Cheese Layer**
- 1 package (8 oz.) cream cheese, not softened
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- Sweet Potato Layer**
- 1 cup mashed, cooked sweet potatoes (about ¼ lb. uncooked)
- ½ cup half-and-half
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 egg

Place cookie sheet on oven rack. Heat oven to 350° F. In small bowl, beat cream cheese and sugar on low speed until well blended. Add egg; beat well. Stir in orange peel. Set aside.

Place sweet potatoes in food processor; cover and process until smooth. In large bowl, beat sweet potato layer ingredients with wire whisk. Spread cream cheese mixture in frozen pie crust. Carefully spoon sweet potato mixture over cream cheese mixture.

Bake on cookie sheet 50 to 60 minutes or until set and knife inserted near center comes out clean. Cool 30 minutes. Refrigerate until chilled, 3 to 4 hours. Store covered in refrigerator. 8 servings.

Tip: To prevent the layers from blending, do not soften the cream cheese prior to mixing. If preparing the recipe with the Pumpkin Spice Packet (included in Pet-Ritz pie crust packages during winter 2005), eliminate the spices and salt. Serve with sweetened whipped cream, if desired.

High Altitude (3500-6500 ft): Heat oven to 375° F.

GREAT GRILLING

The Rub On Grilling

(NAPS)—Outdoor grilling is an American cooking tradition. Grilling itself has also become a ritual of sorts. From parking lots to back yards, the grill is a focal gathering point for groups ranging from fraternities to families.

Despite being a tradition, grilling continues to evolve:

Grilling for Health

Grilling is also a healthy cooking alternative that removes much of the fat in meat and generally accentuates the natural flavor in food.

What Can Be Grilled

Entire meals—main dishes, side dishes and even desserts—are being prepared on the grill.

Despite changing rules, many still naturally associate grilling with summer. In his "Complete Book of Pork" Chef Bruce Aidells says that there is no better summer fare than grilled pork spare ribs prepared with a savory rub. Rubs—mixtures of salt, pepper and spices—are an easy way to add complex flavors to grilled meats, seafood and vegetables.

Aidells says kosher salt is the most crucial ingredient for a rub. "I specifically use Diamond Crystal" kosher salt for two important reasons," he said. "Its crystalline structure adheres well to meat and, since it is considerably lighter than table salt, kosher salt doesn't settle to the bottom of rub mixtures."

Bruce Aidells' Savory Rub Recipe (for ribs)

- ½ teaspoon dried sage
- ½ teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 tablespoon Diamond Crystal kosher salt



- 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons light brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

1. Combine all of the rub ingredients in a small bowl and mix.

2. Massage rub into the ribs. Let sit at room temperature for two hours or wrap the ribs in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight (16 to 30 hours).

Grilling Tips

Be organized—Have everything you need, including kosher salt, ready before you start.

Gauge the heat—Place your hand about six inches above the grate. You should be able to hold it there for three seconds.

Keep it lubricated—Always oil the grate before using it.

Turn, don't stab—Use tongs or a spatula. A fork will drain flavor-rich juices.

Give it a rest—Grilled foods taste better and juicier if let standing for a few minutes before serving.

Source: www.foodfit.com
Diamond Crystal kosher salt is available at select grocery stores or by calling 1-800-428-4244.

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—An innovative new children's entertainment company, Braincandy, has developed a set of videos that advocate learning through active play. Parents can check out www.braincandykids.com for information on its first program, "Braincandy, My 5 Senses."

Vaccinations sometimes can cause an adverse reaction in dogs. Fortunately, a new vaccine that has been proven safe and effective is now available to help limit the number of shots dogs need to be protected against distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus. The vaccine, called Continuum DAP, needs to be given only once every three years, as opposed to once a year, and can be given to dogs as early as six weeks of

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Point Of View

One Of The Few Reasonable Voices On Radio Today Gets Due Reward

By Ed Feulner
 "May I have your undivided for just a moment," veteran radio newsman Paul Harvey will say, before announcing what "this day's news of most lasting significance" is. As Harvey frequently notes, it probably isn't found on the front page of your newspaper.

Well, the biggest story of November may be this: Paul Harvey won the Presidential Medal of Freedom, our nation's highest civilian award. As President Bush explained during the 2004 ceremony, the medal is "given to men and women of exceptional merit, integrity and achievement."

That description certainly fits Harvey.

He's been broadcasting coast-to-coast since 1951 on the ABC radio network and is now heard on more than 1,200 radio stations, including 400 Armed Forces Network stations worldwide. His Web site describes Harvey as "the largest one-man network in the world," and there's no doubt that's true. And while Harvey himself would probably be too humble to say anything more, that's not "the rest of the story."

The famous voice and popular catch phrases Harvey coined are familiar to just about anyone, even those who don't listen regularly. But plenty of us do tune in daily. Indeed, Harvey's a trusted companion to an estimated 22 million people

each week. We tune in to be informed and entertained, and Harvey succeeds every day. It's always a pleasure to be greeted, "Hello, Americans, this is Paul Harvey. Stand by for news."

His morning "News and Comment" segment combines his unique brand of midwestern conservatism with an uplifting optimism. "How are things?" he'll ask, before reading the latest job numbers, economic forecast or poll results. His answer, supported by the facts, usually amounts to: Things are very good. Harvey's a pleasure to listen to partly because he's the opposite of the network evening newscasts. He presents the news, good and bad, without a sense of impending doom.

Perhaps that's because Harvey is the ultimate believer in progress. "Every pessimist who ever lived has been buried in an unmarked grave,"

he says. "Tomorrow has always been better than today, and it always will be." Even when events force him to report bad news, Harvey will often continue by inviting listeners to "wash your ears out with this," then present a positive story.

Those stories often involve a couple celebrating an anniversary. "They've been happily-ever-aftering for 72 years," he'll say, noting that's "a good start." The same thing could be said about Harvey's career. He's been on the air, somewhere, since 1933. A good start, and he has no plans to step down. "Retiring," he says, "is just practicing up to be dead. That doesn't take any practice."

And that's a good thing. A few years back, America had a brief taste of what the world would sound like without Paul Harvey. A rare viral disease stole his voice and kept him off the air for months. While others—quite talented others—kept his seat warm, regular listeners rejoiced when the real deal reclaimed the microphone.

Though now 87 years "young," Harvey's ABC Radio contract runs through 2010. His Web site bills him as "The Voice of the New Millennium," and it would seem he intends to keep working until the next one rolls around.

As a Presidential Medal of Freedom honoree this year, Harvey's in good company. The 14 other winners include Carol Burnett, Robert Conquest, Aretha Franklin, Alan Greenspan, Jack Nicklaus and Rwandan hero Paul Rusesabagina. No

doubt if Harvey hadn't been receiving an award, he's wanted to be there just to report on the ceremony.

"I think of myself as a professional parade watcher who can't wait to get out of bed every morning and rush down to the teletypes and pan for gold," Harvey told CNN's Larry King a few years ago.

And the rest of us can't wait to listen to what he comes up with.

Congratulations, Paul Harvey. And "good day."

Ed Feulner is president of The Heritage Foundation (heritage.org), a Washington-based public policy research institute.

Eastland County Senior Citizens Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Eastland County Senior Citizens was November 8th in the Senior Building on Park Hill in Eastland. After enjoying finger food snacks the meeting was called to order and reports read.

Several items were discussed and some plans were made for future programs. The positive attitude of this group portrays the common quality of Eastland County Seniors. We do not want to retire in total solitude. We want to enjoy a variety of activities with other seniors in a relaxed, clean and friendly atmosphere. Some seniors play board type games, some are on the computer, some complete puzzles, some read, most all talk and joke, and some just sit and listen. Then there are the times of exercise programs, crafts, and seminars. There is also desire to start a bridge group. The senior building houses many memories and many projected goals.

As active seniors, whether on walkers, in chairs, with canes, limping or in sure steps, we aim to be as much in touch with life on a day to day basis as possible. On

park hill we are on one of the highest point around and can watch the daily progress of the new park. We are so grateful for the paved parking space and easier access to the senior building. In the summer the pool was a blessings, too. We look forward to the progress that is taking place and thankful that we were included. We also want to be a part of the future while we can.

If you want to be a part of this group of seniors with a purpose then come join in the activities. A donation jar is available to pay for supplies and cleaning the building. Game days are Wednesday and Friday from 9AM to 3 PM. Aerobics class is Monday, Thursday and Saturday 10 to 11 AM. The Eastland chapter of AARP meets each 3rd Tuesday and enjoys a potluck supper at 6:00 PM. **Bring a finger type food or come as our guest ...but plan to attend the next Eastland County Seniors monthly meeting, December 6th at 6:00 PM.**

For more information contact one of the officers: Gary Butler, Ken Songer, Lou Jones or Shirley Ables.

Open House

December 3, 2005

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DISTRICT COUNTY 4-H FOOD SHOW

Local 4-H Members Compete at District Food Show

Area 4-Hers showed off Culinary skills during the annual District 7 Extension 4-H Food Show November 19. The show was held in Abilene's Taylor County Expo Center. The event attracted 200 entries from across the 23 counties in Texas Cooperative Extension's District 7.

Winners were named in Junior, Intermediate, and Senior categories. In the Senior division, Rose Wamsley of Baird 4-H placed 5th in the Main Dish category and Veronica Alvarado of the Baird 4-H competed in the Fruits and Vegetable category.

In the Intermediate division, Paige Galindo of Eula 4-H brought home a 1st place in the Breads and Cereal category, Charlcie Voigts of the Baird 4-H participated in the Fruits and Vegetables dish, Landon Hart of Clyde 4-H competed in the Main Dish category, and

Katelynn Mitchell of the Baird 4-H placed 6th in the Nutritious Snacks and Desserts category.

In the Junior division, Kaylee Wyatt of Baird 4-H participated in the Main Dish category, Rachel Villarreal of Baird 4-H competed in the Nutritious Snacks and Desserts category, and Kaylee Voigts also of Baird 4-H participated in the Fruits and Vegetable category.

Each of these 4-H members qualified for District earlier in the Callahan County Food Show. These young gourmets were judged on their knowledge of nutrition, food preparation principles, and the quality of their food entry. The District 7 Food Show is the culmination of the Foods and Nutrition Project taught annually. Trained volunteer adult and teen leaders conduct the projects for hundreds of 4-H members during the year. Senior level winners will represent the district at the State 4-H Food Show during Texas 4-H Roundup in June 2006 on the Texas A&M University Campus at College Station. Congratulations to all the 4-H members that participated at this show. They did a wonderful job representing Callahan County.

Texas Historical Commission accepting nominations for historic preservation awards

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CAPTIONS FOR PICTURE:

Bottom Row, Left to

Right: Landon Hart, Kaylee Wyatt, and Kaylee Voigts

Second Row: Rachel

Villarreal, Katelynn Mitchell, and Veronica Alvarado

Third Row: Whitney

Hicks (District 7 Council 1st VP), Paige Galindo, Rose Wamsley, Charlcie Voigts, and Robert Pritz CEA



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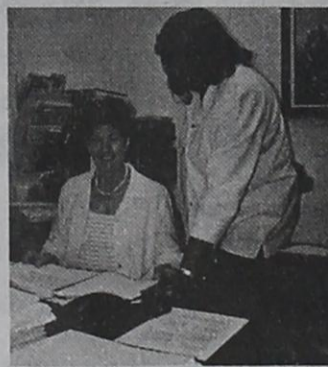
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