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(Information from County Auditor Harold Seay and Assistant County Attorney Michael Pinchisson indicates that Precinct #4 Liberty County Commissioner Toby Wilburn let two contracts on road improvements in his precinct in violation of the state law on competitive bidding. Mr. Pinchisson said prosecution of the class B misdemeanor is only possible if the acts were deliberate. Evidence indicates Commissioner Wilburn did not understand the bidding or budgeting process. As previously reported, Precinct #4 remains hundreds of thousands of dollars over budget. We have not yet been able to obtain a response from Commissioner Wilburn on these issues, but hope to do so soon.)  
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Work will soon begin on a \$7 million dollar rehabilitation project on the Lake Livingston Dam. The Trinity River Authority's Spencer Carr said Boyer Construction Company will begin work in about two weeks on the biggest overhaul in the dam's 30 years of operation, with another \$2 million dollars going for engineering and design work. Mr. Carr said there will be no change in the lake level or operation of the reservoir dam during the year-long project. Construction of the dam began in 1960 and was completed in 1971.

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The Texas Sportswriters Association has named Dayton Bronco tailback Jeremy Roberts, who was fourth in Class 4A rushing in the state, to its All-State Football Team. Dayton seniors, lineman Chris Louvier and defensive back Brandon Payne, received Honorable Mention from the Texas Sportswriters Association.  
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Applications are being accepted for booth spaces at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Jubilee on March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in downtown Liberty. Applications for Arts and Crafts, Food and Commercial Booths are available at the Liberty City Hall. Food Booth applications are also available at Copy Shoppe Printing in Liberty. For more information, call 336-3684.  
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**FUNERALS:** Barney Clifton Payne, 75, of Houston, Grave side Services at 2 p.m. today at Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston. \*\* Mary Lee Redmon, 68, of Ames, Services at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Trinity Valley Baptist Church in Liberty.\*\*  
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