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Shopping early ...

Little Rivers Marshall is getting a jump on Christmas shopping as she checks out the merchandise at Calico Treasures. Rivers was admiring a tea set when this picture was taken. Shoppers will get the chance to take advantage of bargains during the annual Late Night Shopping event in Matador, Saturday, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Rivers is the 16-month-old daughter of Brian and Nancy Marshall of Matador.

Christmas edition deadlines

**Santa Letters
due today!**

The Christmas edition of the Motley County Tribune will be December 19. The special Christmas greeting section of the paper will be included in this paper and will feature special greetings for area businesses and individuals, as well as Santa Letters and other Christmas features.

All greetings, Santa Letters and other items for this section must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5 (today).

Teachers and parents are encouraged to have your child write their Santa letters early and bring them to the paper office as soon as possible, so that they all may be included in this special edition. Children may be assured that as soon as the letters are typed for the paper, they will be forwarded on to Santa at the North Pole.

Letters may be mailed to the following address:
Santa Clause
c/o Motley County Tribune
P.O. Box 490
Matador, Texas 79244

If you have a special Christmas recipe or story that you would like to share with our readers, we encourage you to drop by the office no later than December 5.

All other news items for that edition may be submitted on the regular deadline of Monday, 5:00 p.m., December 16.

As in years past, the Motley County Tribune will be closed Christmas week, December 23-27.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Grannie's Tea Party set for December 8

Grannie's Tea Party, an annual fund-raising event for the Motley County Library will be held Sunday, December 8, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the home of Joyce Campbell in Matador.

The affair is for girls ages 4 and up. Girls should come dressed in their grandmother's hats, gloves and dresses for an afternoon of tea and

cakes. Assisting Mrs. Campbell with the event is her daughter-in-law, Janie Campbell and granddaughters, Cassie and Kittie Campbell.

Those wishing to attend should make reservations no later than December 6 by calling Mrs. Campbell at 347-2793 or Janie Campbell at 347-2657.

Special service featuring "Paul the Apostle" to be held at area Baptist Churches

A special service featuring "Paul the Apostle" will be held at the Roaring Springs and Matador First Baptist Churches on Sunday, December 15. Services at the Roaring Springs church will begin at 9:30 a.m. and at the Matador Church at 11:00 a.m.

Glenn Polk of Lubbock will appear in this one-man production of "Paul the Apostle". He has presented "Paul the Apostle" at many churches across the state of Texas, appearing several times in the Dallas area, as well as in New Mexico and Kansas. He has also appeared internationally, having just returned from a trip to Europe. He was asked to make the presentation at an international pastors' conference in Vienna, Austria, the Czech Republic, and in Slovakia. "Working with an

interpreter in a dramatic presentation was very interesting," Polk said. But, the people responded extremely well. "As a result of that experience, my life will never be the same. Those

people ministered to me more than I ministered to them. God is indeed the same all over the world." Mr. Polk has also recently been featured on Prime Time Christian Broadcasting, which reaches some 4 1/2 million households.

Polk received a degree in theater from Texas Tech in Lubbock. However, he didn't pursue professional acting at that time. Entering the business world, he worked in the broadcast industry for almost 20 years.

Polk has appeared in over 50 stage productions in his career, as well as television, videos and one motion picture, the Warner Brothers film, "Independence Day." He has continued to do voice talent, doing television and radio commercials, as well as industrials, and was featured on one national infomercial. For his voice work, Polk has received numerous awards, both statewide and nationally.

Santa Claus is coming to town

You better watch out - you better not cry - you better not pout - I'm telling you why - SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Santa will arrive in downtown Matador about 5:30 p.m., Saturday, December 7, and will visit with children at New To You from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Children may also shop for that special gift for their parents at the Kiddie Store, sponsored by the Eternas Study Club, which will also be held at New To You.

Santa's visit is coinciding with the annual LATE NIGHT SHOPPING event. The special night gives shoppers the chance to keep their dollars at home and save money at the same

time. Businesses and downtown restaurants will offer special discounts. A special Senior Citizen discount will be offered from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. Participating businesses will remain open until 9:00 p.m.

Various booths will be set and musical entertainment may be enjoyed, provided by local musical talent. Anyone wishing to have a booth is asked to contact any one of the Matador businesses for details.

With each purchase of \$10 or more shoppers will receive a Bell listing a prize from a participating Motley County business or a chance to win one of four \$25 gift certificates (to be used at a Motley County business) sponsored by the Motley Chamber of

Commerce.

Participating businesses include the Motley County Tribune, Main Street Cafe, Calico Treasures, Mane Place, Motley County Library, New to You, Matador Floral, Matador Variety, Quality Discount Outlet and Snowcone Stand, Anna's Mexican Restaurant, Preferred Choice Convenience Store, and JoAnn's Country Coiffure. Drawings will be held for prizes and the Motley County Chamber of Commerce will give away four \$25 gift certificates to be used in Motley County.

Be sure to see the ad on page 4 with details of business discounts.

Entry deadline nears for Hwy. 70 Christmas decorating contest

The deadline for entries in the Texas Highway 70 Association's Christmas lighting and decorating contest is nearing. December 9 is the last day to get your entries in. The fee is \$5.00 for each entry and checks should be made payable to The Texas Highway 70 Association.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three entries. Prizes will be awarded in the home division, with one cash prize for the top business entry in each city. The home division first place winner in each city will be eligible for a grand prize award.

The cash awards for the home division are as follows:
First place - \$50
Second place - \$25

Third place - \$15
First place business - \$50
The Grand prize in the home division is an additional \$50.

Houses or businesses inside city limits or visible from Texas Highway 70 are eligible to enter the contest.

Locations are listed below:

Spur - will begin at the Clairmont highway 208, include the City of Spur, and extend northward up highway 70 to the road by Central Auto, County Road 368.

Dickens - will begin north of Central Auto, County Road 368, include the city of Dickens, and extend northward up highway 70 to the Afton highway.

Roaring Springs - will begin at the Afton highway, include the city of Roaring Springs, and extend northward up highway 70 to FM highway 1045.

Matador - will begin at the northern side of highway 1045, include the city of Matador, and extend northward up highway 70 to FM 97.

Turkey - will begin at FM 97, include the city of Turkey, and extend northward up highway 70 to the Roadside Park.

For more information contact Alex Crowder at 348-7336 or Corky Marshall at 348-7000.

Motley County experiences first freeze of the season

by Earlyne Jameson

An early morning freeze Tuesday, November 26th, 2002 had an official low temperature of 19 degrees. The majority of cotton farmers who had not defoliated were pleased as they

are hoping to complete stripping their crops by the first of the year. The peanut harvest is winding down.

Motley County had below average rainfall in November. The National Weather Service Volunteers re-

ported: Buzz Thacker, Roaring Springs, 0.56; Betty Simpson, Northfield 0.27; Kelly Meyer, Matador 0.48; Jim Stockton, Whitflat 0.50; Tommie Jo Cruse, Flomot 0.42.

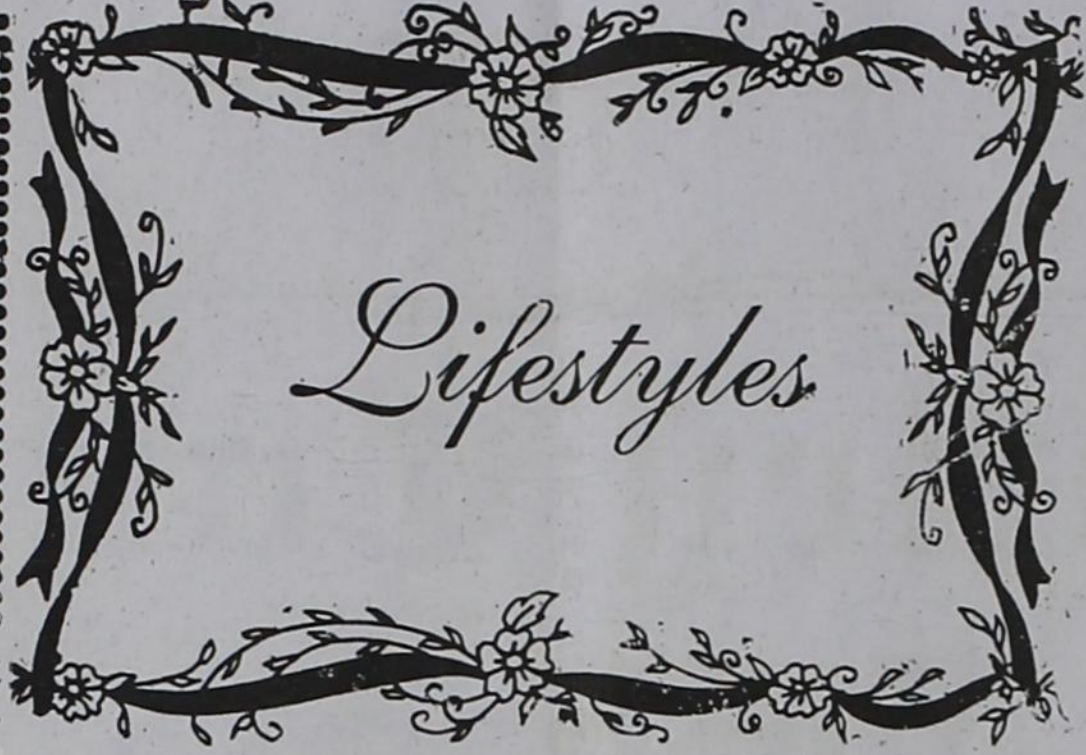


2002 SIX-MAN ALL DISTRICT TEAM NAMED

Motley County Matadors recently selected to the 2002 Six-Man All District Team are left to right (back) Kevin Elder, Honorable Mention; Chance Bingham, 2nd Team Punter; Lorenzo Salazar, 2nd Team Linebacker; (middle) Chantry Meyer, Honorable Mention; Kenny Johannes, Honorable Mention; Seagram Sims, 2nd Team Spreadback; (front) Brandon Martin, Honorable Mention; Clint Cooper, 1st Team Defense; and Quinten Rose, Honorable Mention.

Only 19 days 'til Christmas!





Library Notes

by Suzanne Abbott



Everyone is invited to visit the library during late-night shopping on Saturday. We will be open from 4:00 until 8:30. We will have the computers on for your use. You will be able to checkout books, magazines and videos. Best of all you can visit our used-book sale. You will find books of all kinds at bargain prices. As for us senior citizens, we can purchase books at half price between 4:00 and 6:00 P.M. Also, don't forget to shop for your 2002 Texas Capitol Ornaments at the library. They make great

Christmas gifts and wedding gifts. Since they have the year (2002) on them, they make perfect wedding or graduation gifts. James Patterson's newest book, *Four Blind Mice*, is now ready for you to check out and enjoy.

We appreciate the donation to the library, presented by Bill and JoAnn Durham, in memory of Jean Phillips. Donations such as these are important to the library, helping us keep our collection up-to-date.

Thanksgiving is over and here it is only three short weeks until Christmas! I still have pumpkins in my house and yard, and longing for a time to get up my Christmas decorations. Maybe I can sneak in a minute here and there. I just hope I have the ornament boxes out of the way come Christmas Eve. Where has all the time gone???

I remember when Jeremy was a little boy, I worked full time and was involved in his school activities, but there always seemed to be plenty of time to decorate, bake cookies and even handmade ornaments. I don't know how I did it. I can't seem to find time to do anything, especially those fun things, anymore. I dream of a day to bake and decorate cookies with my grandkids. Be assured I would certainly make time for that!

This time of year school children are making preparations for their special Christmas programs, teachers are preparing for end of semester tests, and the hustle and bustle of the season seems endless.

I love attending the little Christmas programs. They give us the chance to pause, enjoy some Christmas singing, and reflect on the happiness of the season.

The following story was sent to me by my cousin. It brings to attention the real reason for Christmas.

PUTTING THE "W" IN CHRISTMAS

Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations - extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas. My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation.

evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise. So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats.

As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song. Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment - songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row - center state - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her - a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of first through sixth graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W".

Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

"CHRISTMAS LOVE". And I believe, He still is.

Matador Methodist Church will host Brisket dinner Sunday

Trustees for the Matador United Methodist Church will host a fund raising dinner, Sunday, December 8, immediately following church services. The menu will consist of brisket, potato salad, beans and desserts

prepared by church members. Funds donated will be used to make needed repairs to the church property. Please join the fun at the Fellowship Hall on Sunday and bring your family and friends.

Matador Baptist Church will present Christmas program

The First Baptist Church of Matador will present a Christmas program on Sunday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. The program will feature special Christmas music presented

by all ages. Refreshments will be served after the program. Everyone is invited to attend.

PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO ALL MANKIND



Light Up Highway 70!

Enter the Texas Hwy. 70 Association sponsored

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

Pick up entry forms at Calico Treasures, Matador Variety or the MC Chamber office in Matador, or Graham Supply, Traveler's Inn, or The Hitchin' Post in Roaring Springs

Roaring Springs Methodist Church to serve Christmas lunch

The Roaring Springs Methodist Church will serve Christmas Day lunch for those who will have to spend Christmas alone. The lunch will be served in the fellowship hall on Christmas Day.

Singles or couples are invited to attend. There will be no charge. Meals are also available to be delivered to shut-ins at no charge. If you would like to have a meal delivered please call 348-7336.

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Remembering ...

 As you and I are remembering this December 7th and our freedoms, we are reminded of the many courageous men and women who gave their lives in order to keep us a free nation. How ungrateful we would be, if we failed to acknowledge the sacrifices they made on that first "Pearl Harbor Day." The day that would be known as a "day that would live in infamy."
 And yet, there is One who made an even greater sacrifice than our nation's men and women in uniform. It is through His sacrifice we might enjoy an even greater freedom than that which is our nation's proud heritage.
 Jesus. He died to free us from sin and to give us the liberty of serving God as we were created to do. Jesus liberated us from the fear of death and condemnation. It was through His work at Calvary's cross that we are given the hope of eternal life. How ungrateful we would be if we failed to acknowledge this great sacrifice. Jesus at the Cross, gave us the greatest of liberty, the right to become children of God.
 The Bible tells us, that Jesus "...gave His life as a ransom for many." In remembering of our nation's hard won freedoms, let us appreciate also the freedom we have found through Jesus Christ.
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Local students included in Who's Who

A total of 19 students from this area are included in the 36th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Austin, Texas, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities. Traditionally, 99% of Who's Who students have a grade point average of 'B' or better and 97% are college bound.

The 36th Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2001-2002, published in 18 regional volumes, features over 850,000 students or just 6% of the nation's 15,000,000 high school stu-

dents. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, and annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to up to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country. To learn more about Who's Who Among American High School Students, visit www.honoring.com.

Motley County Students included in the 2001-2002 edition are Brad Baxter, Kayla Copp, Brenda Gillespie, Justin Jameson, Brandon Martin, Brittany Perryman, John Salazar, John Stevens, Stachia Baxter, Dumont Darsey, Amanda Hurt, Timothy Mangram, Brittany Moore, Quinten Rose, Tony Salazar, and Sierra Atherton.



THE MATADOR



— SCHOOL NEWS & HAPPENINGS —

SCHOOL MENU



MONDAY, DEC. 9

Breakfast: Biscuit, scrambled eggs, bacon, cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: Corn dog, baked beans, fries, cookie, milk.

TUESDAY, DEC. 10

Breakfast: Waffle, sausage, syrup, juice, milk.
Lunch: Veg-beef soup, toasted cheese sandwich, veggie sticks, crackers, cookie, milk.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11

Breakfast: Hot cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Lunch: BBQ on bun, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, chips, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY, DEC. 12

Breakfast: Pancake, sausage, syrup, juice, milk.
Lunch: Turkey, gravy, dressing, sweet potatoes, green bean casserole, bread, fruit salad, milk.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

Breakfast: Biscuit, sausage, gravy, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, green salad, pineapple chunks, vanilla wafers, milk.

MC Basketball season underway

by Amanda Hurt

The JV Lady Mats first game was against Clarendon on November 15. Leading in scoring was Sierra Atherton with 7 points, Ashley Fonseca 5, Amanda Ashby 3, Susana Mendoza and Angela Marvel each had 2. Clarendon came up with the win 57-19.

The second game was against Crosbyton on November 19. Sierra Atherton had 12 points, Susana Mendoza and Ashley Fonseca had 4, Emily Hurt 3, and Ashlee Green 2. The Lady Mats lost 32-25 but played a very good game.

On November 21-23 they participated in the Crowell JV Tourn. The first game they played was against Crowell. Sierra Atherton led in scoring with 9 points, Ashley Fonseca 8, Sabrina Osborn 4, and Ashlee Green put in 2. The girls played good game but Crowell won 29-23. Their second game was against Throckmorton. Ashley Fonseca put in 12 points, Sierra Atherton 6, Emily Hurt 5, Amanda Ashby and Ashlee Green had 2. The game was very close but in the end Throckmorton won 29-27.

The third game was against Knox City. Ashlee Green led in scoring with 7, Susana Mendoza and Ashley Fonseca both had 6, Sabrina Osborn 4, and Sierra Atherton 2. Knox City won 54-29.

The Varsity Lady Mats played their first game on November 12 against Chillicothe. Chasity Holman led in scoring with 26 points, Brittany Moore (10) had 10 points, Brittany Moore (12) 8, Stachia Baxter and Mandi Ream each had 5, Emily Hurt and Ashley Fonseca had 2. The Lady Mats won 58-33.

Their second game was against Clarendon. Chasity Holman had 18 points, Brittany Moore (10) 15, Mandi Ream 8, Charli Ream and Sabrina Osborn each had 1. The Lady Mats were defeated 57-43.

The Lady Mats played Crosbyton for their next game. Lead scorer was Chasity Holman with 27 points, Brittany Moore (10) 20, and Cassie Campbell had 2. The Lady Mats lost 60-49.

On November 25 the Lady Mats played Paducah. They lost 68-27 but put up a good fight. Chasity Holman led in scoring with 13 points, Brittany

Moore (10) 10, and Cassie Campbell and Charli Ream each had 2.

The Matador's first game was also against Chillicothe. Lead scorer was Clint Cooper with 25 points, Seagram Sims wasn't far behind with 21, Lorenzo Salazar 5, Brandon Martin 4, Matt Henzler 3, and Colton Russell 2. The Matador lost 69-62 but played a very good first game.

Clarendon defeated the Matadors 69-30 on November 15. Clint Cooper had 23 points, Matt Henzler, Colton Russell and Lorenzo Salazar all put in 2, Seagram Sims had 1.

Next the Matadors faced Crosbyton. Clint Cooper led in scoring with 11 points, Lorenzo Salazar and Colton Russell each had 6, Seagram Sims 4, Quinten Rose, Chance Bingham and Kenny Johannes all had 2, and Matt Henzler 1. The Matadors were beat 70-38.

The Matadors played Paducah on November 25. Lead scorer was Clint Cooper with 19 points, Quinten Rose and Seagram Sims 6, Colton Russell and Lorenzo Salazar 4, and Matt Henzler put in 2. The Matadors played a good game but Paducah won 60-41.

"I lift my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven."

— Psalm 121:1 NIV

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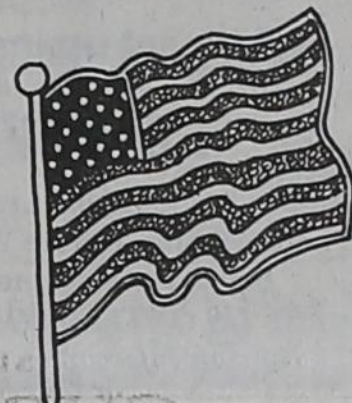
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Jr. Class fund raiser

BY: AMANDA HURT
The Junior class is selling chances to win a Toshiba 5 disc DVD/CD/VCD player. The tickets are \$1.00 a piece or 6 for \$5.00. The DVD player will be raffled off at half-time of the Varsity girls game on December 17. If you would like to by a chance see any junior class member.

Remember Jesus is the reason for the season!

Remember the Blood Drive Friday, Dec. 6 MCISD Multipurpose Room 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.



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Neighborhood Open House

'Twas the weeks before Christmas
And all through the malls
Inventories were picked over
You could see the bare walls!
Shoppers were angry and tired & hot
And wanted to go home and especially not shop!

And that's when I said,
I know what I'll do,
I'll put on tea and coffee
And then I'll call you!
My home will be open
For neighborhood fun
Come on over, and shop till you're done!

Your worries are over, your problems are solved
Wait till you see how Tupperware's evolved!
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You can pick out your gifts
While you sit on your seat!
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DEC. 7, 2002
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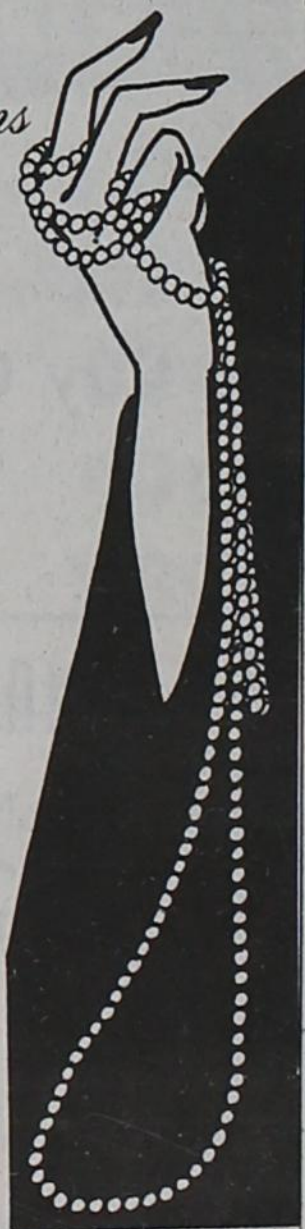
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One of America's most famous working seniors, Father Christmas, or Santa Claus to the younger generation, is also one of the most popular holiday inspirations for senior artisans on Geezer.com. These senior artisans work countless hours creating the likeness of one of their very own. As a result, online shoppers can choose from more than 250 handcrafted Santas made with a variety of materials from wood to wrought iron, slinky's to bowling pins, with prices ranging from \$5.95 to \$375.00. Geezer.com is a nonprofit e-commerce Web site designed to provide senior artisans with a medium to launch and market their creative products on the Internet.

For example, Glenn Laedtke, from Rochester, Minn., sells hand-carved Victorian American Santa Claus' made from a 200-year-old log he found preserved beneath Lake Superior. His Santa stands six inches tall and is a representation of the American Santa Claus from the 1800's. An accompanying message, providing a story of Santa's origin, enhances the piece. Laedtke has been an avid woodcarver for 15 years.

Geezer.com features over 14,500 handcrafted products created by more than 1300 senior artisans from around the nation and Puerto Rico.

Geezer.com visitors can find other holiday items such as: a ceramic African Santa with a basket of toys, a three wise men set made from palm leaves, a ceramic Mardi Gras Santa, "Let It Snow" snowmen made of wood, and crocheted angels ornaments.

Geezer.com was created to help senior artisans and crafters, primarily from rural areas, to use the Internet to run a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week e-commerce business. This site also offers a small business resource area and a discussion forum for artisans to share stories and seek information. The artisans themselves determine the prices, they maintain their product inventory, and after a purchase is made they ship the item directly to the customer. Since the artisans who sell their products on the site are primarily from small communities across the nation, shoppers feel like they are touring the back roads of rural America.

For more information, visit www.geezer.com or call 1-877-803-1468 to become a Geezer.com senior artisan. Geezer.com is a service of Experience Works, a national, nonprofit organization that provides training and employment services for mature workers. For more information visit www.experienceworks.org.

Long-awaited report offers options to fix school funding

Austin - Lawmakers faced with the task of improving the state's troubled school-funding system won't find one grand idea in a long-awaited report by a House-Senate Committee charged with finding a fix, if a draft of the report is any indication.

The committee completed its yearlong review without settling on specific recommendations for the Legislature.

Instead, the Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance will send lawmakers five alternatives for funding education, according to a draft report obtained by The Dallas Morning news on Tuesday of last week.

The report also lists several possible revenue sources to ease the burden on local property taxpayers.

Most of the proposals would diminish or end the sharing of property taxes by high-wealth districts — the most criticized aspect of today's \$26 billion-a-year finance system.

But the cost of doing so now would be prohibitive, according to key lawmakers, who say that the state would have to substantially boost school aid at a time when finances are tight.

The report comes after an election in which candidates from both

parties called for changes to the state's school-funding law, dubbed "Robin Hood" by critics.

A leader for the 118 high-wealth school districts that must share their property tax revenues said the group was disappointed that no changes appeared imminent.

"The committee's report is troublesome, but not surprising," said John Connolly, executive director of the Texas School Coalition and former superintendent of Highland Park schools. "We'll still be looking for some kind of holding action by the Legislature to keep people alive."

Among the committee's proposals were creation of a statewide property tax for schools, suggested by acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, proposed overhauling the system so that funding is based on an independent study of what it actually costs to educate a child.

Another plan would shift business and other nonresidential property from tax rolls of high-wealth districts to those of low-wealth districts, equalizing their sources of property tax revenue.

Two other plans would increase funding for most districts — one dramatically — while reducing the amount of property tax revenue-sharing.

"It is a menu of options rather than a directive," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, chairman of the committee. "We wanted to do the spade work on as many options as we could and give our best guess as to the costs."

Bivins acknowledged that when the 18-member committee began its work last year, he had hoped some proposals might win a consensus.

"But the reality is that it is very difficult to get a consensus when it comes to education funding," said Bivins, who is also chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, a member of the select committee, said that given the uncertainty of the legislative leadership and a projected \$5 billion revenue shortfall in the next two-year state budget, it was appropriate that the panel not give specific recommendations.

"We have been through this fight several times before, and it's very difficult to come up with a plan in the first place. With the revenue shortfall, it becomes even more difficult," said Grusendorf, who many lawmakers believe will be appointed chairman of the House Public Education Com-

mittee next year. Among the possible revenue sources in the draft were a voluntary or mandatory state income tax expansion of the business franchise tax and closing of loopholes in the tax, raising the current \$1.50 cap on local property tax rates for schools, elimination of sales tax exemptions, and an increase in professional license fees.

Many of those proposals have been pitched to the Legislature in the past without success.

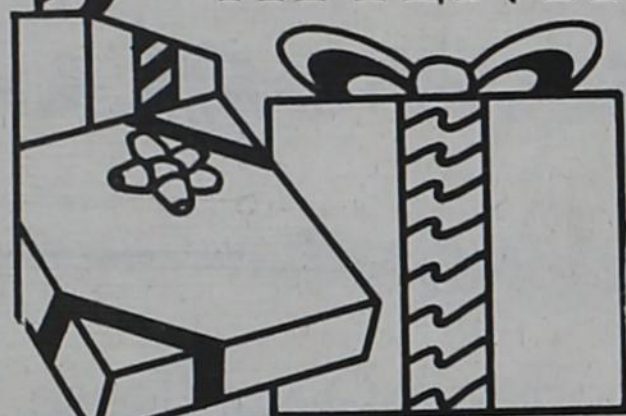
Some committee members also suggested ways to increase local property wealth, such as mandatory disclosure of property sales prices and penalties for businesses that fail to declare all personal property subject to taxation.

The report cited estimates that as much as \$36 billion in taxable property is not reported or under-reported by businesses in Texas.

The revenue-raising suggestions may find little favor in the Legislature, especially the new Republican-dominated House, where all tax bills must originate. GOP leaders have promised no tax bills for the 2003 legislative session.

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Transportation improvement plan meetings scheduled

The Texas Department of Transportation in the Childress District has scheduled three meetings at which citizens from the area being invited to discuss needs for transportation improvements in the 13 county Childress District. Under discussion will be the proposed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2003-2006. The TIP is a financially constrained listing of projects planned for construction in the district.

The first meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 12, 2002 at the Childress Fair Park Auditorium, Meeting Room A.

The second meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December

16, 2002 at the Benjamin County Courthouse.

The third meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2002 at the Bura Handley Community Building, 802 10th Street, in Wellington. All these facilities are handicap accessible.

Interested individuals from Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, King, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, Knox, Motley, and Wheeler counties are invited to participate in any of these meetings.

Your attendance at any of these meetings is greatly appreciated and your input is welcomed.

Remembering "The Day of Infamy"

On Sunday, December 7, 1941, at 7:55 a.m., the Imperial Government of Japan attacked the U.S. Military forces at Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. Approximately 360 Japanese planes attacked military installations on the island.

The assault lasted nearly two hours. When it was over sources estimated that more than 2,300 U.S. military personnel had been killed. Overwhelming death and destruction was everywhere. Enemy aircraft came out of the sky with their guns blazing. People living on the island were like sitting ducks in a pool: targets with no place to go. When the smoke cleared one could see that the harbor was an inferno with men attempting to jump to safety from burning and sinking ships.

Eight battleships had been destroyed or severely damaged, along with three light cruisers, three destroyers, and other vessels. The Arizona took with her a crew of 1,177 and those brave men will remain forever entombed on the Arizona in the waters of Pearl Harbor. At least 170 planes were also destroyed in the attack.

The bombing was a complete sur-

prise! Only a few weeks earlier, a Japanese envoy, Saburo Kurosu, visited the U.S. to negotiate with the Secretary of State. They discussed Japanese troops in Indochina, Japanese exploits into the British and Dutch East Indies and the Philippine Islands, and Japanese assets frozen by the United States.

While these discussions were going on, a Japanese fleet of 33 naval vessels and a carrier-borne air force of 360 planes was steaming toward the Hawaiian Islands. Why weren't the aircraft detected by radar?

Some accounts report that radar did pick up incoming aircraft, but this information was ignored because officers on duty thought they were American B-17s arriving from the mainland. It was a quiet Sunday morning and many military personnel were ashore for the weekend and others were still asleep on their ships. Most of the 780 anti-aircraft guns were not manned.

The tropical paradise island became a graveyard to thousands and the events of the prior day signaled the entrance of the United States into a war with Japan and her allies

Germany and Italy. Those were dark days for this country and WWII was the most devastating war in history.

Over the radio, President Roosevelt informed the American people of the brutal attack on our

sovereignty. He asked Congress for a declaration of war against Japan and that all Americans come together to mobilize for war. Roosevelt called December 7, 1941, "A DATE THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY."

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News Around the County

Roaring Springs News

By Odessa Mullins

Robert Cooper enjoyed Thanksgiving in Plainview at the home of Doc and Mary Helen Cross. His mother, Nadean Cooper joined them. Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Cooper brought him home.

Johnnie Lee Ballard of Snyder and his son, Rusty Ballard of Round Rock spent Thursday with his cousin, Odessa Mullins. They enjoyed dinner at the home of Lester and Linda Mullins. They returned home Friday.

Thanksgiving day visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Mullins were her daughters and families and a nephew, Jose and Jessica Torres, J.D., J.R., Emelio and Andy and Mary and Emily Torres and Christopher Lara.

Visiting Pearl Patten for Thanksgiving were JoAnn Reagan and Bryce from Quitaque, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Parker, Erica and Lisa from Boyd, Buddy Allen and Darrin from Pampa, Jared Allen from Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Will Palmer, Matt and Micah from Lovington, N.M., Mr. and Mrs. Larry Burkes from Afton, Angie Burkes of Lubbock, Florine Jones of Lubbock, and local resident Zella Palmer and guests, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Palmer and Miranda of Lubbock.

LULA SWIM TO BE HONORED ON BIRTHDAY

A birthday party honoring Lula Swim to celebrate her 81st birthday will be held Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the Methodist Church in Roaring Springs. Everyone is invited to come and help Lula celebrate. No gifts please, your presence will be enough.

PREDICTA STUDY CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Pam Thacker was hostess to the Predicta Study club when it met in her home on Thursday night, November 21. Mrs. LaVoe Thacker was in charge of the business meeting. It was decided that the Christmas party will be held in the home of Mrs. LaVoe Thacker on Tuesday night, December 17.

Lula Swim gave the devotional, "What Would You Give?" Mrs. Pam Thacker was in charge of the program asking each person to mix dry ingredients to make cookies, to go into a jar and given as Christmas gifts.

WESLEYAN GUILD MEETS

Mrs. Pearl Patten was hostess to the Roaring Springs Wesleyan Service Guild on Wednesday night, November 20. She was in charge of the meeting and gave the opening prayer to bless the food.

Mrs. Callie Giesecke read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read.

The Guild will hold their annual Christmas party on December 11 at the home of Callie Giesecke in Matador.

Mrs. Mary Lumsden gave the devotional from the book Thoughts for the Day - Thank You God for Everything.

Due to the absence of Mrs. Chelsea Read, chapters 3, 4, and 5 were read from the book of James and discussion was held.

Those attending in addition to those already mentioned, were Mrs. Donalda Letkeman, Mrs. Grace Zabielski, Mrs. Mary Lumsden, and Lula Swim.

Mrs. Lumsden gave the closing prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Peacock spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Peacock of Lubbock. Also attending were Randall King of Lubbock and Dale Peacock and his fiancée, Miranda Erkila of Houston.

On Friday Dale and Miranda came to Roaring Springs and spent the week end with their grandparents, Bill and Lea Peacock. They left early Sunday morning for Houston to meet Dale's sister, Cpl. Lee Ann Peacock, who is flying in from Okanawa, Japan, where she is stationed in the Marines, to attend Dale and Miranda's wedding, December 14, in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Thacker, Brad and Weslyn Thacker and Blair Thacker drove to Shamrock to visit Pam's mom, Jewette Hays during Thanksgiving.

Joyce Smith and Dean McInroe visited Michelle and Don Smith, Chad and Julie and Brian and Ellie Marie DePoalo, Thanksgiving in Corinth.

Buzz and LaVoe Thacker and Joyce Smith went to Amarillo Monday to visit LaVoe's mother, Cora Mitchell and to celebrate Cora's 101 birthday. Joining them were LaVoe's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Lowrance of Amarillo. Cora resides in Bivins Memorial Home, 1001 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, 79114.

Visiting the Buzz Thackers for Thanksgiving were their children and families: John, Jana, and Amy Thacker from Abilene; Joe and Anne, Amanda, Isaiah and Emmalea Thacker from Lubbock; Jeff and Pam Thacker, local residents; and grandson, Brad and Weslyn Thacker and granddaughter, Blair Thacker, all of Lubbock. Granddaughter Melanie and Matt Paul were visiting his family in Oklahoma.

Flomot News

By Earlyne Jameson

Mrs. Betty Stewart and son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart of Lovington, N.M., Mrs. Marie Cruse of Turkey, Mrs. Martha Hargrove of Farmers Branch and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse returned home last Sunday from a seven day cruise that included tourist attraction in Galveston, Florida and Mexico.

Visiting last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Coy Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Robbie and Brent Ballinger and Cara Franks of Canyon, Mrs. Lacy Clarey, Mickey, Caleb and baby daughter, Kenzie of Matador.

Guests of Wilson Barton during the Thanksgiving holidays, Nov. 25-Dec. 2 were Barbara and Pat Campbell of Portland, Oregon and Mrs. Kathryn King of Matador.

Mrs. C.W. Starkey and son, Johnnie Starkey visited in Ralls Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. L.T. Starkey. They visited in Lubbock Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Margie Cypert of Lockney, a patient in Convent Medical Center following surgery.

Holiday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barclay were Mrs. Cody Barclay, Lane and Ashton of Borger and Ty Barclay of Matador.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Derrick were Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador and her houseguests, Charla and Bennie Marricle of Snyder; Leah Cruse, Kacee and Shahala Marricle of Lubbock and Keane Cruse of Turkey.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Starkey, Friday were Mrs. Jackie Davis and Micheal of Fritch, Mrs. Bessie Reid and Jamie Brower of Amarillo, Christina Reid of Lubbock and Mrs. C.W. Starkey and Johnnie Starkey of Flomot.

Guests Thanksgiving day of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Calvert and Glen Calvert were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cook of LaPlace, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster of Lubbock, Alvia Joe Calvert of Dumas and Ashley Calvert, student at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Thanksgiving guests of Mrs. Edith Washington were grandson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Todd Washington, Katie, Clay, Conner and Cam of Childress and Mr. and Mrs. Seab Washington of Flomot. Cam who has been under treatment of leukemia is reported to be doing fine.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark during the holidays were children, Wesley Stark of Del Rio and Mindy Stark, student at the University of Texas in Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross joined Elisa and Stan Wigley, Mrs. Ruth Williams and Mrs. Elizabeth Andestad of Lubbock and enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving celebration and luncheon held at the PEP Catho-

lic Church. Mrs. Nola Long of Winnewood, Okla. and L.T. Starkey of Ralls visited their mother, Mrs. C.W. Starkey, Sunday, Mrs. Long visited overnight and returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Clay of Terrell visited during the weekend with Anna Beth and Joe Ike Clay. Anna Beth returned home Friday from Clifton where she visited the past week with daughter and family, Lori, Kevon, Kylee, and Karlee Kleibrink. Lori had a tonsilectomy.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Clois Shorter from Tuesday until Sunday were daughter and husband, Cindy and Chad Calvert of Carrollton. They also visited in Turkey with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Calvert. Other guests Thanksgiving day were Mrs. Kerri Sehon and Brain of Ropesville, Salina Shorter of Floydada, Wes Stark of Del Rio, Mindy Stark of Austin, Mrs. Geneva Martin, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Stark of Flomot.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Washington were Tim and Deana Washington of Roaring Springs, Conway, Lacy, Mickey, Caleb and Kenzie Clarey of Matador, Cara Franks of Canyon, Mandi, Ashton and Lane Barclay of Borger, Ty Barclay of Matador and Connie and Coy Franks of Flomot.

Visiting during the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Rogers and Donnie Rogers were Keith and Lori Deurthaus and son, Koylin of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts, Kaycee, Spencer and Tory of Lubbock and Todd Washington, Clay, Cam and Conner of Childress.

Visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Kendall Friday and Saturday were Cory Kendall and children, Chancey and Conner and his father in law, Johnny Thompson of Midland. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Tim Kendall, Jacob and Jere.

Thanksgiving day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Lee were Justin Wilkes of Memphis, Kellan Roberts of Turkey and Roger Lee of Flomot.

Attending the six-man State Quarterfinal football game at Coyote Stadium in Gail Saturday night in which Derrick Cruse and Valley Patriots vs. Sanderson competed were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cruse and Mrs. Tommie Jo Cruse of Flomot, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Clifton of Cisco, Skylar Clifton of Commerce, E.J. Browning and Mrs. Dona Browning of Rising Star, Mrs. Marihelen Wason of Matador, Mrs. Charla Marricle of Snyder, Leah Cruse and Kacee Marricle of Lubbock and Keane Cruse of Turkey. The Patriots lost their glass slipper and were defeated by Sanderson.

Senior Notes ...

by Tommie Keith, Director



Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Now we can get ready for Christmas. The Center is going to have a Christmas Party, December 13. It will start at 4:00 p.m. Bring a Christmas ornament, wrapped. We are going to have a Chinese Christmas gift trading or something like that. Really don't know what it is

called but it's lots of fun. Everyone is invited to come.

We would like to thank Ellis Terry for the screwdrivers, wrench, and pliers. Thanks Ellis, now we can really "tare" things up!

The Center is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. See you at the Center.

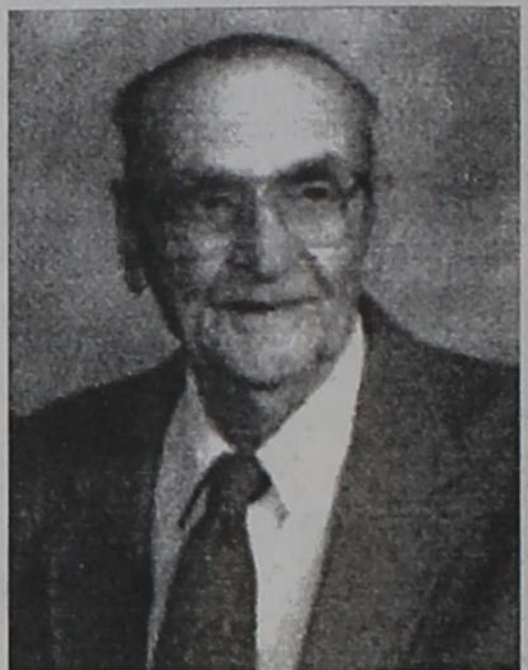
OBITUARIES

Charlie Benjamin Keith

Charlie Benjamin Keith, 98, of Georgetown, formerly of Matador, Motley County, Texas, died Sunday, November 30, 2002, at the Park Place Care Center in Georgetown.

Charlie was born in Motley County on August 13, 1904, to Daniel Crawford Keith and Ella Cribbs Keith, a pioneer family, as the youngest of six children. Mr. and Mrs. D.C. Keith were the first couple married in Motley County after it was founded in 1891. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Gilbert and D.P., and three sisters, Sue Keith Alley, Helen Keith Patton, and Mary Keith.

Charlie married Viola Elizabeth Knight on August 23, 1930, in Los Angeles, California. Most of their 72 years of married life was spent living on the Keith family farm just south of Matador, where Charlie was a farmer and Viola was a school teacher. They have two sons, Charles Robert and Joan Keith of Georgetown and David Bledsoe and Tommie Keith of Dickens; five grandchildren, Merrie Keith and Scott Goguen of Morehead City, North Carolina, Liz Keith and John Schmalstieg of Georgetown, Bryan and Norma Keith of Idalou, Michael Keith of Lubbock, and Tye Keith of Lubbock; and 10 great-grandchildren, Joshua and Jenny Goguen, Jonathan Goguen, Jack Schmalstieg, Ben Schmalstieg, Tori Schmalstieg, Jessie Keith, Johnnie Keith, Dusty Keith, Levi



Tanner Keith, Dakota Marie Keith, and Tommie Cheyenne Keith. He is also survived by five young nieces and nephews and their families and a host of cousins.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4th, at the First United Methodist Church in Matador.

Memorial contributions may be made to the East Mound Cemetery Association in care of the First State Bank of Matador or to the First United Methodist Church of Matador.

Matador News

Funeral services were held November 30th at the First United Methodist Church in Turkey for Mozelle Eudy, 85, of Austin. Attending the services were Berry Bostick of Tulsa, OK and local residents, Lewis Bostick, Cora and Thanie Smallwood. Mrs. Eudy was an aunt to the late Mickey Bostick.

Holiday visitors in the June Keltz home were Mr. and Mrs. Larry Keltz, Peter Keltz, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Brian, Morgan and Kyler of Plainview, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Keltz of Roaring Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Keltz and Kaitlyn, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Pledger, Morgan and Jonah, Scott Barnhill and Kandi Keltz of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Keltz of Brady. Drop-ins were Max Barton of Ft. Worth and Jan Hamilton of Plainview.

BOURLAND FAMILY REUNION
Guests in the home of Luther and Edna Ruth Green for the annual Bourland family Thanksgiving reunion enjoyed a bountiful luncheon of good food, renewing memories and visiting.

Those attending were Jim and Marilyn Childers of Canyon; Ronald Bourland of Amarillo; Toby, Carrie and Sarah Castleberry of Vernon; Jim Blake 'Children of Marble Falls; Melissa and Fischer Davis and Gayland and Jo Simpson of Midland; Todd and Susan Thompson of Grand Prairie; Warren, Tanya, Cory, Amy, and Katy Multer of Garden City.

Mrs. Mollye Simpson of Childress; Billy Paul and Betty Simpson of Northfield; Arturo and Jolie Sanchez of Austin and Virginia Green of Whiteface.

Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Garrison visited from Tuesday until Saturday in Red Rock with son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Garrison, daughter, Brooke and sons, Dane Garrison of Brennan and Dowell Garrison of Red Rock. They made their holiday flight from the Lubbock Airport.

Mrs. Juanita Cooper spent Thanksgiving Day in Lubbock with friends, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Dunnam, Thomas and Sidney. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dunnam of Plainview; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dunnam and Kourtney and friend, Tyler Smith, of Amarillo.

Visiting Mrs. Juanita Cooper Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Van Bradford of Gruver; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gordon, Jack Samford and Nina Barton of Matador.

Jack Samford and his sister, Mrs. Nina Barton visited Thanksgiving Day in Lubbock with his brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Gene King.

Whiteflat News

by Earlyne Jameson

OVERHEARD

Education is the most important product that does not come with a money back guarantee.

Thanksgiving day and Sunday luncheon guests in the home of Mrs. Frances Dixon were daughter and family, Elaine and Fred Risser of Matador and Kaci Risser, a student at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. They celebrated the birthdays of Fred and Kaci Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gwinn, Danielle and Fannin joined family members Thanksgiving day at the Gwinn home in Matador. Those attending were Marilyn and Ray Holcomb of Floydada, Aly Gwinn of Lubbock, Mrs. Sarah Hurt and Annie and Josie and Bill Raetz of Matador.

Mrs. Ted Hester of Lovington, N.M. arrived Friday for an extended visit with her daughter and husband, Wilda and Spencer Dixon.

Mrs. James Gwinn and daughter, Danielle were in Austin from Thursday night until Sunday night where Danielle participated in the "Distinguished Youth of Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program." It was held at the Renaissance Hotel. One hundred and forty four youth were represented in Danielle's age division. They enjoyed tourist attractions in the area.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Jameson, Beverly and Shanna Lou of Santa Fe, N.M. visited during the Thanksgiving holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.R. "Skeet" Jameson. Other guests Thanksgiving day was son, Lance Jameson and Vickie Fennell of Vernon. Mr. and Mrs. Luther Green of Matador visited them Sunday afternoon.

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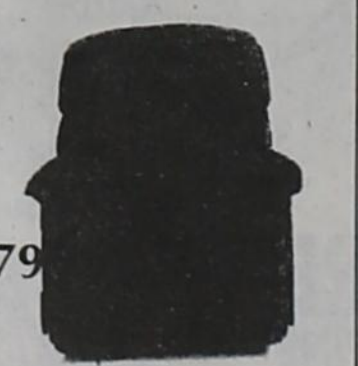
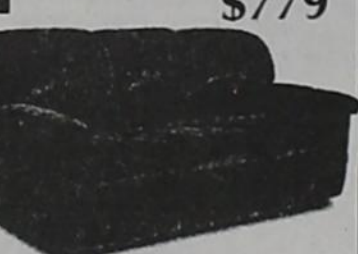
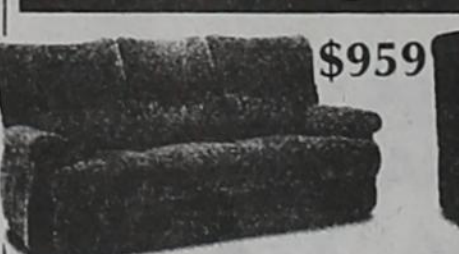


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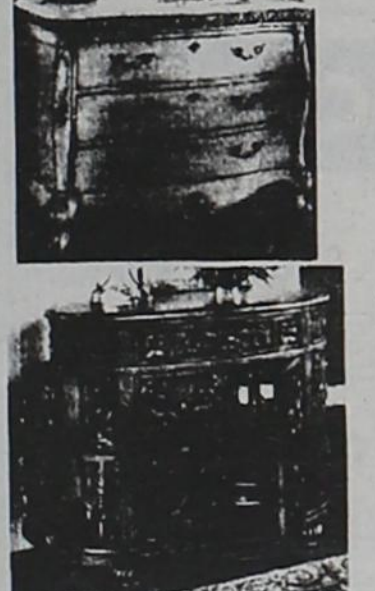


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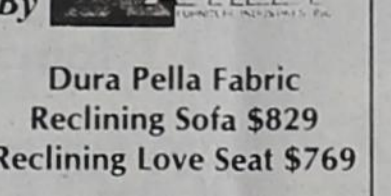
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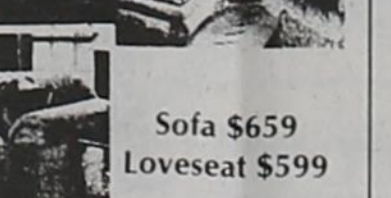
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Texas Feeder Cattle will leave state in 2003 without restrictions

The holidays may be brighter for the Texas cattle industry, since federal officials on Wednesday, November 27, gave notice that Texas feeder cattle will not have to meet additional movement restrictions as of January 1, 2003. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) meeting with state animal health officials, announced a delay of at least nine months for any new movement requirements that would impact the interstate movement of Texas feeder cattle.

"The Texas cattle industry has been extremely worried for several months, because after finding two infected cattle herds since summer 2001, Texas lost its 'free' status for cattle tuberculosis (TB) eradication," said Dr. Linda Logan, executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "During the spring and summer, a TB working group comprised of representatives from Texas cattle businesses met with USDA representatives repeatedly to seek relief from unnecessary burdensome restrictions on feeder cattle movement."

Included in the TB working group were leaders of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, Independent Cattlemen's Association, Texas Cattle Feeders, Livestock Marketing Association, Texas Veterinary Medical Association and Texas Farm Bureau. Dr. Logan applauded the livestock industry for their teamwork to minimize the federal regulatory impact on the cattle producers.

"Our livestock industry moves about 1.5 million feeder steers, feeder bull calves and feeder heifers out of state each year. Had the movement restrictions been imposed, we would have been required to identify feeder steers with an official ear tag, and not only tag, but also TB test all feeder

heifers and feeder bull calves," said Dr. Logan. "These requirements would have cost millions, not only for the ear tags, which would have been provided by the USDA, but also for the industry's labor costs to handle each feeder animal individually. The cattle industry's ability to move feedlot cattle efficiently would have been damaged."

"I expect that, by late January, the USDA-APHIS staff will complete its risk assessment to determine if Texas feeder cattle pose a health danger to other states' cattle," commented Dr. Logan. "According to our cattle TB records, less than one in three million Texas feeder cattle have been found to have TB, so we see these animals as a negligible risk for the disease. However, should a statistically significant risk be shown, the USDA could propose and publish additional movement requirements. Any new federal regulations on this issue, however, likely would not go into effect until at least Fall 2003."

Dr. Logan explained that, due to detection of the two infected herds in Texas, the USDA in June 2002 downgraded the state to the second-highest federal status, known as "modified accredited advanced." She noted that the USDA's action to delay implementation of any additional restrictions will not affect current requirements for Texas breeding cattle.

"Texas breeding cattle still must have a negative TB skin test and be identified with an official ear tag prior to being transported out of Texas. The TB test can be waived only if the breeding animals originate from a TB accredited-free herd, are going directly to a slaughter plant or are transported to an approved (restricted) feedlot," she said. About 150,000 breeding cattle are hauled from the state each year.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT
 by Lonnie Jenschke
 Motley County Extension Agent

NEW TESTS DETECTS TUBERCULOSIS IN ANIMALS
 The USDA announced that it has developed a new test for detecting tuberculosis in livestock and wildlife. A single sample of blood is used to detect the disease in almost all mammals. The test works by detecting nitric oxide in blood samples. Nitric oxide is present in animals combating tuberculosis. Requiring one sample reduces the number of times the animal must be handled, reducing stress and injury. Presently, the standard test requires a skin test which causes a reaction to be evaluated 72 hours later. Researchers plan to use the test on livestock species such as cattle, sheep, and goats and wildlife such as deer, bison, and elk.

NEW PRODUCTS FOR REPRODUCTIVE CONTROL
 Pharmacia Animal Health has approval to market Eazi-Breed CIDR. The CIDR is a T-shaped device impregnated with progesterone that is inserted into the vagina for 7 days to suppress heat. Improved estrus synchronization and pregnancy rate has been reported using CIDR in combination with the CoSynch procedure, which employs injections of gonadotropin-releasing hormone at the beginning and prostaglandin at the end of the 7-day CIDR insertion.

had no significant effect on price: off-test weight, adj. 205-day weight, frame score, yearling wt EPD, horns, scrotal circumference, color within breed, and ultrasound backfat. Significant price effects were \$3.33/day of age, \$-14.82/lb birth wt, \$36.24/0.1 lb ADG, \$82.50/0.1 lb WDA (weight/day of age), \$50.42/unit marbling score, and \$50.39/sq in ribeye. Breed, breeder, and EPDs for birth weight, weaning weight, and milk also significantly influenced price, but the report did not include dollars for those factors, nor which breed(s) brought more.

ANOTHER BREED
 There is now a breed registry for Black Hereford, which started with crosses of Angus and Hereford followed by backcrossing and selection for black color with typical Hereford white markings. "Percentage" Black Hereford are at least 5/8 Hereford and "Purebred" are at least 13/16. The American Black Hereford Association can be found at www.blackhereford.com.

COMPUTER RECORD-KEEPING SOFTWARE
 Oklahoma State University has revised their comprehensive bulletin comparing the major pieces of software for keeping production of beef cattle herds. "Cow-Calf Production Record Software", WR-3279, can be accessed at <http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/exten/beef/>.

WHAT DO BULL BUYERS PAY FOR?
 Kansas researchers evaluated prices paid for 678 bulls sold through public auction, after performance test, from 1997 to 2000. The following

TSSWCB approves new proposed brush control rules

Temple -- The Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) approved the new proposed brush control rules for submission to the Texas Register for a 30-day public comment period.

In response to audit recommendations received on April 9, 2002, amendments to the brush control rules were proposed to the State Board on May 21, 2002, and published in the July 5, 2002, Texas Register. Upon receiving numerous requests for a public hearing, four public hearings were held to discuss the proposed rule amendments. The State Board met on August 29, 2002, and September 20, 2002 to discuss the comments received from the public hearings and what actions needed to be taken. At the September 20, 2002 meeting, the State Board decided to delay action on the proposed amendments until its November meeting.

As a result of comments received, the TSSWCB withdrew the proposed amendments and directed to draft new brush control rules that address comments, fully implement the Brush Control Law (203 of the Agriculture Code) and provide for local involvement in the administration for the Brush Control Program to the maximum extent possible.

To develop this set of proposed rules, staff integrated the law, existing producers, the State Brush Control Plan, and input from Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Department of Agriculture, Office of the Attorney General, Texas A&M University, Texas Farm Bureau, Upper Colorado River Authority, TSSWCB staff, and Association of Texas Soil and Water Con-

servation Districts staff. Substantial reorganization, additions to, and revision of the brush control rules resulted from the development of the proposed rules. New sections in the proposed rules include sections on the development and approval of the State Brush Control Plan, Designation of Critical Areas, Approval of Brush Control Methods and Consultation with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

For questions regarding the Brush Control Program, please contact Kevin Wagner at 254-773-2250, Ext. 238 at TSSWCB Headquarters in Temple.

For additional information about the Texas State and Water Conservation Board, please visit their website at www.tsswcb.state.tx.us.

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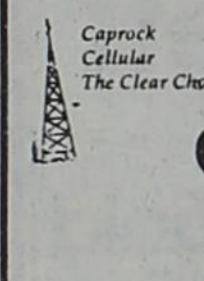
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