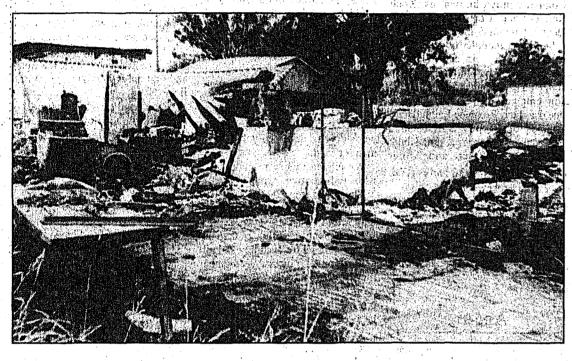
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You can see there was absolutely nothing left of the Wilburn Taylor home which burned Friday morning and tin on the storage sheds in the background was buckled from the extreme heat.

#### Local Residence Destroyed By Fire

A house fire last Friday morning totally destroyed the home of Wilburn and Louise Taylor. The two-story residence located acrossfrom the baseball field was totally engulfed when fire fighters arrived on the scene. A fire department official said Tuesday that cause of the fire had not been determined.

With the help of relatives, friends and businesses, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have moved into another house they own on Parker Street.

An interesting historical sidelight concerning the Taylor house came to our attention when Billie Gregg

told us it was at one time the home loaded with 100 bales of hay was of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Gregg who purchased the Santa Anna News in 1922, moving here from

Rising Star. Billie and her late husband, John W. Gregg, were married in the living room of the home, January 4, 1947. She blaze and returned to town. believes at least two other Gregg Everyone is reminded that grass per year in property taxes. I

children were also married there. On Friday afternoon the local fire fighters were called to a blaze in

the Shields community. A trailer

destroyed. Monday morning a call was received of a grass fire five miles west of Santa Anna on

Highway 67. Upon arriving at the site the local fire department found exemption from \$5,000 to Valera and Coleman handling the \$15,000, which could save the

and pastures are extremely dry due to the lack of rain this month. Extreme care should be used when doing any type of burning.



#### Wedding Of Local Couple In Hospital **Chapel Marks A First For CCMC**

It was a first for the Coleman County Medical Center's small chapel on the second floor as Ross Bradley, a CCMC EMS employee and Tara King, an EKG technician with Brownwood Regional Medical Center were united in marriage by Rev. John Stanislaw, a former pastor of First Baptist Church Santa Anna, now of Florence, Texas.

The chapel was decorated with white and green flowers with white satin bows on each pew. The alter continued the theme of the white flowers, white candles and green vines across with dim lighting.

The bride wore a pale beige brocade street length dress with shoes to match and carried a small white rose and greenery bouquet with small pale and white streamers.

The groom was dressed in the dress uniform of an EMS officer. Shannon Stone served as best man. Escorting the bride was the

Santa Anna. Serving as matron of honor was the bride's young daughter Aspen King who wore a satin dress of light blue and white stripes. She

groom's father Dale Bradley of

bride's bouquet. Carrying a small satin pillow with two rings for the double ring

carried a miniature copy of the

ceremony was Taylor Randall. When asked why they chose the hospital chapel for the wedding, Bradley said, "We just thought it is a very pretty chapel and our careers

are both with hospital work." When asked how the two met, he said, "Approximately two years ago, when I was working in Brownwood with EMS, Tara was in car accident and I was on duty and helped her at that time. She was not seriously injured. We became acquainted and began going together."

The couple plan to continue their work, Tara with the EKG Department at Brownwood Regional Medical Center and Ross with the CCMC EMS. They are making their home in Santa Anna.

Approximately 50 friends and relatives attended the wedding ceremony and a reception was held in the hospital's cafeteria hosted by hospital staff and Gail Loyd.

## One Of Oldest Businesses Closing

in operation in Santa Anna longer than any other business in the city other than the Santa Anna News. Both were first established in 1886, the NEWS in January of that year and Phillips Drug a few months

Carolyn Barkley, who has operated the business alone since her husband, David, died in 1990 said changing times in the pharmacy business contributed to her decision to close the business.

As with many small town

There has been a Phillips Drug businesses, discount stores apparently cut into Phillips Drug merchandising of clothing, jewelry, gift items and fabrics. Phillips Drug has long been known far andwide in central Texas for its stock of fabrics and other sewing notions. Even though the fabrics found there were not usually duplicated in other stores in the area, the discount competition has taken its toll.

> Mrs. Barkley said the pharmacy will close on Wednesday, August 6. The rest of the store will be open for a while until remaining Phillips.

merchandise can be sold.

Mrs. Barkley's late father-in-law, Calvin Barkley, bought the store in 1960. David worked there while obtaining his pharmacy license and in 1969 received his degree and became a pharmacist at Phillips Drug. David and Carolyn bought the business in 1974 when Mr. Barkley retired.

Although Phillips Drug has had different owners through the years, the name was never changed. It was established in 1886 by S.H.

## Comments On August 9 Amendment Election

If ever there were a time to exercise your right to vote, this is it. From now until August 9, Texas voters have a rare opportunity to vote on a constitutional amendment that will actually lower their taxes. Proposition 1 proposes the following changes to the state constitution. First, it would increase the amount of a homestead average homeowner roughly \$140

allow homeowners 65 years old or older who qualify for a residence homestead exemption to transfer that exemption if they sell their current home and buy another. Currently, the state constitution prohibits any increase in school property taxes for these homeowners, as long as the residence remains the person's homestead. Since the tax freeze is tied to the homestead, a homeowner who sells his home and buys another loses the benefits intended to help folks in this age group. If Proposition 1 passes, however, the 65 or older homeowners will be able to transfer the tax freeze to their home.

Almost without fail, voters come away from the ballot box confused about the language of proposed constitutional amendments. This time the language is pretty straightforward. It reads:



State Rep. Bob Turner

"AMENDMENT NO. 1: The school property tax relief by increasing the residence Homestead exemption by \$10,000 and providing for the transfer of the tax limitation to another qualified homestead for persons over 65 and a reduction in taxes on homesteads subject to the limitation."

What the ballot language does not say, is that if Proposition 1 passes, it will trigger an allocation from the state to school districts of approximately \$1.04 billion. The money was earmarked by the Legislature last session specifically to make up the tax revenue shortfall

that school districts will experience if Proposition 1 passes. If the proposition does not pass, the \$1.04 billion stays in the general

revenue fund. The ballot language also does not tell you that under current state law, the \$1.04 billion allocation to schools districts will trigger an automatic increase in minimum teacher salaries.

This will mean a pay raise only for those teachers who earn just the

minimum required salary. Many school districts pay their teachers salaries well above the state required minimum. These teachers will not realize a pay increase as a result of Proposition 1 if their salaries are still higher than the new minimum salary. Pay raises for this group will be at the option of locally-elected school

If you think about it, Proposition 1 is a good deal all the way around. If it passes, homeowners will get a break in their property taxes and school teachers on the lowest end of the pay scale will get a much deserved raise, paid for courtesy of Texas' booming economy. I hope you will get out and vote on August 9, or take advantage of early voting now.

#### Area Girls Invited To Swimming Party August 8

Area girls invited to a Girl Scout Swimming Party on Friday, August 8 at the Coleman City Pool from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Cost will be

\$1.00. All Coleman County girls in grades Kindergarten through 12 grade are invited and it is not necessary to be a girl scout to

There will be door prizes, songs and games. Hot dogs and drinks will be served.

#### "Journey In The Wilderness With Moses" To Be Saturday

What's Happening In The Next Week

Sports physicals for 7th & 9th graders at Perry Gym

First Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church

Monday, August 4 through Friday, August 8--8 a.m.

Athletes meet coaches and pick up information for football

Vacation Bible School, meet at Methodist Church

SAHS Mountaineer Band Practice at Band Hall

Tuesday, August 5--6 to 9 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6--7:30 a.m.

First Day of Football Practice

Friday, August 1--9 a.m. to 12 noon

Saturday, August 2--9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The First Methodist and First Presbyterian Churches of Santa Anna have again joined forces to the Promised Land. present their 1997 Vacation Bible

A one-day VBS will be held this Saturday, August 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., beginning with an opening assembly (following registration) at the Methodist Church and proceeding to the City Park for a full day of fun and fellowship based on the life of Moses and the Israelite people as they journeved

through wilderness of their way to

There will be crafts, games, music, stories and food through the day, all for the sole purpose of teaching our children about the life and times in which Moses lived and how he followed God's direction to free the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt and lead them to the Promised Land. The Exodus story will come alive as all children of Santa Anna (ages 3 years through

sixth grade) take part in this Biblical journey. Older youth are invited to participate as helpers through the day.

The day's journey will end where it began, at the Methodist Church for a worship celebration and children may be picked up by parents at 4 p.m.

VBS will conclude with a closing program entitled "The Promised Land" to be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, August 3 at the Methodist Church. The community is invited to participate as the children and their teachers share some of the experiences of their day's journey. The program will conclude with the serving of homemade ice cream and cookies.

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#### **Obituaries**

#### Ruth Castillo York

Ruth Castillo York, 22, of Santa Anna died Saturday, July 26, 1997 at 9 p.m. at Harris Hospital in Fort

Rosary services were beld Monday, July 28, 1997 at 7 p.m. at Henderson Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass was held Toesday, July 29, 1997 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Coleman with Father Larry Cyr officiating. Burial was in the Santa Anna Cemetery under the direction of Handarson Funeral Home of Santa Anna.

She was born to Fersimile and Maria Contreras Castillo in Coleman on Nov. 2, 1974. She was a lifetime resident of Sunca Anna where she graduated from Santa Anna High School in 1993. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a housewife.

Survivors include her husband: Howard York; her pureuts, Fernando and Maria Castillo of Santa Anna; two sisters, Rosa Vasquez and Daena Castillo, both of Santa Anna; three brothers, Maurice Castillo of Santa Anna, Fernando State of Ohio. Castillo of Bangs and Lupe Castillo of Santa Anna; her paternal grandmother, Maria L. Castillo of Santa Anna; six nieces and three nephews.

Pallbearers were Johnny Salazar, Harvey Salazar, Mark Frausto, Vicente Frausto, Vicente Frausto Jr. and Jesus Castillo.

#### **Nutrition Center Planning Garage** Sale Sept. 6

The Santa Anna Nutrition Center is planning a garage sale for Saturday, September 6 from 8 .am.

If you have items to donate to Center, 348-9290, Nell Hipp, 348- a.m. 3252, Thelma Brooker, 348-3294 or Thelma Bobskill, 348-3642.

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#### Milford Blanton

Milford Blanton, 57, of Groveport, Ohio, died Thursday, July 24, 1997 at 8:21 p.m. at Grant Medical Center in Columbus,

Thursday, July 31, 1997 at 5 p.n. at the Santa Anna Cemetery with Dr. Lawrence R. Grandy officiating directed by Henderson Funeral Home of Suna Arma

He was born to the late Emmitt Cook) and Katherine Wright Blunton on May 24, 1940 in Gouldbusk. He was raised in Santa Anna where he graduated from Sunta Anna High School in 1953. He received his Buckelers of Mathematics degree from Howard Payne University.

He married Phylis Taylor March 14, 1966 in Liberty, Kentucky and they have celebrated 31 years of marriage. He was a master mason and member of the Santa Anna Mountain Lodge #661 and Heritage Baptist Church in Ohio. He was Chief Information Office for the

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Candace Price and Penny Campbell, both of Plano; a son, Michael Blanton of Grovenort. Ohio; a sister, Wanda Blanton Kinnard of Abilene; two brothers, Jimmy Blanton of Georgetown and Kenneth Armstrong of Early; and eight grandchildren.

#### Social Security Representative To Be In Coleman

A representative of the Brownwood Social Security office July 28, 1997 at 7:31 a.m. at will be on the second floor of the Coleman County Medical Center. Coleman County Courthouse on this sale contact the Nutrition Wednesday, August 6 from 9 to 9:30

Santa Anna

In spite of the cost of

'living, it's still popular.

-Kathleen Norris

**By Ace Reid** 

#### **Larry Hemken**

ULYSSES, KANSAS--Larry Gene Hemken, 55, Ulysses, died July 9, 1997 at his home after a sudden illness.

Funeral services were held July Graveside services were held 12, 1997 at Mary Queen of Peace' Catholic Church in Ulysses with Rev. John Kowal officiating. Graveside services followed at the Hope Lutheran Cemetery in Rush Center, Kansas.

He was born Nov. 23, 1941 in LaCrosse, the son of Harold and Leoneda (Pfannenstiel) Hemken. He had been a resident of Ulysses since 1978 and was a machinist for Williams Natural Gas.

He was also a member of the Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church and member of the Mary Queen of Peace Knights of Columbus, both of Ulysses.

He married Doris Smith on Feb. 10, 1968, in Lovington, NM.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Duane G. Hemken of Oklahoma City, OK and Mike D. Hemken of Ulysses; two brothers, Loren Hemken of Lakeside, Colo. and Harold Lee Hemken of Broomfield, Colo.; and his mother, Leoneda Hemken of Ulysses.

Local survivors include his mother-in-law, Nancy Menges; and a sister-in-law, Nancy Conner, both of Santa Anna.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Lee Hemken and his father, Harold Hemken.

#### Jim Hayes

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Thursday at Elm Street Church of Christ in Coleman for Jim Hayes, 77, of Coleman, who died Monday, James Bailey and Dale Scott will officiate and burial will be in Coleman City Cemetery under direction of Henderson Funeral Home.

He was born to the late Joseph H. and Ella Grayman Hayes in Ashland, Kentucky on Aug. 12, 1919. He graduated from high school in Kentucky and married Dec. 17, 1942 and they have celebrated 55 years in marriage. He was a resident of Coleman since 1949 moving here from Ashland,

He was a World War II veteran in Coleman. serving in the Army Air Corp and was an elder and deacon of Elm Street Church of Christ. He served on the Advisory Board of the Lake Cisco Christian Camp and was a charter member of the Coleman Evening Lions Club and the member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. He retired in 1980 from the United States Postal

Service. Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Mrs. Cheryl (Gene) Turney of Burnet, Mrs. Cebia (Mark) Martin of Brownwood and Mrs. Jenny (Bob) Martin of Valley Mills; two sons, Michael J. Hayes of Brownwood and Phillip B. Hayes of Cedar Hill; a sister, Mrs. Edith (James) Noe of Annapolis, great-grandchildren; and many chocolate chip cookies nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to the Lake Cisco Christian Camp, c/o Elm Street Church of Christ, Coleman, Texas.

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#### Robert Jongema

CORPUS CHRISTI-Robert L. Jongema, 74, of Corpus Christi, died July 8, 1997.

Services were held at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 11, 1997 in the Chapel of Clifford Jackson Funeral Home. Burial followed at Memorial Park Cemetery in Robstown under the direction of Clifford Jackson Funeral Home.

He was born April 3, 1923 in Algoa, Galveston County, Texas, the son of the late Rev. Boyd Henry and Ruth Jongema.

He married Reba Merle Goodgion on June 12, 1948 in Santa Anna. He was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict having served in the U.S. Army. he was a retired chemist at Sun Oil Company now known as Koch Refinery and a member Arlington Heights Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Robin Marcos (Diane) Jongema of Uvalde, Ricky Dean Iongema and Ronnie Lynn (Nancy) Jongema, all of Corpus Christi; one daughter, Roxanne Leigh (Brad) Peeples of Corpus Christi; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two brothers. Albert and Arthur Auck, both of Arcadia; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brother, Franklin and Adam Auck.

#### 'Round & About

Robin and Terry Mach, Brittany and Jordan of Midlothian and Stephanie Hartman and Hannah spent the weekend with Stanley and Judy Hartman. They all attended the McClellan Reunion at the family farm near Voss.

Visitors with R. C. and Pat Smith have been Dana Smith of Iowa Park and Lori, Valerie and Audrey Kernes of Lampasas. While Colleen Jones in San Angelo on here Dana went to Schletterbaun with the youth group from the Presbyterian Church and then she attended Presbyterian Camp at Buffalo Gap. Lori and her dad entered a guys and dolls tournament

#### Santa Anna Nutrition Center Menu

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1 Tuna salad, blackeye pea salad, tomato salad, brocoli and cauliflower and jellied fruit salad

**MONDAY, AUGUST 4** Bar b que chicken, potato salad, pinto beans, bisquiets and mixed

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8 Texas beef Maryland; 12 grandchildren; five peas/cheese/macaroni, combread and

#### Community Calendars Available

The Delta Omicron Sorority Community Birthday Calendar is now in and for those wishing to obtain one may stop by the Hensley Family Health Care Clinic or Coleman County Telephone Cooperative.

The calendar contains birthdays and anniversaries along with events and school happenings during the year. The calendar begins in August and ends in July.

## Check It Out

By Alice Anna Spillman

Did you know that about 10.000 years it was very cold here with snow and ice? How do we know that? Well, Mammoth bones have been found in this county. They were elephants with heavy long hair coats. Many have been found in Siberia.

When the ice melted it became like a tropical world. Water may have reached the top of the Santa Anna Mountain. How do we know? Many sea type fossils have been found there.

Cynthia Philpot found crinoid (sea libio) ammonite shells (like a chambered nautilus) several other shell varieties, a residue of a fish in stone, petrified wood and what could be a bone all around their tank.

Members of the Summer Reading Club were introduced to our home

What happened to the big mammoths? Why don't we see them walking around? Their food supply disappeared, the last know ones were drawfs and easily killed by man for food.

We related this to animals today who are becoming extinct.

There are new books on these subjects that you and your children may want to share.

By the way Cynthia picked up enough crinoid for each boy and girl to have one. You may remember these as "pop rocks" that can be dropped in camp fires like firecrackers. At one time people made neck- Unwanted Bees laces of them.

We hoped to have the real marnmoth bones but only had a picture of those found by Mr. Walter

Betty Key's group made prints (fossils) of a toy dinosaur that was in their book bag. They had stories and cute songs. Cynthia and Carrie's group made

flying Pteranodon to hang at home and had a story. Patsy Starr's group made

thumbprints and then created a picture of the dinosaurs age.

Oma Dean Horner and Nikki Donham did a heroic job of keeping track of books. Junior leaders who helped were Jon Smiley, the photographer, Jon Turney, Shante Shepard, Cheri Singleton and Jenna Hensley. Billy Spires decorated the windows. Chad Wristen of Abilene helped with clean-up, big job too. Everyone left with a cold drink

on a very hot day.

Mrs. Felicia Ellerbe brought five boxes of books. These were given by the family as a memorial to Mr. James A. Ellerbe, Sr. He loved books and reading and was very good to the Santa Anna Library.

Shante Shepard had good news about one of her poems. It has been judged good enough for publication. We are proud of her!

Patsy Starr donated five new hard backs. Two are by Janet Oake, one is a book containing three books by Grace Livingston Hill. These authors are considered Christian writers. We have received three new catalogues listing books, audios and videos as Christian. We told you last year that this was happening, Mr. Chuck Weeth of Abilene had sent us several. Maybe the trend will spread.

Dorothea and Pat Gilmore of Mobile, Alabama came in for a visit. It was Pat's first visit and he seemed to be impressed. They both remember the trip up the old stairs at City Hall to visit the library.

#### Thank You

We would like to express our appreciation to Dr. Clyde Majors and Mountain Lodge 661 for the comforting Masonic service conducted for our loved one. The Family of

James Ellerbe Sr.

#### Riding Smart From The Start

By Carol Katzer County Extension Agent Family & Consumer Sciences For many children, a bicycle will

be their first opportunity to operate a roadway vehicle. Yet, most children do not have the information or experience they need to safely ride on a roadway. That's why it is important to teach bicycle safety at an early age and continue practicing

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safety skills throughout life. Parents must not only follow bicycle safety rules themselves, but remember they are modeling it to their children. To insure safe riding, following these ten bicycle safety tips:

\*Always wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.

\*Ride a bicycle that is correct for child's size.

\*Check that the wheels aren't loose and brake devices work.

\*When exiting a driveway, stop, look left, look right, look left again and exit only when there is no traf-

\*Ride on the right hand side of the road with the flow of the traffic. \*Obey all traffic signs and signals, just as vehicles do.

\*Use proper hand signals to indicate turns.

\*Ride single file.

\*Give the right-of-way to pedes-

\*Do not carry passengers (except in approved baby seats.)

Following these safety tips can insure a safe ride every time.

## Collected

By Marty Gibbs

CEA-AG

All homeowners who have a problem with honeybees are encouraged to call the Coleman County Extension Office if they would like a beekeeper to remove these bees. Hives must be well established and in a place were a beekeeper could remove them. Please do not call if you have a swarm of bees that may be moving through. They must also be an established hive of European honey bees and no other specie of bee will be collected. If you have a bee hive that meets these criteria and you wish to have them removed, please

call the Extension office at 625-

#### Birthdays & Anniversaries

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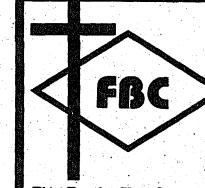
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**AUGUST 3** Corine Eubank Betty Sue Cupps Jetta Rutherford Mr&Mrs Gary Fleeman\*

**AUGUST 4** Johnny Diaz Donna Hartman Mr&Mrs. Cecil Ellis\* **AUGUST 5** 

Coyita Bowker Jimmy Eisenhower Doug Warnock John ZuZu Sabrina Martin Mr&Mrs Hilario Hernandez\* Mr&Mrs George Wheatley\*

**AUGUST 6** Jackie Weathers Miller Randy DeLeon Charles Greenlee Mickey McSwain Lynn Loyd Mr&Mrs Pete Simmons\* Mr&Mrs Todd McMillan\*



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working is a huge football field sized, three story "erector set" of pipes and floors. Our "hotel" in the sea is supported by large 5 foot diameter pipes which reach to the ocean floor below at 360 feet depth. When they are not on duty, some of the guys like to fish off the side for such catches as amberjack, snapper and barracuda. You can look down below and often see two or three barracuda just below the surface.

I thought you might like to read

about the opportunity that I re-

Since I have a tiny tendency for acrophobia, the open grate stairs and platforms give me some concern. The fellows said it takes about 2 weeks tog et used to it but I will probably adjust somewhat later. About every 3 hours a helicopter lands on our roof top to ring people and equipment. In addition to our vacuum work, there are about 60 men scurrying about doing welding, painting and sandblasting. I laid my camera down for a few minutes and it got paint on the lens. I was able to clean it, though. When we finally get the pipeline pumped dry it will be connected to a system of gas wells located several miles around and pass it inland at 2500 psi. Our pipe goes directly to their new well, Mensa which set another record for gas flow, 300 million cubic feet per

We sleep on the third level in 8man steel bunkers separated in the middle by 2 showers and two potties. Naturally the bunks are hard and cramped but the huts are well air conditioned. The galley guys burst into our bunkers every morning (week-ends are just another day) at 0500, turn on the light and announce the time. It's a bit like milday at precisely 0600. We sign the ever hit, safety sheet and a work order for the which makes it all seem acceptable. people "to protect the guilty.) Normal workdays are 12 hours but exceed that a little to accomplish a needed endeavor. I have stayed with the second shift person several nights to run little experiments such as shut-in leak checks and methods to control the cooling water to our big vacuum pump. The job has been edifying and it appears that some future jobs may come available in the future. The life style is sort of a cross between but I know I am getting valuable experience. Also, nearly all the fellows with whom I work are great and so is the food. I just had watermelon this Sunday morning (June 15) and home-made strawberry ice cream the day before. I've had to implement some self-control so my physique does not suffer too much.

I am sitting in my little metal "dog house" looking out at the beautiful "blue" water which came in last night. There are oodles of barracuda swimming below in the clear water and a local yacht trolled by with opulent members aboard. What a life!

Of course, we have had a few mishaps but if it all keeps going as is, we will have pumped down to the required vacuum level of 0.1 Torr and dewpoint 0 deg F. In other words, it will be "bone dry". It seems that bad things happen to natural gas at high pressures when water is present. Solid compounds called hydrates and even ice can form to block a critical value, which becomes a real problem at depths of the order of 5400 feet down in the sea. This kind of reminds me of the times our gas regulator used to freeze on the mountain place in Santa Anna during the Winter. We would dress quickly in the frigid house and race to the end of the lane with blow torch to thaw it. The local gas company was sometimes negligent in drying their

gas before piping it away. I had my first helicopter ride from Houma, LA out here to the platform and still have the same opinion when I was in pilot training. I prefer a fixed wing aircraft for several reasons. We rode in one of those little Messerschmitt 4-man bubble choppers which was quieter

#### Amazing Grace Sounds Best In The Middle Of the Road To Church

(A reprint of a Nov. 3, 1996 article in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.)

ROCKWOOD--The white, woodframe Baptist Church is barely hanging on. Across the road, mesquite trees stand guard next to a dead Methodist Church that defiantly faces the rising October West Texas sun.

Perhaps the solid-rock former church thinks that being a haybarn is half a life.

It does have a long association with hay. A young handsome Methodist minister praised Aunt Myrtle's realistic touch of adding hay to the church's Christmas man-

For the next 40 Christmases, my Great Aunt insisted that fresh hay cover the amen corner: The shed over the manager, which resembled a miniature out house, didn't last.

Twelve-year-old Cousin Bruce crouched on the hay one Christmas play. On a dare, Bruce fished a cigarette out of his Roy Rogers vest and fired up.

Smoke rose over Bethlehem like an Indian smoke signal. As usual, Bruce was more wiseguy than

In West Texas, when rain clouds form, only fools don't move rectangular hay bales under shelter. That is, fools and 15-year-old boys who want to gaze on a beautiful visiting girl singing a solo.

We jumped off our loaded hay truck just in time to stare at the most gorgeous, erotic sight I've still ever seen. That includes some sights I shouldn't have looked at.

Bob Rutherford and I waved goodbye before the sermon. The minister understood.

I wonder how the San Angelo beauty liked our choir level. In the late fifties, eight wooden theatre chairs were acquired from a

Coleman movie house and installed in the church's choir area. Both rows of four chairs were level with and faced the pews. Since there was no choir loft, we

called it our choir level. Older, wiser Jim Ed bragged that he made it to second base in one of those chairs. He claimed it was with a Stringer sister during a Three Stooges short.

Jim Ed was the worst baseball itary but even more organized. We hitter on the older boys' team and eat from 5 to 6 and have a safety, hardly ever made first base. The meeting down on the 2nd level each Stringer double was the only one he

(EDITORS NOTE: Mr. Estes day and hit the deck. There is an air notes that he changed the real of spirit and cooperation, though, names of the aforementioned young

During the Methodist sermon, no one says anything if you need to Jim Ed's uncle, a steward, often stalked to the open screened-in windows and swatted flies.

The service's real suspense was whether that steward would go hunting.

We bet on how many flies would be dispatched to their Heavenly

In the early 1880's, an undecided young cowboy first stood in the middle of the road between the punitive confinement and wartime Baptist and Methodist churches. In 1960, 99-year-old Great-Granddad told this curious ten-year-old that "the Methodist Church had a better shade tree for my horse."

Most of his 14 children were christened at Rockwood Methodist. A few of his kids, including my granddad, married Baptists. Like a cavalry Indian scout, I

split time in both camps. It was probably coincidence, but

than I expected, but it seemed

flimsy and working hard to fly. When I get back to good old Austin, I will end the saga with more optimism and hopefully a success story. For now.

Richard Shield

#### Grasshoppers Everywhere

the Methodist preachers had a better sense of humor than the Baptist preachers.

"It's not that Baptists don't sin, but they don't enjoy it like the rest of us," quipped one young preacher. A young Methodist Rev. Bobby Weathers, now of Fort Worth, agreed to kill one of Great Uncle Sam's ailing, old bird dogs.

"Just don't ask me to shoot a county agricultural agent," he pleaded.

'Adam and Eve raised a little Cain," another one said repeatedly.

When the attendance fell from five to four in 1989, the Methodist Church closed. The piano, pews and pulpit were sold shortly after Uncle Sam's funeral. The Lord knows where his choir level is.

On a dare, Cousin Bruce wore red house shoes to one of the church's last evening services.

There is more dead than living at home these days. You cannot even buy a Coke here

anymore. This morning I'm standing in the road. From both sides I can hear Amazing Grace being sung 40 years

I hear minister's voices from my childhood. Voices that explained things were either black or white. not gray. Colors and terms that even a young boy could understand.

If both churches were still going full bore and I was new in town, I wonder which I would choose.

The Methodist Church. It still has the better shade.

Mike Estes, a 1972 Texas Tech University graduate, operates Estes and Associates, a Fort Worth public accounting firm.

#### **New Students** Need To Register

Students who will be attending class in the Santa Anna ISD in the 1997-98 school year need to go by

Also kindergarten students who have not registered yet need to do so as soon as possible after August 1.

#### Cooking For One

By Carol Katzer CEA-FCS

Coleman County
I'm by myself--why spend the

My family is gone and I never did like to cook anyway.

Food doesn't taste good anymore. There's nobody to eat with. It's so easy to do cold cereal or

Are any of these your thoughts? They may very well to very true and legitimate--but what about your good health--both physical and mental? Research is proving seniors who eat well and keep active live longer and happier lives. Get new ideas for both food and activity at this general LIVING LONGER AND ENJOYING IT! session. Come in casual dress, lunch served, meet old friends and make new

The session will take place at the Coleman Housing Authority meeting room on Thursday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All retirees and senior citizens are invited.

This program is a part of the Better Living for Texans effort and sponsored by the Coleman County Extension Office, Carol Katzer, County Extension Agent-Family & Consumer Sciences.

For a reservation, call Coleman Housing Authority, 625-5018 or the County Extension Office, 625-

By Marty Gibbs CEA-AG

If you have a lawn or a garden, you have more than likely noticed a large number of grasshoppers grazing on the foliage of ornamental plants or vegetables. Environmental conditions last winter and this spring have been favorable for grasshopper infestation this summer. Wet conditions throughout the winter and into the spring helped grasshopper eggs survive and provided soft soil conditions for their emergence a couple of months ago. This along with a vast number of weeds to serve as host plants

crop of grasshoppers. These migratory grasshoppers are especially bothersome to homeowners since there is an unlimited supply of new hoppers to take the place of the ones eliminated when spraying lawns or ornamental plants. There are several products available for controlling grasshoppers in a lawn and garden. Sevin insecticides are very effective on controlling grasshoppers and provide varying amounts of residual (lasting effect). Formulations are available for lawns or gardens and homeowners should follow label directions when using chemical insecticides. Orthene insecticides is also very effective in lawns or ornamentals but must not be used on

in pastures have caused a bumper

vegetables for fruit. Several bait formulations using bran and insecticide mixtures have been used but usually are not very effective on these migratory grasshoppers which fly. Baits generally work best on crawling hoppers where a trench can be dug to "funnel" these grasshoppers to the bait. However, regardless of which method of control homeowners choose, be prepared for new grasshoppers to move in and take the place of the ones removed.

The best long-term control may be the dry weather conditions we are the school after August 1 to in right now and will reduce grasshopper numbers in pastures and rangeland.

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Oops! Spotted in the White Plains, N.Y., Reporter Dispatch: "Ed and Ruth Owen celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 26. They renewed their rows at St.Patrick's Cathedral."

## School Supply List

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Editors Note: The following is the list of school supplies as provided to the NEWS office from school officials.

KINDERGARTEN: School bag with a zippered top Towel for nap time Cup to drink out of all is added

A complete school supply packet will be sold on the first day of school. DO NOT PURCHASE 

FIRST: GRADE: On the Trans.

1 box of Crayons from zill chin 6 pencils 2 soft green erasers

1 pair of pointed scissors 2 boxes Kleenex in http://doi.org/ 1 plastic glass

Small school box 3 spiral notebooks and match to 2 folders with pockets 1 box Magic Markers

1 tablet (D'Nealian) 1 clean old sock for erasing white

Ruler with centimeter and inches

#### Coleman County **Crime Stoppers** Crime Of The Week

During the early morning hours of May 31, 1997, person or persons unknown vandalized a 1991 Ford Explorer parked on FM 1026 north of Fisk in southern Coleman County. In addition to the damage done to the vehicle, a Sony compact disc player and a large number of compact discs were taken from the vehicle.

If you have information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for these acts, you could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00. Call Coleman County Crime

Stoppers at 625-BITE or 348-BITE. Remember you can remain



Ants have lived on the earth for more than 100 million years.

2 Dry crase markers SECOND GRADE:

1 school box 2 package of #2 pencils 2 large pink erasers

I bottle of Elmer's school glue 1 large box of Kleenex 1 pair of scissors

1 crayons 24 count 1 box of watercolors 1 box of map pencils

1 12" plastic ruler with centimeters : 1 package of 3x5 index cards.

1 200 count notebook paper-wide ruled 3 3-ring floppy plastic binders

2 packages of dividers 4 2 pocket folders 1 70 count spiral notebook-wide

2 Sanford Expo Broad Tip Dry

**Erase Markers** 1 backpack THIRD GRADE:

Wide lined notebook paper--100

1 3-ring loose leaf notebook 2 spiral notebooks--approx. 70 sheets-wide lined

5 pocket folders 1 school box 1 big eraser

4 #2 pencils 2 red pencils 1 bottle glue

1 pair scissors 1 box skinny tip markers 1 large box Kleenex

1 box crayons--24 count 2 Dry erase markers (Sanford Expo Chisel Tip) series number

2 packages multi-colored

construction paper FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES:

#2 pencils Grading pencil Paper 1 large eraser

Pointed scissors

12" ruler 2 large boxes of Kleenex 4 floppy binders with 1" ring 1 package dividers

3 highlighters 3 pocket folders School box small enough to fit

in lockers Map pencils 3 white board markers 1 spiral notebook-wide width

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#### TRICKHAM TIDBITS

Royce and Wanda McIver drove to Buffalo Gap on Friday and visited with their son Britt and family.

Barbara Horner and sons Carson and Robert of Holiday were weekend visitors with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones.

Wyndham Dean returned home after spending two weeks with his grandparents at Texarkana. Kit of Comanche spent the weekend with his folks, the Ray Deans.

Bill and Estell Griffin and son from Fort Worth spent the weekend with Bill's sister Mary Lea Mitchell.

Lea Mock of Post visited last Monday with Gertrude Martin.

A niece of Winnie Haynes, Alta Scott McGaughey of Texarkana, her son and his wife, Ronald and Carolyn Montgomery and Mr. Wilburn Jennings from San Angelo visited Thursday afternoon.

Bettie Martin visited in Brownwood on Tuesday with her mother Mrs. Mary Crawford. Wednesday Maxine Keller and Jerry Tongate of Brownwood visited Bettie and Felton and enjoyed ice cream. Sunday afternoon Roger Busche and two children of Brownwood visited.

Verna Bolton visited with Mrs. Jo Grant in Coleman on Monday and they visited with Mary Jo Frazier where she treated them for lunch at the Cottage. Visitors during the week with Verna and Arvil were Rev. Raymond Jones and his wife, Lodema of Santa Anna and

Buddy Samford of Abilene. Sunday afternoon Verna and her mother Florence Stearns attended the reception for Dr. J. B. Stephens honoring him for his medical service which was held at the Texas Bank lobby in Bangs. Sunday evening R. C. and Ann Stearns of Cross Cut visited with his mother Florence Stearns.

Lynn and Sherrie Rice and Dillon of Arlington were recent visitors with his mother Lorene Rice, they all visited with Wendell and Jeannie Rice.

Sabrina and Aundra Peugh of Waco spent the weekend with her grandmother Novella Stearn.

Rankin and Natalie McIver were in Brownwood Saturday evening visiting with Vance and Darla Gibson and his parents from near Fort Worth and all went to Rising Star for dinner at the "Chicken House".

Lea Mock of Post visited on Tuesday with Leona Henderson. Leona attended the Henderson Reunion from Friday until Sunday evening which was held at the Embassey Suites in Abilene, There were over 60 present. Naomi and Brent Nicholas of Plano came home with her mother and spent Sunday

Helen McIver visited on Monday with Annie Lou Vaughn, Lea Mock visited Tuesday and Marjorie Sullivan visited Saturday. Her Sunday dinner guests were John and Earlene Dockery and Wesley and

#### Manley And Nora Blanton Reunion Meets In Florence

By Jo Ann Myer

The 35th Annual Manley and Nora Blanton Family Reunion scheduled for June 26, 27, 28 and 29th at Kingsland Lodge on Lake LBJ was handed a visit from Mother Nature four days before we were to meet, with rains that flooded all the Highland Lakes.

The Kingsland Lodge was one of the worst hit by the water with 3 units of cabins washed away and the rest under water. Our President and Secretary, Dean and Jody Taylor, decided they wouldn't let this spoil all of their hard work for the past year, organizing our reunion. They called everyone and offered their home in Florence, to us so we could still get together. They deserve a big thanks from us all. Early Saturday, June 28th nearly all of our family members arrived. All 5 of the remaining 9 Blanton children were there.

The first couple of hours was spent visiting over coffee, cold drinks, fresh fruit, cookies and pastries. Ray and Kathie Dunavant were once again in charge of the Seniors Scavenger Hunt. This year they all had to find something that began with each letter of the alphabet. They immediately went to work along with help from their children and grandchildren to find what they needed, with the exception of Tom Blanton and Joe Phillips who sat under a tree telling each other yarns. When all of their bags were turned in there was everything from a live frisky frog in Lou Anderson's to a yellow yen in Joe's. They were all awarded certificates and ribbons for their efforts. Joe Phillips ended up with the most points and received a \$20 gift certificate. How can you win and sit under a tree all day?? Ray and Kathie did another great job of organizing this event and, as they

Benjamin, Jackson Clarke who is 9 months old. Our Horseshoe Tournament

between the women and men started Lou Anderson did a great job of off with some major defeats. JoAnn and Judy who had been in second place the past three years, lost their first game to Robert Rainey and of crafts and white elephant items.

Candi Dockery.

Shane and Tona Holland and children Jonathon and Charity and Greg Kirk were Sunday dinner guests of celebrating a birthday, Happy their head or swatting at an insect.

club meeting.

Ronnie Myers, due to Ronnie's heckling of cousin JoAnn. The major upsets continued as Nancy Snowden and Kathie Dunavant beat the champs of the past 3 years, Tony Kondrat and nephew Lee Headrick. When the last horseshoe was thrown we had new winners for the first time in 3 years. The trophy was awarded to Jerry Phillips and Doyle Hickman. I was told that the trophy ended up on Doyle's Grandmother, Myrt Reese's mantle for 6 months and would then be night, sent to Jerry in Santa Anna until next year's reunion. Lee went home and repaired his horseshoe pit and invited his Uncle Tony over so they could start practicing! Since the Junior fishing contest couldn't be held, they changed over for a Mini Horseshoe Contest. Andy Snowden and Kristina Wade won 3rd, Cody Hickman and Hunter Taylor won 2nd and Koda Gallegos and Dustin Hickman won Ist. They were all awarded gift certificates. They are

contest next year. Horseshoes wasn't as much fun

A Cookie Contest for the cousins was added this year. They were asked to bring two dozen of their favorite cookies to be judged and then shared by everyone. What a fattening success this proved to be for the 3 judges, Bob Reese, Tony Kondrat and Lee Headrick. Kathie Dunavant won Ist, JoAnn Meyer 2nd, and Matthew Myers 3rd. All 3 winners received cookie cutters and cookie cookbooks. We once again were reminded our skills had been handed down from our others, Grandmothers and Aunts when they brought out the cakes they had made for our enjoyment.

After all of our games and contests were finished, we shared did last year, brought us another our evening meal of Ham and Turkey sandwiches, cheeses, fresh new family member, a brother for vegetables, dips, fresh fruit, cookies, cake, juice, cold drinks, coffee and tea. Jody along with help from her sister Nancy and Mother getting this together on such a short notice.

Next we held our annual auction Tony Kondrat was our auctioneer this year, since cousin Terry Blanton wasn't there. He has one year to get out of our dog house! Tony did a great job of selling all the items, some to people who Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kirk. Greg was thought they were only scratching

This auction is a special event as There were fifteen present on we have hand made items that have Thursday night for the eighty-four been worked on all through the

Cleveland 

Tammy Ellis of Richmond spent Monday through Wednesday with her parents the Cecil Ellis. Anita Jarvis came on Thursday and spent time with her parents.

Christy Trichel visited Margie Fleming one day.

Russell Williams of Fort Worth spent the weekend with his mother Mrs. Ovella Williams. Eunice and Emmitt Terry visited Saturday

Jessica Pelton spent a couple of days with her grandparents the A. C. Pierces. Lou visited Cindy Pelton and girls Friday. Last week Garth and Elsie Myers and Cathy of Edna visited a few days. Chris Kirksey and Leonard Wyatt of Arlington visited one day last week. Carmilla Baugh and Dixie Joe Bible went to Teague to visit Naomi Reid and family over the

Sunday Peggy Sikes of Bangs all looking forward to the fishing and Virgil Cupps of Santa Anna visited Thelma Fleming. Darrell has been in and out putting up hay.

weekend.

I talked with Syble last Sunday and Lee Ray has not changed much. He is still taking therapy every day. Ladell and Burnice were at church this morning.

Tex and Pat were in Dallas last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wagner went down to visit Billy Williams.

Jeff and Annette Russell of San Angelo went to Irving to visit Carmoletta Johnson and came by Lora Russells. Billie Haught of Coleman visited Sunday.

Kathleen Avants visited her mother Mrs. Ruth Hibbits in Ranger Park Nursing Home twice last week. She will be going this morning, Monday.

Warren and Twyla Wallace of Seagraves spent the week here and took Ruth out to the farm. They had lunch there. She really enjoyed

Hope all you stay cool and have a good week.

year. Each year it seems to get bigger and better and the bidding gets quite exciting.

At the end of the day we held our business meeting voting to return to Kingsland Lodge in June 1998, provided they rebuild which they indicated they would. Everyone was urged to start making plans to return next year. Election of new officers was held and Dean and Jody presented the honor of President and Secretary to Shawn and Rachel Cox. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Dean and Jody for opening their home to us, so we could be together as a family again this year even if it was for only one

Each of us were given the opportunity to contribute to the Cemetery Fund in memory of our loved ones Manley and Nora Blanton, Sid Blanton, Cliff and Nell Rainey, Shirley Phillips, Andy Anderson, Dale Dean Blanton and Tommy Blanton. They are never far from our minds and we hold them close in our hearts. We collected \$148.00 to send to the Cleveland Cemetery. We appreciate the effort they put forth to take care of the cemetery each year.

Those attending this year were Joe Phillips, JoAnn Meyer, Lee, Melissa and Kyra Headrick, Koda Gallegos, Tony and Judy Kondrat of Taylor; Ray, Kathie, Benjamin and Jackson Dunavant of Denison; Jerry and Priscilla Phillips of Santa Anna; Shawn and Rachel Cox of Euless; Lou Anderson, Paul, Nancy and Andy Snowden of Dripping Springs; Dean, Jody, Hunter and Daniel Taylor of Florence; Loyce Myers and Shirley Sealy of Odessa; Ronnie, Mitzie, daughter and Matthew Myers of Georgetown; Anne Lawson of New Braunfels; Kelly, Quincy and Addie Smith of Midland; Bob and Myrt Reese, Doyle and JoAnn Williams of Angleton; Sheryl Turner, Doyle, Dustin and Cody Hickman of Danbury; Tom Blanton of Lampassas; Debra Morash, Kristina and Kaylnn Wade of Jacksonville, N.C.; and Robert and Dottie Rainey of Plano.

After sharing a beautiful, fun filled day we all headed home. We are blessed to be a part of such a loving caring family that made the effort to be together for 1 day instead of our usual 4 day weekend. We look forward to our 36th reunion and urge the ones who couldn't attend to make plans for next year.

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Let a joy keep you. Reach out your hands and take it when it runs -Carl Sandburg

#### Mack And Buna Baucom 1997 Family Reunion

Contributed

The descendants of Buna and Mack Baucom, formerly of Santa Anna, gathered in Hot Springs, Arkansas as the Buena Vista Resort and Conference Center for their annual family reunion the weekend of June 13-15. Many family members arrived earlier during the week, and stayed at the Emerald Isle Resort, to allow more time for visiting and sightseeing. Patsey Jones and family arrived two weeks early as they were attending the Jones Family Reunion. Hilda and Mack Baucom, Jr. were host and hostess for this year's event.

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On Friday night, Mack and Hilda planned a wonderful Riverboat cruise and dinner for the family on beautiful Lake Hamilton. The riverboat was the "The Belle of Hot Springs". The Baucom clad had one floor/deck of the boat to themselves and it was certainly needed. As we traveled on the lake, points of interest were brought to our attention by the riverboat captain and then dinner was served. After dinner, music was played for listening or dancing until we returned to the dock. Dancing was mostly by the young (very young) at heart and one of the seven year olds, Andrew, put on a dancing clinic for one and all. Saturday was spent visiting,

looking at pictures, boating on Lake Hamilton, visiting the Hot Springs baths and museums, and attending baby showers. Saturday evening we had a pot-luck dinner and home-made ice cream, followed by family pictures, white elephant games, pool and forty-two. Brian and Travis took on all comers in forty-two and as is Brian's usual luck, he won a few games and lost a bunch. They also held a family meeting to choose the location of the 1998 reunion. The Silverlead Lake of the Woods Resort on Lake Palestine near Tyler, Texas was chosen for the 1998 reunion. The date of the reunion is scheduled for the week of June 19-26.

The total attendance for the 1997 Baucom Family Reunion was five guests and 56 family for a total of 61. The Baucom family has grown by five since the last reunion bringing our family reunion numbers to 84. Three of the five new members were able to attend this year's reunion.

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Mack's new twin grandsons Parker Lee and Preston Mack Johnson were in attendance. That brings this family to a total of 23 and makes his clan the largest. (All 23 attended the reunion.) Michael Thomas Dobbert, Mary Baucom Dobbert's very first grandchild was also able to attend. The two new members that could not attend are Maxine Morgan's grandson, Michael Morgan, and her foster grandson, Dakota Hebert. Another birth and wedding are expected this summer so our family will be even bigger next year!

Seven of the eight Baucom siblings were in attendance: Patsey, Theresa, Mack, Maxine, Brian and Barbara. George lives in Southern California and was not able to attend this year. Mary (lives in Albany, New York) traveled the greatest distance to attend. This was her first reunion to attend in about fifteen years.

Listed here are those who were able to attend. Patsey and Leon Jones, Mike and Diana Jones, Shaun Jones, Candice Jones, Ryan Jones, Brittany Jones, Zachary Jones, Brenda and Travis Baker, Sunshine Sass, Travis Sass, Austin Sass; Theresa Baucom; Hilda and Mack Baucom, Jr., Diedre and Carl Beaman, Britni, Beaman, Taylor Beaman, Alex Beaman, Darren and Susan Baucom, Tyler Baucom, Lauren Baucom, Ryan Crowe, Brooke Baucom, Donna and Bryan Johnson, Byron Montgomery, Derek Walters, Parker Johnson, Preston Johnson, Debbie and Richard Auston, Clayton Auston, Courtney Auston; Maxine and Billy Morgan, Cary Morgan and Amy Cooper, Cameron Morgan, Gary Morgan; Mary and Russell Dobbert, Greg and Barbara Dobbert, Michael Dobbert; Brian and Glenda Baucom, Tina and Glenn Shimek, Aaron Shimek, Garrett Shimek; and Barbara and Larry Osborne.

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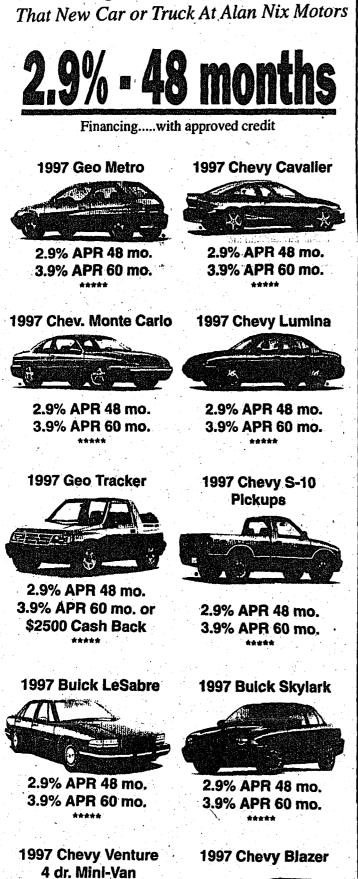
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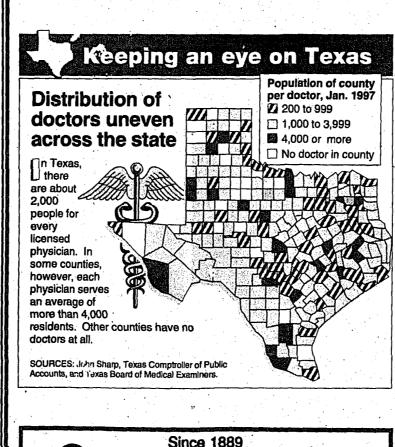
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Early voting is in progress through Wednesday, August 5, at the County Clerk's Office, for an election to be held on a school property tax amendment on August 9 that could have an impact on their to a subsequent home. homestead exemption and the tax freeze for people who are 65 years old or older.

Economist Dr. Judith Stallman of College Station said House Bill 4, passed at the end of the recent legislative session, increases the



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from \$5.000 to \$15,000. Additionally, persons who are age 65 years old or older will be able to transfer their tax freeze, with adjustments, from their current home

The homestead exemption applies only to homeowners--renters and landlords will not see benefits from it, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist said.

Increasing the homestead exemption by \$10,000 will lower school property taxes by \$140 for the average Texas homeowner. The actual amount will depend on the tax rate in each district. For example, in a school district with a tax rate of 1.23, the increased exemption will result in a tax savings of \$123. The people who would benefit the

most from the increase homestead exemption would be those who live in the highest tax rate districts, she

"People are concerned about their property taxes," Stallman said, particularly the school property tax because it has doubled in the last 10

If passed, the increase in the homestead exemption will decrease tax revenues for local school districts, affecting school districts with a low tax base more than other districts because it may exempt a larger percentage of their taxable value, she said.

Lower school property tax revenues from this amendment would be offset by about \$1 billion set of age. aside by the state of this purpose

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Friday 2:30 'til? All day Saturday. Ho

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More Thoughts On Property Tax Amendment of that, elected officials are not sure that, elected officials are not sure thow the losses would be handled.
These lower revenues are

"certainly a concern that school districts are going to have to address," she said. Citizens may want to contact their state representative to find out how this is going to be addressed in the future, she suggested.

The proposed amendment also includes a revision of the tax code for senior citizens. Currently, homeowners over 65 years old receive a tax freeze on their home as long as they live in the house and do not make significant improvements. If the person buys and moves to another house, he or she has to requalify for the tax freeze. Approximately 10 percent of the state's population is over 65 years

Under the proposed amendment, the tax freeze is "portable", Stallman said. If the person moves to another house, the original tax freeze, with some adjustments, applies to the new home.

The adjustment is made on a percentage basis. If the tax bill on the horiginal home is 60 percent of what it would be without the freeze, the tax bill for the new home will be 60 percent of what the tax bill would otherwise be.

Stallman does not foresee this tax freeze change having a big impact on school districts in the immediate future because the number of people over 65 who change homes in a single year is not significant. Over

tablespoon acceptable\*

medium onion, sliced

cloves garlic, minced

(about 8 ounces)

2 large tomatoes, peeled,

Serves 6; % cup per serving

grams of saturated fat per tablespoon.

cups fresh or frozen corn

pound zucchini, thinly sliced

margarine

crosswise

94 kcal Calories

3 gm Protein 18 gm Carbohydrale **Applications Being Taken** To Hunt on Ivie Property

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Hunting permit applications for use on O.H. Ivie Reservoir' Wildlife Management Areas are now being offered and will be accepted by mail through August 15th.

Application packets must be a.m. Applicants may attend the requested by calling CRMWD, 915/267-6341, or by writing to CRMWD, PO Box, 869, Big Spring, TX 79/21.

time, however, the numbers could become significant and the impact on tax revenues may be greater as "baby boomers" begin to age and

Voters should determine several things before voting on this amendment, Stallman suggested. First of all, they should estimate the impact on their current tax bill and on their tax bill when they turn 65. They also need to consider the impact on local tax revenues and schools in the future. Additionally, they should consider whether the constitutional amendment is preferable to exercising the local options that are available.

Coleman County voters may cast ballots at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Early voting ends Tuesday, August 5.

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seeded, and diced

14 teaspoon black pepper

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

0 gm Saturated Fat

1 gm Polyunsaturated Fat

14 teaspoon salt

seeds

cilantro

½ cup low-sodium chicken broth

¼ teaspoon ground coriander

1 tablespoon chopped fresh

Help Your Heart Recipes

be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day - not for each food or recipe

In a large skillet, melt the margarine over medium heat. Add the

remaining ingredients except fresh cilantro. Bring mixture to a simmer

over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to low and cook, partially cov-

onion and garlic and sauté for 2 minutes, or until tender. Add the

ered. for 4 to 5 minutes, or until vegetables are just tender; do not

136 ma Sodium

2 gm Total Fat

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overcook. Stir in the cilantro and remove pan from heat. Serve warm

Mexican Corn. Zuechini, and Tomatoes

alone. No wonder prospective parents are usually happy to have a baby shower.

A public drawing for these lim-

ited permits for the 1997 hunting

season will be held Sept. 17 at

the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field

Office located near the north

end of the dam beginning 10

drawing if they wish to do so.

CRMWD at the phone number.

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listed above.

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Thirty feet of water seems to produce the bigger fish using 10 inch worms in motor oil and neon pumpkin.

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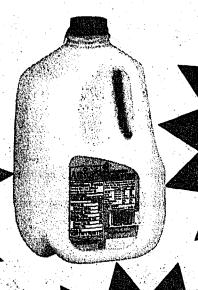
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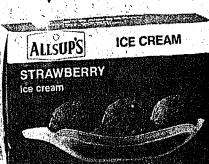


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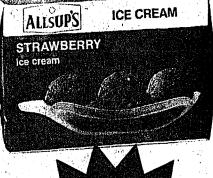
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