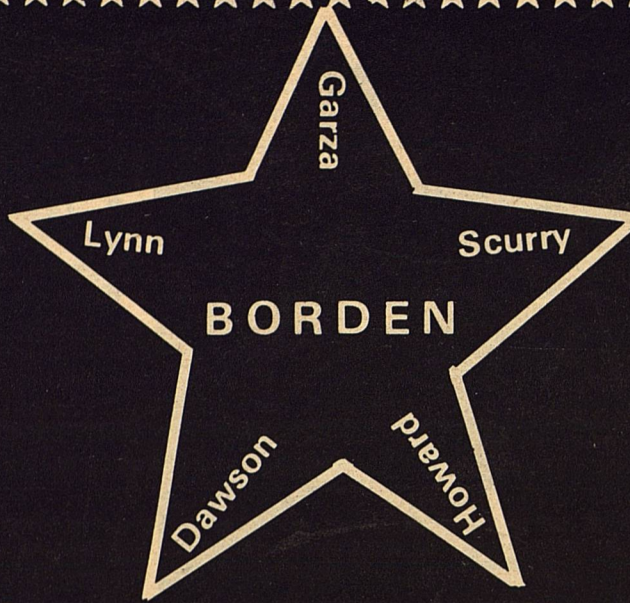


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Arsenic Found in Ground Water At Knott

Knott-Detectable levels of arsenic found in the ground water around the West Texas town of Knott are "of concern" to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), but not "cause for alarm," according to a department official who visited the area recently.

TDA was alerted to the potential contamination problem by state representative Larry Don Shaw after a local farmer's cattle died of arsenic poisoning. "We have discovered two problems," said Bob King, director of TDA's new Office of Natural Resources. "The first problem is that detectable levels of arsenic are showing up in ground water, and in a small number of cases at levels above that determined safe by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The second problem is that no state agency appears to have responsibility for monitoring the level of heavy metals or toxic chemicals in rural water wells on a regular basis."

Although TDA has no formal responsibility to monitor ground water quality, "this situation is a major concern for us in this district," said David Davis, TDA's district supervisor for the area. The department does have the capability to test for arsenic in its pesticide labs, however, so it responded to the local need by providing free tests on over 150 wells in the Knott area. Of those, about 85 percent showed detectable levels of arsenic. Less than 10 percent showed levels above EPA established safety levels.

"Each of the well owners in that latter category have been notified," said Davis, "and we are working with

these people to see if we can find a way to help purify their drinking water." Davis also noted a wider circle of samples, from Coahoma and Ackerly for example, have not shown detectable levels. "so the problem could be limited to the Knott area."

At a recent meeting in Austin, according to King, TDA and the Texas Department of Health presented test data they collected to the Texas Department of Water Resources (TDWR). TDA requested a more in-depth study of the ground water by the state's water agency.

"The Health Department promised us they would formally request a special ground water study by TDWR, and the water agency promised they would do it. We plan to continue to provide support on this effort through out field staff and lab capability," King said.

The Health Department conducts regular tests for toxic contaminants only in public water supplies. The Texas Department of Water Resources checks ground water for toxics when a problem is brought to the agency's attention. "If those cows had not died, no one would have suspected that we had a problem," King said.

The TDWR has expressed some concern it may not have sufficient staff or budget to complete a major study, even with Agriculture Department support, according to King. "We have received excellent support from the EPA on cases like this in the past, however, and I would hope they will come to our help if needed."

King also noted that EPA Deputy Administrator Alvin

Alm plans to release a new federal ground water program this month.

"Unfortunately, the EPA's new plan appears to leave the same gaps we have found in our state water quality programs. Rural water wells just fall through the cracks." TDA is preparing comments on the EPA plan. "At a minimum, I would hope we can get them to support a pilot-scale monitoring effort here in Texas, so we can assess the scope of our problems."

Borden County Stock Show Jan. 26, 27, and 28,

The Borden County Junior Livestock Show will be held January 26-28. This is approximately one month earlier than previous years.

The Market Lamb Show will start Friday's activities. The show will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be judged by Sam Kuykendall, County Agent from Menard. Sammy Yates, rancher from Tarzan, will judge the steer show which begins at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, January 28th.

The barbeque will begin at 12 noon on Saturday and will be followed by the premium sale at 1:00 p.m. The barbeque will be held in the Borden School Cafeteria. The sale will be in the county show barn.

Every one is urged to attend and support the 4-H and FFA members in Borden County.

Weighing of livestock will begin at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, January 26th. Livestock will be classified by Kyle Smith, County



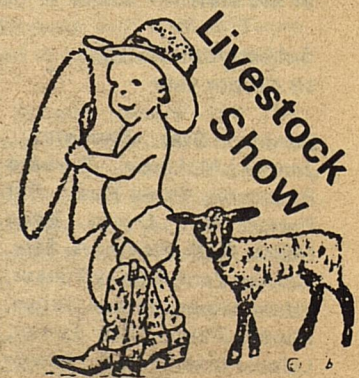
HIGH SCHOOL BETA ACHIEVEMENT-Back Row-Dana Gray, Mickey Burkett, Kelli Williams, Jeanette Massingill. Front-Tammy Miller, Roxie Wolf and Keith Martin.



Elem. & Jr. High beta achievement-Back Row-Shayne Kemper, Will Phinizy, Rachel Romero, D'Arceyanne Lemons, Kate Phinizy, Ralynn Key, Shelly Lewis, Hope Portales. Center-Randell Hollis, D'Lyn Lloyd, Kristi Adcock, Christi Holmes, Elvira Balague, Susan Gwinn, Monica Hicks. Front-Eric Lusk, Jason Sharp, Jim Ridenour, Cody Stone and Chad Williams.

Agent from Seminole, at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. The Barrow Show will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. Paul Gross, district director for the TAEX in Amarillo, will judge the show.

BARBECUE DINNER
Saturday, Noon



Borden County School News

Greenwood Jr. High 50, Borden 18

Will Phinizy and David Holmes scored eight points each and Randell Hollis added two points to close out the scoring as the Junior High team fell to a much larger Greenwood squad 50-18.

"David and Will played the best games they have had all year, but really we were never in the game after the first quarter", said Coach Frisbie.

Jimmy Rios and Jim Ridenour played defense well as did Billy Massingill; but could not match Greenwood's big men inside.

The team travels to Klondike on January 30th for another district game.



HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL-Kelli McPhaul, Kelly Williams, Kim Wills and Gerry Smith.



ELEM & JR HIGH HONOR ROLL-Back-Kate Porter, Martin Portales, Chad Conner, Kim Doyle, James Smith. Debra Adams, Mindy Williams and Felicia Romero.

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U.I.L. One Act Play Cast Selected

The Borden High School One Act Play team has been selected. This year's UIL entry will be, The Pot Boiler by Alice Gerstenberg. "It's a play within a play," explained Jan McCathern director. "I call the cast and crew the OAP team because crew, cast and understudies are all part of a team. Each has an important part to play in making the production a success."

The cast for this years play includes Tammy Miller, Kim Wills, Jeanette Massingill, Kirby Williams, Cathy York, Brice Turner, Doyce Taylor and Jerry Green. Understudies are Kristi Stone, Julie Ridenour, Sherry Vaughn, Brice Key and Mickey Burkett.

Crew heads are: stage manager-Kirby Williams, Costumes-Sherry Vaughn, Makeup-Shawna Vaughn, Props-Kristi Stone, Lighting-Simona Benavidez and Publicity-Julie Ridenour.

"When two students were equally qualified for the part, the upperclassmen received the part and the Freshman became the understudy. The Freshman still have three more years and being an understudy means in case the character becomes ill or something, they do the part. It's good experience to be an understudy first", Mrs. Cathern said.

Rehearsals will start next week after the stock show.



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HIGH SCHOOL HONORS

First Semester

Beta Achievement Honor Roll

Keith Martin	12	Kelli McPhaul	12
Tammy Miller	12	Kelly Williams	12
Roxie Wolf	12	Kim Wills	12
Jeanette Massingill	11	Gerry Smith	9
Dana Gray	10		
Mickey Burkett	9		
Kelli Williams	9		

3rd Six Weeks

Tammy Miller	12	Kelli McPhaul	12
Jeanette Massingill	11	Keith Martin	12
Dana Gray	10	Roxie Wolf	12
Mickey Burkett	9	Kelli Williams	9

JR. HIGH AND ELEMENTARY HONORS

First Semester

Beta Achievement Honor Roll

Shelly Lewis	8	Susan Gwinn	7
Will Phinizy	8	James Smith	6
Ralynn Key	8	Lance Telchik	6
Elvira Balague	7	Shane Kemper	5
Randell Hollis	7	Jason Sharp	5
D Lyn Lloyd	7		
Kate Phinizy	7		
Kristi Adcock	6		
Christy Holmes	6		
Jim Ridenour	6		
Rachel Romero	6		
Cody Stone	6		
Chad Williams	6		
Monika Hicks	5		
E Arceyanne Lemons	5		
Eric Lusk	5		

3rd Six Weeks

Shelly Lewis	8	Debra Adams	8
Will Phinizy	8	Felicia Romero	8
Ralynn Key	8	Mindy Williams	8
Hope Portales	8	Kate Porter	7
Elvira Balague	7	James Smith	6
Randell Hollis	7	Kimberly Doyle	5
D Lyn Lloyd	7	Chad Conner	5
Kate Phinizy	7	Martin Portales	5
Susan Gwinn	7		
Kristi Adcock	6		
Christy Holmes	6		
Jim Ridenour	6		
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Jason Sharp	5		



A forerunner of the modern computer was created in 1642 when Blaise Pascal built for his father a small machine that could add and subtract and was worked by geared wheels.



JUNIOR VARSITY TEAM WINS TOURNAMENT
 Back Row-Samantha Porter, Linda Sternadel, Dana Gray, Jeanette Massingill, Cathy York, Sherry Vaughn, Nancy Martinez. Front-Mary Washington, Cindy Balague, Dana Douglass, Lynn Sternadel, Julie Ridenour, Lesly Hicks and Mary Ortiz.

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS WIN TOURNAMENT

The J. V. girls traveled to the Klondike Tournament this past weekend and came away with championship honors. In the first game, Borden met Sands, a team they earlier had beaten by only 3 points. This time it was a different story as the Lady Coyotes completely dominated the Mustangs 44-26. Ten people got into the scoring column as all players saw plenty of playing time. Jeanette Massingill led the team with 10 points followed by Samantha Porter with 8. Nancy Martinez hit 5, followed by Cindy Balague, Cathy York, and Mary Washington with 4 each. Lynn Sternadel made 3 points and Sherry Vaughn Lesly Hicks, and Julie Ridenour each had 2. Borden led 13-4 at the first quarter and held a 9 point, 24-15 lead at halftime. But Borden outscored their opponents 14-2 the third stanza to hold a 38-17 lead

that was never threatened.

In the finals, the Lady Coyotes ran into a large problem against Midland Trinity. Under the basket for the Chargers was 6'1" Lisa Fairchild. She scored 15 of Midland's 19 first half points and held a 19-18 halftime lead. Borden's task was simple, take the ball away on the press before they got it down there to her. And the press worked as Borden forced many turnovers, outscoring their opponents 17-8 the last half. They in turn held Fairchild to 4 second half points. All fourteen players saw playing time with 8 getting into the scoring column. Jeanette Massingill once again led in scoring with 11 points followed by Nancy Martinez and Cindy Balague with 6 each. Cathy York hit 4, and Mary Washington, Sherry Vaughn, Samantha Porter, and Lynn Sternadel each had 2.

This was the final game of the season for the J.V. girls as they completed a 6-1 season record against J.V. squads with the lone loss coming against Greenwood.

They also had two close losses against varsity teams in the Borden Tournament. Members of this years J.V. team include: Juniors-Jeanette Massingill, Nancy Martinez, and Samantha Porter; Sophomores-Cindy Balague, Cathy York, Mary Washington, Lesly Hicks, Dana Gray, and Mary Ortiz; Freshmen-Sherry Vaughn, Kristi Stone, Lyn Sternadel, Julie Ridenour, Linda Sternadel, Dana Douglass, and manager Vicky Hicks.

Congratulations to a great year and a great win in the Klondike Tournament. Also thanks to the parents who supported the team and cheered them on this year. Thanks to the administration and faculty during this hectic time of year. And last of all thanks to the players who put in the time and hard work to make this year the successful one it was in Lady Coyote Basketball 1983-84!

1983-84 SCHEDULE RESULTS

Borden 33, Roby 32
 Borden 37, Loop 15
 Borden 32, Jayton Varsity 41
 Borden 35, New Home Varsity 49
 Borden 26, Klondike 23
 Borden 12, Greenwood 24
 Borden 23, Sands 20
 Borden 44, Sands 26
 Borden 35, Midland Trinity 27

Borden 36, Sands 46

Robin Hood led the Coyotes in scoring and rebounding against the Sands Mustangs; but, in a losing effort. Hood had 13 points and 14 rebounds followed by Keith Martin's four points and nine rebounds. Chris Cooley scored twelve points, Mickey Burkett five, and Kirby Williams two.

"We never got started in the third quarter of our last four games", said Coach Frisbie. The Coyotes have scored only twelve points in the third quarter of their last four games.

The Coyotes host Grady Thursday, January 19th.

Girls Win Two at Sands

The Borden County Lady Coyotes traveled to Sands Tuesday night and came away with two wins. The varsity raised its record to 16-1 and the J.V. raised its record to 4-3, 4-1 against other J. V. teams.

In the varsity game, Sands used slow down tactics which bothered the Coyotes for a while, but they came away with a 37-16 win. As a team, Borden shot 33 percent hitting 17 of 51 from the field, and individually, six of Borden's eight players were held under that percentage. Roxie Wolf led in scoring with 16 points hitting 7 of 12 from the field for 58 percent and 2 of 2 free throws for 100 percent. Simona Benavidez was the only other player hitting above 33 percent as she hit 2 of 4 for 50 percent. Other players scoring were Shawna Vaughn with 8, Kelly Williams with 6, Kelli Williams hit 4 and Shana Bradshaw added 1. Kelly

Williams led in rebounds with 9 followed by Roxie Wolf with 8 and Shawna Vaughn with 6. Roxie also led in steals with 5. Roxie, Shawna and Becky Massingill led in assists with 2 each.

In the J. V. game, Borden raised its district record to 2-1 with a 23-20 win over the Mustangs. In a not-so-great first half showing, Borden fell behind after two quarters 12-5, but came on in the next two quarters to outscore their opponents 10-2 and 8-6 to win with the margin of 3. Cindy Balague led in scoring with 8 followed by Mary Washington and Kristi Stone with 4. Sherry Vaughn added 3 and Samantha Porter and Lynn Sternadel each hit 2 for the total. Next game for the J. V. is in the Klondike J. V. tournament where they again meet Sands first round at 8:30 a.m.

Borden County 49, Grady 43

With three players scoring in double figures it still wasn't enough to bring victory for the Coyotes. Keith Martin and Chris Cooley had twelve while Robin Hood got ten points for a total of thirty-four of the forty points scored.

"Again we played hard and hustled well, but not to win which really hurt us," said Coach Frisbie.

Bric Turner scored four points while Mickey Burkett got two to finish out the scoring.

Borden County Boys JV, 42-Midland Trinity 26

The Junior Varsity Boys Basketball team captured the Consolation trophy at the Klondike Gym last Saturday with an impressive 42-26 win over the Midland team.

Jerry Green was the top scorer with thirteen followed by Mike Murphy with ten, John Stephens six, Tommy Soto, Mike Douglass and Brice Key had four and Doyce Taylor had one.

Borden VS Grady

The Borden County Lady Coyotes picked up win number 17 as they trounced the Grady Wildcats Thursday night 48-7. Borden got the tip off and went down and scored, Grady came back up the court and went into a four corner delay they stayed in the remainder of the game. While holding the Wildcats to only two field goals and three free throws, Borden showed a balanced attack with Roxie Wolf leading the way with 14 points. Shawna Vaughn hit 8, followed by Kelly Williams Becky Massingill, and Kelli Williams with 6. Shana Bradshaw and Simona Benavidez each added 4 to the total. Borden owned a 32-3 halftime lead and held Grady scoreless in the 1st and 4th quarters. As a team, Borden hit 23 of 47 from the field for 49 percent and hit 2

of 4 free throws for 50 percent. Individually, Becky Massingill led in field goal percentage hitting 75 percent followed by Simona Benavidez with 67 percent and Roxie Wolf with 60 percent. Roxie also led in free throw percentage hitting 2 of 2 for 100 percent. Shawna Vaughn led in rebounds with 6 and Shana Bradshaw, Roxie Wolf, and Shawna Vaughn led in steals with 6 each. Shawna and Kelli Williams led in assists with 4 each.

Season record for the Lady Coyotes now stands at 17-1 with a 4-1 record for the first half of district play. Borden will play at home Tuesday night against Loop in a non-district game before beginning the second half of district against Klondike this next Friday. Game time is 6:30.

School Lunch Menu

January 30-February 3, 1984

	Lunch	Breakfast
Monday	Corn Dogs Cheese Wedge Pork & Beans Pears Milk Salad Bar	Biscuit & Sausage Fruit Milk
Tuesday	Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes English Peas Fruit & Jello Hot Rolls Milk Salad Bar	Buttered Toast Fruit Juice Milk
Wednesday	Tacos with Cheese Shredded Lettuce Corn on the Cob Fruit Cobbler Milk Salad Bar	Biscuit & Gravy Fruit Milk
Thursday	Macaroni & Meat Sauce Green Beans Buttered Potatoes Cake Cornbread Milk Salad Bar	Toast & Jelly Fruit Juice Milk
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce & Tomatoes Brownies Milk Salad Bar	Cereal Fruit Milk

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Royalty Owners Win Fight With IRS

Austin--Oil and gas royalty owners have prevailed in a lengthy dispute with the Internal Revenue Service, the president of the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners (TIPRO) said.

Bruce Anderson, a Houston independent oilman, applauded the Jan. 10 U.S. Supreme Court decision that held the IRS cannot limit the tax deduction for depleted oil and gas resources to the value of the oil and gas actually produced in a given tax year.

"It shows the Supreme Court is willing to interpret the percentage depletion incentive in the way Congress intended," Anderson said. "Lawmakers intended to encourage the exploration and development of oil and gas lands."

The high court held in a 5-4 decision that independent holders of oil and gas leases may take the depletion deduction for cash bonuses and advance royalty payments received in exchange for the right to explore for and produce these resources on their property.

Even if such bonuses and royalties are paid in advance of production, the court said they should be treated as income and therefore eligible for the depletion deduction authorized by Congress.

"Royalty owners have won a great victory in a long-running battle with the IRS," Anderson said.

He said royalty owners should review their tax situations in light of this decision.

"We expect that many will need to file amended returns for years in which they received advance royalties or bonuses," Anderson

added.

The Supreme Court decision said that while deductions may be taken for bonuses and royalties paid on future oil or gas production, those deductions would have to be repaid to the IRS if production is never obtained from a lease.

Agriculture Research Lagging

"In many respects, our public agriculture system is going through a mid-life crisis," Rep. George E. Brown, Jr. (D-Calif.), a member of the House Agriculture Committee, warned at the recent Beltwide Cotton Production-Mechanization Conference in Atlanta.

"A very basic question is now on the minds of many people--how can scientific progress be stimulated and most efficiently harnessed for the benefit of farmers and ranchers, the natural environment, and consumers? This is a key question, and I assure you that no one has yet convincingly staked a claim to the answer," Brown added.

William B. Dunavant, Jr., Memphis, Tenn., chairman of Dunavant Enterprises, and Richard H. Courtney, Bank of America, voiced economic optimism during the meeting.

Dunavant said the future for U.S. cotton producers is much brighter than at anytime in the last 30 months. He predicted an increase in cotton exports due to dependability of the U.S. as a supplier.

Courtney said the economic recovery will continue in 1984 with agriculture benefiting from improved demand, although "real high interest rates will continue to have a pervasive effect on the economy."

More than a thousand cotton industry leaders, researchers, extension workers, and private and company representatives registered for four-day research and educational meeting. It was sponsored by the National Cotton Council in cooperation with other groups.



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School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in a regular session on January 23, 1984 at 8:00 p.m.

Routine business of minutes and bills was carried on as normal business.

A School Board Election was called for April 7, 1984 for the purpose of electing two members to the Board. The terms of Jack McPhaul and Jon Monger expire in April 1984.

Superintendent James McLeroy was given a new contract to include the years of 1984-1985, 1985-1986, and 1986-1987. The contract was approved unanimously.

The Board opened sealed bids for the purpose of purchasing a 65-passenger bus. The contract was awarded to Am Tran Bus Sales for a GMC bus in the amount of \$22,425.00. Other bids were as follows:

Company	Chasis	Body	Year	Bid
Am Tran	Chevrolet	Ward	1984	\$22,956.00
Am Tran	Ford	Ward	1984	23,925.00
Commercial Body Corp.	Chevrolet	Carpenter	1984	23,761.00
Longhorn Bus Sales	Chevrolet	Thomas	1984	23,720.00

Sealed bids were opened for the purpose of constructing a concrete slab for the bus shop. The bids were opened as follows:

Company	Bid
T. E. Shelburne & Son, Inc.	\$21,206.00
Alex Langehennig Construction	14,896.00
Concrete, Inc.	21,000.00
Cope Sand & Gravel	12,960.00
Vincente Olivarez Construction	21,976.00

The Board accepted the bid of Nolen Cope Sand & Gravel.

A year-to-date financial report was given by the Superintendent. Attendance was reported as 157 in elementary, and 58 in high school. The resignation of Sandra Graves was accepted. The Superintendent recommended and the Board approved the hiring of Kristen Prather as Social Studies teacher.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

JANUARY 1984

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 New Years Holiday	3 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls Hermleigh - There	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls Dawson - Here	7
8	9 4-H Meeting 2:35	10 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Klondike - There	11	12 Junior High Grady Tournament End 3rd Six Weeks	13 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Greenwood - Here	14
15 2nd Semester Begins	16	17 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Sands - There	18	19 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Grady - Here	20 Beta Club Convention	21 Klondike J.V. Basketball
22	23 4:00 p.m. Jr Hi Basketball Boys & Girls *Greenwood - Here	24 6:30 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Loop - Here	25	26	27 TEACHER WORKDAY 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Klondike - Here	28
29	30 5:00 p.m. Jr Hi Basketball Boys & Girls *Klondike - There	31 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls *Greenwood - There			DECEMBER 1983 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY 1984 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

HOUSE FOR SALE

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F.F.A. Youth In Houston Stock Show

Fourteen FFA members from Gail FFA are set to participate in the 1984 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, February 18-March 4. Early tallies of 1984 Show entries indicate that this year's Show will be larger than ever before, with more than 32,000 entries expected to fill the Astrohall during the two-week run of the Show.

"With new events added, this year's Show promises to be our best and most versatile ever," noted Don Jobes, Jr., Assistant General Manager. "It provides spectators with a truly unique opportunity to see some of the finest livestock anywhere, gathered all under one roof." New events include a dairy goat competition, a mule and donkey show and a miniature horse show.

Local entries include Phillip Benavidez, Mickey Burkett, Jerry Green, Brice Key, Charles LaRue, Keith Martin, Michael Murphy, John Stephens, Cam Stone, Kristi Stone, Doyce Taylor, Bric Turner, Sam Williams and Cathy York.

While the focus for the next few weeks will be on the Show as the world's largest livestock show and rodeo and an entertainment extravaganza featuring 21 star performers, Jobes pointed out that the Show is much more.

"The Show is the Southwest's premier charity event, where all our net proceeds go to support the nation's largest agricultural scholarship program and some 28 research programs at nine Texas universities," he said. "Additionally, the rewards for young exhibitors who've invested so much time into getting their animals ready for the Show can be phenomenal. The prestige of a Houston blue ribbon makes Houston the toughest showing competition in the world."

Premium monies available for open and junior show exhibitors top more than half a million dollars in prize money and in premium auction prices paid in excess of market value. Volunteer committee members of the Show line up auction buyers to insure that each junior market animal sold in the Show's four market auctions brings a price above the current market value of the animal.

And, as the Show holds the world's record price for all champion market animals sold at auction, it is evident that widespread community support translates into real dollars for these deserving young

exhibitors who come from all over Texas to enter.

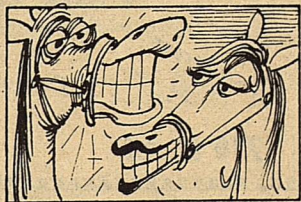
While the livestock show is in full swing in the Astrohall, the Houston Rodeo also is offering the biggest line-up of star entertainers in Show history. With 21 entertainers, rodeo fans are guaranteed of seeing a favorite star or two and at a price that rivals that of a night out at the movies.

Rodeo ticket prices have held firm at only \$4 and \$8, noted Jobes. "We make a point of offering the best family entertainment at a price the entire family can afford. And, to do that in 1984, we kept our ticket prices at 1983 levels and brought in more stars than at any other single event in the Gulf Coast area."

Stars for this year include Waylon Jennings and Lacy J. Dalton, Feb. 22; Ray Price and John Conlee in Feb. 23; Anne Murray on Feb. 24; Merle Haggard and Sylvia at matinee and evening performances on Feb. 25; the Oak Ridge Boys, at matinee and evening performances on Feb. 26; Gladys Knight and the Pips and the Commodores on Feb. 27; Roy Clark and Lee Greenwood on Feb. 28; and Janie Fricke and George Strait on Feb. 29.

On March 1, Conway Twitty and T.G. Sheppard; Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers Band appear on March 2; Charley Pride and Reba McEntire appear at matinee and evening performances on March 3; and the rodeo closes with matinee and evening performances on March 4 with Eddie Rabbitt and Crystal Gayle.

Tickets are on sale now by mail by contacting the Ticket Director, Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, P. O. Box 25395, Houston, Texas 77005-5395. Or, tickets may be purchased at any Ticketmaster or Ticketron Outlet.



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LOCAL FOLKS

Margie Toomb's Mother, Mrs. W. F. Conners is in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, room 705.

Jack Wolf underwent heart surgery in the Methodist Hospital in Lubbock recently. He was doing fairly well at last report.

Max Perry of the Vincent Community also had surgery in the Methodist Hospital recently.

Vernon Creighton is in the Lamesa Hospital

OBITUARY

Mrs. Olive Eller, Mother of Bonnie Sneed of Gail, passed away January 21, 1984 at the age of 86 years and 2 months. She had been a resident of Greer County Oklahoma since 1902. She moved there from Mobiette, Texas. She is preceded in death by her husband and 3 sons.

She is survived by 4 daughters: Bonnie Sneed of Gail, Edith Eller and Leona Bradley, Lawton, Oklahoma and Winnie Green of Downey, California.

Burial was in the Plainview Cemetary, under direction of Green Funeral Home of Mangum.

Flemish Stew
Carbonnade Flamande
1½ lbs. stew meat
2 tp. oil
2 tp. flour or corn starch

salt, pepper, thyme and laurel to taste

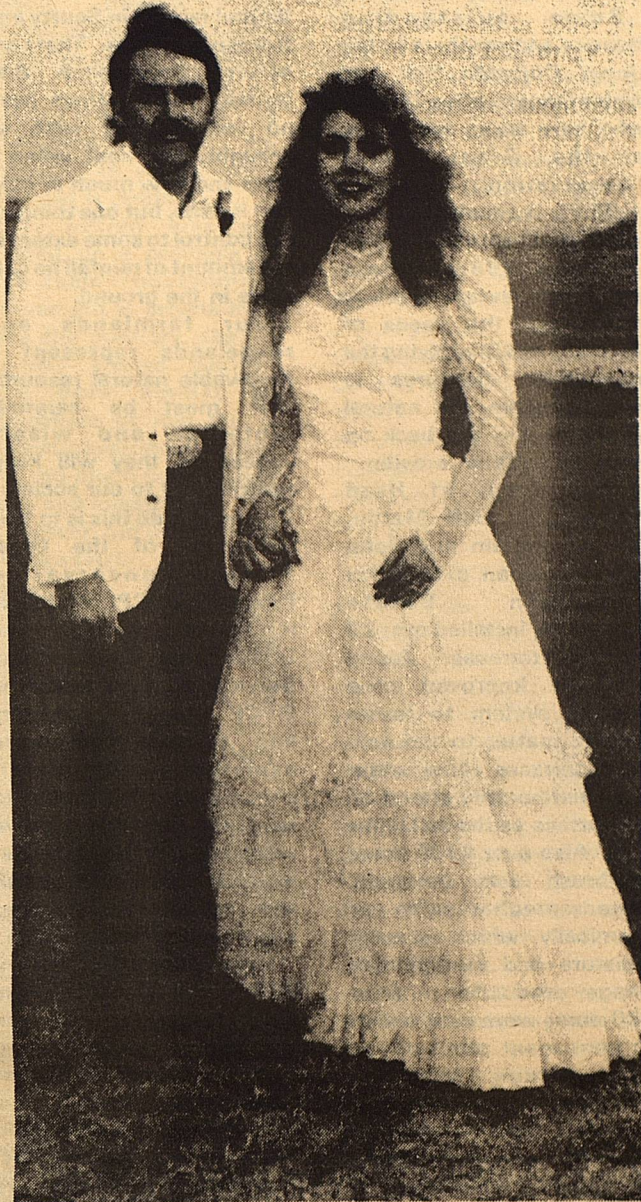
1 can beer (or water and 1 bouillon cube)

2 or 3 onions, cut in large chunks

4 or 5 carrots

Heat oil in large pan or stew pot. Brown onions, take out and reserve. Sear meat in same pan, return onions to the pan after meat is well browned.

Add carrots, salt, pepper, thyme and laurel. Add beer (or water and bouillon cube) to cover. Simmer for about two hours. Thicken gravy with flour or corn starch if necessary. Serve with boiled potatoes.



MARRIED ON CAPROCK—Becki Hall and Eddie Parks were united in marriage Saturday, Nov. 26, on the caprock on the groom's ranch in Borden County. Following the sunrise ceremony the couple was honored with a barbecue lunch and dance. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hall and the granddaughter of Ileta Hall and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Cochran. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Parks and the grandson of Mrs. George Parks and Rayolene Thompson. (Harley Bynum Photography)

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Some outstanding farmers and ranchers in the Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District who have taken advantage of the Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP) completed the terms of their contracts in December 1983. These men did an excellent job in recognizing the needs of their land and in applying the appropriate measures to help conserve the natural resources and cut back on wind and water erosion. Morris Head, of Head Frams, Inc., Jeff Martin, Billy R. Bynum and John Billy Koonsman, of the Alvin Koonsman Estate collectively installed over 27 miles of terraces. Along with an improved crop rotation system to return organic matter to the soil, these terraces allow water to be temporarily stored on the surface as the soil takes it in. Also over 4400 acres of brush was removed, either mechanically or chemically, which released moisture and sunlight for forage production. Over 800 acres were established to permanent grass cover, and storage facilities, ponds, water wells and pipelines were installed to allow livestock grazing to be more evenly distributed.

Farmers and ranchers who work without irrigation must do everything they can to get the most out of our

limited rainfall in Scurry and Borden Counties. There are natural phenomena that farmers and ranchers have no control over such as drought, hail, heat, when it rains and how much or how fast it rains, but one thing he can control to some extent is the amount of rainfall he can store in the ground.

Our farmlands and rangelands represent a renewable natural resource that must be carefully protected and wisely utilized so they will keep contributing to our society. One way to do this is to take advantage of the Great Plains Conservation Program (GPCP) offered to landusers through the USDA Soil Conservation Service. With the help of the GPCP program landusers can receive cost-share assistance to install conservation measures to reduce erosion and improve water conservation and use, which in turn, improves fish and wildlife habitat and water quality for everyone.

Morris Head, Jeff Martin, Billy R. Bynum and John Billy Koonsman did an excellent job in completing their work with the Great Plains Conservation Service. We, in the Snyder field office of the Soil Conservation Service, are proud to have been able to help each of them achieve their conservation goals.

Leasing VS Buying

College station...When a farmer or rancher needs new equipment or machinery, is leasing or buying the best option?

Dr. Ashley Lovell of Stephenville, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, has analyzed these options for some alternative data obtained from several farm equipment dealers.

Total net cash flow after taxes indicated a negligible difference between leasing or buying, Lovell says. However, after annual net cash flows were converted or discounted to present dollar values, buying was estimated to be \$383 less expensive than leasing for one set of data which was analyzed.

"However, one should not mistakenly conclude that buying is always less expensive than leasing," Lovell cautions. "Different assumptions about discount rates and income tax factors can significantly affect costs of the options."

Results of an analysis several years ago by Dr.

John Hopkin, professor of agricultural economics at Texas A&M University, indicated that the cash purchase choice was best at a low opportunity cost of capital, says Lovell. Hopkin also found that credit purchases were optimum over medium discount ranges and leasing was the most profitable method at high opportunity rates of return.

Lovell's study reveals that cost differences between various dealers representing various brands of equipment ranged as widely as differences between buying and leasing.

"In the 1980s, many producers may decide that leasing rather than traditional owning of equipment is the best alternative," says Lovell.

"They need to identify advantages and shortcomings of financial leases. Just as in financing equipment purchases, read and study the lease contract. Seek competent farm management, legal and tax advice before trying something new," he advises.



SHOWMANSHIP WINNERS — Brent Airhart, left, was awarded the Hail H. Derstine Memorial Award for overall showmanship at the Dawson County Junior Livestock Show while the Steer Showmanship award went to Brandon Harris, the Sheep Showmanship award went to Chris Staudt, and the Swine Showmanship trophy went to Kayla Gentry. (Staff Photo)

84 Farm Income to Improve

College Station---While it may not be a banner year for agriculture, 1984 should bring some improvement in Texas farm income over the depressed conditions of recent years.

"We could have a 10 to 15 percent increase in farm income over 1983," points out Dr. Carl Anderson, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Anderson sees an increase in farm earnings due to slightly higher prices, fairly steady production costs and continued improvement in demand for farm commodities.

"However, there is a dark cloud hanging over crop producers," contends the economist. "The potential for overproduction is there. It could take hold again and put farmers right back where they were a year ago--facing surplus commodities and depressed markets."

Government programs are offering farmers higher target prices and larger deficiency payments in 1984 which should boost cash flows for participants, notes Anderson.

However, the voluntary nature of the programs and the \$50,000 payment limitations will not entice enough farmers to participate so as to have a major effect on curbing production.

"Without doubt, farmers will be facing either tighter production controls or lower prices for the next several years," says Anderson. "At current demand, some crop acreage must be retired. However, the mood in Washington reflects a more flexible farm policy, less government control and market-oriented programs for the 1985 farm bill."

For 1984 farmers with strong management skills in producing, financing and marketing and with little or no debt should do well, says the economist. But agricultural lenders will tighten up on credit conditions, with the Farm Credit System and the Farmers Home Administration handling an increasing number of loans.

Ranchers, like farmers, should see some improvement in prices during 1984, notes Anderson. Reduced beef and pork supplies should help market prices along with an improved demand resulting from continued economic recovery. However, heavy marketing of culled dairy cows as a result of the new dairy program could dampen meat prices somewhat.

As far as land values are concerned, Anderson sees cropland prices stagnating or declining slightly, especially in price agricultural areas such as the Texas High Plains. But he expects Texas ranchland values to continue to advance faster than the rate of inflation.

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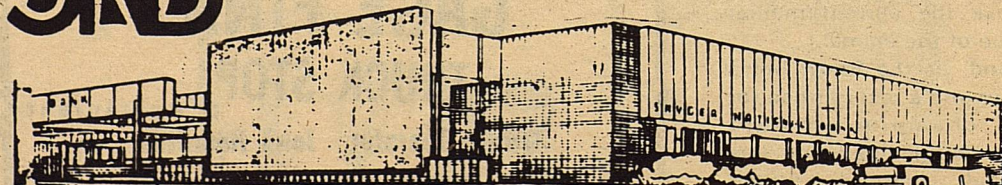
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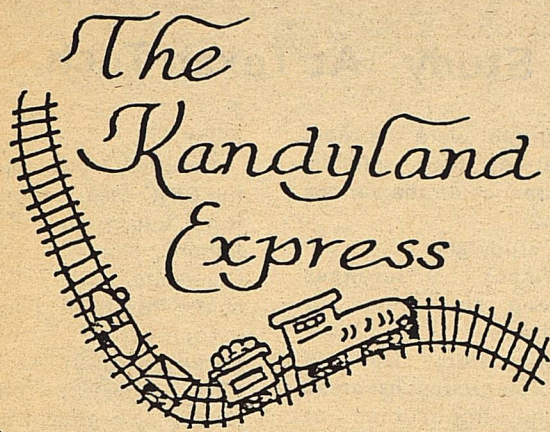
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Supermarket Success Strategies for Shopping With Coupons

Coupons can offer a real bonus for grocery shoppers. They can also cause shoppers to waste their money and time.

Coupons entice some shoppers to purchase products that give more convenience than they need, products they don't ordinarily buy, products with less nutrition for the money spend, and more of a product than can be used in a reasonable amount of time.

Remember that manufacturers use coupons to introduce new products and build brand loyalty, and grocers offer coupons to attract your business to their store. Coupons are a legitimate form of advertising. But, they are not always the best value.

Here are some tips for successful shopping with coupons:

Before you go to the store, do your "homework". Study the food advertisements and check your current food supplies. Shopping wisely with coupons requires a high level of price-consciousness in order to determine whether a product is a good buy or not.

Making a shopping list of the things you need and select coupons for the products on your list.

Once you get to the store,

don't buy a product simply because you have a coupon. Compare prices for the item, the item with a coupon, the store brand and the generic brand to determine which is the least expensive. Use the unit prices on the shelves to make this comparison.

Even with a cents-off coupon, a generic or store brand will often be less expensive, although you may want to purchase the national brand for special occasion dishes.

Eliminate "junk" foods if their only value is for redeeming a coupon. Just as with every other food purchase, read the nutritional labels on coupon items.

To make the most of coupons for products you need, combine coupons with store specials for additional savings.

Also, if the store offers double or triple coupons you can usually save more by buying several small packages of the same item rather than one large package, if you have more than one coupon.

Finally, watch for errors at the checkout counter, even with the electronic scanning systems. Make sure you are charged the advertised price rather than the regular price on sale items, and that your coupon savings are accurately deducted from your total.

Federal Spending Threat To Our Economy

By Donald T. Regan

In 1816, Thomas Jefferson wrote, "I place economy among the first and most important virtues, and public debt as the greatest danger to be feared."

For some years now, it seems Congress has paid little attention to that admonition. Spending by our federal government has reached excessive proportions. One in every four dollars generated by the U. S. economy goes to finance the national government. The trend of spending has been upward for some decades, but the growth rate in the past 20 years has been especially rapid.

For too many years Congress has been denying itself very little. Our legislators in Washington, whether for genuine but misguided reasons, or for political reasons, have virtually institutionalized high and potentially dangerous spending levels. And they have grown accustomed to being able to spend without too much protest.

But, they seem to forget that the check to pay for all their spending has to be endorsed by the American taxpayer. You are footing the bill, and accepting the risk, for what has become burdensome and dangerous spending levels.

The danger lies in the prospect of retarded economic growth for generations of Americans—your children,

your children's children and beyond. Instead of an outlook calling for growth and expansion, this country could face lessening opportunity and a diminishing chance for prosperity to which every American is entitled.

This nation was not founded on a principle of large-scale government involvement in private life. Quite the contrary, the 13 original "United States" were born amidst an atmosphere of fear that a national government would have too much control over states and individuals.

However, out of the Great Depression came a fundamental change in national policy—widespread government assistance and extensive involvement in private life. And given the circumstances of the day, that shift was popularly accepted.

The trauma of the 1930s changed attitudes about the role of government in private life. And the expanded role provided a springboard for those economic theories that advocated greater government spending to deal with recession.

Couple this with government's propensity to expand and control. Add the fact that there is no forced discipline on government spending (since government can simply borrow more or tax more) and you have the basis of our present problem.

I thank public sentiment

changed some years back as paychecks shrank due to larger tax bites. But, by then, this policy of seemingly endless spending increases was firmly imbedded.

To actually reverse that trend will take no less a fundamental change today than the change which began more than 50 years ago. It is going to take a courageous, selfless Congress to keep America on the path to economic health. Unfortunately, we have not seen enough of this courage. There is no indication that a majority in Congress is resolved to cut spending.

Without corrective actions, our economy will ultimately face terrible consequences. But we simply must act. I advocate some type of line-item veto or impoundment type of authority for the President. Currently, the President must accept or reject entire spending bills, even if he finds some of the spending unneeded or excessive. With a line-item veto or impoundment, he could hold back what is excessive while still accepting what is truly needed.

Forty-three of the nation's governors have this power. Mayors and county executives have it. Isn't it time the President of the United States had it?

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Critical Needs of Smaller Schools Outlined In Study At Texas Tech

Lubbock--Student motivation, a positive student self-image, teacher burnout, professional development and gifted and talented programs are the most critical needs of the nation's smaller schools, according to teachers and administrators.

The needs are cited in a national study, conducted and compiled by the National Center for Smaller Schools at Texas Tech University.

Dr. Weldon E. Beckner, director of the National Center for Smaller Schools, said there are numerous studies available on the needs of larger schools and educators have often assumed the needs would be the same for smaller schools.

Student motivation and self-image cited by small school teachers and administrators throughout the nation, may be needs in any school, Beckner said. However, in small schools teachers may place more importance on these needs because of their close contact with students. They may also be in a better position to do something to meet those needs, he said.

"In smaller towns, students often suffer from an inferiority complex. They don't feel they can achieve as well as someone in a big city, and they are facing a time of transition to the big city for college or work," Beckner said. "Their motivation and self-image are probably linked to this."

Dealing with teacher burnout is commonly mentioned in educational circles, but many believed it was not a problem in smaller schools, Beckner said.

The need for gifted and talented programs is probably linked to the small number of students in these areas needing such programs, he said. Larger schools, with more students, can better afford

to concentrate on such programs and have more staff and available resources to operate them.

The study questionnaire asked teachers and administrators to rank the importance and performance on about 100 items dealing with curriculum, instruction, administration, professional preparation and development. The differences in importance and performance established the areas of need.

Beckner said 10 of the 16 needs determined in the study deal with professional preparation and development, placing the burden of meeting those needs largely on institutions of higher education and training agencies and organizations. These needs included training in counseling students, conducting effective parent conferences, methods for individualizing instruction and training for classroom aides.

"Persons in the business of training should examine this study to see how it relates to schools in their areas, then work cooperatively with school personnel to plan pre-service and in-service programs to address those needs," Beckner said.

Regions and states represented in the study were Northeast: Maine, Massachusetts and Connecticut; Southeast: Kentucky, North Carolina, West Virginia and Mississippi; Southwest: Texas and New Mexico; Midwest: Michigan, North Dakota, Kansas and Wisconsin; and West: Oregon, Idaho and Nevada.

Responding to the survey were superintendents, principals and elementary and secondary teachers in districts with fewer than 1,000 students, secondary schools with fewer than 300

students and elementary schools with fewer than 15 students per grade.

Beckner said there were some general regional differences on the survey. Southwesterners perceived that the various items were significantly better performed in their schools than those responding to the survey from any of the other regions. Southeasterners,

as a group, were the most critical of their schools' performance on the various items.

The study also points out significant differences between the views of teachers and administrators, Beckner said. The groups disagreed on the importance or performance of about one-fourth of the items

surveyed.

The study is available from the ERIC Clearinghouse for Rural Education and Small Schools, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, N.M., 88003. For more information, contact Beckner at (806) 742-2391.

The study was partially funded by a grant from the Moody Foundation of Galveston

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While AT&T Communications does not want to increase its Texas rates, an increase would be required to recover the increased access charges AT&T Communications will have to pay to the local exchange telephone companies under several proposals pending before the Commission. These access charges at the proposed increased levels represent more than 80 percent of AT&T Communications' operating expense in Texas.

Accordingly, AT&T Communications, in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act and the rules of the PUC, hereby gives notice of the company's intent to implement a new schedule of rates for long distance calls within Texas. The proposed rates will be effective January 28, 1984, unless otherwise determined by the Commission. All customers and classes of customers would be affected by AT&T Communications' proposed rates.

If higher access charges are ordered, AT&T Communications has no recourse but to pay these charges and recover the costs from its customers as a cost of providing long distance service within Texas. AT&T Communications has filed rates which would mean a maximum overall increase in adjusted test period revenues of \$301.4 million, or 27.85 percent. This amount would help recover cost increases due to the proposed level of access charges now pending before the PUC.

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