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One-Act Play Advances

This past Monday night, the Borden County High School one-act play production of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was chosen as one of the two plays that will advance to the District 9-A One-Act Play contest to be held this Thursday, March 22, 2001.

The cast and crew of 19 students performed extremely well. The judge was very impressed with the talent our teenagers have and gave some excellent ideas for improvement. Receiving individual awards for acting excellence were the following:

D.J. Smith – Best Actor
Bekah Hensley – All Star Cast
Krystle Lee – All Star Cast
Jacob Zant – Honorable Mention

The district contest will be held at the Dawson I.S.D. auditorium in Welch on Thursday. Dawson High School's production of *Meet Me in St. Louis* will begin at 4:00. *Daddy's Dyin' (Who's Got the Will?)*, performed by Hermligh High School will follow at around 4:45.

Borden County is third in performance order and will take the stage around 5:30. Be there by 5:00 to be safe. Two-time, defending OAP state champion Highland High School will end the contest with their version of *Robin Hood*.

The awards ceremony and critiques will follow the closing performance.

Break another leg, Borden! Make Shakespeare (and Borden County) proud!

Combs says National Agriculture Week is a Time to Honor our Farmers and Ranchers

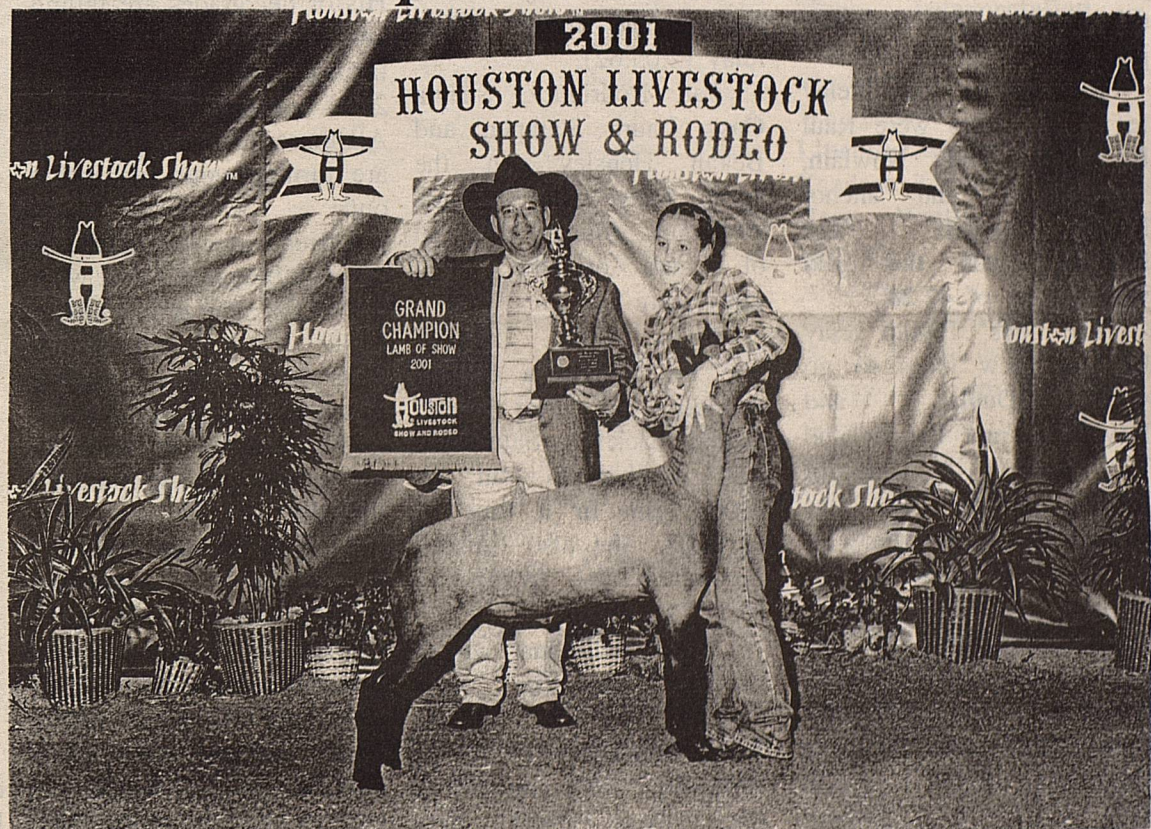
Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 18 to 24 is National Agriculture Week in Texas.

"During this week, we honor the farmers and ranches whose dedication and commitment to the land and people of Texas extends all year," Combs said. "National Agriculture Week is the time to honor the hardworking individuals in our state's food

and fiber industry. It is also a good time to recognize the impact that agriculture has on our daily lives.

"In this new millennium, Texas' farmer and ranch families face ever-increasing challenges. Yet, they continue to fulfill an enduring legacy that ensures people worldwide have an abundant, reliable and affordable supply of food, natural fiber,

Borden County 4-H member receives Grand Champion in Houston



Blue and LaShae receive Grand Champion in the Junior Market Lamb Show on March 1st at the 2001 Houston Livestock Show: Blue a 148-pound lamb, is owned and was shown by LaShae Johnson a seventh grader at Borden County Junior High School. She was excited about winning, saying only, "I think it's great."

LaShae is the daughter of Wendell and Cindy Johnson of Post. Wendell Johnson said, "This is our fifth year competing. We've put a lot of work into this and think it's great we were able to win."

"This was one of the most outstanding lambs I've seen," said judge John Cordeiro, professor of animal science at Fresno State University in California. "It's long-bodied, thick-made, but attractive, really structurally correct." "LaShae did a great job of feeding the lamb and putting it together as a whole package," Cordeiro added.

horticultural and other agricultural products," she said. The commission kicked-off National Agriculture Week in Texas with a proclamation signing Monday, March 19, at the

State Capitol.

Agriculture is the second-largest industry in Texas generating \$80 billion throughout the state's economy. The Lone Star leads the nation in the

number of farms and ranches, and approximately 80 percent of the land is involved in some form of agricultural production. From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle,

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Boys Win Both 400m and 1600m relays Coyotes, Lady Coyotes Capture Borden Relays Title

Borden High School's track teams added some hardware to the trophy case this past weekend with both the boys' and girls' teams claiming first in the Borden Relays.

The boys, riding the success of its two relays, scored 122 to outdistance Miami, who scored 96 points in the meet.

The Lady Coyotes finished strong in some individual events and medaled in two of three relays to finish with 87 points, just ahead of Grady (83 points) and Ira (78 points).

Running the sprint relay for the Coyotes were Raul Rodriguez, Cody Nowlain, T.J. Sharp, and anchor Rowdy Dunlap. The foursome won the gold with a time of 47.28.

The boys' 1600m relay had two new faces to go with Dunlap and Nowlain—Trent Pepper and T.C. Stipe. A time of 3:42.64 earned the boys another first place win.

Individual boys' performances are as follows: **Trent Pepper:** 1st in 3200m run (10:21.41), 1st in 1600m run (4:43.93); **Raul Rodriguez:** 4th in long jump (17'0"), 100m dash (13.27); **T. J. Sharp:** 2nd in discus (127'3"), shot put (35'10"); **Jacob Zant:** 2nd in 110m hurdles (17.23), 2nd in 300m hurdles (45.78/44.32 in preliminaries), 5th in high jump (5'10"); **T.C. Stipe:** 1st in 800m run (2:06.38), 2nd in 1600m run (5:03.22); **Cody Nowlain:** 5th in triple jump (3' 2 1/4"), 5th in 200m dash (25.40/24.98 in preliminaries); **Rowdy Dunlap:** 4th in discus (111'5"), 4th in 200m dash (25.25/25.01 in preliminaries), shot participant; **Dan Griffin:** 7th in 300m hurdles (51.47/50.70 in preliminaries), 100m

dash (14.12); **Evan Winegarner:** 400m dash (1:06.18), 800m run (2:40.05), triple jump (29' 9 1/4"); **Andy Lozano:** 400m dash (68.52); **Kyle Pinkerton:** 400m dash (1:07.81), shot put participant, discus (97' three-quarters inch), triple jump (32' 6 1/2"); **John Stamper:** 300m hurdles (51.28).

The Lady Coyotes managed their win even without a mile relay.

The girls placed third in the 400m relay (57.38) and second in the 800m relay (2:05.62).

Pati Rodriguez, Shayla Gass, Laura Stamper, and Bekah Hensley ran the sprint relay with Carolina Arellanos running instead of Laura on the 800m relay team.

Senior Holly Thomas, who has battled a thyroid problem all year long, battled back in Saturday's cold weather to win the 3200m run in a time of 13:56.08. She also finished second in the 1600m run (6.21.77).

Other individual performances for the Lady Coyotes are as follows: **Rika Copeland:** 1st in the shot (33'7 1/2") and 2nd in the discus (90'4 1/2"); **Bekah Hensley:** 3rd in both the triple jump (29' 8 1/2") and the 200m dash (29.84); **Dalene Kempf:** 3rd in the 3200m run (14:18.00) and 4th in the mile (6:37.93); **Krystle Lee:** 6th in the discus (68'11 three-fourths inches); **Jessica Ellison:** shot put participant; **Shayla Gass:** triple jump (25' 9 1/2") and 200m dash (33.16); **Carolina Arellanos:** triple jump (27' 1/2"); **Pati Rodriguez:** 200m dash (32.85) and long jump (12'4"); **Alexis Brooks:** discus (67' 11 1/2").

Coach Bobby Avery's teams will next see action March 24 at Highland.

Junior high track teams will travel to Highland Friday, March 23, for a meet.

ADHD: What is it?

You open the door to your child's room and wonder how you missed the tornado warning sign posted outside. His or her grades are falling and completing homework takes as long as deciding the 2000 presidential election. All these behavioral changes are turning your life inside out.

A friend suggests ADHD as the possible culprit. But what is ADHD? The physicians of Texas Medical Association want you to recognize possible signs in your child.

ADHD is an acronym for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, ADHD is defined as a "persistent pattern of inattention and/or hyperactivity or impulsivity that is more frequent and severe than is typically observed in individuals at a comparable level of development."

This disorder affects three to five percent of school-age children with boys leading the ranks. Although often not diagnosed until adolescence, ADHD symptoms must be present and have caused impairment before age seven.

"Many children are not diagnosed until after they start school because this is the first time that some children are required to sit down and be quiet," said Dr. Beverly Sutton, an Austin area child and adolescent psychiatrist.

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All District Basketball Athletic honors for BHS players

District 11A has named its all-district teams, and Borden High School is well represented on this year's squad.

For the Lady Coyotes and Coach Gailan Winegarner, three players were named to the first-team while two more were tabbed for the honorable mention group.

Senior Bekah Hensley and sophomores Micah Hensley and Bobbie Kempf made the elite team for 2000-2001.

Bekah, a guard, averaged 12 points a game, six rebounds, five steals, and three assists per game.

Her sister, Micah—who went down with an ACL injury in the third round of the playoffs—is a 5'9" forward who averaged eight points, seven rebounds, two steals, and two assists per game.

Another sophomore,

Bobbie helped the Lady Coyotes with her 11 points per game, seven rebounds, three assists, and two steals per game.

Junior Rika Copeland and sophomore Dalene Kempf were also named to the honorable mention team.

The Lady Coyotes finished the season with a 19-14 record and a trip to the state semi-finals in Wichita Falls.

Trent Pepper, senior guard, earned all-district honors for the boys' team coached by Rich Powers in 2000-2001.

Pepper averaged 18 points per game for the Coyotes but was also known for his defensive quickness and endurance.

Pepper's attention is now turned to defending his back-to-back state championship titles in the 3200m run.

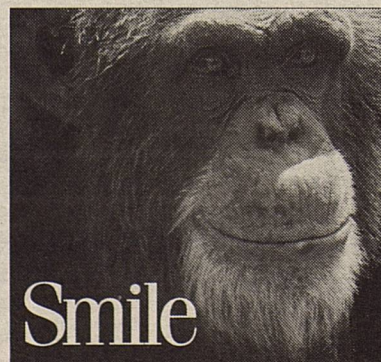
Hensley also named to Six-Man Assn. All-State Team Lady Coyote Senior to Play in All-Star game

Bekah Hensley, the daughter of Randy and Donnelle Hensley of the Plains Community, has been selected to play in this summer's All-Star basketball contest in Lubbock.

Bekah, the only senior on this year's playoff team,

was also named to the Texas Six-man Coaches Association Girls All-State second team.

Bekah is joined by another senior, Trent Pepper, who received second-team all-region honors from the same organization.



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Get Your Guns Up! Red Raiders fans might have learned a new definition for "Get Your Guns Up" if they had visited Borden County Elementary School last Friday. Kindergarten and first grade students ended their study on Texas history by dressing up for *Cowboy Day*. They watched a roping demonstration by 5th graders, Cutter Whipple and Brice Smith. Then they went outside to run stickhorse races and three-legged races. A highly competitive "Texas Trivia" game was completed before they devoured hot cowboy biscuits and honey. These students decided that everyday should be *Cowboy Day*. Pictured are Mrs. Smiths' kindergarten students and Mrs. Millers's first grade students: Front row (L to R.) Vivian Hernandez, Annie Elias, Teryn Soto, Celina Guerrero, Bethany Stamper and Lexie Peterson. Back row (L. to R.) Austin Fields, Austin Tyler, Lane Divin, Chance Taylor, Riley Smith Jacob Elias and Valerio Hernandez.

ADHD: What is it?

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Children with ADHD, find it hard to sit still for extended periods and tend to fidget, daydream, and "tune out" instead of focusing and listening. They often float from activity to activity without paying specific attention to anything and are more likely to misplace personal belongings.

They are hyperactive and distracted, and routinely procrastinate. They can also be inattentive, and disorganized without being hyperactive.

Making a Diagnosis

Children will be children and thus every child exhibits some of these behaviors at one time or another. To constitute ADHD, a child's symptoms must be frequent or more severe than in other children of the same age. They symptoms must affect the child's daily functions:

persist for an extended period; and occur in two or more settings – such as home and in school.

ADHD is challenging to diagnose because symptoms do not show up during conventional health exams and, furthermore, some physical and psychological problems imitate the symptoms of people with ADHD.

ADHD is known to coexist with other conditions such as learning disabilities, aggression, disruptive behavior, depression, or anxiety disorders. As many as one-third of children diagnosed with ADHD have coexisting conditions.

Diagnosing ADHD is something of a collaborative effort since parents, teachers, and caregivers usually observe the first symptoms. They may notice academic underachievement and fail-

ure, disruptive behavior, carelessness, problems with establishing and/or maintaining social relationships, and poor self-esteem.

Treatment Physicians prescribe antidepressants, anti-hypertensives (clonidine), and stimulants (Ritalin), in treating ADHD. Side effects of these drugs may include appetite suppression, insomnia, feelings of irritability, and weepiness.

Before a child diagnosed with ADHD begins a drug treatment regimen, the physician and parents should discuss treatment expectations. Behavioral strategies such as contingency management (point/token reward system), parent training (where the parent is taught child management skills), and clinical behavioral therapy (the parent, teacher, or both are taught to use contingency management procedures) may be suggested as possible treatment options for ADHD.

BHS Finalizes U.I.L. Entries

In the fall, Borden County elementary and junior high students brought home district champion U.I.L. Academic Meet honors.

Hoping to repeat that same feat, Borden County High School students and academic coaches are finalizing plans this week for the District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet to be held next Tuesday and Thursday.

Borden County is hosting the contest, which includes entries from the ten schools of the district in approximately 20 different contests. Schools competing with Borden County are Dawson, Grady, Hermleigh, Highland, Ira, Klondike, Loraine, Sands, and Westbrook.

Representing Borden County High School in the meet are the following students, organized by contest:

Accounting – Abby Flanigan, Shawna Kempf, & Holly Thomas;

Calculator Applications – Trent Pepper, Talin Pepper, John Stamper, & Kyle Pinkerton;

Computer Applications – Shawna Kempf;

Current Issues & Events – Ross Aten, Jacob Zant, & Clay John Anderson;

Literary Criticism – Tom Griffin, Andrea Lozano, Talin Pepper, & Dan Griffin;

Although clinical behavior therapy, parent training, and contingency management have been beneficial in treating ADHD, more significant outcomes have resulted from medication.

If you are concerned that your child is showing some of the symptoms associated with ADHD, talk to your physician. Early recognition, assessment and management of this condition can redirect the educational and psychosocial development of most children with ADHD.

Mathematics – Trent Pepper, Kyle Pinkerton, John Stamper, & Clay John Anderson;

Number Sense – Brionne Jackson, John Stamper, & Kyle Pinkerton;

Ready Writing – Tom Griffin, Andrea Lozano, & Micah Hensley;

Science – Jacob Zant, Jessica Ellison, & Bekah Hensley;

Spelling & Vocabulary – Bobbie Kempf, Dalene Kempf, & Kevin Ellison;

Informative Speaking – Michele Bond, Laura Stamper, & Kyle Pinkerton;

Persuasive Speaking – Trent Pepper, Jerry Hernandez, & Krystle Lee;

Poetry Interpretation – Krystle Lee, Laura Stamper, & Evan Winegarner;

Lincoln-Douglas Debate – Kandace Kimmel;

News Writing – Micah Hensley & Brionne Jackson;

Feature Writing – D.J. Smith & Micah Hensley;

Editorial Writing – Trent Pepper, Talin Pepper, & Micah Hensley;

Headline Writing – Ross Aten, Jerry Hernandez, & Micah Hensley.

School Menu

Week of:

March 26th – 30th

MONDAY: Beef taco pie. Pinto beans, salad, crackers, fruit & milk **Breakfast:**

Muffin, fruit, juice & milk

TUESDAY: Chicken, corn, green beans, hot Waffles, ham, juice & milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dog, salad, cheese potatoes, fruit crisp & milk **Breakfast:**

Sausage, biscuits, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Vegetable Soup, grilled cheese, pickles, pudding, & milk. **Breakfast:**

Cereal, toast, juice & milk.

FRIDAY: BBQ on a Bun, French fries, beans, brownie & milk. **Breakfast:** Pancake pup, fruit, juice & milk.



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Old Pete Goes to Washington

The city of Muleshoe has a statue of a mule next to the chamber of commerce office. It is a fiber glass replica of a mule named Pete. Some Muleshoe residents got the idea that Pete should go to George W. Bush's inauguration.

After all, George W. had been a friend of Gil Lamb, a Muleshoe broadcaster who was instrumental in getting the mule monument erected in 1965. Gil was also one of just a handful of Republicans around Muleshoe back then. Although Gil is no longer with us, his spirit is always with Old Pete.

The statue was loaded onto a truck that was picking up items for the inauguration and hauled to Washington. Big Events were ahead for it.

At the Texas Society's Black Tie & Boots Ball, one of the banquet rooms was transformed into the Muleshoe Martini & Cigar Bar. Not surprising, really, since Rick Myers, a former Muleshoe resident, now a Washington lobbyist, was in charge of the ball. Rick said the ball had been in the planning stage for eighteen months and during the last month he had worked on it full time.

About a dozen Muleshoe residents went to Washington for the festivities. The Mayor of Muleshoe, Victor Leal and his wife, Debbie were among them. On Thursday night prior to the festivities, Rick had the Muleshoe folks over to his house for a fancy party.

"It had all the good stuff," says Debbie.

"On Friday morning, Rick was interviewed on CNN," says Victor. "He talked

mostly about Muleshoe and Old Pete."

Old Pete was fashionable late at the ball because his ears wouldn't fit through the door. Some carpenter work and careful maneuvering had to be done so Pete could join the party. He was introduced with a fanfare and spotlight and escorted to the stage with great pomp and circumstance.

Pete's next appearance was in the inaugural parade. Victor was one of the people responsible for getting Old Pete to the parade staging area. Parade officials wanted everything read by 4 AM Saturday. That meant Old Pete had to be in place on the Texas float within a few hours after the ball.

"We changed from our tuxedos, put on jeans and loaded Old Pete onto a pickup truck for the ride to the parade area. It's freezing and drizzling rain. So here are all these guys from Muleshoe riding in the back of a pickup with Old Pete at 3 AM. It's really something to see the Washington Monument between Old Pete's ears. When we came to traffic lights, some people would look away, some would ask

Wildflower hotline available

Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways have help at their fingertips.

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) wildflower hotline (800-452-9292) gives callers information on the best spots to find wildflowers along the 79,000-mile Texas highway system.

To make it easier to find where the wildflowers are in bloom, callers may request information by seven different regions of the state. Those regions include Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney-Woods (East Texas), Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas), and Southwest Texas.

Information on the hotline comes from TxDOT's maintenance offices as well as form chambers of commerce and parks officials.

"The stage is set for an excellent crop of blue-bonnets," said Herb

us what we were doing. It's something I'll never forget."

Victor rode on the Texas float. He was the only Texas mayor to do so.

When it passed in front of George W., the President acknowledged with a wave and a smile.

Victor has photos and write-ups about Old Pete from newspapers all over the country.

Old Pete, the true celebrity of the Inauguration, is back on his perch in Muleshoe, greeting visitors as they come into town.

Neimann, TxDOT landscape architect. "The dry summer and unseasonably cool and wet winter have made excellent conditions for a colorful spring show of wildflowers.

Pete Krause, Abilene district landscape architect, concurs with Neimann. "With the moisture we've had, once we have a few warm days, we should have a good blooming season - the best we've had in several years," Krause said.

April is considered to be the prime blooming month of

wildflowers, according to Neimann.

The department's wildflower program is part of a comprehensive vegetation management program, which encourages the growth of native species that require less mowing and care.

Each year, TxDOT sows more than 47,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways and each pound contains at least 30 varieties of wildflowers.

The hotline will be active though early May.

It's Powwow Time!

The West Texas Native American Association is hosting their 9th annual Intertribal Powwow March 24th and 25th, 2001, at the Panhandle South Plains Fairgrounds Coliseum in Lubbock, Texas. This event is open to the public at 11:00 a.m. each day with an admission fee of \$3.00 for adults. Children under 12 are admitted free.

The West Texas Native American Association is a non-profit organization dedi-

cated to the education and preservation of Native American culture by raising public awareness of local Native Americans and promoting traditional ways of conservation. This powwow is a gathering of many tribes, coming together for the purpose of singing, dancing, feasting, selling and trading arts and crafts and upholding traditional customs. Intertribal powwows enrich cultural education and personal pride in all participants and visitors.

In Appreciation



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Warmer Weather Brings Con Artists

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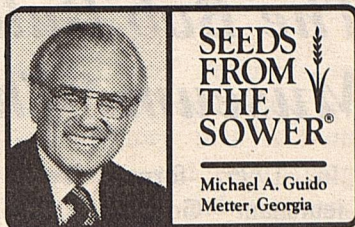
Before you pay money to anyone who uses this type of approach, and especially before you allow any unknown individual into your home, your Better Business Bureau suggests that you do the following:

- Obtain the name and address of the company that the person allegedly represents. If the person does not represent a known business and the circumstances suggests an itinerant contractor or sales representative, ask for references and contact each one.
- Get all details of the offer in writing can carefully review them. Make sure you understand everything the contract. Any

verbal promises should be included in the contract.

- Make sure the sales person has provided you with the proper "notice of cancellation" form as required under the FTC's "Three Day Cooling Off Rule" for contracts signed in your home.
- Verify that the contractor is properly licensed, bonded and insured.
- Determine how long the company has been in business and call your Better Business Bureau to determine the firm's customer experience record.
- If you have checked references and the company's reputation, and you decide to hire the company, make the check payable to the company and not to the salesperson or other individual's name. Do not pay in cash.

Remember, any legitimate company that wants your business will be more than willing to allow you the time to "check them out." Don't fall prey to high-pressure tactics such as "This is the only chance you have" or "by tomorrow the extra materials will be gone." If you have an expensive repair, be especially cautious of these offers. Obtain bids from several companies (the Bureau suggests at least



Early one morning the phone rang.

"I'm in a mess," cried the caller, "and I'm going to take my life."

"You can't take your life," I said kindly. "All you'll do is change your location from earth to hell, and that's much worse."

"What shall I do?" came the question.

"Suicide isn't the answer," I replied, "but the Savior is. He'll undo your tangles, solve your problems, calm your nerves, forgive your sins, and make you an overcomer - if only you'll receive Him."

"I will," came the promise. Won't you?

three). Don't always go for the lowest bid - in many cases, you will get exactly what you pay for.

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Igo was born and raised in Gunter, Texas. He was ordained as minister at North Baptist Church, McKinney, Texas, March 1951. Igo pastored churches in Grayson and Collin Counties in the early 50's after having served in WWII in the South Pacific. Subsequent to graduation from Decatur Baptist College and Austin College in Sherman, Igo moved to Lubbock, Texas in 1954 and has pastored thirteen churches in Texas and Colorado. Since retirement in 1987 Igo, known in Dawson County, Texas as the "Band-Aid Preacher, who helps churches in need", has served as interim pastor for twelve churches. Igo has also served on the Baptist General Convention of Texas executive board for six years and as



Clifton & Norma Igo


president of the executive board of the Colorado Baptist General Convention for two years. Still very active at 80, Igo continues to serve the Lord.

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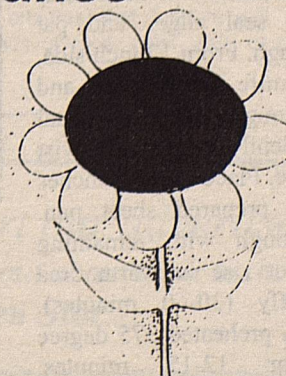
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National Agricultural Week

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Texas is the most diverse state in the nation in agricultural production.

"For generations, Texas farmers and ranchers and their families have worked hard to build an industry that accounts for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income. Texas is the nation's second leading state in agricultural production," Combs said.

Although agriculture provides a job for one out of every five working Texans,

less than 2 percent of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

"It is incredible when you think that only a small number of people produce our food and fiber, and many times do so against difficult odds," Combs said. "Yet they continue to produce a quality, cost effective product that serves people worldwide. National Agriculture Week gives us an opportunity to recognize those producers who continue to enrich our lives."

Create "Mall-Style" Cinna-Twists with Bridgford Frozen Bread Dough

Bake something special with very little effort. Make home-made Cinna-Twists (twisted cinnamon and sugar bread sticks) with the ease and convenience of **Bridgford Frozen Bread Dough**. The following recipe uses Bridgford Frozen Bread Dough with a butter and cinnamon filling for a delicious treat.

CINNA-TWISTS

- 1 loaf **Bridgford Frozen Bread Dough**, twisted
- 4 T. melted butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup chopped nuts (optional)

Lightly grease baking sheet(s); set aside. On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to an 8 x 12-inch rectangle. Spread dough with 1 tablespoons melted butter. In a small bowl, combine sugar, cinnamon and nuts. Evenly sprinkle mixture over dough. Fold dough in half, so that it measures 4 x 12 inches. Pinch to seal edges and pat down dough. From 12 inch side, take a knife or scissors and divide dough into 12 equal slices. Gently pull and twist each piece. Place twists 2 inches apart on prepared sheet pan. Brush dough with remaining butter. Let rise in warm area until puffy (30-60 minutes). Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for 12-15 minutes.



Cinna-Twists made with BRIDGFORD FROZEN BREAD DOUGH

Remove from oven and pan to cool on wire rack. Brush with

additional melted butter if desired.

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The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum "The Story of Texas"

In 1996, former Texas Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock shared his dream for a state history museum to be built in Austin, in the capital city of Texas. On April 21, 2001, the 165th anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, his dream will become a reality. The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, located in downtown Austin in the Capitol Complex, tells "The Story of Texas" through exhibits, object theaters, films and interactive

computer displays.

The State Preservation Board and construction management firm Thos. S. Byrne, Inc., are overseeing the construction of the Museum by Constructors & Associates, Inc. The Museum was designed by E. Verner Johnson and Associates of Boston with associate architect HKS, Inc. of Dallas. The exterior of the Museum is clad in Sunset Red granite (from the same quarry as the granite of the Texas Capitol) and is topped by a majestic cooper dome. Six sculpture panels on the front of the building evoke different chapters of the exciting story

of Texas, including Native American knowledge of the land, the aftermath of the Alamo, westward expansion of railroads and cattle drives, immigration and the growth of commerce, the oil boom and the challenge of space frontiers. Visitors can walk under a monumental 35-foot tall Bronze Star, the highlight of the Museum's Lone Star Plaza. The six flags of Texas, flying on 50-foot tall flagpoles, frame this spectacular entry to the Museum.

The Museum's expansive lobby features a dramatic, four-story rotunda with a stunning granite staircase. A

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unique 40-foot diameter terrazzo design in centered I the floor of the rotunda. The intricate design by Robert T. Ritter incorporates 47 colors to depict a campfire scene with enduring themes from Texas' past. Circling the perimeter of the design are the words: Born Around the Campfires of Our Past - The Story of Texas. As visitors pass through the rotunda, they enter the Grand Lobby and stand on a polished granite map of Texas, which is approximately 50 feet in diameter.

The third floor of the Museum focuses on the theme "Creating Opportunity." Exhibits trace the history of ranching, opportunities on the land, how oil changed Texas, Texas in the nation and new frontiers in space, medicine and technology. In a special theater called "Connecting Texas," Museum visitors enter a replica of the old Abilene rail station, where they can vote to "go" to one of nine different Texas destinations. Also located on the third floor, the "Cowboy Theater," featuring a circa 1940 "Texas" theater sign from Sherman, Texas, compares the mythical Hollywood image of cowboys to the gritty reality. Nearby, Walter Cronkite narrates a video presentation on how oil changed Texas, shown in a circular "Oil Tank Theater," complete with antique oil company memorabilia. A wooden oil rig, an AT-6 "Texan" airplane, Neil Armstrong's space suit, and even a 1965 Braniff Airlines stewardess uniform are all on display on the third floor, along with a special audiovisual exhibit on Texas music and sports.

The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum also features a 60-foot digital Texas Timeline. Individual computer monitors connected to the Timeline allow visitors to explore different subjects of interest in Texas history. A unique computer center,

"Destination Texas History," located at the Museum's third floor rotunda level, gives visitors free access to information about other history museums, historic sites and archives across the state.

In addition to the permanent exhibit space, a temporary exhibit gallery occupies 7,000 square feet of the first floor. The gallery will open with "It Ain't Braggin' If It's True" - an exhibit that brings to life the legendary pride of Texas through seldom-seen artifacts that celebrate Texas, its symbols, its people and their accomplishments.

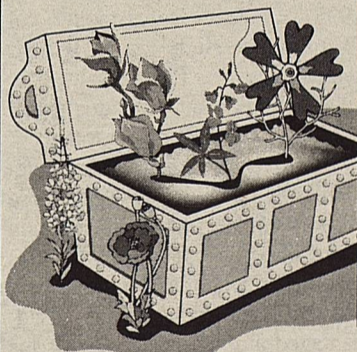
The exhibits at The Bob Bullock Texas State History

Museum are designed to provide an experience of Texas history that is both educational and entertaining for all ages and interests. Admission to the Exhibit floors are free to anyone age 18 and under as part of the Museum's educational mission. A non-collecting institution, the Museum works with over 100 statewide and national historical organizations and private individuals to spotlight artifacts that complement the exhibits' themes. With a diversity of exhibits and state-of-the-art interactive experiences that tell "The Story of Texas," The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum will serve as a testament of Texas' past and an inspiration to its future.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Texas Treasures

Texas is home to more than 5,000 species of wildflowers, and, due to plentiful fall and winter rains, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department predicts this spring will be one of the best for wildflower sightseeing. Texans can visit the following state parks between mid-March and mid-May for a peek at the flowers in full bloom:



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Lake Colorado City (near Colorado City)	yellow evening primrose, white spectacle pod, yellow woollywhite
Tyler (Tyler)	azalea, magnolia, fleabane, spider lily
Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley (near Mission)	sand verbena, sleepy daisy, wild phlox, huisache daisy
Big Bend Ranch (near Lajitas/Presidio)	bluebonnet
Franklin Mountains (El Paso)	California poppy

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Boll weevil foundation announces new employees

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication foundation recently announced the hiring of several supervisors who will help direct the eradication effort in Texas.

In the newly created Northern High Plains zone, Trent Parish has been selected to be assistant zone manager.

Parish, a fourth-generation, grew up in Springlake. He joined the foundation in 1999 as a field unit supervisor and was promoted to district supervisor the next year. Parish will complete a degree in agriculture business administration at Wayland College in Plainview in May.

The Northern High Plains zone encompasses Hale, Floyd, Swisher, Briscoe, Armstrong and Randall counties in the Texas Panhandle. Wes Jones is the zone manager.

The Southern High Plains/Caprock zone, also newly created, comprises more than a million acres of cotton, and two assistant zone managers will join zone Manager Patrick Burson in directing operations for the zone.

Michael Hester, originally from Rochester, has been with the foundation since 1996, working as a field unit supervisor before becoming assistant zone manager in the Western High Plains zone.

Hester has an associates degree in farm and ranch

management from Vernon College, spent several years working on a cotton farm, and worked in a variety of agriculture-related businesses before joining the foundation.

The SHP's other assistant zone manager is Charles Scarborough. Scarborough is part of a management team that oversees farm operations in Floyd and Hale counties. He is also Co-owner of a seed business.

Scarborough was born in Lubbock and grew up in Petersburg. He received a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech in 1967.

In addition to his agriculture background, Scarborough worked for Texas Instruments for 18 years in production and financial planning.

The SHP zone is composed of Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, counties, most of Crosby county and parts of Lynn and Garza counties above the Caprock.

Barbara Jones has been named zone manager for the Northern Rolling Plains zone, replacing Joey Hogan, who is the assistant zone manager in the Southern Blacklands is Michael Marugg.

Joining Hogan as the zone manager for the newly created Southern Blacklands zone.

Jones is a Childress native who has farmed cotton for 30 years. She joined the foundation in 1999.

Marugg, who hails from Stamford, joined the foundation in 1996, working part time as a ground observer. The next year, he became an environmental monitoring specialist and has also worked as a field unit supervisor and a field unit manager.

He grew up on a farm and has worked with chemical application business. He received a degree in agricultural business from Tarleton State University in 1993.

The Southern Blacklands zone covers 65 counties in Central and East Texas.

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Public notice bills threaten tradition

Texas has for decades worked to fully inform its citizens by requiring that public notices be printed in local newspapers.

Several bills now before the Legislature threaten that tradition of publishing important notices while allowing exclusive publication on the Internet, at the option of state and local governments.

There is nothing wrong with using the Internet to expand public notice. That's already happening without much prompting by the state. However, for the foreseeable future, newspapers remain vital to the process of public notice.

The bills are S.B. 872 by Jon Lindsay (R-Houston) and S.B. 853 by Sen. Chris Harris (R-Arlington). Lindsay's bill would allow for Internet posting of public bid notices. Harris' bill is more sweeping and would allow publication on the Internet of all public notices required by state law.

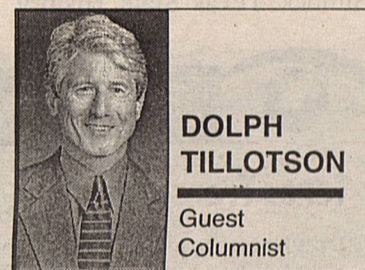
In both bills, electronic publication could be instead of, not in addition to, publication in newspapers.

Let's say up front that newspaper publishers likely would lose revenue because of the change. However, for most daily newspapers, legal advertising represents a small percentage of revenue, usually much less than 5 percent. The percentage for weekly newspapers is higher.

The real losers if this legislation passes would be the public.

In this debate, it is essential for all to understand the underlying purpose of such advertising; it is not just functional, aimed only at public officials and contractors who do business with the government. It is for everyone.

All citizens have a right to information about public bidding, meetings, tax foreclosure sales, and



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adoption of new tax rates and budgets.

The fact is, not enough Texans have Internet access or use what they do have — at least not yet. A 1998 U.S. Department of Commerce study set Texas's statewide rate of access at only about 24.5 percent. Admittedly, that likely is somewhat higher today.

However, there remains an undeniable digital divide between those who have access to the Internet and those who don't. It appears obvious that those without Internet access are the most economically disadvantaged among us. Access also is much lower in rural than in urban areas.

The best data available seems to be a June 2000 report titled "Government Services and Computer and Internet Use in Texas," compiled by the University of Texas. It concludes that about half of all Texans have at least limited Internet access, but fully half the polling sample agreed "the Internet is insufficiently available across the state to rely on it for providing government services."

Simply put, allowing Internet-only posting would put such information off-limits to all who do not possess the money, the skills and training, the hardware or software to surf the net. That's a bad idea.

It's an even worse idea when one considers how newspapers still may serve in this area.

Habit is an important part of what newspapers offer. The state of Texas has invested millions over the years in training citizens to look for public notices in their local newspaper. We should not toss this aside without a great amount of planning and thought.

Further, a majority of Texas newspapers already have their own Internet presence. The Texas Press Association reports that more than half of the state's 550 newspapers have Internet editions. Of those, 111 Texas newspapers currently are posting legal notices to the Internet.

In many cases (including The Galveston County Daily News), legal posting on the Internet is a free service offered to enhance the value and reach of legal advertising published in the paper.

Surely there is a way to harness the power of a print-Internet partnership to serve the people of Texas better.

Some in the Texas Legislature may relish the notion of taking a small amount of revenue away from their local newspaper.

Others may sincerely believe the state should make more and better use of Internet technology. It is hard to argue with that notion. It's also logical, however, that expansion onto the Internet should be phased and appropriate to the growth in genuine Internet access and use.

The bills on the table today could essentially end access to huge quantities of public information for all but our most technologically advanced — and wealthiest — citizens.

It is an idea whose time has not come.

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