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Nutrition Advertising Targets Texas Health Professionals

Texas doctors and other health professionals will learn more about beef's nutritional benefits thanks to a print advertising campaign funded by the \$1 beef checkoff program.

The "Everyday Hero" campaign advises health professionals that beef is a solution for busy moms who need key nutrients to help them get through the day.

The Texas Beef Council (TBC) placed full-page ads in the April issue of the Texas Medical Association's *Texas Medicine* and in the April, May and June issues of *Texas Family Physician*, the official journal of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians. The two journals have a combined monthly circulation of 38,000 health professionals.

The National Cattlemen's Beef Association ran the same ads in national medical journals starting in December.

While the national ads will reach 80 percent of the nation's primary care physicians, the Texas ads will reach more than 87 percent of the state's licensed medical practitioners. In this way, the state-national nutrition partnership assures that a large

majority of doctor's nurses and dietitians will receive the information more than once.

"Health professionals are re-thinking their recommendations about beef and diet, thanks to the beef checkoff program." Said Danny Evans, chairman of TBC's domestic marketing

committee. "The nutrition information provided by beef's ads helps doctors and nurses understand why beef's dietary benefits are essential for daily life."

Evan said the checkoff nutrition ads are the latest step in a 10-year effort to provide beef's factual bene-

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Car sales by unlicensed dealers cost consumers more than just money

Consumers in the market for a used car need to be careful with whom they deal with or they could be buying a lot of trouble, according to state motor vehicle officials.

Potential problems resulting from buying a car from an unlicensed seller could range from purchasing a stolen car to getting stuck with a damaged vehicle needing costly repairs to not being able to get a clear certificate of title.

The problem, according to investigators with the Texas Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division, involves people selling cars to which they don't possess

the title. In other cases, the seller fails to transfer the title into their name and is engaging in business without a motor vehicle dealer's license. It is a growing crime that state and local officials are cracking down on.

A recent two-day sting operation in San Antonio - dubbed "Operation Alamo Lookout" - resulted in 58 transportation code citations being issued to unlicensed individuals, recovery of stolen motorcycle parts and one arrest. The citations, all of which are punishable by a fine up to \$5,000, are usually issued for selling vehicles without a motor

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Easter Egg Safety Kid's Nutrition



Question: Are the eggs collected during Easter egg hunts safe to eat?

Unless you know they have been handled -, it's best to treat colorful Easter eggs as disposable decorations, not food, said Janice Baranowski, a research dietitian with the USDA/ARS Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Most people are aware that raw and undercooked eggs pose a food-poisoning risk. But few realize that hard-cooked eggs are also very perishable and need to be treated with care.

Eggshells are very

porous, which is why most commercially produced eggs are coated with a thin protective layer of mineral oil. Cooking removes this coating, leaving hard-cooked eggs vulnerable to bacterial contamination.

Although the risk of food-borne illness from hard-cooked eggs is small, the following precautions will help keep Easter eggs safe to eat:

1. Remember the two-hour rule: Two hours is the maximum total time that a perishable food

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Parents Club Pre-School Easter Egg Hunt



There will be a Pre-school Easter Egg Hunt Thursday, April 20th, at 2:45 P.M. At the Borden Co. Park Pavilion. Please bring 1 dozen Candy Filled Eggs

Hope to see you there!

The Journey is Over B.H.S. One-Act Play Season Ends

Despite an almost flawless performance, the cast and crew of the Borden County High School One-Act Play saw their season end last Thursday night in Eden at the Area One-Act Play contest. After advancing from the Zone and District contests and receiving many individual acting awards along the way, the play had high hopes of advancing to regional competition.

The B.H.S. production of Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's *Into the Woods* shined proudly at the contest, which included several of the state's top 1A One-Act Play programs. Defending state champion Highland High School advanced from the contest with its production of *Becoming Memories*. Perennial One-Act Play power Eden also advanced to regional competition with its performance of *Dearly Departed*. Trent High School, who has won state several times in the last 10 years, produced *Assassins* and was named as the alternate play to the regional contest. Also in the contest were Menard High School and Dawson High School.

Receiving individual acting awards from Borden County were Krystle Lee and Justin Lawrence. Lee was named to the All-Star Cast (ASC), while Lawrence was placed on the Honorable Mention ASC.

The cast and crew of the Borden County production, their characters, and their awards from this year are:

Seniors—

Hailey Adcock (Cinderella's Stepmother); **Joseph Hardman** (Narrator/Mysterious Man)—Zone, Honorable Mention ASC; **Shawna**

Ellison (Light Technician); **Justin Lawrence** (Wolf/Cinderella's Prince)—Zone & Area, Honorable Mention ASC; and **Erica Schooler** (Little Red Ridinghood)—District, Honorable Mention ASC.

Juniors—

James Bond (Jack); **Abby Flanigan** (crew); **Tom Griffin** (crew); **Bekah Hensley** (Baker's Wife)—Zone, Best Actress and District, ASC; **Kandace Kimmel** (Jack's Mother); **Krystle Lee** (Cinderella)—Zone, Honorable Mention ASC; District, Best Actress; Area, ASC; **D.J. Smith** (Baker)—Zone and District ASC; and **Holly Thomas** (Witch)—Zone, ASC, and District, Honorable Mention ASC.

Sophomore—

Cody Nowlain (Rapunzel's Prince).

Freshmen—

Carolina Arellanos (Sound Technician); **Michele Bond** (Rapunzel); **Oralia Galicia** (Granny); **Micah Hensley** (Florinda); and **Laura Stamper** (Lucinda).

Congratulations to all who were involved in this year's One-Act Play. You made the journey so exciting and memorable.

A special thank you also goes to all of the parents and families that traveled the long distance to Eden to support the production.

With a strong cast and crew of veterans returning and an experienced group of eighth graders coming up from this year's district champion Junior High One-Act Play, next year should to be another exciting adventure for the Borden County High School One-Act Play program.



U.I.L. Academic Teams Prepare for Regional Meet

Competition set for this weekend

The time: This weekend. The place: Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. The cost: Lots of hard work. The reward: A trip to the U.I.L. Academic State Meet in Austin in three weeks. Stepping up to the challenge: Borden County High School U.I.L. Academic Teams.

Borden County High School students are finalizing their preparation materials this week as they anticipate good results from this weekend's U.I.L. Region II-A Academic Meet. Ten students, three alternates, and several sponsors will make their way to Abilene's Hardin-

Simmons University for the meet. These students have earned the opportunity to compete in this contest via a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place individual finish or a 1st place team finish at the District 9-A U.I.L. Academic Meet held two weeks ago at Wellman-Union High School.

Entered in the U.I.L. regional competition from B.H.S. are:

Calculator Applications:

Trent Pepper

Current Events Team:

Ross Aten

Nick Flanigan

Robert Stamper

Ryan Sanders, alt.

Literary Criticism Team:

Tom Griffin

Joseph Hardman

Erica Schooler

Valerie Wootan, alt.

Mathematics:

Trent Pepper

Persuasive Speaking:

Trent Pepper

Prose Interpretation:

Bekah Hensley

Ready Writing:

Tom Griffin.

Good luck to all of the competitors! Best wishes for an excellent showing at the regional meet.

Menu

Lunch: \$1.00 K-6th.

\$1.25 7th-12th.

Breakfast: .50c

April 10-14, 2000

MONDAY: Enchiladas, Mex. Bean Salad, Rice, Tortilla Chips, Fruit & Milk

Breakfast: Eggs & Cheese English Muffin, Juice & Milk

TUESDAY: Ham, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Sweet Potatoes, Bread Stick, Pudding, & Milk

Breakfast: Cinnamon Rolls, Fruit, Juice & Milk

WEDNESDAY: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Salad, Toast, Fruit Crisp & Milk

Breakfast: Pop Tarts, Fruit, Juice & Milk

THURSDAY: Hamburger, French Fries, Salad, Cup, Cake & Milk

Breakfast: Eggs & Ham, Toast, Juice, & Milk

FRIDAY:

**NO SCHOOL
EASTER HOLIDAY**



Brandon Adcock

Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the **Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship**. Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 15th, 2000. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

Brandon Adcock Memorial Scholarship Committee

P.O. Box 95,

Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School Community evidence by their respective moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and scholastic achievement.

Recipients must be a candidate for graduation or be a former graduate from Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/southern association accredited college, university, or post secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The selection committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the selection committee.

Complete selection authority has been delegated to the selection committee by the Brandon Adcock Family, and the committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations and formalities in order to select the candidates that the committee feels is most deserving.

H.S. Track Teams Continue District Championship Streaks – Four in a Row for both Boys and Girls

It wasn't the same kind of overwhelming victory. Both had to scramble and claw for points. But, in the end, the result was the same: the District 9-A track titles in both boys' and girls' divisions were captured by Borden High School.

This was the fourth year in a row for Borden County to win the girl's and boy's district track championship.

This is pretty impressive stat when one considers the strength of this district—Sands, Grady, and Wellman—all with potential state qualifiers in the past.

Coach Bobby Avery (girls) and Coach Trey Richey (boys) have worked hard to develop this track program that just a few years ago saw only a handful of students participate.

Borden High School hosted the district meet last Friday in what turned in to a rather windy day—morning temps and times were low, but as soon as the cold front hit, a noticeable change in conditions took place.

Qualifiers to the area round—those who finished in the top four slots—will compete Thursday, April 13, in Wellman at a qualifiers' meet. Area competition is slated for April 20 at Abilene Wylie. Regionals are set for April 28 and 29 at Abilene Christian University.

Teams totals for the girls' division are as follows:

BHS	158 points
Well.-Union	99 points
Ira	67.5 points
Dawson	60 points

Team totals for the boys' division are below:

BHS	135
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Sands 131

Area qualifiers are listed below as well as district track meet participants:

AREA QUALIFIERS
Crystal Dye: 2nd in 100m hurdles, 3rd in 300m hurdles; **Julie Mayes:** 3rd in 400m dash, 1st on mile relay; **Bekah Hensley:** 2nd in 200m dash, 2nd in 100m dash, 2nd in long jump, 1st on mile relay; **Holly Thomas:** 1st in 3200m run, 1st in 1600m run; **Valerie Wootan:** 1st on mile relay, 2nd on 800m relay; **Rika Copeland:** 1st in shot put, 4th in discus, 2nd on 800m relay; **Carolina Arrelanos:** 4th on sprint relay; **Kylia Culp:** 2nd in 800m relay, 4th in 400m relay; **Micah Hensley:** 1st in 300m hurdles, 4th in 100m hurdles; 1st on mile relay; **Bobbie Kempf:** 2nd in 1600m run, 3rd in 3200m run; **Dalene Kempf:** 4th in 3200m run; **Pati Rodriguez,** 2nd on 800m relay, 4th on sprint relay; **Laura Stamper:** 4th on sprint relay.

OTHER POINTS SCORED FOR THE LADY COYOTES:
D. Kempf: 6th, 1600m run; **Wootan:** 5th in 800m run; **Stamper:** 6th, 300m hurdles.

OTHER EVENTS
Valerie Wootan, discus; **Laura Stamper,** 100m hurdles; **Jessica Ellison,** 100m dash, shot put; **Krystle Lee,** shot put; **Kylia Culp,** 200m dash and long jump; **Pati Rodriguez,** 100m dash; **Carolina Arrelanos,** 200m dash; **Michelle Bond,** 400m dash; **Tahnee Sanches,** discus.

PERSONAL BESTS
Bekah Hensley
 200m dash

27.46
 100m dash
 13.07
13 of 17 Lady Coyote team members qualified for area competition.

AREA QUALIFIERS BOYS
Ramon Griffin: 3rd in pole vault (9'6"); **Joseph Hardman:** 1st in 200m dash (23.80), 2nd sprint relay (46.70), 1st mile relay (3:44.27); **Robert Stamper:** 4th in 110m hurdles (15.93), 1st in mile relay; **Tom Griffin:** 1st mile relay; **Lee Pepper:** 2nd in pole vault (10'6"); **Trent Pepper:** 1st in 3200m run (10:12.13), 1st in 1600m run (4:39.91), 1st mile relay; **Payton Brown:** 3rd in 800m run (2:18.41); **Rowdy Dunlap:** 2nd 400m relay (46.70); **Ed Rodriguez:** 2nd in triple jump (39'1/4"), 2nd 400m relay (46.70); **T.C. Stipe:** 1st in 800m run (2:05.48), 1st in 400m dash (53.38), 1st mile relay (3:44.27); **T. J. Sharp:** 1st in discus (135'5"), 2nd 400m relay (46.70)

OTHERS SCORING POINTS
Joseph Hardman: 5th in 100m dash; **Tom Griffin:** 5th in 400m dash; **Payton Brown:** 5th in 1600m run; **Talin Pepper:** 6th in pole vault



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Junior High Runs Well at Wellman; District Meet Coming Up Next Week

In their final tune-up before district competition on April 17, the boys' and girls' junior high teams had strong showings last week in Wellman.

No point totals were kept as each participant received a ribbon designating their finish in a particular event.

Below are the places, times, and distances of all those attending the track meet.

GIRLS' RESULTS
Alexis Brooks (8th Grade): 1st place discus (72' 8 1/4"), 6th place shot put (21'4"); **Shayla Gass** (8th Grade): 2nd in 200m dash heat (31.6), 2nd place in triple jump (27'11/4"), 3rd on sprint relay (4:52.11); **Thelma Balaque** (7th

Grade): 2nd place in 200m hurdles (37.17), 3rd on sprint relay; **Ashley Ellison** (7th Grade): 3rd in 100m dash heat (14.2), 200m dash (33.76); **LaShae Johnson** (7th Grade): 3rd place in 100m dash heat (15.2), 200m dash (33.76); **Emily Mayes** (7th Grade): 1st in 200m dash heat (31.5), 2nd in triple jump (26'9"), 4th in long jump (13'3/4"), 3rd in sprint relay; **Cassidy Rinehart** (7th Grade): 3rd in 2400m run (10.42), 1st in triple jump (28'3/4"), 3rd in long jump (13'6 1/4"), 3rd in sprint relay.

BOYS' RESULTS
 The Jr. High Boys Wellman Results will be in next week's paper.

BORDEN HIGH SCHOOL "PROJECT GRADUATION"



Parents and friends of the 2000 Senior Class of Borden County High School are asking for donations for "Project Graduation". Project Graduation is a drug and alcohol free celebration for graduation night.

This project helps make this very important event in the lives of our children SAFER and helps to make a very memorable evening for all. Your gifts and donations will be greatly appreciated and will help make this night even more exciting.

You may send your donations to: "BHS Project Graduation" in care of Borden County I.S.D. P.O. Box 95, Gail, Texas 79738 or contact any senior parent or the school.

Sincerely, Class of 2000 Senior Parents

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 Alt. No. 806/756-4311

Griffin Shoots 86 to Take Honors

BHS Golfer Wins Three-Person Playoff to earn trip to Abilene for Regional

Junior Tom Griffin, for the second year in a row, won the District 9-A boys' golf title to advance to regional competition April 24 and 25.

Griffin, who had to defeat two others tied at 86 in a playoff, will represent the Borden High School golf team who finished in 6th place.

Borden High School's girls' golf team finished just out of the medal race at 4th and were paced by Senior Crystal Dye's 109.

Below are complete results for both teams:

BOYS	
T. Griffin	86
Nick Flanigan	104
Lee Pepper	109
Ramon Griffin	114
John Harding	118
Cody Nowlain	125
Ross Aten	128
T. C. Stipe	130
Talin Pepper	131
D. J. Smith	144
Rowdy Dunlap	151

GIRLS	
Crystal Dye	109
Lindsey Smith	128
Erica Schooler	132
Kandace Kimmell	138
Abby Flanigan	141

Applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are Available

The Permian Basin Area Foundation announces that applications for the Marie Hall Scholarships are available for distribution to students who either (1) graduated from a high school located in one of the following counties, or (2) maintained a permanent resident for the last five years in one of the following counties: Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Scurry, Sterling, Ward, and Winkler.

Scholarship awards, ranging generally from \$250 to \$1,500 per semester, are available to students of any academic pursuit. Recipients of the

scholarship must attend one of the following colleges or universities:

1. Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas
2. Howard College, Big Spring, Texas
3. Midland College, Midland, Texas
4. Odessa College, Odessa, Texas
5. Sul Ross University, Alpine, Texas
6. Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
7. Texas Tech University

Health Sciences Center, Midland, Odessa or Lubbock
8. University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa, Texas

Applications may request an application by contacting the financial aid office of one of the above educational institutions. Completed applications are to be returned to the financial aid offices by May 31, 2000.

J. Pat Porter

Memorial Scholarship

Applications are now being accepted

Applications are currently being accepted for the J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship. Applicants wishing to be considered must submit a formal letter of application prior to May 15th 2000. Letters of application must be sent to the following address:

J. Pat Porter Memorial Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 95,
Gail, Texas 79738

The primary criteria used to determine the recipient of this scholarship is that the individual selected will be an outstanding young person that is a positive representative of the Borden County School community as evidenced by his/her high moral character, service-minded attitude, dedication, and determination to succeed along with maintaining passing grades.

Potential recipients must be a member in good standing of the current Borden County High School graduating class or must be a previous graduate of Borden County High School.

Candidates must attend a state-accredited/Southern Association accredited college, university, or post-secondary institution to be eligible for consideration. The Selection Committee will have sole authority to determine the candidate's eligibility status related to the post-secondary institution to be attended.

Financial need will not necessarily be a criterion for consideration; however, financial need may be considered by the Selection Committee.

Members of the Porter family will have no input into the selection process. Complete selection authority has been delegated to the Selection Committee, and the Committee has the authority to waive all rules, regulations, and formalities in order to select the candidates that the Committee feels is most appropriate. The selection process is a subjective task that will be left to the discretion of the J. Pat Porter Scholarship Selection Committee in order to select a person that the Committee feels is a dignification of the positive attributes that were exhibited by the late J. Pat Porter.

Coyote reunion needs names, addresses

An every-five-year reunion of students, teachers and employees of Borden County ISD is being planned for Aug. 4 and 5.

Judy Kingston, one of the organizers, said some 450 letters were sent earlier to individuals who live outside this area. Just over 200 postcards included with those letters have been returned.

Kingston is encouraging everyone who received a letter to return the card with their name on it. Anyone outside the area who did not get a letter should send their name, address and graduation year

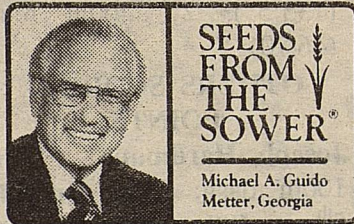
to Kingston at Rt. 1, Box 118, O'Donnell, TX 79351. She also may be contacted by phone at (806) 439-6686 or e-mail at jrdkings@poka.com.

Letters were not sent to most people with Gail, O'Donnell, Vealmoor, Fluvanna, Snyder and Big Spring addresses. Kingston said anyone in those areas who wants information on the reunion may also send their name, address and graduation year to her.

"If you know of the death of any student, teacher or employee, please send their name, year of death, and

graduation year, if a student," she said.

All information is needed before May 2, when the organizing committee holds its last meeting before mailing out letters with details about the reunion. That meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Community Center in Gail. Everyone is invited to attend.



A father asked his son, "Jimmy, were you a good boy in school today?"

"Well, dad," he replied, "I wasn't good or bad, just comfortable."

Many church members practice Jimmy's philosophy in their Christian lives.

They want to be good citizens, but not godlike Christians. With them it's not a matter of being too good or too bad, just comfortable.

They confess without changing, listen without learning, profess without practicing, and worship without witnessing.

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Koehler's Kids

Piano Recital

Sunday, April 16th
2:00 P.M.

Gail Baptist Church

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Rachael

Kate

Jake

Tyler

Krystle

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Adventure out West

We flew to California over spring break. The plane stopped in Las Vegas enroute and the landing was very rough. I asked the stewardess: "Did we land on purpose or were we shot down?"

We went west to visit Disneyland with our 9-year old grandson, Jackson. When we arrived at the amusement park Tuesday morning, I actually had a lump in my throat. It was a sentimental moment. My last visit there was in 1975 when we took our two sons, then 11 and 8-years old. The déjà vu made me feel 25 years younger.

The first thing I did was buy Jackson an exclusive Mickey Mouse Pin, the type sold only at Disneyland. He wore it on

his shirt the whole trip. There were some Disney characters greeting guests. We saw Minnie Mouse, the White Rabbit, Pocahontas and others. I bought Jackson a Disneyland autograph book and ballpoint pen so he could get them to sign his book. He set a goal of 10 autographs. He reached it easily. Jackson had a private visit with Mickey Mouse and has the picture to prove it.

We rode the teacups, the Astro Orbiter, the Indian Jones vehicle, the rocked rods, the space

mountain roller coaster, the Disneyland Railroad and Monorail. We explored Tarzan's tree house, toured the Haunted House, visited the small world, experienced Peter Pan's flight, Snow White's scary adventures and Pinocchio's daring journey into the belly of a whale.

Jackson said it was the best day of his life. By the way, the weather was perfect, despite predictions of rain the previous week.

Wednesday morning we boarded AMTRAK and spent twelve hours getting to San Francisco. It is something everyone should do once. The ocean is to the left, the strawberry fields, almond trees and grape orchards are on the right. The scenery is spectacular.

Our son BZ met us at the train station. He has a recording studio in downtown San Francisco and creates music for TV shows, movies, and web

sites. He arranged a special treat for us on Thursday.

We took the ferry to Alcatraz, where some of the most notorious criminals from the 20's and the 50's spent some time. Our walking tour of the prison, known as "the rock" was enhanced by a well produced audiotape, which we listened to with headsets. Prior to becoming a prison, Alcatraz was a fort and a lighthouse. It's located in the heart of San Francisco bay, just a mile and a quarter from one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Today, Alcatraz is a national park and has

more than a million visitors a year.

Friday we headed back to LA by car. We got there in just six hours, half the time it took to make the trip by train. We went to Hollywood, ate on Wiltshire Boulevard, saw Rodeo Drive, the famous shopping street and drove through some beautiful neighborhoods.

Then we did something I had wanted to do for sometime, visit the La Brea Tar Pits. That didn't take much time at all.

We got on the plane and came home. We saw a lot in 4 days.



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MAY CALENDAR
 May 2 - FFA Lone Wolf Spring Meet at Ira - 4:00
 May 3 - FFA Lone Wolf District Banquet at Loralne
 May 4 - 6 - State Academic UIL
 May 9 - FFA Banquet at Borden County
 May 11 - Spring Concert
 May 12 - Weather Day HOLIDAY
 May 12 & 13 - Band Trip, State Track Meet
 May 16 - Awards Banquet
 May 19 - Junior Senior Banquet
 May 21 - Baccalaureate
 May 25 - Junior High Graduation - 8:00
 May 26 - High School Graduation - 8:00

April 2000

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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2	3 District HS Tennis at Big Spring	4	5 Dist. HS Golf @ Gaines County	6 Area HS One-Act Play @ Eden	7 Dist. HS Track @ Borden County	8 Area FFA Judging @ Texas Tech JH Dist. Tennis @ Big Spring
9	10	11 TAAS 3-8 Math <small>Cheerleading Applications due by noon.</small>	12 TAAS 3-8 Reading	13 TAAS 8th Social Studies	14 TAAS 8th Science End 5th Six Weeks Regional Academic Meet at Abilene	15 Area Qualifiers Meet @ Wellman State FFA Judging at Texas Tech
16	17 Dist. East Zone JH Track at Sands	18 Cheerleading Tryouts	19 Band Contest & Sight Reading @ Sundown	20 Area HS Track (Wife or Merkle) State FFA Judging @ Tarleton	21 HOLIDAY!	22
23 <small>Foster</small>	24 HOLIDAY! (Weather Day)	25	26 TASP TESTING AT BORDEN COUNTY ISD	27	28 Mobile Dairy Unit Regional Track at ACU	29 State FFA Judging-A&M Floydada Band Festival at 3:30
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fits to health professionals.

Other ways the check-off impacts the medical professionals' opinions is through information dissemination at state and national health conventions, through creation of factual and useful materials like the "Why Beef?" pamphlet, and through continuous partnerships with national groups like the American Heart Association and its state and local affiliates.

"Health professionals are the most influential advisers we have when it comes to diet," Evans added. "The checkoff gives them scientifically supported facts about beef's benefits. When they use that information to advise consumers to include beef in healthy diets, everyone wins."

Easter Egg Safety

Kid's Nutrition

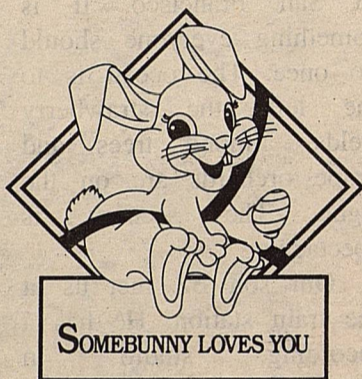
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can be exposed to temperatures over 40 degrees and still be safe to eat.

2. Wash hands thoroughly before and after handling raw or cooked eggs.
3. To cook large eggs: Cover with at least one inch of water. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and cover. Let stand 15 to 17 minutes. Rinse with cold water. Refrigerate if not decorating immediately.
4. To color: Only use dyes that are safe for use on food. Follow package directions. Refrigerate decorated eggs until time for the hunt.
5. Avoid hiding eggs

where they can come into contact with animals, insects or lawn chemicals.

6. After the hunt: Don't eat cracked eggs or those that have been in temperatures over 40 degrees for more than two hours. If not eaten immediately, eggs should be refrigerated and used within seven days.



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Gail Community Center

This month's program:

Using Color and Patterns in Decorating

May this Easter remind us of the peace and renewal of His love. It's a time to celebrate the beauty of life.

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PASTA POTLUCK DINNER

by Leslie Beal Bloom

(DM)—When you want a delicious dinner on the double, pick pasta, a perennial favorite. For this featured dish, simply team egg noodles, vegetables and chopped ham with creamy mushroom and celery soups. Add shredded mozzarella to round out the dish.

It's easy to make flavorful, spur-of-the-moment meals when your pantry and refrigerator are well stocked. I always suggest keeping these items on hand:

Pasta: A variety of long shapes to pair with light or thin sauces, as well as shorter shapes to team up with chunkier sauces.

Vegetables: A selection of canned, frozen, jarred or fresh vegetables. Try to have a good mix of yellow, green, orange and red vegetables for added color and vitamins.

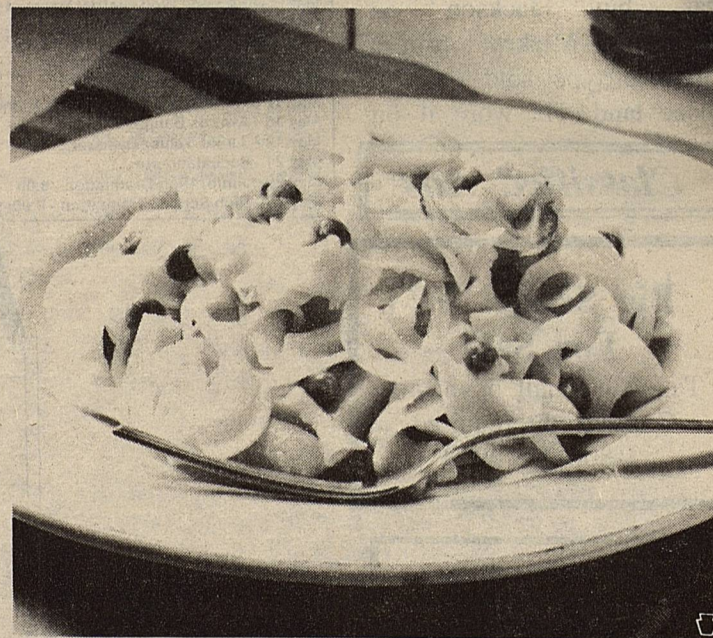
Meat, Fish and Cheese: A selection of deli meats, canned seafood, and ready-to-eat beef and chicken products, in addition to your family's favorite hard and soft cheeses.

Flavorings: Start with basic Italian flavors like oregano, basil or garlic and build a selection based on your family's preferences.

Sauces/Condiments: Broth (chicken, beef, clam or vegetable), evaporated skim milk, olive oil, pesto, salsa, soups (canned or dried) and sauces such as tomato, mushroom, or pizza.

For more recipes and ideas visit the National Pasta Association's web site at www.ilovepasta.org.

Leslie Beal Bloom is a cookbook author and culinary consultant.



PASTA POTLUCK DINNER (serves 10)

- 8 oz. Wide Egg Noodles
- 1 10 ¾ oz. can reduced fat cream of mushroom soup
- 1 10 ¾ oz. can reduced fat cream of celery soup
- 1 12 oz. can no fat evaporated milk
- 1 15 oz. can English peas, drained
- 1 14 oz. can baby carrots, drained
- 3 cups cooked extra lean ham, cubed
- 2 cups lite mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced, rings separated

½ cup cheddar cheese salt and pepper to taste.

Cook pasta according to package directions, drain. While pasta is cooking, combine the soups and milk until well blended. Stir in the peas, carrots, ham, cheese, onions and seasonings. Mix soup mixture with drained pasta until well blended. Pour into a greased 13x9 inch casserole dish. Top with cheddar cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes, or until bubbly.

Nutrition Information (per serving): 336 calories, 20g protein, 10g fat, 41g carbohydrates, 63mg cholesterol, 1073mg sodium, 83mcg folate. Calories from fat: 29%

Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG Elect 2000-2001 Officers & Executive Committee

LUBBOCK, April 7, 2000
By Shawn Wade

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Board of Directors came together to select a new slate of officers to guide the organization during the 2000-2001 growing season.

The PCG Board installed Ronnie Hopper, of Petersburg, Texas as the organization's 22nd President. Hopper replaces Don Langston of Lubbock who becomes Chairman of the Board.

Also elected to officer positions within the organization were Mark Williams of Farewell, Texas as Vice President and Rickey Bearden of Plains as Secretary-Treasurer. Each of the newly elected officers will serve one-year terms.

PCG Bylaws limit terms of service for each officer position to two consecutive terms. All three of these individuals will be eligible for re-election to their current position in April 2001.

Also selected at the PCG Board of Directors meeting were representatives from each of the organization's six sub-regions to serve with the officer corps as members of the 2000-2001 PCG Executive Committee. The following is a list of the 2000-2001 Executive Committee:

- District 1: Kevin Riley, Dimmett
- District 2: James Brown, Muleshoe
- District 3: Dan B. Smith, Lockney
- District 4: Craig Heinrich, Slaton
- District 5: David Pearson,

- Lubbock
- District 6: Van Gaskins, Knott
- President: Ronnie Hopper, Petersburg
- Vice Pres.: Mark Williams, Farwell
- Sec./Treas.: Rickey Bearden, Plains
- Chairman: Don Langston, Lubbock
- Past Pres.: Jackie Burris, Wellman

In other action Thursday, the PCG Board recognized the efforts of outgoing Chairman of the Board Jackie Burris during his two terms as President of the organization (1996-98) and Chairman of the Board (1998-2000). Burris was presented with an award commemorating his years of service.

PCG 43rd Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

Attendees at Plains Cotton Growers 43rd Annual Meeting were treated to three outstanding speakers as the organization celebrated its 44th year of operation on behalf of cotton producers on the Texas High Plains.

PCG speakers Berrye Worsham, CEO of Cotton Incorporated in Cary, NC; Keith Kelly, Administrator of the USDA Farm Service Agency in Washington, D.C.; and Dr. Mark Lange, Director of Economic Services at the National Cotton Council each provided in depth discussions of the organization's roles and presented their thoughts on the future.

As a group they covered topics ranging from domestic and export trade forecast, through prospects for future farm legislation to a crowd of approximately 225 producers and cotton industry

leaders.

Kelly touched on several current news items as he announced the release of the 2000 Upland Cotton Loan premium and Discount tables, noted the release of the final payment rate for the 1999 Disaster Assistance Program and updated the group on the status of the cottonseed assistance program.

Worsham discussed the activities and programs of the Cotton Incorporated and noted improved forecasts for cotton demand on the horizon. Lange provided an in depth look at updated forecasts for cotton prices and demand as well.

CCC Loan Prem. & Disc. Schedule Announced

USDA released the 2000 crop Upland and ELS Cotton Marketing Loan Program Premium and Discount table late Wednesday afternoon.

Although it may be hard to swallow the increases in the discounts

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Justice of the Peace Run-off Election Results

The results of Tuesday, April 11th Borden County Justice of the Peace Democratic Run-off Election are as follows:

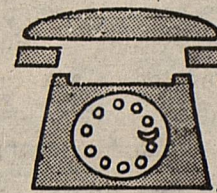
Plains - 1	Jane Jones	20	Shirley Bennett	20
South Gail - 2A	Jane Jones	17	Shirley Bennett	3
Vealmoor/Ackerly - 2B	Jane Jones	4	Shirley Bennett	0
Murphy - 3B	Jane Jones	13		
	Shirley Bennett			

Fairview - 3B	Jane Jones	18	Shirley Bennett	14
North Gail - 4A	Jane Jones	43	Shirley Bennett	12
Snelling - 4B	Jane Jones	18	Shirley Bennett	1
Early Voting:	Jane Jones	40	Shirley Bennett	15
Total:	Jane Jones	173	Shirley Bennett	74

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CONGRESS RESTORES BENEFITS TO WORKING SENIOR CITIZENS

By U.S. SEN. PHIL GRAMM



I am proud to say that Congress has approved and sent to the President a new law that lets workers over 65 collect their full Social Security benefits, abolishing the Social Security "earnings test." Last year, I had introduced legislation to do exactly that.

The so-called test limits the amount many senior citizens can earn without having their benefits cut. Currently, benefits are reduced by \$1 for each \$3 of earnings over \$17,000. This test takes money out of the pockets of nearly a million seniors, and provides a disincentive for seniors who want -- or need -- to work.

The policy is a relic of the Great Depression, and it should have been eliminated long ago. Back in the 1930s, with unemployment over 20 percent, the idea behind the earnings test was to prod seniors to quit and turn their jobs over to younger workers.

Today, we do not have a labor surplus, but a labor shortage. Unemployment is at an all-time low of 4 percent, one-and-a-half points lower than the so-called 'full employment' mark of 5.5 percent. America needs people who want to work more than ever in our history.

Another reason to ditch the test is that it treats work as bad and punishes people who engage in it. When com-

bined with federal, state and other Social Security taxes, taxes on the elderly can total more than 80 percent. An individual who is struggling to make ends meet should not be faced with an effective marginal tax rate that grabs half or three-quarters of his paycheck.

Worst of all, the test amounts to old-fashioned discrimination against people simply because they are no longer young. Nobody, regardless of creed, color, gender, or age should be penalized for wanting to work, or lose the money they earned because the law deems them "too old."

If the President accepts the legislation, the change will be retroactive to Jan. 1, generating refunds for many of the senior citizens who are already working.

It marks the first significant change in the 65-year-old Social Security program since 1983, when Congress voted to gradually raise the age at which workers become eligible for benefits.

According to a news report in *The Los Angeles Times*, "Although Republicans have been pushing for years to repeal the earnings limit, Democrats have opposed the move for fear its cost would reduce the amount of money available for other domestic programs."

"President Clinton initially opposed repealing the earnings limit unless it was coupled with longer-term reforms in Social Security," the *Times* said.

Now that we seem to have finally defeated the earnings test, I hope we can focus on full-scale reform of the Social Security system in order to prevent it from going bankrupt. I want to make certain that Social Security is there not only for my mother, but for my children, too.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on this and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at <http://gramm.senate.gov>)

Car sales

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vehicle dealer's license or the correct certificate of title.

A similar crack down on unlicensed car dealers last year in the Rio Grande Valley ended with 68 citations issued, eight arrests and one grand jury indictment for forgery.

"One thing the consumer should look out for is a group of cars for sale by the side of the road," said Eddie Thorp, senior investigator with the Motor Vehicle Division. "That is a good sign someone might be selling cars without a proper motor vehicle dealer's license. These are cases where people generally use an existing business parking lot or a vacant lot to advertise cars for sale. This is an illegal practice that the motor vehicle industry refers to as 'curbstoning.'

Purchasing a car under these circumstances runs the consumer a nearly one in three chance of buying a car that is stolen, has false mileage on the odometer, is rebuilt salvage, has flood or water damage, has frame damage due to a wreck, has a lienholder who has not been paid off, or does not have a clear chain of ownership on the certificate of title, according to John Barajas, senior investigator with the Motor Vehicle Division.

"The consumer may have thought they were dealing with someone just selling the old family car

legally," said Barajas. "Unfortunately, if you are not careful, you're buying the family car all right, but the family is not the one selling it. You may not be able to get a clear title. And the buyer risks losing their hard earned money, the vehicle, and getting nothing but heartaches in return."

Problems can be avoided, according to Thorp.

"The easiest tip is to ask to see the certificate of title before handing over any money. If the seller is reluctant to show you the title, there likely is a problem they are trying to hide," Thorp said.

There are also on-line companies that can help verify a vehicle's history over the Internet.

"The vehicles could also belong to a dealer whose license expired or was canceled due to previous violations and is trying to sell vehicles to unsuspecting consumers looking for a deal," Thorp said.

The San Antonio operation on illegal vehicle sales and unlicensed car dealers took place March 7-8 and targeted about 24 locations throughout the city.

The cooperative effort was led by TxDOT's Motor Vehicle Division Enforcement Section and included the State Comptroller's Office Criminal Investigation Division, Department of Public Safety Motor Vehicle Theft Service, San Antonio Police Department Vehicle Crimes and SAFE Units,



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for short staple categories actually fall in the "Good News" column for producers. The reason is that officials decided to reduce the size of the discounts in the final schedule.

Going strictly by the formula would have resulted in even LARGER discounts for short staple categories as a result of the abnormal relationship that existed in the marketplace during the 1999 marketing season.

Also included for the first time in the 1000 CCC Loan Schedule are Premiums and Discounts for Length Uniformity that will be based on readings obtained via and High Volume Instrument (HVI) classification system.

This change was precipitated by the decision to make the 2000 crop the first to have the official Color classification



city of San Antonio Code compliance Department and the Bexar County, Sheriff's Department Auto Theft Criminal Investigation Division.

Crackdowns and sting operations are planned in other locations around the state later this year, but officials will not reveal when and where they will occur.

provided solely by HVI side-by side comparison of machines. 1999 and 2000 rates for

The table below shows a selected qualities of cotton.

Base: 51.92		1999 Rates			2000 Rates		
Staple	Leaf	Points per Pound			Points per Pound		
		32	33	34	32	33	34
SM & better	1&2	-350	-75	150	-465	-195	165
W	3	-365	-80	145	-490	-200	160
H	11	-410	-155	50	-545	-290	55
I	&	-515	-310	-180	-635	-465	-215
T	21	-665	-515	-455	-790	-640	-515
E	7	-870	-720	-720	-960	-810	-810
MID	1&2	-370	-90	135	-495	-215	145
	31	-385	-95	135	-520	-220	145
	4	-425	-170	45	-565	-305	45
	5	-540	-320	-195	-675	-475	-235
	6	-685	-535	-470	-825	-675	-535
	7	-890	-740	-740	-990	-840	-840
SLM	1&2	-460	-200	10	-600	-340	20
	41	-465	-200	10	-600	-340	15
	4	-480	-205		-625	-345	Base
				Base			
	5	-605	-395	-320	-735	-545	-350
	6	-750	-600	-560	-890	-740	-635
	7	-980	-830	-830	-1075	-925	-945
				1999 Rates			2000 Rates
SM & better	1&2	-410	-170	30	-545	-325	15
	3	-430	-185	5	-565	-345	-10
	12	-500	-305	-205	-635	-465	-205
L	&	-600	-430	-370	-740	-590	-400
I	22	-765	-615	-615	-890	-740	-725
G	7	-990	-840	-840	-1130	-980	-930
H	MID	-455	-225	-60	-585	-385	-80
T	32	-455	-225	-70	-590	-385	-90
	4	-545	-365	-275	-680	-530	-280
S	5	-630	-475	-420	-785	-635	-455
P	6	-795	-645	-645	-930	-780	-765
O	7	-1020	-870	-870	-1200	-1050	-990
T	SLM	-565	-400	-305	-700	-550	-345
	42	-590	-420	-335	-720	-570	-365
	4	-625	-450	-375	-760	-610	-415
	5	-735	-585	-540	-890	-740	-595
	6	-885	-735	-735	-1030	-880	-865
	7	-1100	-950	-950	-1245	-1095	-1080

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date (s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT (s)

District: Abilene

Contract 0518-01-015 for WIDEN SUBGRADE, ADD SHOULDERS AND SEALCOAT in MITCHELL County, etc. will be opened on May 04, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Contract 6054-70-001 for RIPRAP REPAIR in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on April 27, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$298,941.15.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Pre-qualified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Pre-qualification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract (s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the NPO: 86

State Office

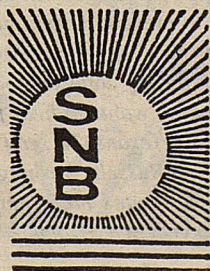
Construction Division
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