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Pepper, Stipe Go 1-2, Advance to State Regional Meet Results

Trent Pepper and T.C. Stipe earned the gold and silver medals at the Region II Cross Country Championships in Arlington on Saturday. Under the direction of Coach Gailan Winegarner, the girls' team placed fifth while the boys' team finished sixth.

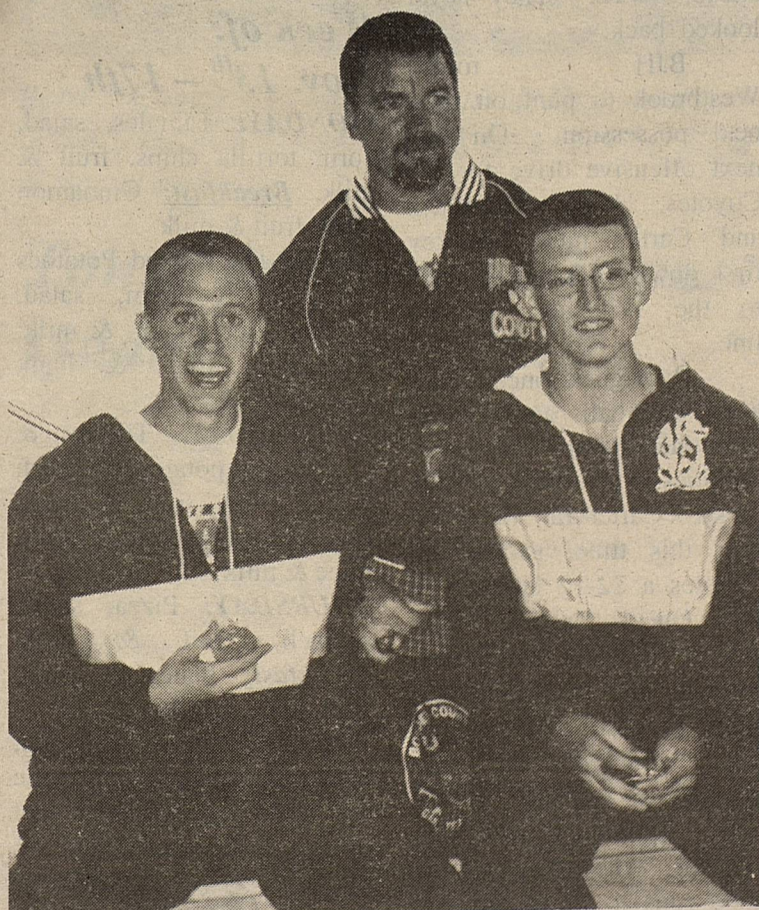
Pepper and Stipe finished first and second, respectively, in the 1A boys' race. Trent covered the three-mile course

in 15.37 while T.C. finished in 16.16. Pepper and Stipe repeated their 1999 performances at the Region I Championships in Lubbock, where they also took the top two spots. The rest of the boys' team ran their best times of the year, finishing sixth overall. Evan Winegarner was the third Coyote to finish, completing the race in 19.09. With an

early morning arrival from Westbrook, Cody Nowlain, Jacob Zant and Talin Pepper all ran well. Cody covered the wet course in 19:59, Jacob finished in 20.21, and Talin pepper completed the race in 21.10.

In a highly competitive, large field of runners. The Lady Coyotes earned an impressive fifth place team finish. Bobbie Kempf led the way, covering the two-mile course in 14.15. Not far behind was Micah Hensley, who finished thirty-first in 14.35. Dalene Kempf was the third Lady Coyote to cross the line, placing forty-eighth in 15.00, followed by Bekah Hensley, who finished fifty-seventh in 15.15. Shayla Gass placed sixty-ninth in 15.29 and Kyla Culp finished one hundred tenth in 16.20.

Trent and T.C. will run at the UIL State Cross-Country Championship at Old Settler's park I Round Rock on Saturday. The race will begin at 12:50. p.m.



Headed to State: Senior, Trent Pepper and Junior T.C. Stipe head to State Cross Country Meet in Round Rock this week-end. Also pictured is Gailan Winegarner Cross Country Coach.

Industry in Transition as Case-Ready Beef Comes to Fore

"We're going through a huge transitional change in the beef industry right now. Consumer demand for convenience is spurring a move toward branded, case-ready products - it's definitely the trend of the future."

And that, said Dr. Brad Morgan, meats scientist at Oklahoma State University, is causing the entire industry, from the retailer all the way to the ranch, to adapt to new and changing situations. "I compare this to when we went from carcasses to boxed beef. We're going through a similar transition right now from boxed beef down to case-ready beef," he told cattle feeders attending the "Partnering for Progress" Annual Convention of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association in Oklahoma City.

The industry transition is causing packers and processors to scramble to find the right product to fill case-ready specifications. "Most of the carcasses going into case-ready systems are YG 1 and 2 Selected or Low Choice," he said, "and there are only so many of those produced."

That means the value of high-yielding carcasses that provide packers with the cut ability they need is increasing. "You're talking about \$10 to \$12 per cwt. For YG 1 and YG 2 carcasses that grade Select or Choice." That's a significant departure, he said, from many of the recent grids that valued those carcasses at a \$1 to \$3 premium.

And since it's likely that the demand for high yielding, high cut ability carcasses will continue, producers will need to take a hard look at how they can produce cattle to fulfill those needs, he added. For example, he described a recent agreement between a packer and a retailer for case-ready products. "In order to fulfill those obligations, the number of YG 1 and YG 2 cattle will be about half their daily kill. That's more YG 1 an YG 2 Select or Low

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COYOTE FOOTBALL

Friday, November 10th

Coyotes vs Highland

Here- 7:30

Come out and support the Coyotes in their final game of the season!



COYOTE FOOTBALL

Fired-up Wildcats Take 40-22 District Win #1 Ranked Highland visits Gail Friday in Season Finale

The Borden Coyotes faced an opponent that could make no mistakes as everything went Westbrook's way in their district win Friday night.

The Coyotes scored first and appeared to have the game under control early, but Westbrook turned to a balanced rushing and passing attack to put them in control.

T.J. Sharp scored early in the first period on a one-yard touchdown carry followed by a successful PAT kick by Kyle Pinkerton.

Sharp's second quarter four-yard touchdown run would be the only other scoring in the half for the Coyotes along with Pinkerton's PAT as Westbrook scored three times to take a 20-16 half-time lead. The Coyotes were able to thwart a late Wildcat drive before half with a crucial interception by Senior Tom Griffin.

The Coyotes could not generate any offensive drives in the second half as Westbrook would score three consecutive times.

Arts and Crafts Exhibitors Invited to Kent County Winterfest in Jayton

Arts and crafts exhibitors are invited to be a part of the annual Kent County Winterfest to be held in Jayton, on Wednesday, December 6th. The Winterfest is a family oriented holiday event that includes a visit

BHS would get on the board one more time in the evening when Raul Rodriguez went around right end on a 52-yard run with 1:41 remaining in the game. The PAT was blocked.

Final game statistics follow:

Rushing: team total: 34 carries for 203 yards; individuals: Sharp, 22/111 yards and two touchdowns; Rodriguez, 1/52 for one touchdown; Jacob Zant, five carries for 31 yards; Dan Griffin, 4/10 yards; Rowdy Dunlap, 1/7 yards

Passing: team total: 4-13-1 for -2 yards; Tom Griffin, 0-3; Sharp, 0-2 and one interception; Zant, 4-8

Receiving: Dunlap, 1/3 yards; Sharp, 2/12 yards

Returns: Sharp had one kick-off return for 62 yards

Tackles: Dunlap, 9 unassisted, 8 assisted, one blocked punt; Sharp, five unassisted, 8 assisted; Tom Griffin, three unassisted, 7 assisted, one interception; Zant, three unassisted, 7 assisted; Nowlain, two unassisted, 7 assisted, one hurry; Talin Pepper, three unassisted, three assisted.

from Santa, games food, music talent and bake off contests, as well as an arts and craft show. All activities are held inside the new Kent County emergency Services Building. Sponsor for the event is the Mams and Grams

Coyote Pups Close Season With Come-From-Behind Victory Over Westbrook; Finish with 5-2 Record

A win over Westbrook made for a great way to close out the junior high football season.

Thursday's win by BJH, 35-12, over the Westbrook Wildcats proved two things: (1) there is some talent coming up; and (2) there is a lot of heart coming with it.

Westbrook scored to take the lead early on a 40-yard pass completion. Billy Roper and Tyler Wallace stopped the one-point PAT.

The Wildcats' next possession was successful as they moved the ball for more first downs. Adam Carter, however, stepped in to intercept a pass and returned it 10 yards to give the Coyote Pups the ball at their own 25-yard line.

BJH was unable to do anything in their three downs and were forced to punt. A mistake on the snap forced punter Derek Rodriguez to scramble for the ball. The Wildcats took over on the Coyotes' 20-yard line.

A 10-yard screen pass by Westbrook gave them another score and they took a 12-0 lead. Ben Griffin foiled the extra-point attempt.

The Coyotes soon got on the board, though, as

Extension Education Association Club.

Vendors who are interested in this event are encouraged to call the Kent County Extension office 9806/237-3345) in Jayton for more information.

Rodriguez outran the defense on a 67-yard scamper for a touchdown.

The PAT kick was no good; the score after this drive was 12-6, Westbrook.

A great defensive stand by BJH on the 10-yard line kept the Wildcats from doing further damage.

And, it appeared that the Pups were on their way to scoring before a fumble right before half-time ended the drive.

The second half belonged to the Coyotes. On their first possession, Rodriguez once again carried the ball, this time for a 45-yard touchdown run. Adam Carter's PAT kick was good, and for the first time the Coyotes were ahead, 14-12. They never looked back.

BJH forced Westbrook to punt on their next possession. On this next offensive drive for the Coyotes, both Rodriguez and Carter pick up key first downs, taking the ball to the Wildcats' 15-yard line.

Rodriguez once again took the ball and scored from the 25-yard line (after penalties moved BJH back). Carter ran the PAT over this time, giving the Coyotes a 22-12 lead.

Once again, the defense of BJH dominated, holding the Wildcats on three downs. When the ball returned to the Coyotes on offense, it was Carter, Rodriguez, and John Wilson who had some good runs to move the ball down to the 15-yard line.

Rodriguez finished off the drive with the

score as Carter ran the one-point PAT in for the 29-12 lead.

Westbrook's woes continued as they fumbled on their possession, with Aaron Pigford recovering the mishandle.

Cade Peterson took the ball and ran 26 yards to the Wildcats' 4-yard line. A second and third effort by Garrett Thomas enable him to cross the goal and score, giving BJH its final scoring drive of the evening.

Derek Gwinn closed out the game with a solo tackle as the clock ran out with a 35-12 win for the Coyote Pups.

School Menu

Week of:
Nov. 13th - 17th

MONDAY: Tamales, salad, corn, tortilla chips, fruit & milk. **Breakfast:** Cinnamon toast, fruit & milk

TUESDAY: Baked Potatoes w/cheese & ham, salad, crackers, ice cream, & milk.

Breakfast: Eggs & ham, toast, juice & milk.

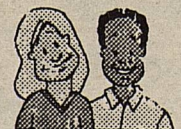
WEDNESDAY: Turkey & Dressing, potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: French toast, fruit, juice & milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, salad, spinach, fruit & milk.

Breakfast: Pancakes, ham, fruit, juice & milk.

FRIDAY: Steak sandwich, tater tots, salad cup, brownie & milk. **Breakfast:** Hot pocket, hash brown, juice & milk



Ogden wins State 4-H Horse Show & Barrel Race

Cassidy Ogden a Borden County 4-H member was the winner of the 2000 38th Annual Texas State 4-H Horse Show and Barrel Racing.

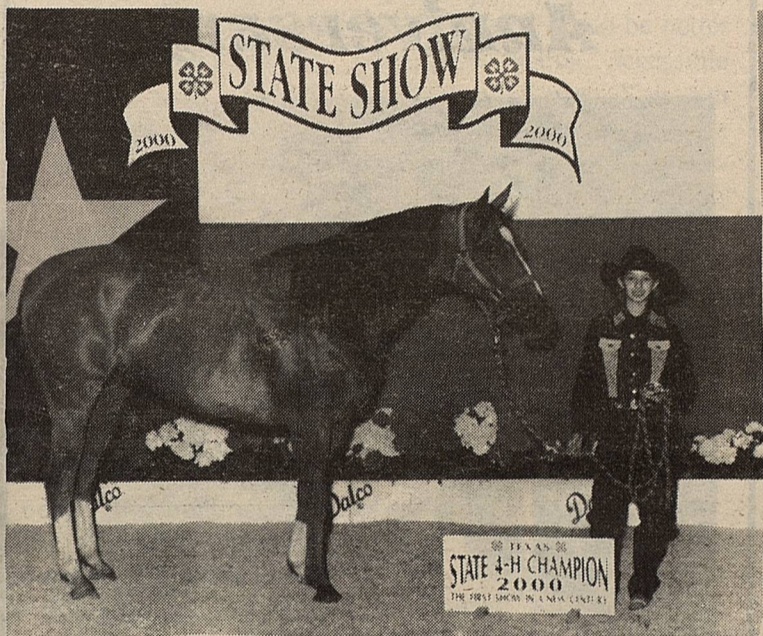
The event was held in Abilene, Texas July 23rd - 29th, 2000.

After winning the District Barrel Race at Lubbock, Texas, Cassidy and her 8-year old horse RC Mahogany Pine advanced to the State show. Cassidy competed against 168 competitors from

across the state of Texas. Cassidy received a belt buckle and was the recipient of the Sara Reeves Memorial Award of \$100 dollars.

Cassidy is following in her aunt Connie Ogden Stipes' footsteps, as Connie was the 1967 Champion 4-H State Barrel Racer riding Miss Kitty Wampus.

Cassidy is the daughter of Randy and Lisa Ogden of the Plains community and is a 7th grader at Borden County School.



Borden County 4-H member, Cassidy Ogden winner of the 2000 38th Annual Texas State 4-H House Show & Barrel Racing.

Tonsil disease can impact Quality of child's life

Some children never have tonsil problems. Others have minor tonsil problems. But children with chronic infections fight an ongoing battle with sleep disruption's loss of appetite, poor concentration and overall health.

"Children with tonsil and adenoid disease suffer more than previously believed," said Dr. Michael G. Stewart, an associate professor of otolaryngology and assistant dean of clinical affairs at Baylor College of Medicine. "Most of the literature is

based on objective measures of the disease, such as number of infections, but it is likely that the impact of a chronic infection has been underestimated."

In a recent study published in the Archives of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, Steward surveyed parents of 154 children between the ages of 2 and 16. Answering for their children, parents filled out a detailed questionnaire that covered 12 areas including bodily pain, physical func-

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Regional Cross Country Meet



Girls Cross Country Team: (l. to r.) Senior Managers, Shawna Kempf and Krystle Lee. Bekah Hensley, Senior; Shayla Gass, Freshman; Micah Hensley, Sophomore; Kylia Culp, Sophomore; Bobbie Kempf, Sophomore; Dalene Kempf, Sophomore and Coach Gailan Winegarner.



Boys Cross Country Team: (l. to r.) Trent Pepper, Senior; Evan Winegarner, Freshman; T.C. Stipe, Junior; Cody Nowlain, Junior; Jacob Zant, Junior; Talin Pepper, Sophomore and Coach Gailan Winegarner.

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The Tower Drive-in Theater at Rule

Rule, Texas has a drive-in theater in the middle of a peanut field right across the highway from a cotton patch. It shows the latest movies and has its own Internet site (towerdriveintheatre.com).

When people from Rule go out of town and say where they're from, the reply is usually, "O, yeah, that's where the drive-in is."

The show starts at dark on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights just like it has since the drive in was built in 1955. The theater is clean, neat and well maintained. Patrons now listen to the movie sound in digital stereo on their car radios. Kids with headsets hear it on their picket size stereo receivers.

The price of admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for kids 12 and over. On Friday nights it's \$6 a carload.

The Tower Drive-in Theater was established by E. B. Whorton who also owned theaters in Rochester, Spur, San Saba and Llano. His wife Allene, now 82 years old, still works at the concession stand dishing out popcorn, soft drinks, hot dogs, pizza and candy. "I really enjoy it," she says. "It's become a

habit. And I don't have anything else to do, so why not."

She has lived in Rule all her life. When she married E.B., he was operating a theater in downtown Rule that was built by his family in the 20's.

E.B.'s son John now operates the Tower Drive-in. "It's the oldest one in continuous operation in the state of Texas," says John. "It's been in our family since it was built. It's never closed except during the winter. Lately our winters have been so warm we sometimes keep it open year-round, closing only on the coldest days. When I was growing up, my daddy kept it open even if the speakers had icicles hanging on them. He really worked at it. And so do we."

Tornadoes damaged all their theaters except the one in Llano. "Matter of fact, this one was torn up by a tornado a couple of years ago. We thought we were through because we couldn't get insurance on the old wooden tower."

But the farmers and ranchers and people in Rule and neighboring towns came

with their tools and material and rebuilt the theater. Allene says they did it because they needed the theater. "They're really proud of it," says John. It's a real tradition around here."

During the summer months, the drive in attracts an average of 150 people nightly. They come from all over the area.

At the box office, theatergoers can pick up fliers showing upcoming movies. The fliers are posted all over town.

"We've got generations of people coming to this theater," says John. "I mean we've got great-grand-kids of some of our early customers.

Nearby Abilene got a drive-in theater this past summer and John was asked if he thinks that will hurt his business. "I don't think so," he says. "Abilene used to have eight drive-in theaters and they're all shut down. We've still going strong and will continue to do so."

EMS Memorials

Donations have been made to the Borden County EMS In Memory Of the following:

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The Family of Dottie Adcock and Brandon Adcock greatly appreciates your donation to this Fund.



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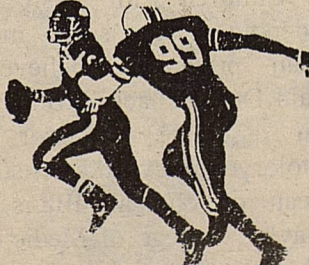
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Letter to the Editor

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Do you always stop at stop signs? Do you always slow down in school zones? Now remember to drive right by the parking spaces reserved for people with disabilities. . . unless, of course, you are an eligible person with a disability.

The Story Begins

Recently while on vacation my family was visited by an old friend. She pulled into the restaurant parking lot and immediately parked in a space reserved for a person with a disability. She got out the placard from the glove compartment, hung it from her rearview mirror, and got out of the car. I thought to myself she is walking great and wondered why she would park there.

Curiosity got the best of me and so I asked why. She told the story about how her ankle was hurt three years ago and that is when her doctor gave her a **temporary** placard. She got better, but continued to use the **temporary** placard. Although we discussed the issue at length, she continued to park in spaces reserved for people with disabilities.

Doesn't she realize that this action is illegal and that it also ties up a space reserved for an eligible person with a disability? I wondered when she will receive a ticket and

Case-Ready Beef

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Choice than we ever dreamt of in our life."

The move to branded, case-ready beef is affecting cattlemen in other ways, as well. "I think the beef industry is finally realizing

learn that the penalty for inappropriate parking is \$250 or more.

Please stop and park if you are an eligible person with a disability. Otherwise, yield the right-of-way.

As you have read, I feel strongly that the community, including persons with disabilities, needs to be better informed about accessible parking in Texas. You can become involved as a volunteer to monitor accessible parking; a number of Texas cities conduct accessible parking education programs that utilize volunteers. They need you!

Tom Justis
Member, Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

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the importance of brand loyalty," Morgan told cattle feeders. "We buy Sony televisions for a reason. And those reasons will be very important to us as we make the transition to a case-ready program with people putting their names and phone numbers on the products."

While case-ready, branded beef is certainly the trend in the industry, Morgan said a certain segment of consumers still want to buy and cook their food instead of heat it in a microwave. But even there, changes are underway that will affect everyone in the beef chain. "People are trying to figure out how to make beef foolproof but still keep it as a piece of beef. There's a tremendous amount of research and a lot of gearing up as we figure out how to enhance beef to make it foolproof."

That means the beef industry must make a guarantee to its consumers. "We must be able to provide a product that's palatable, safe, environmentally friendly and animal friendly—a 100% foolproof product that satisfies the consumer every time."

Tonsil disease

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tioning, self-esteem, parental emotional impact and family cohesion. Stewart and his colleagues found the impact of tonsil and adenoid disease on overall health to be quiet significant and that many children suffer a reduced quality of life.

"The survey showed that children with tonsil and adenoid disease scored significantly lower than healthy children. The impact appears to be as severe as conditions considered more serious such as asthma and arthritis," Stewart said.

The data revealed that the mean scores for children with tonsil and adenoid disease were especially low in areas

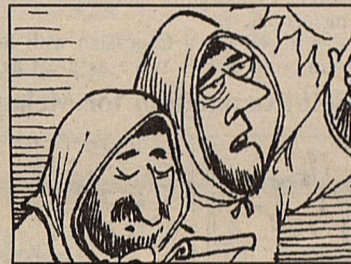
related to emotional impact, behavior and parental impact.

Tonsils, which have no known function, are two groups of fleshy tissue on either side of the throat. Tonsillitis occurs when the tonsils become inflamed. Symptoms include throat pain, difficulty swallowing and fever. Lymph glands in the neck tend to swell and become tender. In some cases, children can suffer from headaches or a middle ear or sinus infection.

Adenoids are lymph tissues found at the back of the nasal passage above the tonsils. Abnormally enlarged adenoids can cause nasal obstruction, postnasal drainage or sinus infections.

Currently, there is an ongoing debate on whether to treat tonsil and adenoid disease medically or surgically. Controversy exists over the guidelines that determine the need for surgery.

"Tonsil and adenoid disease can be more than a childhood inconvenience that will go away in time. Quality of life issues need to be considered when planning the child's treatment," Stewart said.



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American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) melanoma/skin cancer detection & prevention

Skin Self-Examinations: The Exam That Could Save Your Life

Of all the things your skin does for you each day - protecting your vital organs, muscles and skeleton, and controlling your body temperature and fluids - one of the skin's most important functions is its ability to shield you against the sun.

You can help your skin perform this function by wearing a broad spectrum sunscreen, staying out of the sun during peak hours and following the other sun safety guidelines set out by the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). The AAD also encourages everyone to perform a monthly skin self-examination.

This year, an estimated 1.3 million new cases of skin cancer will be diagnosed in the United States. You can give yourself the best possible chance for survival if you perform a skin self-examination. A skin self-exam isn't like any other exam you've ever taken. You don't have to study and there aren't any notes to memorize. You already know the material. You spend each day with your skin, so you're the best person to notice any changes or suspicious marks on your skin that could be a sign of skin cancer.

By examining your skin, especially your scalp, the soles of your feet, between your toes, and the palms of your hands, and using a hand-held mirror for those hard-to-see areas, you can spot potential trouble at the best possible time - early. Here's what to look for:

- A mole that has changed size, color, shape or texture.
- New moles.
- Changes in your skin, especially skin discoloration.

If you spot any of these changes, see your dermatologist immediately.

"Six out of seven skin cancer deaths are from melanoma," warns Richard Scher, M.D., President of the American Academy of Dermatology. "Skin

self-examinations can be the difference between life and death, since melanoma can usually be treated successfully if detected in the early stages."

It is estimated that approximately 47,700 people in the United States will be diagnosed with melanoma this year, an 8 percent increase from 1999. The overall incidence of melanoma is rising at an alarming rate. In 2000, at current rates, one in 74 Americans have a lifetime risk of developing melanoma, a 2000 percent increase from 1930.

Melanoma can strike anyone, but incidents in Caucasians are far more prevalent than those of other races. However, even among Caucasians, certain individuals are at higher risk than others. For example:

- Your chances increase by nine times if you've already had one malignant melanoma.
- You have a substantially increased risk of developing melanoma if you have many moles, large moles or atypical (unusual) moles.
- Your risk is increased if your parents, children or siblings have had melanoma.
- If you are a Caucasian with fair skin, your risk is twice as great as a

Caucasian with olive skin.

- Redheads and blondes have a twofold to fourfold increased risk of developing melanoma.

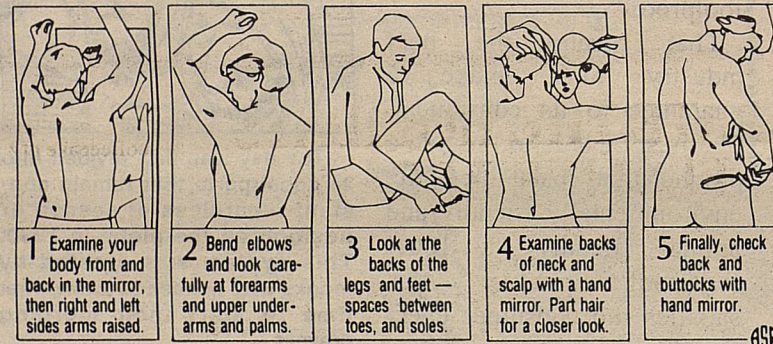
- Excessive sun exposure in the first 10 to 15 years of life increases your chances of developing melanoma threefold.

In addition to practicing frequent skin self-examinations, the American Academy of Dermatology recommends that everyone follow these sun safety precautions year-round:

- Avoid "peak" sunlight hours - between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. - when the sun's rays are the strongest.
- Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of at least 15, apply 15 to 30 minutes before going outdoors, and reapply every two hours, especially when playing sports, swimming, gardening or doing any other outdoor activities. Cloudy days are no exception. Sunscreens should not be used to increase the time spent in intense sunlight.
- Wear protective, tightly woven clothing, such as a long-sleeved shirt and pants during prolonged periods of sun exposure. And don't forget to wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses when outdoors.
- Avoid reflective surfaces, which can reflect up to 85 percent of the sun's damaging rays.
- No shadow...seek the shade! If your shadow is shorter than you are, the damaging rays of the sun are at their strongest and you're likely to sunburn.

For more information, contact the AAD at (888) 462-DERM or www.aad.org.

Self-Examination for Melanoma



Cotton PCG News
from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

2000 Disaster Program Slowly Taking Shape

Lubbock, Nov. 3, 2000
By Shawn Wade

Yeoman's work by Plains Cotton Growers, the National Cotton Council and other regional and statewide cotton organizations is beginning to yield results. The United States Department of Agriculture is preparing rules and developing plans for implementation of the most recent round of disaster assistance approved by Congress.

PCG, in close consultation with the NCC, has been working diligently to encourage the development of the widest reaching set of assistance programs possible.

They note that with the Congressional mandate to cover 100 percent of eligible losses the industry has been working hard to devise program plans that will provide some level of benefit to as many growers as possible.

Many hours of work have been invested by PCG and NCC staff to encourage the development of new program rules to be implemented under the "severe economic loss" category.

Programs enacted under this section have the best chance of reaching growers who produced just enough yield to prevent them from qualifying individually under either the quantity loss section, the quality loss section or both.

These "notch" growers, who have produced significantly less than their expected yield but more than the 65 percent quantity loss trigger, have been unable to receive assistance under the 1998 and 1999 programs. They are also the operations having the toughest time dealing with the combination of problems that arise from less than projected production and low prices.

A recent meeting with individual growers and bankers from across the High Plains, hosted by PCG and the PCG Officers, reiterated the devastating effects this "One-two" punch is having on growers. Representatives from the National Cotton Council and Congressman Larry Combest's office were also on-hand to discuss the issues and ideas for addressing current problems.

Through no fault of their own many growers are expected to be turned away by lenders in 2001. This is expected in spite of the fact that many will cover their 2000 operating loans.

The problem is that currently projected price levels and normal yields will not provide enough income to cover operating expenses that are expected to rise significantly next year as a result of significantly higher energy costs.

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Cotton News

from Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

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PCG and the NCC are encouraging the development of a program designed specifically to address the increased energy costs incurred in 2000.

Other possible avenues of assistance under the "severe economic loss" section of the package is some form of crop insurance discount to offset a portion of the 2001 expense for growers and hopefully allow them to purchase higher coverage levels as well.

Future issues that will have to be addressed will likely be focused on getting producers back on the farm in 2001 and overcoming the problems that may be associated with financing next year.

PCG remains very involved in the process from beginning to end and is strongly supporting the implementation of provisions that will target help to every grower that needs assistance.

The other part of this process is the adoption of beneficial eligibility and implementation regulations for both the quantity and quality portions of the package.

At this time it appears the quantity loss portion of the program will be administered in a manner very similar to the 1998 and 1999 disaster assistance programs. Quality, however, will be handled differently because of changes intended to improve

the overall quality assistance provision.

At this time PCG and the NCC are pushing for a quality provision that allows growers to qualify either on an individual bale basis or by converting sub-threshold quality losses to pounds that would be subtracted from actual production levels to offset declines in value from reduced quality.

Sign-up dates and final details will be reported as they become available.

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Abilene

Contract 6059-92-001 for 'ON DEMAND' MGBF/UPGRADE in SCURRY County, etc. will be opened on December 13, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$270,729.00.

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 Office 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 from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 1886

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, TX 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)

Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, TX 79601
Phone: 915/676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or natural origin.

The smell of something sweet baking in the oven is one of life's simple pleasures, enjoyed especially at holiday time. In between decorating, shopping, and card writing, though, how do you find the time to do scratch baking too? The answer: make quick and easy sweet breads. Surprise your friends and family this season with a new coffeeecake or sweet quick bread inspired by the popular "monkey bread." This version uses ingredients most people have on hand, and you'll love the delicious taste. Happy Bread is the perfect bread to serve at any holiday breakfast, brunch or afternoon tea. The name alone will set the tone for your gathering and put people in a happy mood!

Dry butterscotch pudding mix flavors the biscuits in Happy Bread. They're made the easy way—with convenient biscuit and baking mix. "These biscuits are sweeter and richer than basic biscuits because of the addition of a bit of sugar and light cream to the dough," says Marrgi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand. Don't worry (that you'll spend all day in the kitchen). "Bake Happy."

Happy Bread

This holiday-rich coffeeecake tastes so good that it's sure to make everyone happy.

1 package (5.3 oz.) cook and serve butterscotch pudding and pie filling mix (dry, divided)
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (divided)



4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups light cream (half-and-half) or milk
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
Generously coat inside of bundt cake pan with cooking spray. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons pudding mix and 1/4 cup nuts. Place remaining pudding mix in shallow pan; set aside. In large bowl, stir

together biscuit and baking mix, sugar and cream to make a soft dough. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Divide into about 32 balls or pieces. Roll each ball in reserved dry pudding mix to coat. Place about 16 balls in prepared pan. Sprinkle with remaining nuts. In small bowl, stir together butter and brown sugar; drizzle half over balls in pan. Repeat with remaining balls and butter mixture. Bake at 400° for 24 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately invert

onto serving platter and serve. Makes 1 coffeeecake (12 to 16 servings).

Cinnamon-Orange Happy Bread

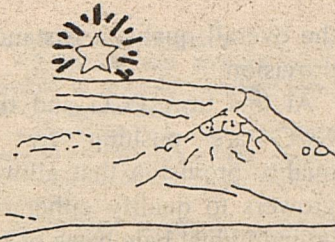
Your family and friends will enjoy this sweet orange coffeeecake with a hint of cinnamon—a variation on the original Happy Bread.

4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon grated orange peel (optional)
1 cup heavy (whipping) cream
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted

In large bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, 1/4 cup sugar, orange peel, cream and milk to make a soft dough. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Divide into about 30 balls. In small bowl, combine 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Roll each ball in cinnamon-sugar. Place in a bundt cake pan or tube pan that has been generously coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle any remaining cinnamon-sugar over balls. Drizzle butter over top. Bake at 400° for 24 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately invert onto serving platter and serve. Makes 1 coffeeecake (12 to 16 servings).

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Seventh Annual Lighting of the Star



Plans are being made for the Seventh Annual Lighting of the Star on Gail Mountain which will take place on Friday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m. and will continue to shine until January 1, 2001. Once again, the Museum in the Courtyard will be open at 5:00 p.m. for reminiscing, visitation and refreshments. There will be local talent providing music and caroling for your enjoyment. If you are interested in helping with the entertainment or music, contact Randy or Debra Hardman.

Donations and Memorials to light up the star for a special occasion will once again be accepted. Donations can be mailed to "Lights for Gail" P.O. Box 312 Gail, TX 79738 or given to

Jacque Hendricks or Sarah Sharp. Be sure to list whom the star will be lit in honor of or in memory of and the date you wish to use.

The Committee will be getting busy for this special occasion and volunteers are needed in many areas. Repair of the lights on the Star will need to be done and help is needed in this area. If you are interested in helping prepare the star contact Ross Sharp. Also, if you are in need of help putting up lights on your home's or businesses, or would like to volunteer to help put up lights, contact Randy Adcock. This work will need to begin within the week and help is needed.

The committee is once again asking for Christmas donations for the Buckner's Children's Home in Lubbock.

Gifts of toys, clothing or any donation will be greatly appreciated. These gifts can be dropped off at the Courthouse anytime during the day or brought to the courthouse that night.

As you can see many plans have been made and much work needs to be done. It takes everyone's help with these task to make this a special time and many volunteers are needed. Please volunteer your time and talent to help make this a special time for everyone to enjoy.



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Nov. 29th **IN HONOR OF:**
The "Old Munger Ranch"

by Margorie Munger Middleton
Dec. 10th **IN MEMORY OF:**
Our Parents & Brother
by Rich and Barbara Anderson

IN MEMORY OF:
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IN HONOR OF:
Donna Hendricks
by Bo and Jacque Hendricks
Dec. 12th **IN MEMORY OF:**
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My Mom, Mildred Sevey, and All
My Sisters and Brothers
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Junior and Ray Sarah Gilleland
by Bo and Jacque Hendricks

If you wish to sponsor a night in Honor Of or In Memory Of, send your donation to "Lights for Gail" P.O. Box 312 Gail, TX 79738. Be sure to list whom the star will be lit in honor of or in memory of and the date you wish to use. The cost to light up the star on a special nights is, \$25.00 per person or couple per night. Each bulbs is \$5.00 per person per bulb per night

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