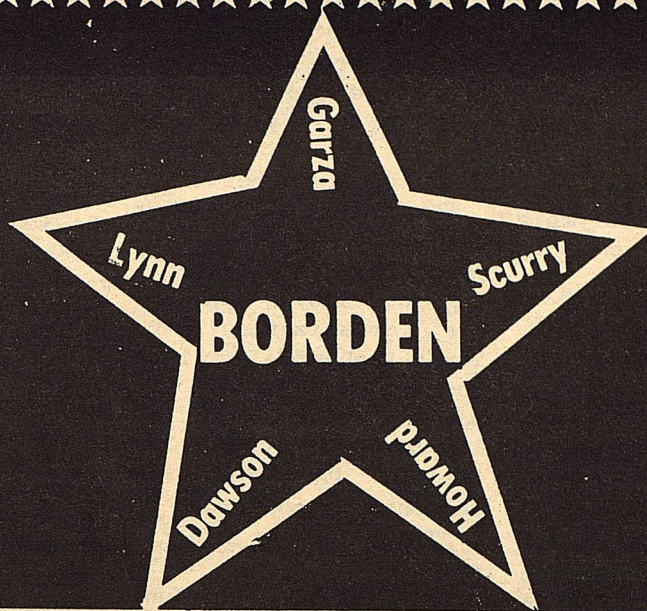


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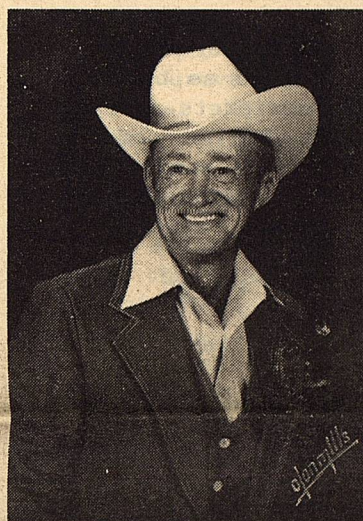
# STAR

July 13, 1988

Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry



"TEXAS" Musical Drama plays nightly at 8:30 p.m. except Sundays in Palo Duro Canyon State Park near Amarillo from mid June through late August.



**Billy Wills**

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Colonial Hill Baptist Church for Billy Noel Wills, 59,

who died Saturday morning in Garza Memorial Hospital in Post.

Burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Branon Funeral Home of Lamesa.

He was born in Scurry County and moved to Gail in 1967. He was ranch foreman and a member of the Gail Baptist Church. Billy was always active in the Borden County Junior Livestock Association and Borden County Junior Rodeo. He always helped with the auction and sale for the 4-H and FFA Clubs. He helped with the Celebrity Auction in the Spring to raise funds for the Borden County Cancer Society. Billy loved his neighbors and was always ready to help when the need arose. He enjoyed young people and he always left a smile. He married Mary Boardman on April 18, 1981 in Gail.

Survivors include his wife; his mother Ila Mae Wills of Snyder; three daughters, Debbi Hanks of Perrin, Shawna Patterson of Grants Pass, Ore., and Marquita Hobbs of Abilene; a sister, Doris Beaver of Snyder; a brother Don Wills of Fluvanna; and five grandchildren.

Memorial may be made to the Borden County Emergency Medical Service.

of the early farmers and cattle ranchers and how their eventual collaboration brought the railroad and prosperity to the region. Not only are the stage areas used, but the ground, rocks and cliffs behind the sets.

"TEXAS" tells of the land and the spell it cast over the men who settled it," Margaret Harper, founder of the show, said.

In 1961 after reading in the READER'S DIGEST about Paul Green's outdoor dramas in other regions of the United States, Harper wrote the letter that enticed the famous writer to visit Palo Duro Canyon.

"My husband and I had

## "TEXAS"

Lightning has struck over 1,000 times at "TEXAS," the Musical Drama noted for its spectacular sound and light, creative dancing, outstanding music and unforgettable settings.

Audiences reach for umbrellas as gigantic explosions of sound vibrate in the canyon and flashes of light crackle down the 600 foot cliff to strike a huge tree in its path.

It all happens in seconds and yet for 22 summers has continued

to astound over 1.8 million spectators from all over the world during performances of "TEXAS."

This season, the musical drama opens on June 15th and plays each evening at 8:30 p.m. except Sundays through August 27th beneath the cliffs of spectacular Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo.

Nearly \$150,000 of the latest in sound and light technology have been added to the production to bring to

life the early visions of Pulitzer Prize winning author, Paul Green.

Combined with an intriguing script and the talent of 80 actors, singers and dancers, "TEXAS" entices all ages and continues to draw record average audiences of over 1,600 persons each night.

Using hundreds of colorful props including a train, surrey, windmill, and horses; "TEXAS" winds a romantic tale of the struggles

# TEXAS

A MUSICAL DRAMA • BY PAUL GREEN

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lived for some time in South America and sometimes when you return to a place you see things differently," she said. "This glorious canyon was virtually unknown and closed in the evenings."

The seed was planted, and Green, intrigued by the vast 120 miles of majestic cliffs and the spirit of the people, began the script. Six years later "TEXAS" was a reality.

Much of the innovation for the production come from Neil Hess, Director for the production and Lynn Hart, Lighting Designer and Technical consultant.

Hess worked with Paul Green in shaping the show and has been a major force in the success of "Texas" since its beginning. He also serves as director of Dance at West Texas State University and as artistic director for the Lone Star Ballet.

In addition to his work with "Texas," Hart

was a creative and design consultant for the 1980 Winter Olympic games and is an ongoing creative advisor to Disneyland since 1978.

"'Texas' has the largest and most sophisticated light and sound production of any permanent outdoor show," Hart said.

Green had said, "Using sound and light, it will be possible for us in the audience to experience the blizzards they suffered, the sand storms they faced."

It is true. Hair stands on end during the thunderstorm. Tranquillity falls over the crowd as birds sing and crickets chirp. A wild ballet of fire signals a prairie fire, and a realistic train rumbles across the prairie.

The script remains virtually the same. During Paul Green's lifetime, it could be changed only by him and when a slow scene was spotted, Green perfected it.

Hess changes the choreography yearly to highlight the dancers' special talents. Hess is also instrumental in the design of all costumes as they relate to motion and color on stage. No detail is left unturned.

Paul Green selected the music for "Texas," and Hess uses a fifty voice choir and a small orchestra as the backbone for many scenes.

Cast members are salaried and come from all over the United States. Many have reached professional heights after receiving instruction with the "Texas" company.

Mrs. Harper's gift to the Panhandle continues to draw travelers from all over the world to see "TEXAS," not just once or twice, but as many as 15 times. Surveys show that over half the audience has previously seen the production. Nearly 80% have traveled over 100 miles.

Quoting visitors from

other countries, Mrs. Harper recalls that they often say, "Now I know why your country is as it is, now I understand you better."

"This," Mrs. Harper believes, "is the best praise we can receive."

Produced by a non-profit organization, the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, "TEXAS" is partially supported by its members in each of the 40 Panhandle and surrounding counties.

"TEXAS" plays nightly except Sunday at 8:30 p.m. from mid-June through late August in the Pioneer Amphitheatre in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. In 1988 the show begins on June 15th and continues through August 27th.

An optional chuckwagon barbecue dinner is served prior to each performance from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

For more information on "TEXAS," write the office at Box 268, Canyon, Texas 79015-0268 or call 806-655-2181. Early reservations are recommended.

## Texas Still Seeks Deathless Day

Three weeks into the summer driving season, the Texas Coalition for Safety Belts had not yet reached its goal of "One Deathless Day" during the 101 Days of Summer.

The Department of Public Safety recorded no deathless days between May 28 and June 15, the first 19 days of the vacation season. "From our preliminary counts, it appears that our best day so far was June 13. We had three people killed that day," said Public Information Officer David Wells. "The worst day we saw was June 4, with 12 deaths. Again, all numbers are preliminary at this time." Fatality counts are compiled by DPS Statistical Services.

Law enforcement officers, community groups, and private businesses in many parts of Texas have joined the effort to promote one day without a traffic death between May 28 and September 5. The last deathless day on Texas roadways was January 5, 1977.

instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

She is a 1987 graduate of Lamesa High School.



## Give Death A Holiday

101 Driving Days of Summer

Texas Coalition for Safety Belts

"Our message goes out, not just to Texas residents, but also to our summer visitors," said George R. Gustafson president of Texas Safety Association and a spokesperson for the safety belt coalition. "We're urging all of them to buckle up, avoid driving under the influence of alcohol, and watch out for the other driver!"

"Summer driving means that there will be more vehicles on the road and more miles driven, which increases the chances of injuries and deaths," added Wells.

## D.P.S. Motorcycle School

Ever thought about learning how to ride a motorcycle, but you didn't know where to begin? Or maybe you've been riding for years, but you've always wanted to learn the tricks the pros use. Or perhaps your teenage son or daughter has been bugging you to buy a motorcycle for them, but you don't know where they can get the required training to get a license.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is bringing its mobile motorcycle training course to Big Spring on July 22-24 and on August 16-17. The class is designed to teach the mental and physical skills needed to ride a motorcycle in traffic,



Pvt. Corina A. Vasquez

## Vasquez completes Basic Training

Pvt. Corina A. Vasquez, daughter of Seledonio G. Vazquez of 2222 Second Place, Lubbock, Texas, and Alice Zepeda of Gail, Texas, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

During the training, students received



GUESS WHO?!

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## The Youth of The World Need You -- Now

Hundreds of bright-eyed, well-educated students throughout the world are looking forward to living in the United States for the upcoming school year. There's only one problem -- finding families here who will "adopt" the students as one of their own for nine months.

Host homes are urgently needed so that students can be suitably matched with families and schools before their August arrival. It takes several weeks to organize the match and to orient students and host families.

Host families benefit greatly from the cultural exchange, and the exchange students carry their memories back to their homelands to share with their countrymen. It is the hope of Youth Exchange Service (YES), the nonprofit organization which arranges the cultural exchanges, that world peace will be enhanced through its

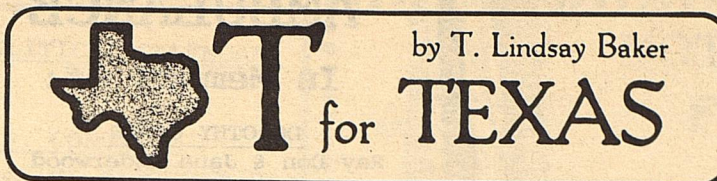
efforts. Since 1974, YES has brought more than 6,500 students together with host families throughout the nation.

YES students are 15 to 18 years old, communicate well in English, are screened for good moral and ethical behavior, and have medical/accident insurance.

Students receive an allowance from their parents for spending money during their stay.

Students are expected to act as a part of their family, integrating into their lifestyle and sharing as much of each other's culture as possible. In addition to being an emotionally satisfying experience, hosting students has a tax deductible benefit of \$50.00 per month.

Interested families may call YES at 800-848-2121. "In a World of Differences, Make a World of Difference." Please say YES to YES Today.



## HEALTH NEWS

LUBBOCK - Modern Health-care magazine and Age Wave, a California-based consulting firm specializing in programs for the elderly, recently named Methodist Hospital's ValuCare program as one of five outstanding senior health care programs in the nation.

ValuCare, a program designed for Medicare beneficiaries and individuals age 65 and older, was implemented at Methodist Hospital in 1986. After the first year, ValuCare had more than 14,000 members. Current membership is still growing, with members from Lubbock and the surrounding 40-county region in western Texas and eastern new Mexico.

The healthcare program offers special discounts and personal services unlike other health care programs. ValuCare members receive a medical history card, prescription and supply discounts, express admission and discharge, free health screenings and access to a courtesy vehicle which transports members to and from the hospital. As a ValuCare member, approved supplemental insurance and Medicare are accepted as payment in full for the hospital bill.

ValuCare is directed by Lisa Flathers, director of guest services; and assisted by Bilinda McCutcheon, ValuCare advisor; Peggy Bruton, enrollment coordinator; and Shirley Morrison, secretary.

### Three Boys in the Same Grave

I found all three of them there just like I'd heard--the three boys killed by the Indians at Proffitt in 1867.

Their grave stands at the back of the little country cemetery on U.S. 380 about 8 miles west of Newcastle in Young County. They were the first ones there. They started the graveyard.

Now they are all but forgotten by everyone except for a handful of local residents and maybe a few historians like me. A crudely laid red brick wall surrounds the burial, and a tree grows up inside of it. At one side some iris plants rustle in the West Texas breeze. It's almost always peaceful there.

How did they three boys end up in the grave together?

The story goes back to the summer of 1867, when they were tending cattle on Elm Creek, then on the fringe of white settlement. They were Patrick Euell Proffitt, Rice Oarlton, and Reuben Juhnson, all of them teenagers. They were working as cowboys on the FitzPatrick Ranch.

On July 17, 1867, the three boys went to work branding cattle in the valley of Elm Creek. The area had been the scene of a devastating Indian raid only three years before. Maybe they felt safe from attack, thinking that the warriors wouldn't descent on the same valley a second time. Whatever the case, they unwisely left their guns on their saddles and allowed their horses to graze while they worked.

Without warning a Comanche war party rode into view. The three boys made for their horses--and their firearms--but they

weren't lucky enough to reach them.

The Comanches cut them off from their guns and horses. Without defense, the three young men were shot down by the warriors, who scalped them and left them where they fell.

Local settlers buried the three boys near the place where they were attacked, placing all three of them in the same grave. Their burial became the site for other graves in the years that followed, becoming the cemetery for what grew into the town of Proffitt.

The nearby town bearing the same name as one of the ill-fated teenagers was founded by the dead man's brother, John W. Proffitt. It prospered for a number of years before declining to become a scattered rural community.

Since the deaths of the three young men, descendants of their families and members of the local community have tended their grave. In 1966, historically minded citizens of Young County placed a new marker at the grave, which briefly tells the story of the three deaths.

When I opened the gate to the cyclone fence into the Proffitt Cemetery to look for the victims of the Indians that I'd heard were buried there, I didn't know what to expect as I wandered among the tombstones. Then, when I found the low brick wall around the burial, somehow my mind went back to that hot day in July 1867--the sorrow of the families, the desire for revenge, and the blood from the three boys that still nourishes the tree that grows from their grave.

## Last year the Mitchells gave their whole family a French accent.



Jacqueline Decroix spent a year with the Mitchells and gave everyone in the house a taste of Paris.

Mrs. Mitchell got Madame Decroix's recipe for truffles. Mr. Mitchell picked up a few pointers on wine. And the Mitchell girls got to find out what the kids in France were really wearing. It was like the whole family spent a year in Paris without ever having to leave home.

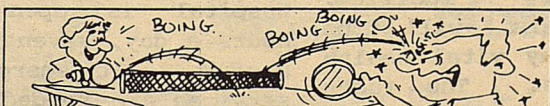
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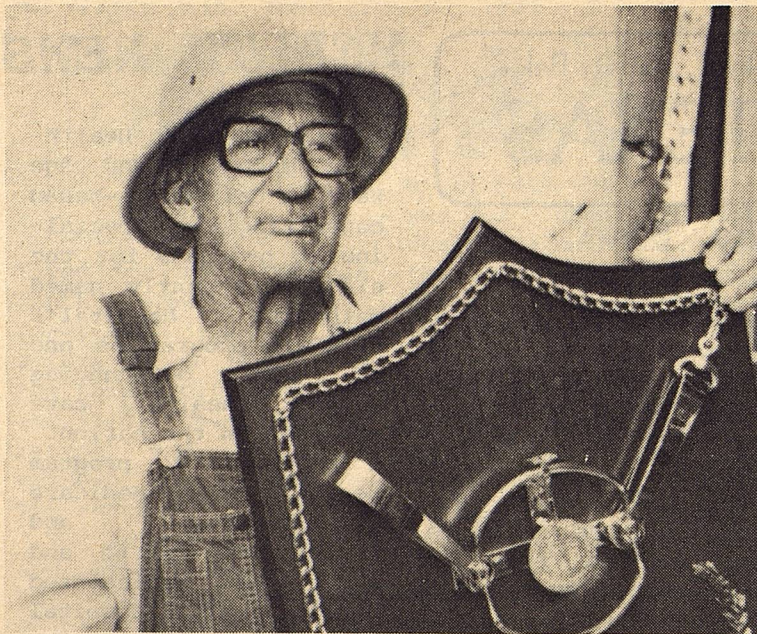


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accurate medical history and assess the patient's needs. The Emergency Services Department of Methodist Hospital offers the following advice that will make a trip to the emergency room less hectic.

**Medication** - If an individual is taking any kind of medication, prescription or otherwise, take it to the hospital. This information may help with the diagnosis and avoid conflicts with any medication an emergency physician may prescribe.

**Allergy Records** - If the patient is allergic to any medication, be sure to inform the emergency department nurse immediately.

**Know your Physician's Name and Telephone Number** - It may be necessary to notify your physician about your condition, so have his or her name and number readily available

**Immunization Records** - It is helpful to know whether immunization records are up to date or if immunizations will be required.

**Insurance** - Bring accurate insurance records, including a current identification card, policy and policy number, to the emergency room. If an individual is bringing in a neighbor's child for treatment, bring a signed authorization for medical treatment and information on how to get in touch with the child's parents.

**Medicine Containers From A Suspected Overdose** - It is extremely important that the person accompanying a patient suspected of a poisoning or drup overdose bring the container or bottle that contained the solution or pills.

The Emergency Services Department of Methodist Hospital is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If emergency services are needed, or for additional information, call (806) 793-4366

**What to Bring to the Emergency Room**

Emergencies are unpredictable. They can occur at any time of the day or night. They can happen at home, school, work or on the streets. Although emergencies cannot be scheduled, individuals can prepare themselves if an emergency occurs.

Upon entering an emergency facility, individuals will be asked many vital health questions. The facts supplied enable hospital personnel to secure an

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## Next CRP Sign-Up Begins July 18

The seventh round of sign-ups for the government's Conservation Reserve Program is July 18-Aug. 5.

This sign-up period will give Texas farmers another opportunity to put highly erodible land into CRP for a 10-year period.

CRP is a part of the 1985 farm bill that is aimed at curbing crop production on highly erodible land and protecting that land from wind and water damage. And the program has been effective. Figures from the U.S.

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Figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture show that CRP has reduced soil erosion by 17%, more than 530,000 tons, since its inception in 1986.

Some 45 million acres have been targeted for the program across the U.S. Currently, 56% of that goal has been contrasted nationally. Texas farmers have enrolled 3.2 million acres.

Farmers enrolling qualified land, as determined by the Soil Conservation Service, must keep the land out of production for at least 10 years and must plant a cover of grass or trees. During this period they will receive an annual "rental" payment from the government plus half the cost of establishing

the ground cover.

Several new rules that took effect with the last sign-up will continue. One new rule requires that acceptable bid levels not exceed the local cash rental rates for comparable land, as determined by local ASCS committees.

In addition, filter strips along creeks may be enrolled even though they do not contain highly erodible land. Such strips must be 66 to 99 feet wide and must be parallel to and adjacent to perennial streams, permanent ponds or permanent lakes.

Farmers with highly erodible land also must have an approved conservation plan filed at their local SCS office by Jan. 1, 1990. Failure to do so will result in a loss of USDA farm program benefits on all cropland. And the approved plan must be implemented by Jan. 1, 1995, to retain government payments.

### POLITICAL CALENDAR

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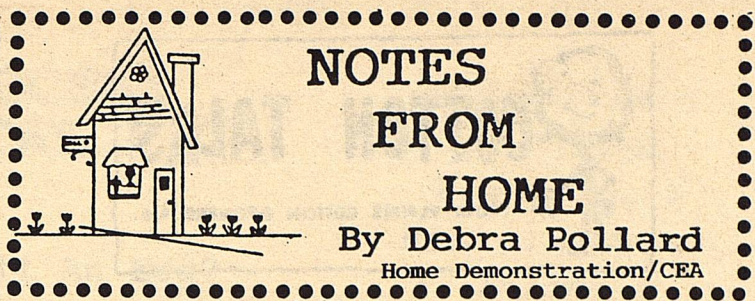
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SHERIFF  
R.D. Lewis (D)

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Vernon Wolf (D)

Prect. # 1  
Frank Currey (D)  
Jack McPhaul (R)

There's nothing an Egyptian vulture would rather eat than an ostrich egg. But cracking open the hard shell requires a bit of work. According to Ranger Rick magazine, the vulture first picks up a stone with its beak. Then it hurls the stone at the egg. It may take two dozen direct hits, but the shell usually cracks, and the vulture gets its meal!



## FIGURES SHOW INFANT CARE NEEDED

Last week's release of Census Bureau figures showing that 51% of mothers with children under a year old are now in the labor force came as no surprise in Texas.

In 1986, the demand for infant care was cited as part of a crisis in Texas child care by the United Way of Texas Child Care Working Group.

In the past two years the needs have only increased, due to several factors which are sending or keeping the mothers of very young children in the labor force.

Given the economic conditions in Texas, many new mothers simply can't afford to leave their jobs.

A significant percentage of the births are also occurring among women in their thirties who have invested heavily in a career and are reluctant to take too much time away from it.

After years of having two incomes, other families don't want to reduce their standard of living or may find it difficult to support their financial obligations on o. income.

Whatever the reasons for returning to work, new parents often face a difficult task in locating infant care. She said once they find it, quality should be a major concern.

Minimum standards call for a loving caregiver and a clean, healthy, stimulating environment in which there are no more than five infants to one caregiver.

Parents should also be aware that consistency in caregiving is extremely important for

infants, since it helps develop feelings of security. Research in child development indicates that infants should have no more than one primary caregiver other than the parents.

Since 35% of the labor force in Texas are parents with children under six, employers are becoming more involved in providing child care or child care information, referral and counseling services.

While the number of employers providing such services is fairly small, parents should inquire so they can explore all available options.



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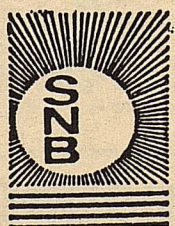
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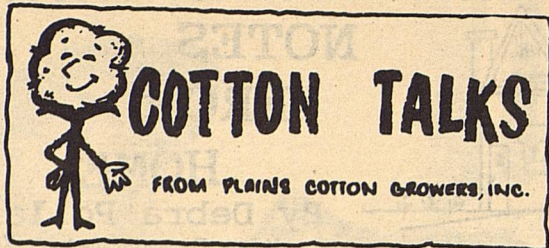
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Eleven experienced two-person teams July 5 began the six-week job of mapping an estimated half million acres of cotton fields in all or parts of 12 High and Low Plains counties along and just below the Caprock.

As every year, the meticulous job is a key step in preparation for the High Plains Boll Weevil Control Program that's been going on since 1964. All fields planted to cotton in the defined area are pinpointed on the county maps for quick location by spray planes in the Fall if manual surveys determine weevil infestations justify treatment.

Every county through which the Caprock passes, from Briscoe on the north through Floyd Crosby, Lubbock, Garza, Borden, Dawson and Howard on the south will be mapped, plus Motley, Dickens, Kent and Scurry Counties to the east.

All fields in the area aren't likely to require spraying, of course, program officials say. "But if and when weevil populations begin to build in an area, treatment can't wait for mapping."

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Weevil emergence from hibernation has been monitored by means of pheromone traps throughout the control zone and in adjacent fields since early spring. The primary purpose of trapping is to give preliminary indications of where manual surveys should begin prior to the initiation of spray operations in the latter half of September.

Additionally, by comparing in-zone trap catches to catches outside the control zone, officials can gauge the effectiveness of the previous years' spray program to expect in the fall.

In this latter respect according to Ed Dean, Field Service Director for Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., comparisons this year have been encouraging on two counts. "They verify the excellence of results from 1987 spraying and point to the possibility that fewer acres may need treatment this year," Dean says. PCG, the organization responsible for the overall program, maintains it has kept weevils out of an average 2.5 million acres of cotton in PCG's 25-county territory above the Caprock for the past 24 years.

In the untreated area outside the control zone through June this year, Dean points out, 30 traps caught 27,208 weevils, as opposed to only 2699 weevils counted from 45 traps inside the zone where treatment occurred in 1987. "To us, that's pretty convincing evidence that last year's program did its job - it killed over 93 percent of the weevils in the control zone before they could go into winter hibernation.

Trap catches from all areas through June in 1987 tallied 114,541, against only 29,907 in

1988. So officials are speculating that the 1988 program may be significantly smaller and less expensive than last year when an aggregate of 615,000 acres were treated at a cost of over \$1.8 million.

The program is jointly funded by High Plains cotton producers, the Texas and U.S. Department of Agriculture. Producers, with a small contribution from TDA, furnish 70 percent of the total.

**Motorcycle**

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including strategies for street survival, accident avoidance, and advanced turning and braking techniques.

Research has shown that the average student will gain the equivalent skill level of three years of experience on a motorcycle following this course.

Developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, the course is a seventeen-hour curriculum that includes both classroom and on-cycle training. Motorcycles, helmets, and insurance coverage are provided for students who don't own a bike but want to learn how to ride.

The course comes to Big Spring in a trailer that transports the motorcycles and can also serve as a portable classroom. It is taught by professional motorcycle safety training instructors from Texas State Technical Institute of Waco.

Participants of the course have included both teenagers and adults of all ages who either want to learn how to ride, or who are

*Thank you*

We would like to express our deepest sincere gratitude to all those who openly gave of their love and concern, and especially for sharing so many memories and tears with us during our time of sorrow and grief.

Our special thanks and appreciation to the EMT's and Bro. Pat Ray, who were there when we needed them most.

We wish to thank everyone for the food, cards, letters, phone calls and prayers during the loss of our beloved Billy.

Everyone whose life he ever touched has suffered a great loss. He is gone from us but he will never be forgotten.

Our Deepest Gratitude,

- The Family of Billy Noel Wills,
- Mary, Zack Johnson
- Shawna Patterson & Family
- Debbi Hanks & Family
- Marquita Hobbs
- Doris Beavers & Family
- Don Wills & Family

experienced riders before August 12 for wanting to learn the latest riding techniques the August course to reserve your place. the Graduates receive a fee, which includes certificate, decal, materials and use of the equipment is \$25. For more information, patch, and are eligible for insurance discounts. For more information, Pre-registration for or to register, contact the course is requires; the Tommy Tune of space is limited; Howard College Continuing Education at register before July 20 for the July course or 267-6311, Ext. 315.

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## Early Warning Of Heart Disease

The human heart, a hollow, pear-shaped muscle about the size of a man's clenched fist, is a truly amazing "machine". It pumps continuously -- 60 to 100 times per minute -- circulating the body's five quarts of blood through about 60,000 miles of blood vessels.

Americans, unfortunately, abuse this essential piece of body equipment by eating too many of the wrong kinds of food, smoking, and not getting enough exercise. The statistics are alarming: more than 45 percent of all deaths in Texas are caused by cardiovascular disease -- that is more than deaths caused by cancer and accidents combined; more than a million Americans suffer heart attacks each year; and over 43 million people in this country live with one or more forms of heart or blood vessel disease.

In most cases, heart attacks are caused by a gradual buildup of deposits, mainly composed of cholesterol, in the inner walls of the arteries that supply blood to the heart. It is a slow process that can go on for years until the obstruction is complete enough to cut off the flow of blood and an attack results. There are, however, some early warning body signals that indicate that the blood supply to the heart is seriously reduced. These signals should not be ignored; advances in cardiac medicine today enable successful treatment in many cases BEFORE THE HEART is damaged by an attack.

Listen to what your

body is trying to tell you. Brief episodes of chest pain, shortness of breath for no apparent reason, a racing, irregular heart beat and dizzy spells could indicate that you may have some level of coronary artery disease, and the supply of oxygen-rich blood to the vital organs is not enough to meet the demand.

Don't take it for granted that your heart won't attack you; it can come on gradually, or it can occur without any apparent warning -- even in people who have never previously experienced any chest pain. Symptoms may vary person to person, but typically the pain of a heart attack is a sensation of a constriction or heaviness in the central chest area.

It may range from a feeling of tightness to one of agonizing pressure. The pain -- which may be continuous or last only a few minutes, fade and then return -- usually spreads to the back, jaw and left arm and may be accompanied by shortness of breath, sweating, nausea, dizziness and pallor. If these symptoms last for more than two minutes, don't hesitate a second longer. CALL THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE IMMEDIATELY; waiting could prove fatal.

Obviously, prevention of a heart attack is the best of all possible options and it is never too late to change habits that could be harmful to your heart. Have regular medical checkups and follow the doctor's advice about minimizing coronary risk factors.



The animal with the largest brain in proportion to its body size is the ant.

## HI-TECH PROCESS YIELDS LO-CAL FAT SUBSTITUTE

### Is Egg Still An Egg?

Hi-tech is changing the egg industry.

For years, Americans have said, 'an egg is an egg.' Now new technologies being developed may make future questions key on 'what kind of eggs do you want'?

A company has now developed a new low-calorie fat substitute that can be made from egg albumen or dairy whey. The company also is testing other agricultural products for this use.

The egg protein or dairy protein particles are heated and blended until they are so small--so tiny--that the tongue perceives them as a fat taste.

This fat substitute can be used in products like ice cream or table spreads but cannot be used in place of a fat that must be heated or cooked, such as in a cake or for frying.

The new fat substitute can cause a major calorie reduction in adapted foods. The product contains less than one-fifth the calories of the fat it is replacing. Roughly, three grams of fat are being replaced with one gram of protein.

Another product that utilizes two new technologies may change the eggs served in many food service establishments, including schools and nursing homes as well as fast food chains.

One process makes it possible to remove as much as 90% of the cholesterol from the egg yolk, researchers indicate. The other process, ultra high temperature pasteurization of the liquid egg, kills any harmful bacteria but does not cook the egg.

This pasteurization process should soon make it possible to store the liquid egg products up to two months on store shelves, under refrigeration but not frozen.

These new egg products would be used in the food products we buy in the grocery store.

They are not expected to be sold to the consumer, but may be the basis of consumer products--frozen low-cholesterol omelets, for example--developed for specialized markets.

He said companies are developing these products for food manufacturers or restaurant, hotel and institutional trade.

Research was done at the University of Nebraska and the University of Wisconsin for the cholesterol reduction process. The pasteurization process was developed at North Carolina State University.



## Occupational Pesticide Poisoning A Rising Concern In Texas

Texans working in agriculture may be at risk for exposure to pesticides that can cause serious health problems or even death, according to the April issue of Texas Medicine.

The potential for occupational pesticide poisoning is great in Texas, notes the article "Occupational Pesticide Poisoning: reportable disease in Texas." In 1982, 2,600 people were employed in 27 companies that formulate pesticides. Insecticides were applied to 6.5 million acres, and 10.4 million acres of land in Texas were treated with herbicides, according to 1982 estimates. "Pesticide use is relatively heavy in the Panhandle and Lower Rio Grande Valley compared to other regions in Texas," write the authors Jean D. Brender and Drs. Charles E. Alexander

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## Pesticide Poisoning

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and Richard A. Beauchamp, Texas Department of Health, Austin and Patricia A. Honchar, a National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta.

Texas workers can be exposed to pesticides by inhaling the chemicals or ingesting them, or through direct skin contact, the authors write.

Occupations at increased risk of exposure to pesticides include gardeners, nurserymen, harvesters and field workers, warehouse workers who handle and transport pesticides, manufacturers, and exterminators and aerial fumigators, notes the article. It adds that symptoms of pesticide poisoning are blurred vision, headache abdominal and muscular cramps, diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, weakness, and drowsiness

In 1984, the Texas Department of Agriculture adopted standards on the use of pesticides designed to prevent unreasonable health risks and protect workers and the public during the production of agricultural field crops.

Today, more cases of illnesses associated with pesticide use are being identified thanks to the 1985 Texas Occupational Disease Reporting law. This new law "will help us understand the frequency and distribution of cases and enable prevention of further incidences," cites the article.

TMA is a professional organization with more than 28,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 116 component county medical societies statewide. The goal of TMA is to improve the health of Texans through the professional and personal development of its members.



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