

1994-95 Awards Assembly

An Awards Assembly was held on Thursday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Mr. Jimmy Thomas, school superintendent gave the welcome to all students and guest. He thanked the students for an outstanding school year and praised them for all their hard work and dedication to their school.

Mr. Mickey McMeans, school principal, then announced the students that attended school 177 days without an absence. The following students received the Perfect Attendance Award.

- Luis Miranda - K
- Matthew Grant - K
- Carter Wilson - 1st
- Charles Grant - 2nd
- Efran Miranda - 3rd
- Billy Roper - 3rd
- Chance Grantham - 4th
- Brionne Jackson - 4th

- Tanner Poole - 4th
- Jade Harris - 5th
- Edwardo Rodriguez - 5th
- Kolton Harrison - 6th
- Hailey Adcock - 7th
- Adrianna Baeza - 7th
- Kaci Poole - 7th
- Fernando Baeza - 8th
- Colton Miller - 8th
- Oscar Baeza - 9th
- Peter Benavidez - 10th

Mrs. Mayes presented the new Beta Club members a certificate. The new members were Roy Clayton, and Kurt Hess.

Mr. McMeans then recognized the Elementary and Junior High UIL participants and presented them with a certificate. These students are as follows: Christina Soto, Whitney Anderson, Shiloh Poole, Garrett Thomas, Ashley Ellison, LaShae Johnson, Emily Mayes, Billy Roper, Tyler Wallace, John Wil-

son, Clay John Anderson, Kyle Pinkerton, Michelle Bond, Micah Hensley, Brionne Jackson, Whitney McNeely, T. J. Sharp, Amber Barkowsky, Jade Harris, Andrea Lozano, Ross Aten, Amber Bass, James Bond Abby Flanigan, Kolton Harrison, Jerry Hernandez, Rebekah Hensley, Krystle Lee, Lee Pepper, Jolene Reyes, D.J. Smith, Holly Thomas, Adrainna Baeza Nick Flanigan, Shaina Isaacs, Julie Mayes, Ky Merritt, Staci O'Brien, Kaci Poole, Ryan Sanders, Lindsey Smith, Jeff Dennis, Ryan Grant, Katie Kemp, Letty Lozano, Colt McCook, Wendy McNeely, Kati Merritt, Colton Miller, Dayna Parks, Renee' Sheen and Brande Wells.

The Scholastic achievement award was then presented by Mr.

McMeans. The Scholastic Achievement Award is presented to the students whom had an average grade of 90 with no grade being below 85. Receiving this awards were: Holly Thomas, Abby Flanigan,

Erica Schooler, Kaci Poole, Julie Mayes, Jill Voss and Doug Flanigan.

The Beta Achievement Award were then announced. This award is presented to the students whom had

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Erica Nance and Doug Flanigan received the 1995-96 Citizenship Award during awards Assembly held in the School Auditorium. This honor is voted on by teachers of Borden High School.

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The 1995 TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course

The 1995 TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course chose the theme "Survival 2000: Tough Decisions for Tough Times" for this year's program, August 14-16, on the Texas A&M University Campus, announced Dr. Larry Boleman, Professor and Extension Beef Cattle

Leader, Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Dr. Boleman says, "The forecasters are indicating that beef producers could experience significant losses and need information that will help them survive in a bad market and thrive in

Accelerated Reader Program . . .

Proves To Be Very Successful For Several Borden County

Elementary Students

Borden Elementary students participated this year in a new reading program called Accelerated Reader. In this program, students read books, take computerized tests, and earn points toward prizes.

Top readers this year were:

John Wilson
201.4 points: prizes - new bike, tennis racquet, Walkman, free pizza.

Micah Hensley
129.9 points: prizes - tennis racquet, free pizzas.

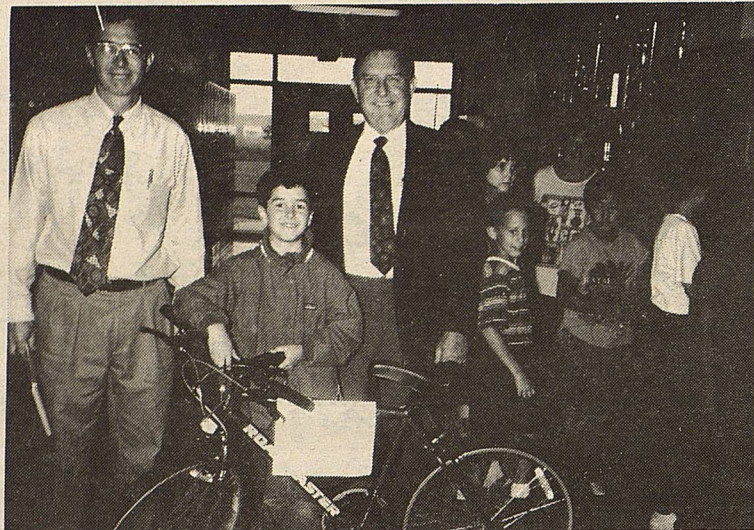
Andrea Lozano
128.9 points: book bag, tennis racquet, free pizzas.

T.C. Stipe
100.3 points: prizes - free pizzas, T-shirt, basketball.

Miriam Rodriguez
59.8 points: prizes - free pizzas, T-shirt.

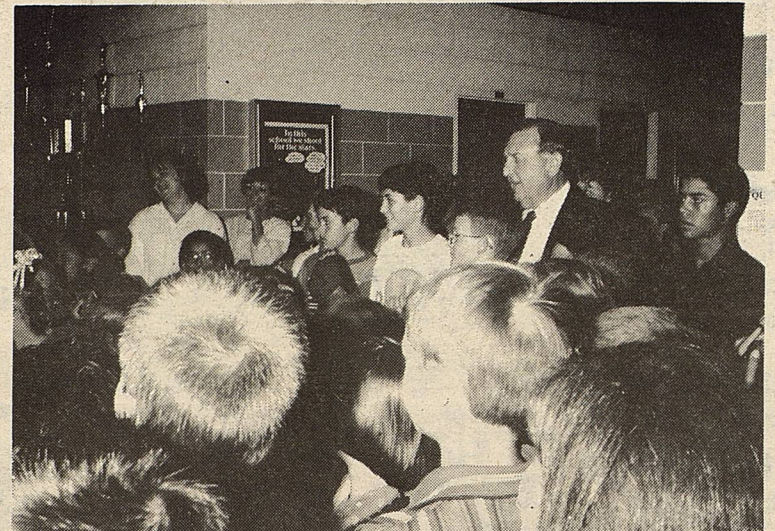
Jessica Ellison
53.1 points: prizes - free pizza, T-shirt.

Rika Copeland
50.0 points: prizes - free pizzas, T-shirt.



Second grader, John Wilson is pictured receiving his new bike from Mr. McMeans and Mr. Wilson last Wednesday. John won top prize for receiving over 200 points in the Accelerated Reader program.

Other Accelerated Readers were: Amber Barkowsky, Luke Condit, Amy Guterrez, Fade Harris, Cody Herridge, Kimberly Lewis, Jacob, Talon Pepper, Clay John Anderson, Kyle Pinkerton, Kimberly Buchanan, Ashley Ellison, LaShae Johnson, Shaleena Laverty, Efrain Miranda, Emily Mayes, Billy Roper and Tyler Wallace.



Principal Mickey McMeans along with other elementary students gather around and listen as Mr. John Wilson announces the winners, during the Accelerated Reader awards program last Wednesday after noon recess.

Awards Assembly

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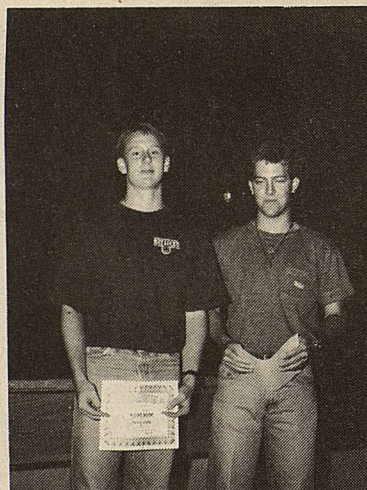
no less than a 90 average in any subject for any six weeks. They received a pen and pencil set for their success. These students were: Colt Miller, Kati Merritt, Colt McCook, Wendy McNeely, Jeff Dennis, Reagan Smith, Rebekah Hensley, Kolton Harrison, and Staci O'Brien.

The Highest Grade Average Awards in Junior High were received by Kolton Harrison, 6th grade; Staci O'Brien, 7th grade; and Jeff Dennis, 8th grade. High school, Chrissy Armstrong, 9th grade; Reagan Smith, 10th grade; Roy Clayton, 11th grade;

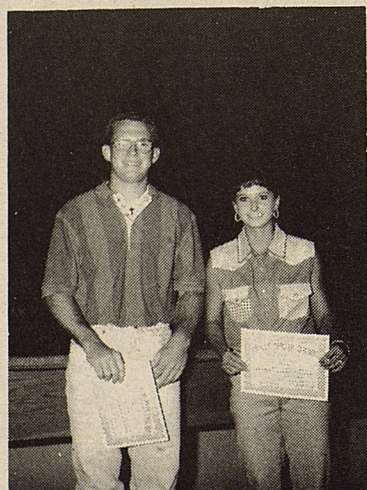
and Jill Voss 12th grade.

Each year the teachers vote on a senior boy and girl they believe are suited to receive the Citizenship Award. This award is based on the students overall attitude towards the teachers and fellow students. This years award winners were Erica Nance and Doug Flanigan.

Mr. Thomas ended the Assembly by thanking all the students that participated in the school activities and praised them for all their hard work and effort. He told them all to have a great summer and be ready to return next fall for another great year.



New Beta Club Members: Kurt Hess & Roy Clayton



H.S. Scholastic Achievement (Honor Roll) Doug Flanigan & Jill Voss.



Beta Achievement: Back row (L to R.): Wendy McNeely, 8th; Colt McCook, 8th; Colton Miller, 8th; Jeff Dennis, 8th; Reagan Smith, 10th; and Julie Mayes. Front row: Rebekah Hensley, 6th; Kati Merritt, 8th; and Kolton Harrison, 6th.



Junior High Scholastic Achievement (Honor Roll): L. to R. Erica Schooler, 7th; Abby Flanigan, 6th; Holly Thomas, 6th; Kaci Poole, 7th; and Julie Mayes, 7th.

Government recalls 320,000 bunk beds

WASHINGTON (AP) -

Parents should stop putting young children in bunk beds with frame openings larger than 3-1/2 inches because kids could strangle trying to crawl through, the government said.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission said it was recalling more than 320,000 wooden bunk beds by 11 different manufacturers because of potentially hazardous spaces in the headboards and foot boards of the top bunks.

"These beds create an entrapment hazard," commission chairman Ann Brown said at a news conference, standing in front of two versions of

bunk beds.

Brown used a life-sized doll to demonstrate how an infant can wiggle through a large opening in the guardrail of the faulty bed, only to be left dangling by the neck because its head was too big to pass through.

Brown said 24 children - 20 of them under age 6, became trapped and died between 1990 and 1994 in beds with similar spacing hazards in their top bunks.

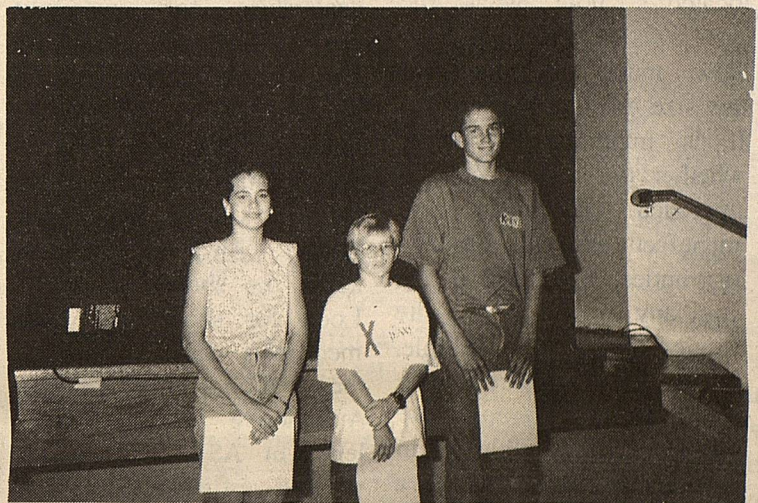
Three bed makers have refused to participate in the recall. Brown said agency regulations prevented her from identifying the companies, but that it would

investigate taking legal action to force them to comply.

These 11 companies are participating in the recall: Backwoods Design of Priest River, Idaho; Brill Furniture of Ludington, Mich.; Dover Furniture of Arley, Ala.; Fine Pine of Vinemont, Ala.; H&H Furniture of Seagrove, N.C.; Houston Wood of Arley, Ala.; Lexington Furniture Industries, Lexington, N.C.; MAFCO Inc. of Houston; Sumter Cabinet Co. of Sumter, S.C.; Tech Designs of Bridgeport, Conn.; and Woodcrest Sales of Peru, Ind.



High School Highest Grade Point Average: Jill Voss, Sr.; Roy Clayton, Jr.; Reagan Smith, Soph. and Chrissy Armstrong, Freshman.



Junior High Highest Grade Point Average: Staci O'Brien, 7th; Kolton Harrison, 6th; and Jeff Dennis 8th.



Have fun on the Concho River June 9-11 and 16-18 at Fiesta Del Concho, in San Angelo. True Texans will no doubt step forward as they try their hand at catching the state animal — at the armadillo race. Fiddlers will pick their favorite tunes at the fiddlers contest and kids will no doubt enjoy casting their lines at the fishing rodeo. Lots of fun for all. For more information, contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau, 915/653-3162.

TxDOT Presents 22 Local High School Mini-Grants For Project Graduation

This year Borden County High School along with 21 other high schools in the Texas Department of Transportation's Abilene District were each named a recipient of a \$250 mini-grant for their school's Project Graduation 1995.

In addition to the grant, Brenda Mitchell, Abilene district traffic safety coordinator, visited the high

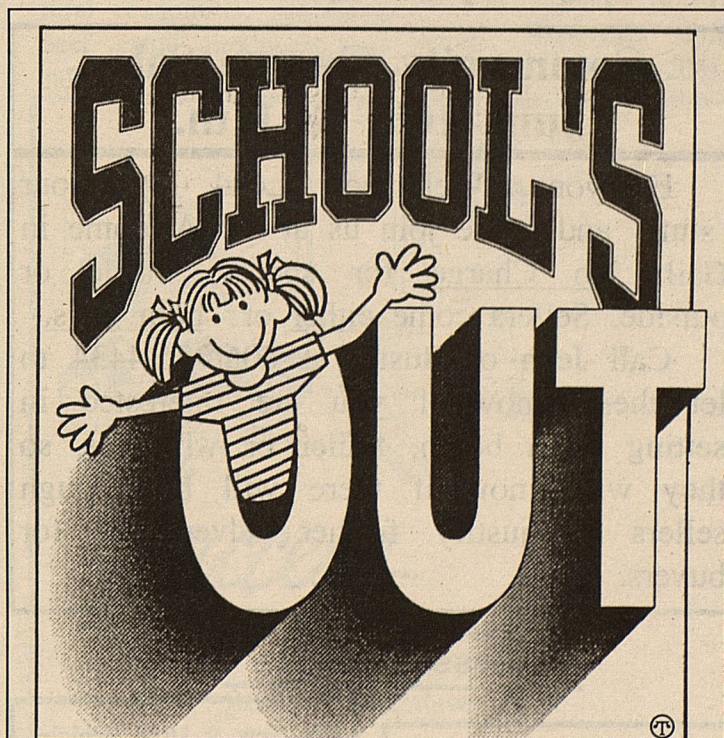
schools and presented their Project Graduation contact person with a key chain for each of the graduates. The key chains bare the slogan, 'CLEARHEAD: The Substance-Free Non-Brain-Dulling Party Formula.'

"These graduation keepsakes are a reminder to the students to remain alcohol-free around prom and graduation time," Mitchell

said.

For the last several years TxDOT has made monies available through its Traffic Operations division to support Project Graduation. The money is divided between the state's 25 districts who then determine the amount of each grant based on the number of high schools

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Watch out for the kids!



(NAPS)—Traffic accidents are the number one cause of death for children 1-14. The American Automobile Association reminds motorists to be extra careful now that school's out.

Better Business Bureau Report

by Nan Campbell, President

Because of competitive prices, huge selections, immediate availability and reputable reliability, millions of consumers are now buying computers by mail. To ensure your transaction goes smoothly, the BBB suggests you do some preliminary research on the type of equipment that would satisfy your needs and also consider these tips before buying a computer by mail. Get a reliability report on the company from the BBB where it is located. Know what the system's specifications are. How much memory and the size of the hard drive. It is important to know whether the system can be upgraded. Consider the manufacturer's and vendor's warranties. Find out if the company offers on-site service and who is eligible. If you have problems with the company, communicate whenever possible in writing. Be sure to keep a record of your order and correspondence and a log of any phone conversations. Call your BBB at 806/763-0459 or long distance at

800/687-7890 if you are dissatisfied.

If you think your car may soon need service or repair, shop around now for a reliable shop and a qualified mechanic for your car. If your car needs service, first check the owner's manual to see what must be done to the car to maintain the warranty and keep the car running well. If your car is still under warranty, you may be required to bring it to an authorized franchised dealership for warranty work. If your car is no longer under warranty, look for a qualified, independent repair shop. Ask friends and family for recommendations. Check with your Better Business Bureau about the shop's reliability. Look for shops that have mechanics certified through the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence or ASE. Be sure to get an estimate for parts and labor and have the service manager explain all work done to your car. Call the BBB at 806/763-0459

Community Garage Sale June 10th & 11th.

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Health Officials Issue Warning About State's Skin Cancer Risks

The Texas Department of Health (TDH) each year warns that skin cancer is the most common type of cancer in the United States. Because of its latitude, Texas is exposed to higher levels of cancer-causing radiation than are some other states.

In 1995, there will be about 34,000 new cases of malignant melanoma, and about 800,000 new cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancer in the U.S. Experts estimate that about 7,200 deaths from malignant melanoma, and about 2,100 deaths from other types of skin cancer will occur in the country this year.

However, according to Dr. Daniel A. Goldman, a physician with the TDH Bureau of Chronic Disease, "All types of skin cancer occur more frequently in fair-skinned individuals who have been repeatedly exposed to the sun, ultraviolet light or X-rays."

He explained that the danger from sunlight is increasing, according to scientists, since air pollution continues to deplete

the protective ozone layer of the earth's atmosphere. The incidence rate for malignant melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer, has been increasing at a rate of 4 percent per year, and death rate for all skin cancers has nearly doubled during the last 16 years, he said.

"However, skin cancer is mostly preventable, when precautions are taken, and virtually 100 percent of skin cancers are curable, if diagnosed and remove dearly," Dr. Goldman said.

Dr. Goldman added that people should regularly examine their skin and their children's skin. Any changes in the size or color of moles or other features warrant a doctor's opinion.

"Anyone who must be in the sun should use a sunscreen rated 15 or higher, and apply it at least half an hour before going out into the sun. Use a waterproof formula, or reapply after swimming or heavy perspiration," Dr. Goldman advised. "Commonly-used chemical sunscreens block ultraviolet B,

but are virtually transparent to ultraviolet A, and may not be as effective in preventing skin cancer as previously thought," he cautioned.

Other things people can do to lower the risk of skin cancer include:

*Wear protective clothing-hats, long sleeves and gloves.

*Avoid the sun's most intense rays, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*Never use sun lamps, tanning booths or tanning pills.

Avoid prolonged sunbathing.

*Take care that your children are not subject to excessive sun exposure.

The National Weather Service produces a daily UV index for meteorologists to use in forecasting the amount of ultraviolet sunlight for 58 major U.S. cities. The UV index is a scale of 0-15, with higher numbers indicating higher levels of UV radiation and more risk of sunburn, skin damage and skin cancer.

Grads - Our Congratulations To You

Recipe For Success

Bite off more than you can chew.

Then chew it.

Plan more than you can do

Then do it.

Point your arrow at a star.

Take your aim, and there you are.

Arrange more time than you can spare.

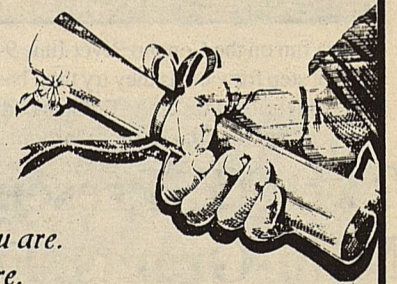
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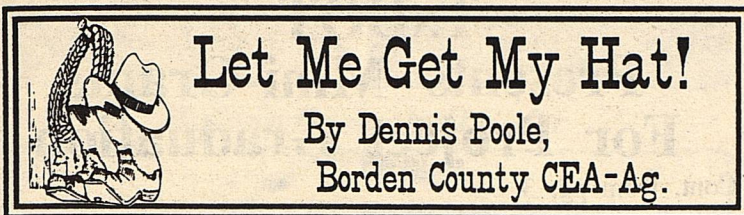
Take on more than you can bear.

Then bear it.

Plan your castle in the air.

Then build a ship to take you there





Let Me Get My Hat!

By Dennis Poole,
Borden County CEA-Ag.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Court of Texas Cooperating.

4-H & FFA

State Steer Validation

Validation for Borden County 4-H and Gail FFA steers will be held Monday, June 12th at the county show barn.

All steers to be exhibited at the 1995-96 Borden County Stock Show and major shows in Texas must be validated.

Validation procedures include nose printing of steers, ear tagging with a state validation tag, and taking pictures of the animal.

Approximate cost for this annual procedure will be about \$6.00 (six dollars per steer).

Also on this day we will trim hooves, weigh and measure all steers. This will serve as our second project work day for trimming hooves.

Work days offer a good opportunity for steers to be loaded and unloaded, weighed, measured, and hooves trimmed. All of these activities better acquaint project animals

with people and serves as a good means to assist with their gentling and the halter breaking process.

We will begin at 8:30 a.m. with validation and hoof trimming. Validation procedures require a little time to accomplish - but we should be through by 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Serving as chairman of the 1995-96 Borden County 4-H - FFA will be Van York.

All state validation procedures must be completed within the month of June. Should you purchase an animal after June 12th, but prior to June 30th, this animal would need to be tagged, nose printed, and pictured taken in order to remain eligible for the 1995-96 stock shows.

Should this situation arise please contact Mr. Buddy Wallace, Mr. Van York, or Dennis Poole so that they may assist you prior to June 30th in validating this animal.

1995 TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course

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a good one. That is the theme our conference will address in 1995".

The 1995 TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course will take on the task of providing both "efficient" and "cost-cutting" management training to aid the "decision-making" process for producers during predicted tough market conditions. Even though agricultural economists and industry leaders warn of tough times for cattle producers for the next few years, producers that can increase efficiency and lower their production costs can obtain sustainability and/or profit.

Texas A&M University faculty and staff, beef cattle producers and industry leaders have planned a program that will describe the marketing conditions most producers will be planning and managing their operations for the next few years. Boleman said, "Without question, all statewide planning committees pointed to future lower prices for cattle to be a substantial problem and indicated that producers will have to tighten their belts and produce efficiently while maintaining or reducing low operating costs". The committees have recommended speakers from across the nation to discuss how beef producers have to do to keep "beef" tops in the minds of consumers throughout the nation while maintaining stability and, hopefully, profitability. Producers will want to hear what is about to happen and how they should react to the situation.

Registration will begin Monday morning, August 14, and continue throughout the day. This is a slight variation from past programs that will allow more educational training

time for producers. last year's attendees wanted to have more basic, intermediate, and advanced training in beef cattle production break-out seminars. The planning committees agreed that this would be a great idea for those that want to arrive a little early and will provide concurrent training seminars in beef cattle reproduction, nutrition, health, etc. To be conducted from 1-5 p.m. on Monday afternoon. These seminars will include panel question and answer sessions during the last hour of the afternoon session. A reception in the Trade Show area will follow the training.

On Tuesday morning, August 15, the general session and the official opening of the TAMU Beef Cattle Short Course will begin as it has in the past schedules. Speakers from across the nation will address the participants at the "Survival 200: Tough Management for Tough Times" program. Agricultural economists, successful beef cattle producers and industry leaders will lead

discussions related to management during tough times.

The third day will continue discussions about survival management in the morning. Producers will highlight this part of the program giving insight as to how small, mid-sized, and large beef producers will adjust to the new market conditions that are forecast to 2000. The afternoon session will conclude the program with a live animal demonstration in breeding, type, management and marketing of calves and stocker cattle at the Louis Pearce Pavilion.

Of course the Trade Show of 50 or more participants will still be a major attraction in addition to the program. Registration is \$60 for participants, and \$40 for spouses (husbands or wives only.) That includes a "Texas style" prime rib dinner, a "Down Home" all you can eat Barbecue, noon meals, receptions, refreshments during breaks, and early mornings, and the conference proceedings.

Further information is available from county Extension agents or from Larry Boleman's Office, telephone (409)845-2051.

Success

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Best wishes, whatever you do.

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On May 23, 1995, a cloud system was seeded beginning at 3:41 PM and ending at 3:45 PM, Central Daylight Savings Time, over an area beginning at a point approximately 20 miles southeast of Gail. Clouds were moving east, northeast at 25 miles per hour.

O.H. Ivie
General Manager
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LEGAL MATTERS

BY ATTORNEY GENERAL DAN MORALES

THE SLAM SCAM

Do you know which long-distance telephone company provides service to your home? You might think you do, only to get a whopping big phone bill from "Ed 'n' Ray's E-Z Phone Co." at the end of the month. Even before you get the bill, you may notice that your long-distance calls are taking longer than usual to go through. If this sounds familiar, then you may be a victim of "slamming," or phone hijacking.

Here at the Office of the Attorney General, our Consumer Protection Division has received hundreds of complaints from Texas consumers about the practice. In some cases, we have filed lawsuits and obtained injunctions requiring the offending companies to stop switching consumers without their consent. The customers are switched back to their own phone companies, and billing is adjusted. However, new cases continue to crop up.

What is slamming?

Slamming is a tactic practiced by some of the hundreds of new telephone companies that appeared after the break-up of AT&T. Simply put, slamming is highjacking a customer's long-distance account. Many Texans have had their accounts transferred from one company to another without their permission.

The size of the problem is not clear, but consumer groups contend that it is very large. In a six-month period last year, about 5.6 million of AT&T's customers nationwide, or 7 percent, were slammed. Among customers whose primary language was Spanish, the rate was 18 percent.

While illegal, the practice works because local phone companies typically transfer customers from one corporation to another with a beep of an electronic signal. The system is not set up to detect abuses by long-distance carriers. That is because the overwhelming majority of transfers are legitimate and at the customer's request. The phone companies say it is the only efficient way to do business, considering that there are tens of millions of connections, transfers, and terminations annually.

How the switch is made

Ideally, you should be the one initiating the switch in service from one carrier to another. When you decide to change service, you call or write your new company. That's the way it should work. But some unscrupulous companies use the following tactics:

•**Phony contests.** We've all seen entry forms for contests awarding new cars, trucks or trips as prizes. Buried in the small type of many of these forms is a notice saying that people who enter will have their phone service switched. Some companies target immigrants from Latin America, using "contest entries" written in Spanish, with the fine print in English.

•**Unethical telemarketing practices.** We have heard of cases where telemarketers call, get a child on the phone, and consider the child's response to be authorization to switch. No parent or responsible party is informed.

•**Free minutes.** Another common telemarketing practice is to offer free long-distance minutes. What is left unsaid is that by accepting the "free" minutes, you are transferred to another long-distance carrier.

•**Snatch and run.** The worst offenders simply open a phone book, and pick out names at random.

Some carriers send out checks for \$10 or more, which say on them that cashing the check constitutes permission for the company to take over the long-distance service. That is fine so long as it is perfectly clear in the offer that you are changing carriers.

How to protect yourself

If you have been slammed, what can you do? In a word, complain. Write a letter to your local phone company stating that you were switched without your consent. Inform your preferred long-distance carrier, in writing, that you did not authorize any change in service. And complain to the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates long-distance telephone service.

In addition, you can take steps to avoid being slammed. Carefully read all entry forms and mail before you sign or fill in anything. If you do not understand something, do not sign.

Many local phone companies are allowing customers to "freeze" their long-distance service, and will not transfer the long-distance account to another carrier without having an independent third party serve as a witness in a conference call. If you want this service, call your local carrier and get a form that will freeze your account.

You have the right to enjoy the goods and services you select. No one has the right to hijack your account. To lodge a complaint, call our Consumer Protection Division at (800) 621-0508. Working together, we can help put an end to slamming.

TxDOT Presents Mini-Grants For Project Graduation

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participating in their individual district. It is one of TxDOT's most popular and well-received projects offered throughout the state, officials say.

Project Graduation was originally developed to assist rural schools with their celebrations and began in 1984 with only two schools. In 1989, the first year the department provided mini-grants to rural schools, they had 59 recipients. The program

proved as successful, it was expanded to include all high schools. This year more than 500 schools participated in TxDOT's Project Graduation mini-grant incentive program.

Mitchell said the mini-grants are not intended to fully fund a Project Graduation event, but to provide a small incentive for schools to start and support alcohol/drug-free, safe events for the students.

Notice of Public Hearings Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct public hearings at two sites in the Abilene District to discuss the 1996-1998 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

The 1996-1998 Transportation Improvement Plan is a three-year plan developed by the Texas Department of Transportation for Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties.

The TIP includes the following:

- * A priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out within the 3-year period, and
- * A financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented, indicates resources from private (if any) and public sources that are reasonably expected to be made available to carry out the plan, and recommends any innovative techniques to finance needed projects and programs.

The public hearings will be held;


- * **June 13 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fine Arts Theater of Western Texas College, Snyder, and,
- * **June 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lions Club Building, South 1st and Rusk, Clyde.

A 10-day comment period following the public hearings will permit other interested persons to submit written comments to **Maribel P. Chavez, District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, Abilene District, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas, 79604**

All written comments must be received at the Abilene District Office no later than **12 noon on June 26, 1995**

Those desiring to make oral comments or presentations at the meetings may register starting at 6 p.m. Any interested persons may appear and offer comments, either orally or in writing. Comment cards will be available at registration.

The Texas Department of Transportation's TIP proposal can be examined during business hours through **June 30, 1995**, at the **Abilene District Office, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene.**



Congratulations

The world moves forward when men and women dream great dreams. As you enter an adult world keep this idea before you. Best of Luck!

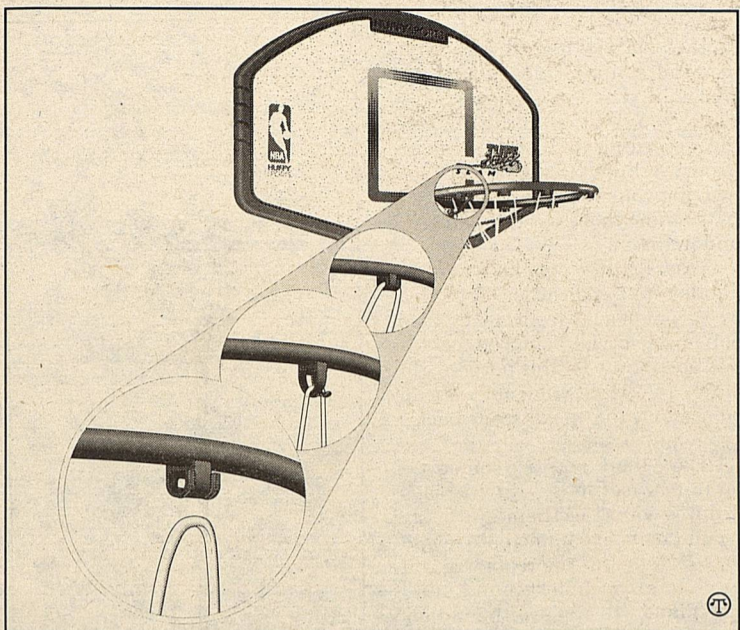
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NEWS

OF SAFETY

Making Basketball Safer



A new device lets a basketball net pull away from the rim, reducing the risk of injury for players and the potential for damage to home basketball systems. This clip can be used with all full-size rims and nets, without affecting performance.

(NAPS)—More and more basketball players are trying to make that winning goal by jumping up and playing around the rim.

The rising level of play in today's athletes, coupled with adjustable goal height technologies, lets players of all ages compete around the rim but also raises the likelihood of accidents and damage to home basketball systems.

A new device, the QuickClip Rapid Release Net System, developed by Huffey Sports, lets the net pull away from the rim, reducing this risk.

"We found a need to enhance our current rim technology to reduce the risk of injury to players that may get caught in the net and at the same time reduce the potential for damage to the basketball system," said Jon Gallun of Huffey Sports.

The QuickClip system consists of a small stud welded to the underside of the rim ring and a key slot locking feature. This clip attaches to the goal, but allows the net to release from it at a pre-determined force, while the clip remains attached to the goal ring.

Currently, nets are only attached to the rim by a metal configuration.

The ram is a wire-formed part that permanently adheres to the rim with two spot welds. The physical size of a ram and the reliability of spot welding had allowed for a ram to occasionally detach itself from the rim. If this occurs, there is no cost-effective way to repair the rim.

Since the QuickClip remains attached to the goal, it can be repeatedly re-attached, reducing damage to the rim.

Also eliminated are the sharp edges that can exist on current rims on the market.

Safety was the most important factor in developing this product.

"These days you can't stop kids or adults from playing above the rim. We want to make our products as safe as possible without sacrificing performance or quality of play," Gallun said.

This clip is standard on all Huffey products.

Huffey has also developed a line of safety-minded basketball systems for

children, from the One-On-One, for children, younger than five, to the Tuff Court system, which instantly adjusts from seven to ten feet to help develop shooting skills. All of these systems feature a water-filled base that prevents tipping during play.



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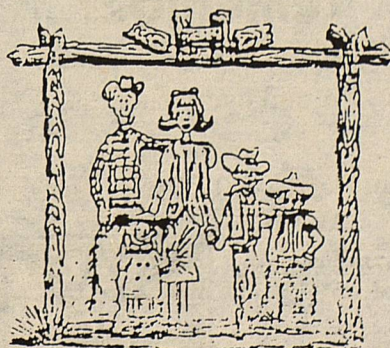
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TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN A TORNADO IS APPROACHING MAY MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH!

I If you are near a tornado cellar:

When time permits, go to a tornado cellar, cave or underground excavation which should have an air outlet to help equalize the air pressure. It should be kept fit for use, free from water, gas or debris, and preferably equipped with pick and shovel. **THERE IS NO UNIVERSAL PROTECTION AGAINST TORNADOES EXCEPT UNDERGROUND EXCAVATIONS.**

II If you are in open country:

Lie flat in the nearest depression such as a ditch or ravine and cover your head with your hands. Be alert to the possibility of flooding or flash flooding.

III If in a city or town:

1. Seek inside shelter, preferably in a strong-reinforced building. **STAY AWAY FROM DOORS AND WINDOWS.**

2. In homes: The corner of the basement toward the tornado usually offers the greatest safety, particularly in farm houses. People in houses without basements can sometimes be protected by taking cover under heavy furniture against inside walls. **DO NOT OPEN DOORS OR WINDOWS.**-- Tornado winds entering the building can be extremely dangerous to persons and cause extensive damage to building contents.

3. Standing against the inside wall on a lower floor of an office building offers some protection.

IV If in schools:

1. In city areas: If school building is of strongly-reinforced construction, stay inside, away from windows, remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. **AVOID AUDITORIUMS AND GYMNASIUMS** with large, poorly-supported roofs!

2. In rural schools that do not have strongly-reinforced construction, remove children and teachers to a ravine or ditch if storm shelter is not available.

V If in factories and industrial plants:

On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection.

VI Keep calm. It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado. Even though a warning is issued, chances of a tornado striking one's home or location are very slight. Tornadoes cover such a small zone, as a rule, that relatively only a few places in a warned area are directly affected. You should know about tornadoes though, "just in case."

VII Keep tuned to your radio or television station for latest tornado advisory information. Do not call the Weather Service, except to report a tornado, as your individual request may tie up telephone lines urgently needed to receive special reports or to relay advisories to radio and television stations for dissemination to thousands in the critical area.

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LAWN & GARDEN TIPS

Taming Dandelions The Easy, Efficient Way

(NAPS)—Are you tired of Mother Nature planting a garden of dandelions, clover, and other weeds in your lawn every spring? There is a solution to the problem, but according to Scotts lawn care expert Ashton Ritchie, you're just wasting your time and effort if you try to tame those weeds by digging and pulling.

Years ago, the popular way to get dandelions and other broadleaf weeds out of a lawn was to dig them out, and a special V-shaped tool was sold specifically for this purpose. But much to the lawnmower's disappointment, the weeds grew back... again and again.

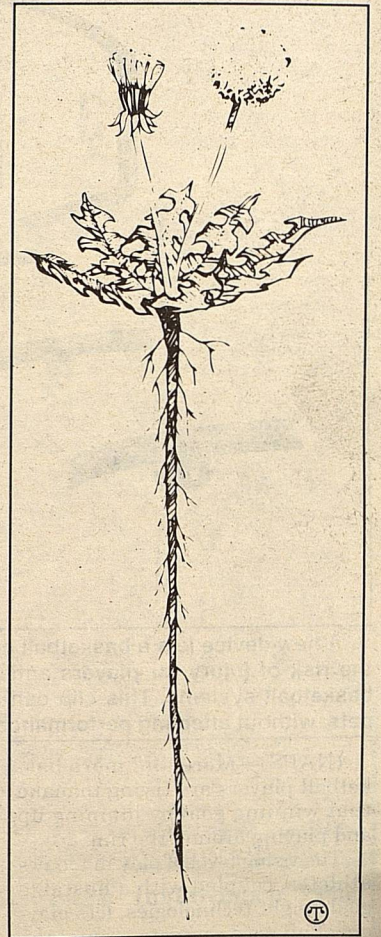
"Dandelion roots are sometimes up to two feet long," Ritchie says. "Simply yanking them out of the ground may give immediate temporary results, but the roots will continue to grow underground and a new plant will replace the old one on your lawn's surface."

"In fact," Ritchie adds, "researchers at Scotts once tried dynamiting dandelions, but they still grew back!"

The easy and efficient way to rid your lawn of those persistent perennial weeds—roots and all—is to apply a weed-and-feed product, such as Scotts® Turf Builder Plus 2®, when the weeds are actively growing.

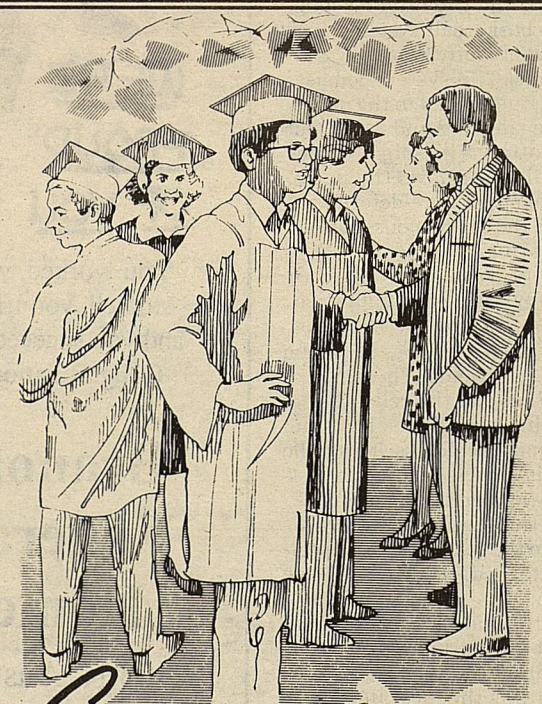
Using a combination weed-and-feed product will control the broadleaf weeds and help your grass grow quickly into the spots the weeds will be leaving. Turf Builder Plus 2 contains timed-release fertilizer that will help keep your lawn thick and green for up to two months.

Broadleaf weed controls begin working soon after application. Within days, you will see the top growth begin to twist and curl. In



about four weeks, the plants will disintegrate, and they won't grow back.

For best results, the lawn should be wet from dew, rain, or the sprinkler before application. It's important for the product particles to stick to the weed leaves, so stay off the lawn for 24 hours after application. Don't apply the product when rain is expected within 24 hours.



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