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GRAND JURY SAYS: NO POLICE BRUTALITY HERE

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The allegations of police brutality in Sutton County were referred to a Grand Jury. In order to have an impartial party, the Commissioners Court funded the employment of outside investigators to obtain the facts in the case. The results of this examination are contained in the following news release from the 119th Judicial District Attorney's office. We believe that the citizens of Sonora and Sutton County owe a debt of gratitude to their neighbors who made up this Grand Jury and to Bill Mason for the diligence they have shown in their handling of this reprehensible allegation. Ed.

Bill Mason, D.A. announced today that David Martinez of Sonora, Texas pled guilty to Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer. Mr. Martinez entered his plea and received a five year probated sentence for the December 23, 1981 assault on Deputy Cecil Earp. Mr. Martinez and his wife, Rhonda, also filed affidavits with the District Attorney apologizing to the special Grand Jury, the Sheriff's Office, Police Department and the citizens of Sonora for their involvement. The Martinezes also acknowledged that the testimony offered not only to the Grand Jury but to a special agent of the F.B.I. was "a lie" and withdrew their civil rights complaint previously filed against the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department.

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JUDICIAL CONFESSION

I voluntarily and freely confess and admit I am one and the same DAVID MARTINEZ who committed on or about the 23rd day of December, 1981, in Sutton County, Texas the offense as follows:

That I did intentionally and knowingly cause bodily injury to CECIL EARP by choking his throat with my hands and the said CECIL EARP was then and there a peace officer in the lawful discharge of his official duty and I, the said defendant, DAVID MARTINEZ, knew CECIL EARP was a peace officer, this shall be deemed my judicial confession and I hereby plead guilty to this offense.

/s/ David Martinez
Defendant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me by the said Defendant on this 19th day of May, 1982.

Clerk of the 112th District Court
By Alice M. Fay

Annual High School Awards

Sonora High School held its annual awards assembly in the high school auditorium on May 12.

Superintendent of Schools, Wendell McAndrew, presented a 25 year service award to Mrs. Charlotte Wilson.

James Bible, principal of Sonora High School, recognized some areas in which Sonora students had excelled during the 1981-82 year. He stated that the football season had been tremendous; the basketball teams had experienced hard luck; tennis sent 5 girls and 3 boys to regional and 2 to state; and golf sent 5 to regional.

The music department had good results with the choir receiving a 2, the Girls Ensemble receiving a 3, and the Mixed Ensemble and 10 soloists making a 1. The band won Sweepstakes and first at Sandy Lake.

In the academic area, the One-Act Play won district and was alternate to regional at area contest. In the UIL Literary Meet, Sonora qualified 15 individuals for regional and 5 of these qualified for the state literary meet.

Receiving certificates from Bailey Marshall, director of the University Interscholastic League for participation in the state meet were Julie Stewart, Charley Carroll, Eric Neal, Bryan Hunt, and Vicki DeMarco.

Awards for excellence in the various subject matter areas presented.

- English I - Rebecca Powers.
- English II - Rosemary Dominguez.
- English III - Homer Samaniego.
- English IV - Rebecca Gruber.
- Speech & Drama - Charlie Carrok.
- Journalism - Mike Phillips.
- Spanish - Kristi Hill.
- American History - Joe Will Ross.
- World History - Ricky Sanchez.
- Government - Allen Stewart.
- Algebra I - Marsha Pohl.
- Algebra II - Marilyn Feist.
- Physics - Rick Powers.
- Chemistry - Marney Sorenson.
- Advanced Math - Cathy Polocsek.
- Trigonometry - Julie Stewart.
- Biology - Lynn Duckworth.
- Physical Science - Anita Balch.
- Bookkeeping - Dede Pfingston.
- Typing - Sonya Ridgeway.
- Industrial Arts - John Pollard.
- Home Economics - Lilia Virgen.
- HECE - Nereida Perez.
- DE - David Bessera.
- Geometry - Ronnie Pollard.
- Art - Veronica Garza.
- CVAE - Luis Contreras.
- Health - Peter Allen.
- Adv. Health - Tonya Ridgeway.
- Physical Fitness - Martin McGee.
- Governor's Physical Fitness - Luis Navarro.

Mr. Mason also related that a special "blue ribbon" Grand Jury has met on at least five occasions hearing evidence pertaining to charges of police brutality in Sonora. The Grand Jury requested the investigative team of Charles Martin and Loil Ballentine from San Angelo to be employed to investigate the charges and Mason concurred in employment. Numerous witnesses were interviewed and several offered testimony to the Grand Jury culminating in the guilty plea and affidavits of the Martinezes.

The Grand Jury offered special praise to the Sheriff's office and Police Department stating, "These officers are doing a tremendous job enforcing our laws. There is not a shred of evidence to substantiate any allegations of wrong doing on the part of any officer. The Sheriff's Department and Police Department cooperated freely and completely with the Grand Jury during the investigation. All the people of Sonora can be proud of our officers."

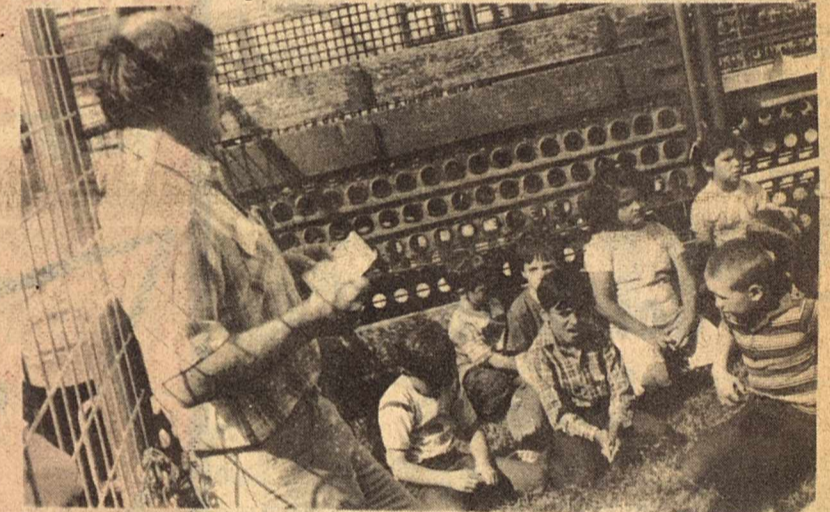
Mr. Mason further praised Sheriff W.W. Webster and Chief Brent Gesch on the excellent job they continue to do. Mr. Mason also praised the job done by Martin and Ballentine for the unbiased special investigation they performed for the Grand Jury.

Mr. Mason also related that the special Grand Jury was not dismissed and is still considering additional special issues relative to these charges.



The Chamber of Commerce recently selected Norm Rousselot as Citizen of the Month. Mr. Rousselot has held many memberships, both local and national, with agricultural and livestock organizations. He is a member of the San Angelo Church of Christian Scientists. He has served on the board of directors of his church. His youth programs have consisted of Boy Scouts and Little League. Some of the public offices

Mr. Rousselot has held include Mayor, president of the Lions Club, president of the Golf Club, and Board of Equalization. Awards and honors he has received include president of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and National Wool Growers Association. He also has written a book entitled, A Children's Book of Poetry. Mr. Rousselot is very active in politics as a member of the Republican Party.



The first grade class of 36 toured the Veterinarian clinic Wednesday morning. They were escorted by their teacher, Sandra Elliot, and Dr. Fields answered questions of which included questions about rabies and animal nutrition. Donna Hill, and Max Hardegree, Tino Dominquez, and Vivian Miears; fifteen to twenty years service included, Gail Cade, Jerry Hopkins, Gwen Kordzik,

School Employees Honored

A ceremony was held on the morning of the twenty first to honor school employees. Awards given for ten to fifteen years: Donna Benson,

Donna Hill, Annabel Wuest, Louise Barlemann, Anita Lane, Rose Gutierrez, Nilda Hernandez, Maria Santos, Max Hardegree, Tino Domin-

quez, and Vivian Miears; fifteen to twenty years service included, Gail Cade, Jerry Hopkins, Gwen Kordzik,

Margaret Burch, Pat Merrill, Wanda Turner, Jo Ellen Neal, and Clay Cade. twenty to twenty five years

service consisted of, Charlotte Wilson and Pauline Skains. The thirty or more years award was given to Oliver Wuest.

Sonora To Lose Jim Miles

In a congregational meeting following the morning worship service April 4, members of the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Stockton heard the report of the pastor search committee, and voted to extend a call to the Rev. James R. (Jim) Miles of Sonora to become the Fort Stockton church's new minister.

Rev. Miles, his wife, Judy, and their three sons - Jim, 13; Matt, 11; and Stephen, 7, will be moving onto the field during the first week of June.

A West Texan, Rev. Miles was born in El Paso and reared in Pecos, graduating from Pecos High School in 1964. He attended Sul Ross State University, receiving a BS degree in chemistry and biology. While at SRSU he was elected to Alpha Chi and received the outstanding chemistry student award each year. Also, while attending Sul Ross, he met Judy Hall of Uvalde, and they were married in 1967.

After serving as a teaching assistant and doing graduate work at the University of Texas at El Paso, they moved to Seagraves where he served as student supply pastor for four years, also teaching chemistry and physics in public schools, and for a time at the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, N.M.

Web Elliott Agency Sold

Web Elliott announced that he has sold the Web Elliott Agency, effective June 1, 1982, to Doyle Morgan dba Doyle Morgan Insurance.

The Web Elliott Agency is now made of the acquisition of several insurance agencies, but it was originally started by A.C. Elliott and L.W. Elliott in 1927. Later it was known as Aldwell-Elliott, being composed of A.C. Elliott, L.W. Elliott and Roy E. Aldwell. In the late 1930's, the business was operated as Elliott Bros. and continued under that name until 1963, when acquired by Web Elliott.

The present day Web Elliott Agency is made up of Elliott Bros., The Davis Insurance Agency which was acquired in 1969; approximately one-half of the O.L. Richardson Insurance Agency, which was acquired in 1972; and the G.A. Wynn Insurance Agency which was acquired in 1976; and the Sonora Agency which was acquired in 1980.

Web would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped to make the business a success for the past 55 years.

he accepted a call to the Sonora Church in December, 1976.

Since his ordination, he has been active in community affairs, serving as a district Boy Scout leader, as a director of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, president of the Sonora

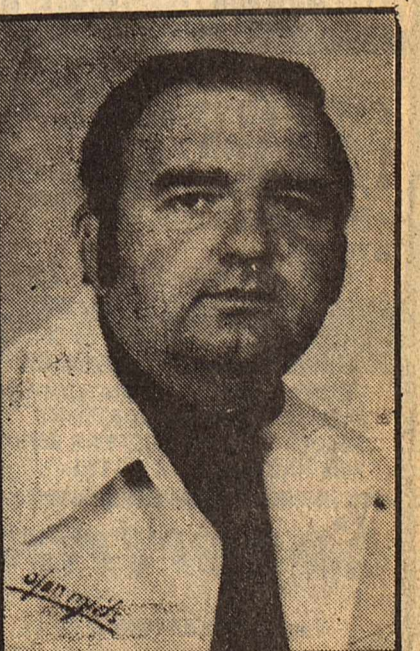
chapter of the American Heart Association, and the Sonora Ministerial Alliance. He has also served on various other boards during his time in Sonora.

He has chaired the Christian Education Committee and the Small Church Task Force of Tres Rios Union Presbytery, has served on the Texas Conference of Churches division of Education, and was a member of the Texas Youth Services program, a state advisory body on child abuse and neglect. He is currently serving the State Board of the American Heart Association and is a member of the Presbyteries MR Commission.

His writings have been published by "These Days" magazine. He is currently serving as a resource person on smaller churches in the Presbytery, Synod, and General

Assembly level. He has just been notified that he is a nominee for the Texas Rural Pastor of the Year.

Rev. Miles said he and his family have truly enjoyed the 7 1/2 year ministry they have had in Sonora, and while it is always difficult to say "goodbye", they look forward with eagerness to the new opportunities for service in Fort Stockton.



REV. JAMES R. MILES



A large crowd witnessed commencement services for the Seniors of 82 Friday night. The invocation was given by John Blankenship. The salutatory address was then given by Julie Stewart. The Valedictory address followed which was given by

Catherine Polocsek. James Bible next presented the various scholarship and awards. W.A. McAndrew then followed with the certification of class. Sammie Stewart next, presented the diplomas. The benediction followed which was given by Espy Whithead.

Traffic Check Held on 277

D.P.S. Area Troopers with the Motor Vehicle Inspection Service and License & Weight Service conducted a traffic check on US 277 at Sonora, on May 18, 1982. Troopers checked for Driver's Licenses,

Liability Insurance, Registration, Weight and Vehicle Equipment Violations. There were 61 citations and 97 warnings issued. Troopers participating were from Abilene, San Angelo, Ozona, Del Rio and Sonora.



Kindergarten Graduates SISD

Dogs Attack Children

Dogs are man's best friend, usually. But of late there have been too many cases of dogs attacking children, singly or in packs, and some have been permanently maimed.

In some instances, when this happens, reams of arguments fill the newspapers and courtrooms—whether or not the dog is gentle or dangerous.

A simple rule is a good guide. Unless the dog is on his own property, defending his home, there is little to argue about. If the dog is positively identified, and has attacked an individual who did not harm or threaten him, he must then be constantly kept enclosed, or put to sleep.

The owner of the enclosed dog then assumes a sober responsibility, and is legally liable to pay heavily for any recurrence.

More dogs should be enclosed, in any event, as is the custom in western Europe. In this country, where land has been plentiful in the past and social standards have not been widely established, some have adopted the convenient notion that dogs can run free—in our towns and communities.

This is neither good for dogs nor the community. More and more communities are rightly requiring that animals be penned as well as properly cared for in other ways.

DOGS AND YOU.....

Ferguson Receives Commission From Colonel Jim Adams

John C. Ferguson of Cisco has been commissioned as a Trooper with the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Ferguson received his commission as a State of Texas law enforcement officer from Colonel Jim Adams, DPS director, in a graduation ceremony at DPS Headquarters in Austin.

Ferguson completed a rigorous 18-week training course at the DPS Academy. The intensive course, recognized as one of the best programs of its kind in the U.S., included instruction in traffic law enforcement, accident investigation, criminal investigation techniques, crime prevention, first aid, riot control and other sub-

jects related to law enforcement.

"These men and women have been trained to deal with extremely sensitive, stressful and sometimes dangerous matters on a daily basis," said Colonel Adams. "But their foremost duty is to faithfully serve the citizens of Texas."

Trooper Ferguson, 23, has been assigned to the Highway Patrol Service and will be stationed at Sonora.

Approximately 300 persons undergo the special training and graduation from the DPS Academy each year.

Trooper Ferguson is the son of Mrs. V. B. Ferguson of Cisco and Mr. H. L. Ferguson of Olden.

Son Born To Lozanos

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lozano are proud to announce the birth of their new baby boy, John David, who was born May 7, 1982 at 5:56 a.m. at Angelo Community Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs., 2 1/2 oz. and measured 19 1/2

inches in length. He is welcomed by a sister, Jennifer, age 2. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel H. Mata, Sr. and his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rafael R. Lozano.

Dobbs Amitted To Phi Theta Kappa

Wayland E. Dobbs, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Dobbs, Sr., of Sonora was one of forty-five Midland College students admitted into Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity for community college students.

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Motorcycle Club Established In Sonora

A motorcycle club has recently been established in Sonora, which is named the Sonora Texas Road Runners. It presently consists of twenty members. Membership is unlimited and is priced \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per couple. This is a non-profit organization and it will donate to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. The club meets every two weeks at the San Angelo Savings Building in Sonora. Those members wishing to ride, meet every Sunday morning. The next meeting is on June 3rd.



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Samaniego, Sanchez Graduate From Western Texas College

Diana Barrera Samaniego and Enrique Sanchez Jr., of Sonora were among the students graduated **Pre-School Registration Held**

Pre-school registration was held this past week on the day of the thirteenth. A rather large attendance was witnessed. The main attraction failed to show up, that being triplet boys. The principal, Mr. Kade, explained that the classes will be kept rather small this coming year for the reason of more individual attention for the child. School will be starting the twenty third of August.

"Lumberman Of The Year" Recognized

J.C. (Jimmy) Galbraith Jr. of Dallas was recognized as the "1982 Lumberman of the Year" by the Lumbermen's Association of Texas during their 96th Annual Convention and Exposition in Fort Worth, April 17th. The annual award is presented to a Texas retail dealer who is outstanding in service to the industry, the consuming public, and to the community he serves.

Mr. Galbraith began his career at the age of seven when he was driving a lumber truck in his father's yard in the Panhandle of Texas. After graduating New Mexico A & M in Las Cruces, he began his lumber career in earnest and worked his way through the organization in their locations in Kerrville, Texas; Buckeye and Phoenix, Arizona; and numerous locations in Texas.

In the early 1930's, he started a wholesale hardware distributorship which bears his name today, and he helped develop the Dr. Fixit Home Repairs Program and Reliance Homes. A plan for building and financing small home in finished or semi-finished condition. At the present time, he is President of the Foxworth-Galbraith Lumber Company with locations from Texas to California.

He has served on the Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Dallas; the Board of Directors of the Town North YMCA of Dallas; and the Board of Directors of the Greenhill School in Dallas. He has four children, two of whom are still active in the lumber business, and seven grandchildren.

from Western Texas College in commencement exercises held May 20 in the Scurry County coliseum. Grant Teaff, head football coach at Baylor University, was guest speaker for the evening.

Miss Samaniego received the Associate in Arts degree.

Sanchez received the Associate in Applied Science degree with a Petroleum Technology major. He was graduated cum laude with a grade point average of 3.59 and has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity for stu-

dents in junior and community colleges. He was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 1981-82.

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Around Town

by Hazel McClelland

The Sonora Sewing club met with Mrs. Midge Shurley, Tuesday, May 18th. Those present were: Mrs. Lucille Coleman, Joan Cusenbary, Bernice Savell, Marty McLain, Sadie Arch-

er, Odessa Fields, Grace Allen, and Melinda McLain. Lunch was served at the Jones House.

Mr. Thomas Morriss is in the Baptist Memorial Hospital in San Angelo. We are

wishing you a speedy recovery, Thomas.

Visiting Mrs. Hattie B. Epps several days last week were Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Epps. Also visiting were Rebecca Vickers and Francis Schlueter of Slaton.

Mrs. Ruby Dameron was in the Hudspeth Hospital last week.

Mrs. Dorie Taylor entertained the Tuesday Night Bridge Club at her home May 18th. Those present were: Mrs. R.A. Halbert, Vestel Askew, Guila Vicars, Ruth Shurley, Lena Belle Ross, Alice Jones, Jo Nell Johnson, and Leo Merrill. A salad plate was served. Mrs. Askew won high. Mrs. Shurley won the traveling prize. Mrs. Merrill and Mrs. Jones binged.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Trainer were in San Angelo this week visiting his sister, Mrs. Dyrille Thomas, and Miss Jaymie Trainer of Tuscon, Arizona, and their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Smith and Lee.

The Sonora Art Club members met down on the Llano river at Mrs. Carmen Adams Wednesday and quilted on the quilt that will be given away on Sutton County Day. The members present were: Mrs. Bernice Williamson, Wilma Schweining, Etta Hill, Gloria Gordon, Vivian Gilbert of San Angelo, Hazel McClelland and Carmen Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Steeray Foley Alabama have been visiting his aunt, Mrs. Belle Steen. They are going on to Colorado.

Mrs. Lora Stewart of San Antonio was visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stewart and children on the weekend, and attending the graduation of her granddaughter, Julie Stewart.

Saturday, I had the nicest telephone call from Mrs. Wiley (Hazel) McDaniels from San Antonio. She wanted to tell me how she enjoyed my "Around Town" in the Devil's River News. She said it was like getting a long letter from home. Hazel and Wiley lived in Sonora for years and raised their family here. Wiley is 93 years old and not in good health. They wanted to tell all their old Sonora friends "hello". Thanks, Hazel, for such a nice call.

Miss Marla Van Hoozer was honored with a shower in the Fellowship room at the Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Van Hoozer. Hostesses were Mrs. Bill Wade, John Wade, James McLaughlin, and Wanda Hoffman. Marla's grandmother, from Kerrville, was here for the shower. We wish you lots of happiness, Marla.

A dedication in memory of Rev. Cliff Epps was held Sunday at the Sonora Cemetery. Rev. Epps was a Methodist Minister and his wife, Mrs. Hattie B. Epps, still lives in Sonora and his son, Ben Epps, also lives here. A permanent plaque was placed on his grave. The beautiful flowers were placed on the grave by his wife and son.

Vacation Bible School Slated By Baptists

First Baptist Church, Sonora, will be holding Vacation Bible School May 24-28. Each session will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will close at 11:30 a.m. All children ages 3 yrs.-6th grade are invited to attend. This Saturday, May 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be a picnic at City Park to pre-register your children. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. Games for each age group will be planned. We would love for everyone to participate.



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Donna Kay Gray Receives Sul Ross Degree

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Dr. Don Newberry, president of Western Texas College in Snyder and former Sul Ross staff and faculty member, delivered the commencement address. Prior to commencement, graduates and their families were honored by SRSU President and Mrs. Bob Richardson at a reception.

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For a child who cannot speak or understand English, school is a frightening place. Trying to learn to read or write or do mathematics can be an impossible task if the child does not understand what his teacher is telling him.

Bilingual education has made a vital contribution to the elimination of this barrier. I joined in sponsoring the original legislation to provide federal assistance for bilingual programs in 1967. In 1973, I introduced legislation to expand the scope of bilingual education to include vocational programs. These provisions were adopted in 1974.

From its inception the goal of bilingual education programs has been to help students become proficient in English, while they learn in other subjects. When the program works well, students are able to keep up with their grade level in the whole range of subjects and become fluent enough in English to enter regular classroom programs. I still strongly support this principle, and I believe there is a continuing role for the federal government in this area.

I am proud to say that Texas has done an outstanding job in implementing bilingual programs which have put thousands upon thousands of young people on the road to realizing their dreams and aspirations.

Our goal in establishing federal bilingual programs was to help local school districts meet the needs of their areas. As with many other federal programs that began with this goal, there have been persistent efforts -- by forces inside and outside of government -- to expand the level of federal control. In 1980, for example, the Education Department under the previous Administration tried to establish regulations outlining in specific detail what types of programs every school district in the nation should provide. Those regulations eventually were withdrawn, but the pressures still remain.

If we are to preserve the effectiveness and integrity of bilingual programs, we must guard local flexibility. This becomes even more important in our current budget crisis. We simply do not have enough money available to spend a single penny on a program which is not effective in any school district. We must target available funds so that each dollar is spent in the way that is of most direct benefit to the district in which it is spent.

Congress now is considering legislation to define the direction and parameters of bilingual education for the future. The Administration is committed to directing funds toward those students for whom it was designed -- the student who does not speak English as a native language. Additionally, the Administration supports the concept of local flexibility.

I would hope that as we consider the subject of bilingual education this year, we can preserve those aspects which have made it effective in the past and set the stage for an even more productive future.

DPS Director Urges Observation Of Speed Limit

Fatalities attributed to drunk driving made up 23 percent of the total killed, according to investigating officers. However, we believe this figure would be as high as 50 percent if Texas law required blood alcohol measurements from all drivers involved in fatal accidents," he said. Motorcycle deaths reached 442 in 1981, rising 17 percent compared to the previous year. Seventy-five percent of the cyclists killed were not wearing helmets. "Total accidents reported by state and local officers last year numbered 458,017, six percent higher than 1980," Adams pointed out. "Our statistics also show that 206,196 persons were injured in Texas traffic mishaps in 1981. That a-

mounts to an 11 percent increase over the previous year." Statistics show motorists traveled 111,036 billion miles last year compared to 1980's 103,255 billion miles. This represents an increase of 7.5 percent. The DPS director urged drivers to observe speed limits, use seat belts and refrain from drinking if they plan to drive.

Texas Approves Insecticide

The State of Texas has approved a 24 (c) Special Local Need registration for Ambush 4 insecticide for the control of boll weevil, tobacco budworm, cabbage looper, bollworm, Lygus bugs, cotton aphid and whitefly. Guidelines for use include dosage rates of 0.1 to 0.2 pounds of active ingredient, (0.2 to 0.4 pints of Ambush 4) per acre, application in a vegetable oil such as cottonseed oil or soybean oil and a minimum of one quart of finished spray per acre by aerial application. Ambush 4 is a product of ICI Americas. It is a new pyrethroid insecticide formulation specifically designed to work with vegetable oil in reduced-volume applications. In recent tests, Ambush 4 and oil were found to have almost 45 percent more retention than other pyrethroids mixed with oil. It is currently registered for low-volume use on cotton under 24 (c)'s in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and New Mexico.

Aerial applicators and growers have become greatly interested in the low-volume application technique. The use of cottonseed or soybean oil as a carrier allows for smaller amounts of finished spray to cover the same area previously covered with a water carrier--roughly one quart of oil sprayed per acre as compared to three gallons of water per acre. In response to applicator and grower interest, ICI designed this new formulation, Ambush 4 insecticide.

Swimming Pool Schedule

The city swimming pool will be scheduled this summer as follows: Mon. - Sat. 1:30 - 6:00; Sun 1:30 - 5:00

Monday 6:30 - 8:30; Family swim - \$2.50 1 family, parents must swim if children swim.

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Helpful Hints

Join the coupon campaign. Send in for refunds, advises Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist.

In 1980, the average household sent in for five refunds as compared to four in 1977. Families with an average income of \$15,000-\$25,000 were the most frequent participants, she says.

McCormack is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

For homemade baby food, don't use leftovers--they're likely to have a higher level of bacterial contamination than freshly prepared food, warns Dr. Cass Ryan-Crowe, a food and nutrition specialist. Ryan-Crowe is on the home economics staff of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

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Don't waste water -- close the tub drain before turning on the bath water instead of letting the first cold amounts go down the drain while you wait for hot water. Water will soon be hot, and you can adjust tub-water temperature as the tub fills, says Linda McCormack, a family resource management specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Prairie looks" -- among the hottest fashions for spring-summer -- start with gathered "prairie skirts" topped with romantic blouses, and they finish off

with rustic concho belts for accent, says Alma Fonseca, a clothing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

For a lower price tag on that new home -- and to qualify for mortgage loans, home buyers may have to give up luxury frills, says Dr. Jane Berry, a housing and home furnishings specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Eliminating such things as fireplace, patio, sunken tub and a bar will help

lower the price, she notes. Some builders are offering stripped-down-model homes for less, too. The buyer can finish out or add onto these homes as money becomes available.

"Thanks" From The Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society would like to extend its grateful thanks to the dedicated volunteers in Sutton County. Among those who have worked diligently and devotedly for the cause are: Mrs. Mary Jean Hamilton, Mrs. Dorothy Baker, Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Mrs. Lou Faulks, and Mrs. Allie Asken. Thanks to these people, there continues to be hope that cancer can be wiped out in your lifetime. Their gift of time is priceless.

Diagnostic Laboratory In Full Operation

The Texas Plant Disease Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M University is now in full operation. Under the direction of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, the lab is set up to handle all types of plant disease problems, from field crops to garden and landscape plants, notes an Extension plant pathologist. The new lab will operate on a fee basis just like the Soil, Water and Forage Testing Laboratory at Texas A&M. Cost per plant disease specimen is \$7. Nematode test will be \$5 per sample. Info on collecting plant specimens and mailing instructions are available at county Extension offices.

Failure To Report Changes Results In Penalty

If you receive monthly supplemental social security income payments, you are required to report events or facts which may affect your eligibility for payments.

Failure to report events or facts affecting eligibility or payments may constitute a crime punishable under federal or state law or both. You must notify the social security administration if there are any changes in your income, your spouse's income and/or your family's income.

There are several other changes you are required to report. If you do not know what your reporting responsibilities are or to report a change, call, write, or visit your local social security office.

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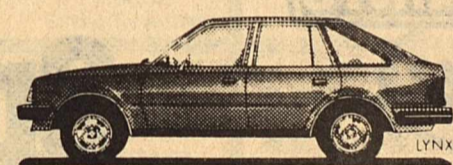
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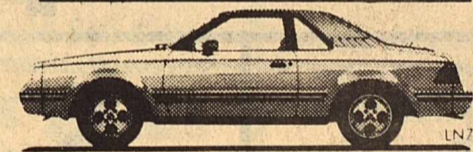
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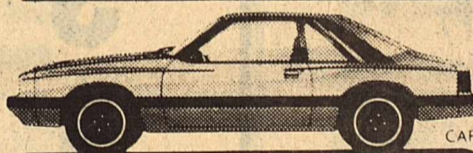
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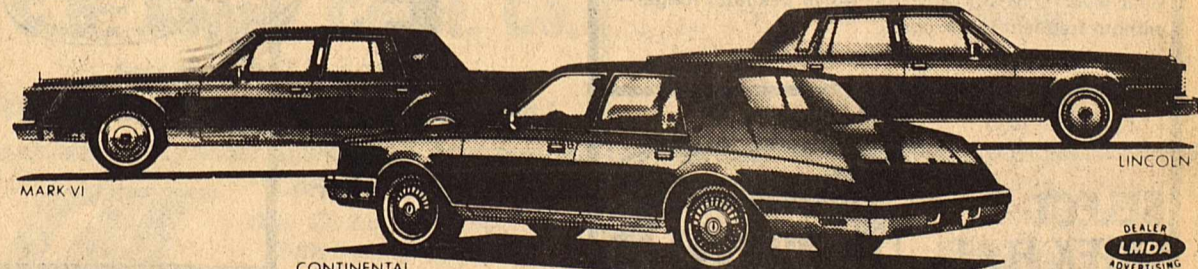
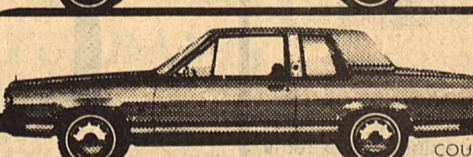
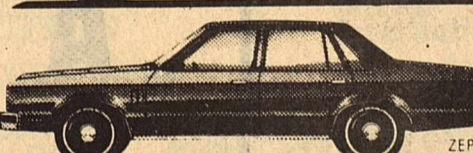


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should be taken when removing a tick to prevent leaving the tick's head in the wound when pulling it off. This could result in severe infection. Turning to the more severe consequences of a tick bite is the R.M.S.F. disease. It can be very deadly when left untreated. A very high fever is one of the most prominent symptoms. A blood test should be taken if there is any question whether or not they have the disease.

Parvo Virus Is Spreading Rapidly

By now most dog owners are well aware of the canine parvovirus, commonly known as parvo. This killer first appeared in the summer of seventy eight. The lack of knowledge of the disease prevented it from being arrested.

Parvo is most common among young dogs and puppies. First symptoms include depression and unwillingness to eat. The dog's temperature usually raises to 104F to 106F. Some infected dogs also develop an inflammation of

the mouth visible as red sores. Diarrhea is usually also one of the symptoms. The animal becomes dehydrated and death usually follows in puppies and in some cases older dogs. Treatment of parvo is rather costly and uneffective.

Control of the dreaded disease is very difficult. The virus can be transmitted on contaminated cages, shoes, food bowls, etc. It also can be transmitted through the feces. Dog breeders and owners are urged to dispose of feces of

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Screwworms Are Threatening

Screwworms are again threatening Texas' livestock, ranchers and owners of household pets should be on the alert for possible new worm cases in Texas.

This warning comes from Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at College Station, following confirmation of nine screwworm cases recently in Mexico within a

few miles of Del Rio and Comstock, in Val Verde County, Texas' last confirmed case was in May, 1981.

Livestock and pet owners located near Del Rio should increase their vigilance and regularly inspect their animals for wounds and screwworm cases. Since it is possible that fertile screwworm flies may have migrated northward into Texas, producers throughout the entire state should be on the lookout for possible screwworm cases, Hoelscher warns.

Samples of any suspicious worm cases should be collected and sent to the

U.S. Department of Agriculture Sterile Screwworm Fly Laboratory, P.O. Box 969, Mission, Texas 78572.

Deaths Are Up 8 Percent

DPS reports 2,071 city traffic deaths in 1981 which is 44.1 percent of the total fatalities, while rural highway accidents claimed 2,630 lives or 55.9 percent of the deaths.

Adams noted that DWI-related deaths last year totaled 1,082, an increase of eight percent above 1980.

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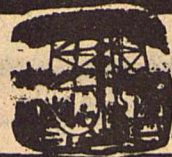
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State's Output Pushed Upward

The 10th consecutive year of production at the maximum efficient recovery rate in nearly all of Texas' oil and gas fields pushed the state's output of crude oil and condensate last year to nearly 929-million barrels.

The total of 929,710,351 barrels included more than 897-million barrels of crude oil. Figures compiled by Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association also indicate that more than 31-million barrels of condensate were produced.

Texas' drilling boom, spawned by crude oil price decontrol, continued last year. Figures from the Railroad Commission's Oil & Gas Division show 24,998 new holes drilled in the state last year, an 18.1 percent increase from the 1980 total of 20,490 wells. Oil completions stood at 15,627, up 21.2 percent from 1980, while drilling

applications were received last year, compared to 39,442 in 1980.

Last year's crude oil and condensate production total was 31.6-million barrels below the 1980 figure, a decrease of 3.3 percent. It marked the ninth consecutive year of a downward trend since Texas' output peaked at near 1.3 billion barrels in 1972. However, 1981 production from the nation's No. 1 petroleum producing province pushed the all-time cumulative total since 1866 to more than 46.6 billion barrels of crude oil and condensate.

Avery Rush, Jr., of Amarillo, chairman of the Dallas-based Association, noted that although the production decline continued last year, the 1981 decrease reflected a slowing in the rate of decline. It was the lowest percentage drop in the past five years. "It is very encouraging

to see that the unprecedented drilling activity of the past two years is beginning to have a positive effect on Texas production," Rush said. "Only by increasing our reserves can we eventually turn around our production decline. And the only way to increase reserves is by drilling," Rush said.

Sutton county, which has had recorded production since 1948, last year produced 211,179 barrels of crude oil and condensate at

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Refineries Process More Crude Oil

Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent announced that 67 refineries in Texas processed 123,402,215 barrels of crude oil and hydrocarbon blends during January 1982.

This volume compares with 133,375,817 barrels in the previous January, the Commission's Oil and Gas Division reported in its monthly recapitulation of Texas refinery operations. Inputs of crude oil and blends totaled 130,448,866 barrels in December 1981.

Texas refineries ran 93,832,275 barrels of crude oil in January compared to 104,484,624 barrels in January 1981 and 99,909,980 barrels in December 1981.

Products manufactured in January 1982 totaled 125,738,901 barrels, down from 135,253,955 barrels in the same month the previous year, and down from the 136,738,492 barrels in December 1981.

January 1982 manufacture of motor gasoline totaled 50,451,569 barrels, compared to 51,087,451 barrels in the year-earlier month and 54,653,418 barrels in December of 1981.

Texas refineries manufactured 12,283,347 barrels of home heating oil in January 1982—an increase of 275,186 barrels from the year-earlier volume. December 1981 output was 12,181,754 barrels.

Crude Oil

Production Down

Texas crude oil production totaled 67,211,273 barrels in February, according to Railroad Commission Chairman Jim Nugent.

The figure compares with reported January production totaling 73,904,988 barrels and February 1981 production of 69,651,850 barrels.

Texas oil production averaged 2,400,402 barrels daily in February, up from 2,384,032 barrels daily in January and down from 2,487,566 barrels daily in February 1981.

The February allowable totaled 88,184,447 barrels. The preliminary February summary indicated Texas oil production was 23.78 percent under the allowable for the month.

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"This year we're hoping to surpass the 1,500 mark in the total number of Texas properties registered in our Family Land Heritage Program," Agriculture Commissioner Reagan V. Brown said recently.

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"Mr. G. W. Stewart, Sutton County Historical Commission chairperson and Sutton County Judge Charles Sherrill, will be working with us on the program," Brown said.

history of each farm or ranch and includes old photograph of the families and homes.

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Persons who meet the basic qualifications and wish to enter can obtain an application from the county judge, county Historical Commission chairperson, the nearest TDA district office, or by writing to Commissioner Reagan V. Brown, Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

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The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) is entering its eighth year in sponsoring the program which honors "those families that have persevered for a century or more in the cultivation and production of food and fiber," Brown said. "Undoubtedly, these families, with their unflinching determination have been the backbone of Texas agriculture."

The registration period will extend from May 15 to August 15.

Those who qualify are honored in state ceremonies and receive a certificate and a copy of the Family Land Heritage Registry. The publication has a brief

Angus Association Field Day Set

The Gulf Coast Angus Association field day is scheduled for Saturday, June 26, at Carl and Dorothy Lohmann's Gulflands Angus Ranch at Hampshire, Texas.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m., followed by a tour of the ranch. A judging contest is planned for the men, women and juniors.

After a presentation of

forage and nutrition in the Gulf Coast area by a Jefferson County extension agent lunch will be served.

All registered and commercial Angus breeders are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Carl Lohmann, Hampshire, Texas, 713/243-2105 or Nancy Sivyver, Houston, Texas, 713/468-2151.

Don Welch Directs

WTU Customer Service

Don Welch begins his duties June 1 as Vice President and Director of Customer Services for West Texas Utilities Company. He succeeds Dick Brooks, who moved to Corpus Christi to become vice president, engineering, for Central Power and Light Company, which, like WTU, is a member of the

Central and South West Corporation. Welch has been an executive assistant at WTU's general offices in Abilene since February 1, and previously had been district manager at Stamford and local manager at Alpine, Wellington and Aspermont. WTU supplies electric service to 161 communities in a 53,000-square mile area extending from the Panhandle to the Big Bend.

Fireman's Auxiliary Meets

Cookie Hoffernan was hostess when the Sonora Firemen's Auxiliary met on May 11, at the fire hall. After a business meeting, bunks was played with Benita Martinez winning bunks, Frances West, high

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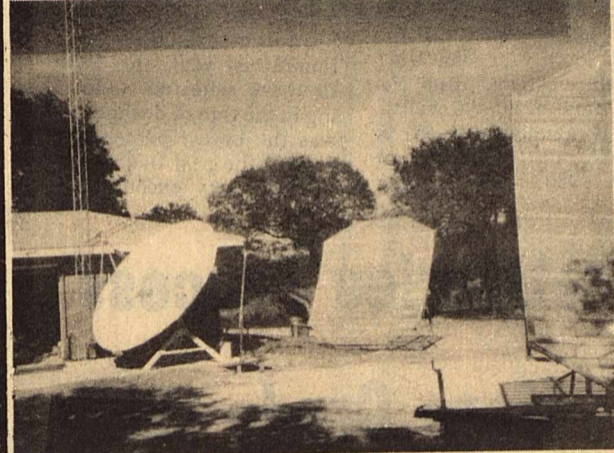
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There will be a FREE Tennis Clinic Tuesday, June 8th. It is sponsored by the Texas Tennis Association Caravan. The Purpose of the T-T-A Caravan is to introduce players to the opportunities available to them in Texas through membership in the USTA and the TTA. We hope to offer an interesting day of instruction as well, and it is our wish that the clinic will be beneficial to both the beginning player and the more advanced.

The clinic will be in two sessions. The first session will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the second session will be from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The T-T-A Caravan instructor will be James Rytting. The clinic will be held at the School Stadium Tennis Courts. All interested individuals should simply report to the courts.

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National Wildlife Federation Sues

On the eve of the nation's largest-ever coal lease sale, the National Wildlife Federation has sued to force the federal government to examine the "potentially devastating" environmental and social effects of proposed mining operations.

Involved are 13 tracts of land covering approximately 32,000 acres in the Powder River Basin of Montana and Wyoming. The leased area contains total reserves of almost 1.5 billion tons of coal. Current U.S. production is just over 800 million tons per year.

The U.S. Interior Department has scheduled bidding for the lease sale on Wednesday, April 28. In its lawsuit, filed today in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, the Wildlife Federation asks that no leases be sold until comprehensive land use plans are developed for the region, as required by law.

"This sale could provoke radical social and environmental change over the next 50-100 years in a region that already is experiencing some of the ravages of profound change," said Dr. Jay D. Hair, the Federation's executive vice president.

"We are not convinced that the coal is needed for domestic markets within the next decade, or longer," Hair said. "Regardless," he continued, "I agree with those Western leaders who are asking the federal land stewards to help the region plan for orderly change before rushing pell-mell into wasteful and harmful development."

The Federation's suit charges that Interior's land-use plans do not evaluate all of the competing resources in the Powder River Basin, including such regionally-important resources as agriculture, grazing and wildlife. The suit claims that portions of some tracts offered for lease were not recommended for coal leasing in Interior's own land use plans because of resource conflicts. Finally, the Federation claims that Interior did not consider whether reclamation of mined land was economically and technologically feasible, as required by law.

"The result is that Interior has made some of the worst possible choices in deciding which lands should be leased for strip mining," said Hair. "One can only assume that Interior's so-called land use plans were half-hearted efforts at best."

Hair also noted that the lease sale is especially "egregious" because it comes at a time when there's no need for the coal it would produce. "The sale would support a production that is almost twice the projected demand for the Powder River Basin for the year 1990," said Hair. "In no case can new leasing of coal in this region be justified before 1985 at the earliest."

The suit centers on federal laws that require the development of comprehensive land use plans before any lands can be offered in coal lease sales. The NWF says Interior Secretary Watt has viola-

ted these laws, including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976 and the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act, by not providing adequate land use plans.

"Without adequate planning, the resource trade-offs cannot be evaluated," said Hair. "When change comes, we will be in a very poor position to manage it. We've already experienced the consequences of improper planning in the West."

The Montana Wildlife Federation and the Northern Plains Resource Council joined NWF in the suit. In addition to Watt, the U.S. Dept. of the Interior and Robert Burford, Director of the Bureau of Land Management, were named as defendants in the suit.

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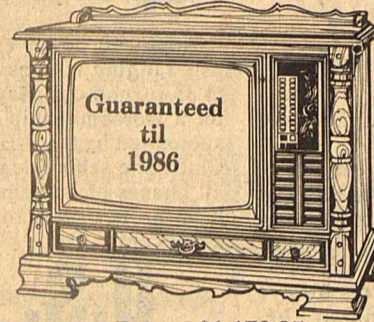
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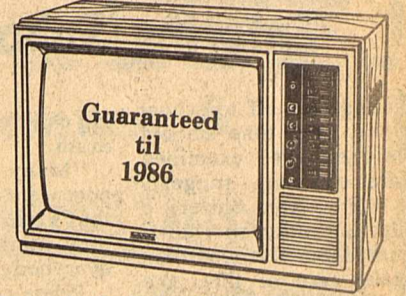
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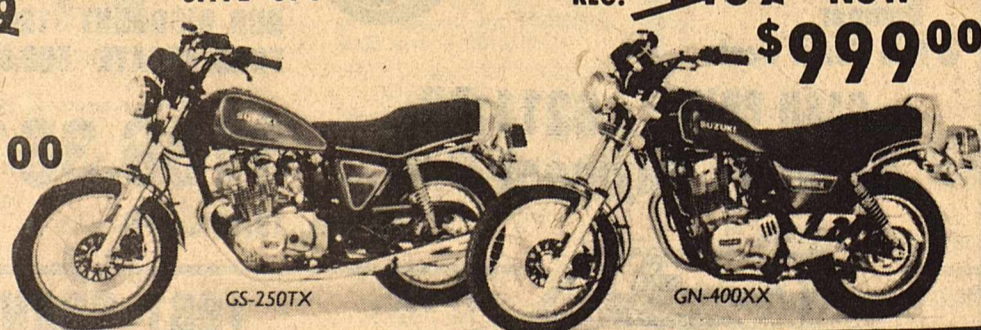
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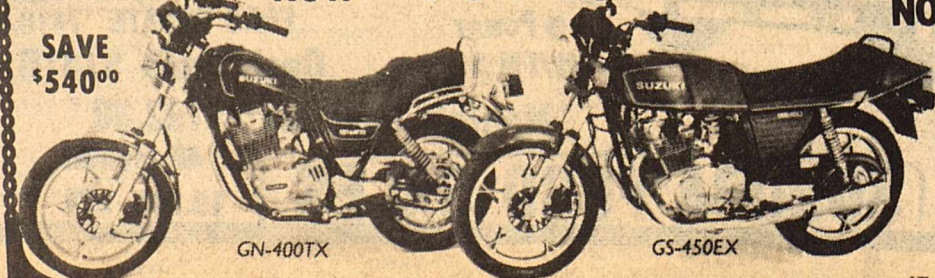


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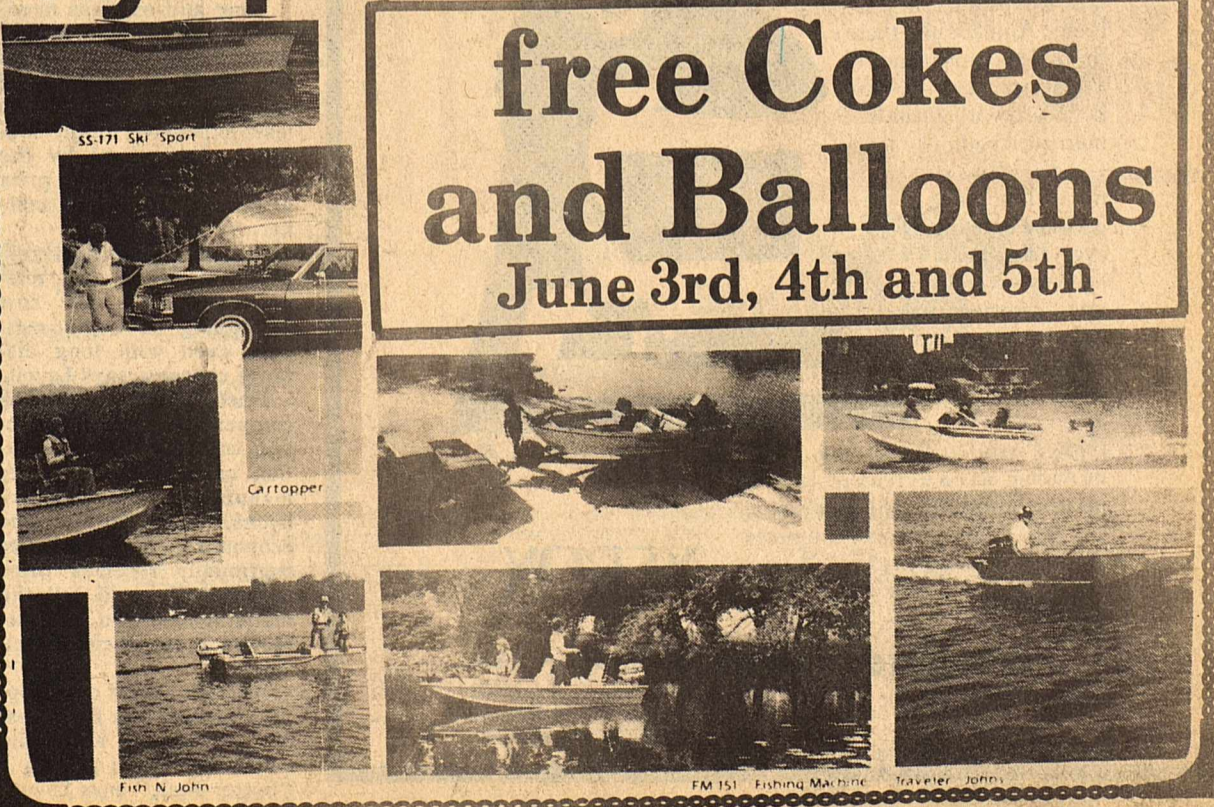
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Mr. And Mrs. Jerry Jardee Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jardee wish to thank every one for the flowers and baby gifts. They are most thankful for their new daughter, Haley Jardee, who was

born May 11, 9:51 a.m. at the San Angelo Community Hospital. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 1/2 oz. She was greeted to the world by her older sister, Lori.

Eye Examination Should Be Done Before Entering School

Youngsters off to school for the first time should have their eyes examined before entering, suggests Dr. Mary Ann Shirer, a health education specialist. Summertime is a good time to take care of this, she says.

Shirer is on the home economics staff, Texas Agriculture Extension Service, The Texas A&M University System.

Unfortunately, the specialist points out, far too many parents wait to see if the school uncovers any sight problems before tak-

ing children to have an eye exam.

"Many kids can have poor vision in both eyes but that's all they know, and they think that's the way everybody sees," she says.

Prime candidates for eye exams are children between ages four to six, Shirer notes.

Warning signs of vision problems parents can watch for are constant squinting, especially to see things in the distance, and holding everything very close to the eyes, the specialist says.

Graduation Firday For Buttons And Bows

Graduation was held Friday morning for the students of Buttons and Bows. The children graduating to Kindergarten were April Castro, Joey Carta, Miguel Richardson, Teresa Rod-

riguez, Joey Wilson, and Cody York. Underclassmen serving as host and hostesses were Chris Crowder, Davis Hale, Lora Hale, Annalee Prentiss, and T.J. Throp.

4-H Horse Club Sponsors School

About 40 horse enthusiasts ranging in ages from 5 to 35 turned out May 24-26 for a Horsemanship School sponsored by the 4-H Horse Club. The school dealt with all phases of horsemanship from proper seats to specialty events.

The school was taught by four students from the Horse Section of the Animal Science Dept. at Texas A&M University. The group also enjoyed two swimming parties at the home of Mr. Willie Meiers.

U.S. Increases Beef And Livestock Exports

For the first time since 1977 the United States experienced a positive trade balance in livestock, meat and livestock products, Agriculture Commissioner Reagan Brown reports.

"This is good news for the Texas ranchers who produce the largest amount of sheep and goats in the nation," Brown said.

Frozen and fresh beef and veal exports from the United States increased roughly \$45 million in 1981. During the same year, U.S. beef exports to Japan, the nation's totaled roughly of the nation's total meat export totaled roughly \$74 million or nine percent of the nation's total meat export. While total red meat trade in the U.S. remained negative, there was a marked narrowing of the deficit.

Texas also contributes a large percentage annually to total U. S. live animal exports which increased in both quantity and value during 1981. There were 17,906 head of cattle shipped from Texas exporting facilities during 1981 along with 48,525 head of goats, 128,359 head of sheep, 3,899 swine and 739 horses. The total value of animals exported from Texas during 1981 totaled about \$33.4 million. Overall, U.S. live animal exports increased in value by approximately \$40 million.

The import of live animals and their meat products to the United States showed a decline in 1981. Beef and veal imports declined about \$373 million and almost 100,000 tons on a product weight basis from previous years. Live cattle imports declined in both number and value during 1981 with feeder cattle imports dropping approximately 12,000 head for a decline in value of roughly \$24 million.

Based on preliminary figures, U. S. exports of

livestock, meat and livestock products exceeded imports in 1981 by about \$307 million. While imports declined by nearly \$325 million from the 1980 value, exports grew approximately \$105 million.

"An increase in exports of our nation's raw and processed foods should alleviate several economic problems that we are now facing by helping to eliminate surpluses, which are costly to maintain," Brown said.

In a five point proposal outlined by Brown, he points to the importance of exporting processed foods in stimulating the nation's economy.

"An increase in exports of processed foods from the United States would result in an increase in jobs here as well as present some tariff advantages for American exporters," Brown said.

Farm Supplies Cheaper When Shopping Around

When buying farm supplies, "shopping around" could save on production expenses. Many farm supplies are similar in physical properties, they merely have different brand names, says Dr. Ashley Lovell, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System.

Prices for these expendables (such as feed, fertilizer and other supplies) are not fixed, he explains. Lovell says the price of an item may include management advice, soil testing or similar services, resulting in different packages offered by competitors at different prices.

The objective of shopping around, then, is to obtain the most favorable price after adjusting for any accompanying services, says the economist.

Time and expense needed to conduct the search must be considered, points out Lovell. The amount of savings from finding the least expensive supply source is determined by the purchase size and the price dispersion within the market.

Due to increasing transportation costs, the telephone offers a low cost "shopping around" method, even with long distance charges, says Lovell.

Price shopping promotes competition, cuts production costs and fights inflation as well as facilitates manufacturers' pricing decisions, according to the economist. If a supplier continually receives price inquiries, he will tell the manufacturer who uses this feedback in pricing decisions.

Another aspect of "shopping around" is that most of us receive a certain satisfaction from getting a "better deal," says Lovell.

Sonora-Sutton Co. Horse Show Scheduled

The Annual Memorial Day Sonora-Sutton Co. 4-H Horse Show is scheduled for Monday, May 31, 1982. All 4-H members are invited to attend. The judges for the show will be Mr. Ken Cook from San Angelo

and Mr. Mac Gillate from Leakey.

The show will begin at 9:00 a.m. with halter classes for both mares and geldings. Showmanship at

Halter will follow succeeded by Western Pleasure,

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Three age groups will be held: Pee Wee 8 and under, Junior 9-13 and Senior 14 and over.

Church Honors Miles

The Church of the Good Shepherd will honor Judy and Jim Miles on Thursday evening, May 27, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at 118 Castle Hill Road.

The public is invited, and we will be very happy for you to come.



Jerry Lackey's Country Folk

Jerry Lackey.....

After a number of tries, moisture in one form or another has finally arrived at just about every point in West Texas but Stiles in Reagan County.

Boze Hartgrove, who ranches in the Stiles country, believes if Noah had constructed his boat there, it would never have seen water! "During the drought of the 1950's, we couldn't tell the difference," Hartgrove said.

Well, it's not quite that bad. At least most parts of that West Texas terrain are broken up with pump-jacks every few yards or miles, which give good shade to a number of livestock.

Someone in Ballinger the other night told about another unusually heavy broomweed crop in the making in parts where it has rained. In the past 15 or 20 years when there was an outcrop of broomweeds in Concho County or the Hill Country, they would be as tall and thick as the South Texas bush in Sterling.

Back eight or 10 years ago, Dow Chemical's public relations department called me with the assignment to photograph the weeds in Sterling County. They had plans to develop some kind of eradication for broomweeds. My pictures indicated the weeds were as tall as mesquite trees.

Thinking I had doctored the pictures, Dow sent some folks down from the head office in Michigan to have a look at the broomweeds on the Clinton Hodges ranch and others. The delegation quickly discovered my camera does not lie. I never heard if Dow came up with a chemical either.

Over the years, natives have found there is little that can be done to hold down broomweeds. It seems they are much more prominent in years where the moisture falls at just the right time. This appears to be one of those years. So maybe Stiles will come out the winner after all.

Skipper Duncan, who

ranches west of San Angelo, commented the other morning that the weeds this season are most prolific in his well-kept conservation pastures. That brings up another subject, somewhat related.

Many of us have watched over the years the transition of Duncan's ranch from miles of condensed mesquite thick to a ranch which could now accidentally be mistaken for a national park. Duncan has practiced good soil conservation management with the clearing of some brush and planting different varieties of grasses.

He has left strips of brush for game and wildlife. Matter of fact, I can remember when deer and turkey would not be seen further north than the South Concho River at Christoval. Because of Duncan's and others like the Turners at Water Valley and Angelo State University, wildlife is now plentiful all over Tom Green County.

Something else I couldn't help but be delighted about on the Duncan Ranch was the constant observation of electric fencing and fiberglass rod post. He has developed the Savory type high intensity rotational grazing system to beautiful results.

For more than a year, I have worked with Mike Sheehan and Robert Nickel of Twin Mountain Supply Co. here in San Angelo to promote the use of the new electric fencing systems. I remember my days with the sheep and wool growers when the fencing alone would have turned hundreds of coyotes.

Skipper has used electric fencing and sound conservation practices to the utmost degree to not only turn ranching into a profitable profession but protecting and caring for the land and saving it for generations to come. To me, to take something and improve it and leave it better than when you took over is what the good Lord challenges us to do in whatever our assignment is in life.

Obituary

Randel Lynn Williams, 22, died in an automobile accident near Goltwhaite May 17, 1982.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora with Rev. David Griffin officiating. Burial was in Sonora Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Williams was born December 6, 1959 in Comanche, Texas. He married Pat Medley June 23, 1979 in Brownwood and moved to Sonora in 1981. He was employed as a cement loader for Halliburton.

Survivors include his wife Pat; two daughters, Stephanie Lynn Williams and Carrie Nicole Williams; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvis Williams of Norfolk, Va., Derrel Keith Williams of Killeen, Charles Edward Williams of Brownwood, and Kenton Wayne Williams of Sonora; two sisters, Kay and Judy Williams of Sonora; and his great-grandmother Millie Webb of Mineral Wells.

Pallbearers included D.J. Garvin, David Tyson, James Foster, D. Scott Ligon, Jim Modgling, James Baccroft, Elton Holt, and James H. Smith.

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