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A view from  
The  
Lamplighter  
By Ken Towery

It will soon be time to again render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's.

There seems to be perpetual dispute between Caesar and his subjects about how much Caesar ought to take, and how much he ought to leave to the subjects. Nevertheless, Caesar has the last word, so to help you get in the proper frame of mind for this annual occasion, we will note, with appreciation, a recent front page story in the Austin American-Statesman.

But first, a word of background. The Washington Post, which is usually most supportive of Mr. Clinton, recently created a stir in our nation's capitol by revealing the salaries of the President's staff. No one could remember that having been done before. The paper reported that seven people on Mr. Clinton's staff make \$125,000 per year, which is almost as much as a Congressman makes. At least two of the seven, Mr. David Gergin and George Stephanopoulos, are "spin doctors", making sure the best face is always placed on things having to do with the Presidency.

Taking a page from the Washington paper's book, the Austin paper took a look at salaries of Texas state employees. What they found is that the top people in Austin need not hang their heads in embarrassment. Many are doing very well indeed. Richard Ladd, the state's commissioner for health and human services, makes \$156,015 per year, only about \$40,000 less than the President of the United States. He was hired by Governor Ann Richards in June of 1992. Prior to coming to Texas he spent 11 years in Oregon state government. J. Robert Hunter, Richards' new state insurance commissioner, makes \$150,000. More than 200 state employees (209 to be exact) make more than the Governor, who makes \$99,122, plus free rent and a few other perks.

Of the 209 who make more than the governor, 196 are doctors and the rest are involved in education, which would lead one to believe we ought to be an exceedingly well educated, very healthy society. And we should hasten to say the paper's survey did not reach out into the field of public universities, where salaries tend to be equally generous.

But it is in the general field of law enforcement that some of the strangest quirks appear. We normally think of the Attorney General, Dan Morales, as being the state's top legal officer. But when it comes to pay, 670 prosecutors, judges and state lawyers in various fields make more than Morales. In fact, thirty-one people on his own staff make more than his \$79,274 per year. (One of which is Mr. Gary Bledsoe, head of the state NAACP, and also head of the Travis County Democratic Party. He is currently on "administrative leave" from the AG's office, while the DA, Mr. Ronnie Earle, tries to determine what to do about the case. You may remember, gentle reader, that Mr. Bledsoe caused some embarrassment to his employer, the Attorney General, when it was revealed that he was perhaps taking care of NAACP matters, as well as Democratic Party matters, while being paid handsomely to take care of state matters. The matter was eventually turned over to the DA, but he, currently emeshed in the Kay Bailey Hutchison affair, just hasn't had the time or inclination to pursue the case. In the meantime, Mr. Bledsoe is relieved of his "official" duties but he still gets his pay.)

Just to keep things in perspective: 36,590 state employees make between \$20,000 and \$25,000. 34,000 employees make between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Twenty-one thousand make between \$25,000 and \$30,000. 16,000 make less than \$15,000. Twelve hundred make more than \$70,000.

The moral being, we suppose, if you're going to apply for work with the state, it would be better to try for one of the top jobs.

And while on the subject of politics and money, we also take note of a report compiled by an outfit called Common Cause and published by the Washington Post. The report deals with contributions by labor union PACs, or political

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**FIRST 1994 BABY**—Daniel Louis Castillo became the first baby born in 1994 at W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney on Sunday, Jan. 2. Making his arrival at 12:09 p.m., he weighed 6 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 19 1/2" long. He is the son of former Floydada residents, Pete and Estella Castillo of Plainview. He has one sister, Cynthia Castillo, 10, (right) and one brother, Johnny Pena, 14, (not pictured). His grandparents are Elena Castillo of Floydada, Josie Reyes of Plainview and Louis Guevara of Abernathy. He also has a great-grandfather, Manuel Guevara of McCoy. Dr. Gary Mangold was the attending physician. —Staff photo

## Photo ID's offered for safety documents

FLOYDADA — Parents of children age six months through six years can have their child photographed at the KidCare Photo ID event in Floydada on Wednesday, January 19, 1994, courtesy of the Floydada Police Department and the City of Floydada. The photo session is designed to address the problem of missing children and how parents to have the proper photos and documentation available if their child ever becomes a missing child.

According to Police Chief James Hale, one in seven missing children is found because of a photograph distributed by the National Center For Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Authorities recommend that parents obtain standardized safety documents such as the KidCare Photo ID for their small children. The Floydada Police Department is hosting the photo session as part of a national effort to provide parents with personal safety IDs of their children in the event of an emergency.

NCMEC and the Polaroid Corporation have developed the KidCare Photo ID as part of the national campaign to increase awareness about missing children and educate parents about steps they can take to protect their children. The KidCare ID is a NCMEC approved form of standard identification for children.

"Everyone has pictures of their children, but most parents do not have a suitable photograph if their child becomes lost or missing," explained Chief Hale. "It is very important to have a

Floydada and  
Lockney  
Stock Shows  
slated this weekend!

Help support  
your local  
youngsters!

recent, unobstructed head and shoulders photograph of the child. The photograph should be stored in a safe place with the vital statistics of the child at the time the photograph is taken.

"The Floydada Police Department is offering the free KidCare IDs as a public service to Floydada families. We are pleased to be playing such a vital role in keeping the children of our community safe," said Hale. "We certainly hope no one will ever need to use these documents, but parents can at least have the peace of mind in knowing they have the proper information in a safe place should the need arise."

No one knows the true extent of the missing child problem, but a study conducted by the U. S. Department of Justice found that there were over one million children reported missing every year. Authorities at NCMEC point out that most children who are abducted are



**SAFETY PHOTOS** — Floydada Police Officer Darrell Gooch demonstrates the Polaroid photo process to be used in the KidCare ID project being implemented in Floydada. The three subjects of his photo are his daughters

Camaray, LaShay and Cassidy. The project is designed to offer an opportunity to obtain proper documentation for use in the event a child becomes missing. — Staff Photo

## Floydada Junior Livestock Show underway this weekend

FLOYDADA — The yearly Floydada Junior Livestock Show held in preparation for the County event has been scheduled for this weekend, January 7 and 8. Prizes will be furnished by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman for the show will again be Larry Ogden with Stan Pierce assisting. Advisors include Barron Wetzel and

Mark Standlee. Terri Nelson and Phyllis Harris will serve as show secretaries with Clar Schacht and Larry Ogden announcing.

Superintendents include Bill Womack for lambs, Franklin Harris for swine and Kevin Nelson for steers. Assisting Womack will be Bill Hendrix, Larry Guthrie and Corky Guffee. Joel Hendrix

and Steve Anderson will assist Harris and Jeffery Johnson, Mark Beedy and Todd Beedy will be assisting Nelson. A committee will oversee the classifying and sifting process.

The show judge will be Kevin Kelly of Hereford. He will also serve as showmanship judge.

Floydada Chamber of Commerce Directors will be in charge of the concession stand.

The show barn will be open at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7. Participants can begin turning in weight cards at 6:00 p.m. All animals must be in the barn by 9:00 p.m. and all weight cards must be turned in at that time.

Steers will be weighed at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 8. The lamb show is slated to begin at 9:00 a.m. The swine show will begin fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of the lamb show. The steer show will follow the swine judging by fifteen (15) minutes.

Rules and regulations are generally the same as in years past. Entries will be accepted from any regularly enrolled 4-H member 9 years old or in the 3rd grade or above prior to the show. Entries will also be accepted from any FFA or FHA member under the supervision of the county agent or a Floydada vocational agriculture instructor and attending public school in Floydada, provided the entry is in show condition.

Exhibitors will be limited to 12 entries, a maximum of 4 steers, 4 lambs and 4 barrows. Entry fees will be \$6.00 for each steer, \$4.00 for each lamb and \$4.00 for each barrow. Fees are payable at the time the animal is weighed and will not be refunded. Animals will be shown on the weight at time of entry with the judge's decision final. Weighback will be enforced and a variance of more than the allotted 5 pounds will result in disqualification.

Animals will be exhibited by owners unless the owner has two or more animals in the same class, or at the discretion of the vocational agricultural teacher or county extension agent.

The Texas Animal Health Commission requires that all animals have a health certificate from a practicing veterinarian and any animal found to be infected with any contagious, infectious or communicable disease will be immediately removed from the grounds.

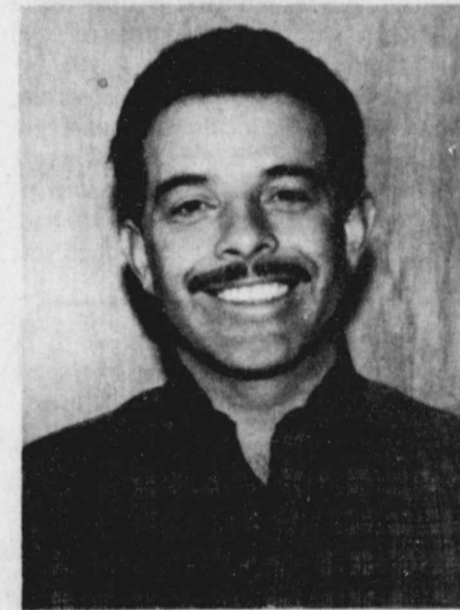
## Miss Floydada Pageant slated for February 12

FLOYDADA — Floydada Chamber of Commerce Manager Brenda Clamptit announced today that the annual Miss Floydada Pageant Has been scheduled for February 12. Anyone wishing to obtain more information concerning the pageant may contact the Chamber Office at 983-3434.

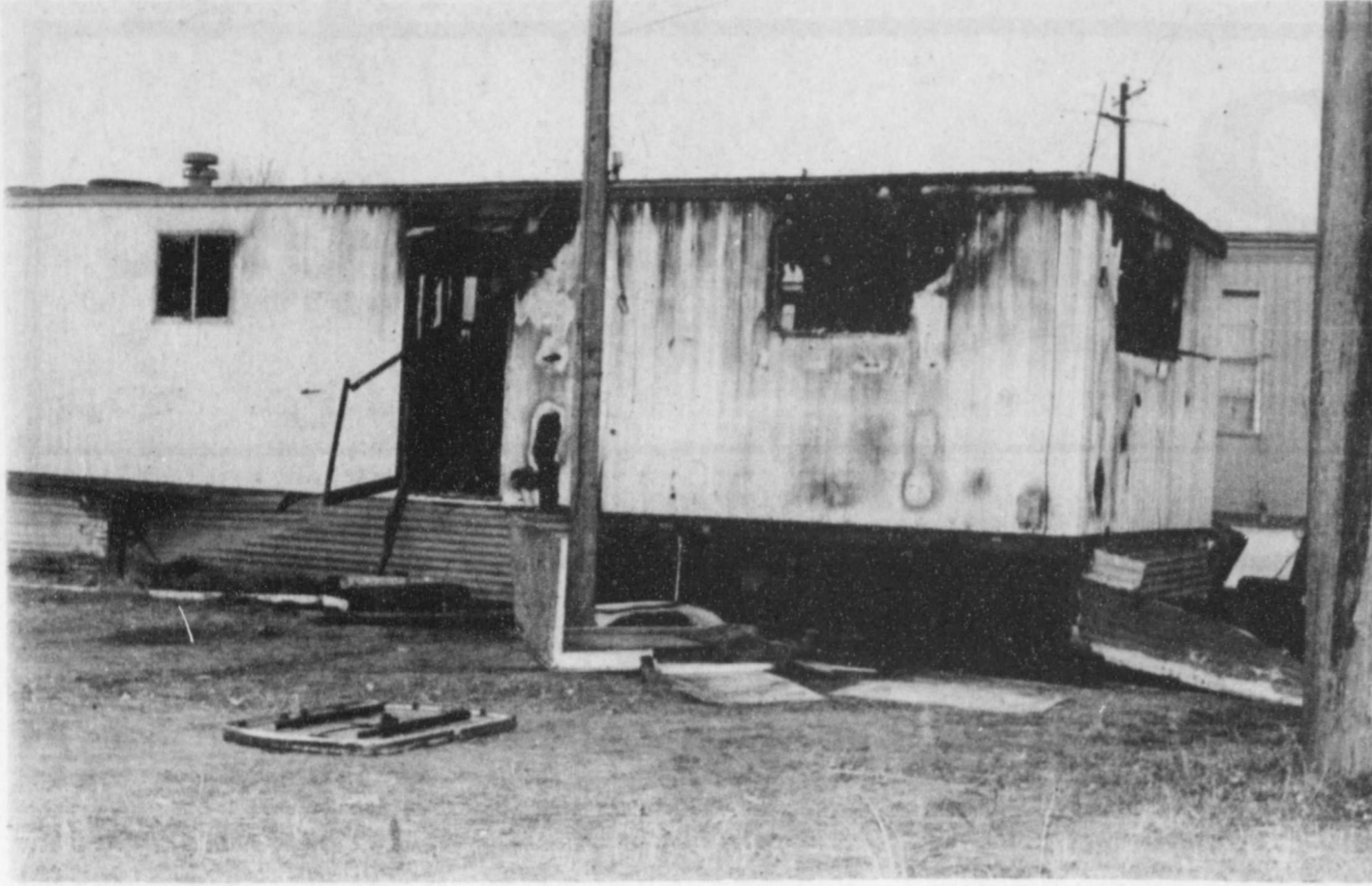
### SIGNATURE FOOTBALL ON DISPLAY

The Dallas Cowboy signature football being raffled as a fund raising event by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce will be on display throughout the week at various Floydada locations. Friday, January 7, the football will be at Script Printing and Office Supply located at 108 South Main. It will be at Cornelius Conoco, 420 S. 2nd, on Monday, January 10. The City of Floydada will display the football on January 11 and 12 at City Hall, 114 W. Virginia. It may be seen at Lighthouse Electric on January 13 and 14. Pizza Gold at 601 S. 2nd will display the signed football on Saturday, January 8 and Sunday, January 9.

Raffle tickets may be purchased wherever the football is on display or at the Chamber Office, 105 W. California. Tickets are priced at \$1.00 or may be purchased 6 for \$5.00. All banquet ticket purchasers will receive one free raffle ticket. The drawing will be held at the annual banquet on February 26.



AMADO MORALES



**TRAILER HOUSE TOTALED**—A trailer house, located in Evans Trailer Park in southwest Floydada, sustained extensive damage Tuesday night following a fire that appeared to be caused by a faulty heater. Floyd County Sheriff's Dept. received a 911 call about the fire at approximately 8:17 p.m. from a neighbor at the trailer park. The caller had apparently been visiting in the trailer when the smoke began. Renters of the trailer, Mauro and Sylvia Garza, were not home at the time of the fire, but Garza's

brother, who also lived there, was home. According to Jon White, Floyd County Deputy, a small heater had been lit in one of the back rooms of the trailer, and then the smell of smoke began a few minutes later. He also added that he believed some of the larger appliances in the home might be salvaged, but the family did lose most of their clothing and all of their bedding, due to the bedrooms being totally destroyed. No one was injured.

—Staff photo

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,  
We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful hospital and three competent and caring doctors in our community. We learned the hard way just how much they mean to us when Mike had to be brought to the hospital on the morning of December 15 with a heart attack.  
We were here for two and one half days before he was transferred by ambulance to Lubbock Methodist, where we were told by the cardiologist that the doctors and nurses in Lockney did all the right things. That made us very proud.  
Mike had open heart surgery on December 20, and we are now home and he is recovering very well.  
We just wanted to express our deep gratitude for the loving care we received at Mangold Memorial Hospital and say thank you and God Bless you all.  
With much love,  
Mike and Merle Mooney

Dear Editor:  
The people of Floydada have done it again! Sudie Cochran and her team of helpers prepared and delivered Christmas dinner to the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Lubbock.  
On Christmas Day, seven families were away from home and away from other family members while they were in Lubbock with their child who was hospitalized. There were families from Eastland, Pampa, Odessa, Clovis, Stanton, Denver City and Sweetwater. There were families with premature newborns, a four-year-old and a teenager. Regardless of the distance from their home or their child's condition, each family had a delicious meal of turkey, dressing and all the trimmings.  
This holiday magic happened be-

cause people in Floydada cared, shared and loved. This is the second year that Christmas Day was a little brighter thanks to Sudie Cochran and her helpers.  
Thank you for showing your support of "The House That Love Built" in such a special way!  
Sincerely,  
Jean Curtisinger  
Executive Director

To All Churches,  
Civic Organizations, Etc.,  
"No one gets blessed if they have cold feet and nobody ever got saved while they had a toothache." —William Booth, Founder of the Salvation Army  
First of all, we want to thank you and your members for the commitment that you have given to the Salvation Army in our community. Your gifts and your influence from your church family has allowed the local Salvation Army to put together a program of service that has brought food, clothes and welfare to many families this year.  
The local Chapter is proud of every dime our community gives to the Salvation Army to put back into our community in service-to-others.  
Here is what you have done this past year.  
Christmas baskets were filled with canned goods (the Boy Scouts did a great job), chickens and lots of toys (your money and gifts).  
The Community Service Program, sponsored by the local pastors and held this year in the First Baptist Church, launched this Christmas assistance. It was the biggest one we have ever had. 202 persons were helped through this

program.  
Other local and transient aid to November 1993 are:  
Food, 61 persons; Utility Aid, 12 persons; Transportation Aid, 28 persons; Clothing Aid, 85 persons; Overnight lodging, 6 persons; Special Care, 18 persons; Toys and Clothes, 59 persons; Other food needs, 27 persons. Total persons helped: 498.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur P. Barker Jr.  
Chapter Service Officer  
Alicia Luna  
Chapter Store Manager  
& Coordinator

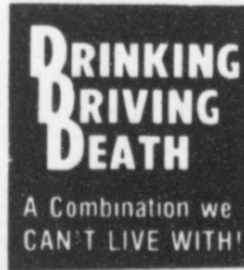
### Dates announced for spring semester EMS courses

Courses for Emergency Medical Services personnel will be offered at four sites by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) during the spring semester.  
The 16-week courses for persons interested in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training will begin Jan. 18 in Whiteface, Jan. 24 in Olton, Jan. 27 in Dickens and Feb. 10 in Floydada.  
Successful completion of the courses in Whiteface, Olton and Dickens will result in certification as an EMT-Basic. Completion of the course offered in Floydada leads to certification as an EMT-Intermediate.  
Cost of the EMT-Basic courses is \$275 plus books. The intermediate course costs \$575 plus books. Additional information is available from the TTUHSC Emergency Medical Program office at (806) 743-3218.  
The EMT-Intermediate course in Floydada will be offered 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through May 31 at the Red Cross Building. EMT-Paramedic Chris Black will provide the instruction.

### A View From The Lamplighter

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action committees, to members of the U.S. House of Representatives during the period January 1983 to June 30, 1993.  
Common Cause frequently finds itself in league with labor unions, so we don't know whether they are trying to help or hurt those listed as having received a little or a lot. At any rate we find that during the entire 10 year period of the survey, Republican Congressman Larry Combest of Lubbock and Democratic Congressman Charlie Stenholm of Stamford were given a grand total of \$1,425 each. That averages a little over \$100 a year. In Washington that kind of money from a PAC is considered more of an insult than it is a political contribution. Combest went to Congress in 1984. Stenholm was already there.  
On the other hand Congressman Bill Sarpalius of the 13th District, picked up \$258,895 from labor union PACs in only six years, or three elections. That placed him slightly ahead of Congressman Barney Frank of Massachusetts, who collected \$255,859, and Frank has been there longer than Sarpalius.  
Sarpalius wasn't up there with Martin Frost (D-Tex.), who collected \$570,155, or Ronald Coleman (D-El Paso) who got \$528,875, or Charlie Wilson (D-Tex.) who raked in \$496,125, but he was way ahead of most. That seems a little strange to us, since this district is not known as a hotbed of union strength or activity. Still, a vote is a vote.  
It will be interesting to see how Mr. Sarpalius fares this time around. While he has given the labor PACs some very important votes, including his vote on the Clinton tax bill, he went against them with his vote in favor of the

NAFTA thing. During the heat of the NAFTA battle, organized labor made in clear that particular vote would be the litmus test for continued support next November.  
We suspect there will be a good bit of soul searching by those who decide where labor PAC money goes this year. It is fairly certain they won't give to Sarpalius' Republican opponent. But will they continue giving to him?



### JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

DATE..... January 3, 1994  
POSITION... Combination Bond Officer/Data Clerk  
LOCATION... Community Supervision and Corrections Department  
110th Judicial District  
Room 114, Floyd County Courthouse  
Floydada, Texas, 79235  
SALARY..... TDCJ -CJAD Grant - \$12,000.00 per year  
DUTIES..... Administer the district wide county bond program under the supervision of the CSCD director. Formulate all department data and reports using a computer. Other duties are outlined with the application.  
REQUIREMENTS... High School graduation or its equivalent experience and/or education in all secretarial skills, must be computer proficient in data entry and word processing. Must have available vehicle and valid Texas driver's license. Must be bondable. Other requirements are outlined with the application.  
APPLICATION CLOSING DATE... January 10, 1994  
BEGINNING DATE... When position is filled on January 15, 1994.  
PROCESS... Those interested may pick up an application at the Community Supervision and Corrections Department, Floyd County Courthouse, Room 114, Floydada, Texas, 79235. Telephone: (806) 983-2947

## BBB assisting elderly with booklet

by Nan Campbell  
Recognizing that older Americans who are thinking about moving into a continuing care retirement community may be faced with difficult issues and questions, the BBB has published "Tips on Continuing Care Retirement Communities", to assist elderly consumers and their families in weighing the options of entering a retirement community.  
This new booklet emphasizes that it is important for consumers to choose wisely by carefully weighing all factors, including physical and psychological

needs as well as their overall financial situation, since signing a contract to enter a continuing care retirement community, in most cases, is a lifetime commitment. This booklet outlines the various characteristics of these communities, types of payment plans, and factors to consider regarding administration, care, charges, contracts, location, staff and services. For your free copy, send a send-addressed stamped business-size envelope to BBB, 1206 14th St., Suite 901, Lubbock, Texas 79401.  
Health care experts estimate the annual cost of health care fraud at \$50 to \$80 billion of the \$800 billion spent every year on health care in the U.S. With the increased public awareness and concern about health and fitness, consumers seem more willing than ever

before to spend hard-earned dollars to maintain or improve their health, fitness and appearance.

Quacks are aware of this; they know that media exposure has made many scientific terms at least vaguely familiar to consumers, and frequent announcements of scientific breakthroughs have blunted consumer skepticism about inflated claims for medications and treatments. Obviously, if any such breakthroughs occurred, the media deluge would ensure that virtually everyone knew of them in a matter of hours. Yet, advertising media continue to run promotions for transparently bogus medications and treatments, and consumers continue to be drawn to these fake remedies. Call the BBB at 763-0459 and check it out first.

### Salvation Army offers booklet on making a living trust

The Salvation Army is offering a free booklet to assist the seven out of eight people who are considering a trust.  
With this booklet, The Salvation Army is offering information to help you consider a trust for the distribution of an estate to family, friends and charitable organizations. With a trust, an estate is distributed by one's own wishes, rather than legal formulas, SA officials said.  
SA officials noted that some think only wealthy people need a trust or that drawing a trust is too expensive or complicated. The Salvation Army wants people to know that, without a trust, the state will determine the disposition of assets, the welfare of one's spouse, and the guardianship of one's children.  
For this free booklet write: The Salvation Army, Planned Giving, P.O. Box 2785, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Please provide date of birth and a phone number if you will.

You Are Invited To A  
Retirement Reception  
Honoring  
Corkey Guffee  
on Friday, January 14, 1994  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Community Room  
Floydada, Texas

## START THE YEAR WITH THESE SAVINGS

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## This Week

### GUFFEE RECEPTION

A retirement reception, honoring Corkey Guffee, is planned for Friday, Jan. 14, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Lighthouse Electric Cooperative, Inc. community room in Floydada.

### PINEWOOD DERBY

Cub Pack 357 will have their Pine-wood Derby Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Massie Activity Center. Weigh-in will be at 2:00 p.m. Races start at 2:30 p.m. Adult division races will be held after the Cubs'. Derby cars are available from Cub Master, Jimmy McGaugh.

### CANCER SOCIETY

The American Cancer Society, Floyd County Unit, will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, in the community room of the First National Bank of Floydada.

### FLOYDADA BAND BOOSTERS

Floydada Band Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, in the band hall.

### QUARTERBACK CLUB DANCE

The Lockney Quarterback Club is sponsoring a dance on Saturday, Jan. 8, from 8:00 p.m. to 12 midnight, at the Lockney Elementary School Cafeterium. There will be a \$4.00 per person admission charge. Parents hosting will be Rick and Kathy Kellison and Danny and Lesca Durham. Music will be provided by Paramount Productions.

### LAMAZE CLASSES

W.J. Mangold Memorial Hospital will offer Lamaze Childbirth Classes starting Thursday, Jan. 20. Classes will meet each Thursday for seven weeks, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lockney. To register, call Molly Stringer, R.N., 983-5854.

### BLANKETS, COATS NEEDED

The Lockney Salvation Army is in need of blankets and winter coats (both adult and children sizes) to help out families who are without. Anyone who would like to donate should contact Alicia Luna.

### ADULT EDUCATION IN FLOYDADA

Adult Education Classes are now in session every Monday and Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Floydada High School Coop. Classes offered are for ABE (Adult Basic Education), GED (General Equivalency Degree), ESL (English as a Second Language) and Computer Skills. Classes are free. TEA has set a minimum class average of 15. Instructors are Jan Thayer Willson and Rosa Villarreal.

### ADULT EDUCATION IN LOCKNEY

Adult Education classes are being offered at Lockney High School, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday nights. Training is offered for GED, Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language. Classes are free to anyone not required to be in public school. JTPA computer lab will be used to improve skills in reading, math and keyboarding.

### BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Free blood pressure clinic is held in the community room of the First National Bank in Floydada every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anons meet each Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. Anyone wanting the loving fellowship of men and women who can share their experience, strength and hope are welcome. Meetings are held in the County Extension Building, at the north end of the building. Anyone interested may call 983-3635 or 652-3546.

### WEATHER

DATE	HIGH	LOW
Dec. 29	54	25
Dec. 30	57	27
Dec. 31	61	32
Jan. 1	59	28
Jan. 2	58	44
Jan. 3	66	26
Jan. 4	58	32

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**EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**--Alberto "Bear" Gonzales (l) is presented the "Employee of the Year" award by John Tye, president of AgEquipment Group L.P. of Lockney. Gonzales was selected by a committee of past winners based on his attendance, dedication and general commitment to his responsibilities. Courtesy Photo



**FIFTEEN YEAR AWARD**--John Tye (r) presents David Gonzales with his award for working at AgEquipment Group L.P. in Lockney for fifteen years. Courtesy Photo

## First direct broadcast television satellite is successfully launched

The nation's first high powered direct broadcast satellite (DBS-1) was successfully rocketed into space recently from the South American nation of French Guiana.

"The successful launch of this satellite will put rural America on the cutting edge of the information age," said Ronny Puckett, Manager-Digital Satellite Television. According to Puckett, "The signal is a compressed digital format, so customers will enjoy CD quality sound and a picture that is 30% sharper than standard television signals."

The new satellite, DBS-1, will begin delivering approximately 70 channels of digital television service, called DirecTV™, to viewers across the country in the spring of 1994 using an innovative 18-inch satellite dish receiving system. The Digital Satellite System™ (DSS™) equipment is being manufactured by Thomson Consumer Electronics, makers of RCA-brand products. The DSS™ includes the 18-inch satellite dish, a digital receiver box and a remote control.

The service will expand to approximately 150 channels when the DBS-1 satellite is joined by a sister satellite in the summer of 1994.

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Electronics, will offer the new service to viewers, throughout the United States and Canada. Distribution in many rural areas is being handled for DirecTV™ through an agreement with the rural electric, rural telephone and affiliate members of the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC).

Locally, the service will be provided by Digital Satellite Television in the following 22 counties: Andrews, Bailey, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hall, Hockley, Howard, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Motley, Terry and Yoakum. Digital Satellite Television is being managed by Poka-Lambro Telecommunications, Inc. System owners are Poka-Lambro, South Plains Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Lubbock; South Plains Electric Cooperative, Inc., Lubbock; Lyntegar Electric Cooperative, Inc., Tahoka; and Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Littlefield.

"Residents of this area will be among the very first viewers in the nation to experience this new way of viewing television when it comes on line next year," said Puckett. "Our major concern

## Dr. William D. Dean, D.D.S

Announces the Opening of His Dental Office for the practice of General Dentistry

at  
Cogdell Clinic  
901 W. Crockett  
Floydada, Texas  
983-2975

effective January 3, 1994

## AgEquipment gives awards

LOCKNEY--AgEquipment Group L.P., Lockney Division, held its annual awards day on December 22, 1993. Awards were presented to employees by John Tye.

Alberto "Bear" Gonzales was named "Employee of the Year" and received a plaque. The selection is made by a committee of past winners and peers and is based on attendance, dedication, and general commitment to responsibilities. Receiving awards for the number of years worked were David Gonzales, 15 years; Stan Crouch, 10 years; and for five years J. Manuel Arellano, Delvin Bybee, Tommy Caldwell and Jim Rackley.

## Floydada Police Report

FLOYDADA -- Police Chief James Hale had no major events to report over the past week. He termed the holiday period as "Quiet and peaceful."

"I would like to express the appreciation of the Floydada Police Department and its officers for the cooperation of the public in making the Christmas and New Year holiday period a safe and happy time in Floydada," stated Hale.

Hale also asked that local citizens make an effort to check their vehicles on a regular basis to avoid the unpleasantness of possibly being caught with an expired license tag or inspection sticker during the coming year.

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**TEN YEAR AWARD**--Stan Crouch (l) is presented his ten year pin by John Tye, president of AgEquipment Group, L.P. Courtesy Photo



**FIVE YEAR AWARDS**--John Tye, (center) presented awards to employees of AgEquipment Group L.P. Those receiving five years awards were (l-r) J. Manuel Arellano, Delvin Bybee, Tommy Caldwell and Jim Rackley. Courtesy Photo

## OPEN ADMISSION POLICY FLOYDADA NURSING HOME

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# Floyd County Lifestyles

## Martin and Teeter pledge marriage vows



**EXCHANGE WEDDING VOWS**—Paul W. Jones and Joyce Smith exchanged wedding vows in the home of the bride on Friday, Dec. 31, 1993. Justice of the Peace Tim Burge performed the ceremony. Jones was a resident of Childress and retired in 1972 from the U.S. Marines. The bride is employed as a nurse at the Ralls Nursing Home. The couple will make their home in Floydada. —Photo by R Photography

The First United Methodist Church of Lockney was the site of a wedding ceremony uniting Cheryl Lynne Martin and Rusty Lynn Teeter at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 1993. The couple pledged their vows before the Rev. Stan McKinnon, a friend of the couple, and Dr. Bonner E. Teeter, grandfather of the groom. The vows were said in the home church of the groom.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Teeter of Lockney. Grandparents of the bride and groom are Lucille Volcik of Pottsboro, Katherine Ball of Lockney, and Bonner and Lenora Teeter of Lubbock.

After the couple had recited their wedding vows the groom sang "I Will Be There" to his bride.

The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father. For her wedding, she chose a long white dress adorned with pearls. The bodice featured a scalloped sweetheart neckline and long tapered sleeves. The full skirt had a scalloped hemline and full length train accented with pearls. The veil of silk illusion was attached to a pearl adorned headband. She carried a cascade bouquet of white roses and babies breath.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Misti Southers. Bridesmaids were Brooke Glass, Michelle Craig, Marti Miers, Stacy Stone and Rachel Clem. They wore floor-length emerald green dresses and carried cascade bouquets of red roses and yellow asters.

Kati McKinnon served as flower girl and Parker Dinger as ring bearer. Lighting the candles were Tonya Bell and Maria Russell.

Acting as best man was Wesley Teeter, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Monty Teeter, brother of the groom; Ross Payton, cousin of the groom; Jay Estes, Steve Cates, and Johnny Silva.

Seating guests were Todd Martin and

Burke Martin, brothers of the bride; Eric Luetze, Bill Mefford and Jeremy Sanders.

Kim Teeter, sister-in-law of the groom, served as the guest book attendant.

Musicians for the wedding included Mike Kahler, pianist and soloist; Karen Grace Williams, soloist, and Jeremy Sanders, soloist.

Music for the ceremony included "Somewhere in the World", "When I Hear the Praises Start", "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place", "Lord I Lift Your Name on High", "We Have Seen His Glory", "All in All", "Father I Adore You", "How Could I Ask for More", "Great is Thy Faithfulness", and "Until That Final Day".

The church was decorated with a candelabra of tropical foliage and asters along with the traditional Christmas decorations.

The reception was held in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The bride's table held a white three-tiered layer cake decorated with red roses and yellow flowers, along with a punch bowl filled with red punch. A chocolate cake with chocolate holly icing, made by the groom's aunt, Katie Handley of Wenatchee, Washington, was served from the groom's table, along with finger food, ice cream and coffee.

Assisting with the reception were Laurie McKinnon, Jonanna Ross, Evie Telfer, Martha Colunga, Ericka Hartmann and Laura Stoy.

The bride attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview and is a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is presently employed by St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock. The groom graduated from McMurry University in Abilene and is currently employed by the Wesley Foundation at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents on Friday, December 10. The meal, which was catered by J.B. Briskey's, was held in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The room was decorated for Christmas. Those present told of memories they had of the bride and groom.

Following a wedding trip to Angel Fire, New Mexico, and Los Angeles, California, the couple will be at home in Lubbock.



MRS. RUSTY LYNN TEETER (nee Cheryl Lynne Martin)

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## Senior Citizens Rockins

By Gene Newton

There were 59 present for the stew and chili supper on Thursday night and I think it was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Duvall were rather surprised by their daughter and some of the grandchildren showing up with a 60th wedding anniversary cake. We were real proud to have each and every one of them.

I personally want to thank Leona and Kathryn for a marvelous job as hosts this month.

The next meeting night will begin a new year, so we will all need to pull and work together for another good year.

We want to remember to pray for the ill in our community.

Our sympathy goes to the Huggins family on the death of Fred.

### MENU

January 10-14

Monday, Jan. 10: Pork chops, rice, green beans, salad, dessert

Tuesday, Jan. 11: Meat loaf, potatoes, peas, salad, dessert

Wednesday, Jan. 12: Chicken fried steak, gravy, potatoes, peas, salad, dessert

Thursday, Jan. 13: Charbroiled steak, potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, dessert

Friday, Jan. 14: Fish, potatoes, beans, salad, dessert

(Menu is subject to change)

### Look Who's New!



#### FAULKENBERRY

Joe and Carol Faulkenberry of Cleburne, Texas, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Scotta Lee, born Dec. 21, 1993 in Harris Methodist Walls Regional Hospital in Cleburne.

Scotta Lee weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 19 inches long at birth.

Paternal grandparents are Scott and Beth Faulkenberry of Floydada and maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Pat Brandenberger of Llano, Texas.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Walker of Harper, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mitchell of Littlefield.

Maternal great-great-grandmother is Ms. Belle Mitchell of Hale Center.

#### LIPHAM

Tim and Angie Lipham of Floydada are proud to announce the birth of their son, Haden Brooks, born at 10:39 a.m. Dec. 22, 1993, in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

Haden weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and is 21 1/2 inches long. He has a two-year-old brother, Mason.

Grandparents are Michael and Linda Hinsley of Floydada and Julian and Joyce Lipham of Floydada.

#### RANKIN

Brent and Diana Rankin are the proud parents of their first son, Dylan Wayne, born Dec. 27, 1993, at 5:52 p.m. in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital.

He weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 21 1/2" long.

Grandparents are Dwayne and Glenda Wilson of Floydada and Dale and Linda Rankin of Guthrie.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Roy Rankin of Levelland, Mary Wilson of Floydada and Jo Shull of Plainview.

#### VICKERS

Todd and Tammy Vickers of Lubbock are proud to announce the birth of their son, Taylor Kory, born at 8:08 a.m. Dec. 28, 1993 in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock.

Taylor weighed 7 lbs. and is 20 inches long. He has a six-year-old brother, Tanner Kyle.

Grandparents are Bill and Dell Gray of Floydada, Virgil Boothe of Las Cruces, N.M., and Mary Vickers and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Vickers, all of Floydada.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Russell and Beulah Hammonds, all of Floydada, and Florence and John Taff of Lubbock.

#### FLOYD DATA

Coy LaBaume of Plainview and Charles and Kelli Childre of Lubbock spent New Year's Eve with their parents, Jon and Elaine LaBaume. They had their family Christmas together. On New Year's Day, the group went to Palaska, near Memphis, to have Christmas with Elaine's family in the home of her niece, Johnny and Kayla Lindley. Others present were Gary and Nena Hunt of Clarendon, Clint and Audra Hunt of Canyon and Ashel and Mildred McDaniel of Silvertown.

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**EDUARDO**, son of Gerardo and Maria Solis of Lockney, was born December 5, 1993 at 2:35 a.m. He weighed 6 lbs 6 ozs. Grandparents are Armando and Carmela Banda and Jesus and Socorro Solis of Lockney.

**ANISSA MARIA**, daughter of Oscar and Nancy Reyna of Lockney, was born December 7, 1993 at 1:42 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Juan Perales and Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Banda of Lockney.

**JORDAN JUSTINE**, daughter of Victoria Billegas of Quitaque, was born December 8, 1993 at 11:32 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs. 13 ozs. Grandparents are Yolanda Ortiz of Quitaque and Joe Billegas of Phoenix, Arizona.

**MARCOS HAVIER**, son of Francisco J. and Rosanne Bernal of Lockney, was born December 11, 1993 at 9:44 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. Grandparents are Mrs. Francisca Reyes and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Rendon of Lockney.

**GUADALUPE IVAN**, son of Arnaldo and Susana Lopez of Floydada, was born December 12, 1993 at 10:47 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 11 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are Demencio and Juanita Lopez and Damacio and Maria Segura of Floydada.

**ALEJANDRO**, son of Lorenzo and Claudia Salazar of Lockney, was born December 16, 1993 at 7:04 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. Grandparents are Jose Lion and Maria Jesus Salazar and Ricardo and Eduardo Salazar of Mexico.

**TORI D'SHAY**, daughter of Clay Edwards and Claudia Hinojosa of Quitaque, was born December 22, 1993 at 4:28 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs 13 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are Gary and Margie Edwards of Turkey and Narcisco and Christina Hinojosa of Quitaque.

**AMBRIZ NICKY**, daughter of Michael and Lacie Delgado of Plainview, was born December 22, 1993 at 10:48 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs 4 ozs. Grandparents are Helen Delgado and Jessie Herrera and Soila and Juan Rodriguez of Plainview.

**CHRISTOPHER CODY**, son of Clay and Christine Martin of Matador, was born December 22, 1993 at 9:14 a.m. He weighed 10 lbs 4 1/2 ozs. Grandparents are Alvin and Janice Martin of Matador, Frances R. Landrum of Matador, and Alex Guerrero of Childress.

**DORA MARINA**, daughter of Marcos and Pauline Bueno of Lockney, was born December 30, 1993 at 8:40 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. Grandparents are Jose and Catalina Bueno of Terrell and Freddie Gonzales of Lockney.

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# LaBaume and Childre joined in marriage

In a holiday setting, wedding vows were recited by Kelli DeAun LaBaume and Charles Bellinger Childre during a 5:00 p.m. ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 18, at the First Baptist Church in Floydada. Dr. Joe Barnett, family friend of the groom and former minister of the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock, officiated the double ring ceremony. The bride was escorted and given in marriage by her father. After the giving of the bride, he offered a prayer of blessing.

Parents of the couple are Jon and Elaine LaBaume of Floydada and Stewart and Judy Childre of Lubbock. Grandparents of the bride are Ashel and Mildred McDaniel of Silverton and H.S. and Emma LaBaume of Stephenville. Grandmothers of the groom are Ruth Childre and Garnett Holbrook, both of San Antonio.

The bride chose a traditional white silk satin wedding gown, featuring a sweetheart neckline and leg of mutton sleeves, the fitted forearm tapered to a point on her hand. Underneath the large pouf on the sleeve was gathered venetian lace. The gown had a fitted bodice that was embellished with applique lace over the entire front and back and dropped to a basque waistline. The gown was buttoned down the back with satin covered buttons. The bouffant skirt had a large applique in the front and the cathedral length train had multiple venetian lace inserts. A lovely wide floral lace edged the skirt and the train. The venetian lace and appliques were accented with luxurious beading with hand sewn pearls and iridescent sequins. Her tulle pouf veil was attached to a luminous crown interwoven with studded pearls and iridescent sequins that matched her bridal gown.

The bridal bouquet was a cascading arrangement of red and white Madam del Bard roses, red baby sweetheart roses, white stephanotis, and baby's breath. Sprays of tiny pearls and white satin ribbon tied in love knots were intertwined into the bouquet. Secured to the back of the bouquet was a white linen handkerchief given to the groom's paternal grandmother for her wedding on April 12, 1941. The handkerchief was also carried by the groom's mother on June 8, 1963, and the groom's sister on Nov. 21, 1992. The bouquet also included a wedding band belonging to the bride's maternal grandmother that she received on her wedding day, Nov. 17, 1935.

In following tradition the handkerchief and wedding band were something old, something new was the bride's garter, a gift from her maternal grandmother, and a strand of pearls, a bridesmaid's gift from her matron of honor on July 17, 1993, something borrowed was a pair of earrings from Kim Martin, one of the bridesmaids, and something blue was a blue topaz ring which was a Christmas present to the bride's mother in December of 1954. In her shoes her father placed a lucky sixpence.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Jo Odom of Las Cruces, N.M. Bridesmaids were Kim Wall and D'Lynn Fitzgerald, both of Lubbock, and Kayla Lindley, cousin of the bride, of Lakeview.

They wore one-piece tea length dresses, with skirts of black Christmas plaid taffeta gathered to the bodice. The long sleeved bodice was made of red moire taffeta with a front inset of the black Christmas plaid. Each carried a bouquet of red poinsettias, holly leaves and holly berries. Red tulle poufs formed the backs of the bouquets with red silk ribbon streamers.

Flower girls were Meagan and Jessy Schur of Knox City. They wore one-piece tea length long sleeved dresses with gathered skirts. Bodice and contrasting collar were made of red moire taffeta with a front inset of black Christmas plaid taffeta. They each carried Christmas green baskets lined with red moire taffeta. The handles of the baskets were covered with braided Christmas plaid ribbon and matching bows on each side of the handle. As they went down the aisle, they dropped rose petals that were gathered and preserved for the occasion by Edna Duke of Floydada.

The mother of the bride wore a red shantung two-piece suit. The mother of the groom wore a royal blue one-piece dress. All of the bridesmaids' dresses, flower girls' dresses and the mother of the bride's dress were made by Martha Griggs of Floydada.

The groom selected a black tuxedo with tails, black cummerbund and bow tie. In his pocket he carried pennies that were minted in the years that he and the bride were born. The best man, groomsmen, ushers, ring bearers, the trumpeter and the fathers of the bride and groom were all dressed in black tuxedos with the cummerbund and tie matching the black plaid in the bridesmaids' dresses.

The best man was Craig Childre,

brother of the groom, of Lubbock. The groomsmen were Mike Phillips of Dallas, Derek Martin of Lubbock and Scott Garner of Los Alamos, N.M. Ring bearers were Milton Holbrook of San Antonio and Steven Holbrook of Austin, cousins of the groom. Ushers were Coy LaBaume of Plainview, brother of the bride, and Zach Nutt of Floydada.

The entire altar area was lined with red poinsettias. The front of the church was decorated with a large Christmas wreath and garland highlighted with white mini lights. The couple was married beneath a red arch intertwined with evergreen garland and 400 white mini lights. Poinsettias lined the base of the arch. The unity candle, lit by the bride and groom during the ceremony, was accented with holly, berries and red poinsettias. A large Christmas plaid bow completed the setting. The bridal aisle was lined with white silk illusion and white bows marked the pews. The aisle up to the altar was covered with a white runner.

A musical piano prelude was provided by Wendy Pierce of Floydada. Musical selections were "How Beautiful" by Jo Odom, "Somewhere in The World" by Philip Jones of Lubbock, "As For Me and My House" and "Love Will Be Our Home" by Philip Jones and Connie Sawyer, sister of the groom, of Amherst. The wedding processionals "Trumpet Tune", Wedding March and the recessional were played by Penny Ogden, organist, of Floydada and Glen Bell, trumpeter, of Dallas, uncle of the bride.

Registering the guests was Shannon Paty of Sweetwater. The registration table was covered with a white batonburg lace cloth. Highlighting the table were a picture of the bride and groom, a double crystal candle holder with red candles and the couple's wedding invitation etched on glass.

A reception following the ceremony was held in the Wall Street Parlor. White lattice work lined the front of the reception area. Evergreen garland intertwined with white mini lights was hung along the top of the lattice. At the focal points of the lattice were Christmas plaid bows. The center of the reception area featured the bridal portrait and the bridal bouquet placed in a large crystal vase. A bulletin board mounted on a large brass easel was displayed at the reception with photos of the bride and groom from birth to the present, including photos of them together during their courtship over the past two years.

The bride's table was covered with a gathered, floor length white lace cloth. The bride's cake was a five-tier red velvet cake. Italian cream icing was between each layer of the cake. The cake was made from a traditional family recipe used during the holidays each year by the bride's family. The cake was trimmed with red silk poinsettias and holly. The bride and groom figurine topping the bride's cake was the same one which topped her parents' wedding cake on Oct. 4, 1964. Christmas red punch was served from a silver punch bowl. The centerpiece of the bride's table was four different heights of cut crystal vases that held the bridesmaids' bouquets.

The groom's table had a red undercloth with an ivory Nottingham lace overlay. A large two-tier chocolate cake with chocolate icing was served. The

topping on the cake was large chocolate curls. Coca Cola Classic in the Santa cans, was served from a red 1964 Coke ice chest filled with ice. Also, on the table was a toy Coke truck and a Victorian Santa figurine holding a coke. The groom and his mother have been collecting coke memorabilia since he was 17 years old. As a surprise for the groom, the bride had her photo made in her wedding gown standing by a Coke machine and this was placed on the table.

The buffet table had an underskirt of Christmas green with a Christmas plaid overlay gathered at the corners with red moire taffeta bows. Silver appointments were used on the table for an assortment of finger foods. Greenery intertwined with red ribbon accented the table.

Serving at the bride's table were Mary True of Plainview, Melode Watson of Brownfield and Denise Holcomb of Floydada. Serving at the groom's table were Holly Robbins, Angie Sellers and Amy Sellers, all of Lubbock. Serving at the buffet table was Anna Leta Bradshaw of Floydada. Serving in the houseparty were Barbara Nutt, Eleanor McCarty, Kathy Becker, Judy, Bonnie and Melissa Dunlap, Shirley Morton, Elaine Galloway, Lorilla Bradley, Ruth Walker and Francis Hambrick.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

The bride is employed by Texas Tech Home Economics Curriculum Center. The groom is also employed by Texas Tech University. Both the bride and groom are graduate students at Texas Tech University.

Pre-nuptial courtesies extended to the couple were a bridal shower in the home of Clara Bradshaw and a lingerie shower in the home of Denise Holcombe.

The rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents in the fellowship hall of City Park Church of Christ. The meal was catered by Roy Pigg of Quitaque.



MRS. CHARLES BELLINGER CHILDRE (nee Kelli DeAun LaBaume)

—Photo by R Photography

## Floydada Nursing Home Happenings

By Jo Bryant

FLOYDADA—Hi! Well perhaps we can get back to normal once again, guess the next holiday is Valentine's Day.

Monday started the week as usual with morning coffee, juice and cookies. The Rev. Clark Williams came and gave the devotion. Irene Wexler played the piano for us. At 2:30 the residents painted ceramics.

Tuesday we took down the Christmas decorations. Always more fun putting them up than taking them down.

Wednesday was Bingo day. Lennie Willis had the first Bingo. We had three volunteers to help, Ruth Hammonds, Mary Alice Davis and Ray Beatty. Thanks a lot.

Thursday we had popcorn and shared the article written by Erma Bombeck on "Obsessing Over Future Prevents People from Living in the Present."

## Floydada Senior Citizens Menu

January 10-14

Monday: Stuff baked potato, BBQ beef, broccoli and cheese, pears, hot rolls, peanut butter cookie, milk/beverage choice

Tuesday: Salisbury steak, green peas, cauliflower, cornbread, peach pie, milk/beverage choice

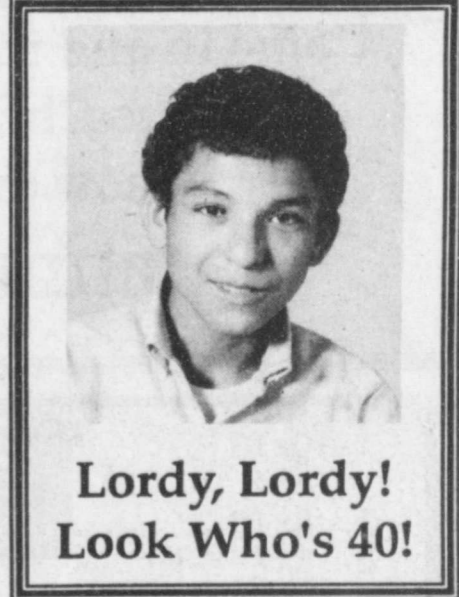
Wednesday: Green chili chicken, pinto beans, tossed salad w/tomatoes, cornbread, fruit salad, milk/beverage choice

Thursday: Turkey and dressing, carrots, tossed green salad, hot rolls, apple crisp, milk/beverage choice

Friday: Meatloaf, au gratin potatoes, green beans, pickled beets, hot rolls, lemon cake, milk/beverage choice



DIABLO DIAMOND GIRL—Stephanie Marie Pufal, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cates of Floydada and daughter of Carolyn Cates and Jim Pufal of El Paso, recently completed the 1993 season as "Diablo Diamond Girl." The Diablos are a semi-pro baseball team based in El Paso. Stephanie was one of 12 girls selected from a field of 60 contestants. She was selected 1993 homecoming queen of her local high school. She is currently with International Dance Theater, the college choir and is a freshman at the University of Texas at El Paso. —Courtesy photo



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MRS. JAMES SCOTT PERRYMAN  
(nee Jayna Ann Dunn)

—Photo by R Photography

## Dunn and Perryman recite nuptial promises

FLOYDADA—Jayna Ann Dunn and James Scott Perryman exchanged marriage vows Friday, Dec. 31, 1993, at 5 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, Ralls, with the minister, Dr. James Morrow, officiating.

Parents of the bride are Freida A. Dunn of Floydada and Darrell J. Dunn of Lorenzo. Grandparents of the bride are Alta V. Smith, the late G.W. Smith of Floydada and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dunn of Ralls. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Perryman of Afton. His grandparents include Louise Perryman of Austin and Bonnie Conway of Lubbock.

Escorted and given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown delicately decorated with pearls and iridescent sequins that traveled down the bodice to a basque waistline. A sweetheart neckline features beautiful cascading pearls on top of lace appliques. The pouf full length pointed sleeves are of illusion topped with carefully spaced seed pearls stitched to give a queen-like style. The skirt is trimmed in lace coupled with extensive rippling ruffles to the hem layered onto a tri-level cathedral train.

To make her bridal look complete, the bride wore a multiple pearl headband

lavished with delicate flowers and pearl leaves. The veil featured an attached pouf at the crown trimmed with rippled ribbon and seed pearls.

The bride carried her bouquet atop her mother's beaded pearl Bible. The cascade was accented by white, indigo blue and emerald green roses overlaying strands of iridescent pearls with a frame of heritage crimple ribbon and chantilly lace. Her satin shoes were covered with chantilly lace and pearl beading. A sweetheart necklace of alternating diamonds and rubies, given to her mother at the time of Jayna's birth, and diamond earrings, given to the bride by the groom, accented her attire. She wore a petite gold wedding band belonging to the groom's maternal grandmother.

Keeping with tradition, a blue garter was worn. Something new was an ivory lace garter decorated with streamers of pearls. She carried a handkerchief given to her by her maternal and step-grandmother's, a gold ankle bracelet belonging to her stepmother, her paternal grandfather's senior ring and fraternal grandmother's diamond necklace. A diamond dinner ring was given by the groom's fraternal grandmother. She placed pennies in her shoes minted in the year she and the groom were born.

The bridegroom wore a white crown pinstripe tuxedo, matching vest, bow tie and a fresh red rose boutonniere.

Joanie Pownell, Amarillo, served her step-sister as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Sharon Craig, cousin of the bride, from Farmington, New Mexico, Stephanie Pufal, El Paso, and Linda Dagley of Lubbock. They were attired in emerald green taffeta, tea-length dresses with elbow-length pointed sleeves and dropped pointed waistlines. Hairpieces of emerald green toil poufed at the crown accented with ribbon, seed pearls and iridescent flowers, along with pearl earrings enhanced the ensemble. The attendants carried bouquets of a single indigo blue gardenia framed with iridescent beading shaped in hearts and bows of emerald green and indigo blue streamers.

Jana and David Dunn, Crane, served as candlelighters. Kember and Jaron Everett, Floydada, served as senior flower girl and ring bearer. Meagan Measles of Greeley, Colorado, and Garrett Everett of San Angelo served as junior flower girl and ring bearer. Each of these attendants are nieces and nephews of the bride.

Acting as best man was Jim Perry-

man, father of the groom. Groomsmen were Kevin Brendle of Afton, Jason Slaton, also of Afton, and Larry Long of Midland. Ushers included Mike Sauls of San Antonio, Brandon Harrison of Floydada, Scott Thomas of Dallas and Todd Ryden of Sweetwater. Their attire was a black full dress tuxedo, emerald green cummerbund, bow tie and fresh rose boutonniere.

Vocal selections included "I Cross My Heart", sung by Todd Measles, stepbrother of the bride; "Wind Beneath My Wings", sung by Tian Younger of Floydada, and "Only God Could Love You More", sung by Spring Lipham of Floydada.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the church fellowship hall. Reception assistants were Nathalie Taylor of Lubbock, Cindy Dunn of Crane, LeShay Everett of Floydada, Micki Long of Midland, Debbie Waller of Lubbock, Mandy Cook of Quanah, Beth Smith of Plainview, Carolyn Pufal of El Paso, Carolyn Smith and Jimmie Stewart of Floydada and Sue Forbes of Amarillo.

The bride's going away attire was a silk crepe dress with a floral motif and matching accessories. The couple will reside in San Antonio, following a wedding trip to Winter Park, Colorado.

The bride is a graduate of Floydada High School and attends Angelo State University in San Angelo.

Employed by Electronic Data Systems as a Systems Engineer in San Antonio, the groom is a graduate of Guthrie High School and Texas State Technical College of Sweetwater.

A rehearsal dinner party was hosted Dec. 30 by the parents of the groom. The event was catered by Jerry Slaton of Afton. The gourmet meal consisted of western barbeque and trimmings. Sixty friends and family members were present.

### BRIDAL COURTESIES

A pre-nuptial courtesy included a bridal gift tea given in the home of Mrs. Jakey Younger of Floydada.

A Jan. 29 bridal tea is planned in the home of Mrs. Jerry Slaton of Afton.

A lingerie shower and bachelorette party was given in the party room of the 50th Street Caboose on Dec. 29. Hostesses were Linda Dagley, Spring Lipham, Jodee Breed and Mandy Bailey.

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104 YEARS OLD--Ava M. Hawkins, a resident of the Lockney Care Center, was recognized on her 104th birthday last week. Bessie Jackson holds her cake, while Gussie

Jenkins looks on. Mrs. Hawkins was born Dec. 31, 1889 in Snyder. She has a son, Oliver Ware, who lives in Quitaque. --Staff photo

## High blood pressure named 'silent killer'

High blood pressure, also called hypertension, is defined in an adult as a blood pressure greater than or equal to 140 mm. Hg systolic pressure (the top number in a reading) or greater than or equal to 90 mm. diastolic pressure (the bottom number in a reading).

High blood pressure directly increases the risk of heart attacks and stroke, especially along with other risk factors. If high blood pressure is not treated, the heart may have to work progressively harder to pump enough blood and oxygen to the body's organs and tissues to meet their needs.

Elevated blood pressure can occur in children or adults, but is particularly prevalent in African-Americans, middle-aged persons and senior citizens, obese people, heavy consumers of alcohol, and women who are taking oral contraceptives. Of those people with high blood pressure, an estimated

46.1% don't know they have it. This is why it is called a "silent killer."

In 90-95% of the cases of high blood pressure, the cause is unknown. Fortunately, even though scientists don't fully understand the causes of high blood pressure, they have developed drugs that are effective in treating this disease. In the remaining cases, the elevated blood pressure level is a symptom of recognizable underlying problems such as a kidney abnormality, tumor of the adrenal gland, or a congenital defect of the heart. When the root cause is corrected, blood pressure usually returns to normal.

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## Alpha Sigma Upsilon gathers for holiday get-together

By Dalia Arvizu  
FLOYDADA—Alpha Sigma Upsilon met for their December meeting in the home of Erma Meyers. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

During the meeting, the group discussed their "Toys for Tots" campaign.

### CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

The Christmas social was held in the home of Dale and Vicki Derryberry. The couple served a meal of brisket, with all the trimmings. Secret sister gifts were exchanged following the meal. Husbands of members were also presented with a gift.

A game of Pictionary was played with the women challenging the men and the ladies winning.

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Friday, Jan. 7: Maria Elena Cisneros, Roberto Gonzalez

Saturday, Jan. 8: Atha Sue, Laura Turner

Sunday, Jan. 9: Anabel R. Medrano, Lori Ann Rodriguez, Billy Marquis, Aimee and Heather Fondy

Monday, Jan. 10: Billy Gene Hinkle, Maria Garza, D.J. Summers

Tuesday, Jan. 11: Kay Brotherton

Wednesday, Jan. 12: Eddie Hernandez, Chris Wilson, Mayra Torres

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**Deadline to turn pictures in to The Hesperian-Beacon is Thursday, Feb. 3, at 5 p.m.**

Pictures may be taken to either the Floydada or Lockney office.



# Adam Gonzales named on Amarillo Globe-News Football Super Team



ADAM GONZALES

FLOYDADA—Adam Gonzales, a senior at Floydada High School and son of Gonzalo and Julia Gonzales, was one of 28 selections named to the 1993 Amarillo Globe-News Panhandle-Plains Football Super Team. He was included as a tackle on the Super Team's offensive unit.

Sixteen teams were represented, including nine teams with one player each. The annual Super Team is made up of players from the Amarillo area regardless of classification.

Along with Floydada's Gonzales, other selections for this season's team came from Plainview, Pampa, River Road, Perryton, Randall, Amarillo High, Tascosa, Texhoma, Okla., Stratford, Clovis, N.M., White Deer, Palo

Duro, Dumas, Borger and Shamrock. "Gonzales' senior season was much like his previous two seasons—impressive," stated the Globe-News.

The 6-3, 260-pound offensive tackle racked up all-district honors for the third straight year and was the leader of the Whirlwinds' offensive line, which is traditionally the strong point of the team.

"We have had some good linemen play here the past few years," Floydada coach Dean Bates said. "Adam fits into that category. He is big and strong and knows what to do on the field. He was one of our team leaders."

Gonzales earned second team District 2-3A honors as an offensive lineman his sophomore and junior year and was named to the first team this season.



**8TH GRADE AB HONOR ROLL** -- Students on the AB Honor Roll for FJHS 8th grade the third six weeks of the school year are: (back row, left to right) Blake Bramlett, Jason Campbell, Richard Casillas, Rosantia Cervera, Heather Cruz, Crystal Driver, Ryan Fowler, Monica Galvan, Cody Gilbert; (middle row) Jennifer Hernandez,

Marty Herrera, Adriana Hill, Teresa Juarez, Abel Lopez, Jose Lucio, Jennifer Luna, Marina Luna, Lisa Martinez; (front row) Jeannie Ochoa, Michael Palacios, Justin Payne, Neisha Simpson, Tim Simpson, Jacob Thrasher, Tyson Whittle and Sherri Williams. Not in the photo was Stephanie Emert and Shelby Romero. --Staff Photo



**FJHS 7TH GRADE AB HONOR ROLL** -- Earning a place on the Floydada Junior High 7th Grade Honor Roll during the third six weeks period of school were: (back row, left to right) Ruben Barrientos, Anna Campbell, Jordan Chaparro, Juana Cisneros, Rita Coronado, Carissa Coursey, Zan Daniels, Laura Dean, John Duna-vant, Fabian Falcon, Amanda Green; (middle row) Tony

Powell, Ruben Guzman, Jose Luna, Micah Marble, Lance McHam, Marcie Mendoza, Royanne Mercado, Nikki Meyers, Erbey Molinar, James Owens, Reagan Pernel; (front row) Karen Resio, Angie Rodriguez, Paul Ross, Chris Sanchez, Shonda Smith, Chad Turner, Paul Vallejo, Dea Watson and Mandi Yeary. Daniel Herrera and Ty Fawver are not pictured -- Staff Photo

## Lockney School Menu

January 10-14

- Monday:**  
Breakfast—Cereal, cheese, pineapple, milk  
Lunch—Burritos, lettuce & tomatoes, buttered corn, juice bar, roll, milk
- Tuesday:**  
Breakfast—Sausage, toast, applesauce, milk  
Lunch—Turkey pot pie, biscuits, carrot stick, apple, milk
- Wednesday:**  
Breakfast—Peanut butter on toast, banana, milk  
Lunch—Barbeque pork strips, creamed potatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, milk
- Thursday:**  
Breakfast—Ham, pancakes, orange, milk  
Lunch—Ham, green beans, whole potatoes, cornbread, applesauce, milk
- Friday:**  
Breakfast—Sausage, rice, pears, milk  
Lunch—Char patty on bun, vegetable soup, crackers, milk

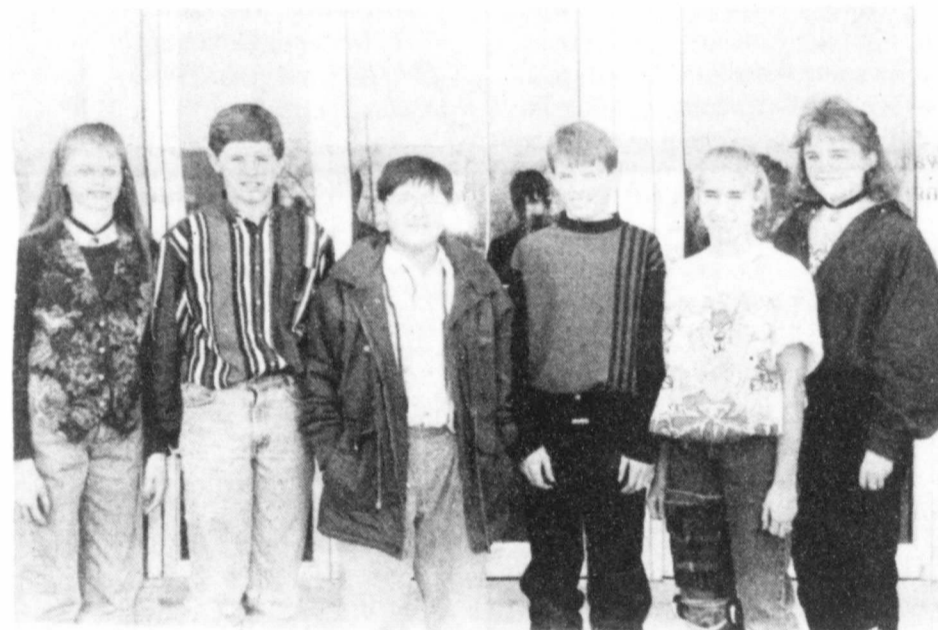


**8TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL** -- Making the FJHS 8th Grade A Honor Roll for the third six weeks were: (Back row, left to right) Leigh Dawdy, Jason Henderson, Tara McCandless, Jaime McGuire; (front row) Jennifer Noland, Mario Nunez, Kyle Pierce and Nick Williams. Not present for the photo were George Guzman and Jorge Saldana. -- Staff Photo

## Floydada School Menu

January 6-14

- Thursday:**  
Breakfast — Pineapple juice, pancakes, syrup, milk  
Lunch — Bean beef chalupas, Spanish rice, tossed salad, peaches, milk
- Friday:**  
Breakfast — Grape juice, dry cereal, graham crackers, milk  
Lunch — Hamburgers w/mustard, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, peach cobbler, milk
- Monday:**  
Breakfast — Orange juice, cinnamon toast, milk  
Lunch — Pig in blanket, corn, fried okra, mixed fruit, milk
- Tuesday:**  
Breakfast — Apple juice, sausage, toast, milk  
Lunch — Frito pie, pinto beans, mixed greens, chocolate cake, cornbread, milk
- Wednesday:**  
Breakfast — Apple juice, scrambled eggs, toast, milk  
Lunch — Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk
- Thursday:**  
Breakfast — Pineapple juice, pancakes, syrup, milk  
Lunch — Burritos, Spanish rice, tossed salad, peanut butter cookie, milk
- Friday:**  
Breakfast — Orange juice, dry cereal, graham crackers, milk  
Lunch — Hot dogs w/mustard, French fries, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk



**7TH GRADE A HONOR ROLL** -- FJHS students making the 7th Grade A Honor Roll during the third six weeks were: Victoria Cummings, Dusty Duke, Jeremy Hernandez, Dane Sanders, Katie Sanders and Meredith Schacht. Also on the honor roll, but not present for the photo were Cory Kirk and Cody Stovall. -- Staff Photo



**DECEMBER OUTSTANDING FJHS STUDENTS** -- Carissa Coursey (left) and Richard Casillas (right) were recognized as the outstanding students at Floydada Junior High School for the month of December. -- Staff Photo

# What really happened on gun legislation

by U.S. Senator  
Kay Bailey Hutchison

Many citizens watched with dismay as the U.S. Congress lurched back and forth just before Thanksgiving while considering H.R. 1025, which the press incorrectly labeled as the Brady Bill. If the measure had been handled correctly, it could have been reasonable anti-crime and pro-gun legislation.

To my disappointment, it didn't turn out that way. Everyone should know exactly what happened.

The original Brady Bill called for a permanent seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases—subsequently modified to a five-day waiting period. Along with other opponents of gun control, I opposed this approach and instead advocated NRA-backed legislation to implement a national instant-check system.

There were two unsuccessful attempts before Thanksgiving to cut off Senate debate and approve the original Brady Bill. I voted against the Brady Bill on both of these crucial votes.

Next, a complete substitute bill was offered by Senators Dole and Mitchell. This legislation, which I supported, differed drastically from the original Brady Bill. It provided for accelerated implementation of national instant-check, which I and other gun rights supporters have long sought, followed by elimination of any waiting period. The NRA described the Senate's approval of this substitute bill as a victory—assuring permanent protection of Second Amendment rights.

Facts about the Mitchell-Dole Senate substitute bill:

First, and most important, the Senate-passed bill guaranteed that instant-check would be in place in no more than

four years (for states that qualify early, in as little as two years)—after which the five-day waiting period would be permanently eliminated. This was the NRA's top priority, and mine as well.

Second, the Senate substitute bill would have phased out the waiting period sooner than four years if 80 percent of states had an instant-check system on-line early. (Some estimates suggested instant check could be in place—and the waiting period eliminated permanently—in as little as one year.)

Third, unlike the original Brady Bill, the Senate bill provided \$200 million per year in grants to states to quickly implement instant check according to a strict timetable.

Fourth, the Senate bill added a number of protections for individual rights. It prohibited states, as part of their instant check systems, from establishing a gun registration system or keeping any records of gun purchases. It also required that all background check records be destroyed within 20 days, that denials be in writing, and that individuals would be entitled to sue authorities for wrongful denial.

Fifth, the Senate bill included provisions to deter gun theft, including establishing such theft as a federal crime. It also had an exemption for certain interstate and antique weapons sales.

Had Democrat Members of the House-Senate conference committee agreed to accept all those provisions, we'd have speedy installation of instant check nationwide and the folly of waiting periods would be behind us once and for all. Instead, House and Senate Democrats rejected this opportunity and demonstrated the cynicism of their position of gun control.

What we ended up with was an unac-

ceptable half-loaf, which I opposed. It now appears instant check won't be installed nationwide—and the waiting period totally abolished—for five years. The \$200 million assistance for instant check is still included, however, along with some of the anti-crime provisions.

I opposed the conference report because, in my opinion, the potential gains from provision's fighting crime were outweighed by the threats this legisla-

tion poses to individual gun-owner's rights.

I will work hard in early 1994 to accelerate the fastest possible implementation of the instant check system and move up permanent end of waiting periods. If we can achieve that result, we will have placed into law significant anti-crime measures while protecting law-abiding citizens from permanent damage to their Second Amendment rights.

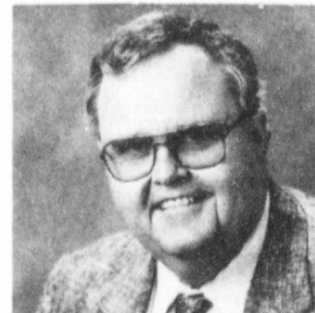
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**CANS FOR CANCER** -- Lockney High School cheerleader Cindy Perez tosses aluminum cans into a trailer located at a collection point in Floydada next to the driveway lane at the Floydada Branch of the First National

Bank in Lockney. The cans are being collected to benefit Dustin James, 4 year-old son of Donnie and Julie James. The youngster has been diagnosed as having Leukemia. -- Staff Photo



**FOOD DRIVE EFFORTS RECOGNIZED** -- Members of Boy Scout Troop #259 and Cub Scout Troop #259 were honored recently by the Salvation Army in Lockney. The scouts collected more canned food than ever before in the December Scouting For Food Drive. The food went to the Lockney Salvation Army Chapter for distribution in

Lockney. Pictured here are Scout Master Bill Hunter, Assistant Scout Master Chuck Auffil, Salvation Army Chapter and Store Manager, coordinator Alicia Luna, Heath Stoerner, Tyler Bybee, Wesley Hunter, Salvation Army Chapter Service Officer Art Barker and Tony Williams. -- Staff Photo

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## EPA issues worker protection guidelines

by David Kostroun

Recently the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued final guidelines for protection of employees on farms, or in forests, nurseries, and greenhouses from exposure to agricultural crop protection chemicals.

These guidelines have been termed Worker Protection Standards (WPS). WPS was enacted to protect both agricultural workers and pesticide handlers. Agricultural works can be defined as those employees that perform tasks related to the cultivation and harvesting of plants on farms or in greenhouses, nurseries, or forests.

Pesticide handlers are employees that are assigned to mix, load, and/or apply agricultural pesticides. Whether or not you employ workers and handlers, at a minimum, all pesticide applicators will be required to comply with new personal protective equipment and restricted entry statements found on pesticide labels.

Most WPS protections that employers must provide are nearly identical for workers or handlers. Employers are required to provide more training to handlers. For both types of employees, the employer will need to provide a central location for the display of information, a decontamination site, emergency assistance, pesticide safety training, and oral and posted information exchange.

Some additional protections and guidelines that the employer must enforce are employee restrictions during application, restricted-entry intervals, and posting of warning signs after application.

As stated earlier, pesticide handlers must receive additional training and protection. WPS states that handlers must be provided with training in application and handling of pesticides as well as equipment safety. Employers must also supply personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning and maintenance of the PPE.

Pesticide labels will soon reflect the new Worker Protection Standard requirements. All pesticide products affected by the WPS will carry a statement under the new Agricultural Use Directions section of the labeling. This state-

ment will instruct users that they must comply with all provisions of the WPS. If you are using a pesticide product with labeling that refers to the Worker Protection Standard, you must comply with the WPS.

Label-specific requirements (such as personal protective equipment statements, restricted-entry intervals (REIs), and requirement to provide workers with both oral warnings and posted warning signs) currently must be followed when a pesticide with Worker Protection Standard labeling is used.

The general requirements of WPS (such as training, central information displays, decontamination, emergency assistance, and the remaining notification provisions) go into effect April 1994 whenever a pesticide product with Worker Protection Standard labeling is used.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency has assembled a WPS-How to Comply Manual (EPA 735-B-93-001). A copy of the manual can be obtained from: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Pesticides and Toxics Branch, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, or call (214)655-7235.

Additional brochures on WPS from the Texas Department of Agriculture can be obtained at 1-800-735-2988 or the County Extension Office.

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## Age at retirement will effect Social Security and Medicare benefits

by Terry Richardson  
Social Security manager

If you are getting close to your 62nd birthday, you could be facing a major decision. Should you retire now and begin collecting Social Security benefits, or should you wait until you're 65 when your benefit check will be larger?

For many people, choosing when to retire is not an easy decision. To make the decision that is best for you, there are several facts you should consider. For example, the amount of your monthly benefit check may be the deciding factor. If you retire at age 62, your monthly benefit will be 20 percent less than if you waited until you reach age 65. Once you choose the reduced benefit, you won't be able to change to the full benefit when you reach age 65.

To help you make your decision, we suggest you call Social Security's toll free number, 1-800-772-1213, and ask for an estimate of the benefits you would receive at age 62 and at age 65 so you can make a comparison. If you take early retirement, benefits are reduced five-ninth of one percent for each month before age 65. The following example will help you to understand how benefits are reduced.

Let's say you have had average earnings over your lifetime and your benefit is estimated to be \$800 a month if you continue working until you are 65. If you retire at 62, your monthly check would be reduced by 20 percent for a total of \$640. If you retire at age 63, you would receive \$693 each month after a reduction of 13.33 percent. If you wait until age 64, you would receive \$746 each month after a reduction of 6.66 percent. These benefit amounts are based on the month of your birthday.

But your don't have to retire in your birthday month. As you grow closer to age 65, your benefit would be reduced by 11.66 percent and your monthly check would be \$706.

Although your benefit will always be reduced if you retire early, your payments may be increased when you reach age 65 if you worked anytime after beginning to receive Social Security checks. You'll get back five-ninths of one percent for each month in which you did not receive a check because your wages exceeded Social Security's earnings limit.

Although you may retire early, you won't be eligible for Medicare until you are 65. Because you will be receiving Social Security benefits, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare. About three months before your 65th birthday, you should receive your Medicare card. If you don't call the toll free number (1-800-772-1213) to let us

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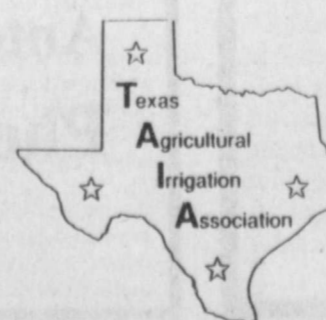
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The meeting — which will be highlighted by panel discussions — will be Wednesday, Jan. 12, at the Castro County Exposition Building, 405 SE Fourth, in Dimmitt.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Carl King, TCGA president and TCPB executive director, says the theme for the meeting will be "Can Farmers Survive Now?"

"With the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), and more recently the signing of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), corn farmers will undoubtedly face some confusing marketing situations," says King. "And with questions about the future use of irrigation, the environment and farm management issues, corn production itself will likely be altered in the future. This meeting should help give growers a better understanding of how the future will affect them."

Guest speaker will be Texas House Speaker Pete Laney of Hale Center. His leadership is helping force downstate legislators to pay closer attention to problems surrounding rural West Texas. Gary Goldberg, president of the American Corn Growers Association, will be another key speaker.

the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, the Farmers Home Administration and other USDA branches are confusing to growers. The second panel will ponder this subject.

Panel members will include King, the moderator; Grant Buntrock, national ASCS administrator in Washington; Ray Joe Riley, chairman of the Texas State ASCS Committee; Harold Bob Bennett, State ASCS executive director, and George Ellis, Texas State FmHA director.

Following the second panel will be the traditional lunch prepared by the Dimmitt Chapter of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE). Yes, the lunch is still free. WIFE members will also serve coffee and baked goods made from distillers grain from ethanol.

TCPB CORN SEMINAR

The afternoon session will be highlighted by reports on corn research re-

sults. Two CEU credits will be available. Among the speakers will be Dr. Brent Bean, TAEX Amarillo area agronomist, who will discuss new short season corns.

Eddie Bynum, a TAEX research assistant, will discuss the strong potential for mite resistant corn hybrids. Dr. Pat Morrison, TAEX Lubbock area entomologist, will provide an update on additional insect research results, including the potential for receiving a conditional clearance for use of Capture miticide.

High frequency deficit irrigation will be examined in a presentation by Dr. Leon New, TAEX Amarillo area engineer. The status of the TCPB and report on its 1994 budget will be discussed by TCPB Chairman Bert Williams.

For more information on the Jan. 12 meeting, contact the Texas Corn office 1-800-647-CORN.



**PHILLIPS WINS AWARDS**—Tyler Phillips, president of the Silver Spurs 4-H Horse Club and member of the Lockney 4-H Club, won the Champion Showmanship honors at the 1993 Southwest Association of Western Horsemen Championship Show. He also received awards at the 1993 SAWH Awards Banquet for Champion Novice Horseman, Reserve Champion in the 13 and Under Showmanship, Novice Showmanship, 13 and Under Showmanship and Novice Western Pleasure. Phillips received a blanket, watch and trophy.

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FUTURE OF PRODUCTION AGRICULTURE

The first of two panel discussions will tackle this critical subject. Panelists will examine every aspect of issues which will impact crop production techniques.

Panel members will include Lois Wales, a TCPB director, who will serve as moderator; David Senter, a private agricultural consultant from Washington, D.C.; Corky Jones, a Nebraska corn farmer; Harvey Joe Sanner, Arkansas farmer and executive vice president of American Agriculture Movement; Larry Mitchell, a Washington agricultural consultant; and Dr. Steve Amosson, area economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo.

The group will discuss main facets of corn production and production agriculture in general. They will also take ample time to answer questions from anyone attending the meeting.

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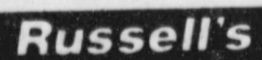
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Conference highlights new products

Two products that promise to help farmers cut down on the use of pesticides in cotton—one a bacterium implanted genetically in cotton and the other a spray-on fungus—were showcased at the recent 5th annual Plant Protection Conference in College Station.

Genetically engineered cotton, otherwise known as Bt cotton, could reduce insecticide use by more than 75 percent for certain pests and could be commercially available as early as 1996, said Dr. John Benedict, entomology professor with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Corpus Christi.

The cotton is being researched in a cooperative agreement between Texas A&M University and private industry.

Cotton has been modified to contain the genes that produce an insecticidal protein from the bacterium called Bacillus thuringiensis, Benedict said.

The toxin is produced by the plant and the gene working together. The adjustment to the plant's genes only had to take place once—all future seed is produced by crossing the Bt varieties.

These insecticidal proteins are toxic to many lepidopteran species, or caterpillar pests, when ingested. The toxin kills the bollworm, tobacco budworm, pink bollworm, cabbage looper and others. It will not kill the bollweevil, however, he said.

"This cotton complements our current philosophy of natural biological control," Benedict said, "providing opportunities to save money for producers and build up populations of beneficial insects."

Farmers have been using pyrethroid and other conventional insecticides to kill these pests. However, these also kill most of the beneficial insects that feed on whiteflies and aphids. Fewer beneficials mean more harmful insects, which translates into more pesticides.

"You kind of get locked onto a treadmill," he said.

Bt cotton is no different than normal cotton. It yields the same, and does even better under high insect pressure.

Not only is Bt cotton environmentally friendly, it also produces a toxin that remains all season, avoiding the "flaring" of insect populations that can occur with traditional insecticides.

There's no management expertise

needed; producers need only to cultivate the cotton as they normally do.

"It's not toxic to you and me—just to certain pests," Benedict added.

The only drawback to Bt cotton is the possibility of eventual insect resistance to the toxin.

"It's really no different than conventional products," he said. "Hundreds of insect pests have become resistant to insecticides. There's no proven method to avoid resistance."

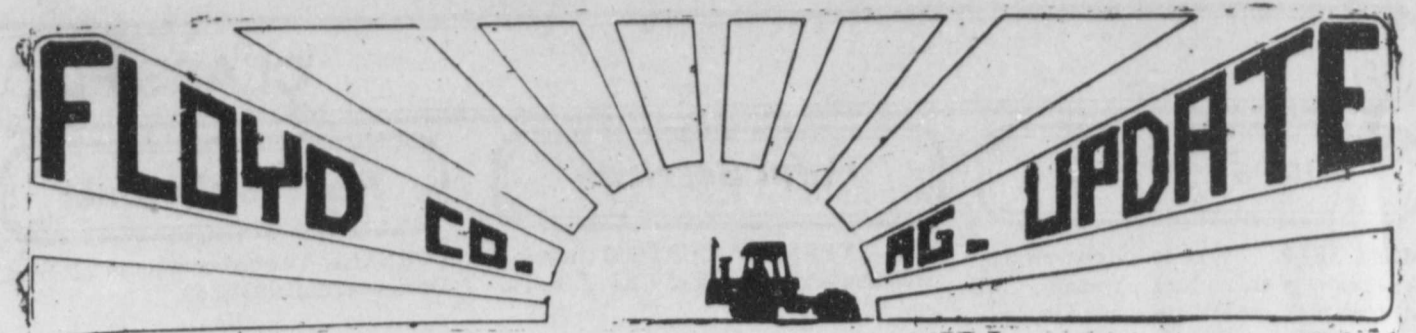
However, researchers are investigating strategies to reduce insect resistance to Bt cotton. One method is interplanting Bt cotton with normal varieties. Some insects would feed on traditional varieties, reducing the number that develop resistance.

Cotton is not the only crop benefiting from genetic engineering. Similar insect-resistant strains have been developed for potatoes and corn.

Field demonstrations of Bt cotton by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and private crop consultants are expected to begin in the 1994 season, he said.

The other product, the spray-on fungus, shows promise against boll weevils and whiteflies.

Testing for the fungus, called Beauveria bassiana, that controls harmful insects is nearing completion in a co-



Amarillo site of conference

—From Texas Agricultural Extension Service

Organizers of the 1994 irrigation conference and trade show have lined up a program where the top issues of concern to equipment dealers and growers alike will be addressed on Jan. 10 and 11 in the Civic Center in Amarillo. Continuing education credit will be offered for commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicator certification during each concurrent session. A total of seven CEUs may be earned upon completion of the full 2-day program. Equipment dealers and growers will be coming to Amarillo from across Texas and the mid-West.

Rob Bolter, marketing director for U.S. Electric Motors of St. Louis, Missouri, will open Monday's general session with a discussion on the impact of the 1992 energy regulations industry-wide.

The latest agribusiness trends and marketing strategies, especially in the changing sales environment of the 1990s is the lead topic for McCormick Advertising's executive vice president, Mark Perrin of Kansas City, Missouri.

Bill Lyle, agricultural engineer with Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Lubbock and Olan Moore, consulting entomologist with High Plains Consultants, also of Lubbock, will team up to present an in-depth session on chemigation.

The noon luncheon program features Bob Givens, news director for KGNC-Radio in Amarillo, who will be broadcasting his show "Agribusiness News at Noon" direct from the banquet hall. Givens will moderate a special agricultural forum discussion by industry leaders and agribusiness experts.

Later in the day, Bob McCarn, director of services for Industrial Foundation of America, Bellville, will discuss EEOC guidelines, American Disabilities Act, and workers' compensation laws affecting agribusinesses.

David Smith, president of Smith Potato Company in Hart will advise growers on what to expect during inspections by regulatory agencies, such as TDA. Lavon Harman, pesticide specialist with Texas Dept. of Agriculture will review

procedures needed for documenting use, storage, and disposal of agricultural chemicals.

Walt Clark, president, Brandon and Clark Company of Lubbock, will moderate a panel discussion by equipment dealers on regulations affecting their operations.

TDA pesticide specialist, Charlie Thomas of Amarillo will close the same session with an overview of worker protection standards recently developed by EPA comparing regulatory trends as Texas sets its own state guidelines.

Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association will host its annual membership meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m. led by Mike Stephens, president.

TAIA events are open to members and non-members attending the 2-day conference. The TAIA awards banquet features Buck Ramsey, noted cowboy poet and musician.

Sessions on Tuesday, Jan. 11, begin at 9:30 a.m. and will focus on agricultural commodity production and management programs which run concurrently throughout the day. Presentations will highlight production issues facing growers of six major agricultural food, feed and fiber crops — corn, peanuts, sugar beets, cotton, grain sorghum and wheat.

Brent Bean, agronomist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Amarillo, opens the first session on corn with a discussion on plant morphology and physiology followed by Jimmy Schriber, Pioneer Seed Company's field sales manager from Amarillo, who will address dryland and limited irrigation corn production considerations.

Key topics for peanut producers will be highlighted during the session moderated by Terry Canada, a producer from Wellington. Ed Colburn, TAEX agronomist from College Station, will address irrigation management and water requirement for profitable peanut production. Dan Henard, a producer also from Wellington, will discuss using LEPA center pivot systems and moisture blocks to manage irrigation. Consumer demands and quality concerns will be examined by Max Grice, vice president of Birdsong Peanuts at Gorman.

In a segment on sugar beets—Charles Rush, TAES plant pathologist at Bushland, will discuss disease control and management. Monty Schoehals, TAES research associate, Bushland, will follow with a presentation on weed control strategies.

Concurrent sessions for corn, peanuts and sugar beets reconvene at 10:45 a.m. after a mid-morning trade show break. Jim Reinart, a producer from Ensign, Kansas, will address ridgetill corn production. Chip Lee, TAEX plant pathologist at Stephenville will address peanut diseases related to irrigation practices.

TAES agronomist, Steve Winter of Amarillo will focus on irrigation issues involving sugar beets, including nitrogen management. Dennis Printz, agriculture manager for Holly Sugar Company in Hereford, will update producers on good field management practices.

Rep. Pete Laney of Hale Center, speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, will deliver the keynote address during the Tuesday noon luncheon program.

Final afternoon sessions resume at 1:45 p.m. Kater Hake, TAEX agronomist at Lubbock will address cotton physiology, and soil and water relations.

Dan Kreig, Texas Tech professor of crop physiology, Lubbock, will review planning and managing sound field practices. Future directions of sorghum breeding will be discussed by Jerry O'Rear, research director for Garrison-Townsend Seed Company at Hereford.

Karl Johnson, producer from Morse, will review optimum sorghum production strategies.

David Worrall, TAES wheat breeder from Vernon will lead a discussion on varieties developed for Texas conditions. NAFTA issues will be addressed by TAEX grain marketing specialist, Mark Waller from College Station.

Winners of the silent auction items sponsored by TAIA will be announced during the mid-afternoon trade show break.

At 3:15 p.m., a cotton producer panel will hold a discussion of management techniques followed by a question and answer session with all presenters involved in the cotton segments.

An overview of sorghum physiology and production management will be presented by Dan Kreig followed by a discussion of dryland sorghum, wheat, and fallow management strategies by Robert Dietrick, who farms near Tyrone, Oklahoma.

Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association executive, Bill Nelson of Amarillo will moderate a closing session presented by Mark Waller who will address international and domestic wheat marketing concerns. Travis Miller TAEX agronomist from College Station will report on wheat irrigation and disease management issues.

The conference will adjourn by 4:15 p.m. with the presentation of CEU certificates to participants. For more information, contact Leon New, TAEX irrigation specialist, Amarillo, at (806) 359-5401, or any irrigation equipment dealer and county extension agent in your area.

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