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Scattered to numerous thunderstorms, some with locally heavy rainfall and some becoming severe late afternoons and evenings through Friday. Considerable cloudiness with resultant cooler afternoon temperatures.

Wednesday's high temperature	90
Wednesday's low temperature	64
Average high	90
Average low	64
Record high	104 in 1948
Record low	54 in 1920
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	2.65
Normal for Month	2.10
Year to date	65.99
Normal for year	67.06

Cut-a-thon set for Trey Hall

The Hair Clinic is sponsoring a "Cut-A-Thon" to raise money for a bone marrow transplant for Trey Hall. Hall, 8 months old, son of Buddie and Ann Hall, suffers from inherited immune deficiency. The cut-a-thon will be Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Hair Clinic, 2105 S. Gregg St. Haircuts will be \$6 with the proceeds being donated to Trey.

ACU drama camp set next month

Abilene Christian University will sponsor "Acting Alive," a summer drama camp for high school students from July 25-28. Experienced high school actors as well as those just developing an interest in theater may attend. The camp is open to high school sophomores, juniors, seniors and recent graduates. Designed to develop young acting talent, students will attend workshops in musical theater, acting, auditioning, dialects, improvisation and directing. Students will also attend the ACU Dinner Theater, Summer Spotlight and the Paramount Classic Film Series. The camp will finish with a student production of "Spoon River Anthology." The cost for the camp is \$275, which includes room and board, theater/film excursions and a T-shirt. Enrollment is limited to the first 50 students who apply. Applications must be accompanied by a \$50 non-refundable deposit. For more information contact Wyatt Hester, camp director, at 915-674-2073.

Today's 'Tonight' day for Jay Leno

NEW YORK (AP) — Heeere's Jay. NBC officially announced today that comedian Jay Leno will take over as host of "The Tonight Show" when Johnny Carson retires next year. "We are happy to have Jay Leno, one of the most talented comedians in the business, as Johnny's successor," Warren Littlefield, president of NBC Enterprises and executive vice president of NBC Productions, said in a statement. Leno, 41, has been exclusive guest host of "The Tonight Show" for the past three years. "Leno has proven extremely popular with the late night audience and we are confident that the show will continue its late night dominance for many, many years," Littlefield said. Carson, whose last show will be May 22, said through an NBC spokesman: "I wish Jay all the success in the world. He's a bright young performer and I think along with David Letterman — who has proven his staying power for the last 10 years — NBC will have a great late-night lineup."

Bluebonnet sues federal regulators

DALLAS (AP) — A controversial Dallas thrift is challenging the Bush administration's decision that savings and loans can't get tax breaks for certain losses. Bluebonnet Savings Bank sued the Office of Thrift Supervision and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Wednesday, saying the tax benefits and other terms of its government-assisted formation are being shirked. "We expect the government to live up to its side that was bargained for," Bluebonnet president Brad Oates said. The \$3 billion deal that created Bluebonnet in December 1988 has been harshly criticized by members of Congress for providing

too much federal assistance and leaving owner James M. Fail with little personal risk. Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, conducted hearings on the deal last summer that disclosed Fail invested only \$1,000 of his own money to acquire Bluebonnet. "For James Fail to sue the government is unbelievable. It's the perfect example of biting the hand that feeds you," Metzenbaum said in a statement. "The government should never have let Mr. Fail buy Bluebonnet," the senator said. "It should use this opportunity to re-open the entire deal, an action which I have urged it to take for more than a year." Representatives of the FDIC and

OTS Wednesday had not seen the suit, which was filed in a Dallas federal court, and had no comment. Bluebonnet was one of 14 thrifts formed in the so-called Southwest Plan of the now-defunct Federal Home Loan Bank Board. The plan was designed to rescue Texas' thrift industry by combining the 88 sickest institutions. The board, which was dismantled by the 1989 S&L law that formed OTS, promised \$3 billion in assistance to Bluebonnet's investors, including non-cash tax benefits and incentives. "They are tax benefits (OTS and FDIC) now are disinclined to allow," said Ron Liebman of

Washington, Bluebonnet's attorney. The Treasury Department in March decided bailed-out savings institutions could no longer deduct losses from their taxes when the government compensates them for the loss. Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said the tax break had created a "perverse incentive" for bailed-out thrifts to hold bad assets as long as possible and to sell them for the lowest price possible. Bluebonnet assumed \$1.6 billion in troubled assets from the 15 thrifts. To date, the savings and loan has reduced the size of the portfolio to \$1.2 billion, Oates said. He was unsure of the effect the

suit would have on its pending sale to a group of investors led by former MCorp vice chairman James B. Gardner. Regulators haven't approved the sale. "It would be my hope that it wouldn't influence it one way or the other," Oates said. The suit seeks monetary damages and a judgment preventing the agencies from future violations of the contract. Oates said the thrift decided to sue after negotiations to reach a compromise with the agencies failed. "Bluebonnet is fine. We meet all our capital requirements. We're a conservatively-managed institution," he said.



"Siamese" soccer was the game today at the Big Spring YMCA's summer day camp at Comanche Trail Park near the Old Settlers' Pavilion. Joined at the wrist, each boy-girl pair tries to kick a soccer ball to the opposing team's goal.

Clinic, day camp being offered

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer
The Big Spring YMCA is offering a baby-sitting clinic, designed to instruct youth in the art of child care. For students interested in earning money this summer, baby-sitting remains one real alternative, said Suzanne Fulesday, a YMCA counselor. She said the clinic will teach youth how to organize their own baby-sitting business and how to care for children. "We're going to teach them how to talk to the families and the children. It's important to meet the family before they ever start baby-sitting for them," she said. The outline for the two-hour clinic includes topics on asking questions, emergency instructions, medications, discipline and fees. Fulesday said most baby sitters earn between \$2.50 and \$3 an hour these days. "We're gearing this for possibly 12-to-16 year olds. We hope there

are some guys who attend," Fulesday said. The clinic begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and costs \$5 for YMCA members and \$7 for non-members. Each baby sitter will be given a certificate of participation, said Linda Perez, program director for the YMCA. The YMCA is also offering its Summer Day Camp for children 5 to 12. Fulesday said the child must have completed kindergarten to enter the program, and currently there are about 40 youths enrolled. Fulesday said daily activities include basketball, swimming, gymnastics and volleyball. Each week of the camp features a different theme. "Strange and Unknown Week" will include "Siamese soccer," a soccer game played similar to a three-legged relay. "Celebrating Independence Week" will coincide with the Fourth of July, and "Water Wonders Week," includes a trip to Water Wonderland in Midland.

Fulesday said the camp will offer children an opportunity to learn about countries around the world during one week and explore career options during another week. Bicycle safety, recycling and a camp carnival complete with cake-walks and apple bobbing are also scheduled. The weekly fee for the camp is \$45 for YMCA members and \$50 for non-members. Daily fees are \$10 for members and \$11 for non-members. Discounts are provided for families with more than one child enrolled. The doors open at 7:30 a.m., and the program finishes at 5 p.m. Children should bring their own lunch. Beginning last Monday, the YMCA posted new hours for the building. Monday and Wednesday the doors are open from 6 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday the hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday the YMCA is open 6 a.m.-7 p.m. and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday; the facility is closed Sunday. For more information, call 267-8234.

Big Spring looks at options to handle waste

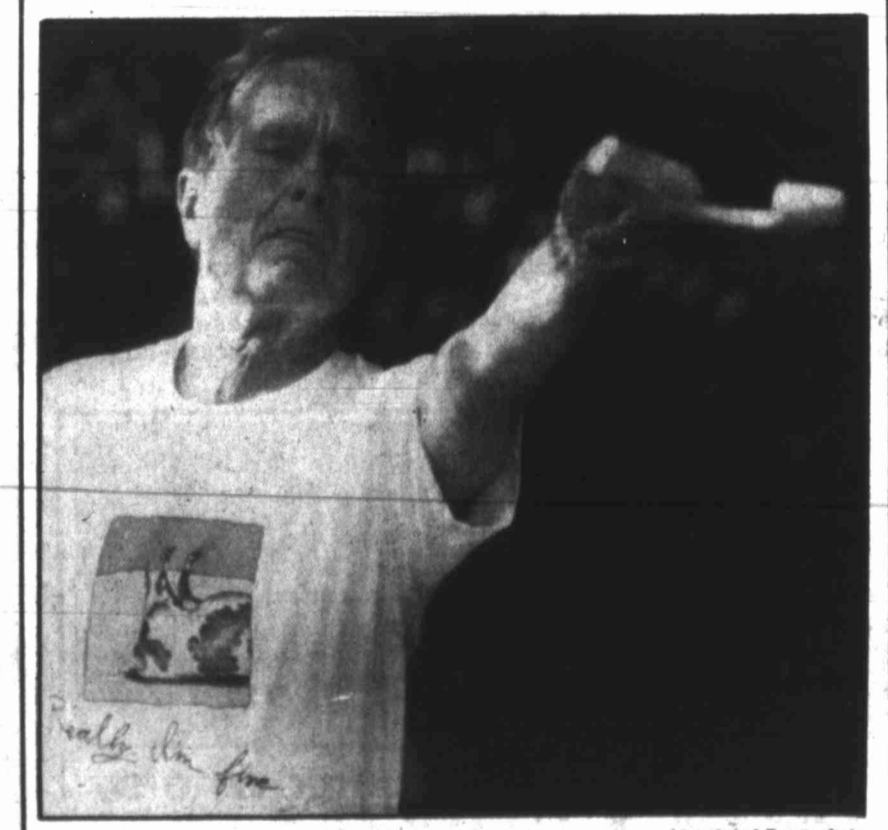
By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer
Under the shadow of an ever-increasing landfill and nationwide attention to the necessity of recycling, Big Spring has joined a group of area cities to investigate options for dealing with waste. With other members of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, the city will examine the effectiveness of current waste management methods as well as look for new ways of treating garbage, said Assistant City Manager Tom Decell. He said an area-wide recycling program will likely be one result. "All of these things we talk about

as neat ideas will eventually become law... including recycling. We have to keep up with innovative technology." Texas legislators have mandated that various regions in the state develop a solid-waste management plan by Sept. 30, 1992, said Ernie Crawford, regional planning commission executive director in Midland. Although recycling is not the program's main goal, it will likely be an end result because of legislation, Crawford said. "The guidelines (for the plan) call for looking at some recycling," he said. "We're going to begin to

City pool opening

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer
With repairs completed, the Big Spring City Pool will open with its traditional Splash Day Saturday. Festivities will include free admission, free soft drinks, a bikini contest and prize awards beginning at noon with T-shirts being given to the first 200 people. The pool at Comanche Trail Park will open at 1 p.m. and will remain open until 6 p.m., said Assistant City Manager Tom Decell. Pool hours for the summer season will be Tuesday through Saturday from 1-6 p.m. and 1-5 p.m. on Sundays; it will be closed Mondays. The daily entrance fee will be \$1 per person. Because of past problems, the pool staff requests that children 7 and younger be accompanied by a parent or teenage sibling. "We want to encourage parents not to drop their young children off without supervision," said

Decell. Inner tubes, air mattresses and other floatation devices will not be allowed because of safety concerns. "It makes it tougher for the lifeguards to keep track of everyone," said Decell. The pool will have two or more lifeguards at all times, depending on pool occupancy, he said. Thursday nights are scheduled as family nights, where parents can bring their children to the pool from 7-9 p.m., he said. Decell explained that the pool can be reserved for private parties after it is closed to the general public at 6 p.m. For a party of up to 25 persons, the charge is \$60, 25 to 49 people for \$80 and more than 50 people for \$100. The pool will close for the winter on Aug. 15, because some of the pool's compliment of lifeguards will be leaving, said Decell.



Presidential pitch
WASHINGTON — President Bush wears a shirt bearing the words "Really, I'm fine" ironically positioned under a picture of a dead cow. He's pitching in the Annual Spring White House Horseshoe Tournament at the White House Wednesday.

Soldiers followed orders not to flee

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. soldiers at a barracks in Saudi Arabia that was destroyed by an Iraqi Scud missile followed standing orders to go or stay inside the building rather than try to escape, Army investigators say. The Scud's 800-pound high-explosive warhead turned the building into an inferno, killing 28 soldiers and injuring 98 on Feb. 25. It was the biggest single loss of American troops in the Persian Gulf War. Army officials, briefing reporters Wednesday on the investigation of the attack, said the troops had only 30 seconds' warning of the incoming missile. They said previous Scud attacks showed that the main danger was flying pieces of missile debris rather than a direct hit on a building. Therefore, it was standard procedure to go inside rather than outside, they said. There were no concrete bunkers or bomb shelters near the barracks, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The Army also disclosed that a computer problem in the Patriot air defense system that permitted the Scud missile to enter Saudi

Arabia unopposed had been detected five days before the fatal attack. Patriot missiles intercepted virtually all other Scuds in the war. The computer in the Patriot battery whose radar had picked up the incoming Scud failed to track the missile as it roared toward Dhahran. Thus, no computer instructions were given and no Patriot missiles were launched, the Army said. It said the Patriot computer screen did not show an incoming Scud because the computer software could not calculate the missile's path quickly enough. This was due to two factors not previously encountered simultaneously by the Patriot systems in Saudi Arabia: continuous operation of the computer for four days before the attack and faster-than-usual speed of the Scud missile. The lengthy period of non-stop operation had reduced the computer's capacity to make calculations. The Scud was traveling faster because it — unlike all the others fired in the war — did not break up in flight, the Army officials said.

The Patriot battery had been operating its computer for four straight days because the other battery responsible for coverage of the Dhahran area had been down for repair of a radar receiver. The other battery was back in operation a few hours after the attack, officials said. Analysts reviewing previous Patriot engagements of Scuds had determined on Feb. 20 — on the basis of one particular engagement — that the computer calculations could be inadequate under certain circumstances. The officials would not disclose the date or location of that engagement. Improved computer software to correct the Patriot problem arrived in Saudi Arabia on Feb. 24, one day before the attack, but priority for installing the new tapes was given to Patriot batteries deployed closer to Iraq, the officials said. The tapes eventually installed in the Patriot battery that failed to track the incoming Scud arrived at the battery's location on Feb. 26, the Army said. The Army said it would not immediately release the official investigation report because parts of it are classified.

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Nation

Thornburgh's resignation wanted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats in Congress want Attorney General Dick Thornburgh to leave office immediately now that he has announced plans to run for the Senate from Pennsylvania this summer.

House Speaker Thomas Foley and several key House Judiciary Committee members said Wednesday that Thornburgh's planned candidacy posed a conflict of interest with his duties as the nation's chief law enforcement official.

"I do not think it is a good practice for officials in sensitive positions of government, where they have almost judicial, quasi-judicial responsibility, to be announced as political candidates,"

Foley, D-Wash., told reporters. "It would be better practice, I think, for (the) announced political candidacy of an attorney general to be followed by an immediate ending of his responsibilities as attorney general."

President Bush said Tuesday that Thornburgh will seek to fill the unexpired term of the late Republican Sen. John Heinz in a special election in November. He said he had asked Thornburgh to stay at the Justice Department at least through July.

But Rep. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Judiciary crime subcommittee, said Thornburgh should resign now because his continued tenure undermines public trust.



Associated Press photo

Choppers arrive for parade

WASHINGTON — A flight of U.S. Army helicopters arrive on the Mall in Washington near the U.S. Capitol today in preparation for Saturday's National Victory Celebration.

U.S. accuses Iraq of diverting food

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration says Baghdad is diverting emergency food supplies, including flour intended for the Kurds that wound up in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said the United Nation's World Food Program has frozen shipments into Iraq and is demanding full restitution of the missing food.

He called it a cynical attempt by the Iraqi president "to buttress his regime's standing."

Fitzwater, in a written statement, said, "We have reports that

Iraq has systematically diverted substantial quantities of World Food Program (WFP) food shipments into the Ministry of Trade's regular food ration system."

An administration official, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said 3,300 metric tons of flour that had been destined for the Kurdish town of Mosul were missing, and 79 tons had turned up in Tikrit, Saddam's hometown.

Fitzwater called it "another cynical example of Saddam's disregard for vulnerable groups of women and children."

Silver Star awarded for valor in Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was one moment in a long war. Twenty-three years ago, medical corpsman Eric "Doc" Hefright rushed to treat a wounded man on a South Vietnam road, and in the process was twice wounded himself.

Had he been awarded the Silver Star then, he says, it might have changed his life.

He is 42 now, and it won't mean as much.

But Hefright's friends — and even a stranger who heard about his case — would not allow the government to forget the heroic deed on April 19, 1968, at Bridge 28 near the Quang Tri River.

So, Hefright's old Marine pals and their families were gathering with some generals and lawmakers in a Senate office building late today to watch a representative of the government pin the medal on the man he saved was flying in for the occasion.

"Wouldn't miss it," said Craig Belknap, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation consultant from Mesquite, Texas.

"When I was out there on the road bleeding to death and yelling for Doc to come for me, I knew he would, unless he was dead," Belknap said. "And he stayed out there while they kept trying to kill us some more."

Hefright's friends prefer to focus not on the delay but on the happy thought that the medal ceremony

means justice is finally being done.

"No American flags. No yellow ribbons. Just a brave man and those who admire him," said Michael Norman, a New York University journalism professor who served with Hefright as a radioman and wrote a book chronicling his friend's heroics.

Hefright views the situation dispassionately. The platoon commander who told him a medal was forthcoming died in action soon afterward. When Hefright checked — he said it was probably in 1969 — he was told by the Marines that there was no recommendation for a medal pending. He does not know if his commanding officer ever had time to make one.

After that, Hefright didn't push it.

The Silver Star is awarded for exceptional bravery. It ranks behind the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross, but "you've really got to do something to get the Silver Star," said Arnold Punaro, a Senate Armed Services Committee aide who helped organize the ceremony.

"For this to happen to a 19-year-old wounded Navy corpsman could have been a big point, a turning point," Hefright said. "But for a 42-year-old, disabled state employee..."

Hefright was a combat paramedic attached to a Marine unit traveling in South Vietnam.

Health insurance plan introduced

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democratic leaders have unveiled a \$6 billion plan to provide health insurance to all Americans by requiring employers to provide basic coverage to workers or pay into a public program.

"Access to affordable, quality health care should be a right for all Americans, not just those who can afford insurance," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said Tuesday in introducing the program.

While the public part of the plan would cost about \$6 billion in tax revenue in the first year of the plan, the cost-containment portions would save the nation an estimated \$78 billion over the next five years, sponsors say.

Cost savings would be achieved with such efforts as reducing unnecessary care by developing practice guidelines for physicians and cutting administrative costs with standardized billing forms.



GEORGE MITCHELL

Valedictorian dispute goes to court

ATLANTA (AP) — A school board that chose a black student over a white one to be valedictorian is mired in a lawsuit and faces a graduation boycott by black students — even though it says the dispute has nothing to do with race.

A federal judge scheduled a hearing today.

Graduation day is Friday for C. Thomas Allgood III and Johnathan Henderson at Newton County High School in Covington, about 30 miles southeast of Atlanta.

The fight over the valedictorian began in April. Newton County Superintendent Richard Schneider recommended the two share the honor, which brings with it a \$1,000 prize. But when Henderson's father asked the school board to pick one, it picked Henderson.

Allgood, 17, who is white, sued. He contended he should be the top graduate because his grade-point average was 97.7, including grades from two years at a private school. His lawsuit was based on a law entitling students or parents to correct inaccuracies in academic records.

Henderson, 18, who is black,

completed four years at Newton with a grade-point average of 96.96.

The dispute heightened racial tension at the school of 2,000 students, 30 percent of whom are black.

The dating of interracial couples at the school sparked fights and boycotts of classes last fall. Police were called in to patrol the school. The Ku Klux Klan staged a rally at the courthouse to protest interracial dating.

After Henderson was chosen, white students protested, saying school administrators were unfair to whites.

Black students, meanwhile, said they would boycott graduation if Henderson is not the valedictorian.

Allgood's lawyer, Pat McKee, asked for today's hearing before U.S. District Court Judge Marvin H. Shoob after the Newton County Board of Education deadlocked 2-2 Monday in a vote to choose a valedictorian.

Shoob had ordered the board to take the vote, hoping that would settle the matter.

The tie occurred because Chairman Fran Ison was not there to

vote. Her absence angered many residents and prompted critical editorials. The *Covington News* called for her resignation in today's edition. The *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* said the board's deadlock gave students "a lesson in how the system doesn't work."

Ison is vacationing out of state and could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Board members said their initial choice stemmed not from racial considerations but because questions arose about the accreditation of George Walton Academy, which Allgood attended as a freshman and sophomore. Those grades were included when his grade-point average was figured.

George Walton Academy is accredited by the Georgia Accrediting Commission, but not by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, generally considered the regional accrediting agency.

School policy says grade averages can be transferred from other schools that are in good standing with the regional accrediting agency.

World

Pilots trying to interpret warning

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — In a chilling cockpit transcript of the minutes before last month's Lauda Air crash, the pilot and co-pilot struggle to interpret warning signals related to a reversal in jet engine thrust.

The transcript, made available today by Thai investigators, was released after the cockpit voice recorder of the Boeing 767 was analyzed by the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board in Washington, D.C.

No official cause of the May 26 crash has been disclosed. All 233 people aboard were killed when the plane blew apart as it approached cruising altitude and fell in pieces.

Initial speculation centered on

the possibility that a bomb destroyed the plane. Later, aviation officials suggested a mechanical or computer problem related to the thrust reverser in one of the plane's engines was responsible for the crash.

Analysis of the transcript by the NTSB indicates the pilot and co-pilot were trying to interpret warning signals related to thrust reversal.

The owner of the plane, Niki Lauda, told a news conference in Vienna today that he had simulated the accident in a flight trainer Wednesday at London's Gatwick airport and concluded that reverse thrust "alone did not cause the crash... There must be another cause."

Aircraft attack returning refugees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sudanese military aircraft have been launching attacks on hungry, unarmed Sudanese refugees fleeing back to their homeland from the fighting in Ethiopia, U.S. officials say.

Andrew Natsios, head of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, put the number of Sudanese escaping camps in neighboring Ethiopia at tens of thousands but gave no details on the intensity or results of the bombing attacks.

"We have urged the Sudanese government to stop the bombing," Natsios told reporters

Wednesday.

Sudanese authorities apparently started the air attacks because most of the returning refugees are identified with rebel forces in southern Sudan who have been fighting troops loyal to the central government in Khartoum.

The civil war, coupled with prolonged drought, has been a major contributing factor to famine conditions that are believed to affect about 9 million Sudanese.

Several million more face starvation in Ethiopia. The U.S. Agency for International Development is providing \$395 million in assistance.

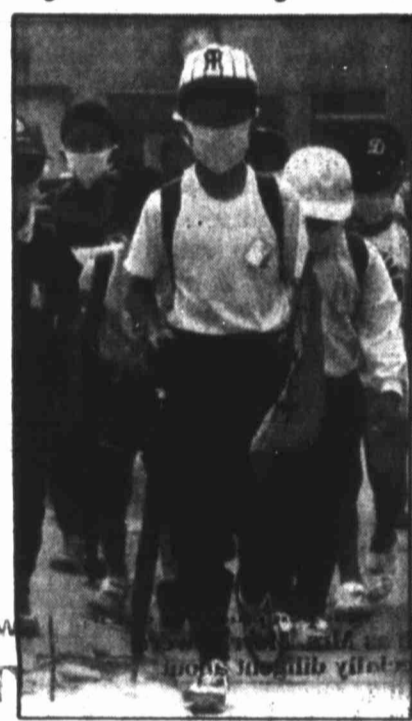
Volcano danger may last for years

SHIMABARA, Japan (AP) — Mount Unzen continued to smolder, shudder and spew lava today, and one expert said the thousands of people who evacuated homes at its foot will not return for months, perhaps years.

Newspapers published pictures of the volcano's Monday eruption taken by photographers among the 38 people killed in the sudden storm of searing gas, molten ash and rock.

Three nationally circulated newspapers, the *Yomiuri*, *Mainichi* and *Nikkei*, published such pictures, some of which were marred by black holes and marks where the film apparently was damaged by the heat.

The body of one photographer, Tadahoshi Tsuchiya, 58, was identified by his wristwatch, its glass cover blown off and the hands stopped at 4:18 p.m., the time the 4,452-foot volcano erupted.



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Opinion

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Goal: Mideast arms embargo

A world with fewer weapons would be a safer world. Soviets and Americans have recognized the wisdom of that idea and are doing something about it. Now, President Bush wants to extend the principle to the Middle East.

If Bush had the slightest intention of putting forth a real policy of Middle East arms control, he would deserve full support. For 40 years, no region in the world has been deadlier than the Middle East. The deadline has not been caused by an increase in enmity, but by more and better weapons.

Whose weapons? Ours, for the most part. Since 1967, U.S. administrations have had non-discriminatory weapons policy: We will sell to anybody. Arming both sides in a conflict, Arabs and Israelis for example, is good business.

True, if we didn't sell the arms, someone else would. The Soviets surpassed us for a while in the '80s, but have now dropped back. France sold arms to Israel until 1967 and then sold to Iraq, Iran and Libya. When Congress impedes U.S. sales to Arab countries, Britain steps in. When countries are blacklisted, as Libya, Iran and Iraq have been, China is ready. The big five account for about 70 percent of all arms sales to the region.

The horse having escaped, Bush wants to bolt the barn door. He has tweaked the interest of French President Franis Mitterrand, who has unveiled his own Middle East disarmament plan. A meeting of the big five arms-exporting nations is being scheduled for Paris.

If anything comes of these plans, bravo. But, as outlined last week, Bush's plan is self-righteous flatulence. He has no intention of doing more damage to the U.S. arms industry. It would not be surprising to see the arms exporters focus even more attention on Middle East sales, to make up for domestic cuts.

Morally, arms sales to poor nations (Jordan), to antagonists (Israel and Syria), even to both sides in a civil war (Lebanon), is indefensible. Nations in the Middle East all believe their security lies in newer and better weapons, not in negotiated settlement of differences.

An enforceable, generalized arms embargo, not hollow posturing, is the only way to put an end to that delusion.

Trip to Wedding Chapel was visit to alien world

By JASON AKST
Amarillo Globe-News

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — I've handled tough assignments before, but this one really had my palms sweating and my nerves jangling.

For I was entering an alien world, an environment that challenged my view of reality and forced me to summon both my courage and my journalistic objectivity.

I am an affirmed bachelor, and I was assigned to write a story on . . . The Wedding Chapel.

I tiptoed into the Amarillo facility and met its owner, Brenda Flowers. I think she sensed my nervousness: perhaps it was my right eyelid twitching uncontrollably.

She fixed me a cup of coffee, which was very tasty but didn't help my nerves much, and quietly explained how her fledgling business serves those about to embark on total doom, er, lifelong bliss.

In all seriousness, though, Ms. Flowers did make me appreciate the true value of The Wedding Chapel.

While The Wedding Chapel doesn't provide the counseling I probably need, it is a service that eliminates most of the hassle, stress and cost associated with weddings.

Ms. Flowers explained that her operation provides everything for a wedding and reception except clothing and photographers. Except for a part-time assistant, The Wedding Chapel is a one-person operation.

At reasonable rates, brides and bridegrooms-to-be are provided the chapel itself, the cake complete with lighted fountain, invitations, personalized napkins, candles, fancy lighters to light the candles, music, a minister, flower-girl baskets, ring-bearer pillows, a guest book, blue garters, toasting glasses . . . the works.

Ms. Flowers offers three basic packages: a wedding only and no reception, a wedding with as many as 50 people and a reception, and a wedding with as many as 100 people and a reception. Prices go from \$150 to \$500, plus

Guest column

tax. She handles all preparations and clean-up work.

Receptions offer punch and a place for guests to mingle while pictures are shot. Ms. Flowers said she also offers a non-alcoholic champagne and could probably arrange for a licensed person to serve alcoholic champagne, but prefers not to.

All ministers or justices of the peace she works with are licensed to perform weddings.

Best of all, I felt, Ms. Flowers strives to prevent a wedding from seeming commercialized.

"I am able to give each of my brides and grooms my own special attention," she said. "Obviously I do have to advertise, but . . . it's really kind of strange. I get really attached to each of these brides and grooms, almost like they were my own children."

Flexibility is another strong point of the service. Ms. Flowers said at one point, a client called at 10 a.m. and wanted a wedding and reception for 100 people at 7:30 that same evening. It was accomplished. A week is usually required to arrange the ceremony, but the wedding can be planned in about an hour.

Ms. Flowers said she always tells clients to do what they want. "I always stress: It's not what your parents want, it's not what your friends think you ought to have. It's your day. It's your wedding, something that you're going to remember for the rest of your life. Do it like you want to."

The service represents a radical career change for the former legal assistant and oil and gas office manager of 30 years.

Surprisingly, many grooms make the arrangements. Most clients come from Amarillo, but she's had contact with people from throughout the area.

Everybody from construction workers to doctors have inquired about services, Ms. Flowers said. Clients have ranged in age and marital status from teen-agers to those entering a second marriage to those in their 70s.

Letters

Letters to the editor on issues of general interest always are welcomed by the Big Spring Herald and always are printed if these guidelines are followed: Letters should be 350 words or less; typewritten if possible, and double-

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"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire



Priority in China: Stability

By KATHY WILHELM
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — The thoroughness of the government clampdown on the two-year anniversary of the army killings of pro-democracy demonstrators dramatizes the priorities China's leaders have emphasized ever since — "Stability Over All."

That slogan is chanted like a mantra in the state-run media, and government policy-making has slowed to a crawl as officials weigh the possible impact of every move on social stability.

This kind of thinking lay behind the late announcement of the May 14 suicide of the hated widow of Mao Tse-tung, Jiang Qing, who presided over the purges of thousands of people during the radical leftist Cultural Revolution.

Apparently fearful that the news might spark public reaction before the anniversary of the June 3-4, 1989 army attack on demonstrators, authorities waited until the sensitive date was virtually over before disclosing it.

Stability was the last thing that mattered to Jiang and Mao, who founded Communist China in 1949.

"They said, 'Let's have a bit of chaos,'" said Ross Terrill, a research fellow at Harvard University and Jiang's biographer.

Mao's lifelong worry was that too much stability bred softness, bureaucratism and capitalist leanings, and that only constant struggle could keep the revolutionary fires burning.

Among those he and Jiang considered too stability-minded was none other than Deng Xiaoping, who was purged but rose to power after Mao's death and remains top power-broker now at age 86.

No sooner did he take charge than Deng justified Mao's fears, restoring the bureaucracy and introducing limited capitalist reforms.

Beijing University students, who helped lead the 1989 movement for democracy and honest

World report

government, were unexcited this morning by the news of Jiang's death.

"We have no memories of the Cultural Revolution," said one. The decade-long upheaval ended in 1976, when most of today's college students were toddlers or in the first years of grammar school.

But Deng drew parallels between the Cultural Revolution and the 1989 movement and tried to use the likenesses to frighten the public into halting the protests.

Both were anarchic movements, he said. Both used mobs to attack the established Communist Party leadership in posters and speeches.

If today's young students were to read the transcript from Jiang's 1980-81 trial on charges of trying to seize power, they might applaud her for telling the court that Deng was fascist and that it was not her, but the Communist Party, that was on trial.

But the parallels turn out to be only superficial.

The youthful Red Guards who dragged down Deng and other leaders in the 1960s believed fervently in Marxism, Terrill noted, while many of the 1989 protesters had strong doubts.

In addition, the Red Guards were mobilized by Mao and Jiang, while the 1989 protesters emerged spontaneously in reaction to growing corruption and the tension between economic reform and political controls.

Many of today's dissidents don't want chaos any more than Deng does, arguing that such a large, poor country cannot afford it. They are willing to wait and work quietly for change.

Deng and the other aging men who rule China displayed this week the impressive security network they can mobilize, using not only police but thousands of loyal civilians to watch neighborhoods.

Would-be reformers can't fight this network, and say there's no point in trying.

"Students now don't feel it's necessary to take chances for the little they could do," a Beijing University student said today.

Students and older intellectuals instead say time is on their side, that liberalizing influences will inexorably seep into Chinese society through the very economic reforms Deng introduced.

Foreign investors, traders and visiting experts have introduced such foreign concepts as participatory democracy, but Deng can't afford to deny them entry because economic growth is fueled by exports.

Private enterprise and free markets have produced a budding bourgeois class, but Deng can't shut them down because they are the most productive economic sector.

The relative calm this year during the June 3-4 anniversary thus reflects not just fear, but confidence.

"They tried to roll back the economic reforms, but they can't," chortled a middle-aged scholar who once championed Marxism but now says it has failed.

He predicted the Communists will be forced to accept opposition parties within a decade — a long time in Western eyes, but short to history-conscious Chinese.

Many say Deng's death may bring opportunities for political relaxation. Deng has tried to ensure a smooth succession and continuation of his policies.

But Jiang Qing is a reminder that the best plans of dead men often go awry. She fell less than a month after Mao died.

"I think the lesson is there will be people around Deng who will disappear," said Terrill. "The political system hasn't changed that much."

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Art Buchwald



AT&T star is born

As we enter the new world of communications, the telephone company is firing more and more live operators and replacing them with recorded announcements.

It's now so bad that a person considers himself lucky if he is still speaking to a warm body. What the public doesn't know is that the telephone company takes great care in selecting the women to do their recorded announcements. Since their voices will remain on computer tapes forever, the phone executives can't afford to miscast someone for the part.

I attended an audition for a new voice to represent one of the principal retail outlets. It was held in a large theater on Broadway. There must have been 150 hopefuls waiting to try out.

On stage were blondes, brunettes and redheads, dressed in everything from dirndl skirts to leather pants. Many were warming up their voices with arias from "Aida." Others were kicking their legs in the air, and still others were seated on their chairs shaking with fright.

The director Cam Funkhouser came out on stage and said, "I'm glad that you could all come. What we're looking for today is someone who can handle long-distance as well as wrong-number calls. Ever since we've changed the area codes, customers have been making stupid mistakes. Your voice has to keep them on track, not only by informing them that they made an error, but also by making sure that they don't do it again."

"Now, this is the kind of situation you have to react to. A girl in college is calling her parents collect. She's desperate because she has run out of funds and has lost her dog all in the same day. At this moment she wants to hear a compassionate voice she can trust, and one that sounds as if the phone company gives a damn. Most of all she wants to hear, 'Thank you for using AT&T.' Okay, I'm going into the orchestra seats, so belt it out."

Cam sat next to me. A girl came up to the microphone, her hands on her hips. Winking at Funkhouser she said, "Thank you for using AT&T."

"No, no, no," Cam shouted. "You're not inviting a guy up to your place for the evening. Thank you very much."

The next young woman was quivering. She said something, but we couldn't understand a word.

"We can't hear you," Cam yelled. "Your voice is going to go to Tokyo and Zambia. If we can't hear you in the orchestra, how can they hear you in Sydney, Australia? We'll call you."

A lady in black leotards came forward and started dancing.

"What are you doing?"

"I can say more with my body than with my voice."

We listened to almost all the contestants, and Cam was about to give up when a girl in an ankle-length peasant dress and a straw hat stepped forward. Without a pause, she stretched out her arms and belted out, "Thank you for using AT&T."

Cam jumped out of his seat. "By Jove, she's got it. I believe she's got it." Then he grabbed me and started to dance in the aisle.

"The phone of Cohen is mainly made of chrome. Made of chrome, made of chrome, Cohen's phone is made of chrome."

Cam ran up onto the stage and told her, "Repeat after me, 'We're sorry, but you must press one before calling your number.'"

She did it. Funkhouser hugged her and said, "Baby, Ma Bell is going to make you a star."

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Lifestyle

Kids should earn own money for perks

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "No-Money Machine" — the parent who is cutting corners in order to send her son to the high school prom — prompts this letter.

Abby, going to a senior prom is a privilege — not a God-given right. I came from a large family, and our education (12 years of Catholic school) was paid for by our parents, but we had to earn our own money for all the "perks" such as yearbooks, class rings and proms.

I have raised my son the same way. At 16, he's already had a semi-formal under his belt. He asked if he could have his Christmas gift of money in advance so he could pay \$35 for tickets, \$15 for a corsage and \$10 for a secondhand tux.

If he wants to continue at the Catholic school he attends, he will have to get a summer job to help with the \$1,300 tuition. His class ring will be bought with money he saves from his allowance.

Abby, as you've often said, "Give a man a fish and he can eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he can eat forever."

The best gift some people can give their kids is a kick in the rear to the job market. — **NO MONEY MACHINE EITHER**

DEAR NO MONEY MACHINE: You could teach a class in child development. Thanks for writing.

DEAR ABBY: Please set me straight. Is it considered poor manners to write a letter instead of having a face-to-face confrontation?

Recently, I decided to quit my job as baby sitter for a woman I'll call Mrs. Smith. She is very strong-minded and not a person I would care to debate, so to avoid being pressured to stay on with other arrangements, then kick myself afterward, I chose to write.

Dear Abby



I dropped the letter in Mrs. Smith's mailbox. As soon as she read it, she telephoned to say that we would still be friends, but she thought it was extremely "ignorant and ill-mannered" of me to have written to her instead of speaking to her. Abby, some people are easier to write to than talk to.

What do you think? Was a letter a poor vehicle for my message? — **IN THE DARK**

DEAR IN: I think you used excellent judgment. Your reasons for writing to Mrs. Smith instead of risking a face-to-face confrontation were valid.

DEAR ABBY: With so many children as well as some adults unable to read, and the warning on some labels printed so small that older people can't read them, perhaps we should resume the old skull and crossbones on all poisons. Also, now that camping season has returned, parents should avoid dressing their children in camouflage-printed clothing for picnics or camp-outs. If children wander off, they would be much harder to locate.

Bright orange or yellow is the most visible color. Campers should keep that in mind. — **DULUTH, MINN.**

DEAR DULUTH: And what's wrong with hanging on an elastic cord around the neck isn't a bad idea for campers. But make sure the elastic cord can't strangle the wearer should it get caught on some object.

Water workouts: A great way to burn calories

By **SISSY CHRISTENSEN**
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — It's soothing, quiet and private. It's also one of the best cardiovascular exercises you can do, with small risk of injury. It involves nearly the whole body. And if you're really going at it, you can work off hundreds of calories an hour. No sweat — literally.

It is, of course, swimming. "And the swimmer can use the time for herself — that's extremely important. She can be exercising and enjoy peace and quiet at the same time," says Alpha Alexander, director of health promotion and sports of YWCA of the U.S.A.

Swimming is one of those activities appropriate for people of many ages, abilities and conditions, she points out. The water's buoyancy lets arthritics exercise without the stress of weight on their afflicted joints. Amputees or people normally confined to wheelchairs usually can enjoy freedom of movement in the water. Water's natural resistance acts as a governor against overdoing it; gung-ho athletes are unlikely to collect bruises, sprains or broken bones while swimming.

Water resistance gives muscles work to do. Even if you're a poky swimmer, plodding along at a quarter of a mile an hour, you can work off at least 300 calories.

"I'm a slow swimmer and I cover one to one and a quarter miles per hour in a pool at a steady pace, or 1,200 to 1,500

calories per hour," Alexander estimates.

She thinks that as an aerobic conditioner, swimming is far superior to exercises done in studios and on the running paths.

She says other forms of water exercise — water walking, water running and calisthenics — are attracting interest from people who may be afraid of deep water and swimming. "They can still participate and see results," she says.

The only dark spots in this otherwise bright scene are injuries from diving and drownings which occur among those who live in poorer, inner-city neighborhoods.

Despite the risk in diving, Alexander says the skill should be taught in swimming programs because people need to know how to handle themselves in and around water.

The other issue now is one of Alexander's top priorities. She is laying groundwork for a national YWCA aquatics program, to be formally launched next year, to come to grips with water safety issues affecting black or ethnic children in inner cities — locales, she points out, that the organization has not deserted.

"Empowerment" is a word Alexander likes to use when talking about the program, which also will open up opportunities for minorities in local communities as lifeguards, aquatics directors, or certified pool operators. The YWCA program, backed with a \$100,000 grant from Olin Corp., will intensify and improve staff



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These women at the YMCA in Hilo, Hawaii, join in a water exercise routine. Water walking and other aquatic exercises let non-swimmers benefit from sessions in the pool.

training at the local level, providing careers for people in those communities.

Swimming is what many people associate with YWCA. "The Y has always been known as the place to go to learn how to swim," Alexander says. With 325 YWCA associations (with 4,000 locations) around the country, the goal is to extend that learning opportunity to inner-city

youngsters. Once they learn — the physical basics, plus the rules of swimming — only where there is a lifeguard and never swimming alone — YWCA believes their drowning statistics will drop.

Editors note: The local YMCA and The Dance Gallery both have aerobic swimming programs available.

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Healthy reading

The simple act of walking isn't so simple, now that it's recognized as a good exercise regimen. Health walking programs are outlined in two new books, "Walk for Life" (Perigee Books) by Deena and David Balboa and "Walk It Off!" (Plume Books) by Dr. Suzanne Levine.

Levine, a podiatrist, gives a personal account of how she used walking to lose more than 50 pounds, then tells readers how they can do the same. She gives tips on choosing shoes, walking safely, what to eat, taking care of feet, health matters, and how to keep from getting bored while walking.

The author, who describes herself as "a born-and-raised couch potato," says her book is aimed at people who have resisted the fitness craze but need an achievable form of exercise.

The Balboas, both New York City psychotherapists, go heavier on mechanics and technique in their book, linking walking to both physical and mental well-being. For example, they tell what to do with your arms while walking (relax, and let them swing naturally to help balance the body). They also discuss technical aids like treadmills, videos, etc.

"Stop the Nonsense: Health Without the Fads" (Shapolsky Publishers), by Dr. Ezra Sohar is

an overview of facts about nutrition, weight control, exercise, climate, stress, smoking, alcohol, heart disease, and cancer. Throughout his book, Sohar cautions his readers to resist fads, miracle cures and other claims in dealing with common health problems and explains basic facts about each.

Your personality has a lot to do with how healthy you are, according to a psychology professor. Howard S. Friedman of the University of California, Riverside, has studied profiles of those who resist and those who succumb to disease, and he thinks that how negative or how positive the person is has a strong effect on health.

His findings are in a book, "The Self-Healing Personality" (Henry Holt and Company). "A critical link between personality and health involves physiological changes occurring inside the body during stress," says Friedman, currently on sabbatical at State University of New York at Stony Brook. "When our minds cannot cope with our environments, our internal systems go out of whack. Too much arousal, or too much over-compensation and relaxation may damage body tissues, impair immune systems and response, or disrupt the biological rhythms necessary to life and health."

Being too thin just might do you in

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — You can never be too rich or too thin, goes the saying. The saying is too clever by half.

"It may come as a surprise to most people, but it is actually more dangerous to be too thin than to be 20 percent overweight, which is the borderline for obesity," says R. Paul Abernathy, head of Purdue University's department of foods and nutrition. "Statistics show that people who are, by the government's previous definition, obese, are living longer than those whose weight is lower than the government recommends."

Two years ago, Abernathy recommended to the United States Department of Agriculture's Human Nutrition Information Service that federal dietary guidelines caution against excessive thinness. Revised guidelines issued last fall now include the warning.

"The previous guidelines advised people how to lose weight safely but didn't talk about thinness. Advice on the dangers of being underweight is just as important,

especially for young women who are more likely to suffer ill effects from anorexia nervosa and bulimia than from obesity."

Those who suffer from anorexia nervosa under-eat, sometimes causing malnutrition and even death. Bulimia sufferers, who binge on and then vomit large quantities of food, often using laxatives excessively, can bring on the same results. The bulimic also often has other health problems associated with frequent regurgitation.

The new guidelines note that being too fat or too lean increases the chances of health problems. "Being too thin is a less common problem, but it is linked with osteoporosis in women and the risk of early death in both women and men," the guidelines state.

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Names in the news

Williams ejected

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actress Esther Williams was asked to leave the Los Angeles Country Club because she wore pants to a charity function, though she was the guest of honor.

Miss Williams, 67, said a man told her she could don a skirt kept handy for dress-code violators — or leave.

"I thought he was kidding. I really did," she said.

Miss Williams, MGM's "Bathing Beauty" of the 1940s, said she told the crowd, "I haven't done anything to offend anyone here tonight, except that I have silk on my legs and they want my legs bare." Then she left.

She wore an Oscar de la Renta outfit with black pants, matching camisole and floral jacket to the May 15 party for Childhelp USA fund-raisers.

The country club did not reply Wednesday to a request for comment.



ESTHER WILLIAMS PAUL NEWMAN

Cycling for a cause

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — Paul Newman welcomed home four bicyclists who traveled cross-country raising money for his camp for seriously ill children.

The cyclists, all counselors at the Hole In The Wall Gang Camp, rode 11,000 miles through 26 states. They stopped at more than 50 pediatric hematology-oncology centers to entertain patients with a western-style singing act.

"This camp... seems to breed different kinds of devotion," Newman said Wednesday at a ceremony in Westport, headquarters for his non-profit food company that helped launch the camp in 1988.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1991

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:

Slow down a little and you will have a highly productive and profitable year. Domestic matters enjoy especially favorable influences in September. Expect romance to play a major role in the decisions you make around the winter holidays. A positive frame of mind helps you over some rough spots. Travel for business in March and April of 1992. Any money woes will subside by next May.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Job concerns Jemand the lion's share of your attention today. Creative self-expression affords you the relaxation you need. A tendency to let work interfere with your personal life puts a damper on romance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Try to be more flexible when you set priorities. Your sensitivity and compassion are challenged by a difficult

situation. Your social life begins to pick up. Focus on making new friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): At the office, your authority is noted by influential people. Let go of self-destructive habits and rekindle your spiritual faith. Find a way to control your irritation at minor mistakes. Romance looks terrific!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Follow your instincts. You need to act more aggressively now, whether or not everyone approves. You may have to lay down some spending rules for a rebellious family member. Be firm but fair.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Offbeat, original ideas will help you move up the ladder of success. An unusual situation could open new doors. Reduce spending on non-essentials. Put more zing in your love life. Take a trip.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A renewed friendship helps you resolve your differences with a tenant or landlord. Your imagination is working overtime, raising groundless fears. Relax. Romance is on the upswing! Wear your heart on your sleeve.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You get a bright idea at exactly the right moment today. Try to explain your

goals to those who really count. Seeking revenge will get you nothing. Love is in bloom again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A selfish attitude will lead to problems where business is concerned. Financial matters require careful handling. Take nothing for granted now. A sense of humor protects you against feelings of insecurity.

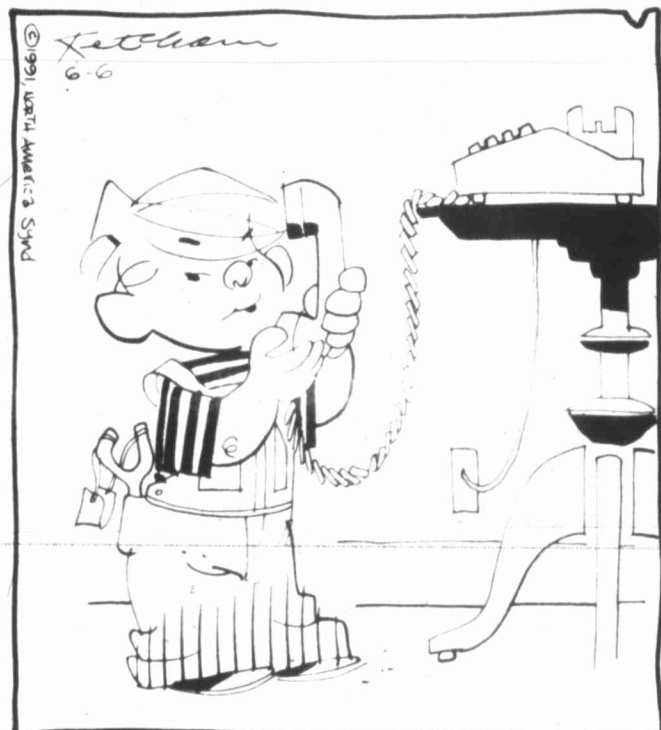
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Casual acquaintances will bring you good news today. Words said in haste could create a rift between you and a loved one. If you have to discuss family matters, do it privately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Making promises you cannot keep just to please a loved one will backfire. Romance will be best served by your waiting to see what develops. Be more receptive to new ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You could be a big winner if you play your cards right today. Your friendships and career interests are in the spotlight. An age difference may stand in the way of romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The spotlight is on the arts and other creative activities. A meeting with a member of the opposite sex could trigger an outburst of emotion. Keep a closer eye on your spending.

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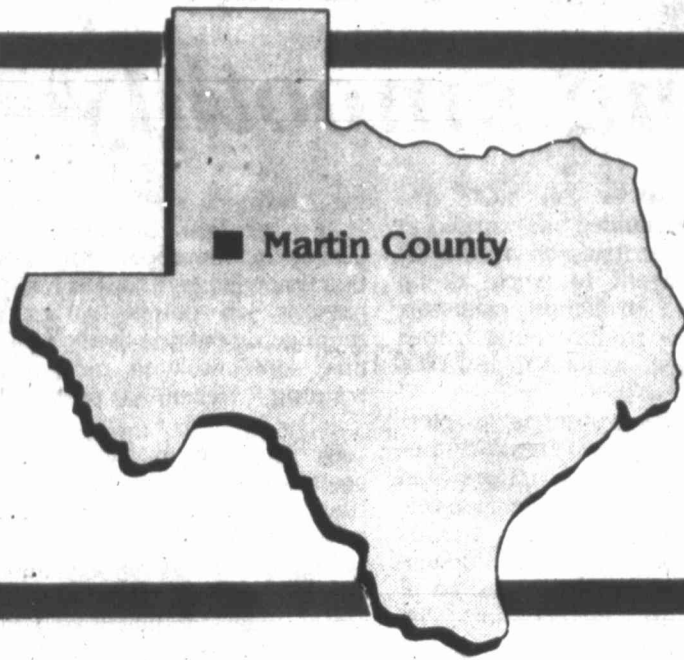
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Sidelines

GHS' Rivas headed for Lamar

Elizabeth Rivas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rivas of Lenorah, has been selected from a field of 900 applicants as one of the 200 participants in the residential 1991 Texas Governor's Honor Program from June 16 to July 6 at Lamar University in Beaumont.

Rivas was one of the participants chosen to represent all Texas Senatorial Districts and selected by a review committee from applications which reflected outstanding individual achievement, ability and creativity.

This year's program, funded by the state and through private donations, is being directed by Dorothy Sisk, Conn Chair for Gifted Education.

The theme of the program is "Leadership" and students will be exploring the many facets of leadership within a global society in all program subject areas, which will be taught by Lamar University faculty, distinguished professionals and alumni, and outstanding secondary teachers.



Tom and Annie Blagrave.

Sisters recall early days in Knott area

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Snakes, coyotes and scrub boards are just some of the memories sisters Bertha Froman and Velma Blagrave remember about their early days in the Knott community.

"The rattlesnakes were thick then. That was Mama's call, 'Look out for snakes.' None of us ever got snake bit, but there was plenty around here that did," said Froman from her home in Knott.

"And the coyotes, we'd hear them howl every night," she said. John Tom Blagrave and his wife Martha Annie (Goolsby) Blagrave traveled by train to Martin County in 1916 to farm the land. With them they brought their children, Oscar, Arthur, Floyd, Bertha and Sarah. A short time after they arrived, their youngest child, Velma, was born.

Velma Blagraves, now living in Big Spring, said her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B.F. Goolsby, came to West Texas first and "they liked

"The second time, when we returned, we all traveled in the wagon. The boys slept under the wagon at night and the three girls and Mama slept in the wagon."

Bertha Froman

it so well they wrote mom and dad to come."

The family rented a farm in the Knott community. Tom and Annie Blagrave worked the farm for nearly two years when drought forced them to abandon the land and move back to East Texas, Froman said.

They returned by covered wagon in 1919, and Blagrave purchased 80 acres. He later purchased 100 more acres and the family raised

chickens, pigs, cows and crops of cotton, maize and milo, Froman said.

"The second time, when we returned, we all traveled in the wagon. The boys slept under the wagon at night and the three girls and Mama slept in the wagon," she said.

Velma Blagrave said she remembers her father talking about the wagon trip back to Knott. Tom Blagrave died in 1962 at the age of 84.

"Papa said when we came back they had to watch for desperados or bandits. There weren't any roads then; they had to travel through creek beds. One night there was a man who was following too closely, and the boys slept under the wagon with their rifles," she said.

Family pride and closeness seemed to prevail in the Blagrave household, and the six children worked together with their parents to help the farm succeed, the

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Wes-Tex Telephone slates nominations

A nominating committee meeting of Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will be held June 11 at 2 p.m. in the office of the Co-op in Stanton, to nominate members to be elected at the 1991 annual meeting.

Nominations will be from districts 2 (Luther), 5 (Ackerly-North), 6 (Lenorah) and 10 (Coahoma).

Holland makes president's list

Brad Holland, son of Bobby and Doris Holland of Stanton, was named to the President's List for the last two semesters. He plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall.

PBRPC working on waste plan

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission is developing a Regional Solid Waste Management Plan to address the unique solid waste management needs of the 17 counties of Texas Planning Region 9.

This plan will assist the cities and counties in a regionalized effort to continue the management and disposal of solid waste in compliance with state and federal regulations. Specifically the plan will outline what solid waste management facilities and programs are needed and when they should be implemented.

The plan will allow cities to satisfy state planning requirements through adoption of the plan by reference. The plan will be useful in making decisions at the local level of how and where the identified solid waste management facilities and programs should be implemented.

Committee members from Martin County are Bob Deavenport, county judge and Danny Fryar, city administrator.

Lunch and Learn Club to meet

The Martin County Extension Service will hold a dutch-treat Lunch and Learn program next Wednesday at Bonnie's Restaurant starting at noon.

Marilyn Wheeler will present a program on skin cancer. The public is invited.

For more information contact Kathryn Burch at 756-3316.

Commissioners move closer to redistricting

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

Martin County Commissioners met recently and adopted by a split vote a resolution, with minor modifications, to fine tune a redistricting plan.

Attorney J. Greg Hudson representing the Austin law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath and Smiley, presented the plan, which was adopted by a 3-1 vote.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Don Tollison made a motion to adopt a resolution accepting the proposal with the following deviations:

Moving a section from Precinct 4 to Precinct 3 near Farm Market Road 829; adding almost two sections from Precinct 4 to Precinct 2 between Farm Market Road 176 and moving a corner of Precinct 1 into Precinct 3 to use the Stanton High School Auditorium Foyer as a voting place. Precinct 1 Commissioner James Biggs and Precinct 3 Commissioner Ronnie Deatherage voted to accept the plan.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Charles McKaskle voted against the plan, citing differences in mileage per precinct.

"The main reason I voted against the plan was the fact my precinct has the most number of roads and is in worse condition than that of the other three," McKaskle said.

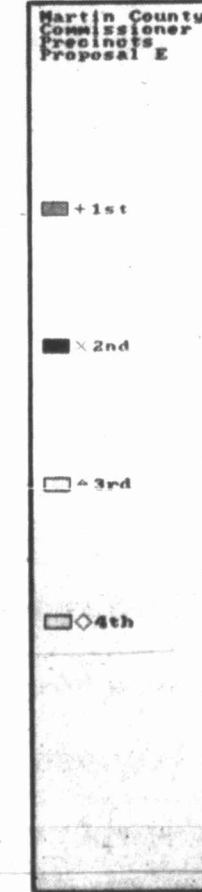
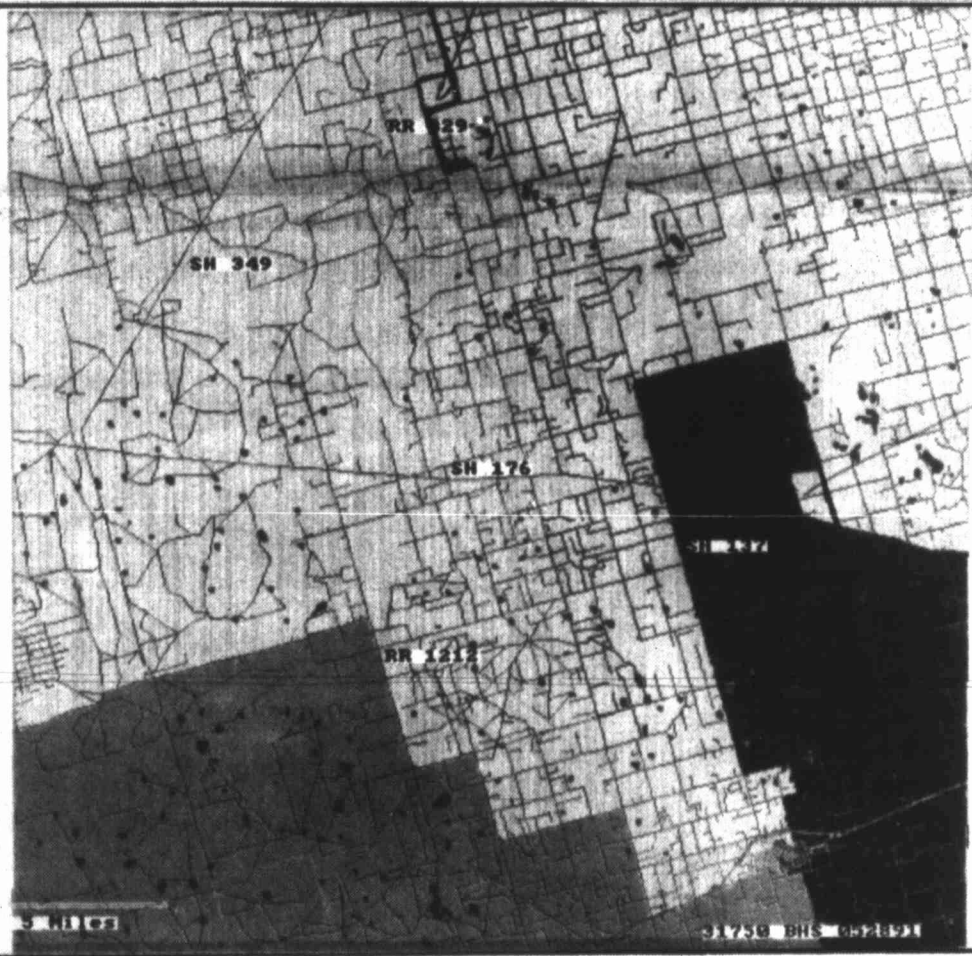
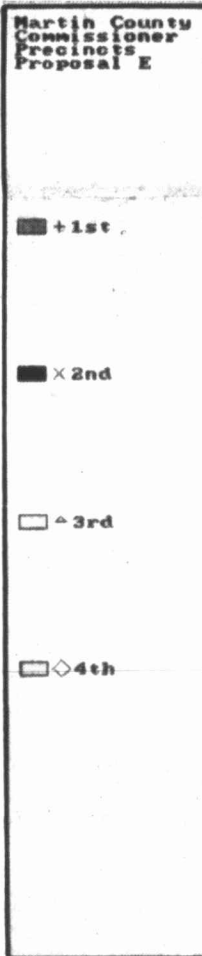
"If we are going through the process of redistricting, we should also set new boundaries where all the commissioners in each precinct have the same amount of mileage roads per precinct, or at least an equal distribution," he added.

"I could not see myself voting for a plan in which I have more than 200 miles of roads... and two of the other commissioners have only slightly over 110 miles of roads between them. I think it's unfair to the people of my precinct," McKaskle said.

Tollison disagreed with McKaskle on the basis that the plan would best suit the voters of all precincts.

"This is by far the best plan presented at this time. It fits the need of all voters after all the required modifications are met and stop any voter confusion as to which precinct they are in," he said.

Earlier in the month, commissioners met in a public hearing, attended by about 15 county residents, on redrawing county precinct lines. The meeting was held to keep the county in com-



Shown above are two views of a redistricting proposal recently adopted by the Martin County Commissioners. The top map shows the new districts in Martin County, while the bottom maps shows redistricting in the Stanton city limits.

"Within the parameters of the court, I feel we did the best we could considering the criteria we were up against. We will be able to improve the polling places."

Bob Deavenport

pliance with a 1979 agreement to a civil rights voting suit filed against the county.

County Judge Bob Deavenport felt the court did the best it could at this time. "Within the parameters of the court, I feel we did the best we could considering the criteria we were up against. We will be able to improve the polling places," he said.

Hudson told the court the U.S. Justice Department would require the court to submit a plan that would be in compliance with federal voting guidelines. Those guidelines include drafting a plan supported by mappings, a list of population in each block and description of each polling place.

Deavenport submitted a new list of polling places which the court unanimously voted to accept.

There are now 11 polling places, with five changes to be made. The changes are:

- Discontinue Cap Rock Electric Auditorium and move to the foyer of the new high school gymnasium.
- Discontinue the Knights of Columbus meeting hall (formerly the Neighborhood Center).

● Change from the Martin-Glasscock Head Start Center to the Martin-Glasscock Neighborhood Center.

● Discontinue the building north of the City Park in Stanton and move to the foyer of the high school auditorium.

● Change from the Housing Authority Office to the Old Stanton Reporter building.

Six of the polling places would be unchanged: Martin County Community Center; portable building at Highway 137 and 176; Grady School Building; Klondike School Building; Fire Department Building in Lenorah; and Brown Paymaster Gin Office.

Precincts 1 and 3 will vote for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace and Precincts 2 and 4 will vote for Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace.

Extension center schedules agriculture videoconference

By KATHRYN BURCH
County Extension Service Agent

The Texas Agricultural District Extension Center at Fort Stockton has scheduled a videoconference on agriculture, health and risk on July 16.

The conference targets au-

diences in the fields of extension and resident faculty, agriculture and biology teachers, agriculture journalists and other agriculture professionals, especially those who have concerns about agriculture-related risks, according to Mary R. Jamison, district extension director.

"This program will help you address concerns about ag-related risks by providing practical tips for effective risk communications and describing methods of risk assessment used to judge potential agricultural hazards, such as groundwater contaminants or pesticide residues," said Jamison.

"It will promote agriculture's active role in providing a healthier food supply by sharing farmer's experiences and findings of university research in sustainable agriculture and describing currently available foods produced with special healthful properties," she added.

"This conference will take you from a television studio... to research laboratories... to industry... to the farm," she said.

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Reid, Hernandez keep SCADA operating smoothly

By PEGGY LUXTON
Communications Adviser
Cap Rock Electric Inc.

Gary Reid is Cap Rock's SCADA technician. SCADA is a radio-operated, computer-controlled monitoring system. Reid installed the system on Cap Rock's lines, using borrowed manpower from other co-op departments.

"Right now, we're in the process of installing two new communications lines that will allow us to program the SCADA to include load management and distribution automation," Reid said.

"SCADA is one of the indications of the direction Cap Rock is headed right now, sort of on the leading edge of technology in the power industry. It allows Cap Rock to respond to problems on the system quicker, plus gathers data that puts us in a position to better plan for the future and design our system to better meet the customer's needs," he said.

Reid has much admiration for the company that has employed him for the last five years. "I think Cap Rock Electric is probably the best thing that ever happened to me as far as my working environ-

Cap Rock Connection

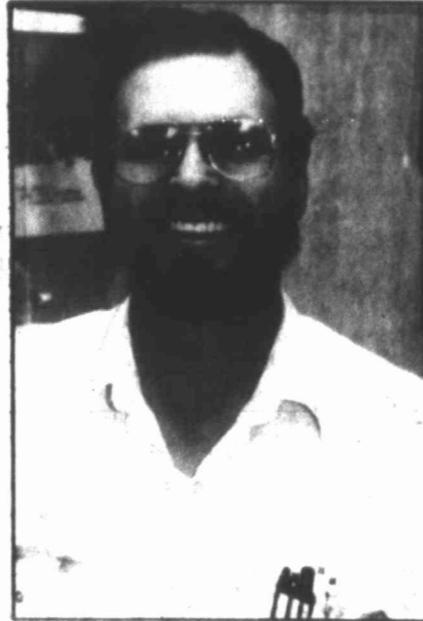
ment. I think it is a company that is responsible to its members, as well as its employees. It has given me a lot of opportunities to better myself and to gain knowledge and expertise in areas in which I have an interest."

Reid has no plans for leaving the co-op's SCADA department. "I think I'm where I need to be. My previous training and the training I have received since coming to Cap Rock has all been geared to this facet of the business. I don't think there is a place in the co-op where my education and abilities could be better used and I don't think there's a place I'd rather be than in this department," he added.

He also appreciates the manner in which the co-op encourages employees to take an active part in civic activities. "It doesn't matter if it's membership in the Lions



FELIPE HERNANDEZ



GARY REID

Club or other civic organizations or a practicing medic with the Red Cross, the company supports all activities that help out the people in our communities. The company also has several programs, from scholarships to trips to Washington, D.C., that it offers to the area youth each year," he said.

"I'm just happy to be a part of Cap Rock. I'm proud to have a Cap Rock sign on my truck and tell anyone that is where I work," Reid said.

Reid and his wife, Ruth live in Stanton. They have two sons, Casey and Jacob.

Felipe Hernandez has worked at Cap Rock Electric for almost 17 years. He went to work as an underground trencher operator, worked as a maintenance helper and is now assistant SCADA technician.

The SCADA system is an electronic monitoring system. Radios are installed on capacitors and regulators all over the service territory. These radios send signals back to the headquarters of the co-op and report on the condition of equipment at their location. The SCADA also gives the co-op the ability to open and close breakers from headquarters.

Maintaining these radios is a good part of Hernandez's job. He makes sure all the radio equipment is in good working order at all times.

Hernandez says he likes the benefits at Cap Rock Electric. "I also think we have good people to work for. Cap Rock is a place of opportunity. I have no college training. What I have learned concerning this electronic equipment, I have learned from Gary Reid, our SCADA technician. I am still learn-

ing," he said.

"I'm grateful to Cap Rock for giving me the opportunity to gain this knowledge and perform my present job duties, rather than them going outside the company to hire someone with more formal training," Hernandez said.

By working in three different positions in his 17 years at Cap Rock, Hernandez feels he has gained knowledge of the entire system. He feels this makes him a more valuable employee and gives him a better understanding of how the entire system works.

"Not only do I plan to retire at Cap Rock Electric, but I think every other employee plans the same thing. In the almost 17 years I've been at the co-op, I've had the opportunity to learn about most of the outside operations of the cooperative. It certainly has shown me that all departments work hand-in-hand to make a success of the company," he said.

Hernandez and his wife, Zoila, live in Stanton, and have two children and one grandchild.

MCCC course rounding back into tip-top shape

After almost losing five putting greens, the Martin County Country Club is rebounding from 1989's heat wave into a lush-green, nine-hole golf course.

Golf pro Brad Hull says he has been busy rebuilding the almost disastrous surfaces that require more than tender loving care.

"When we had the temperature climb over the 100 mark for more than 20 days in 1989, we were close to losing five greens. We have rebuilt three and moved two greens to a different location," Hull said.

According to Hull, the healing process is a slow and tedious job and can only be done during the fall. "One must dig out the old soil and fix up the putting surface the way you want it to be designed. All of the old soil under the green must be tilled up and be treated with cotton burrs to hold moisture. The burrs will add nutrients to the soil and you need to add different kinds of fertilizer," Hull explained.

He added, "After all that work is done, the green must be covered up with a tarp to protect it from the elements."

The cost of rebuilding a damaged green can run as high as \$5,000 per hole, Hull said.

The nine-hole course is designed to be played as a nine hole course, but the club is trying to get new tee boxes to change the front nine and have different boxes for the back nine, Hull said.

"Our course is used as an 18-hole course, but we're in the process of building new tee boxes. Right now, the course is designed for 18 holes,

6,580 yards, with a par 35 in the front nine and a par 36 for the back nine, but on some of the holes, you have to use the same tee boxes. Hopefully we can get more tee boxes to use it as an 18-hole course," Hull said.

The country club consists of seven board of directors who are elected by members of the club for a one-year term. The directors are Kenneth Cook, president; Carl Dean, vice president; Faye Fleckenstein, secretary; and Linda Spear, treasurer. Other directors include Danny Ireton, Mike Hall and Ruel Hoffmann.

Members have enjoyed the club facilities since 1969 and have signed on 90 members since its inception, according to Spear.

"We are always looking for new memberships. We even have a membership where a family or individuals can join the club during the summer months to enjoy our swimming pool.

She added, "We have scrambles every Thursday for men and we have ladies night on Tuesdays. Anybody can play in the scrambles with a green fee but can only play three times out of the year. After that, the player must be a member to participate in the scrambles."

Hull said anyone can rent the golf course for the day from morning to about 3 p.m. to give the members a chance to play with a fee of \$500. "We sometimes have groups or organizations that want to give their employees a chance to play out here and they bring their clubs and enjoy an 18-hole golfing day."



Herald photo by Marcelino Chavez

Busy days

City of Stanton employee Ruben Cazares sets water lines at the softball park to prepare the park for an upcoming softball tournament. Cazares is in charge of the parks and recreation depart-

ment for the city. He is also part-time dog catcher and he maintains the city hall lawn.

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Births

He was delivered by Dr. Sue Fisher.

Maternal grandmother is Donna B. Jones of Midland. Paternal grandparents are James and Debbie Carlton Dickens III.

Born to Rickey and Rosa Dill of Stanton, a daughter, Leticia Jade, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces on May 30.

She was delivered at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Jesse Nevarez of Stanton. Paternal grandmother is Janice Morgan of Lubbock. Paternal is great-grandmother Mrs. Pearl Pruitt of

Brownfield. She is the baby sister of Amanda and Jessica.

Born to Wilhelm and Margaretha Rempel of Garden City, a son, Jacob Reimer, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces, June 3 at 8:13 a.m.

He was delivered by Dr. T.C. Miller. Jacob is the baby brother of Bernhard, 4, and Peter, 3.

Born to Kenneth James and Tasha-Ni Dickens of Midland, a son Rex Colten, weighing 6 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces, May 22 at 2:05 a.m.

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Religion

Spirit Wind 1991 to perform at First United Methodist

Spirit Wind 1991, the Northwest Texas United Methodist Annual Conference Youth Choir, will be performing at First United Methodist Church, 208 East St. Anna St., June 13 at 7 p.m. Local youngsters Kari Ruth, Stacy Tollison and Casey Reid will be travelling with the choir. They are members of the FUMC in Stanton.

The choir is a select group of United Methodist Senior High youth from the Panhandle and West Texas area. They have been selected from more than 170 students who auditioned in Lubbock, Amarillo, Abilene and Midland in January and represent communities and churches of all sizes.

The Spirit Wind program includes many different styles, forms and periods of music. This year's concert focus on the music of the liturgical or church year, from Advent to Pentecost.

Music by composers such as Gilbert Martin, Jane Marshall, John Stainer, Lloyd Pfautsch, John Rutter and many others will be included. The program will begin with a Shaker tune, "Followers of the Lamb" by Phil Dietterich. Also included this year is a section of spirituals and two very contrasting musical settings of psalms.

Spirit Wind, for the 10th year, is



Spirit Wind 1991.

under the direction of Bert W. Bostic, director of music for St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. Jon Johnson, director of music for First United Methodist Church in Levelland, has co-directed the group for the past three years.

The choir is accompanied by Debby Vesser, music assistant/organist for St. Luke's.

Other leadership for the group includes: Patsy Giles, Technical Director, Wayne Hyde, Kerry Hyde, Danny Sanchez, Brent McCartney and Willa Dell Johnson.

The tour this year will include 14

performances throughout West Texas and the Panhandle, including Rotan, Levelland, Perryton, Olton, Pampa, Stanton, Andrews, Midland and Eunice, N.M.

Quench Not

By JAMES JOHNSON
Minister, St. Mary St. Church of Christ

I remember several years ago playing tennis in South Texas. The temperature and humidity stayed above 90 degrees. The match was long and the only thing that kept

me going was the fact that I knew I could get a drink from the faucet just a few yards away from the tennis courts.

The match ended and I actually hurt for a drink. However, the city was doing some work on the water lines and the faucet was dry! I knew I would not die, but I realized how people in more extreme circumstances could actually die of thirst.

Today, I wonder about people in "Bible times." People who had little water and who had to haul daily what water they did have. It is not a minor illustration of symbolism

that water plays in the Biblical text.

Water is used to show the presence of God, the promise of the indwelling and the vindication of the Spirit.

In Exodus 17:7, the thirsty people asked, "Is the Lord among us, or not?" In order to indicate that the Lord was indeed with them water came from a rock.

In 1 Corinthians 10:4, we are told that the rock was Christ. From our hindsight of Jewish history, it appears that the Jews returned to their questioning of God. They desired the coming of the Christ,

and when he came what was he called?

Matthew 1:23 says that his name would be "Immanuel, which translated means, God Be With Us."

Before Christ became a man, he was given as a sign that God was with his people. When Christ became a man, it was once again so men would know that God was with us.

We hold the conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4) as highly significant to our salvation today. He told her of living water which only he could give.

Christ, the rock, giving water again? In the same Gospel account (7:37-39) Jesus again spoke of this living water which would be given to those who would believe. Yet the writer states for us that Jesus was speaking of the Holy Spirit.

It is interesting and curious terminology that describes the Spirit as being "poured" and also as an "indwelling." Yes, "From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." But this, He spoke of the Spirit... (John 7:38-39). Some contrast could be made (with only minor passagelifting) of the men in Jude 12 described as "clouds without water."

PCG executive Fanning retiring after 28 years with group

"Cotton" Fanning, executive assistant of the Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. and a respected voice for High Plains cotton producers, has retired after 28 years of service to the 25-county organization.

"Cotton has been an integral part of PCG since he started with our organization in 1963," said Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "An example of his standing within the cotton industry can be seen in 'Cotton Talk'."

"Cotton Talk" is used by newspapers, industry publications and broadcast media as an important source of information for peo-

Cotton talk

ple wanting to know what's happening in the cotton industry, Johnson said.

A graduate of Springlake-Earth High School, Fanning graduated from Texas Tech in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. He was a reporter for the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* and was news editor of radio station KSEL.

Fanning, who speaks Spanish fluently, was a livestock inspector with the Department of

Agriculture in Puebla, Mexico, and later was Department of Labor Supervisor of Transportation in Chihuahua City for a program supplying Mexican labor to U.S. farmers.

He was manager of the Basin Growers Association in Stanton from 1954 to 1962. The association contracted Mexican labor to farmers and supplied chemicals, feed, seed and other agricultural products to producers.

From this unique background Cotton was able to utilize his extensive knowledge to oversee PCG's communication needs.

To help him in his day-to-day

work, Fanning developed and maintained an extensive library of cotton-related statistical information. This information includes annual data on High Plains planted and harvested acreages, yields and total production going back to the 1920s.

This collection of cotton data represents an important resource for understanding the way the High Plains cotton industry functions. Fanning also compiled county-by-county figures on High Plains cotton quality developed through fiber testing at the Textile Research Center at Texas Tech.

Cotton's behind-the-scenes role is

evident in his assistance in the preparation of written testimony for an area cotton producers spokesman.

Much of this testimony was given before congressional committees and state legislative bodies. He also helped write PCG's formal comments concerning proposed rules for many federal programs.

"Cotton for the most part worked quietly behind the scenes," Johnson said. "But many people close to PCG recognized that he has made major contributions to our accomplishments as an organization and an industry."

Fanning conceived and carried

out advertising programs in textile journals and other publications to promote the use of High Plains cotton by domestic and foreign mills.

Through his efforts, Johnson said, the High Plains area has become known as a source of quality fiber through PCG advertising in such publications as the *Southern Textile News*, *Cotton International*, *Japan Cotton Statistics Monthly*, *Japan Cotton Statistics and Related Data*, and the *Liverpool-based Cotton Outlook*.

"We are all going to miss the opportunity to draw from Cotton's extensive understanding of the U.S. cotton industry," Johnson said.

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The City of Stanton has completed its 1988 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) project under a contract with the Texas Department of Commerce. This paving/drainage improvements project involved the construction of an asphalt paving and concrete curb and gutter on selected streets in the City of Stanton.

A public hearing on this TCDP project will be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on June 10, 1991, in the Stanton City Hall, 102 West School Street, Stanton, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss and evaluate the City's implementation of this paving/drainage improvements project.

Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing and present their views to the City. Written comments will be accepted by the City until this public hearing is concluded.

For further information about the City's 1988 TCDP project, contact Danny Fryar, City Manager, City of Stanton, at (915) 756-3301. Handicapped individuals who might have difficulty in attending this public hearing should contact the Stanton City Hall office to arrange for special assistance.

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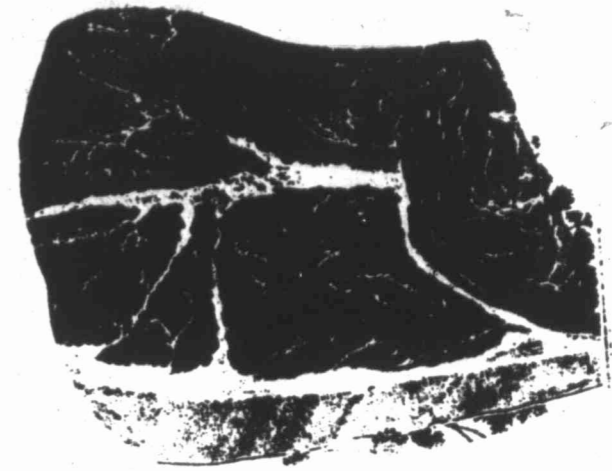
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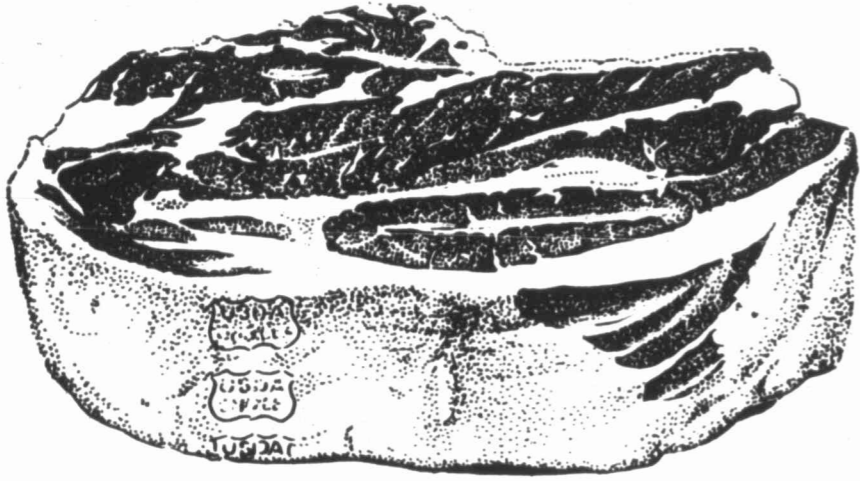
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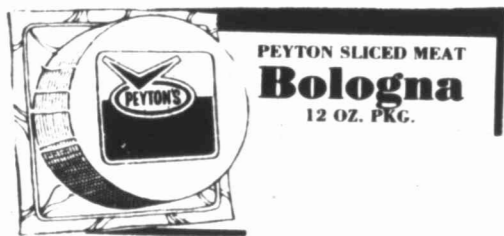
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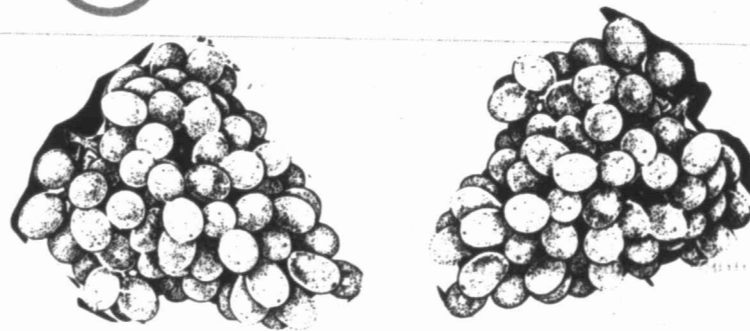


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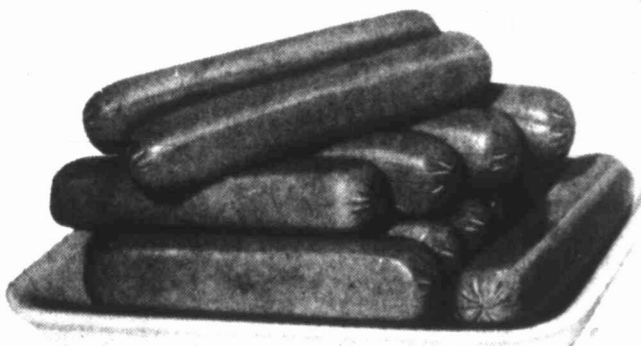
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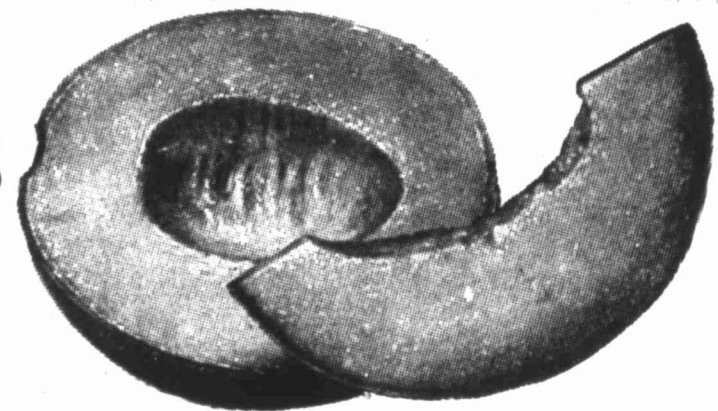
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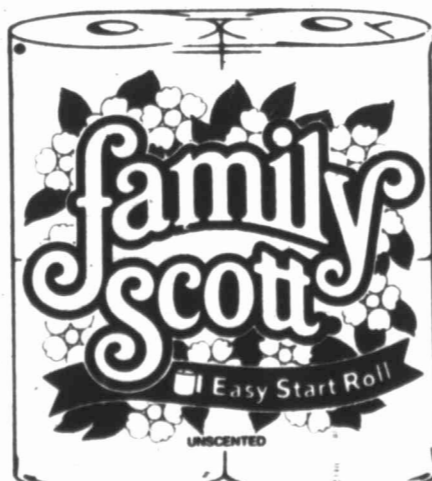
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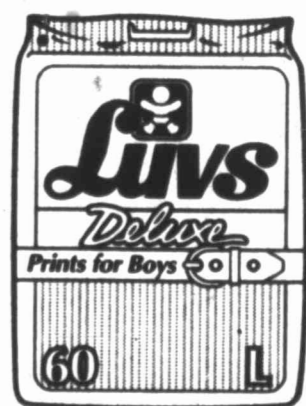
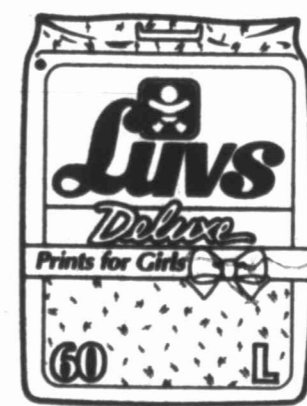
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Proper disposal a must

By GREG JONES
Martin County Extension Agent
Agriculture

The term "hazardous waste" usually conjures up the image of man probing around mysterious, closed-down industrial sites, trying to avoid contamination by exotic materials with long names.

Do any of the products under your sink or in your barn have long, hard-to-pronounce names?

If any product in your home, farm or ranch has written on its label the following words — *toxic, corrosive, flammable, poisonous, caustic, danger* — it is considered a hazardous material.

A definite link exists between household chemicals, farm chemicals and water pollution from rainfall runoff, and one can easily help break the chain.

How we use and dispose of many common household, automotive, paint and pesticide products that

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include hazardous ingredients has a corresponding effect on the world around us. One reaps what he sows.

When we overuse these materials, or discard them on or into the ground, rainfall can wash them into our water tables. "Dispose of Properly" is no longer a casual sentiment to which we can reply, "yeah, yeah, sure." It is a guidance for survival on a very populated planet.

The list of hazardous waste can include all kinds of cleaners, polishes, batteries, petroleum and oil products, solvents, mineral spirits, rodent poisons, insecticidal sprays, aerosol cans, herbicides, etc.

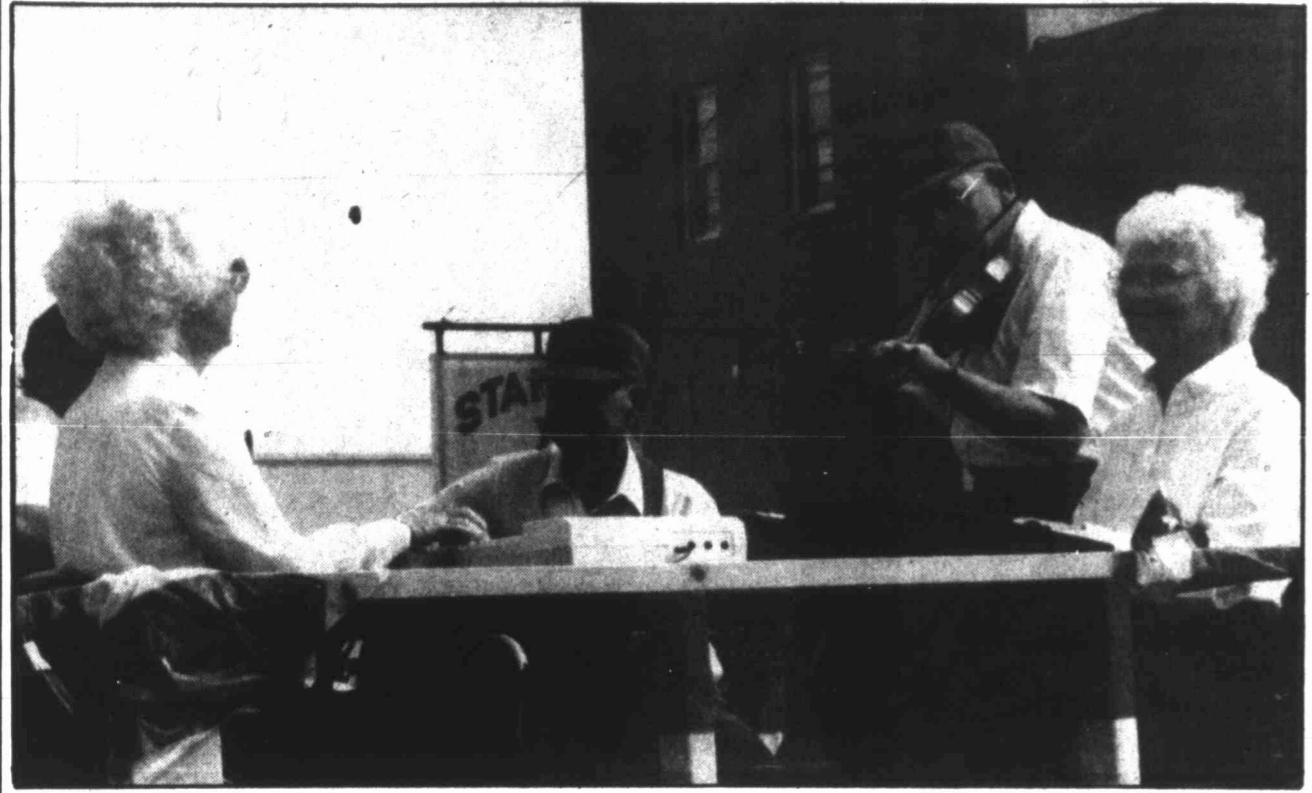
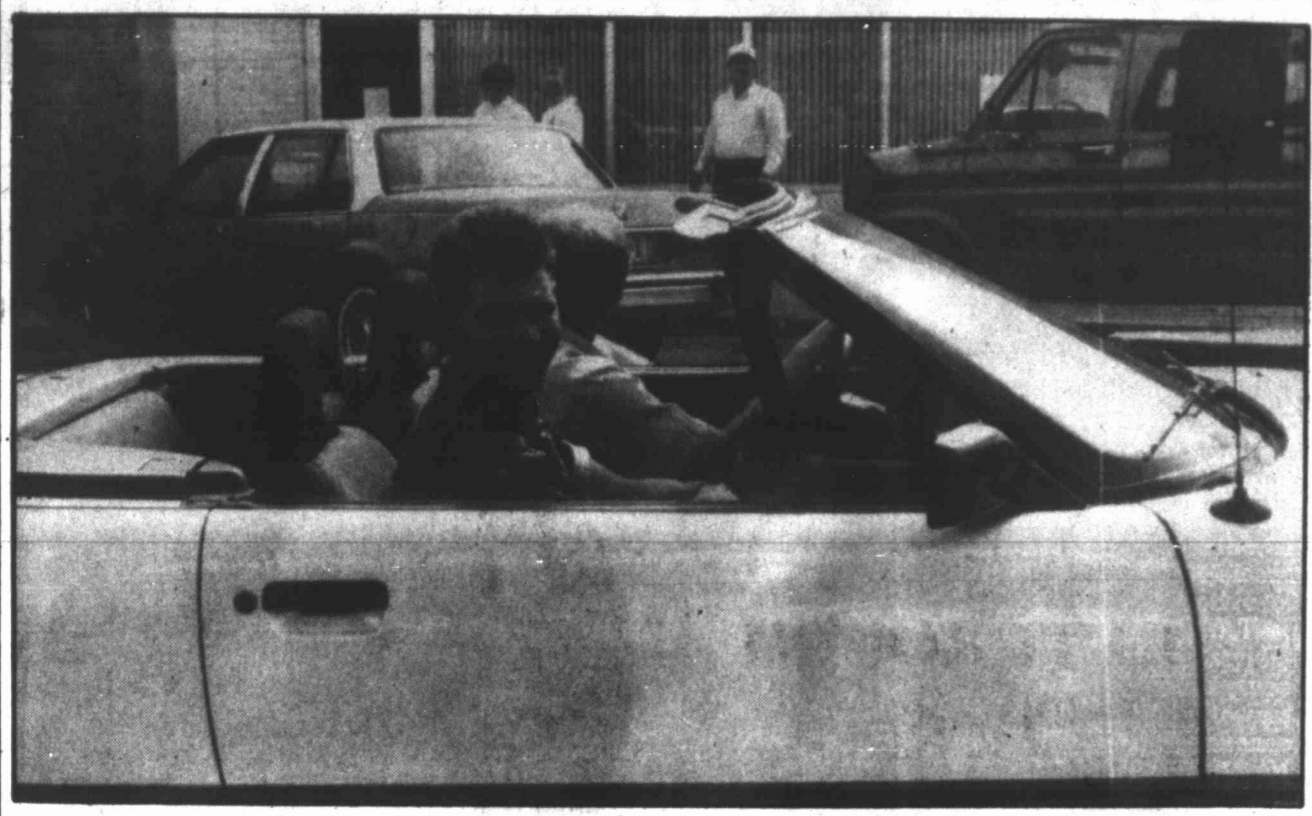
The hazardous qualities of each product may differ and labels of

each product should detail responsible use and disposal. We need to read carefully product labels and other information available pertaining to various chemicals.

One easy way to alleviate leftover chemicals is to buy no more than you might need or select an alternative product or perhaps divide the product needed with a neighbor.

It has been estimated that residents in an average city of 100,000 pour nearly 3.5 tons of used motor oil alone down city sewer drains each month. What do you do with your motor oil or other hazardous material left over from years past? Proper disposal is the answer and it should start with each of us.

Because there are so many hazardous materials in use every day, we must each take the responsibility for proper use and correct disposal.



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Little League parade

Midland Angels Glenn Carter smiles at the crowd in the top photo as the parade signalling the start of Little League season goes through

downtown Stanton. Members of the "Ol' Sorehead Band", bottom photo, also participated in the parade.

4-Hers elect officers, attend meeting

By KATHRYN BURCH
Martin County Extension Agent
Home Economics

Martin County 4-Hers have been very busy planning quarterly 4-H club meetings. The first meeting was held at Grady and members elected officers.

They are: President — Rawley Mims, son of Ricky and Brenda Mims; Vice-President — Misty Cox, daughter of Bryan and Carol Cox; Secretary — Angela Tubb, daughter of Richie and Jill Tubb; Treasurer — Tandi Peugh, daughter of Johnny and Carla Peugh; and Reporter — Katie Joe Yates, daughter of Jody and Deann Yates.

The program for the first meeting was directed by Texas Tech University Ambassador for Agriculture Ellen Lumpkin. She talked to members about the importance of recreation at 4-H events.

At the meeting everyone's favorite game involved tying a balloon around one's ankle and do-

ing a lot of stomping. Following the program an ice cream social was enjoyed by all who attended and members elected to meet Aug. 24.

Thirty-six 4-Hers and their parents picked up 25 sacks of trash Friday for the nation-wide trash-off. The event was not without excitement as the first step out of the car gave us a big diamondback rattlesnake.

Greg Madison and his trusty hoe was there for the rescue. Somehow I found myself on the top of the car without remembering any climbing. We always start our trash pickup with a safety meeting and these words of warning had extra meaning, that day.

Finally, 4-Hers have been working on their clothing project. We had about 34 participants and went to Barkers in Midland for a demonstration on applying acrylic paint to canvas. This technique was demonstrated at the fabric center, giving us a wearable art look. The 4-Hers visited two fabric shops where fabric and pattern



A young 4-Her irons a pair of jams made during a recent clothing project. Most of the projects were then worn home. compatibility were a hot topic. Friday 29 youths made jams (long-legged full shorts) and wore most of the projects home.

SCC seeking exercise class participants

By SALLY CARROLL
Senior Citizens
Center Director

We are getting ready for a busy summer here at the Depot by trying to get interested people to start our exercise class again.

We have been thinking of doing it a little different this time with

some information on "Polkaerobics," which is exercise done to Polka music. If you think you might be interested in this, please call the center.

We have started playing Bingo on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Our band will be going to Big Spring next Thursday to play at Moun-

tain View Lodge Nursing Home.

We are trying to schedule a shopping trip at least once a month. If you would like to go shopping, give us a call and let us know where you would like to go and when so we can schedule it.

As some of you might have noticed, our senior citizens quilting bees

have made a quilt that will be given away at the Old Settlers Reunion. The quilt will be on display at local businesses between now and Old Settlers. Chances are available at the businesses and at the Depot for a \$1 donation.

Please watch for our column every week.



Herald photo by Marcellino Chavez

Almost there

Martin County Country Club Golf Pro Brad Hull surveys one of the greens at the club's golf course. Hull has been busy rebuilding the course following extensive damage caused by the 1989 heat wave.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners Court of Martin County, Stanton, Texas, will receive bids until 5:00 p.m. June 7, 1991, for fuel for the Road and Bridge Department, for the period of June 12, 1991, to June 12, 1992. Bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on June 10, 1991. DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS AND BID FORMS will be available at the office of the County Treasurer or the County Judge. THE COMMISSIONERS COURT reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive all technicalities. BY ORDER of the Commissioners Court, Martin County, Texas. 7304 May 31 & June 6, 1991

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION
The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) county committee election this year will be held on 6/28/91. The ballot below must be filled out, detached and mailed and received or returned in person to Stanton, Box 748, Stanton, TX not later than 6/28/91. If you do not vote in person you should mail your ballot inside a blank envelope marked ballot to ensure a secret ballot. This blank envelope should be placed inside the envelope you use to mail your ballot. Your name and address must be legible on the outer envelope. Failure to provide this information will render your ballot invalid. Only one ballot may be voted in person or by mail by any voter. Votes in envelopes containing more than one absentee ballot will not be counted. Ballots and envelopes may also be obtained from your local FmHA office. The state of nominees for Midland Area are listed in the ballot below. The qualifications of persons voting are described in the "Voter Certification Statement." For further information regarding voting and voter eligibility, see the County Office listed above. FmHA elections are

open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex and/or handicap.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION
BALLOT FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS(S)
State (Name) Texas County (Name) Midland Area
Candidate(s) Clayton Harris
Dennis W. Wallace
*ONLY VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE(S)
VOTER CERTIFICATION STATEMENT
Subpart W of Part 2054 of Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations requires that all eligible voters for FmHA county or area committee elections meet the following eligibility requirements: (a) be farmers or spouses of farmers; and (b) have their principal farming operation within the county or area for which the election is being held. By submitting this ballot, I attest that I meet the criteria to vote.
7306 June 6, 1991



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