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## Baseball games

**Haskell Indians vs. Seymour**  
**Friday, 5:00 at Haskell**  
**Haskell JV vs. Holliday**  
**Mon., 5:00 at Haskell**  
**Haskell Indians vs. Olney**  
**Tuesday, 4:00 at Olney**

## Calendar

**Sagerton Hee Haw**  
Tickets for the 27th annual song and dance show are available at the home of J. B. and Dorothy Toney in Sagerton or by calling 817-997-2688. Mail orders may be sent to Rt. 2 Box 10A, Sagerton, TX 79548. The Hee Haw will be held April 3-5 at the Sagerton Community Center.

## Partners for Children

Partners for Children will hold a meeting Tues., March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Haskell Elementary school. Topic for the meeting is 'Dealing with Sibling Rivalry.' Child care is available by calling 864-2654.

## Foundation banquet

Tickets are on sale for the first Haskell CISD Educational Foundation banquet to be held Sat., March 22 at the Haskell Civic Center. After a steak dinner with all the trimmings, and some local entertainment, Haskell ex and longtime educator, Jerry Larned will be the featured speaker.

## Palm Sunday

'Hosanna to the Son of David!' Palm Sunday worship at First Baptist Church in Rochester will bring the students of Hardin-Simmons University to their congregation March 23 at 11 a.m. 'The Love Company' is a team of young ministers who portray the intense message of the Bible in life-action drama. Stay for lunch after the service in the dining hall. For more information, call 817-743-3520.

## Doctor's reception

A reception will be held honoring the doctors of Haskell Memorial Hospital on Fri., March 28 from noon to 1 p.m. in the lobby of the hospital. Sponsored by the Haskell County Hospital Auxiliary, the public is invited to attend.

## Mammography

Haskell Memorial Hospital will sponsor a mammography screening day Tues., April 8. The service, through Bethania's Mobile Mammography Van, will be located on the parking lot of the hospital. Pre-registration is a requirement and can be done by contacting Delia at 817-864-2621.

## Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., March 22 at the Community Center in Old Glory. The best little concession stand in Texas will open at 5:30 and the music will start at 6 p.m. There is no admission charge. Proceeds of the concessions and any donations will go to offset Community Center expenses. In addition to the regulars, Aaron Mingus, a ten year old fiddler from Odessa will perform. For further information call 817-989-2925.

## Holy Week services

St. George Catholic Church in Haskell announces the following Holy Week services: Holy Thursday, March 27, mass at 8 p.m.; Good Friday, March 28, service 8 p.m.; Holy Saturday, March 29, Easter vigil at St. Ann, Stamford 8 p.m. (First communion, confirmation and baptisms will be performed); and Easter Sunday, March 30, mass 9 a.m. Theme for the Easter services is 'Easter, it's not just about the bunny, it's about the Lamb!'

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# Welcome Tarleton Texans, McMurry Indians

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## Couple enjoys learning experience in New Zealand

Tex-Mex in New Zealand? It's not such an unlikely combination when the couple cooking the meals are West Texas-born and McMurry-educated. Melissa Plemister Bulls '94 of Haskell, and Clay Bulls '95 of Earth, both now of Austin, had the opportunity to experience another culture and to bring some West Texas culture into New Zealand during the past nine months as Melissa represented the Abilene Southwest Rotary Club through a Rotary International Scholarship to study education technology at Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand.

Melissa chose Palmerston North and Massey University over four other locations—two in England, one in Canada and another in New Zealand—because "the people I spoke with at Massey University talked so friendly in that hard to understand mix of British and Australian accent. They seemed really interested in having a Texan come there." Also, she was impressed with their extensive, ongoing projects with other school systems.

While in New Zealand, Melissa completed a postgraduate diploma in Education. Her area of specialty was Information and Technology, while Clay, who plans to take the MCAT and apply for medical school next fall, studied for the test and put in more than 260 hours of

volunteer work in the pediatric ward of the Palmerston North hospital.

Melissa and Clay learned several tips for getting off on the right foot in New Zealand, the first being never drive on the right side of the road—it's a dead giveaway that you aren't from the area.

Among other tips, the Bulls family learned to ask that the beet root, asparagus and fried egg be left off their hamburgers; when needing something to wipe your mouth with at the dinner table, do not ask for a napkin—especially if there is a baby nearby (a napkin is a diaper...the correct terminology is serviette); and be careful how you perceive signals from the New Zealand people. Back in the olden days, if a Maori (the indigenous population) were to stick his tongue out at you, it did not mean he wanted you to prepare dinner for him. It meant you were dinner.

New Zealand has a population of about 3.5 million people on two main islands about 2 1/2 times smaller than Texas. Palmerston North, where Melissa and Clay stayed, is a city of about 73,000, was founded in 1866 and is home to Massey University which has about 30,000 students and 2,000 faculty. Melissa and Clay stayed with Nev and Jeannette MacEwan. Nev is a chaplain at the local prison, and Jeannette is a high school reading teacher. Nev also

was an ex-New Zealand All-Black, which is New Zealand's elite national rugby team.

The Tex-Mex meals came as an exchange for all the help Jeannette and Nev provided in making the transition to another culture easier.

"Jeannette was great to teach me the New Zealand art of gardening. The gardens here are some of the most incredible ones I have ever seen," said Melissa.

"Once a week, Clay and I cooked a typical Texas meal for them," Melissa said. "They have really fallen in love with the Tex-Mex food."

One of the major reasons for the Rotary Club scholarships is to expose people to different cultures, a lesson that Melissa and Clay learned in an unusual way.

"In New Zealand, we met many people from all over the world," Melissa said. "Throughout this time, I tried to keep my mind open and not stereotype people, which was one of the key pieces of advice given."

"I did well until I met an Iraqi man. He had just moved in as a flatmate of one of our friends. Without even realizing it, I stereotyped him as a 'bad guy'. I was scared of and intimidated by him," Melissa said. "However, through our mutual friend, we began spending more and more time with this Iraqi citizen, who



MELISSA AND CLAY BULLS

drove a tank in the Gulf War, but soon afterward escaped and fled to New Zealand—one of the only two countries that would accept him."

"He is now in the process of becoming a New Zealand citizen, but he is constantly discriminated against and thought of as a terrorist because of his origins and his appearance. The more time we spent with him the more we realized that he was just a normal person," Melissa said. "One night when we were talking about teenagers and their trials, our Iraqi friend told us how he, as a teenager, stole his dad's car and wrecked it. He said he was grounded for ages over that one. That really made me see that he was just a normal person."

"I say my Iraqi friend because he truly is a friend and has taught us

more than he will ever know," Melissa said. "He is hoping to come visit us when he gets his New Zealand citizenship in a few years, and we can't wait to have him."

Melissa and Clay have learned a lot about themselves and about the world around them through their adventure in New Zealand—and they left behind a little their own McMurry University and West Texas heritage.

McMurry University is a four-year liberal arts institution located in Abilene. Affiliated with the Northwest Texas and New Mexico Conferences of the United Methodist Church, McMurry offers its students educational opportunities through 42 majors and eight pre-professional sequences.

## City sales tax receipts down

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, delivered a total of \$151.2 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,086 Texas cities and 117 counties.

"Sales tax rebates to Texas cities and counties are 6.4 percent higher for the first three months of 1997 than for the same period last year, as consumers continue to show their confidence in a healthy Texas economy," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaling \$137.8 million, 5.3 percent above last year's March payments of \$130.8 million. Rebates of \$13.3 million to Texas counties were virtually unchanged from county allocations in March 1996.

This month's payments include

sales taxes collected in January and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in February.

Haskell County had a 1.42 percent increase in sales tax rebates of \$24,613.02 for March, 1997 in comparison to \$24,267.93. 1997 payments to date of \$84,649.56 reflect a 6.72 percent decrease over 1996 payments to date of \$90,755.56.

The City of Haskell had a .03 percent decrease for March, 1996 of \$22,183.80 in comparison to \$22,191.33 for March, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$76,556.75 reflect a 8.51 percent decrease over 1996 payments of \$83,680.83.

O'Brien had payments of \$88.41 reported for March, 1997. No payments were reported in March

1996. 1997 payments to date are \$524.43.

Rochester had a 2.57 percent increase of \$336.05 in comparison to \$327.60 for March, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$1,689.44 reflect a 5.57 percent increase over 1996 payments to date of \$1,600.22.

Rule had a 11.73 percent increase for March, 1997 of \$1,954.26 in comparison to \$1,749.00 in March, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$5,325.66 reflect a 2.71 percent decrease over 1996 payments of \$5,474.51.

Weinert had payments of \$50.50 reported for March, 1997. No payments were reported in March 1996. 1997 payments to date are \$553.28.

## Tarleton, McMurry baseball teams to play here Sunday afternoon

The Tarleton State University Baseball Team and the McMurry University Baseball Team will play in Haskell on Sun., March 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the Haskell Indian Baseball Field.

Coach Jack Allen of Tarleton State University and his Texans take on Coach Lee Driggers and his McMurry Indians in this regularly scheduled season game.

Congressman Charlie Stenholm (a Tarleton Alumnus) will throw

out the first pitch.

Tickets will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for high school students and younger. Interested fans and future players will be able to meet and mingle with both teams and their coaches after the game.

The game is sponsored by the Development Corporation of Haskell and the Haskell Chamber of Commerce. The Kiwanis Club will have food and drinks available during the game.

Monty Montgomery, DCOH executive director, encourages everyone to come out and take this opportunity to see top notch college baseball right here in Haskell. "What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon," said Montgomery.

The game will be broadcast locally on radio station KVRP and simulcast in Stephenville on KCUB.

## Rollover Convincer to visit in Haskell March 25-26

If you have been traveling around the state the past couple of years, you may have spied a large maroon and white pickup cab on a trailer going down the highway. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation, through the Passenger Safety Education Project, has acquired a Rollover Convincer. The objective is to convince people to buckle up.

The Rollover Convincer simulates what could happen to a passenger if they are involved in a rollover crash and not wearing their safety belt.

The Rollover Convincer is designed to target audiences of all

ages, but most specifically pickup drivers and passengers. According to survey results conducted in 25 rural counties for 1994, only 36 percent of pickup occupants were wearing their safety belts, compared with over 50 percent for passenger-vehicle occupants.

Some drivers and passengers may feel "invincible" in a pickup. They may believe that they have a better chance of survival if they are thrown clear. The facts are almost 34 percent of vehicle occupants killed in Texas crashes during 1993 were in light trucks. The chance of severe injury or death increases 25 percent if a person is thrown out of the vehicle.

Another statistic that bears

repeating concerns children riding in any type of vehicle. During 1995 in Texas, 117 children age 12 and under were killed in motor vehicle crashes.

Demonstrating the rollover convincer is just one step to making Texans aware of the risks that they take by not wearing a safety belt.

The Rollover Convincer will be demonstrated around Haskell on March 26 and will be demonstrated at the schools on March 27. Check next week's newspaper for more specifics about locations and times.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

## Zoning complaint heard by Council

Two new appointments to the Economic Development Corporation made by the Haskell City Council at their meeting on March 11 were Bill Thomas as a voting member and Bill Parks as an advisory member.

Shane Hadaway, City Attorney, reported the pending lease with Kent Oil involving a small city owned lot will be for 25 years with yearly payments equal to the taxes due.

The Council approved the taxing authorities to continue serving the City in the collection of city taxes.

The Council heard matters concerning a trailer house that had been moved to a lot at 407 N. 1st East before zoning had been approved. The trailer belongs to Minnie Scheets. The Zoning Board denied the lot be zoned for a trailer house.

Art Williams, local attorney, was present representing the trailer owners and stated that since the six months waiting period had passed, the owners of the trailer have reapplied to the Zoning Board for approval.

Williams asked the Council not to press charges against the trailer owners until after the Zoning Board votes on the matter again.

Shane Hadaway presented a list of notices sent to the trailer owners since Aug. 1996, which had not prompted any action by the trailer owners until now. The owners now state that no satisfactory lot has been found.

Mayor Ken Lane stated that Zoning Laws have to be obeyed and the Council agreed. He stated there were lots for trailer houses throughout the City and that the City was not responsible for finding a lot. Council decided to wait until the Zoning Board meets on this again before taking action.

Bids are to be taken for a new police car.

The City will take bids on the park project. This includes a concession and restrooms to be shared by the rodeo arena and baseball fields. Work is also to be done on the arena and bleachers. This is a joint endeavor with the City, School and County participating.

## Boys tennis team wins Electra tournament

The Haskell boys tennis team won the championship in the Electra Invitational Tennis Tournament. Doubles team Matthew McCord and Philip Huff obtained first place by defeating one team from Electra and two Olney

teams.

Chris McSmith was first in the singles division by defeating players from Quanah, Nocona, and Holliday. Beau Klose and Kevin McSmith played in the consolation bracket.

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# Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark

The summer one day and winter the next weather kept everyone busy just changing clothes! Fruit trees are blooming and we're wondering if the cold weather hurt the prospects of a fruit crop this year. We'll just have to wait and see. Everyone enjoyed the spring break from school and visits made to relatives. Students will be getting in full swing again with regular studies and upcoming track meets and U.I.L. competitions.

Recent visitors in the home of Mary Neinast were her daughter and family from Sudan, Roy, Judy, Dustin and Doug McEwen.

Winston and Mary Ulmer from Seguin have been visiting with his

parents, Alvin and Ev Ulmer.

The Hobby Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Thurs. at the community center with Peggy Tabor hostess. She also had the program for the day which was painting wooden Easter eggs. She served refreshments from a table decorated in a spring motif. Ev Ulmer won the door prize. During the business meeting the club decided to sponsor a defensive driving course with the date to be announced later. The club will purchase an air-conditioner for their meeting room and buy the material for the new curtains being made by Ev Ulmer for the dining room in the community center. Officers

electd for the upcoming year were: President, Wilma Teichelman; Vice-President and activity Director, Jo Brown; Secretary-Treasurer, Joyce LeFevre; Reporter, Mary Neinast; Card Chairperson, Yvonne Swofford; and Scholarship Chairperson, Dorothy Toney. Members present were Joyce LeFevre, Margie Hertel, Mary Neinast, Jo Brown, Margaret Wendeborn, Yvonne Swofford, Christine Stremel, Wilma Teichelman, Geneva Carlton, Ev Ulmer and a visitor, Mary Ulmer of Seguin.

Emmalee Bivins of Olney visited with her grandparents, Joe and Dorothy Clark during the weekend. On Sat. and Sun., the Clarks were visiting in Valley View with their children, Don, Patsy, and Tom Bivins.

Clyde Stegemoeller of Richardson and Carl Beth, Mindi and Jonathan Stegemoeller of Hobbs, New Mexico visited in the home of their parents, Leon and Mae this past weekend. Joining them for Sat. dinner were Emma Raphael of Stamford, Beth's cousin, Brigitte English of Abilene, and Clayton, Paula and Stephanie Stegemoeller.

Congratulations to Jennifer Lehrmann upon winning first place in the 800 at the track meet in Cross Plains on Sat.

Clayton, Paula, Stephanie and Michelle Stegemoeller visited in the home of George and Ruby Olson of San Angelo last week while attending the Stock Show there. They were there especially for the pig show and placed 9th in their division.

A thought for the week: (Borrowed) Remember that just the moment you say, "I give up," someone else seeing the same situation is saying, "My, what a great opportunity."



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# Obituaries

## Florene Larned

Services were held for Ardonia Florene Ammons Larned, 62, of Haskell Tues., March 11 in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Troy Culpepper and Rev. Jim Turner officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Larned died Sun. March 9 in an Abilene hospital.

Born Feb. 2, 1935 in Haskell, she married Norval Joe Larned Aug. 14, 1954 in Haskell. She was an LVN for many years. She was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. She was a graduate of Haskell High School and Midwestern State University. She loved

taking care of other people especially the elderly. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Kendall Joe Larned of Chicago, Ill.; one sister, Jean Stanley of Dalhart; one brother, Ralph Ammons, Amarillo; and several nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were Dale Carroll, Thomas Long, Robert Weaver, Wilbert Klose, Curtis Graham, John Snyder, Bobby Howeth, and Billy Ralph Ammons.

Memorials may be made to The Health Center, 1 Ave. E, Haskell, TX 79521.

## Reba Wheatley

Services were held for Reba Dinsmore Wheatley, 87, of Haskell Thurs., March 13 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Truett Kuenstler and Dr. Troy Culpepper officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wheatley died Tues., March 11 at a local hospital.

Born Aug. 24, 1909 in Haskell, she married Marvin Wheatley Nov. 16, 1927 in Haskell. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church in Haskell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons, Marvin Joyce Wheatley and Tommy Wheatley, two great

grandsons, Jared Reynolds and Jordan Wheatley and three sisters.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Johnny and Helen Wheatley of Haskell; a daughter-in-law, Jerry Wheatley of Lubbock; seven grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ray Perry, Powell Brewer, Don Perry, Roy Forehand, Glenn Darden, Andy Wilfong and Durwood Wheatley.

Memorials may be made to the Haskell Cemetery Association, 410 N. 1st; First Baptist Church, 301 N. Ave. E; or the East Side Baptist Church, 600 N. 1st East, all in Haskell, TX 79521.

## Larry Don Jeter

Services were held for Larry Don Jeter, 50, of Wichita Falls Fri., March 14 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sid Parsley officiating. Burial was in Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

Mr. Jeter died Tues., March 11 at his home. Born Oct. 30, 1946 in Stamford, he served in the U. S. Air Force during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his parents, L. M. and Dessa Mae Jeter of Haskell; one sister, Patricia Koch of Cincinnati, Ohio; one nephew, one niece and one grand nephew.

Pallbearers were Alvin Dorner, Richard Mathis, Jimmy Hannsz, Pat Henry, Guy Mayo, Butch Trend and Roger Hester.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Haskell or the donor's favorite charity.

## Dustree Muhle

Graveside services were held for Dustree Muhle, 84, of Willis Tues., March 18 at the Rule Cemetery under the direction of McCauley-Robison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Muhle died Sat., March 15 at a care home in Willis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Korte Muhle; one son, Gene Muhle; and one brother, J. C. Halliburton, Jr.

Survivors include five daughters, Ruby Violet Burk of Willis, Ira Lee Morris of Natchez, Missouri, Iona Georgia Vaden of Wichita Falls, Bernice Willingham of Abilene and Janice Jones of Hamlin; two sons, Fred H. Muhle of Abilene and Joe W. Muhle of Odessa; 21 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

## Justa Nuff Tardee receives top honors

Justa Nuff Tardee of Haskell received top honors in 1996 by earning a Year End High Point award. This four-year-old dark bay mare earned 191 points in the

Three-Year-Old Mares class. Justa Nuff Tardee and her owner, Sam Bitner, of Haskell was awarded an Appaloosa Bronze Halter Medallion for this honor at the 1997 Appaloosa Horse Club Convention in San Antonio, Feb. 27-Mar. 1.

The medallion system is a means of recognizing Appaloosa horses, properly registered within the rules of the ApHC, which have proven their superiority in the field of performance, halter, distance riding and racing.

Pictured in 20,000-year-old cave

drawings and bred by the Nez Perce Indians of the Northwest, Appaloosas are known for their agility, intelligence and colorful coat patterns.

The Appaloosa Horse Club, situated in Moscow, Idaho, has been dedicated to preserving, improving, promoting, and enhancing the Appaloosa breed since 1938. Appaloosa horse exhibitors everywhere congratulate Justa Nuff Tardee and her owner Sam Bitner on a successful 1996 season and wish them luck in 1997.

## ECC Menu and Calendar

Monday, March 24

Lou Gilly—11:45 a.m.  
Lunch—Roast beef, new potatoes, pea salad, turnip greens, applesauce cake, milk, tea or coffee.  
China painting—1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26

Exercise—10:30 a.m.  
Lunch—Spaghetti with beef, green beans, cabbage slaw, cobbler, garlic toast, milk, tea or coffee.

Friday, March 28

Lunch—Turkey with dressing, gravy, yams, English peas, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, milk, tea or coffee.

All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 960 head of cattle at its sale on Sat., March 15, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

Packer cows were \$1 to \$2 lower, bred cows and pairs \$25 to \$50 higher, all feeder and stocker cattle were fully steady.

Cows: fat, .36-.41; cutters, .33-.43; canners, .23-.36.

Bulls: bologna, .43-.51, feeder,

.54-.67; utility, .34-.43.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .85-1.05; 300-400 lbs., .75-.95; 400-500 lbs., .75-.90; 500-600 lbs., .68-.90; 600-700 lbs., .65-.85; 700-800 lbs., .62-.70; 800-up lbs., .55-.65.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .70-.90; 300-400 lbs., .65-.75; 400-500 lbs., .62-.725; 500-600 lbs., .58-.68; 600-up lbs., .55-.66.

Bred Heifers: medium frame, \$400-\$500.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, \$475-\$625; aged or small, \$300-\$475.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, \$600-\$750; small or aged, \$400-\$650.

## Students in the News

Hardin-Simmons University has announced its academic honor lists for the 1996 fall semester.

For academic achievement, students are named to the President's List, the Dean's List, the Honor Roll and the Honorable Mention List.

The President's List requires taking at least 12 semester hours and completing all courses with a perfect 4.0 grade point. The Dean's List requires at least a 3.75 average on all courses taken with a minimum of 12 semester hours, the Honor roll, at least a 3.60 GPA on at least 12 semester hours taken;

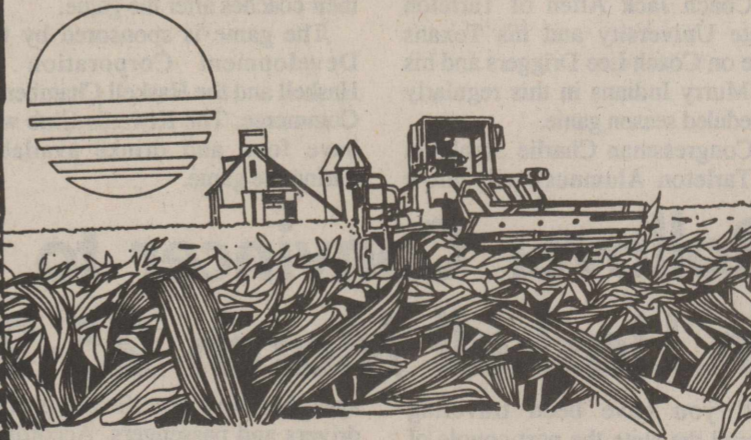
and the Honorable Mention List, at least a 3.60 GPA on six to 11 semester hours taken and completed.

Leigh Ann Reel from Paint Creek was named to the President's List. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Brenda Reel.

Christy Cadenhead of Haskell met the requirements for the Honor Roll. She is the daughter of Dr. Wayne and Yuvi Cadenhead.

Allison Pike from Rule met the requirements for the Honor Roll. She is the daughter of John and Gina Pike of Rule.

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## Library Notes

By Joan Strickland

Work at the library is now underway. The floor has been leveled and braced and the ceiling will soon have a new beam and support posts. This has been a dusty, dusty project and I thank you all for being understanding and supportive. I am aware that this has not helped our crowding problem, but it is a beginning!

Several new books have arrived this past week. It seems most of the new books that are being written deal with mystery, courtroom drama or terror. I'm not sure what this says about our society, but I must admit that mystery and terror are my favorites.

I applied for and received a grant to attend a two day workshop in San Angelo this week. This workshop is for Small Library Development, and I am thrilled that the small libraries are finally getting some attention. Most of the workshops and information available are for the very large libraries in the Metro-plex areas and it is hard to apply this information to our small library. I am so anxious to see what is in store for the smaller libraries. Several bills have been introduced in Congress that could have a good effect on libraries if they pass and small libraries will reap the benefit of these new laws.

Construction grants for libraries are hard to come by these days as most of the government grants are geared toward technology. We are in a bad position when it comes to the technology phase. We need more room in order to accommodate the computers that are needed to stay in the "game." It is a fact of life that computers are here to stay and we must be realistic about how important and advantageous this would be to our library.

The school can only do so much to educate students. It is the responsibility of the community to also help in the endeavor of educating our young people. Our county library has access to programs that the school children benefit from a great deal when it comes to getting information on subjects for their term themes. Sixty books were acquired through our interlibrary loan program for the English students last semester. If not for the interlibrary loan program, these students would have had to go to one of the university libraries to get their information.

We have received a wonderful book from an individual who wished to show his appreciation to Mrs. Kathleen Diggs for her friendship and guidance. The book

is entitled, "Diana."

Recent memorials to our library include: Ruth Stewart, Helen Wiseman, Dan Benton, Faudua Salman, Thelma Adkinson, Rickey Campbell, V. C. Hobbs, Jake Dusak, Sr., Brooks Middleton and Jimmy Owens (book).

I would like to thank the Progressive Study Club for a donation of \$200 to our library.

It won't be long until our summer reading program starts. If you would like to donate prizes for the children, make refreshments or read or tell a story, please feel free to let me know. It is only with everyone's help that we can do these things for the children. I have to depend on volunteers to help as I cannot do these programs alone.

Carol Macon has been sending us some wonderful timelines he has done on his computer. He has done a map of the rural schools of Haskell County in 1926, and a wonderful timeline of Haskell County History based on findings and information in R. E. Sherrill's Haskell County History book.

It is time for A-4 (blue dot) audio tapes to rotate to the next library. Please check your tapes and return the blue dots soon.

Also, please check your library books and see if you have past due books. We need to try and get these books in—spring break would be a good time for your kids to try and locate their past due books.

See you at the library!

### Students in the News

David A. Bruns of Haskell has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 1996-97 academic year at Texas Lutheran University. The Dean's List was announced by Dr. Leonard Schulze, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the University.

Brun is a freshman mathematics major at Texas Lutheran University.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average with a minimum of 12 graded hours in the past semester.

## Haskell CISD Educational Foundation

P. O. Box 937 • Haskell, TX 79521

### • What is the Haskell CISD Education Foundation?

It is a nonprofit foundation established to enhance the education of the students of Haskell CISD. Haskell has a great school system, and this is our chance to make it even better. Funds raised will be used to provide assistance and support to both teachers and students for special educational projects. For instance, the National Honor Society students taking a field trip to Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg this month. The foundation will be donating to this project.

### • Who can contribute to the Foundation?

Anyone can contribute to the foundation, and all money donated is tax deductible. Donations may be made in honor of or as memorials to individuals. It provides a great opportunity to honor someone and to help the community at the same time. It also provides alumni the opportunity to assist their alma mater. In addition, we are having a banquet on March 22 to kickoff our campaign.

### • What are the financial goals of the Foundation?

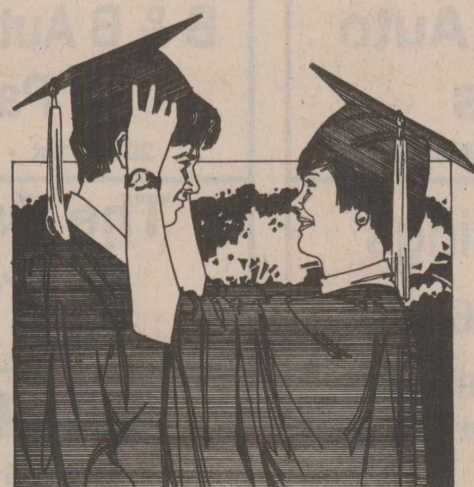
Our goal is to have \$25,000 in a permanent endowment fund by the end of 1997 and to have \$1,000,000 in an endowment fund by the end of 2007. The gifts will keep on giving.

### • How can I help?

By spreading the word! This is a win-win situation. As the foundation grows, we can help our students and teachers to be even more creative. Donate! Attend the banquet! Contact any of the board members if you have questions or suggestions. Haskell is a great place to call home. Let's make it even better.

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HURDLES—Shayne McKenzie participated in the 300 meter hurdle event for the Maldens at the Munday track meet.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## TxDOT to hold joint meeting on TIP March 27

The Texas Department of Transportation and the Abilene Metropolitan Planning Organization will hold a joint public meeting on Thurs., March 27.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and obtain public comments concerning the proposed 1998-2000 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for the Abilene district as well as the Abilene metropolitan area.

The meeting is being held in Conference Room #4 of the Abilene Civic Center (north end) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The civic center is located at North 7th and Pine Streets in Abilene.

The TIP is a three-year plan developed by TxDOT for Borden, Callahan, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Shackelford, Stonewall and Taylor counties.

In addition to the list of projects proposed for the 3-year period, the TIP includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented, indicates resources from private (if any) and public sources that are reasonable expected to be made available to carry out the plan, and recommends any innovative techniques to finance needed projects and programs.

A 10-day comment period following the public meeting will permit other interested persons to

submit written comments to Maribel P. Chavez, Abilene district engineer, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604. All written comments must be received at the Abilene district office no later than Mon., April 7.

Those desiring to make oral comments or presentations at the meetings may register starting at 6:30 p.m. Any interested persons may appear and offer comments, either orally or in writing. Comment cards will be available at registration. The TIP proposal can be examined during business hours through April 30, at the Abilene district office, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene.

The Abilene MPO will also accept comments and proposals at the hearing concerning any transportation issue with the Abilene metropolitan area. Written comments will be accepted by the Abilene MPO until 10:00 a.m., April 7.

For more information regarding the TIP outside of Abilene contact Joe Clark at 915/676-6812. Inside Abilene contact Robert Allen at 915/676-6243.

The civic center is handicap accessible.

## TAX PLANNING

Written By  
James E. Rodgers, CPA



### HOW DIVORCE AFFECTS YOUR TAXES

Divorce is an emotionally wrenching time when the last thing you want to think about is taxes. Yet taxes play an important role in structuring a divorce settlement, and you ignore them at your peril. A wrong decision can lead to big costs and a new source of dispute and anger.

One area where tax planning is essential is in dividing up the property. Although transfers of marital property between divorcing spouses are generally tax-free, that doesn't mean you can ignore tax considerations. For example, if you're dividing up investments, look at the cost basis as well as the market value. The spouse who gets an asset will also get the asset's cost basis and will be taxed on any gain when the asset is sold. So a spouse may be better off accepting a \$70,000 investment portfolio with a cost basis of \$60,000 than a portfolio valued at \$80,000 with a basis of \$10,000. The higher taxes payable in the second case may more than offset the difference in value.

Dividing up retirement benefits also presents tax challenges. You can split up the benefits of a qualified retirement plan without tax consequences if you obtain a qualified domestic relations order (QDRO). But even then, the rules are complex and the consequences of an error are severe. In the worst case, both spouses could be taxed on the transfer, and there could also be a 10% penalty for withdrawals before age 55. Other retirement benefits such as IRAs can be transferred without a QDRO, but the transfer must still be carefully structured to avoid taxes.

Divorce, like most major life events, calls for tax and financial planning. Failure to consider tax consequences can be very costly. Contact our office if you need details or assistance in this area.

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## Abe Turner on Council Finance board

Council Finance, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, affiliated with the West Central Texas Council of Governments, whose purpose is economic development for a nineteen county region, has elected a new Board of Directors. Council Finance, Inc. works closely with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the local banks to lend money to small businesses. The nineteen counties are: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Shackelford, Scurry, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to review the loans submitted and determine if this will achieve sound economic growth objectives for the communities served and create jobs.

Serving as the board secretary is Abe Turner of Haskell.

Council Finance, Inc., is a Certified Development Company, which promotes the 504 Loan Program. The "503/504" Loan Program was created by the U.S. Small Business Administration in 1953 to aid small business development. To date Council Finance, Inc. has secured 22.2 million dollars in financing assistance to Big Country businesses, creating and retaining 639 jobs.

The Board of Directors are liaisons for their communities. They inform the bankers and business owners of the various ways to procure funds at a reasonable rate.

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## Haskell School Menu

**March 24-28**  
**Breakfast**  
Juice or milk and fruit are served daily in the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Cereal, donuts  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito  
**Wednesday:** Blueberry muffins  
**Thursday:** Biscuits/gravy, sausage  
**Friday:** No School  
**Lunch**  
A choice of baked potato with choice of toppings or salad bar plus milk and tea are offered daily at the High School. Milk and juice are

served daily at the Elementary School.  
**Monday:** Beef nachos, refried beans, Spanish rice, cookies and applesauce  
**Tuesday:** Sliced turkey/gravy, seasoned green beans, breaded okra, hot rolls, fruit salad  
**Wednesday:** Chalupas, grated cheese, lettuce & tomatoes, buttered corn, cinnamon rolls  
**Thursday:** Hamburger, tater tots, hamburger trimmings, ice cream  
**Friday:** No School

## Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon  
"Tell...where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon."  
Song of Solomon 1:7

These words express the desire of the believer after Christ, and his longing for present communion with Him. Where doest thou feed thy flock? In thy house? I will go, if I may find thee there. In private prayer? Then I will pray without ceasing. In the Word? Then I will read it diligently. In thine ordinances? Then I will walk in them with all my heart.

Tell me where thou feedest, for wherever thou standest as the Shepherd, there will I lie down as a sheep; for none but thyself can supply my need. I cannot be satisfied to be apart from thee. My soul hungers and thirsts for the refreshment of thy presence. "Where dost thou make thy flock to rest at noon?" for whether at dawn or at noon, my only rest must be where thou art and thy beloved flock.

My soul's rest must be a grace-given rest, and can only be found in thee. Where is the shadow of that

rock? Why should I not repose beneath it? "Why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?" Thou hast companions—why should I not be one? Satan tells me I am unworthy; but I always was unworthy, and yet thou hast long loved me; and therefore my unworthiness cannot be a bar to my having fellowship with thee now.

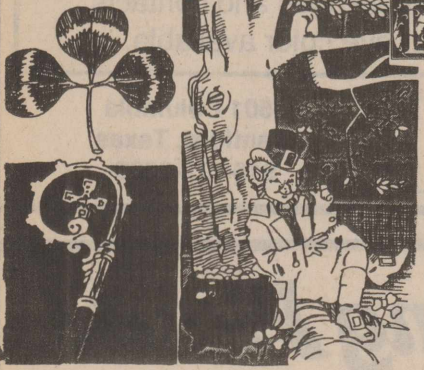
It is true I am weak in faith, and prone to fall, but my very feebleness is the reason why I should always be where thou feedest thy flock, that I may; be strengthened, and preserved in safety beside the still waters. Why should I turn aside? There is no reason why I should, but there are a thousand reasons why I should not, for Jesus beckons me to come. If He withdrew Himself a little, it is but to make me prize His presence more.

Now that I am grieved and distressed at being away from him, He will lead me yet again to that sheltered nook where the lambs of his fold are sheltered from the burning sun.

submitted by Sam Bitner

## This Week's Devotional Message:

### FAITH SEES LESSONS FOR ALL IN ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Like too many of the special occasions on our calendar which have all but lost their original meanings, St. Patrick's Day has come down to us as the day when those of Irish ancestry proudly show their colors (green) by marching in parades, etc., and the rest of us join them by donning verdant attire; all with little thought concerning the origin of this occasion: St.

Patrick's mission to Ireland in behalf of the Church. However, the details of his pilgrimage are less important than remembering that we can well follow in his footsteps to the extent of going to the Church that we choose for ourselves, and by example, persuading others to do the same. So wear green if you like, but be mindful of the lesson painted by it.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

**HASKELL**  
**East Side Baptist Church**  
David Page, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:55 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell  
**Christian Church**  
Frank Summers, preacher  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**Church of God**  
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
East Hwy 380, Haskell  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Gary Bruns, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell  
**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Vergil Smith, interim pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Sidney Parsley, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**St. George Catholic Church**  
Father Michael Melcher  
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell  
**Church of Christ**  
Dale Huff, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
Jasper McClellan, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**Trinity Baptist Church**  
Rev. Kenneth Blair  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.  
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell

**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
John Lewis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell  
**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell  
**New Covenant Foursquare**  
Freddy Perez, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Tues. 7 p.m.  
200 S. Ave. F, Haskell  
**Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell  
**First Baptist Church**  
Jim Turner, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell

**PAINT CREEK**  
**Paint Creek Baptist Church**  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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**First Baptist Church**  
Werth Mayes, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**Weinert Methodist Church**  
Rev. James Patterson  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.  
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Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crownover  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**ROCHESTER**  
**Church of Christ**  
Jim Pratt, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester  
**West Baptist Church**  
Ed Buerkle, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester  
**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Rev. Andrew  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Rochester

**Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
Katherine Byrd, minister  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
Hwy 6, Rochester  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Dolan Brinson, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Rochester  
**SAGERTON**  
**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Daniel Ramey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
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**Faith Lutheran Church**  
Jeff Zell, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Sagerton

**RULE**  
**First Baptist Church**  
Don Myers, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule  
**Primitive Baptist Church**  
Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule  
**Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Daniel Ramey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule  
**New Life Baptist Mission**  
Jesus Herrera  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule  
**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Matt Herrington, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule  
**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

## Paint Creek School Menu

**March 24-27**  
**Breakfast**  
Milk and juice are served daily.  
**Monday:** Biscuits, gravy  
**Tuesday:** Muffins  
**Wednesday:** Cereal  
**Thursday:** Donuts  
**Friday:** No School  
**Lunch**  
**Monday:** Chicken, gravy, cream potatoes, salad, peaches, hot rolls

**Tuesday:** Chili dog, tator tots, cheese, baked beans, onions, peach cobbler  
**Wednesday:** Turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, gravy, fruit salad, bread, green beans, sweet potatoes  
**Thursday:** Tuna, ham or pimento cheese sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, pork & beans, ice cream  
**Friday:** No School

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visitors in the home of Neat Bevel this past week were: Marlene and Bill Stevenson, Castroville; Butch and Gwen Turner, Lewisville; Scott and Dee Turner, Shenaka; James Turner, Tuscon, Arizona; Jack and Royleene Bevel, Kenedy; Joy and Jackie Harvey, Odessa; Darlene Cummings, Abilene and James and Lela Bevel, Haskell. They were here to attend the funeral of Bernice Chambers of Knox City. The funeral was held on Thurs. at 2:30 p.m. at the Foursquare Church in Knox City with burial in the Rochester Cemetery. Bernice was a sister of Neat Bevel.

Pat Kiddney of El Paso spent the weekend with her mother, Neat Bevel. They visited Jack Chambers in Knox City on Sat.

Rev. Roy and Jimalee George returned Fri. from Monterrey, Mexico, where they visited their daughter and family. Randy and Peggy Sims have been Assembly of God missionaries since 1984. Their oldest son Matthew, 20, entered the U.S. Coast Guard March 3, and the family had a birthday celebration for him in Irving at Calvary Temple before he left. The George's then rode to Mexico with Peggy Sims and 11 year old Nathan. They attended the high school play of their granddaughter, Whitney, who had her 17th birthday the 7th. Randy is supervising the construction of a new church and had a group from Texas A & M for several days working on the building. They rode home with Randy who was going to Farmington, N.M. for a missions convention Sun.

Fedro Piland accompanied Nene Newton to Lubbock on Fri. where

she visited with her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Gene Mapes while Nene visited her son Cody Ivey in Levelland.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pannell and children of Throckmorton visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair on Sun. and attended church services at Trinity Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blair had children home this week in which were Tammy Flanary, Rudy, Arkansas came to her parents on Fri. bringing her children Ryan, and Ashley to spend the week of their spring break with their grandparents and other relatives.

The Greater Independent Baptist Memorial Musical will be Sat. evening March 29th at 7:00 p.m. Special music will be by The Atkin's family, but all singers are welcome.

The memorial service for all deceased members will be Sun., March 30, at 3:00 p.m. Occasion speaker will be Elder George Washington, Church Of God In Christ in Knox City.

The Easter program and Easter egg hunt will be held Fri., March 28, at 4:00 p.m. All children and families are to be at the church at 3:30 p.m.

All church family members are invited to join us in these services.

## Births

Jennifer and Felix Flores of Rule would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Yesenia Unique Flores, born March 6 at 9:05 p.m. at Abilene Regional Hospital. She weighed 3 lbs. 2.6 oz.

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BRET MOON - SARA PARKER

## Sara Parker, Bret Moon engagement announced

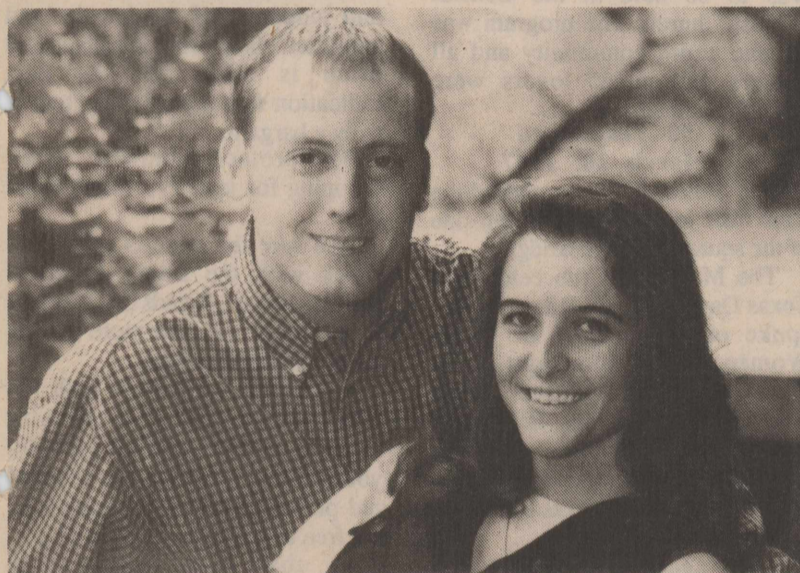
Mr. and Mrs. Sid Parker of Haskell are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sara Rebecca Parker, to Bret Alan Moon. Moon is the son of Bill Moon of Stamford and Ms. Paige Hickson, also of Stamford.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Haskell High School and graduated from Texas College

of Cosmetology in Abilene. She is associated with Classic Cuts in Haskell.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Stamford High School and is attending Hardin-Simmons University.

The couple plan a July 26 wedding at the First Christian Church in Haskell.



DEREK DWAYNE OSBURN - SHARLA DENISE HARDIN

## Sharla Hardin, Derek Osburn plan May wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Hardin of Levelland, are announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sharla Denise, to Derek Dwayne Osburn, son of Jerry and Pat Osburn of Levelland.

Sharla is a 1995 graduate of Levelland High School and will be completing RN certification at South Plains College and continuing her education at Hardin

Simmons University for Masters and Nurse Practitioner in Neonatology.

Derek is a 1989 graduate of Hereford High School and a 1994 graduate of Wayland Baptist University. He is now employed as a Youth Minister at First Baptist Church in Haskell.

The couple are planning a May 24, wedding at First Baptist Church in Levelland.

## Art Association elects officers

The Brazos West Art Association met March 10th at the Community Room at 7 p.m.

With the president, Fern Livengood, presiding, a short business meeting was opened with a prayer led by Gladys O'Neal. Ruth Ann Klose gave the treasurer's report. A nominating committee for officers for 1997-98 composed of chairman Anita Herren gave the following slate of officers: president, Martha Spitzer; first vice president, Betty Berry; second vice president, Jennie Lyckman; secretary, Denia Cunningham; treasurer, Ruth Ann Klose; and reporter, Gladys O'Neal.

A discussion about the programs for next year was collaborated. The members made light bulb

characters, which were characters pertaining to Christmas. It was a fun and beautiful undertaking which was enjoyed by everyone.

Hostesses were Gladys O'Neal, Martha Spitzer and Betty Berry. Those present were Jennie Lyckman, Anita Herren, Peggy Middlebrook, Florence Larned, Ruth Ann Klose, Betty Berry, Martha Spitzer, Fern Livengood and Gladys O'Neal.

The next meeting will be April 14th at 7:00 at the Community Room. The guest artist will be Ginger Test, and she will demonstrate painting on cloth, shirts, etc.

Visitors are always welcome. It will be a fun and enjoyable program.



MR. AND MRS. MONTY SHEA HOLCOMBE

## Atkinson, Holcombe united in Bryan

Leslie Diane Atkinson and Monty Shea Holcombe were united in marriage on Sat., Dec. 21, at seven o'clock in the evening at First United Methodist Church in Bryan. The Rev. Robert Richers officiated the double ring ceremony. Music was provided by organist, Gerry Selden-Janik; soloist, Donna Myrick; the Brazos Valley String Quartet, and trumpeter, Glenn Lemons. Following the wedding a reception was held at Briarcrest Country Club in Bryan.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Atkinson of Bryan. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Pachall of Bryan and the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Atkinson of San Antonio.

Holcombe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Holcombe of Olney. His grandparents are Mrs. Maple Watson of Haskell, the late Arthur Watson, and the late Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Holcombe. On the eve of the wedding, the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Briarcrest Country Club.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, wore a designer gown of raw silk with jeweled Alencon lace. Enhanced by appliques of Alencon lace, the fitted bodice held a square neckline and featured long sleeves of intricately beaded lace on illusion that tapered to the wrist and fastened with an elaborate array of beaded and sequined Alencon lace medallions and appliques. A pearl bandeau held a four-tiered illusion veil which fell over her shoulders and cascaded the length of the train and beyond.

Kelli Atkinson of Bryan, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Julie Arens of Carrollton, Alison Jordon of Abilene, Julie Ro-Trock of

Houston, and Beth Tucker of Bryan. Stephanie Cobb of Bryan was a junior bridesmaid, and Elizabeth Cobb also of Bryan was the flower girl. Book attendants were Sabrina Court of Bryan and Suzanna Henderson of College Station.

Holcombe's best man was his father, John Holcombe. Groomsmen were William Atkinson, father of the bride, Chris Gill of Houston, George Lea of Bryan, and Louis Malechek, III of College Station. Ushers were Scott Atkinson and Steven Atkinson of Kingwood, and Christopher Stuart and Kevin Stuart of Bryan, all cousins of the bride.

The bride is completing her degree in Accounting at Texas A&M University where she is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Holcombe graduated from Texas A&M University, is employed by First American Bank in Bryan.

After their wedding trip to England, the couple will reside in College Station.

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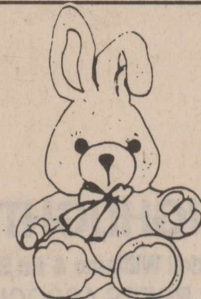
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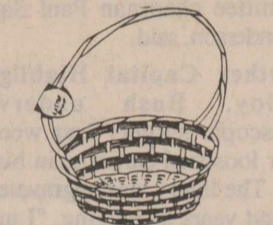
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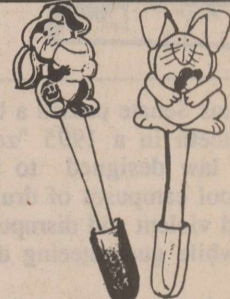
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# OPINION

## State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The Texas Senate passed a bill that puts teeth in a 1995 "zero tolerance" law designed to rid public school campuses of drugs, alcohol and violent and disruptive students, while guaranteeing due process.

The legislation is one of three "safe schools" bills by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, passed by the Senate last week. The bills move on to the House for consideration.

Under Bivins zero tolerance legislation, school officials would have the authority to expel students for misdemeanor alcohol and drug offenses committed on campus or at school events. Current law requires schools to expel for felony offenses.

Reacting to concerns that in districts that have no alternative education programs, zero tolerance would turn students out into the streets, Bivins said, "...It is worse to tell a school district you've got to keep the kid in school even though he may bring cocaine to school."

Only 22 of Texas 254 counties would be required to offer expelled students an alternative education program operated by the school district or a county-run juvenile justice facility. Those 22 counties have a population of 125,000 or more.

#### Panel Ok \$83.3 Billion Budget

The House Appropriations Committee has approved, 25-0, an \$83.3 billion budget for the next two-year budget cycle that begins Sept. 1.

The budget does not include funds for Gov. George W. Bush's proposed spending for elementary school reading programs, a pay raise for state employees, money to keep more prisoners in jail longer and funds for a state water conservation program.

"I hope that when (this process is done) we will have been able to address those issues," said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, chairman of the committee.

But one-time, \$100-a-month pay raise for state agency workers is included in a budget package by state Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Higher education employees would not receive the pay raise.

"I put the \$100 per month for each employee in as a kind of a floor," Ratliff said. "We ought to start there. I hope we can do a little more than that."

State employee groups say they will continue to push for a \$200-a-month raise in 1998 and another \$200 raise in 1999.

#### Water Legislation Urged

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock last week underscored the need to pass water management legislation, saying,

"To me, there's no bill more important to our state."

Bullock, who presides over the Senate, testified at a Senate Natural Resources Committee hearing for a water conservation bill filed by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

Bullock said Texas has had five major droughts in the last 60 years, and five failed water management bills. And he warned of future water shortages that could hit every county in the state.

Brown's bill would create a statewide drought management plan combining existing city and county plans and includes provisions for the sale or lease of a property owner's water rights.

Brown said 95 Texas counties sought federal disaster assistance for last summer's drought, and the drought cost Texas farmers \$2.1 billion and the entire state \$5 billion.

#### Tax Panel Lists Targets

The House Committee on Revenue and Public School Funding continues its mission of drafting legislation that would expand the reach of state sales taxes in order to cut school property taxes.

On the table are new taxes on trips to the barber shop and beauty shop, gasoline, aviation fuel, legal fees and many other goods and services. Sacred cows that are expected to remain untaxable are food, medicine and medical care.

"You'll pay a sales tax if you get your tooth filled or a will written, but if your child gets the measles, you won't have to pay it," committee chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, said.

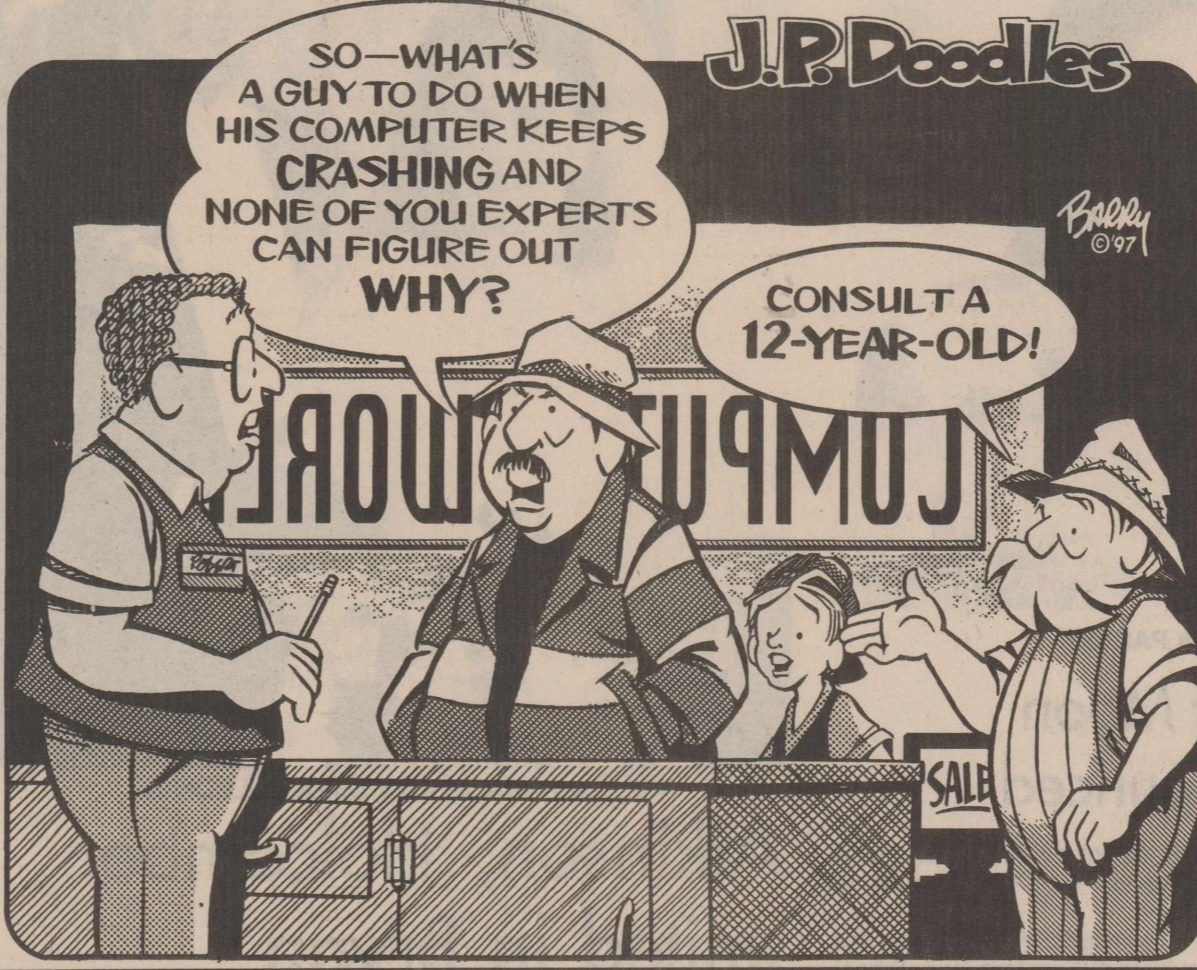
#### Other Capital Highlights

Gov. Bush underwent arthroscopic surgery last week to repair loosened cartilage in his left knee. The injury was aggravated by age and years of jogging. "I turned 50 years old in July, and that's what happens," Bush said.

A national search is under way for a new commissioner of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Kenneth Ashworth, who has held the post for 21 years, is retiring Aug. 1.

State Rep. Sherri Greenberg, D-Austin, introduced legislation that would require people who care for three or fewer children in their homes to undergo criminal background checks and be listed with the state.

The Texas Senate has approved a bill that would stiffen penalties for employees of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation who fail to report abuse of the elderly or disabled. The bill by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, would make it a Class A misdemeanor when MHMR and nursing home employees fail to report abuse.



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

#### 10 Years Ago March 19, 1987

Matt Perry, Blake Henshaw, Matthew McFadden and Jonathan Tatum all received their Arrow of Light award at the annual Blue & Gold Banquet.

Haskell track teams took first place honors in both the boys and girls division at the Munday Mogul Relays to open the 1987 track season.

#### 20 Years Ago March 17, 1977

Haskell Jaycees held their 5th Annual Rattlesnake Roundup and Flea Market.

The Haskell Indian Band was recognized for their success in winning the Sweepstakes at both the Sweetwater Band Festival and UIL competitions. Band director was Wendell Gideon. John Cox was band president. The Sweepstakes award was the band's first since 1962, and the first time a Haskell band had won two consecutive

sweepstakes honors.

#### 30 Years Ago March 16, 1967

Mrs. Tom Paul Barnett spoke to members of the Rotary Club and told the attentive group of her recent visit to her homeland of Germany. Mrs. Barnett presented a plaque to the president of the club from Berlin and then related many of her interesting and informing experiences during the brief stay in her homeland.

Dave Rubinoff appeared in concert performing on his violin at the High School Gymnasium. Mr. Rubinoff is a graduate of the Royal Conservatory in Warsaw, Poland. The concert was sponsored by the Rotary and B&PW Clubs.

#### 40 Years Ago March 21, 1957

Mattson Rural High School hosted its second annual track meet. Invitations went out to 17 area schools.

A community singing program

was to be held at the Central Baptist Church. The program was for the entire community and all singers and music lovers were invited to attend.

#### 50 Years Ago March 20, 1947

The Satterwhite's purchased the Club Cafe located on the south side of the square from the Bridges.

The Magazine Club celebrated Texas Day. Mrs. Ada Rike, director spoke on the subject of Texas Women in the Limelight. Mrs. Wallace Cox discussed Texas Famous Women. Mrs. Hill Oates topic was Women in the Federation, and Mrs. O.E. Patterson gave the history of Texas Music.

#### 102 Years Ago March 23, 1895

Our old townsman, S.S. Cummings came down from the territory this week.

The young people had a social gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garrett on Sat. night.

## Texas Senate Review

Five bills passed unanimously in the Senate on Mon., March 10, all of which now head to the House completing the bicameral legislative process. Amarillo Senator Teel Bivins sponsored a package of three bills devoted to children's education and deportment. Senate Bill (SB) 132 assures that public school students have a fair hearing before being removed from his/her regular classroom for discipline problems. In keeping with the standards set forth by the "zero tolerance" policy in public schools proposed last session, SB 136 allows, but does not require, a school district to expel students for possession of any amount of drugs or alcohol on campus or during school-sponsored events. "...that may wind up with more kids expelled on the streets which is bad, but I believe it is worse to tell a school district to keep a kid in school even though he may bring cocaine into the school." commented Bivins. The bill also establishes the placement of these students in juvenile justice alternative education programs (JJAEP). Once placed in these alternative education programs, SB 139 assures that the enrolled students have access to all the tools and materials needed to graduate from high school.

Since the creation of new computerized technologies, the Texas Penal Code has not kept up with regulating images containing child pornography on the Internet. Therefore, Senator J.E. "Buster" Brown of Lake Jackson sponsored SB 674, a bill which incorporates all types of technology into the Code in order to better prosecute child pornography crimes.

On Tues., March 11, the Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill (SB) 385, a bill which further regulates the operation of Health Maintenance Organizations or HMOs. The bill is part of a package of bills which seek to revamp HMO administration. SB 385, authored by Waco Senator David Sibley, describes the utilization of the Texas Department

of Health and the Texas Department of Insurance to provide a oversight function in order to ensure easy access and top quality performance for HMO subscribers.

Senator Judith Zaffirini of Laredo sponsored two bills in the Senate on Tues., both of which were passed unanimously and now head to the House. The first, SB 61, regards the abuse and neglect of elderly and/or disabled persons in nursing homes. The bill is aimed at nursing home employees, increasing the penalties they will face for failure to report any cases of elderly or disabled person abuse. SB 501 regards recommendations made by the Comptroller's Texas Performance Review in providing assistance and technical support to local governments seeking federal funds. If passed by the Legislature, the bill estimates a \$7 million fund generated for the 20 largest counties in Texas.

Any Texas county officer charged with public intoxication or other official misconduct faces immediate removal of office even before being tried in a court of law according to a bill proposed on Wed., March 12. Senate Bill 252, sponsored by Brownsville Senator Eddie Lucio, prohibits the official from returning to office until all charges are cleared. Several senators were against the bill, claiming unfairness to the officer considering they will be suspended from office before they have their day in court. Despite opposition, the bill passed by a margin of 27 to 4.

In other Senate activity, citizens wishing to make complaints against fire fighters, police officers or other law enforcement officials must now do so under oath. Dallas Senator John Carona sponsored Senate Bill 651 in hopes of reducing false accusations and protect the reputations of peace officers. The bill was passed unanimously by the Senate.

Senator Teel Bivins of Amarillo sponsored Senate Bill 523 regarding expulsion hearings in Texas schools. The bill states that a hearing may now be held with or

without the expelled student and parental guardian in attendance. The school must only make a good-faith effort informing the student and parents of the hearing. The three bills now head to the House of Representatives for approval.

The Texas Academic Skills Program, or TASP test, was the topic of discussion for Senate Bill (SB) 729 which passed in the Senate on Thurs. March 13. \$75 million per year is currently being used to fund remedial and developmental courses at the college/university level. Amarillo Senator Teel Bivins sponsored SB 729 which proposes making the TASP test more effective in determining which subjects a student is weak in before they enter college and need remedial attention. The bill also goes a step further and stops funding for remediation after the student has taken a series of remedial courses. "The reality is that some students who make the

decision to go to college are simply ill prepared and if they're not able to get up to the level college work after taking six remedial courses, then maybe they should think of adult education." -Senator Bivins. The bill now heads to the House for approval.

In other education news, public schools may now be utilizing the internet to get updated textbook supplements for classes. Senator David Sibley of Waco sponsored SB 294 which employs the Texas Education Agency to begin investigation into the benefits of computer networks in public schools. The bill was passed unanimously by the Senate.

Finally, Houston Senator Rodney Ellis sponsored a companion bill to his earlier legislation regarding arson committed against churches or other religious institutions. SB 79 prohibits an insurance carrier from cancelling or declining insurance solely because of current or previous cases of arson committed against the church. The bill was passed unanimously.

## Legal Matters

by Dan Morales, Attorney General

All that Glitters is not gold, goes the old saying. We at the Office of the Attorney General know that when Texans walk into a jewelry store, they expect to come out with their money's worth.

The great majority of jewelers and jewelry retail stores are honest, but unfortunately, some take advantage of their customers through misleading advertising, inaccurate or incomplete appraisals, product substitutions, and heavy handed sales pitches.

#### Sale price or regular markup?

Among the most frequent problems are discounts and sales. Buyers are targeted with promotions that are difficult to verify and sometimes deceptive or misleading. How can a consumer tell if an advertised sale price really is a discount from the normal, retail price? How does a consumer find out if the store ever offered that item at a so-called full price? How can a consumer find out if the item is in fact worth at least the discounted price?

To further complicate matters, the value of jewelry is determined by a number of factors, include craftsmanship, changes in the price of the raw material on the commodity markets, and the skill and judgment of the jeweler and appraiser. As a result, the advertised price is often not the best indication that a particular item is truly a bargain.

To protect yourself when shopping for jewelry, follow these tips:

- Be sure the store is reputable; check with the Better Business Bureau, and ask friends and relatives for referrals. Ask the store for the jeweler's qualifications.

- Familiarize yourself with the terminology of the jewelry business, and learn how the jewelry you are shopping for is evaluated and priced. If you have questions, feel free to ask them, and avoid any store that cannot give you satisfactory answers.

- To guard against counterfeit goods, carefully inspect the jewelry to make sure all brand names are correctly spelled and that the gold and silver content marks are accurate. Avoid promotions that offer expensive name-brand goods at abnormally low prices.

- If you are in need of an appraisal, make sure you are confident in leaving the items with your jeweler. Insist on a receipt listing all items and retain a copy for your records. Make sure the jeweler is titled with a graduate gemologist (i.e., AGA, AGS, ASA) and is affiliated with a gemological association. There are appraisers who will appraise while you wait on an hourly basis. They should be accredited also. Be aware that an appraiser should be concerned solely with appraising your merchandise and should not be trying to sell you other jewelry.

- If you are buying precious stones, find out whether they are certified by the Gemological Institute of America (GIA). GIA certificates are commonly used to report a gem's value for insurance purposes. Remember, an appraisal is only an estimate of the item's current market value.

- Shop around. Price the item you are looking for at several different stores. If a store is offering an item at a discount price, find out the "reference" or "normal" retail price, ask when and for how long the store offered the item at that price. Ask other stores what they would normally charge for an item of comparable quality. This will help you determine whether a sales price really is a bargain.

- Ask for a warranty. Find out the store's return policy, and whether they offer a trade-in option. (Under this arrangement, the amount paid for the original piece is credited toward the purchase of a more expensive item.)

- Get everything in writing, including the appraisal, a detailed technical description of the jewelry and all work done to it, and the store's repair and return policies. If the store is unwilling to put everything in writing, there is usually a reason.

- Take a photo of the jewelry and attach it to the receipt. Records and photographs are important both for insurance claims and for bringing a consumer complaint.

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**400 METERS**—Gava Ortiz ran the 400 meter race for Indlans at the Munday track meet. Photo by Bill Blankenship

## TFU urges comments on 'Change the Cheese Exchange'

Texas Farmers Union (TFU) recently announced its participation in the nationwide "Change the Cheese Exchange" campaign in Texas, according to TFU State President Wes Sims, a Sweetwater dairy farmer.

The campaign is a key component of an National Farmers Union (NFU) initiative to remove use of price data from the National Cheese Exchange (NCE) in Green Bay, Wis., to calculate the basic formula price (BFP). The BFP is the price paid to dairy producers for their milk.

According to Sims, use of the NCE to set the BFP is inappropriate given the price manipulation potential of this thinly-traded market. The issue of linking the NCE data to the BFP came to the forefront this past fall when milk prices paid to producers fell precipitously despite strong demand and no evidence of over-supply. Producer prices for milk dropped 26 percent between Sept. and Dec. 1996.

Delegates to the National Farmers Union convention March 3 passed policy calling for the replacement of the National Cheese Exchange in setting the basic formula price. Delegates agreed that the most important factor in pricing milk should be the cost of production, the same factor that other businesses use in pricing their products. Delegates agreed that additional factors for calculating the formula price should include both wholesale cheese prices and retail milk prices.

"Price volatility harms consumers because the store price rises when the farm price rises but

## State Bar honors Charles Chapman

The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 4,100 attorneys as certified members of the college during its annual awards luncheon in Austin on Feb. 22. This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than 8 percent of Texas' 62,000 attorneys, and included Judge Charles Chapman of Haskell.

The College was created by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year. To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a consecutive three-year period or 45 hours during the current year.

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## Green Thumb

By Gladys O'Neal

One of the most enjoyable aspects of gardening is the pure physical work that is involved. Being outdoors among the flowers and trees, makes gardening one of the most relaxing therapeutic pastimes imaginable.

Nothing clears your head of the everyday trivialities and problems of life better than getting out in the air, working with the soil, and being able to enjoy the fruits of your labor.

I've decided to write about growing roses which seems to be a popular flower. They can grow almost anywhere and are used for dozens of decorative purposes, and they don't cost a fortune. There are bush roses and climbing roses. The hybrid-tea rose is beautiful. They have an odor similar to tea or fruit; they come from a tea rose of China.

A rose that requires little care is the Floribundas. They are beautiful and bear their flowers in clusters.

When buying roses examine the wood canes to be sure they are green, soft and healthy.

Try to plant them 24 hrs. after purchase.

Roses grow better in full all day sunlight. But if you have choice, let it be the morning sun.

When watering a rose, do not wet the heads.

About twice a week give them a deep watering from the end of a watering hose.

If the roots are dry in a packaged rose, put them in water for awhile before planting.

The soil where you plant them should be light, crumbly, and rich

with leaves, peat moss, cow manure, and other organic matter.

Dig a hole larger than the plant, roots and all. In the bottom of each hole, add a handful of Epsom salts, and bonemeal.

In each planting hole, form a small cone-shaped pile of soil in the center. Set the rose on the peak of the cone, and spread the roots down the slope. Never set the roots flat against the bottom of the hole. This is important to remember. Fill the hole slowly and carefully. Make sure all the roots touch the soil. Pour water around to settle the soil over the roots, and continue filling the hole with water.

Roses get thirsty; give them plenty of water but do not sprinkle them.

If you plant this spring, do not fertilize until next fall.

It's hard to have a rosy outlook when you are dealing with Black Spot, the worst disease of roses. This mixture will help. Combine one tablespoon of baking soda plus a teaspoon of liquid dishwashing detergent in a gallon of water. Spray on your rose foliage this spring before you see any sign of Black Spot.

Chimney soot makes fine fertilizer for garden and potted plants.

For sick plants, put several empty egg shells into a milk carton or bottle filled with water and let stand for a day, then water the plants with this mixture.

Quote: I know the Bible is inspired because it inspires me.

Dwight L. Moody

## Lane Bowen qualifies for Nat'l Conference

Lane Bowen, of San Angelo, qualified for the Business Professionals of America (BPA) National Leadership Conference. On Feb. 8, he competed in the Financial Specialist test at the BPA Regional Leadership Conference in Odessa.

Lane placed first advancing to the State Leadership Conference in Arlington on March 6-8. Altogether, over 2,000 students from all over the state came together to compete in the various events.

Lane competed in the Financial Specialist test and won first place. This time, the first place win qualified him for the BPA National Leadership Conference, to be held on April 25-29 in Orlando, Florida.

Lane is the grandson of Jimmie and Frances Bowen of Rule.

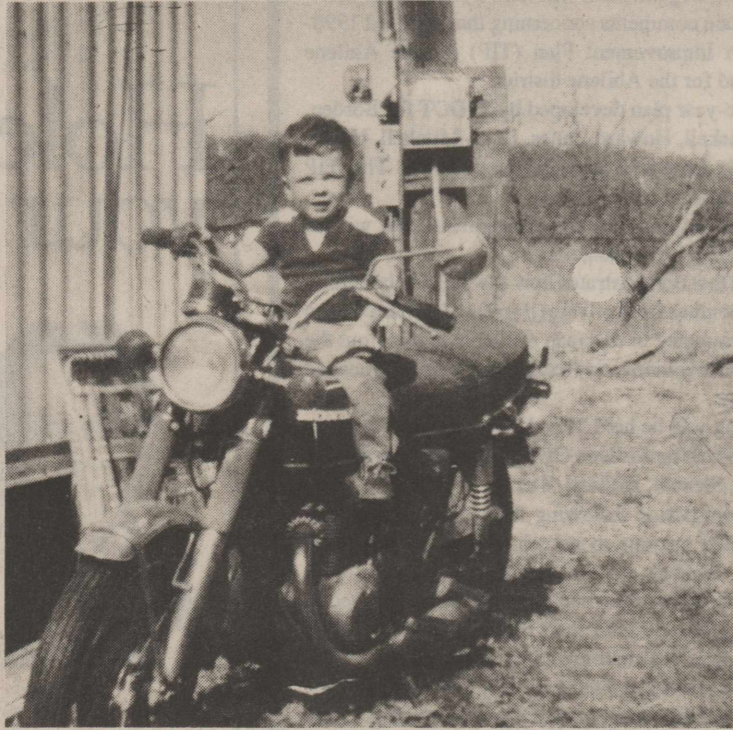
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## Peanut Production Seminar March 25-27

A peanut production seminar will be held March 25-27 at the Texas 4-H Center at Brownwood. Topics will range from site selection to production management to marketing. A total of 12 lecture hours are planned for the seminar. Conference organizers are working with the Texas Department of Agriculture to provide Continuing Education Units for licensed pesticide applicators.

A grant from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will cover the on-site cost (six meals and two nights lodging) of 40 county Extension agents-agriculture. Preference will be given to agents in current and perspective peanut production areas. Agents participating will be responsible for travel costs to and from Brownwood.

Additional interested parties from throughout the peanut industry (such as growers, shellers, consultants, and allied businesses)

are invited to attend on a first-come, first-serve basis at their own expense. Cost for the seminar will be \$100 and will cover six meals and two nights lodging. Participants should arrive by 5 p.m. on March 25 for an evening meal. The program will conclude with lunch on March 27.

Those interested in attending or needing more information should contact Dr. Chip Lee, Extension plant pathologist in Stephenville at (817) 968-4144 or Dr. Robert Lemon, Extension agronomist in College Station at (409) 862-4162.

## Students in the News

Included on the honor roll of Howard College in San Angelo was Danny P. Miller. Honor roll students are enrolled for a minimum of 12 college-level semester hours and maintain a grade average of 3.25 or above.

Miller is the son of Maxine Miller of Haskell.

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