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## Basketball games

**Haskell**  
JV-VGB vs Aspermont  
Fri., 4 p.m. at Haskell  
JV-VGB vs Stamford  
Tues., 4 p.m. at Haskell  
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**Paint Creek**  
Paint Creek vs. Guthrie  
Fri., 6 p.m. at Paint Creek  
Paint Creek vs. Megargel  
Tues., 6 p.m. at Megargel  
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Paint Creek Junior High  
Lueders-Avoca Tourney  
Saturday at Lueders-Avoca

## Calendar

### Merchants notice

The Haskell Chamber of Commerce reminds local merchants to turn in your gift certificates and Haskell Bucks for the annual Christmas program as soon as possible. Call the Chamber office at 864-2477 for more information.

### Thanksgiving service

The Haskell Ministerial Alliance will hold the annual Community Thanksgiving Service Sun., Nov. 23 at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Rev. Shane Brue will be the speaker. The public is invited.

### Hamburger supper

The Paint Creek Volunteer Fire Dept. will hold a pit-cooked hamburger supper and cake auction Sat., Nov. 22 in the Paint Creek School cafeteria from 5 to 8 p.m. The department is in need of funds for equipment and repairs on their fire trucks. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

### Bake sale

The First United Methodist Church will hold a bake sale Sat., Nov. 22 on the northside of the square from 10 a.m. to noon.

### Reception

A retirement reception honoring Chief Appraiser, Jamie Weaver, will be held Mon., Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Appraisal District Office, 604 N. First St., in Haskell. The public is invited.

### Benefit dinner

The youth of St. George Catholic Church will hold a benefit enchilada dinner Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Church Hall on N. 16th St. in Haskell. Dine-in or carry out orders will be available. Call in orders at 864-3171.

### Old Glory musical

The Old Glory Musical will be held Sat., Nov. 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. No admission is charged. Proceeds of the concessions and any donations will go to offset Community Center expenses. For further information call 940-989-2925 or 989-2833.

### Food drive

The Rule 4-H Club will host a Canned Food Drive for the needy for Thanksgiving. If you would like to help, bring your canned foods to the Rule School before Nov. 24. A box will be in the foyer. For more information, contact Rule 4-H Club Manager, Renee Dudensing 940-997-2738 or Martha Wolsch 940-997-2117.

### Immunization clinic

The Texas Dept. of Health in Stamford will hold an immunization clinic Nov. 20 at the American Legion Hall in Haskell from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 3 p.m. For information call 915-773-5681.

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It's time for basketball! Support your team!

# The Haskell Free Press

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**CARRYING FOR COUNT**—Haskell Indian #36, IV Burson scored on a four yard carry, with Ross Pittman, #50 and Tony Fuentes,

#62 blocking, during the bi-district game with Lindsay, Thurs. night in Mineral Wells.  
Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Indians season ends

After a good, 7-3 season, hopes for the Haskell Indians going all the way to district stayed with everyone all the way to the second half of the bi-district playoff game with Lindsay, Thurs. night.

Losing 30-14 brought to a close a good season for the Indians.

With so many seniors back this year, Coach Dwayne Gray earlier expressed his confidence that this year's team matched up better with Lindsay than they did with Nocona last year in the play offs.

In the Thurs. game, IV Burson scored on a four yard run, with the point-after kick by Michael Rodriguez. Jason Briles scored on a 19 yard pass from John Abila, with a kick-after by Rodriguez. Individual statistics were: Rushing, Turner Frierson 20-79, Jason Hobgood 15-57, Corey Ivy 1-20, IV Burson 7-25, John Abila 3-3, team 2-minus 42; Passing, Abila 2-9-2, 28; Receiving, Jason Briles 2-28.

After what Coach Gray described as a "tough" non-district schedule, the Indians made Haskell proud by going on to defeat teams from Olney, Electra, Seymour and Archer City, to advance to bi-district for the second year in a row.

## October sales tax receipts show increase for city, county

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, recently delivered a total of \$230.6 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,087 Texas cities and 117 counties.

"Consumer spending shows confidence in the continued growth of the Texas economy, and sales tax rebates are a healthy 7.1 percent ahead of those through November of last year," Sharp said.

Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates to Texas cities totaling \$212.4 million, 11.4 percent higher than last October's payments of \$190.5 million. Rebates of \$18.2 million to Texas counties were 15.7 percent higher than allocations of \$15.7 million in November 1996. Another \$6 million went to 26 special purpose districts around the state.

This month's payments include local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on September sales, and by quarterly filers on July, August, and September sales, and

reported to the Comptroller in October.

Haskell County had a 20.40 percent increase for November, 1997 of \$40,987.50 in comparison to \$34,042.19. 1997 payments to date of \$315,336.54 reflect a 1.36 percent increase from 1996 payments to date of \$311,093.47.

The city of Haskell had a 19.78 percent increase for November, 1997 of \$36,008.09 in comparison to \$30,059.66 for November, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$284,955.03 reflect a 0.36 percent increase from 1996 payments to date of \$283,918.04.

O'Brien had a 73.92 percent increase for November, 1997 of \$469.25 in comparison to \$269.80 for November, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$3,256.74 reflect a 141.60 percent increase over 1996 payments to date of \$1,347.97.

Rochester had a 37.08 percent increase for November, 1997 of \$1,150.42 in comparison to

\$839.18 for November, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$7,257.64 reflect a 12.52 percent increase over 1996 payments to date of \$6,449.66.

Rule had a 18.55 percent increase for November, 1997 of \$2,853.24 in comparison to \$2,406.78 for November, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$17,598.00 reflect a 2.78 percent decrease from 1996 payments to date of \$18,101.90.

Weinert had a 8.51 percent increase for November, 1997 of \$506.50 in comparison to \$466.77 for November, 1996. 1997 payments to date of \$2,269.13 reflect a 77.84 percent increase over 1996 payments to date of \$1,275.90.

## Local merchants plan 'Christmas in Haskell'

Haskell stores will soon be filled with a variety of gifts and decorations. In anticipation of the holiday season, the Haskell Chamber of Commerce is again making preparations for "Christmas in Haskell".

At 3:00 p.m. on the first three Saturdays in Dec. (6th, 13th, 20th), and Monday Dec. 22, the Chamber of Commerce will hold a drawing for Haskell Bucks that can be used in any participating business. Gift certificates from

individual businesses will also be drawn.

Participating merchants will give each customer a single drawing ticket for each \$5.00 of merchandise purchased in their business. The business name must be stamped on the back of the ticket to be valid for drawings.

The amount of the drawings will be announced at a later date. Last year, the drawings totaled \$5,000.00. The Chamber of Commerce goal for this year is a total of \$6,000.00.

## Early deadline for Thanksgiving edition

The Haskell Free Press will be printed on Tues., Nov. 25 in time for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Deadline for all news and advertising for the Thanksgiving edition is Thurs., Nov. 20 at 5 p.m.

## Hamlin TYC facility bid moves to sixth on list

The Texas Youth Commission in Austin announced Monday that the Hamlin site for the new facility has been named sixth in the ranking, from among the 43 sites proposed from across the state.

Saying that the proposal offered the TYC was solid, Rick Taylor, Hamlin Economic Development Corp. director, voiced disappointment that it wasn't placed first. The bid offered a 133-acre tract of land owned by the City of

Hamlin. Listed as coapplicants on the proposal were the cities of Hamlin, Hawley and Roby, county governments of Jones, Haskell, Stonewall, and Fisher Counties, as well as economic development corporations from Stamford, Haskell, Hamlin, Rotan, Aspermont and Anson.

The winner will be announced today in Austin at a meeting of the TYC.

## Christmas Tour of Homes Dec. 7

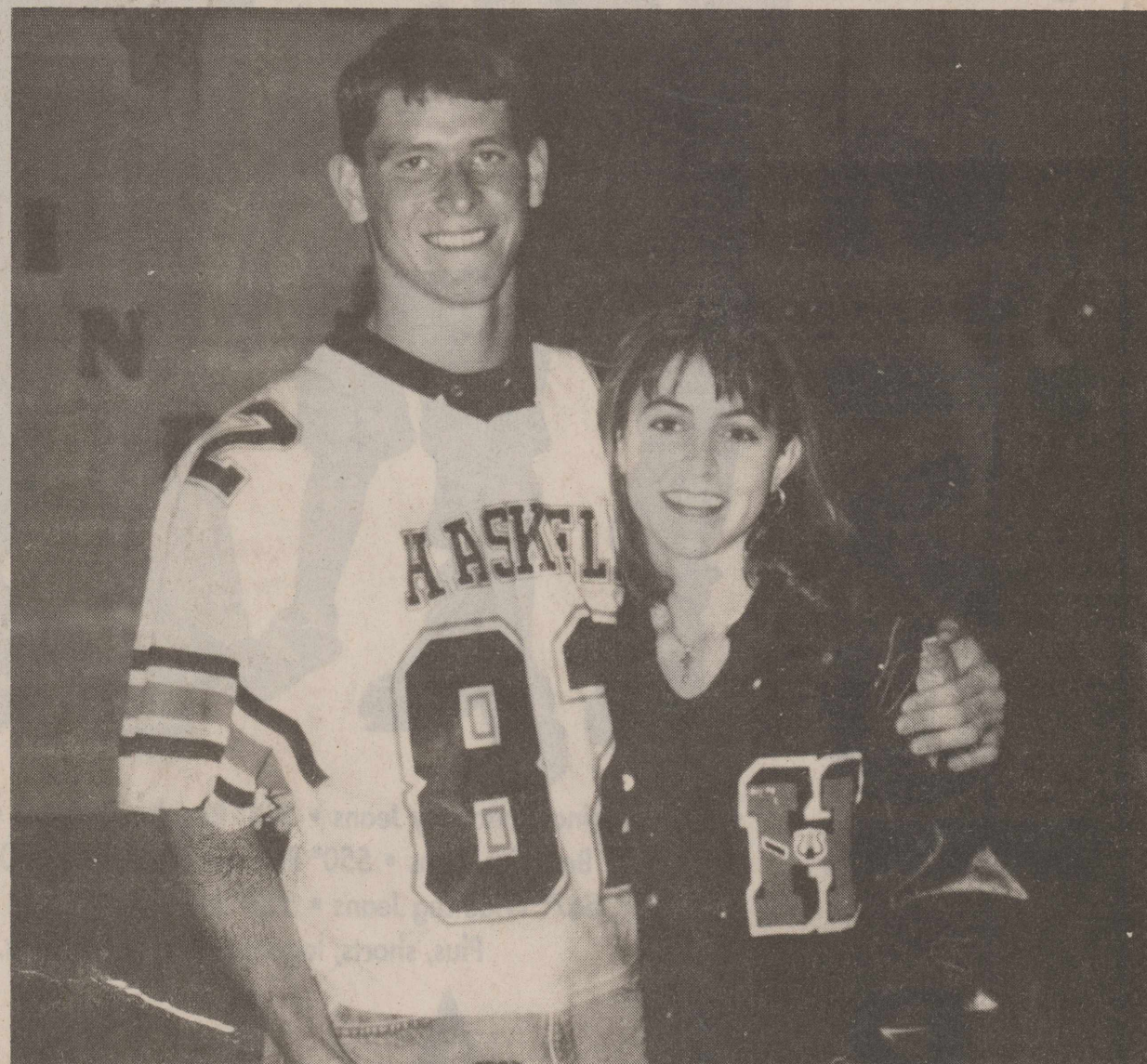
The Noah Project-North will hold its annual "Christmas Tour of Homes" on Sun., Dec. 7, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 per person and will admit you into all of the homes.

The following homes will be on the tour for this year; Ricky and Sharie Dunnam, Roy and Sandy Forehand, Jimmy and Rhonda

Lisle, Kyle and Kim Markey, Mark and Kristi Stewart, and Abe and Ruby Turner. Each will be decorated for Christmas in their own and unique and individual style.

Tickets may be purchased from any Noah Project-North Advisory Committee member or by calling 940-864-2551 or 1-800-586-0023.



**REIGNING ROYALTY**—Jason Briles and Amy Burson proudly posed with their presentation gifts after being named Haskell Indian 1997 Football Hero and Sweetheart.  
Photo by Bill Blankenship

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## Local community leaders attend TML conference

Community leaders, chambers of commerce, economic development, and city and county officials from the Texas Midwest Community Network met at the Abilene Civic Center in Abilene on Oct. 22, for the 4th Annual Texas Midwest Conference.

Keynote speaker, NASA Flight Director, Paul Sean Hill continued the theme of the conference, "Reach For The Stars—The Sky's the Limit Through Teamwork."

A seminar held on Chamber of Commerce Tips, featured information on Texas hospitality training given by Susie McElmurry of Odessa, daughter of former Haskell resident, Lois Redwine and the late Charlie Redwine.

An Economic Development Plan seminar featured a presentation by Lindale mayor, Bobby McClenny, about the 'cinderella story' of his city of 2,400 population.

The Texas Municipal League

seminar provided an opportunity for city officials to become better acquainted with the services TML offers Texas cities.

Attending from Haskell were Abe and Ruby Turner, David Middleton, County Judge David Davis, Sam Watson and Fred Hernandez.

Executive committee member, Abe Turner, has been named Vice-President of the Texas Midwest Community Network.

## Obituaries

### Hilda Neumann

Funeral services for Hilda Anna Baitz Neumann, 81, were held Mon., Nov. 17 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sagerton with Revs. Mel Swoyer and Jeff Zell officiating. Burial was in Old Glory Cemetery under the direction of Foster-Adams Funeral Home.

Mrs. Neumann died Sat., Nov. 15 in Hamlin.

Born April 1, 1916 in Old Glory to Hermann and Anna Marie (Scholtz) Baitz, she was a lifetime resident of Old Glory. She graduated from Old Glory High School in 1934 and she married John Valentine Neumann on Jan. 1, 1941 in Old Glory. He preceded her in death June 16, 1967. Mrs. Neumann was a homemaker and a farmer. She was a member of Faith

Lutheran Church in Sagerton.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Martha and Gary Bruns, of Haskell, Linda and Danny Diggs, of Hamlin, and Beverly and Thomas Davis, of San Angelo; six grandchildren, Stephanie Diers, Stacey Bruns, David Bruns, Shanna Diggs, Sharen Diggs and Shelly Diggs; numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Melvin Baitz, Thomas Davis, Joe Ray Baitz, Luther Meier, Ed Wolsch and Jack Jones. Honorary pallbearer was David Letz.

## Immunizations—They aren't just for children

Immunizations aren't just kids' stuff. As an adult, you need to be protected against measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, pneumococcal disease, influenza, and chickenpox. You also may need protection against hepatitis A and B. The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge you to protect yourself and your family from these diseases by getting immunized.

If you were never immunized or never had these vaccine-preventable diseases, you are at risk. If you were immunized as a child, you may need updating because some immunizations lose their effectiveness over time. To find out what shots you may need or where to get immunizations, contact your

physician. Here are some facts about these vaccine-preventable diseases:

•**Hepatitis B**—Serious liver disease caused by a virus. Spread by contact with blood or other body fluids of an infected person. Can cause severe illness or even death.

•**Hepatitis A**—Viral infection of the liver that can cause fever, yellow skin and eyes, loss of appetite and nausea. Spread by household or sexual contact with an infected person. Also by eating contaminated food (including shellfish from polluted water), or drinking contaminated water.

•**Chicken Pox**—Generally considered to be a mild disease of children. However, five percent of

reported cases occur in people over 20 years of age. Often is more severe in adults, with more complications than in children. About 100 people die from complications of chickenpox every year in the U.S.

•**Influenza**—Very contagious disease. Spread by direct contact with an infected person or through contact with the airborne virus.

•**Measles**—Spread by contact with an infected person or the airborne virus. Can cause serious illnesses such as pneumonia and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Pregnant women who contract measles are at increased risk for miscarriage or premature labor. Vaccine is routinely given as part of the combination Measles, Mumps, and Rubella shot.

•**Mumps**—Mainly a disease of young children, but about 15 percent of reported cases occur among teens and adults.

•**Rubella**—Also called German Measles. Caused by a virus that is spread by contact with infected people or articles they have used. If

a pregnant woman gets rubella, especially during the first three months of pregnancy, she may miscarry, or her baby may be born with birth defects or even die.

•**Tetanus and Diphtheria—Tetanus**, also known as lockjaw, is caused by bacteria that enter the body through a break in the skin (often a puncture wound of deep scratch). About 40 percent of the people who get Tetanus die. Diphtheria is caused by bacteria passed from one person to another in the droplets released when an infected person coughs or sneezes. As the disease progresses, a membrane is formed in the throat that blocks breathing, which may cause death.

•**Pneumococcal Disease**—Caused by bacteria which can cause pneumonia and other serious complications. Kills about 40,000 people each year in the U.S.

The best way to be sure you're protected against these against these preventable diseases is to work with your physician to keep a complete lifetime immunization record.

## Thanksgiving food drive sponsored by local bank

In the spirit of the season, First American Bank in Haskell is conducting its annual Thanksgiving food drive. Employees will be donating food items for Thanksgiving dinners to be distributed to needy families in the local area. First American Bank will furnish turkeys and collection baskets.

First American Bank employees invite their customers and area residents to donate non-perishable food items to assist them in this endeavor. Food and cash donations will be accepted at First American Bank at 518 S. Second Street, Haskell until Fri., Nov. 21. The

Haskell branch, as well as other First American Bank locations across the state, will work with the Noah Project to coordinate the distribution of the Thanksgiving dinner baskets to needy families in their community. "In previous years, our food drives have been a success due to the generosity of the community," said Carol Posey, branch manager. "We're looking forward to celebrating another season of giving!"

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**TAX PLANNING**

Written By  
**Richard E. Rodgers, CPA**

**MAKE YEAR-END BUSINESS MOVES TO CUT TAXES**

Even though it's November, there are still some opportunities to reduce the tax burden on your 1997 business income. Consider the following strategies:

- Timing.** Typically your goal is to defer income and accelerate expenses. Cash basis taxpayers can do this easily by deferring billings so that payments are received after year-end, or by paying bills by December 31st. Timing is more difficult for accrual basis taxpayers. Proper planning for year-end bonuses can be one way to defer income.
- Furniture and equipment.** You can write off up to \$18,000 of capital expenditures, and take six months of depreciation on any excess amount for business assets put into service in 1997. If you are planning such expenditures, it might be wise to accelerate them into 1997. One word of caution: you will receive less of a benefit if 40% or more of all capital expenditures for the year are made in the last quarter.
- Capital gains and losses.** Corporate capital gains are taxed at the normal corporate rate, while losses can only be used to offset gains. If you have gains thus far, you may have opportunities to take losses to reduce taxes, or vice versa. You should sell capital assets for good economic reasons, not just to reduce 1997 taxes.

The most important advice of all: consult with your accountant for expert tax advice before making any moves. A brief article cannot point out all possible opportunities or pitfalls, but your tax advisor can work with you to minimize your tax liability.

If you would like assistance with your year-end tax planning, give us a call.

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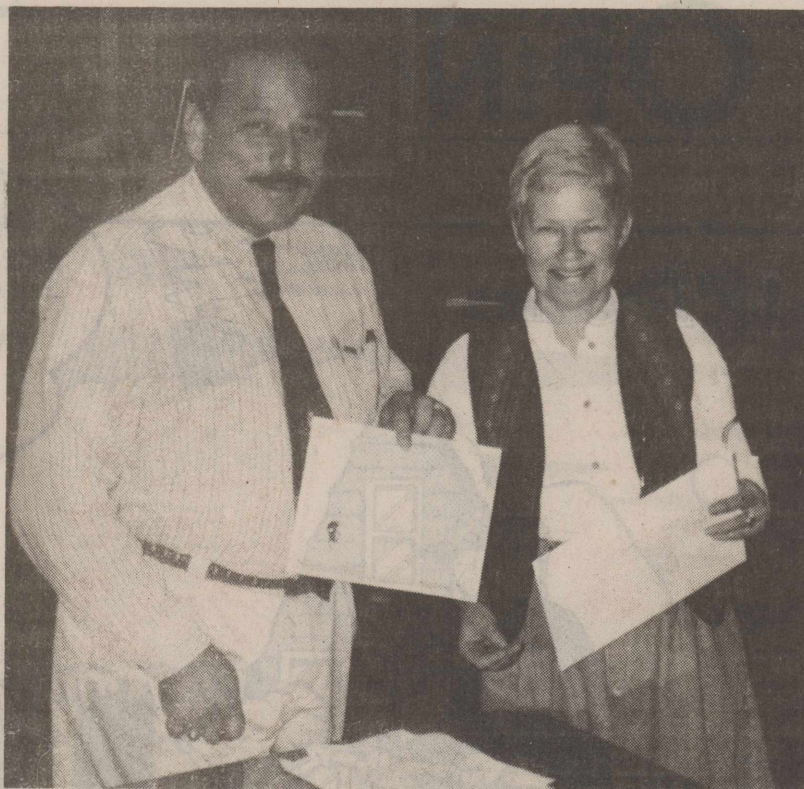
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## Seven ladies receive make-overs at meeting of Partners for Children

Seven lucky women were chosen to have hair or cosmetic make overs, Tuesday night, Nov. 11 at the Haskell Elementary School. This program was sponsored by Partners for Children. The drawing was from names entered each time a parent was present at any of the Partners for Children meetings since this school year began. Getting the benefits of professionals were Isabel Diaz, Susan Skinner, Leta Stephens, and Janice Smith. They had their hair styled by Debra Bartley from The Hair Shop, Karen Pope from Martha's Beauty Shop and Sandy Sanford of Sandy's New Image. Darlene Collins, Teena Bimer, and Gloria Capetillo were treated to a cosmetic make over by Melissa Burson who is a Beauty Control Cosmetic Representative.

Wanda Thompson, Haskell's Home Economics teacher, started the program off with tips on discovering your style. She identified the four body structures and gave helpful tips on accenting a woman's positive features. She discussed clothing styles and provided a video on choosing colors that enhance our skin tones, hair coloring and eye colors. Everyone attending had fun watching and asking questions as the transformations were taking place. This was definitely a program we will want to do again. Partners for Children wish to say a big thank you to Debra Bartley, Karen Pope, Sandy Sanford, Melissa Burson, and Wanda Thompson for volunteering their time to make our evening so informative and fun.



**NEW CITIZEN**—Steffi Overton of Paint Creek, received a certificate from Raul Flores, examiner for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, when she took the Oath of Allegiance Nov. 7, becoming an American citizen along with 96 other candidates from 25 different countries. The Hon. Jeff Kaplan presided over the ceremonies held at the Earl Cabell Federal Building in Dallas. Born in Berlin, Germany, Steffl is the daughter of the late Woldemar and Gertrud Ziegler. She married Wallar Overton in 1974, and has been active in community activities since. The Overtons have two sons; Hans, a student at Angelo State University, and Marcus, a student at Texas A&M University.

## Wildflowers are topic of Garden Club meeting

The Haskell Garden Club met Nov. 13 at the Community Room. Visiting Baack's Nursery in Abilene was discussed during the business meeting. Some other business discussing a program concerning orphans was discussed. The program for the day was "Beauty and Color Over the Land", which was based on Wildflowers of Texas. The bluebonnets were discussed by Mrs. Neat Bevel. She illustrated with a beautiful brochure displaying all the wildflowers of Texas. Gladys O'Neal told of the legends that centered around the first native Texans, the Indians. She also told of Lady Bird Johnson's "National Wildflower

Research Center" near Austin. Marion Carlisle gave an interesting reading and discussion about wildflowers with reference to how they are used many times as medicine and other uses. Ruby Holt gave a mini workshop on the arranging of flowers. Refreshments were served to Juanita Bevel, Marion Carlisle, Helen Cox, Sue Hertel, Ruby Holt, Mary Kammanga, Florence Peden, Wilma Pruett, Dee Sprayberry, and Gladys O'Neal. The next meeting will be Dec. 11, a luncheon, at 11:30 at Gladys O'Neal's home. A theme "Joys of Christmas" has been chosen as the program topic.

## Katie Doyle celebrates 100th birthday Nov. 2

During a lifetime that has spanned a century, Katie Myrtle Doyle has seen a lot of changes to our world. After living in Rule for a number of years, she has been a resident of Rice Springs Care Home in Haskell for the last six years. Her baby sister, 94 year old Winnie Sherwood lives in a care home in Aspermont. Born in Swenson on Nov. 2, 1897, Katie Petty married Warren Doyle there in 1914, at the age of

seventeen. Farming in Oklahoma, they raised peanuts among other crops, before retiring back to Texas. They were together for seventy years before his death at age 92 in 1984. Mother of one child, Ruby Faye Norman of Rule, Katie has one grandson, Dr. James Lee Norman of Ft. Worth. On Sat., Nov. 1, they honored her with a birthday reception for family and friends at the Care Home. Although Mrs. Doyle's memory slips away from time to time, Ruby Norman said her mother has been happy at the home, becoming a rather favorite there of others, who spoil her. Her daughter says that her mother has been generally healthy during her long life, being hospitalized only one time. Still lively at times, her quick reply to Dr. William Kemp, who teasingly told her, "I'm the boss around here," was, "You just think you are!" Happy birthday, Katie, even at 100 you're a 1990's kind of girl.

## Around Town

By Joyce Hawkins

Visiting this week in Haskell was Angela Jordan and mom, Pat Jordan. Angela celebrated her 20th birthday at Sam's Bar-B-Que place, then she returned to Granny's house, where Aunt Birdie and her children surprised her with other birthday presents. Greater Independent Baptist Church will be having their Harvest Festival Nov. 26 and Nov. 30. We are asking all members to take part and bring canned food and other non-perishable food for Christmas gifts and help get ready for the Christmas cantada. The Community Brotherhood was at Revival Center Tuesday night with Rev. W. M. Hodge host pastor. On Mon. evening late Joyce was surprised by a short visit from her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dolan Vaughn, of Panhandle. They had been to Arlington to the car swap and Trader's Village back through

Anson for a short visit with sister-in-law, Tiny Vaughn and on by Haskell. They took Joyce out for dinner. Rene Garcia of Ranger spent the weekend with mother Paula Garcia. Saturday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Leonard's son Roger Leonard of Gunter flew here for a three hour visit saying he knew he would not have any more time off from his job for at least three weeks, so he took advantage and came for a visit. On Friday, Sammy, Peggy and Michael Hawkins and Joyce went to Abilene, meeting Johnny and Cathy Hawkins of Jarrell at A.C.U. for the volleyball play-off, which Ashley Hawkins was first string player. They were in the play-offs for state. Friday they played Holliday and won. On Saturday they played Nocona and again won and will be playing in Austin this Friday and Saturday.

Margaret and Zachery Tatum, Joyce and Robert Hawkins went on Sat. to watch the games. They play best two out of three games, and both times had to play the full three games. Also on Sat., Floradean Cockerell of Early came to watch the game and had a good visit with all. John Conn of Austin visited his children, Mr. and Mrs. David Conn and Sabrina and David and Julie Conn. He took them to Burketts for dinner, celebrating David's and Julie's birthdays. John also visited with Joyce Hawkins before leaving to return to Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Hawkins and Tamera spent the weekend in Haskell visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Walters and Joyce Hawkins. Robert Hawkins came with them and spent his time with Grandma Joyce.

## Green Thumb

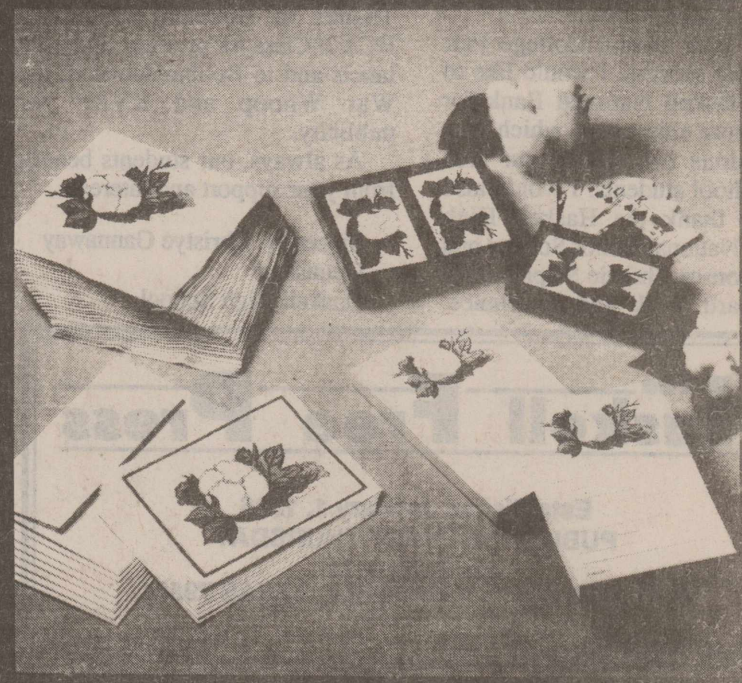
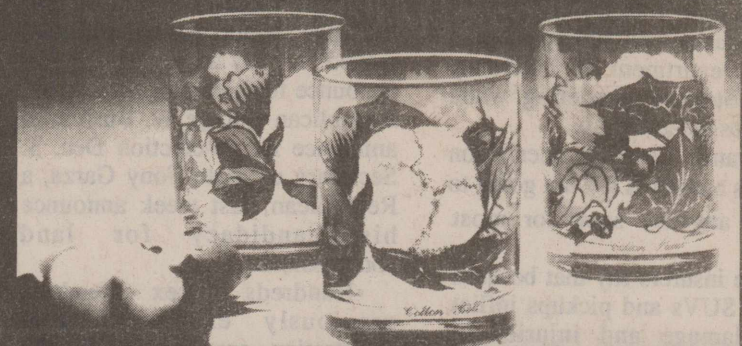
By Gladys O'Neal

Even though winter is just around the corner, look on the bright side. Don't think of yourself as garden deprived; think of this season as an opportunity to expand your indoor garden skills. Fall is a wonderful time for planting for next spring and summer, and even for next fall. Divide perennials, plant shrubs, and rose bushes. Also, plant amaryllis bulbs outside. Our Texas Garden Clubs have received congratulations because we have planted and nurtured thousands of trees between the years 1995 and 1997. We have shown that we care about the environment. Haskell Garden Club is so proud to be a part of this program. Herbs are not just for the garden. One of the most delightful bonuses of perennials is the fragrance they give among other flowers.

Indoor pollution is a realistic threat to our health. Some of the best air purifiers are English Ivy, Mother-in-law's tongue plant, corn cane, peace lily and others. These plants remove harmful pollutants from the air we breathe, and they easily are attractive for interior decorating. The following I read and I wanted to pass it along to my readers. Daylilies can be protected from winter frost by using leaves, woodchips and grass clippings as a mulch with well-rotted manure once a year. If you have a rhododendron plant, it likes a sandy soil mixed with a little black dirt. If it looks bad and is trying to die, sprinkle your used coffee grounds around the base every month to help it bloom. Move it inside or protect carefully from the cold weather we have in Haskell.

I have some hints that I feel will help you in your gardening to keep varmints out of your flowers and vegetables. Chewed tobacco juice is one of the best bug killers. Buy a package of the tobacco, draw three fingers from the package and place in the toe of a nylon stocking, and place the stocking in a gallon of boiling water. Let it marinate until the mixture is dark brown. Add a teaspoon of the juice to a pint of water and apply once a month to ward off any possibility of bugging to your plants. The bugs will be so busy throwing up, they won't bother your plants. Nylon hose will support your plants. Cut the legs diagonally in 1 1/2 inch pieces. They are soft and pliable and will not mar your plants, but will keep them from falling on the ground. Use a small rounded or square stick to support the plant. Here's a dandy! Save your old umbrellas because the ribs make excellent long-lasting supports for flowers. Paint them green, and they will hardly be seen in your garden. (Great for tomato plants also.) To help your summer flowering bulbs survive the winter, dust them with medicated baby powder before storing them in old mesh onion sacks for winter. Garlic to the rescue: if you put one or two garlic cloves into your rose bushes, they will never be bothered with aphids or other insects. Place a moth ball on the soil of all house plants that are outdoors one month before bringing them in to help get rid of any pests that may be in or on them. Fallen leaves reveal hidden beauty and November's scenery is spare. Nothing is covered with foliage. It has a restful stillness all its own as we wait winter's arrival.

## HOLIDAY IDEAS!



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## Patty Wellborn presents mini-workshop to art club

The Brazos West Association met Nov. 10 at the Haskell National Bank Community Room. Patty Rae Wellborn, from Abilene, was the guest artist. She gave a mini-drawing workshop. She stressed the importance of drawing without observing the article or place in the drawing. Some of the drawings were comical and others were interesting and useful. It was a fun experience, as well as a learning experience, on negative drawing. A business meeting was conducted. Betty Berry, Denia

Cunningham and others discussed re-painting the mural on the building. A delicious dinner was served to Anita Herren, Ruth Ann Klose, Denia Cunningham, Peggy Middlebrook, Iva Lee Gipson, Fern Livengood, Jennie Lyckman, Bobbie Harrison, Betty Berry, Dorothy Brown, Martia Spitzer, Clara Gholson, Edna Wahlan and one guest, Johnathan Leathers. The next meeting, a Christmas program, will be Dec. 8 at the Community Room at 7 p.m.

## Steak Finger or Shrimp Dinner and Medium Drink



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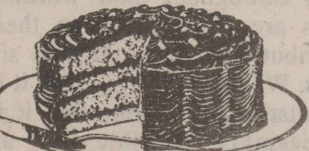
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## First United Methodist Church Bake Sale

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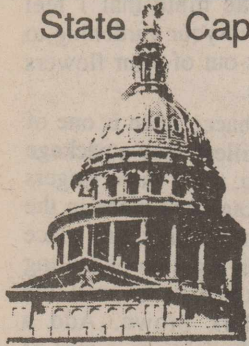
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# OPINION

## State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock last week was named honorary chairman of Putting Children First, a group seeking private school vouchers for students in low-performing Texas schools.

Bullock's acceptance of the honorary chairmanship signals his willingness to investigate state funding for such a project. But his willingness is not new. The Senate, over which Bullock presides, passed a pilot voucher program for lower-income students in 1995, but the measure was killed in the House.

"If I was that child and wanted to improve myself, I would like the best education that I could possibly get. This would be a means for them to do it," Bullock said. The focus, he said, should be on what's best for Texas school children, especially at a time when the state has not provided enough funding for a massive school building program.

Jimmy Mansour, chairman of Putting Children First, said the group will advocate school choice in the 1999 Legislature. The goal, he said, will be to make it possible "for parents of the 800,000 children trapped in failing schools to use their education tax dollars for the schools of their choice—public or private."

Opponents of a voucher system say a voucher program would take funding away from public schools and hurt the majority of Texas school children who will remain enrolled in them.

### Bomer Questions SUV Risk

News reports about insurers seeking higher automobile liability rates for sport vehicles (SUVs) and pickup trucks have prompted calls to the Department of Insurance from motorists wondering when their rates are going up.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer's answer is it's not going to happen anytime soon for most drivers.

Some insurers say that because heavier SUVs and pickups inflict more damage and injuries in accidents, resulting in much higher claims, the heavier vehicles' drivers should pay higher liability premiums.

But the Department of Insurance says reports show that occupants of heavier vehicles suffer fewer injuries in motor vehicles, and this suggests that there could be offsetting credits in coverages.

"Safety is a big reason why Texans spend as much money as

they do on SUVs and pickup trucks," Bomer said. "There won't be an increase in liability rates until I see hard proof that the increased risk can be demonstrated."

Under Texas law, rate-regulated auto insurance companies must follow the Department of Insurance's liability rating system, which allows only the driver's age, sex and automobile usage—not type of vehicle—to apply.

To change the rating system, insurance companies would have to petition Bomer to allow the make and model of a vehicle in a driver's liability rate. Then, a public hearing would have to be held in which Bomer determines that higher premiums would be fair and adequate and not excessive or indiscriminatory. To date, no company had petitioned for such a change.

### Other Capital Highlights

•The State Board of Education approved the \$177 million purchase of textbooks to be placed in Texas school classrooms in the fall of 1998. The books were approved on a 9-5 vote, with some members criticizing a \$56 book, "Focus on Algebra," because, they said, it was focused more on environmental and political topics than on algebra.

•Former President George Bush and his wife, Barbara, presided over the Nov. 7 opening of the George Bush Presidential Library Center at Texas A&M University in College Station. The Bushes toured the \$83 million complex which includes the library and museum, the Bush School of Government and Public Service and the Presidential Conference Center.

•Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, a Democrat, is said to have picked Nov. 17 as the date he will announce for governor. Incumbent Republican George W. Bush is to announce for re-election Dec. 3. Secretary of State Tony Garza, a Republican, last week announced his candidacy for land commissioner.

•Hundreds of sex offenders, previously exempted from registration, are signing up with police and sheriff's department under a new law making registration requirement retroactive to 1970. State officials estimate the volume of registrants may have tripled since the law went into effect Sept. 1.

•Gov. Bush appointed Grace Shore, 56, of Longview, to the State Board of Education, to replace Donna Ballard of The Woodlands, now resigned.

## Letter to the Editor

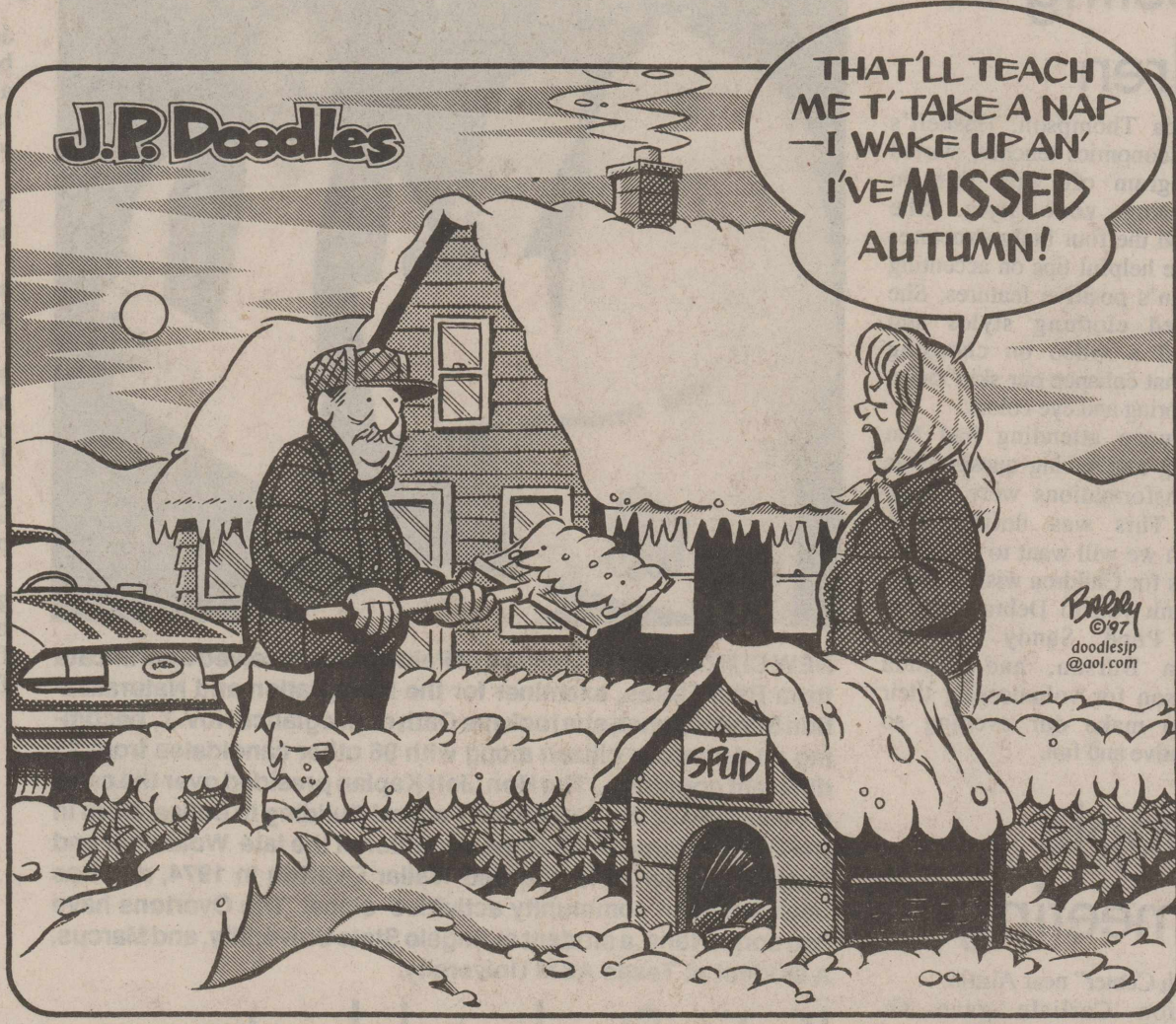
Dear Editor,

The 10th annual College Fair was a big success. I would like to thank Haskell National Bank for sponsoring this event which is a tremendous benefit for our area high school students. I would also like to thank the Haskell High School National Honor Society and their sponsor Christie Stapleton for their hard work and assistance.

Thanks to Amanda Hadaway's BCA II Class for printing cards and labels and to Bobbie Johnson, the War Whoop and KVRP for publicity.

As always, our students benefit from your support and interest.

Sincerely, Christye Gannaway  
Counselor  
Haskell High School



## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago November 26, 1987

Jerrel Paul Riggins of Rule was among 27 Wayland Baptist University students inducted recently into the Texas Alpha Eta chapter of Alpha Chi, national honor scholarship society.

### 20 Years Ago November 24, 1977

Indian head coach, Don Flippin accepted the Bi-District trophy immediately following the Haskell-Albany game last Friday, in Abilene. The Tribe won the match 40-15, and will meet Seagraves this Friday in Snyder for Regional.

### 30 Years Ago November 23, 1967

R.M. Walker, of Weinert, water superintendent, attended the 19th annual West Texas Regional Water and Waste Water short school at Lubbock.

Airman First Class Richard L. Riley, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.P. Riley of Haskell, who is presently stationed at Phan Rang Air Base, Vietnam, has received two promotions in rank during a four month's period. He and his wife, Bettie, have a son, Patrick Dean, who is eight weeks old.

### 40 Years Ago

*Fourth in a series of eight columns prepared about Social Security.*

by Charlie Stenholm

For a Federal program that has been around more than 60 years and is considered one of the most successful programs ever enacted by the government, it is surprising that so many myths, half-truths and misconceptions have been around as long as they have. Let's set the record straight on some of those.

**Myth #1:** *When the social Security system was first established, a contract was made with the American People, ensuring us that our financial needs would be met in our old age.*

Frank Bane, of the original Social Security commission, noted that "We never meant for Social Security to be considered a program to provide for any worker's complete retirement. It was meant to be a cushion, a supplement to

### November 28, 1957

Directors of the chamber of commerce, at their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Nov. 21, employed Mrs. W.R. (Roy) Johnson of this city as C. of C. manager until a permanent successor to retiring Manager Rex Felker is named.

Haskell High School Indians placed two men on the 4-AA all-district selections made here Monday night. The were Sam Rike, 180-pound offensive end, and David Conner, 180-pound tackle and guard. Two other Indian squad-men, Dalton Linton, tackle, and Jimmy Brock, guard, were selected for honorable mention.

Sagerton Grade School won the district title in this area in 6-Man football, in the grade school division.

### 50 Years Ago November 27, 1947

Haskell County's cotton yield this year, which was foreseen as a "short" crop in late summer, is turning out to be one of the best in years on the basis of yield, and definitely the best from a financial standpoint.

One cent postage on "drop" letters is a thing of the past, Postmaster J.M. Diggs announced

this week. With the inauguration of city mail delivery, postal regulation call for 3 cent postage on all first class mail.

Mr. and Mrs. T.B. McMeans of Rule are announcing the arrival of a son born Nov. 21 at the Haskell County Hospital.

### 90 Years Ago November 1907

Something was being said about old relics the other day and Squire G.W. Lamkin remarked that he had a Seth Thomas clock which was given him in 1847 and which still keeps good time after sixty years of use.

Gus Grussendorf, who has just returned from a visit to Waco, Cameron and other points in that section, says that country was badly overflowed from the recent rains.

C.H. Wisdom plans to open a barber shop on the north side around December 1.

Rev. I.N. Alvis of Rule was called to Abilene Monday to see his son, Vestus, who is ill with typhoid fever. Returning Thursday, Rev. Alvis reported his son was doing as well as could be expected at this stage of the disease. Vestus is attending Simmons College at Abilene.

## Congress stole the trust funds and other myths

whatever a person had, and it was assumed that by retirement all workers had been either able to lay aside a good sum for the years ahead or an accommodating family that would provide for their later years. But over the years the administrators of the program and the politicians lost sight of this fact and somehow the program has become one to provide for the almost complete support of retirees."

**Myth #2:** *I have been paying into an individual trust fund account that the government is holding for me until my retirement.*

Many view the government as simply an agent administering an insurance policy, with Social Security taxes flowing into special individual accounts. Such is not the case. The Social Security program works on a pay-as-you-go basis. Taxes paid by today's workers are used immediately to

pay benefits for today's retirees. Individual trust fund accounts have never existed.

**Myth #3:** *Congress has stolen money from the Social Security Trust Funds.*

The Social Security Act always has required that surplus Social Security taxes be invested in Government or Government-backed securities. This is like buying a U.S. Savings Bond. When people buy bonds, they lend their money to the government in exchange for a promise that the money will be returned with interest. Surplus Social Security taxes are credited to the Trust Fund accounts. The Treasury then issues bonds to the Social Security Administration. These bonds are promises to repay the money with interest and in fact, the bonds are repaid. Since 1789 the United States Government has never defaulted on a promised payment. It is not about to start doing so now.

**Myth #4:** *I'll never get back all that I paid into the Social Security System.*

Because the information used to calculate actual retirement benefits vary from person to person, individuals recoupment time varies as well. However, most retirees who have paid Social Security taxes throughout their working years are able to recoup their contributions within three to six years. When considering this, it is important to remember that it is increasingly possible for an individual to live one-third of their adult life as a retiree—perhaps 20 years or longer.

Rep. Charles Stenholm represents the 17th Congressional District of Texas. He Co-Chairs the House Public Pension Reform Caucus.

## Newspapers: Best source of community news

The following appeared in the TPA Messenger by Rollie Hyde, TPA President:

This month I want to go on the record to say how wet behind the ears folks are who tell us newspapers are dying and won't be around 10 years from now. Newspapers are still the main source of information in our communities and will be as long as people with common interests feel like they need to communicate with each other.

Folks who say direct mail, TV, radio or the Internet are taking over ought to ask for the local news at

their city or county library. The librarian wouldn't sit them down in front of a computer, a radio or a TV set. She'd lead them to the newspaper racks. Ask her for the news of a year ago today and she'll lead you straight to the microfilm and pull up a year-old issue of your newspaper.

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The next-best source of community news would have to be your web site. If you've got one.

## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

Grateful to have made it through the year, our Pilgrim fathers gathered together to ask the Lord's blessing, and in that humble way expressed their heartfelt thanks to the One from whom they knew all blessings flow.

Next Thursday, there will be a lot of 'thanks' said in a lot of different ways, over a lot of turkey dinners. Uniquely American, Thanksgiving Day is an important National holiday because it celebrates the basic best of what we are as a nation; people blessed by the freedom to work and worship, and who recognize that these gifts are ours only as we are "one nation under God."

In a time in our nation when we can see and experience so much disregard for family and moral values, personal integrity and responsibility, corporate ethics and humane actions, we are prone to dwell on the seemingly overwhelming effect of these trends on our national character. As hard as it is to 'say grace' over a lot of it, it's good to have at least one day set aside to remember back, as a nation, to the basics of why this nation was fought for, and what it was founded upon.

Diverse and varied as we are in our thinking and actions in America, for one day we can come together in the tradition of voicing thanks for things in common; family, home and freedom. Ironically, although these things may not be honored in everyone's life, they are nevertheless, basic to what we ideally and traditionally think of our country as standing for.

Thanksgiving Day, as we remember and give thanks together for the larger blessings of this nation as a whole, it's a good time to give thanks for things that bless us as individuals every day. Although we are all glad to be an American, we are given to faulting the way things are being done in whatever place we live in America. So often we want to be somewhere else, where the grass looks greener, in another situation, dissatisfied with where ever we are; finding nothing to redeem it from being 'the pits' as a place to live.

As mundane, blah, hard, lonely or unbearable as life may seem to be, day in and day out, there are small things and "tender mercies" that we may be taking for granted as just being part of our inalienable rights. We look for blessings that will knock our socks off, and we fail to recognize the obvious blessings that are working for our good all around us.

Curious to know what other people are thankful for about living in Haskell, I took a quick poll. (Actually, it involved one domino group, a birthday party, one chance meeting and a couple of phone calls; not what Gallup would call scientific.) Even so, a trend emerged.

In answer to the question, "What are you thankful for about living in Haskell?" the most consistently used word was "people". To wit:

"Having people who care about me."

"There are so many friendly, helpful people here."

"The way people from all the different churches cooperate together."

"Having people who know who I am and call my name."

"People who care about the town's progress."

"The people in my church."

There were other things mentioned as being thankful for in

living in Haskell, and even these have to do with "people".

"For our good schools and teachers."

"For finding a church home here."

"That it (the city) hasn't dried up like so many small towns."

"My family's history and roots are here."

Which all goes to tell me what I had already come to know; the people of Haskell, past and present, are a blessing to one another.

Thank you, Lord, next Thurs., and every day.

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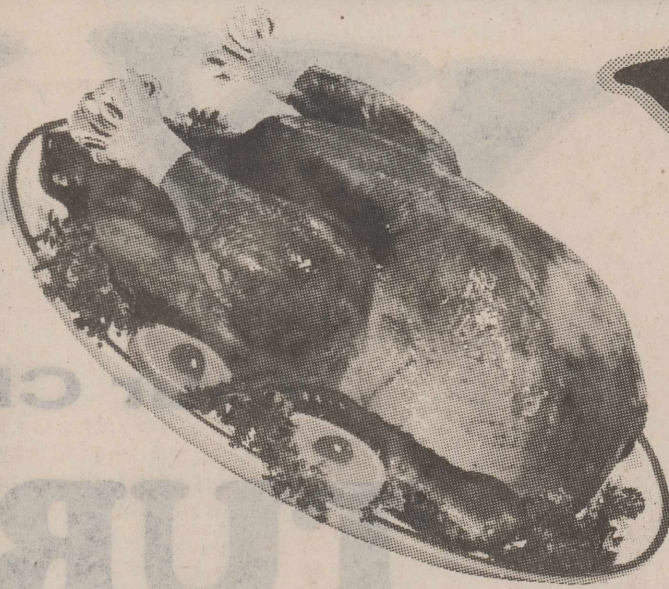
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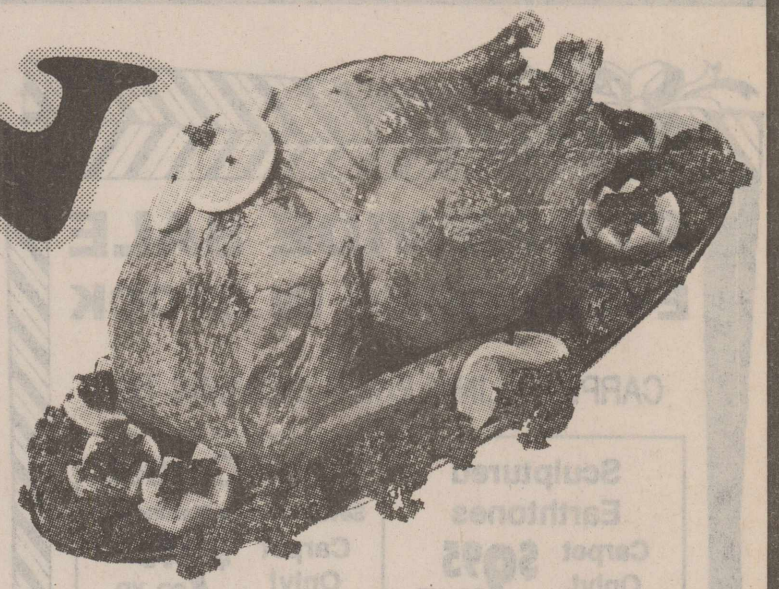




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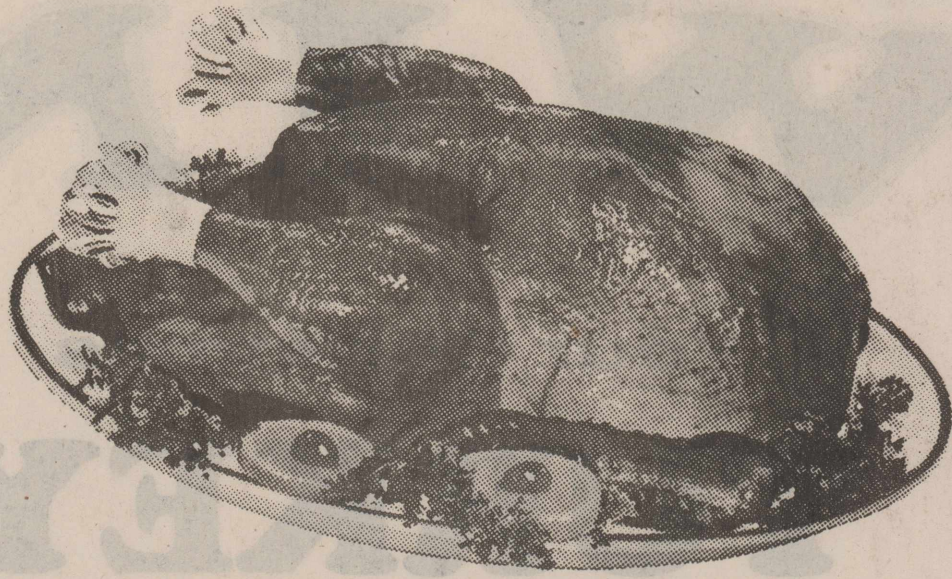
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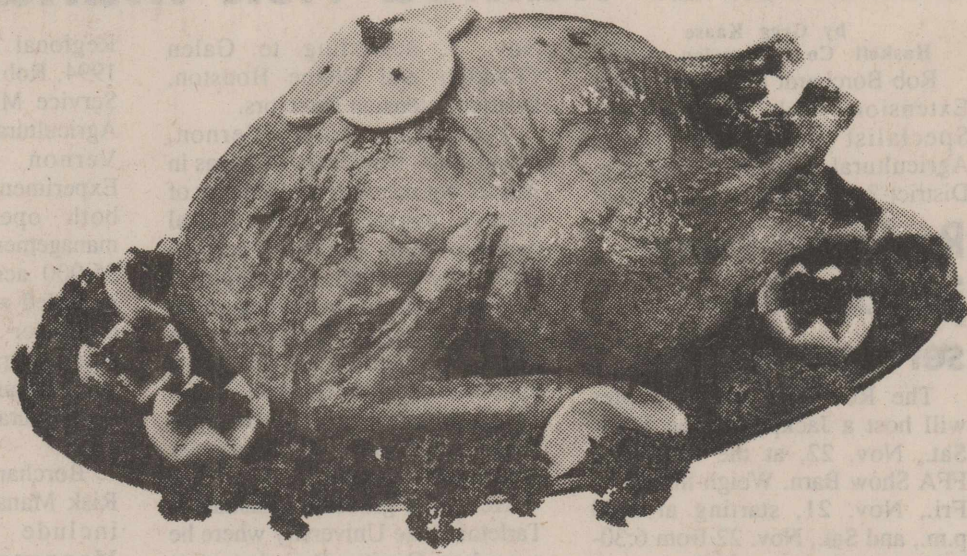
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## Cattle Market Report

The market at the Haskell Livestock Auction was on a run of 605 head of cattle at its sale on Saturday, November 15, according to Gary Tate, reporter.

### Haskell Co. Gin Report

| November 15, 1997   |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Haskell             |               |
| Farmers Co-op Gin   | 3176          |
| Haskell Co-op Gin   | 7151          |
| O'Brien             |               |
| O'Brien Gin         | 4890          |
| Rochester           |               |
| Rochester Co-op Gin | 515           |
| Rule                |               |
| Rule Co-op Gin      | 3027          |
| Sagerton            |               |
| Sagerton Gin        | 2000          |
| Weinert             |               |
| Paymaster Gin       | 2642          |
| Weinert Gin         | 2813          |
| <b>Total Bales</b>  | <b>26,214</b> |

The market was fully steady on all classes.

No sale Nov. 29 will be held because of Thanksgiving holidays. Consignments for November 22 include 220 cows and 100 yearlings, 300 to 600 pounds.

Cows: fat, .25-.35; cutters, .28-.34; canners, .25-.35.

Steers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .85-1.02; 300-400 lbs., .85-1.00; 400-500 lbs., .80-.90; 500-600 lbs., .75-.82; 600-700 lbs., .80-.75; 700-800 lbs., .68-.74; 800-up lbs., .68-.72.

Heifers: medium and large frame No. 1 200-300 lbs., .75-.85; 300-400 lbs., .75-.80; 400-500 lbs., .68-.75; 500-600 lbs., .68-.75; 600-up lbs., .68-.75.

Bred Cows: young to middle aged, 400-550; aged or small, 350-450.

Cows with calves: medium frame No. 1 young and middle aged, 550-650; small or aged, 500-550.

## Borchardt named risk management specialist

by Greg Kaase  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Rob Borchardt has been named Extension Risk Management Specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, District 3 Rolling Plains effective

### Rochester swine jackpot show set Nov. 22

The Rochester FFA Chapter will host a Jackpot Swine Show Sat., Nov. 22, at the Rochester FFA Show Barn. Weigh-in will be Fri., Nov. 21, starting at 5:00 p.m., and Sat., Nov. 22 from 6:30-8:00 a.m. A showmanship round will be held before the show on Saturday, 10:00-10:30 a.m. The prospect show will begin as soon as all classes are broken down.

A concession stand will be available by the FFA chapter. For more information, call Alan Reed, 940-743-3247 (school) from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or 940-743-3301 (home) after 4 p.m.

Nov. 3, according to Galen Chandler and Elaine Houston, District Extension Directors.

Borchardt, from Vernon, attended the University of Texas in Austin, but received his bachelor of science degree in agricultural business from Abilene Christian University in 1986. He completed the ranch management program at Texas Christian University in 1987. He received his master of business administration from Tarleton State University in 1994 with emphasis in computer information systems.

He was a graduate assistant at Tarleton State University where he served as Quattro Pro classroom instructor. Borchardt has taught many computer classes at Vernon

Regional Junior College. Since 1994, Rob has been the Research Service Manager with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Vernon on the Waggoner Experimental Ranch. He has had both operational duties and management responsibilities on the 35,000 acre ranch. He has also provided support for the resident computer technician for Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and computer specialist for Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Borchardt's responsibilities as Risk Management Specialist will include supporting Risk Management curriculum development, deliveries of resource materials, conduct master

marketing workshops, work with county Extension agents to organize marketing clubs, meet with farmers, ranchers and agribusiness groups on issues related to risk. The specialist will help producers obtain information necessary for input into computerized decision support system and in understanding the results.

Borchardt is looking forward to his new responsibilities as Extension Risk Management Specialist. His family includes his wife, Linda, and three children—Kasey, age 7, Cody, age 4 and Sarah, age 3. They are active members of the Calvary Baptist Church in Vernon.

## Theft still a problem for livestock producers and ranch owners

by Greg Kaase  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Though the days of the Wild West are long gone, livestock producers and ranch owners still can fall victim to theft and are urged to protect their property.

More than \$2.4 million worth of stolen livestock and equipment was recovered in 1996 by the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), a 120-year-old producer group based in Fort Worth.

Virtually all of the stolen

equipment was returned to the owner and restitution paid to cattle producers, said Larry Gray, director of law enforcement of TSCRA. Of the 1,572 investigations done by TSCRA's 33 field inspectors, 52 were brought to trial.

"These investigations include stray livestock and boundary disputes also," said Gray, "they are not necessarily criminal. Out of the 1,752 investigations, maybe 500 were criminal, and it can take 18 to 24 months for them to come to trial." Fortunately for cattle rustlers and ranch thieves, they do not "hang 'em high" like they did in the old days. Many of the offenders receive probation of deferred adjudication for their crime, said Gray. Other sentences include prison terms, suspension, jail and community service.

"We identify most of the stolen livestock at the sale barn," Gray said. "It makes it easier on us to catch if they are properly identified." The best way for producers to prevent theft is to brand their cattle, Gray said. This discourages cattle rustlers and give the TSCRA something to look for if cattle are stolen. The association employs 80 brand inspectors who identify five to six million head of cattle at the time of sale each year. Gray said there is a brand inspector at almost every sale in Texas.

Gray urges producers and ranch owners to take other preventative measures to make their livestock and equipment less accessible. He said not to build cattle pens close to the road and not to feed cattle at the same time every day. "Some people even feed cattle in the pens," Gray said. "This makes it real easy for someone to back up a trailer and load them in."

All ranch owners should know the serial numbers on their equipment, and have them documented in detail, Gray said. He encouraged people who own things like plows and stock trailers to weld their driver's license number on them. Saddles are most commonly stolen and often bear social security numbers. "Some people put their social security number on the equipment, the social security office usually won't give us that number. If we have a driver's license number, we can run that on the spot to find out who that item belongs to," Gray said.

Gray also said the faster they retrieve information about the owner of the equipment, the sooner it will be returned. Victims of stolen livestock or equipment can call their local sheriff's office or police department and they will notify TSCRA. Brand information can be obtained from a local TSCRA field inspector or the Fort Worth office.

## Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL)—A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis," and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis, relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur Itis, is available immediately without a prescription in an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream or new easy applicator liquid form. Arthur Itis, is guaranteed to work or your money back.

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## Swine, rabbit dates set for 4-H exhibitors

by Greg Kaase  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
All Haskell County 4-H'ers and FFA members exhibiting swine at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show or at the major Livestock Shows (example: Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, San Angelo, etc.) will need to validate their swine projects on Nov. 24 or 25.

Swine will be validated at four different locations throughout the county: Nov. 24, 1:00 p.m.—2:30 p.m., at the Paint Creek High School Ag Farm; 2:30 p.m.—5:00 p.m. at the Haskell High School Ag Farm; Nov. 25, 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m., at the Rule High School Ag Farm; and 3:00 p.m.—5:00 at the Rochester Show Barn.

Exhibitors need to bring their swine projects to one of these four locations to be validated. Swine will be ear tattooed, ear tagged and ear notches will be recorded.

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4-H'ers planning to market rabbits at the 1998 Haskell County Junior Livestock Show must own their rabbits by Dec. 1. 4-H'ers can purchase their rabbits from any source or can raise them themselves. These rabbits will be validated on or before Dec. 15 at a time to be announced by the County Ag teachers and Greg Kaase, County Extension Agent, Ag.

Exhibitors may exhibit a maximum of two pens of market rabbits and the maximum weight is 18 pounds per pen.

Those planning to exhibit rabbits at the Haskell County Junior Livestock Show should call the Haskell County Extension Office at 940-864-2658 by Dec. 1 so a master list can be made of all rabbit exhibitors. Once everyone's name is on file exhibitors will be notified of the validation dates and times.

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# Todd Jennings featured in fall issue of Texas Highway Patrol Magazine

by Mary Kaigler

In the Fall issue of *Texas Highway Patrol Magazine*, Austin writer Jonathan Weed describes Haskell native, State Trooper Todd Jennings as looking like "somebody you knew in college or possibly in Little League baseball. With his low-key, laid back demeanor, his welcome smile and soft West Texas accent, you certainly wouldn't have any trouble

getting along with him."

However, Weed warns that when Jennings pulls up behind you in his 'slick-top' patrol car when you've been going 100 miles per hour through Kimble County, or otherwise endangering the lives of others in the patrol area where the eight-year highway patrol veteran works, his appearance may throw you.

Son of Ted and Mary Jennings

of Haskell, Jennings and his wife Holly, daughter of former Haskell residents, Mac and Bettye McBroom, now of Taft, live five miles outside Junction. She commutes from there to Kerrville each day to her job as a pharmacist. They have a two year old daughter Kenzie and a five months old son, Jace.

Two years after graduation from the academy, Jennings was offered his current position in Kimble County, which he considers to be the best highway patrol station in Texas. In a county with few law enforcement officers, he seems to revel in the challenge it presents. "A lot of times, when I go to work at night, I'm the sheriff's deputy, the city police officer, the dog catcher, the game warden, the highway patrol," he says. "Whatever comes along I'm the only person that's out, period."

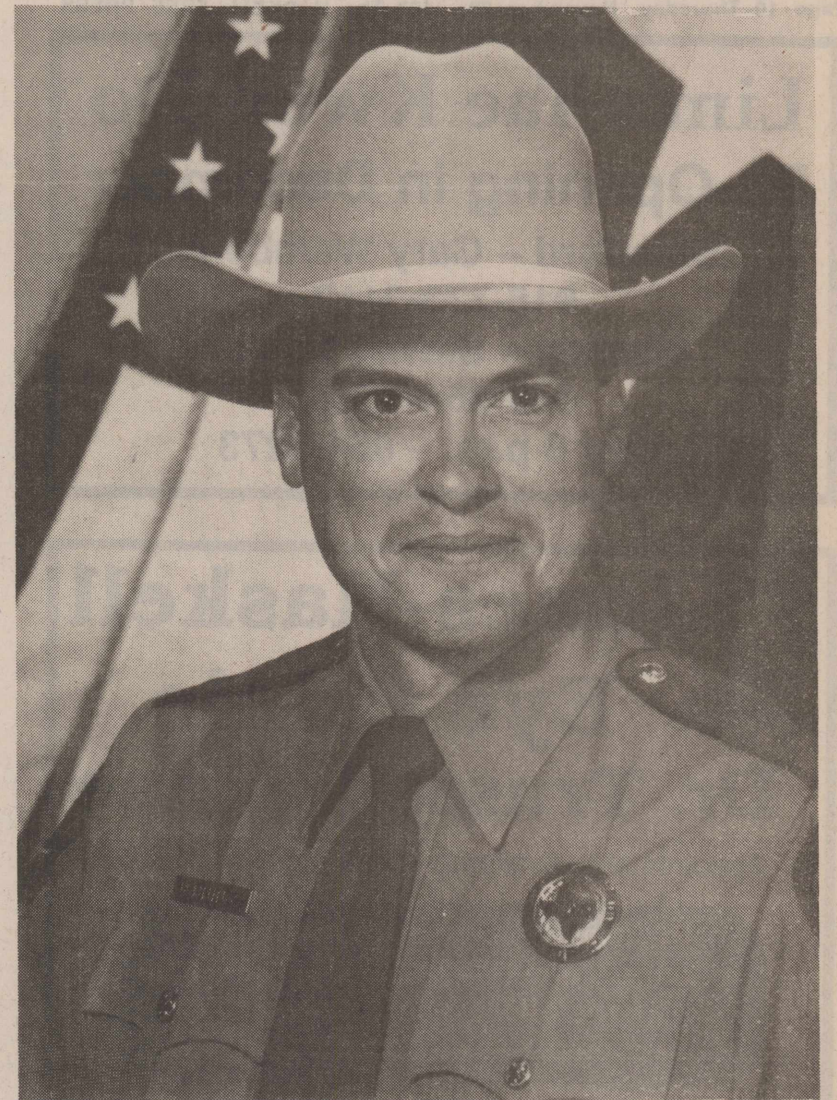
Commended by superiors for developing his natural instinct so well that he has become a talented drug interdictor and criminal interdictor, Jennings says, "That's my speciality, I like to do it."

When not on duty, Jennings enjoys auto races, fishing, playing softball and watching TV. He spends about six weeks of vacation time each fall guiding deer, mule deer and elk hunts. Last year he and his sergeant joined forces with the sheriff's office to create the Kimble County Drug Free Summer Youth Program in an effort to provide children opportunities for good, safe fun. Through his tireless dedication to others, he is considered a role model, both on and off the job.

Saying that you can get a lot further on this job with a smile on your face than with a scowl, he adds, "It's a lot easier to talk your way out of a problem than it is to fight your way out, and it doesn't hurt near as much."

"I've found that if you'll treat a guy with respect and talk to him like you'd want to be talked to if you were in his situation, you won't have a whole lot of problems."

Haskell should have no problems being proud of the thoughtful, honorable way this native son conducts himself.



TODD JENNINGS

## Students visit Rotary Club

Will Trammell, son of Bill and JoNell Trammell, is active in sports. Awards received in football are 2nd team All-District DB; 1st DB, Punter and All Area Punter. In baseball he was named to 1st team, All-District 3rd Base. In track he was District Champ, Regional Champ and State Qualifier. In golf he was 2yr Regional Qualifier.

A member of First Baptist Church, his hobbies are hunting, fishing, and watching TV. After high school he plans to go to college.

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Jim Crawford is the son of James and Kim Crawford. He likes to hunt, fish, work and watch TV.

His school activities include football, baseball and agriculture. He has been a member of the National Honor Society and the Honor Roll. He was named to 2nd team All District Football-DE and 1st team All-District Baseball-Catcher.

After high school he plans to attend Tarleton State University. He is a member of the First Christian Church.

Jason Briles is the son of Edward and Teresa Briles. His school activities include Student Council President, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, basketball and football.

Special recognitions he has received are: 2nd team All-District Basketball '96-'97; "Most Conscientious Athlete" Booster Club award, '96-'97; KRBC "Students in Excellence" Program; and KTXS Academic Challenge team.

He is a member of the First Baptist Church and is active in the FBC Youth Program.

After high school Jason plans to attend Texas Tech University, majoring in Physical Therapy, then specializing in Sports Therapy.

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Josh New, son of Mike and Teresa New is active in football, band, 4-H and Journalism. His hobbies include golf, hunting, farming and swimming.

He is a member of East Side Baptist Church.

After finishing Tarleton State University, Josh plans to become a big city firefighter.

## Homespun FCE Club plans holiday activities

Homespun FCE met in the Extension office kitchen Nov. 13 for a sack lunch. Lennie Blankenship, hostess, served cinnamon rolls.

President Joetta Burnett opened

## Kimi Perry named to all-state volleyball team

Kimi Perry was selected to the Texas TAPPS 2-A volleyball all-state team. Perry, playing for the Waxahachie Cornerstone Christian Lady Eagles, earned the honors after her team went 29-3 and was a state finalist. She led the team in setting, assists and served at 99% for the season.

Kimi is the daughter of Jim and Mary Ann Perry of Waxahachie and the granddaughter of Bill and June Perry of Haskell.

the meeting with roll call "Why I vote".

The Christmas party and activities were planned for Dec. 8. A cash donation is to be made to the Child Welfare Board. Gifts for the Noah Project are to be brought to the party.

Homespun was hostess for the Nov. 19 Council meeting.

Lena Tidwell gave the program "I have the Right to Decide" giving information about the documents, Directive to Physician and Durable Power of Attorney.

Members attending were Joetta Burnett, Cole Whitfield, Dorothy Trussell, Mildred Robertson, Lennie Blankenship, Jane Smith, Dolores Medford, Ophelia Newsom and Lena Tidwell.

## Hospital

### Admissions

Maude Kuykendall, Haskell  
Juanita Rhea, Haskell  
Edwin Fly, Rochester

### Dismissals

Lucy Fulbright, Susie Strickland, Ruby McCafferty, Bessie Jackson, Barbara Ratliff, Eddie Thane, Sherry Sanders, Helen Moeller, Garland Edwards

## Marriage Licenses

Marriage licenses issued during the month of October, 1997 by Rhonda Moeller, Haskell Co. Clerk, include:

Steve Thomas Hawkins and Tammi Renea Pannell, both of Haskell.

Randall R. Webb and Sabrina Ann Webb, both of Haskell.

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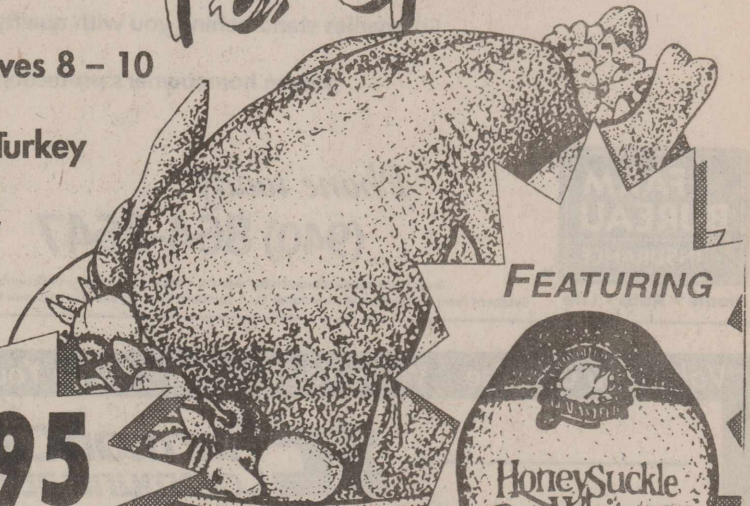
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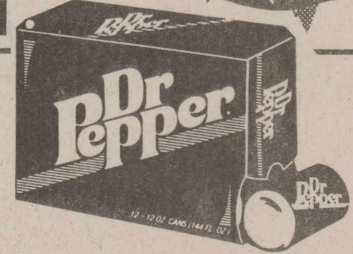
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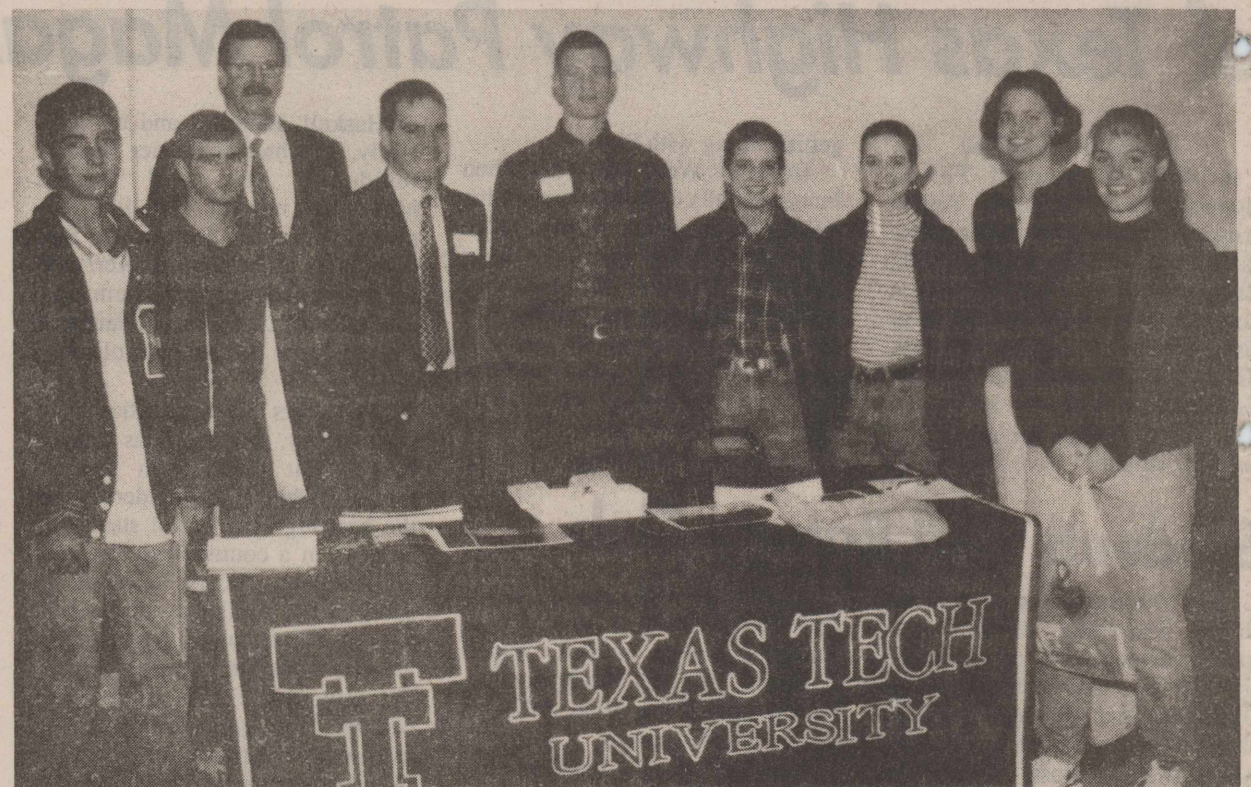
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## Area students attend local college fair Nov. 17

The 10th annual College Fair sponsored by Haskell National Bank and hosted by Haskell High School was held at the Haskell Civic Center Nov. 17. Representatives from thirty-six colleges, universities, technical schools, and the United States Armed Services provided information, literature and applications to students from twelve area high schools. Students had the opportunity to visit with recruiters and ask questions needed for planning their future.

College present were Western Texas College, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Austin, McMurry University, Clarendon College, Wayland Baptist, Sul Ross State University, Our Lady of the Lake University, Navarro College, Texas Christian University, Angelo State University, Southwest Texas University, Tarleton State University, Howard Payne University, Cisco Junior College, Lubbock Christian University, South Plains College, West Texas A&M, Vernon Regional Junior College, Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, Midwestern State University, Texas A&M Commerce, Howard College, Ranger College, Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, U.S. Marine Corp, U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy, Culinary Institute of America, Stenograph Institute, Texas State Technical College, and Art Institute of Dallas.

High schools represented were Haskell, Stamford, Hamlin, Aspermont, Anson, Rule, Rochester, Lueders-Avoca, Knox City, Munday, Goree and Benjamin.



MEETING AT THE FAIR—Haskell students were among those from eleven other area high schools who met at the College Fair Nov. 17, with representatives from 36 colleges, universities, technical schools and U. S. Armed Services. From the left are Lee Christian, Erik Everett, Andrew Gannaway of Haskell National Bank, Jarret Mallon of Texas Tech University, Paul McGuire, Angela Aycock, Amy Aycock, Ingrid Oman and Crystal Ivy.

## Lone Star Gas offers safety tips

Lone Star Gas urged consumers to get a head start on winter by having their heating equipment inspected soon.

That is the first in a list of safety tips the company offered in connection with the approaching change of seasons.

Even when it is 90 degrees outside and difficult to imagine winter weather, Texans need to be aware of natural gas safety practices, Lone Star said. A good first step is to contact a certified heating and air conditioning contractor for an inspection of heating equipment.

One focus of that inspection should be any corrugated metal tube connecting a gas supply line to the heating unit and all other appliances. Over time, pieces of these older brass connectors can separate, causing gas leaks. Although this type of connector is not believed to have been made for about 20 years, many may still be in use.

If any of these connectors are being used in your home or business, they should be replaced by either a qualified plumber or a certified heating air conditioning contractor.

Lone Star offers the following additional safety tips for the cold months ahead:

•If the pilot light of an appliance goes out, turn off the gas at the appliance for several minutes before you attempt to re-light it. You should find instructions attached to the appliance.

•When re-lighting a pilot light, first strike the match and hold it to the opening. Then slowly turn on the gas.

•Pilot lights and main burners on gas appliances should always produce a blue flame. If the flame is yellow or red, call a certified heating and air conditioning contractor immediately.

•Use a gas appliance only for its intended purpose. An oven, for example, should not be used to heat a room.

If you use a space heater in your home, the following guidelines should be observed:

•Before using a space heater, remove any cobwebs, dust or dirt.

•If the space heater is vented, be sure the vent is operating properly.

•If the space heater doesn't have a vent or an oxygen cut-off switch, provide proper outside ventilation such as a slightly open window.

•Check the air/gas mixture of the space heater's flame to assure it is blue, not red or yellow.

•Make sure the grille is intact and in place.

•Keep space heaters away from furniture, draperies and other combustible materials.

Here are some other tips for year-round safety:

•Never store or use gasoline or flammable liquids (such as paint, paint thinner, cleaning fluids, etc.) in the same room with any gas appliance.

•Never store rags, paper or other combustibles near floor or wall furnace grilles.

•Never store combustibles near

an appliance with a pilot light or open flame.

•Have qualified service people install and maintain all gas appliances.

•Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for the installation and operation of each appliance. If your gas water heater is in the garage, be sure it is installed at least 18 inches off the floor.

•Before digging in your yard between the gas meter and the property line, call 1-800-344-8377 to have the gas line located and marked.

•Have your plumber make periodic inspections of gas lines in your home and on your property.

If you ever smell the odor of gas in your home, follow these three steps:

1. Do not switch anything electrical on or off, strike a match, or do anything that might cause a spark. And don't use your telephone because telephones use small amounts of electricity.

2. Have everyone evacuate immediately. Leave the doors open for ventilation.

3. Go to a telephone away from your house and call Lone Star Gas. Wait until the cause of the odor is found before returning to your home.

To report a gas leak in your home or community, call Lone Star Gas immediately at 1-800-817-8090.

Everyone can have a safe, warm winter by keeping these safety rules in mind, Lone Star added.

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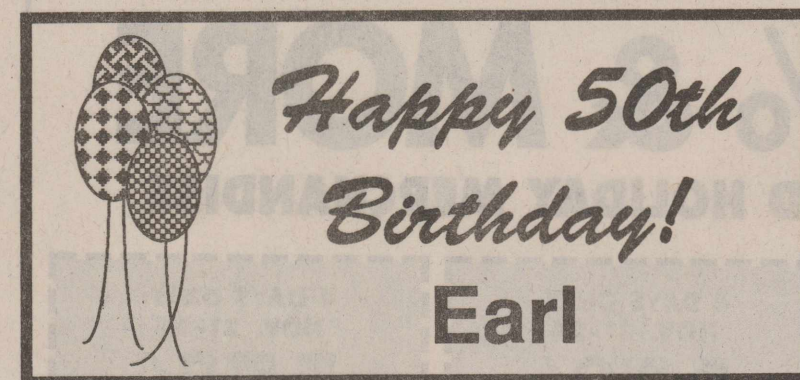
Students and teachers at Haskell Elementary enjoyed hearing Texas author/illustrator James Rice speak

on Fri., Nov. 7th. Rice, the author of Texas Night Before Christmas and Cajun Night Before Christmas,

as well as many other books about Texas or Southern Louisiana, gave presentations to all elementary students in four sessions on Friday.

The audience was able to hear about the stories and artwork in Rice's books, and watched with interest as he sketched pictures which Haskell Elementary will get to keep.

An autographing sessions followed in the Elementary library for those who had purchased books. "Christmas in November with James Rice" will be remembered for some time to come, not only through sketches he left, but through his books that we continue to enjoy over and over.



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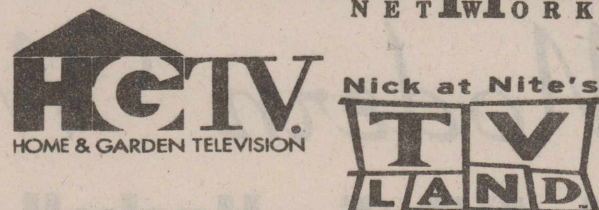
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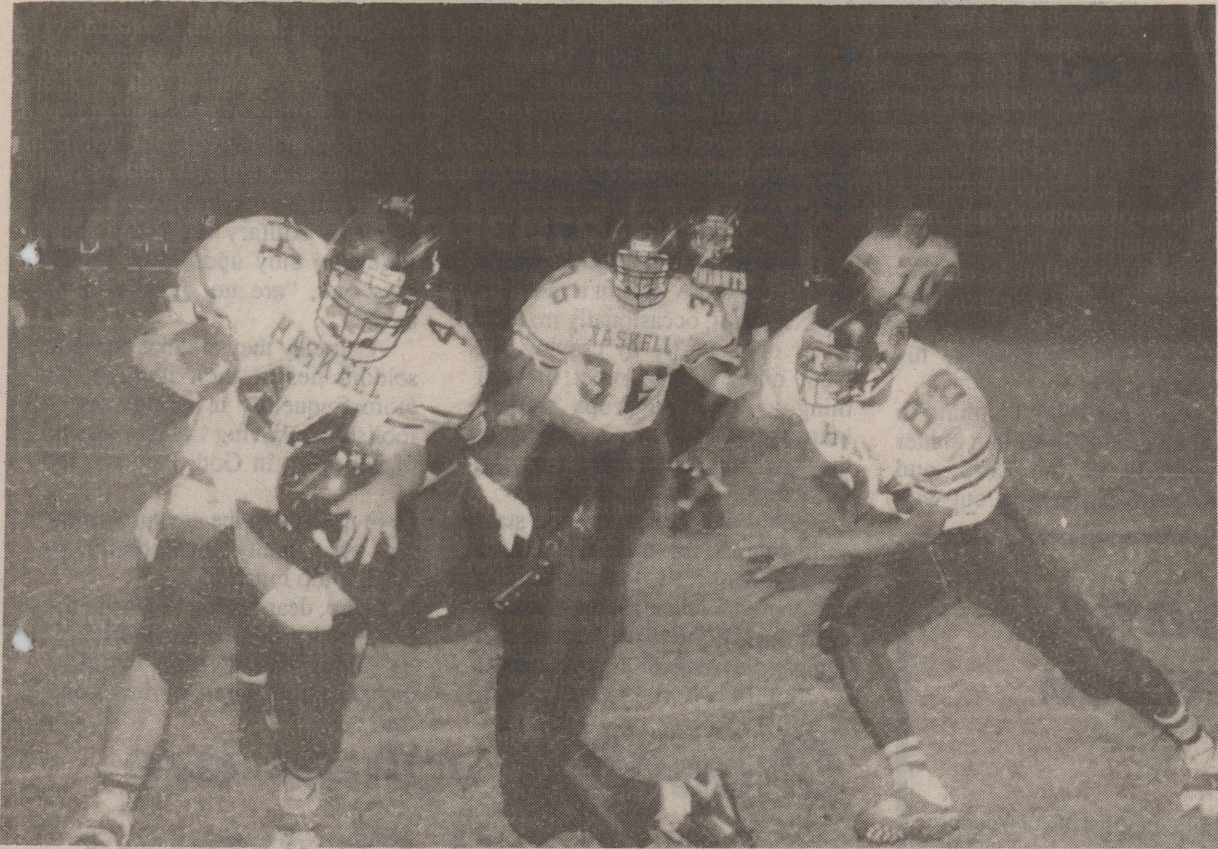
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# Sagerton News

By Dorothy M. Clark



**MAKING YARDAGE**—Haskell Indian Jason Hobgood, #44, carried for four yards and a first down in the bi-district game with the Lindsay Knights in Mineral Wells, Thurs. night, as #36, IV Burson and #88, Kevin Billington ran interference.

Photo by Bill Blankenship

## Running red lights, stop signs is dangerous driving behavior

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

You have seen people run red lights, maybe you have even done it yourself. According to a recent Gallop survey, 20 percent of respondents classified running red lights and stop signs as the second most dangerous driving behavior—second only to driving while intoxicated. Focus group research has found that not only is the public losing sight of the purpose of the traffic signal, but more important, compliance with traffic controls in general is deteriorating.

Statistics provided by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety indicated that disregarding red lights and other traffic control devices is the leading cause of urban crashes, representing 22 percent of the total number of crashes. Nationally, the economic

impact is estimated at \$7 billion each year in medical costs, time off work, insurance rate increases, and property damage. Statewide in 1996, there were 9,725 crashes as a result of drivers that disregard stop sign or light. Of those violations, there were 85 fatalities and 7,014 injuries.

According to Lt. Brian Kyle of Bryan Police Department, a green traffic signal does not necessarily insure that a motorist has immediate right-of-way. A vehicle operator must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other traffic that is lawfully using an intersection. So ask yourself, okay, I know that but what about that yellow light? The yellow traffic signal is a caution to drivers that the light will change to red. Drivers should slow down and prepare to stop for the red signal. A

yellow traffic signal is not a signal to speed up to try to beat the light before it goes to red, reminded Kyle.

Lucila Torres, the safety education officer with the Texas Department of Public Safety in El Paso, said that, people know what a red light means, they just do not want to sit and wait for the light signal to change.

Often, driver error is the cause of crashes. Everyone behind the wheel of a vehicle plays a vital role in making their community as safe as possible. Kyle said using seat belts and child safety restraints, obeying the posted speed limits and using care and caution at intersections can help to reduce the traffic crashes which result in deaths, injuries and property damage from occurring on our streets and roadways.

Remember, the lights and stop signs are not designed to impede your progress but to enhance the orderly flow of traffic and safety to all on the roadway.

If your mail arrives early, please remember that the Thanksgiving dinner for the Friendship Club is today at Faith Lutheran Church fellowship hall. Turkey and dressing will be furnished. The ladies are asked to bring the "trimmings."

Another reminder is given of the Thanksgiving community worship service to be held at Faith Lutheran next Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m.

The regular monthly community supper was held last Tuesday at the center with G.W. and Ophelia LeFevre, Delbert and Joyce LeFevre and Alvin and Ev Ulmer hosting the chilli and stew supper. Enjoying the meal and fellowship in spite of the cold were Alvin and Alice Bredthauer Corene Lowack, Joe and Dorothy Clark, Cade Brown, J.B. and Dorothy Toney, James Gellner, Frances Clark, Lana Culpepper, Richie and Laci. There will be no supper in December and the annual meeting and supper will be held on the first Tuesday in January, 1998.

Darin and Kimberly Dorothey of Fredricksburg were visitors last weekend in the home of her parents, Charles and Hel and her grandmother, Corene Lowack.

The Hobby Club hosted a successful Bazaar at the community center on Saturday with vendors from surrounding towns displaying arts, crafts, baked goods, clothing, and home canning. Delicious homemade pies, stew and hamburgers were enjoyed at noon and the following people won door prizes from drawings throughout the day: Delbert LeFevre, Corene Lowack, Nell Dugan, Sue Cervik, Betty Letz, Johnny Guinn, Kinsey Brown, Margaret Kitley, Paul Brown, Vickie Wilhite, Vera Mae Denson, Emmalee Bivins, Shirley Stanaland, Dorothy Clark and Kathy LeFevre. At 3:00 the drawing was held for a turkey, with Kathy LeFevre being the lucky lady to win. Norva Smith of Rule was the winner in the drawing for the beautiful handmade quilt made by ladies of the club. The ladies of the Hobby Club thank everyone for their support at this annual event and look forward to hosting it again next year. Proceeds from the bazaar are used for scholarships for

Sagerton graduating seniors and for local projects.

Funeral services were held Monday at Faith Lutheran Church for Hilda Neumann, who passed away at the Hamlin Hospital on Saturday. She was the aunt of local residents, Dorothy Clark, Mae Stegemoeller, Melvin Baitz, and Billie Jo Freeman.

Mary Neinast's children, Kenneth and Betsy Neinast of Emery and their daughter, Laura Kate of Texas A&M visited recently in her home.

Danny and Helen Lammert were joined by Herbert Lammert of Old

Glory and Gloria Turner of Lubbock when they traveled to Giddings for the funeral service for Rev. Fred Mgebroff, longtime minister at Clifton. Pastor Mgebroff was the brother-in-law to Herbert.

"Get well" wishes are extended to Paige Lammert who is recovering from a broken nose received in her first basketball game of the season.

Mae Stegemoeller spent a day last week in Hobbs, N.M. visiting with her son, Carl and his family, Beth, Minda, Jonathan and little Maegan.

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Southwestern Bell is required to obtain ETC status in order to receive Federal Universal Service Funds ("FUSFs") beginning January 1, 1998. 47 U.S.C. §214(e) requires the PUC, either upon its own motion or upon request, to designate common carriers as ETCs for service areas. Southwestern Bell seeks ETC status for its entire service area. Southwestern Bell has requested a minimum waiver for one year of the requirement to deploy toll control.

Persons who wish to comment or intervene in this application should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas by November 20, 1997. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or you may call the Public Utility Commission's Office of Customer Protection at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136, or use Relay Texas (800) 735-2989 to reach the commission's toll free number (888) 782-8477.

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## Students need to learn basic money management skills

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent

Although students are back in school, there is one critical life skill they likely will not be taught in any classroom. That's because personal financial management is a life skill not typically found in school curriculum.

The Jump Start Coalition for Personal Finance Literacy has announced results of a nationwide study they sponsored recently. Dr. Lewis Mandell, dean of business at Marquette University, surveyed 12th-graders' knowledge about income, money management, saving and investing, and spending. Only 57 percent of the questions were answered correctly by the students. More than half of their success in answering question correctly was credited to questions that tested terminology rather than reasoning ability.

While almost 89 percent of the students in the study knew that salaries, wages and tips were the main sources of income for most people ages 20 to 35, less than half thought that if a person's income doubled from \$12,000 to \$24,000 a year, their income taxes would at least double.

Almost two out of three teens in the study said they would have no liability if their credit card was stolen and a thief ran up \$1,000 in charges.

Less than 15 percent said stocks are likely to have the highest growth over 18 years for an amount of money put away for a child's education, while over half selected U. S. Government savings bonds and one-fourth said a savings account.

Over half said a bank certificate of deposit is not protected by the Federal Government against loss. Nearly one in five thought U. S.

Savings or Treasury Bonds are not protected.

Nearly a third said retirement income received from a company is called Social Security.

Over half think they will be covered by their parents' health insurance until they marry or leave home—regardless of their age.

Nearly half think they can check their credit record anytime for free. Close to one in five said they cannot see their credit record or think only the FBI and lenders have access to their credit record.

Half of the teens think interest earnings from their savings account may not be taxed. More than one-fourth of the teens use a credit card, either their parents' or their own.

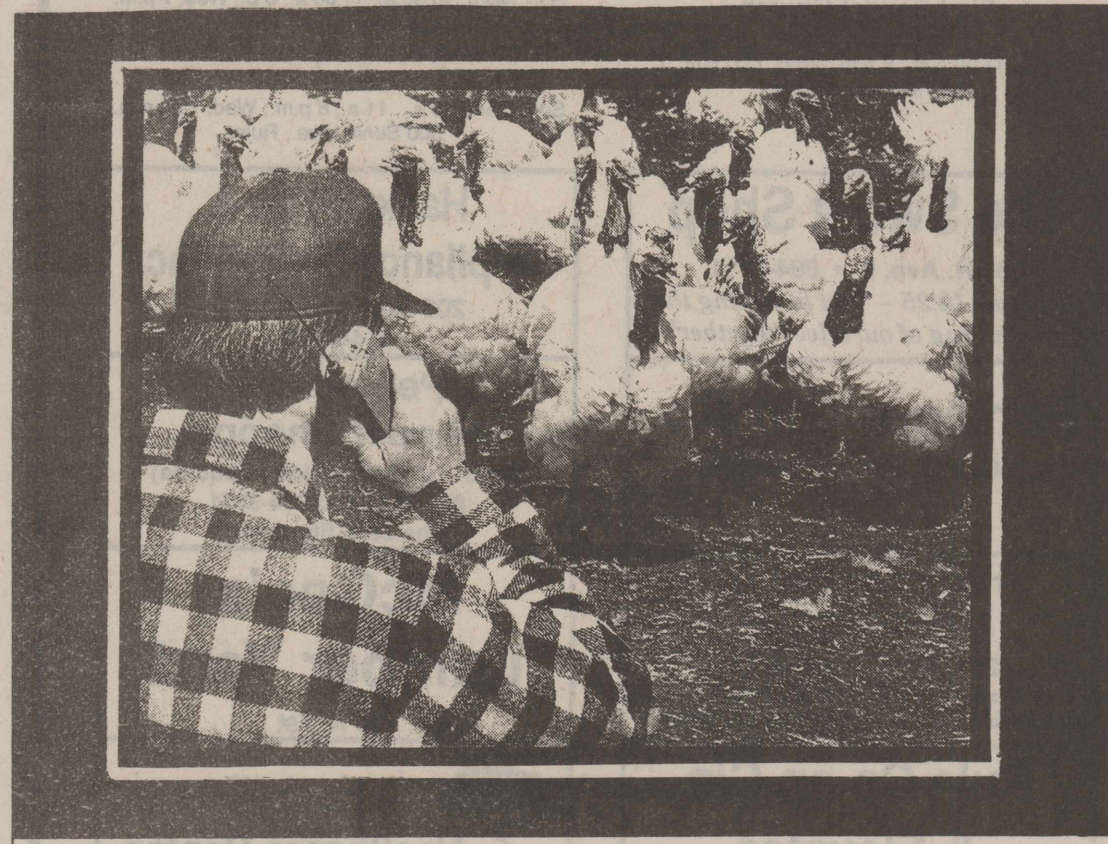
The good news is that three out of four of the teens have a savings and/or checking account.

High school officials can contact county Extension agents for family and consumer sciences to get information on teaching High School Financial Planning, a curriculum for high school juniors and senior to learn basic financial management skills they will use the rest of their lives.



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Sam's Field report #2, 240 miles from Abilene

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# Food for thought

by Charles H. Spurgeon  
 "For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him."  
 —Ezra 8:22

A convoy on many accounts would have been desirable for the

pilgrim band, but a holy shamefacedness would not allow Ezra to seek one. He feared lest the heathen king should think his professions of faith in God to be mere hypocrisy, or imagine that the God of Israel

was not able to preserve his own worshippers. He could not bring his mind to lean on an arm of flesh in a matter so evidently of the Lord, and therefore the caravan set out with

not visible protection, guarded by him who is the sword and shield of his people.

It is to be feared that few believers feel this holy jealousy for God; even those who in a measure walk by faith, occasionally mar the luster of their life by craving aid from man. It is a most blessed thing to have no props and no buttresses, but to stand upright on the Rock of Ages, upheld by the Lord alone.

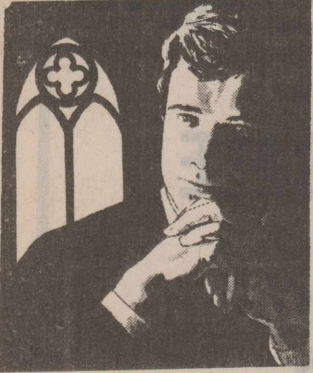
Would any believers seek state endowments for their Church, if they remembered that the Lord is dishonored by their asking Caesar's aid? As if the Lord could not supply the needs of his own cause! Should we run so hastily to

friends and relations for assistance, if we remembered that the Lord is magnified by our implicit reliance upon his solitary arm? My soul, wait thou only upon God. "But," says one, "are not means to be used?"

Assuredly they are; but our fault seldom lies in their neglect: far more frequently it springs out of foolishly believing in them instead of believing in God. Few run too far in neglecting the creature's arm; but very many sin greatly in making too much of it.

Learn, dear reader, to glorify the Lord by leaving means untried, if by using them thou wouldst dishonor the name of the Lord.

## This Week's Devotional Message: FAITH BIDS US HONOR THE DEFENDERS OF OUR FREEDOM



More than one nation has undergone the painful necessity of committing its brave men to battle for the purpose of maintaining its freedom whenever it was threatened by enemy forces from without. Whether we honor them in October or November, or call the occasion Armistice Day, Veterans Day or Remembrance Day, the purpose of it remains the same: to give our humble thanks to those who survived the terrible

wars and those who did not. And since the list of our freedoms includes the right to worship God in any way we see fit, let us show our gratitude by attending the Church of our choice regularly, and thereby availing ourselves of one of the most vital freedoms for which our courageous heroes risked everything they had.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

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| <p><b>HASKELL</b><br/> <b>East Side Baptist Church</b><br/>                 David Page, pastor<br/>                 Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 600 N. 1st East, Haskell</p> <p><b>Christian Church</b><br/>                 Dusty Garrison, minister<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p><b>Church of God</b><br/>                 Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021<br/>                 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.<br/>                 East Hwy 380, Haskell</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b><br/>                 Gary Bruns, pastor<br/>                 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30<br/>                 Hwy 380 East, Haskell</p> <p><b>Iglesia Bautista El Calvario</b><br/>                 Vergil Smith, interim pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 607 S. 7th, Haskell</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>                 Shane Brue, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.<br/>                 201 N. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p><b>First Assembly of God</b><br/>                 Rev. J.C. Amburn<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p><b>St. George Catholic Church</b><br/>                 Father Michael Melcher<br/>                 Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.<br/>                 901 N. 16th, Haskell</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>                 Dale Huff, minister<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.<br/>                 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p><b>First Presbyterian Church</b><br/>                 Jasper McClellan, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.<br/>                 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p><b>Trinity Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Rev. Kenneth Blair<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.<br/>                 401 S. Ave. D, Haskell</p> <p><b>Hopewell Baptist Church</b><br/>                 John Lewis, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell</p> | <p><b>Greater Independent Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.<br/>                 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell</p> <p><b>New Covenant Foursquare</b><br/>                 Freddy Perez, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell</p> <p><b>Mission Revival Center</b><br/>                 Rev. William Hodge<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.<br/>                 1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Jim Turner, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell</p> <p><b>Church in the Park</b><br/>                 Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 Gazebo or Pavillion</p> <p><b>PAINT CREEK</b><br/> <b>Paint Creek Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.<br/>                 Paint Creek</p> <p><b>WEINERT</b><br/> <b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Joel Rister, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 Weinert</p> <p><b>Weinert Methodist Church</b><br/>                 Rev. James Patterson<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.<br/>                 Weinert</p> <p><b>Weinert Foursquare Church</b><br/>                 Rev. Joyce Goossen and Rev. Diane Crowover<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 Weinert</p> <p><b>ROCHESTER</b><br/> <b>Church of Christ</b><br/>                 Steve Willis, minister<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.<br/>                 West on Main Street, Rochester</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Ed Buerkle, pastor<br/>                 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.<br/>                 500 Main, Rochester</p> | <p><b>Union Chapel Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Rev. Andrew Rochester<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Faith Chapel of Rochester</b><br/>                 Katherine Byrd, minister<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.<br/>                 Hwy 6, Rochester</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>                 Dolan Brinson, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.<br/>                 Rochester</p> <p><b>SAGERTON</b><br/> <b>Sagerton Methodist Church</b><br/>                 Daniel Ramey, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.<br/>                 Sagerton</p> <p><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b><br/>                 Jeff Zell, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 Sagerton</p> <p><b>RULE</b><br/> <b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Scott Hensley, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 1001 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p><b>Primitive Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Dale Turner Jr., pastor<br/>                 First &amp; 8th Sundays 10 a.m.<br/>                 Corner of 8th &amp; Robins, Rule</p> <p><b>Church of Christ</b><br/>                 John Greeson, minister<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 811 Union, Rule</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b><br/>                 Daniel Ramey, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.<br/>                 1000 Union Ave., Rule</p> <p><b>New Life Baptist Mission</b><br/>                 Jesus Herrera<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.<br/>                 Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule</p> <p><b>Sweet Home Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Matt Herrington, pastor<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.<br/>                 Gladstone Ave., Rule</p> <p><b>West Bethal Baptist Church</b><br/>                 Rev. Robert Sweet<br/>                 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.<br/>                 300 Sunny Ave., Rule</p> |
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## Shopping values are non-stop til Christmas

by Lou Gilly  
**Haskell Co. Extension Agent**  
 Thanksgiving falls on Nov. 27 this year. Because it's so late in the month, Extension marketing economist Dr. Dick Edwards says consumers are in for non-stop shopping values from now until Christmas. Lots of specials on turkeys will be available whether you save up coupon points or you spend a designated amount on groceries to get a discount. He says look for the best prices the week of Thanksgiving. You might get a frozen bird for as little as 29 to 39 cents a pound. Fresh turkeys will run at least 49 cents a pound.

Edwards says while 90 percent of our tables are graced with turkey at Thanksgiving, the meat choices

become more varied when we head into Christmas. Turkey is still the favorite, but many people also serve ham, and beef or pork roast. And again, the side dishes such as sweet potatoes will be featured.

Edwards says sales on dessert ingredients and food will also increase after Thanksgiving as will party foods such as chips, nuts and drinks. He says many people forego the home preparation and opt for prepackaged party trays.

Aside from the culinary component of Christmas, there's poinsettias during mid-December but if you want the best, freshest Christmas trees, you need to shop early. Most tree farms and lots will open the weekend after Thanksgiving.

## Haskell School Menu

**Nov. 24-28**  
**Breakfast**  
 Juice or fruit and milk are served daily on the breakfast menu.  
**Monday:** Cereal, cinnamon toast  
**Tuesday:** Breakfast burrito  
**Wednesday:** No school  
**Thursday:** No school  
**Friday:** No school  
**Lunch**  
 A choice of baked potato with choice of topping or a salad bar are

offered daily at the High School  
 Milk and juice are served daily at the Elementary School  
**Monday:** Chicken nuggets/gravy, creamed potatoes, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, pineapple tidbits  
**Tuesday:** Submarine sandwich potato chips, pickle spears/carrot sticks, apple  
**Wednesday:** No school  
**Thursday:** No school  
**Friday:** No school

## Paint Creek School Menu

**November 24-28**  
**Breakfast**  
 Milk and juice are served daily.  
**Monday:** Toast/jelly  
**Tuesday:** Muffins  
**Wednesday:** No school  
**Thursday:** No school  
**Friday:** No school  
**Lunch**

Milk is served daily.  
**Monday:** Hot dogs/chili, tater tots, pork & beans, peach cobbler, pickle relish  
**Tuesday:** Pizza, corn, green beans, brownies  
**Wednesday:** No school  
**Thursday:** No school  
**Friday:** No school

## ECC Calendar and Menu

**Monday, November 24**  
 Lunch—Butter beans/ham, cabbage slaw, tator tots, mixed greens, fruit cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee.  
**Tuesday, November 25**  
 E.C.C. Thanksgiving dinner—Turkey/dressing, giblet gravy, green

beans, sweet potatoes, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, fruit salad  
**Wednesday, November 26**  
 E.C.C. closed  
**Thursday, November 27**  
 E.C.C. closed  
**Friday, November 28**  
 E.C.C. closed

## Head Start Menu

**Nov. 24-28**  
 Milk served daily with breakfast. Menus subject to change without notice.  
**Monday:** Corn Flakes, banana  
**Tuesday:** Cinnamon toast, orange slices  
**Wednesday:** Thanksgiving holiday  
**Thursday:** Thanksgiving holiday  
**Friday:** Thanksgiving holiday  
**Lunch**  
 Milk served daily with lunch.  
**Monday:** Ham/cheese sandwich, tossed salad, pear halves  
**Tuesday:** Turkey/dressing,

green beans, mashed potatoes, fruit salad  
**Wednesday:** Thanksgiving holiday  
**Thursday:** Thanksgiving holiday  
**Friday:** Thanksgiving holiday  
**Snack**  
**Monday:** Oatmeal cookies, orange juice  
**Tuesday:** Vanilla wafers, apple juice  
**Wednesday:** Thanksgiving holiday  
**Thursday:** Thanksgiving holiday  
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# Fashion tips are right in style

by Lou Gilly

Haskell Co. Extension Agent Put down that baggy fluorescent shirt or the fashion gods just may smite you down. Lisa Gendreau, manager of Post Oak Mall's American Eagle Outfitter, thinks men's clothing is going from loose to look out.

"Baggy clothes are going out. Men's clothes actually fit, and the look is very collegiate," she says.

Gendreau adds that the days of the micro mini are also ending. She says young women are also opting for a collegiate look when it comes to skirts and prints.

"Skirts are going longer, right above the knee. Some are right below the knee. A-line dresses are also back." A-line dresses, she explains, are fitted at the waist and then flare out.

Not only are plaids supposed to be a huge hit, animal prints continue to run wild on the fashion frontier, says Gadzooks manager, Jennifer Burkhardt.

But don't look to see them on most obvious spots, like shirts and pants. As every truly fashion conscious person knows, the secret to good dressing lies in accessories.

"Shoes have big heels, or clump heel. Doc Martin sandals are still big. Chokers are back, hemp is in and animal prints are in style in backpacks," Burkhardt says.

On the color front, Burkhardt forecasts lots of khaki and black for young men. She also says men's clothes are getting more fitted, but that typically applies to shirts. Young men are still buying wide-leg jeans, she says.

For young women, Burkhardt says, earthy tones like maroons, olives and browns are big.

Kim Saucher, manager at The Gap, says straightforward denim will remain her store's focus.

For young women, Saucher says, she's selling lots of jeans and small tops.

"Stretch is still a big focus," she says.

Guys are wearing long-sleeved, woven button downs, she says. They're also taking on a whole new shine when it comes to shirts.

"Men are wearing lots of muted colors and a lot of things that are metallic," she says.

Accessories are going to be hats

and large purses, Saucher adds.

Gendreau agrees that hats and baseball caps are big this year for both sexes. She adds that scarves are still a big hit for women, as are chunky rings and big earrings.

Gendreau adds that denim can be more than your favorite pair of old blue jeans. "Denim is gonna be even more fashionable this year. It's almost accessorized with rivets and carpenter-style denim will be big."

Shaun Constantine manages Vanity, a store that specializes in clothes for young women.

She says that navy blues and Indian summer tones are also good colors. Two staples that a girl's gotta have, she says, are wide-leg jeans and a simple black tank dress.

"Generation X and Calvin Klein (fit and flair and traditional easy fit) are the jeans that everyone will be wearing," she says.

Black dresses are a good buy because they're versatile, Constantine says.

She says alone, the black dress is sexy. With a sheer top over it, girls can dress it up for work or a party. And with a denim shirt and silver belt, it's still a little dressy but also casual.

"Anybody can wear a simple black dress. It shows your figure and can also be very slimming."

This year's party clothes are "halter tops, any kind of short dress that shows off your legs, and short black dresses with cut-outs or a racing stripe," she says.

For school, Constantine says, square-toed boots with chunk heels are the rage. She adds that many girls are going back to basic silver and gold jewelry.

"Honestly, young women are not going with cheap stuff. They're wearing basic, basic stuff in gold and silver. If they want funky, they're gonna wear beads.

If girls want to update some of their old pieces, Constantine says, stick with that long print skirt.

"Dress it up with a little satin shirt," she says.

Regardless of what you buy for back to school, Gendreau says, remember to buy based on reasonable price and good quality.



BACK AGAIN—Friends and customers of Gary Hawkins are glad to see him back at work at M System Super Market in Haskell.

## Pecan Show entries due Dec. 1

by Greg Kaase  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
The Haskell County Extension Program Council Executive Board is sponsoring the Haskell County Pecan show on Dec. 9 at the Haskell County Courthouse. The judging will take place in the courthouse on the 1st floor from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Pecan show judge will be Gary Bomar, Taylor County Extension Agent.

Pecan entries must be turned in by Mon., Dec. 1 to Greg Kaase, County Extension Agent-Ag, at the Haskell County Extension Office located at 101 South Ave. D. in Haskell. Listed below are the rules for the Haskell County Pecan show. If you have any questions, please contact Greg Kaase at 940-864-2658 or stop by 101 South Ave. D.

- Partial rules include:
1. Entries accepted from pecan growers in Haskell County only.
  2. All pecans entered in the pecan show must have been grown in 1997 by the exhibitors. Pecans entered in the show become the property of show officials to do with as they deem necessary.
  3. Each entry must consist of 50 pecans, brought in a plastic zip-lock bag a brown paper sack. Entries containing more than one variety will be disqualified. An

entry may be composed of nuts from more than one tree.

4. All entries of nuts must be entered and delivered to the Haskell County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on Mon., Dec. 1. Entries must be identified by growers' name, address, telephone number and pecan variety (if known).

5. Growers are limited to one entry of each variety per family.

6. There is no limit on the number of entries of seedling or native pecans. (50 nuts from each tree).

7. There is no entry fee.

## Consumer bankruptcies rise

For the first time in history, the number of Americans filing personal bankruptcy has passed the one million mark.

A total of 1,242,700 bankruptcies were filed in 1996, up 35 percent from 918,964 in 1995, according to CDB Infotek, a public records research firm that keeps tabs on all U.S. bankruptcy jurisdictions. A study of bankruptcy filings by Visa USA found a 26.6 percent increase in consumer bankruptcies for 1995 to 1996.

Although this number includes a small number of commercial liquidations, the majority of filings were for personal property liquidations or Chapter 13 filings. Chapter 13 filings permit debtors to work out a debt repayment plan with creditors.

In a speech to the Consumer Federation of America in December, Federal Reserve Governor Lawrence Lindsey said the economic conditions in the U.S. have been very favorable to a rise in consumer debt.

He cited the decline in interest rates and the disappointing rise in incomes as factors and suggested that consumers responded to these conditions by expanding their consumer debt.

Since the second quarter of 1991, for every \$1 they have earned, consumers have spent \$1.10. Such a trend is not sustainable in the long run, and bankruptcies will occur. In the latest wave of bankruptcies, medical expenses and divorce are not believed to be major contributing factors.

Debt to income ratios have risen almost six points for consumers earning between \$50,000 and

\$100,000 annually. Rising debt to income ratios may cause banks and other lenders to tighten lending policies, making it more difficult for consumers to get credit. Less credit means less consumer spending. Less spending could ultimately result in an economic slowdown of the economy or even a recession.

Living beneath one's means, not beyond it, would help many debt-trapped families, according to Nancy Granovsky, professor and Extension family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and a Certified Financial Planner licensee.

If you continue to spend more than you make, you will be trapped eventually, she cautioned.

Consumers would do well to calculate their own debt to income ratios. If you are spending more than 20 percent of your take-home pay on non-mortgage debt, you could be headed for trouble, she indicated.

To determine your debt to income ratio, add up the total of your monthly credit payments (excluding your mortgage payment). Divide the total by your take-home pay. The result is your debt to income ratio.

It should be 20 percent or less. If it is more, you are likely to be experiencing difficulty in making ends meet. The solution is to pay down your debt as much as possible without taking on new debt.

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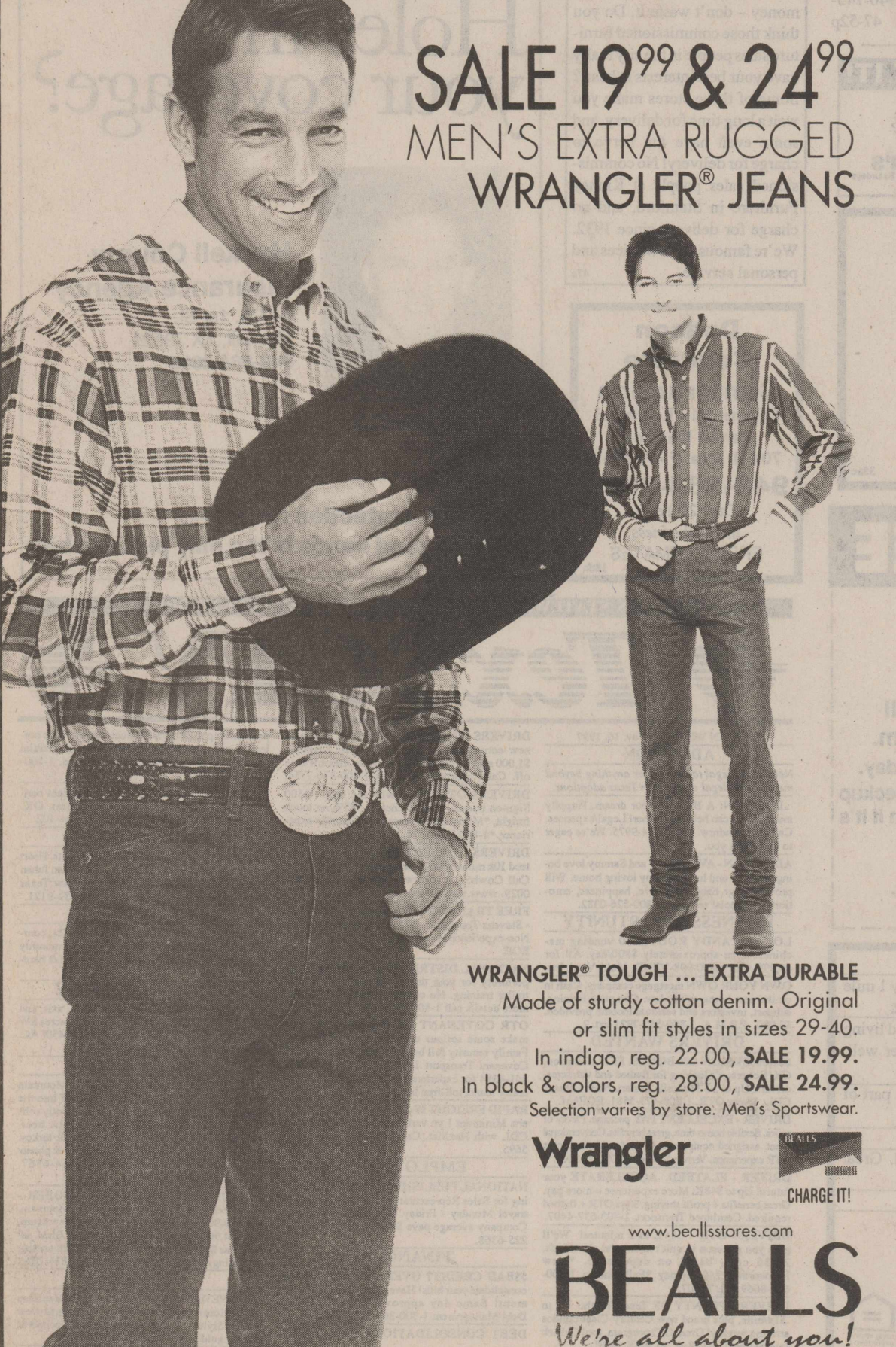
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