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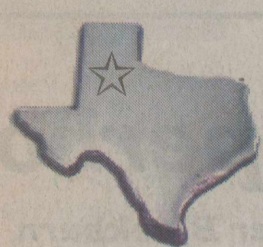
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Class 4 Winds to Host Seminar on Small and Mid-Sized Wind Turbines

AMARILLO – In an effort to educate the public on the growing industry of small and mid-sized wind energy systems, Class 4 Winds, Inc. is sponsoring the upcoming seminar: Small Wind – Big Potential. This seminar will focus on the many aspects of small wind, and different ways for homeowners, business owners and public entities to take advantage of these systems.

Small Wind – Big Potential, will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, September 3 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo, Texas. Representatives from the following organizations will deliver presentations:

The Alternative Energy Institute, WTAMU; Ken Starcher, Asso-

ciate Director of AEI, will present a general overview of small wind systems and their various applications.

Wind Works Energy Solutions: Cesar Ramos, President of the local small turbine dealership, will discuss the proper use of wind-generated electricity for your home, office, farm and ranch.

Northern Power Systems – A representative from one of the nation's leading 100-kilowatt turbine manufacturer will discuss community wind, 100 kilowatts at a time.

Xcel Energy– Richard Hermsillo will explain how best to work with your local utility in order to interconnect your small wind system.

Shallowater ISD – Superintendent Phil Warren will explain the benefits that his school district has seen by incorporating small wind, and discuss things to think about during the planning process.

After the presentations, there will be a speaker panel with a Q&A session.

The September seminar will be the third in an ongoing series of seminars to be offered by Class 4 Winds.

The cost to attend is \$35 for Class 4 Winds members and \$55 for non-members.

To register for the event log on to www.class4winds.org or call Executive Director A.J. Swope at (806) 223-5948.



Staff Photo by Jim Huggins

FAITHFUL YEARS OF SERVICE—Sherry Vick and Sarah West have been recognized for their years of service as school crossing guards in Floydada. Mayor Bob Gilliland presented the pair with appreciation plaques. Vick was recognized for 26 years of service, 1983-2009, at Andrews Elementary School. West served 33 years, 1976-2009, at Duncan Elementary. The plaques read "In recognition of your faithful years of service to the school children of Floydada working as a school crossing guard." Pictured left to right are Vick, West, and Gilliland.

Floyd County Fair Day Aug. 22

By Charlene Brown

"If you build it, they will come" is a line from a popular movie.

The Floyd and Surrounding Counties Fair Board believe it. We have "built" a fun, interesting and entertaining Fair Day, and we believe people will come.

We have fun things for the kids – inflatable games including a slide, moon jump, and baseball game, a paintball booth, and face painting.

For the adults, we will have demonstrations. These will be:

9:30 a.m. – Microwave candy making

10:30 – Cake decorating
 11:30 – Sewing
 1:00 p.m. – Pumpkin info
 2:00 – Canning
 3:00 – Campfire cooking
 4:00 – Cookie decorating

We have many vendors that will be selling snow cones, homemade ice cream, lemonade, roasted corn, hamburgers, tacos, burritos, kettle corn, barbecue, twisted taters, and Watkins products.

Other vendors will be selling Rada knives, wine-bottle lights, crosses made from wood, wire and beads, toys and novelties, purses, embellished jackets, jewelry and unique gifts, handkerchief dolls, candles and car fresheners, flip flops and crafts, pet items, wood-working and fishing gear.

Adults and kids will love playing bingo.

For all ages, we will have antique cars and tractors, and washer and horseshoe pitching.

For more info call Darlene Broseh, 652-2029, or Charlene Brown, 983-2618.

Mark August 22 on your calendar to be in Lockney at the community center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a wonderful time.

Floydada Junior High Pre-Registration Aug. 18

Floydada Junior High School is holding pre-registration Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please follow the following schedule as closely as possible:

Sixth grade: 6 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
 Seventh grade: 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Eighth grade: 7 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

All students new to Floydada ISD are asked to bring their birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and if possible a report card from the last school attended.

All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Old Fashioned Saturday Slated Sept. 12

Lockney's Old Fashioned Saturday celebration will be September 12 on Main Street, according to Melissa Kunselman of the Lockney Area Chamber of Commerce.

More information will be published in coming weeks.

For information about booths, contact Kunselman at 292-0502 or 652-2955.

Walk Across Texas Completed

By Melissa Long
 CEA-FCS, Floyd County

Walk Across Texas concluded with a Celebration Event on Thursday, July 30 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office in Floyd County.

Four teams completed the 8-week event and accumulated 6,168 miles.

The Street Walkers reached the destination first and totaled the most miles of 2,064. Team members included Laura Turner, Karen Lawson, Maria Brown, Lou Bureson, Melissa Long, Susan Simpson, Tracy Turner and Linda Gayle Waller.

Tracy Turner had the most individual miles, 630.

Walk Across Texas is an 8-week walking program for teams of 8 to encourage physical activity. This program is sponsored by the Texas AgriLife Extension Office in Floyd County.



Courtesy Photo

WALK ACROSS TEXAS IN FLOYD COUNTY was completed with a Celebration Event on Thursday, July 30. Those attending the event included (top row, l-r) Susan Simpson, Laura Turner, Karen Hooten, Mina Pesina, Maria Rodriguez and Maria Marino; (front row, l-r) County Extension Agent Melissa Long, Maria Brown, Linda Gayle Waller, Julia Cavazos and Maria Ascencio. Prizes were awarded to the winning team by Jim and Kay Martin of J & K Insurance. Sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Methodist Men's Group Hosting Special Hour of Prayer

The Methodist men's group from First United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone in the community to join them in a time of prayer for our schools on Monday, August 17, 2009 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This informal gathering will be a time for personal prayer as you walk through the halls of Floydada High School, Floydada Junior High and A.B. Duncan Elementary.

At this time you are invited to pray for the staff, students, lockers, rooms or anywhere on the grounds.

During this come and go hour of prayers, you are invited to pray at one building or visit all the schools.

Please join us for this special prayer dedication for our schools.

For more information, call First United Methodist Church at 983-3706.



Courtesy Photo

Jim Lofton (left), Administrator of Floydada Rehabilitation and Care Center is pictured congratulating Sylvia Luna (right), the Activity Director. Sylvia was recently recognized as the "2009 Rookie Activity Director" by the Texas Association of Activity Professionals at their annual conference in Corsicana, Texas. "In the twenty-four years as a Nursing Home Administrator, Sylvia has one of the top three activity programs I have been associated with," stated Jim Lofton. The Activity Program is a vital part of the operations in a nursing home. Participation in the activities often gives the residents a purpose in life while at the home. We would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to the many valuable volunteers from our community who have contributed immensely to our activity program. Lofton invites the community to come by to visit to see our Activity Program and maybe become a volunteer.

A love fund has been set up for the Family of Cassandra Wickware to help with funeral expenses. Anyone wishing to make a donation can do so at American State Bank, Floydada.

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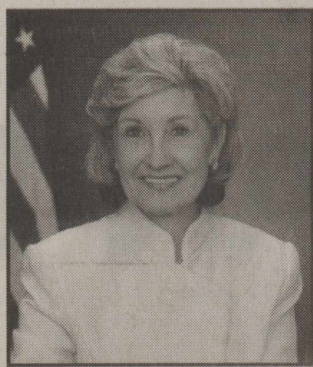
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The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

Do you send text messages on your cellular phone? If not, surely you've been around people who are texting.

In the world of texting, abbreviations (a type of shorthand) are commonly used. So much so, it is almost like another language.

To be honest, I'm not very good at texting. I'm slow and I really don't enjoy it that much. However, it does come in handy at times. One of the most useful aspects of texting for me is the fact you can send the same message to several people at the same time. Example: "Baseball practice tonight is canceled."

As text-messaging shorthand becomes more and more widespread in emails, text messages and Tweets, people have a need to decode the ever-evolving shorthand.

Parents want to keep up with or police their teens. Bosses want to know what employees are saying on company equipment.

One reason for the growing number of texting abbreviations - now over 2,000 according to NetLingo.com - is the boom in social-media sites like Twitter, where messages are limited to 140 characters. Text messages, too, are limited in length, so users have developed the shorthand abbreviations.

The trend will most likely continue. In 2008, over one trillion texts were sent in the U.S.

The confusion over the explosion of abbreviations is fueling a greater number of resources that provide English translations. They include independent Web sites like NetLingo.com and UrbanDictionary.com and corporate ones like LG Mobile Phones' DTXTR.com. Textapedia, a pocket guide to texting terms released last year, is now sold in over 4,000 stores nationwide. NetLingo reports a 391% increase in the number of unique visitors over the past five years, while UrbanDictionary says it saw a 40% jump in its unique visitors in the past year.

Both the AP Stylebook and Merriam-Webster Dictionary recognized texting shorthand for the first time in their 2009 editions. The AP Stylebook now includes IMO ("In my opinion"), ROFL ("Rolling on the floor laughing") and BFF ("Best friends forever"), among others. Merriam-Webster defines LOL ("Laugh out loud") and OMG ("Oh my God").

Some parents have created their own cheat sheets in an effort to keep up with their teens. Rightfully so given these abbreviations: GNOC ("Get naked on camera"); POS ("Parent over shoulder"); LMIRL ("Let's meet in real life"); and IWSN ("I want sex now").

Here are some more examples of some common shorthand abbreviations:

- * UG2BK - You got to be kidding
- * GBTW - Get back to work
- * NMP - Not my problem
- * PIR - Parent in room
- * GFTD - Gone for the day
- * FYEO - For your eyes only
- * BI5 - Back in five minutes
- * DEGT - Don't even go there
- * BIL - Boss is listening
- * PAW - Parents are watching
- * 99 - Parents are no longer watching
- * PCM - Please call me
- * IMS - I am sorry
- * TOY - Thinking of you
- * KUTGW - Keep up the good work
- * CID - Consider it done
- * FWIW - For what it's worth
- * HAND - Have a nice day
- * IAT - I am tired
- * NRN - No response necessary
- * 4COL - For crying out loud
- * WRUD - What are you doing
- * ^5 - High five

For what it's worth, I'll throw an original of mine in there: IHNIWAIS!
Know what it means. Hint: It's what I'm thinking when I get texts.

I Have No Idea What Anyone Is Saying. Of course, people are really not "saying" anything when they text, so I should probably change that to IHNIWAIT.

And you thought spelling and grammar suffered as a result of spellcheck...

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Our nation faces a growing threat from crime syndicates and other dangerous felons that operate inside the very facilities meant to keep them and their illicit activities off our streets and out of our communities. Imprisoned convicts coordinate murders, plot extortion schemes, and run drug trafficking, credit card fraud, and identity theft enterprises. These dangerous operations are increasingly facilitated by contraband cell phones smuggled to inmates. This problem is growing at such an alarming rate that it threatens not only the lives of the security professionals who work in these American prisons, but the general public as well.

In 2008, correctional facilities across the nation reported startling numbers of confiscated phones. For example, the federal prison system located more than 1,600 contraband communications devices, and in Texas alone, there were 1,162 cases. This year, there are already nearly 700 illicit cell phone cases in Texas. These numbers are even more disturbing because they represent only the phones that were actually found.

Prisoners are using increasingly sophisticated methods to smuggle phones into correctional facilities and then conceal them from authorities. A single phone is often shared among many inmates, and just a few phones inside a prison can lead to coordinated attacks both inside and outside prison walls. And we have seen how effective these tools are for spreading violence. Escape attempts coordinated by contraband cell phone have resulted in the deaths of corrections officers. Prisoners have also used them to intimidate witnesses and local officials and to carry out assassination attempts. In Maryland, a witness for an upcoming trial was gunned down in his front yard after a prisoner gave the murderer his address from a cell phone. At a recent Senate hearing, Texas state senator John Whitmire shared an account of how he was contacted by an inmate with an illicit phone, and how he and his family were subsequently subjected to harassment and death threats.

While the danger of inmates armed with cell phones is apparent, prisons are struggling to keep pace with the problem by using traditional security measures, such as trained dogs, handheld scanners, and metal detectors. We must provide corrections officers with a comprehensive solution that includes the tools necessary to prevent the use of phones when they evade detection and discovery. To that end, law

enforcement officers, corrections professionals, governors, and others working to address this problem have asked Congress and the Federal Communications Commission for authority to use cell phone signal jamming equipment.

Federal law prohibits the use of jamming devices in all but a few cases. Prohibiting intentional interference serves an important purpose because unregulated jamming technology could hamper commercial wireless operations and public safety communications. That is why we must have a sensible process to review devices and provide protections designed to minimize the chance of interference before permitting the use of jamming equipment.

In January, I introduced bipartisan legislation which allows correctional facilities to seek a conditional waiver from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to operate a wireless jamming device. The Safe Prisons Communications Act creates a framework for the FCC to test and approve jamming equipment and to review applications from corrections facilities seeking to install cell phone jammers. Most importantly, to ensure the integrity of wireless networks for public safety and commercial wireless providers, and minimize any chance of interference, the legislation outlines the coordinated efforts from all stakeholders, including prisons and the telecommunication providers.

Some have suggested that there are alternatives to jamming technology. But many of these technologies present problems for corrections departments because of their high cost, or because they may be useful at detecting phones, but not preventing their use. With lives on the line, Congress has a responsibility to ensure that all available technologies that can prevent the actual use of cell phones in prisons are available to the hard-working men and women on the front lines.

Prisons are meant to stop the commission of crimes, but cell phones inside prisons mean business as usual for dangerous felons. America's dedicated law enforcement and corrections professionals need this important capability, and they are counting on Congress to help them meet this challenge. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in this important fight to protect the innocent from the convicted when this legislation comes to the Senate floor for a vote this fall.

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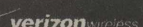
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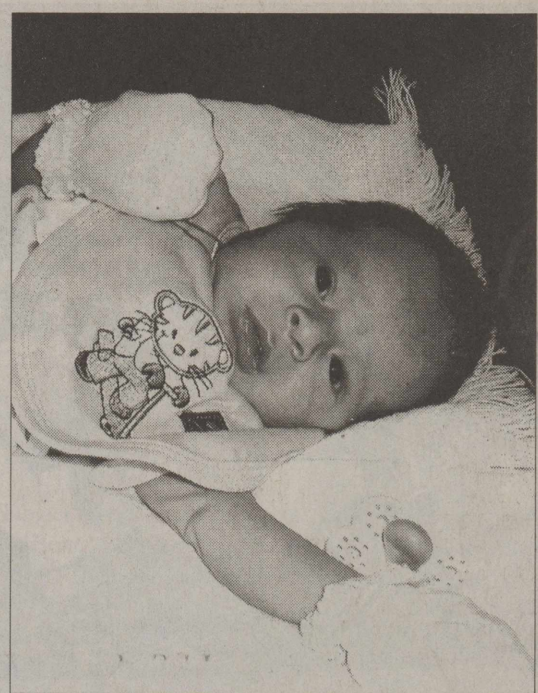
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MR. AND MRS. FLOYD BRADFORD CELEBRATED their 64th wedding anniversary Monday, August 10, 2009. Floyd Bradford and Euna Fawver were married August 10, 1945 in her parent's home. They are the parents of Conley and Kaye Bradford of Litchfield Park, Arizona and Danny and Diane Bradford of Thomasville, North Carolina. They have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



CORKEY AND JANIECE GUFFEE CELEBRATED 60 years of marriage on August 5, 2009. Clarence Edwin (Corkey) Guffee married Janiece Marie Hill in a garden wedding ceremony at a friends home in Plainview, on August 5, 1949. They have been a residence of Floydada since their marriage. The celebration was a private family celebration with their two children and families, Larry and Carla Guffee of Frisco and Ross and Phyllis Hamilton of Flower Mound. They also have five grandchildren, Steve and Candi Connelly of Duncan, Oklahoma, Christopher and Mandy Hamilton of Lubbock, Jason Hamilton of College Station, Luke and Leslie Guffee of Windfield, Kansas and Jeffery Hamilton of San Antonio. Corkey and Janiece have one special great grandson Canon Hamilton of Lubbock.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

REYNA

Mary Alcozer and Johnny Reyna of Olton announce the birth of their son, Jason Reyna.

Jason was born at 5:37 a.m. Saturday, August 1, 2009 at W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital in Lockney. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Bobby and Hope Alcozer of Lockney and John Jr., and Aide Reyna of Lubbock.

Great-grandparents are Roman and Maria Medrano of Hart, John Reyna, Sr. and the late Emma Reyna of Hart, the late Maria Murillo of Floydada, and the late Braulio Alcozer Sr. of Plainview.



Floydada Senior Citizens News

By Margarete Word

Starting August 21st, Margarete Soudelier will be writing the Floydada Senior Citizen News. Please tell her news about what you are doing, the company you have, and the trips you take. I will be having knee surgery August 18th and will not be able to write the news for a few weeks.

Also, please send all the memorials to Floydada Senior Citizen Center, PO Box 573. Marie Warren has been trained and will do a very good job in taking care of all memorials until I get back. Be sure to give her address of the family the acknowledgment is to go to.

I appreciate your cooperation in this and giving me peace of mind that these two things will continue and be taken care of. The center is very important to many of us and we want it to grow and be a wonderful place to go to daily.

Congratulations to Elmer Dean and Martha Williams, who were given a 50th wedding anniversary reception at the Floydada Country Club hosted by their children. They were married August 6, 1959.

Our sympathy to the family of R. T. Furrow.

Our sympathy to the family of Elena Castillo.

Our sympathy to the family of Cassandra Wickware.

Thank you for remembering the center when you need to make a memorial donation.

In memory of **Jonelle Fawver** - Genelle Breed, Betty Baker, Shorty and Louise Turner

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Thought for the Week - "To love what you do and feel that it matters - how could anything be more fun?"

Katherine Graham

MENU

- AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 21**
- Monday** - Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cobbler
- Tuesday** - Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, carrots, roll, jello
- Wednesday** - Turkey and dressing, green beans, yams, roll, cherry salad
- Thursday** - Cornflake chicken, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, roll, snickerdoodle bars
- Friday** - Spaghetti, Italian bread, salad, garlic bread, ambrosia salad



Cash for clunkers has caught me clunkerless and left me sorting out mixed feelings.

Government-funded \$4,500 cash payments for qualifying trade-in vehicles inject an unrealistic dynamic into a process I've always considered something of a farce anyway. But Uncle Sam is serious.

Here's how it used to be:

The car salesman would keep a straight face while offering more for a trade-in junker than it was worth. The prospective car buyer would go along equally straight-faced. After all, the offer was nothing more than a new-car price discount that would have been part of the whole deal anyway, trade-in or no trade-in -- a clean way to ditch an old car without worrying about who would get it, like buying stolen property without knowing who got burglarized. Does that make sense? I didn't think so. I've never thought so.

That said, some of you probably trade in cars that actually are worth something. That's different. I don't even know how that works. By the time I'm ready to let go of a car, the value is negligible. What would you pay for a 2005 SUV with a big hitch, a fence post dent, a trailer dent, hail dents, other dents, a dash light that steadfastly insists the anti-lock braking system isn't working and an odometer that shows 174,989 miles on the original battery? And I'm not even ready to trade it in.

If I were ready to buy a new car, clunker cash wouldn't be an option because my stalwart

Hyundai Santa Fe is neither old enough nor fuel-hungry enough to be a clunker. I guess I'm glad.

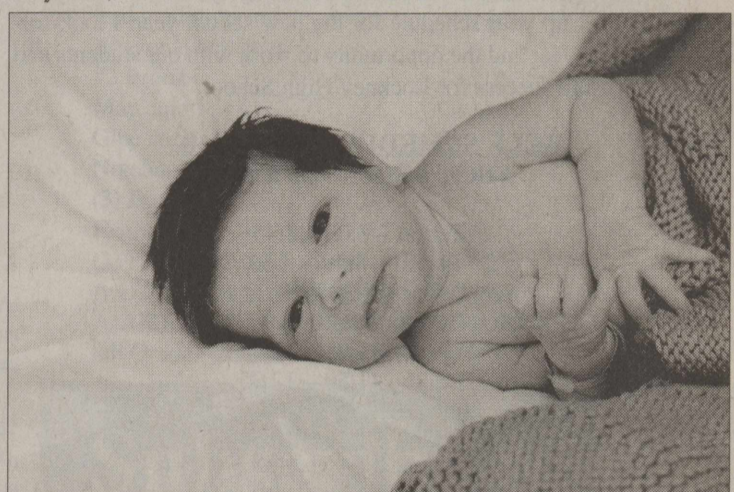
If it were a bona fide clunker, I might think about taking the price on its head. Even so, it would be like taking a horse to the vet and telling him to shoot the animal, except you pay the vet. Vets are like that.

I saw a clunker death row this week. A nice old Ford pickup almost too old to be there was parked in the official lineup. The car salesman told me it had only 110,000 miles on it. But now the dealership will put something in the engine to freeze it beyond repair and scrap the whole vehicle. Seeing that pickup and other stately vehicles, noses to the fence, all equally doomed, made me think of a mixed-breed herd of cattle struck by an incurable contagious disease, all headed for slaughter and a mass grave.

Fortunately the clunker syndrome is congenital. Otherwise the government might broaden its official definition and demand all existing clunkers be reported, running or not, whatever their age, instead of than letting them die natural unattended deaths, rusting away in backyards, junkyards and pastures. Our farm would come under quarantine.

The '77 Cadillac comes to mind. Nicknamed "the hail-bent car" and parked between mesquites, it still gleams gold in the sun. In the trunk is an old water heater.

Don't laugh. Clunker water heaters may be next. I'm ready. See me if you need one.



LOOK WHO'S NEW

LEE

Allison and Colby Lee are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Hudson Christopher Lee.

He was born at 9:52 a.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Hudson weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Dr. Gary and Brenda Mangold of Lockney and Danny and Kim Lee of Midland.

VJ's News

By Vera Jo Bybee

Didn't get out much this week except going to the doctors. I went to my chiropractor, Dr. Cunningham in Plainview Monday and Tuesday. He told me he couldn't help me with this "creak" in my neck, and that I would need to go to my medical doctor.

So Thursday I went to see our new lady at the clinic, Dr. Cynthia Schlueter. I liked her. I have always liked her as Cynthia Martin and now I like her as Dr. Schlueter. She said I have fluid in my right ear and my neck trouble was from all that.

Well, this is Sunday night and I still have my neck problem. I go see Dr. Cox Tuesday for my regular three-month blood check, up so he might have to send me to an ENT specialist. We'll see.

Sherrey Price, daughter of Bobby and Mervean Carthel, arrived home this afternoon by

plane from Plano where she has spent three weeks with her son, Lance and wife, Misty and family. Lance and Misty have been married for nine years getting their careers all going and now they have started their family. They have a 3-1/2 year old daughter, Leigh Ann, a 1-1/2 year old son, Landon, and a 3-week old son, Landry. Sherrey arrived home with mixed emotions. She hated to leave the babies, but needed to get some rest and sleep.

Windy Clark spent last week in Ada, Oklahoma visiting relatives, especially his brother from Paducah, Kentucky.

Cecil, Donna and Betty Jones spent last week in Ruidoso. She said it rained every day but it didn't keep them from having a great time. They and the Wal-

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MIDNIGHT MADNESS – Longhorn gridders in action at Midnight Madness practice Friday night, August 7th.

LHS and LJHS Bell Schedule

By Todd Hallmark

It is that time of the year again and I hope that students and parents alike have had a great summer. Lockney High School, as well as Lockney Junior High, will start the school day at 8:00 a.m. with the first bell ringing at 7:55 a.m. Below you will find the bell schedule for your students.

For the high school students, we encourage you to come by the office and pick up your schedule for the new school year. I look forward to a great year and the opportunity to work with our students and parents to ensure success for Lockney High School.

BELL SCHEDULE 2009-2010 FIRST BELL – 7:55 a.m.

- 1st Period – 8:00 – 8:45
- 2nd Period – 8:49 – 9:34
- 3rd Period – 9:38 – 10:23
- Act. Period – 10:27 – 10:57
- 4th Period – 11:01 – 11:46
- 5th Period – 11:50 – 12:35
- Lunch – 12:35 – 1:05
- 6th Period – 1:10 – 1:55
- 7th Period – 1:59 – 2:44
- 8th Period – 2:48 – 3:33

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Longhorn football fans who wish to renew their parking space reservations at Mitchell-Zimmerman Field for the 2009 season should pay at the Lockney-isd superintendent's office before the season opener, August 28.

Texas crop, weather Too dry in South Texas even for feral hogs?

By Robert Burns

COLLEGE STATION – Rain in the last couple of weeks has lessened the stress on some crops and allowed many agricultural producers to take a second or even third cutting of hay, according to reports from Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

However, the drought isn't over yet. As of Aug. 11, burn bans remained in effect in 132 of the 254 Texas counties, according to the Texas Forest Service. And though late July and early August rains did green up many areas, most already need or will soon need more rain.

Unless they receive significant rain in the next week or two, dryland cotton in the Rolling Plains may not make a crop. But by far, conditions are most dire in counties south of U.S. Interstate Highway 10, AgriLife Extension agents said.

"Range and pastures remain in very poor condition with forage supply and livestock water from stock tanks at critically low levels," said Isaac J. Cavazos, AgriLife Extension agent for McMullen County. "Low forage supply conditions coupled with high feed prices and low stock tank water levels are forcing ranchers to further cull their herds and in some cases liquidate the entire herd."

It's not just cattle that are suffering. Wildlife populations are at risk in South Texas too, said Dr. Jim Gallagher, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist based in Uvalde.

"It's gotten so dry that the (feral) hogs have moved out," he said.

Gallagher was not kidding. Areas such as Caldwell County that had high incidences of hog damage are now not seeing hogs.

Wildlife and hunting leases are big business in South Texas. Many landowners make from three to five times as much on their wildlife ventures as they do in conventional agriculture, according to Gallagher.

"It's getting tougher; there's no doubt about it," he said. "I was farther south on the Coastal Plains during July. Adult quail seem to be surviving all right, but out of the couple of dozen groups that I saw, about 20 were just a male and female pair. And that's some of the better results that I've seen."

Gallagher said he has seen some fawns but he wonders how many will live. Although there is cover for the mother deer to hide the fawn in some areas, he wonders if does will have enough food to produce sufficient milk to support their fawns into the fall.

More information on drought in Texas can be found at the Web site of the Drought Joint Information Center at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: Pastures greened up thanks to rain, but stock water tanks remained low. High temperatures were quickly drying out top soils. Producers who put out a second application of fertilizer before the rains expected to take another hay cutting soon. Hay was in short supply because of high demand. Producers were still supplying livestock with supplemental feed. Crops yields were low.

COASTAL BEND: Hot and dry conditions persisted. The cotton harvest was ongoing. Producers continued to sell livestock because hay was scarce and expensive, and there was no standing forage in pastures.

EAST: Rains gave some drought relief, but some areas already needed more rain. Pastures greened up, and many producers were expected to take another hay cutting. Burn bans were still in effect in some counties. Vegetable harvests were winding down. Infestations of armyworms and grasshoppers were reported. Feral hog activity increased. Livestock were in fair to good condition.

FAR WEST: Widely scattered showers with accumulations of 0.1 to 2 inches were reported. Pecans passed from the nut-growth stage to the water and gel stage. Cotton fields had a second flush of growth that was expected to compensate for earlier defoliation caused by southwestern cotton rust. Bacterial blight was reported in some cotton varieties. Farmers were spraying for stink bugs. Fall armyworm populations on sorghum fields decreased. Pastures and livestock were in good shape. Chiles were in full bloom and setting fruit. Alfalfa was growing and was nearly

ready for the fourth cutting. Corn was silking.

NORTH: Soil moisture ranged from short to surplus. Daytime highs returned to about 100 degrees by the end of the reporting period. Some hay producers were taking a third cutting of hay. Corn was in fair to good condition, and harvesting was under way but with below-average yields. Soybeans were in fair condition and, though a little behind, showed good yield potential. Grain sorghum was maturing and in fair to good condition. Rice started to head and was in fair to good condition. Cotton was setting bolls and in fair to good condition. The rains triggered an armyworm hatch and there were many reports of infestations. Livestock were in fair to good condition but stressed by the hot weather. Rangeland and pastures were in fair to good condition.

PANHANDLE: Summer returned with hotter temperatures and wind. Soil moisture remained adequate except in eastern counties where they were still dry. Insects remained light. Weeds were a problem in areas with recent rains. Corn, cotton, peanut, soybean and sunflowers were in good condition. Sorghum was in fair condition. Ranges were fair in the west and dry in the east.

ROLLING PLAINS: Daytime highs were at or above 100 degrees, which took a toll on crops. Cotton plants in some fields were beginning to wilt. Producers worried that without a rain in the next few weeks cotton may not make a crop. Pastures and rangeland were beginning to show stress from lack of moisture and excessive heat. Livestock were in fair to good condition. Producers have prepared fields for planting wheat and oats. Alfalfa hay production was ongoing. In Haskell County, peanut producers were expecting a good crop.

SOUTH: Hot, dry and windy conditions continued, and soil moisture remained short. In the northern and western parts of the region, corn and sorghum harvests were completed. Cotton bolls were opening, and peanuts pegging. Producers continued to heavily irrigate due to the lack of rain. The cotton harvest was peaking in the southern parts of the region. Corn and grain sorghum harvesting was ongoing, and preparation for fall crop planting continued. Irrigation of citrus and sugarcane crops was also active. Rangeland and pastures remained in very poor condition. Forages were scarce, and livestock water tanks were at critically low levels. Cattle were dying in pastures, according to reports from AgriLife Extension in Duval County. Ranchers were forced to further cull their herds. In some cases, they have liquidated their entire herds.

SOUTH PLAINS: Hot and dry weather returned with highs in the 90s. Soil moisture was short to adequate. Corn was in good condition, and early planted corn began to dent. Cotton progressed rapidly after rain and was in fair to good condition. Later-planted dryland cotton continued to lag behind. Sorghum and peanuts were in fair to good condition. Pastures and rangeland were in fair to good condition thanks to the rain. Livestock were in good to excellent condition.

SOUTHEAST: Extremely hot temperatures and lack of rain left pastures in poor shape in some counties. In others, rangeland and pastures were in good condition, but more rain was needed to sustain growth. Local hay was difficult to come by. Producers continued to wean calves early and send them to market. Some cattle herds were culled of older cattle to limit grazing pressure.

SOUTHWEST: The last 11 months have been the second-driest period on record. Hot, dry southerly winds aggravated the drought and increased the risk of roadside and field wildfires. The soil profile was very dry. Forages were almost non-existent. The corn and sorghum harvests were completed. Cotton, peanuts and pecans made good progress under heavy irrigation.

WEST CENTRAL: Hot, dry conditions returned. However, soil-moisture levels remained high. Crops improved. The corn harvest was completed with lower than expected yields. Producers continued cutting and baling hay. Rangeland and pasture conditions improved. Stock tanks remained very low and needed a rain of run-off proportions. Pecans looked good.

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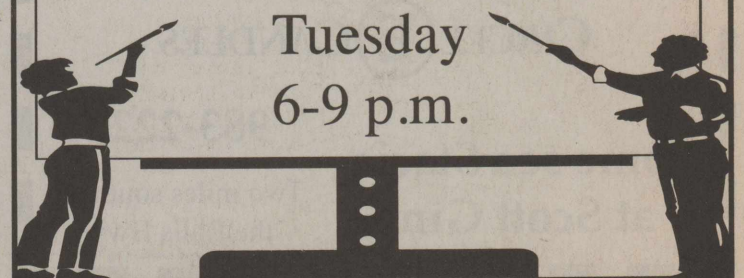
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NRCS Texas Announces Sign-up for the New Conservation Stewardship Program

TEMPLE – Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) state conservationist for Texas, Don Gohmert, announced a sign-

up beginning on Aug. 10, 2009, for the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to assist agricultural and forestry producers. CSP is a new program authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Farmers and ranchers actively engaged in conservation land stewardship have the opportunity to earn conservation rewards through CSP," Gohmert said. "This program gives conversation-minded producers the ability to apply and build on their current stewardship efforts."

CSP is a five-year program which offers continuous sign-up, but all eligible applicants who sign up between Aug. 10 and Sept. 30, 2009, will be ranked as a group in October and November. A second

ranking of subsequent applications will likely take place again in January or February.

CSP replaced a program authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill, the Conservation Security Program which was only offered on a watershed-specific basis. The new CSP is now available to landowners statewide.

Gohmert noted only top stewards will be awarded contracts for CSP and receive funding.

NRCS encourages farmers and ranchers actively involved in conserving their natural resources to apply for CSP in order to maintain existing conservation activities and implement additional enhancements or practices on their land.

"CSP is for the best of the best

stewards," Gohmert said. "We have many land stewards in Texas that are worthy of this recognition, and I encourage them to apply."

Lands eligible for CSP include cropland, grassland, pastureland, and private nonindustrial forestland, a new land use for the program. Agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe is expressly eligible as well.

The CSP application process begins with a self-screening checklist. Interested producers can obtain additional information from the NRCS website at HYPERLINK "http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html" www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html or contact their local USDA-NRCS field office.

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- (1) 1-1/2" 3-Ring binders
- Subject Dividers with pockets
- (1) Box Ziploc bags
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- Headphones
- Additional items may be needed for specific classes

7th GRADE:

- (1) Pocket folders
- (1) 1" 3-ring binder
- (1) 1-1/2" 3-ring binder
- Map colors
- (1) Spiral
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- (1) 1" 3-ring binder
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Terrik Enterprises, Inc., if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs, of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to wit: The West 30 feet of Lot 4 and all of Lots 5,6, Block 141. Original Townsite of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas being that all property more particularly described in Volume 273, Page 396 of the Official Public Records, Floyd County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$1,771.30, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgement herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Floyd County Appraisal District, Plaintiff against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on February 18, 2009, in a certain suit styled the Floyd County Appraisal District et al vs. Terrik Enterprise, Inc. et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, 110th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5601TS, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgement herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as providing by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenor, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgement, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefor, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 5th day of October, A.D., 2009, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Floyd County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgement shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgement herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas, this the 6th day of August, A.D., 2009.

Patty Davenport
Clerk of the District Court
Floyd County, Texas, 110th Judicial District

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THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FLOYD

In the name of and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO

Carrie M. Wiley a/k/a Carrie Wiley, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs, of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to wit: Lots 6 & 7, Block 3, Byars Addition, City of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Vol. 152, Page 85 of the Deed Records, Floyd County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: \$334.94, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgement herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Floyd County Appraisal District, Plaintiff against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on zmay 11, 2009, in a certain suit styled the Floyd County Appraisal District et al vs. Carrie M. Wiley, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Floyd County, Texas, 110th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5615TS, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

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Bradford Reunion held July 18

The Bradford Reunion was held at the home of Floyd and Euna Bradford on July 18. Those attending were Bob and Jean Logan of Weatherford, Texas, K. W. and Geneva Cook of Winters, Marcellita Lancaster of Batesville, Arkansas, Mary Emert, Doug Galloway, both of Floydada and Pat Bradford of Claude. Everyone spent the day visiting and taking pictures. Marcellita spent five days visiting Floyd and Euna Bradford.

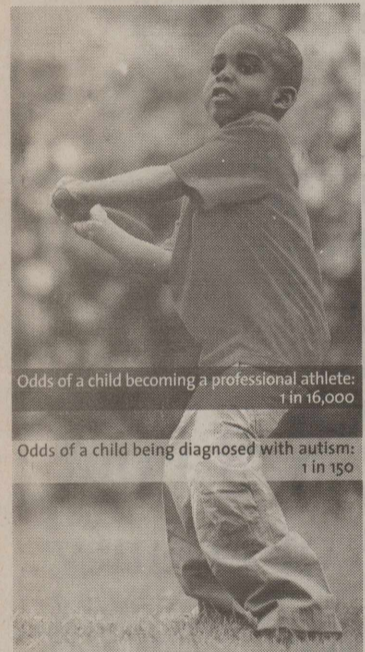
Bradford's have visitors

Conley Bradford of Litchfield Park, Arizona and Danny Bradford and Jaymi Lagurado of Thomasville, North Carolina came July 1st and spent a week visiting Floyd and Euna Bradford.

Conley returned home on Monday, July 6th and Danny and Jaymi returned home on Wednesday, July 8th.

LISD Tax Rate Hearing August 18

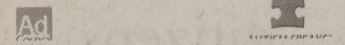
Lockney Independent School District trustees will hold a hearing on proposed tax rates and budget during a special meeting at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, August 18 in the boardroom at the superintendent's office. The regular monthly school board meeting will follow at 8 p.m., when the trustees will consider approval of the 2009-2010 budget and tax rate.



Odds of a child becoming a professional athlete: 1 in 16,000
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Some signs to look for:
No big smiles or other joyful expressions by 6 months.
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Motley County Chamber to sponsor a foothills fiesta

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor music, food, booths, and dancing in the street on August 22, 2009, from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

At 7:00 p.m. entertainment will feature local artists with performances by Chloe and Dode Gleghorn, Sage Guerrero, and Andrew Seigrist. Former resident Max Barton with his Flashback Band will also perform, specializing in 1970s music. Guests are invited to bring their lawn chairs to watch the festivities, dance in the street, or join in the fun with booths to sell crafts, jewelry, or other wares.

Hamburgers with chips, drink and dessert will only cost \$5.00; hot dogs will be free to children under the age of six.

"The chamber has planned the foothills fiesta as a family event," Chamber President Dianne Washington said. "Young, old and in between are encouraged to attend this end-of-summer event," she said, adding, "donations of brownies, rice crispy squares and other easy to eat goodies would be appreciated."

"Any suggestions to help make this a fun night would also be appreciated," she said. "Please call 347-2636 or 347-2820 with suggestions or for information on donating brownies."

In addition, call 806-347-2939 to reserve 10x10-foot booth space. Booth fees are waived for Motley County Chamber of Commerce members.

The Flashback Band has been performing together for seven years and has "wowed" crowds at many local festivals. Some of the festivals include Fort Worth's May-Fest, Main Street Arts Festival and several Cowtown Marathon Finish Line celebrations, Whitney's Pioneer Days Festival and many local venues including where it all started, The Stagecoach Ballroom in Fort Worth.

The group has appeared at venues such as Cristina's Mexican Restaurants, in Roanoke Trophy Club and Flower Mound, The Rig Steakhouse in Fort Worth and at many private functions throughout Texas.

Flashback prides themselves in delivering the same performance whether they are performing for

hundreds at any local venue or for thousands such as the Ameriplan's Group's "A Musical Journey Through Time" with thousands packing Trinity Hall at the Anatole Hotel in downtown Dallas, Max Barton said.

Meet the members of Flashback:
Glenn "T" Urquhart has been involved with music since childhood. He participated in various choral groups over the years and was the Director of Events and Functions for a large fraternal organization. His love for performing has continued to grow. Glenn's enthusiasm, organizational skills and leadership have helped to bring Flashback together.

Max Barton is a former resident and graduate of Matador High School. He began singing at the age of four with his older sisters. At age eight he won his first amateur contest. After performing in bands in high school and college, he began singing on a more professional level. He sang lead with "The Viscosins" who performed for various recording artists and opened for Bobby Vee and Glen Campbell. Max is a long time member of BMI and ASCAP and continues to write music in hopes of a publishing contract one day.

Tracey Howard began singing at the age of three. She soon began performing with her family in community stage musicals. Her experience includes years of "a cappella" training as well. In college Tracey traveled with "Baker's Dozen" and performed with the Waylon Jennings Bluegrass band. She continued her interest in performing over the years. Tracey's versatility and experience are a perfect complement to Flashback's vocal style.

Jay Hubbard is from a family of professional musicians. He began playing guitar at age 16 after seeing Chet Atkins live in concert. Other early influences were Jay's Dad, fiddler Carroll Hubbard of the Light Crust Doughboys and recording artist Ray Price. With a history of inspiration to entertain Jay he began singing, writing and recording three- and four-part harmonies in the early 1990s.



Paul Derrick Stargazer

Are we alone, or are "they" out there somewhere? While we can only guess how long humans have wondered about life beyond Earth, such curiosity surely predates recorded history.

In 1994 Terence Dickinson and Adolph Schaller published "Extraterrestrials: A Field Guide for Earthlings" which features amateur astronomer Dickinson's fascinating text and artist Schaller's dazzling illustrations. (Inexpensive used copies are available via the Internet.)

After showing a sampling of Hollywood-created extraterrestrials -- like Mr. Spock, ET, and others -- they conjecture about what real aliens might be like. Right off, Dickinson acknowledges that, paraphrasing earlier writers, extraterrestrials -- if they exist -- are apt to be not just stranger than we anticipated, but stranger than we could have anticipated. Still, he and Schaller make some intriguing speculations about such beings based on things we do know, like some basic laws of nature.

It is almost certain beings from other places would not resemble us. Just as we have been shaped by conditions on Earth, conditions where they live -- temperature, gravity, atmospheric pressure and composition, amount and form of water, and the like -- would have shaped their evolution.

Dickinson first looks at the kinds of places, in our solar system and beyond, where conditions might support life as we know and understand it. He discusses the evolution of brains and emergence of intelligence, and how smarter species are

likely to out-survive the less smart ones.

He then examines, and Schaller visually portrays, the kinds of sensory organs aliens might use to gather information about their environment. Like humans, other life forms are likely to have mechanisms for sight, hearing, taste, smell, and touch.

They might have other sensory capabilities such as sonar (like bats and dolphins) or magnetic-field detection (like some birds, insects, and fish). Aliens might have "sight" in parts of the electromagnetic spectrum invisible to humans, enabling them to "see" ultraviolet, infrared, microwave, radio waves, x-ray, or gamma rays.

The authors pose one final mind-boggler. On Earth the chemical foundation of all life is carbon-based, but this might not be universal. Some life elsewhere might be silicon-based where crystalline critters nibble on rocks rather than bananas.

In a future column, we'll see what Dickinson has to say about how we might discover other life, and why we haven't already.

Sky Calendar.
* Aug. 13 Thu.: The Moon is at 3rd quarter.

* 14 Fri. morning: The Moon passes through the Pleiades star cluster but moon glow will make binoculars needed to see the cluster.

* 14 Fri.: Jupiter is at opposition, and thus at its best for the year -- nearest, appears largest and brightest, and up all night.

* 16 Sun. morning: The crescent Moon is to the lower left of Mars.

* 17 Mon. evening: Saturn is to the upper right of brighter Mercury near the western horizon at dusk.

* 20 Thu.: The Moon is

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TREASURER'S REPORT

We the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Floyd County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 10th day of August, 2009 and that the total of funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands are the sum of \$ 1,594,830.52.
First National Bank Certificate of Deposits \$ 0.00

WITNESS OUR HANDS, officially, this 10th day of August, 2009.

Penny Golightly, County Judge
Mike Anderson, Commissioner, Precinct #1
Lindan Morris, Commissioner, Precinct #2
Nathan Johnson, Commissioner, Precinct #3
Jon Jones, Commissioner, Precinct #4

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2009 Property Tax Rates in Floyd County

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for Floyd County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 1,517,818.00	\$	\$ 81,365.20
Last year's debt taxes	\$	\$	\$
Last year's total taxes	\$ 1,517,818.00	\$	\$ 81,365.20
Last year's tax base	\$ 248,877,253.00	\$	\$ 248,877,253.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.67722 /\$100	\$/100	\$.03269 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 1,559,478.00	\$	\$ 103,965.25
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 257,993,163.00	\$	\$
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.60961 /\$100	\$/100	\$.03891 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.64852 /\$100		

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	\$/100
= Effective tax rate	\$	\$/100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)

\$	\$	\$
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$	\$
= This year's effective rate	\$.60961 /\$100	\$/100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.70040 /\$100	\$/100
+ This year's debt rate	\$	\$/100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.60961 /\$100	\$/100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.70040 /\$100	

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$	\$/100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	\$/100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$	\$/100
= Rollback tax rate	\$	\$/100

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McWaters known as the "The Cookie Lady"



By Elaine LaBaume Niece

On January 29, 2005 Ruby McWaters moved to Lockney from her home west of Silverton in Briscoe County. She had never lived anywhere else. Her husband, Joe, was in the Lockney Care and Rehab and Ruby had Macular Degeneration and could no longer drive. So her family decided it would be best for her to move to Lockney. She fully agreed.

Joe passed away on January 30th, the next day after she moved. The family felt he knew Ruby was safe in town and he could go on. She bought what was known in Lockney as the "Bilbrey House" across the street south from the care center. Ruby never regretted moving for one day. She was happy and loved going over to the care center to visit. She was a wonderful Christian woman and she could worship each Sunday morning with the Main Street Church of Christ at the care center. That was very important to her.

She quickly became known in Lockney as "The Cookie Lady." You see, she made dozens of cookies per week, some weeks as many as 24 dozen. She used Betty Crocker Cookie mixes and the family started buying them by the case, 12 per case. She made chocolate chip, sugar and peanut butter. She made the peanut butter specifically for Jon LaBaume. If you ever went to her house, you would leave with a bag of the tasty cookies. She sent bags of

cookies to the Post Office, the pharmacy, the bank and when the prisoners were working on the sidewalks, she sent cookies to them.

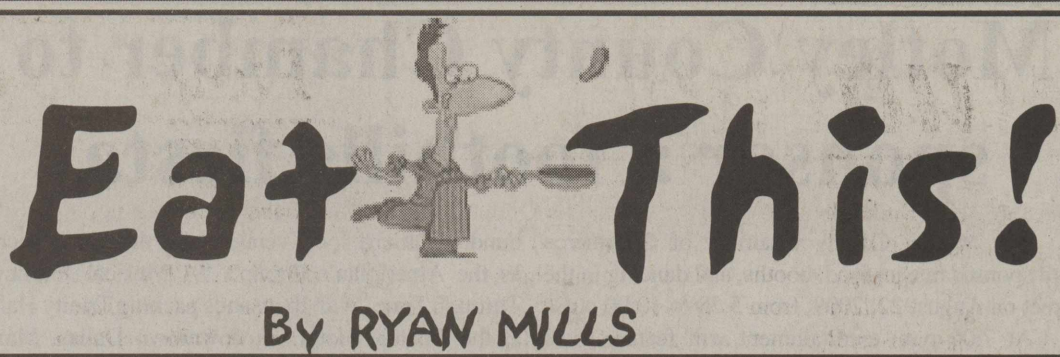
When the Lockney School burned she sent bags of cookies for the workers. She took cookies to some of the residents in the care center. The home health ladies loved going to Ruby's house because they knew there would be fresh baked cookies. The nice people that delivered Meals on Wheels from Senior Citizens also got cookies every day.

She could have been named "The Candy Lady" also. Her family kept her supplied with miniature candies, none with nuts she would say, as the people in the care center couldn't eat the nuts. She kept a big bowl of candy in her kitchen along with her never-ending supply of cookies.

She kept the basket on her walker well supplied with candy and when she had a doctor's appointment, everyone over at the clinic got candy. The three different times she had to reside in the care center from broken bones, she kept a supply of candy for everyone. When you would start to leave the room she would say, "Now be sure to get some candy."

People in Lockney learned what people in Silverton already knew. Ruby was a loving, kind, sweet, wonderful woman. She always was happy and even on her bad days, she didn't complain. When you talked to her on the phone and started to leave her house she would say, "I love you."

Everyone one will surely miss "The Cookie Lady" as she passe away on Friday evening, July 10, 2009 in the Lockney Care and Rehab.



Most of the time, I think pot roast or roast in general is pretty boring. Not bad, just boring.

I was speaking with my good friend Brian Steele this week. As most of you are aware he's a chef who currently cooks at Truluck's in Austin.

Believe me, his cooking is not boring. We were talking about recipes and I was mentioning a couple things I had made lately. I admire his patience while dealing with this amateur. Anyway, he knows my boredom with roast well and said he had done something lately that he thought I would enjoy. He was kind enough to let me borrow his recipe.

Obviously I haven't made it or tasted it. But my level of trust for Brian and his culinary prowess is unchallenged. This is the guy who can "just throw something together" and it be one of the best meals you've had that month.

This will undoubtedly not disappoint.

Roast of Brian
Ingredients

- 1 3lb. Chuck Roast or any cut with enough fat to keep the meat moist
- 1 pkg. Whole Button Mushrooms (not sliced, they will overcook)
- 1 Medium Yellow Onion (sliced)
- 2 cups Marsala or Sherry wine
- 12oz. Beer (Go Texan, use Shiner Bock or Lone Star)
- 1 tablespoon Fresh Rosemary (finely chopped)

- 1 tablespoon Fresh Garlic (minced)
- 1 tablespoon Dijon or Whole Grain Mustard
- 1 tablespoon Unsalted Butter
- Salt and Black Pepper to taste

Directions

Thoroughly season the beef with salt and black pepper, then place in a roasting pan or deep baking dish with at least 2 inches of room on all sides of the meat.

Top the meat with the rosemary and garlic, then put the mushrooms and onions around the outside of the meat.

Cover the bottom of the pan with the Marsala and beer.

Cover the pan with aluminum foil and place in a preheated 300 F. oven for 3 hours. If the size of the meat is bigger or smaller, it cooks for about an hour per pound.

Remove the meat and vegetables from the pan and place all of the liquid in a sauce pot.

Reduce the liquid by 3/4 and whisk in the butter and mustard until the butter is melted. They will thicken the sauce and add some shine to it.

Pour the sauce over the meat and vegetables. Beef or Chicken broth can be substituted for the wine and beer, if so desired, approximately 3 1/2 cups.

Ryan Mills is the Editor of The Childress Index. For suggestions, comments or to submit a recipe contact him at index@chipshot.net.

Something bugging your soapberry tree? Tell Texas Forest Service

You likely won't see the hundreds of tiny, black bugs crawling along the trunk of your soapberry tree. You probably won't even realize the tree has been infested until the bark starts to peel away. And by then, according to Texas Forest Service Forest Pest Manager Dr. Ron Billings, it'll be too late. "Once you see the bark slough off, the tree is pretty well dead," Billings said, pointing to photos of infested soapberry trees. "It's best to cut it down, take the tree out and get

rid of it to prevent the insect population from escaping."

Billings is studying the soapberry borer, an invasive bug from Mexico that kills its namesake — the soapberry tree — by boring into its bark. First detected near Bastrop in 2003, the bugs now can be found across Central and East Texas, stretching from Richmond up to North Dallas and all along the Brazos River. There currently is no treatment to save infested trees.

The US Forest Service recently awarded Billings a

three-year, \$30,000 grant to study the bug and track its spread across the state. "It's very easy to identify," Billings said. "If you have soapberry trees with the bark falling off and see winding trails or galleries (made by feeding beetle larvae) under the bark, I'm pretty sure you have that problem." Texas Forest Service first started studying the soapberry borer a couple years ago when arborists from Houston and Austin sent in samples of the bug. Not much is known about the pest, which is considered a close relative of the emerald ash borer, a destructive invasive pest found in the Midwest. Researchers know the bugs go after only soapberry trees and they tend to bore into specimens that are at least two or three inches in diameter. A tree can be infested long before it shows any symptoms, Billings said. Because the leaves remain green, most people don't realize there is a problem until the bark begins to fall off, the first sign of infestation. Ultimately, the tree will lose its crown and die.

Billings and fellow researchers are hoping the grant will help them track the location of the half-inch bugs and determine how fast the pests are

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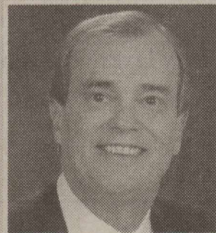
We Welcome Cynthia Schlueter, DO, and Misti Holt, FNP



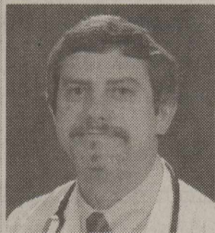
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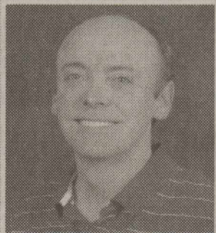
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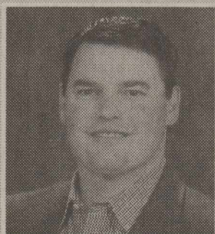
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Mart drivers played Saturday night at the Rocking R in Plainview. I didn't get to see them cause of this crazy ole neck. But maybe I will get to go hear them when they play again. They play every 2nd Saturday night there. Sometimes they play on the 4th Saturday night in Lockney at Honey Do's.

On Tuesday, August 4, five of the 48ers met at the Honey Do's in Lockney. Attending were Erma Hall Mickey of Plainview, Elna Sanderson Bloys of Sandhill and Floydada, Bobbye Casey Bean of Silvertown, Gleyann Earle Norman Cummings of Lockney and South Plains, and me, Vera Jo Rogers Bybee of Lockney

Jr. Brotherton is still in Mangold Memorial Hospital doing therapy on his knee replacement. He told me "they tell me I'm doing fine." He is going to Amarillo tomorrow Tuesday, August 11 to see his surgeon, so by the time you read this he will know how much longer he will be in the hospital.

This morning at church they announced Bill Bolinger of Aiken had just passed away. Our pastor is the Hospice Chaplain, so he was called to the hospital. But the youth had already planned to do the whole service. It was a great one. We all enjoy our youth so much.

Bill's funeral services will be held Tuesday at Lockney First United Methodist Church. Please keep Bill's wife, Twila and her daughter, Denise Smith, and her mother, Mildred Hulcy and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

I received word last week from a former Lockney resident and my classmate, Herbert Watson of Clovis, New Mexico that his sister Elna had passed away July 26, 2009. She was buried in Cottonwood, Arizona. That's all the information he sent. Elna was my classmate also.

Herbert and Elna have always been faithful to attend our Homecomings but this year Herbert came by himself. Their father, Zoel Watson was a well-known man here. Especially when he ran the popular eating place, "The Dixie Tavern". It was where Allsups is now. I like Allsups, but I wish I could roll time back when the Dixie Tavern was still there.

That is where Donnie and I went on our first date. So I have had Herbert and Elna's family in my prayers this week. Elna was in several of my classes.

I've told all of you that I'm 78 years old, so when I get news from my classmates it is usually sad.

MENU
AUGUST 17- AUGUST 21
Monday – Barbecue on bun
Tuesday – Baked ham
Wednesday – Roast beef
Thursday – Fried Chicken
Friday – Fish

STARGAZER...
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new.
 * 22 Sat. evening: The crescent Moon is to the left of Mercury which is to the left of Saturn all near the western horizon at dusk.

* 27 Thu.: The Moon is at 1st quarter.

• Perseid Meteor Shower. The best times for seeing Perseid meteors are Tues. and Wed. evening, Aug. 11 & 12, until the Moon rises around midnight, but the nights before and after might also be worth a look. Perseus rises in the northeast but it's best to watch overhead where the sky is darkest.

• Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon, and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation on its axis.) Evening: Saturn and Mercury are low in the west at dusk as Jupiter rises in the east. Morning: Jupiter is the brightest object in the southwest with "morning star" Venus in the east and much fainter Mars well above it.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazerpaul.com.

TREES...

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spreading across the state. As part of the research project, soapberry tree owners are encouraged to report possible infestations online at www.texasinvasives.org. It's not feasible to eradicate the bug because it already is well-established in the state, but controls — both man-made and natural — can help. Billings said. He and others also are leading trials in the hopes that they may discover a systemic insecticide to prevent beetle attacks or to save infested trees that still have green leaves.

Currently, the only option for an infested tree is to remove it and have it mulched or chipped to kill the larvae. "I f soapberry was live oak or if soapberry was ash or elm, or another high-value shade tree,

this problem would be much more significant," Billings said, explaining that the soapberry is important even though it's considered a secondary species. "It's a native tree species. It's part of the Texas landscape. It would be a shame to lose it."

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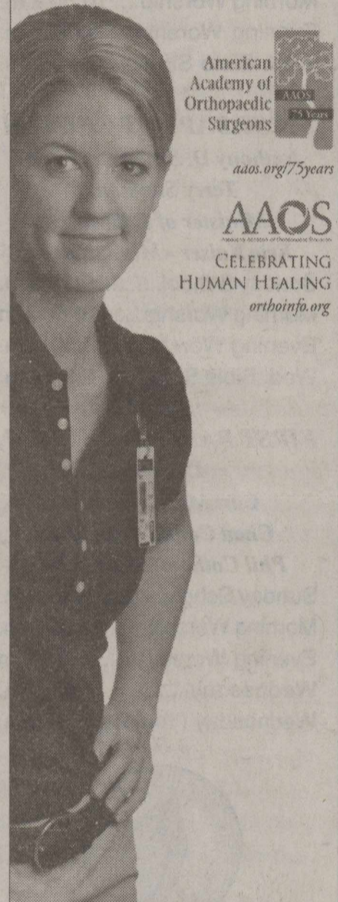
devastating disease," Commissioner Astrue said. "I want to thank the Alzheimer's Association and their staff, particularly Harry Johns, President and CEO. Their help has been invaluable and many of the witnesses are here at their suggestion. Together, we hope to identify the most severe cases that can be included in our Compassionate Allowances process."

A SHORT STORY ABOUT A MOTORCYCLE AND A SUDDEN TURN.

When she was a young college student, Elisabeth Marra had a serious motorcycle accident that ultimately changed her life. Two years after the crash, her painful open fractures had failed to heal. Then she heard about a new and complex surgery pioneered by a surgeon who used a patient's own stem cells to concentrate the healing process. This time, her surgery and subsequent therapy were successful.

Elisabeth's experience caused her to re-direct her own career aspirations. Inspired by the medical professionals who helped her reclaim her active lifestyle, she changed her major to study physical therapy—a profession where her own experience could help other patients prevail through difficult recoveries.

We tell Elisabeth Marra's story here to illustrate two of the most profound messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If reading it inspires just one more person to achieve something special, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Five-State Beef Conference set for Aug. 31-Sept. 2

AMARILLO – Extension personnel from five agencies are working together to provide the latest information to beef producers on everything from nutrition to marketing at three meetings taking place Aug. 31-Sept. 2.

The Five-State Beef Conference is aimed at beef producers from the Texas High Plains, Oklahoma Panhandle, Eastern New Mexico and southern portions of Colorado and Kansas, said Dr. Ted McCollum, beef cattle specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Amarillo.

McCollum is joined in hosting the meeting by Extension officials from Colorado State University, Oklahoma State University, New Mexico State University and Kansas State University.

Meetings are scheduled on Aug. 31 in the Moore Community Building in Dumas; Sept. 1 in the Cimarron County Fair Building in Boise City, Okla.; and Otero Junior College Student Center, Banquet Room 116 in La Junta, Colo. Each meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. with registration and conclude at 7 p.m., followed by an evening

meal. Topics and speakers will be:

• Winter cow nutrition, McCollum and Jack Whittier, Colorado State University.

• Controlling production costs, Glenn Selk, Oklahoma State, and Jason Ahola, Colorado State.

• Cash vs. grid marketing, Deb VanOverbeke, Oklahoma State, and Scott Howard, Colorado State.

• Market outlook, Rodney Jones, Oklahoma State.

• Value-added opportunities - increasing cost or adding premiums, Manny Encinas, New Mexico State.

• What it takes—participating in value-added programs, Doug McKinney, Oklahoma State.

The registration deadline is Aug. 21. Registration fee will be \$35 per person or \$50 for a couple. Checks should be made payable to OSU Animal Science and mailed to Animal Science Extension, 201 Animal Science, Stillwater, Okla. 74078.

For more information, contact McCollum at 806-677-5600, or the OSU Animal Science Extension at 405-744-6060.

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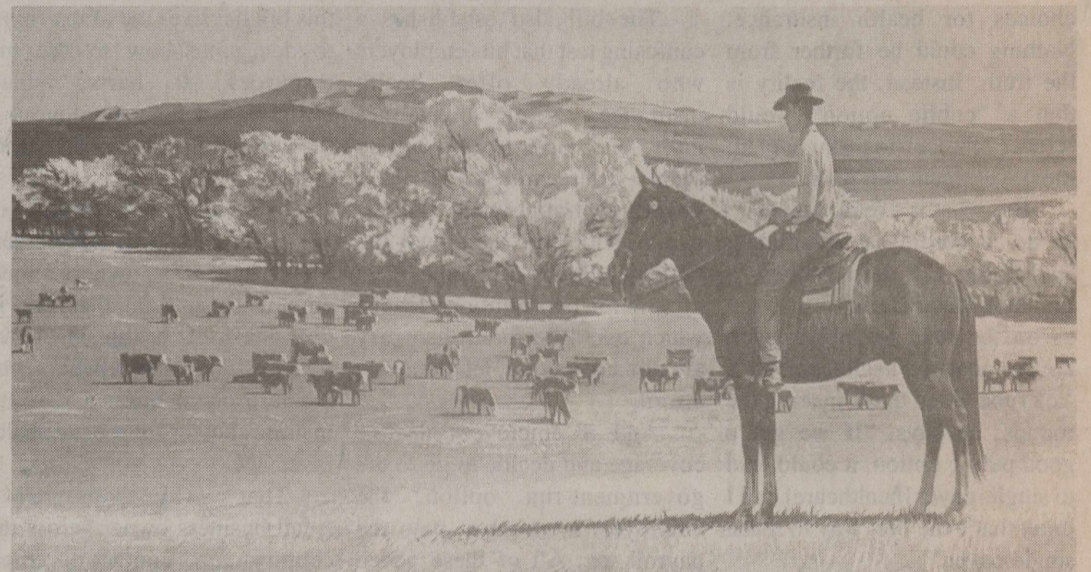
"LOVE FUND"
 A Love Fund for the family of Cassandra Wickware has been set up to help with funeral expenses. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so at American State Bank, Floydada.

WHIRLWIND BOOSTER CLUB MEETING
 The Whirlwind Booster Club will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the FHS cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and support all the athletes!

"WHIRLWINDS"
 The Whirlwind Booster Club will begin painting driveways and sidewalks with the Whirlwind logo soon. The cost will be \$10.00. For more information contact Jamie Williams at 806-983-3553.

"MEET THE WHIRLWINDS"
 "Meet the Whirlwinds" will be held Thursday, August 20th. Scrimmage will be against Olton. Immediately following the scrimmage a "Watermelon Feast" will be held. Come show your support!

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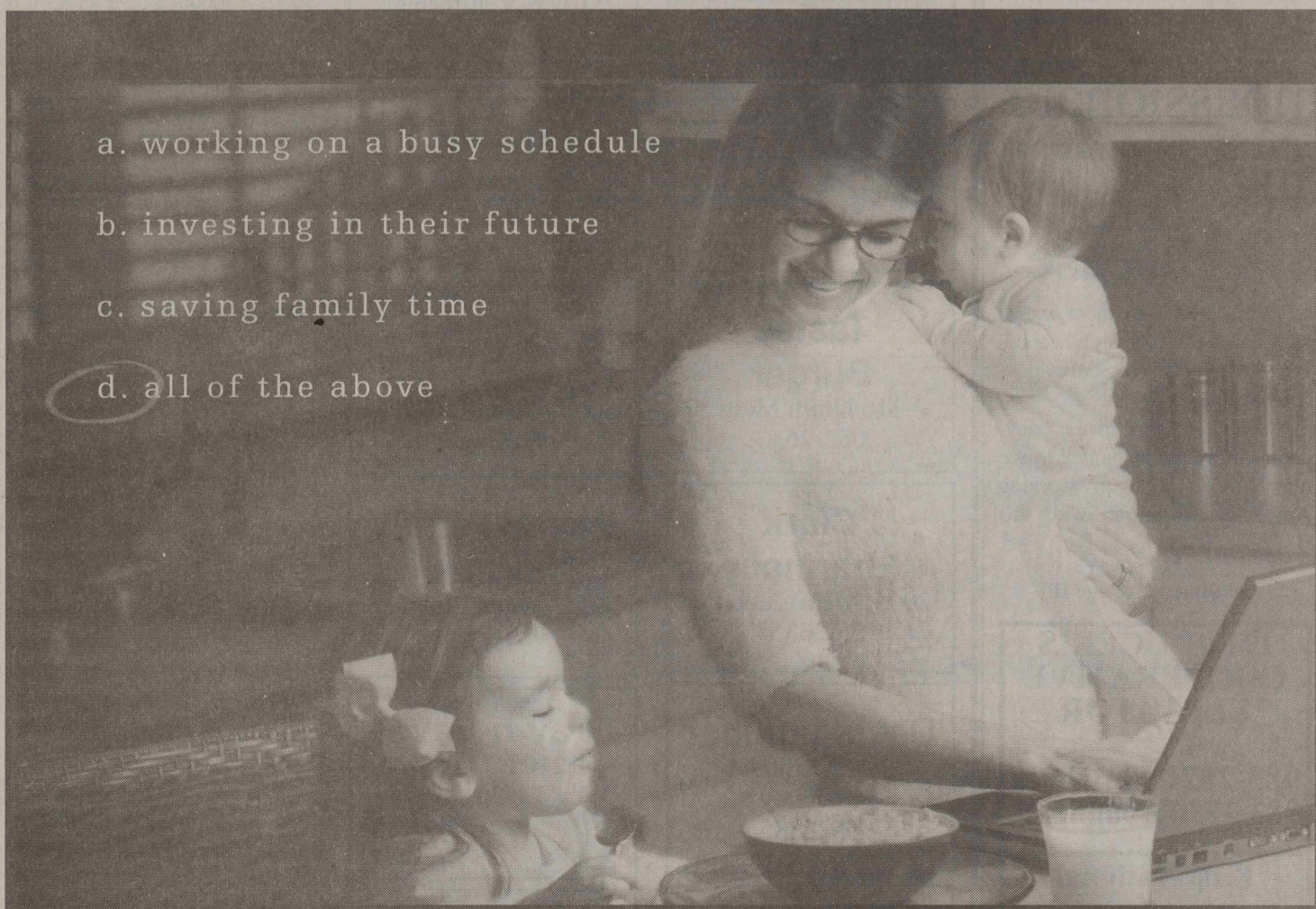


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