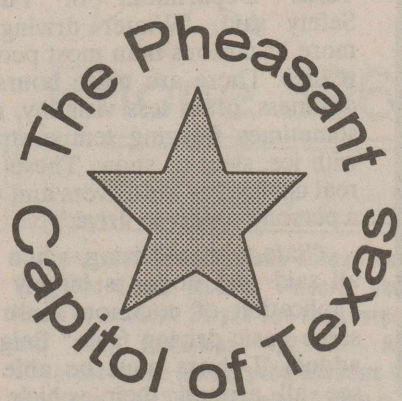


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Local News

Scot Bingo

Scot Bingo Thursday, Dec. 1st at 7 p.m.

"Country Store" To Be Held

Stratford Country Club will hold its annual "Country Store" with a Poinsettia Brunch Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Featured foods will be "What's For Breakfast?" to include a Wassil Bowl, tid-bits, Impossible Quiche and other breakfast casseroles, muffin baskets and flavored coffee's. Brunch will serve from 11:30 to 1:00. \$7.00 per person. Table decorations to include Poinsettia's will be for sale and auction beginning at 1:00 p.m. A silent bid will be accepted for auction items for those wishing to leave a bid.

Ruby McNeal Is

Doing Well

We have a report that Ruby McNeal is doing well at this time. Her daughter, Rita Trimble, reports that Ruby is up and about, and is feeling well. Ruby lives with the Trimbles in Littleton, Colorado.

Rita's husband, Joe, has recently suffered a heart attack and is not very well, but is improving. Doctors think that he will have a full recovery from the attack.

The Trimbles' address is 1142 West Geddes Avenue, Littleton, Colorado, 80120.

Farm Service Agency

Last month President Clinton signed into law a restructuring plan for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

As a result of this reorganization, all or part of three USDA agencies will be combined- ASCS, Federal Crop Insurance and FmHA farm loans. These agencies will be known as the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

The FSA will administer commodity price and income support programs, farm ownership and operating loans and the federal crop insurance program.

In addition, the FSA will offer conservation cost-share assistance under the Agricultural Conservation Program, as well as cost-sharing and land rental payments for the Conservation Reserve Program.

Producers should know that the reorganization did not eliminate any programs. Services soon will be available to producers on a 'one-stop' basis. The whole purpose of the new FSA is to be able to provide better, more efficient service and to make it easier for farmers to use our programs."

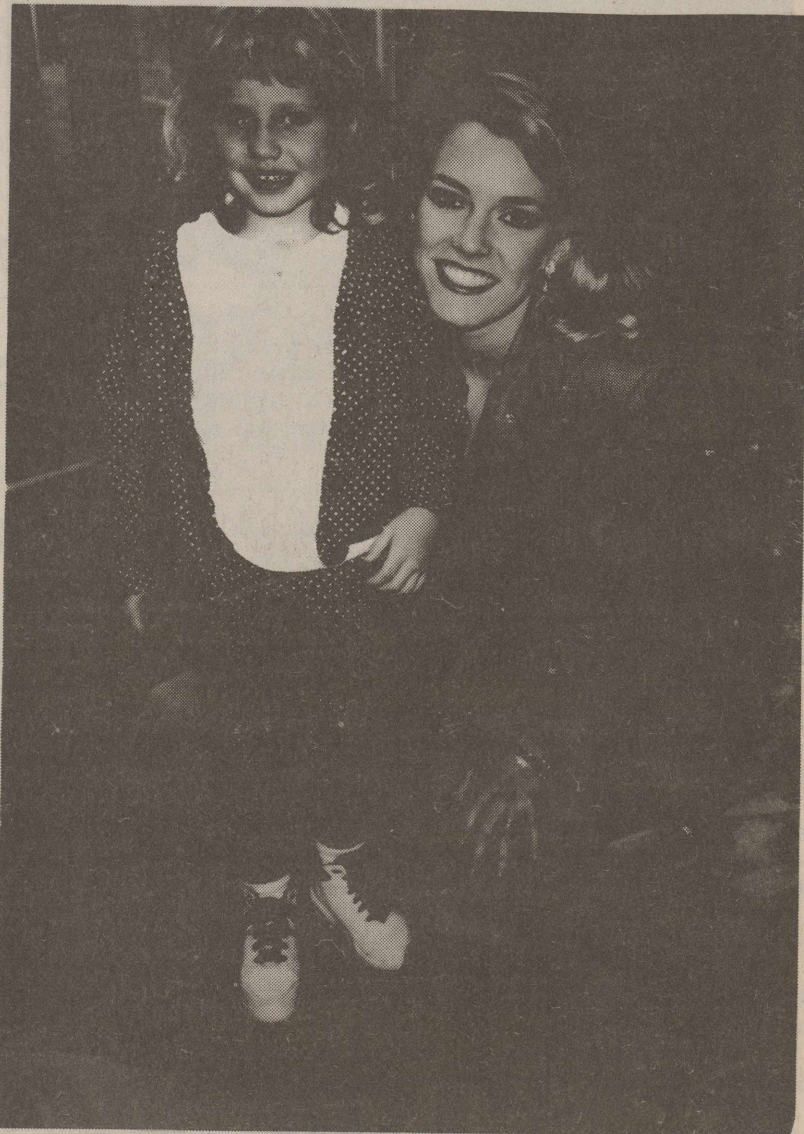
At the local level, farmer-elected committee members will continue to oversee farm program administration and will take on additional duties in overseeing other FSA programs.

The agencies are merging at headquarters first. The combination of staffs and functions at the county level will come in time. In the meantime, farmers can receive service as usual at their county offices.

Hospital Report

Juan DeAnda Northwest Texas Hospital; Sami Oakley Womack surgery is scheduled Nov. 30th at High Plains Baptist Hospital. Woody Gay is in Veteran's Hospital in Amarillo.

Miss Texas Visits Stratford



Miss Texas Arian Archer with Merilee McDaniel at The First State Bank on November 23, 1994.

By Marie Sladek

It was a yellow ribbon day in Stratford on Wednesday, November 23rd. Being the day before Thanksgiving holiday and not to mention Miss Texas, Arian Archer coming a person could almost feel the electricity in the air.

Arian Archer arrived in Cadillac Style. Driven by her grandfather Mr. Howard Archer from Lefors, Texas. She was accompanied by her mother Crista Archer, Borger and her grandmother Myrtice Evans, Friona and her special friend, Dave Fillmen from Borger.

Speaking to all campuses. Arian stressed three points to the students. The three points she encouraged the students to remember and follow were 1. Never give up 2. Say no to drugs and alcohol and 3. Believe in yourself. She took questions from the students ranging from "Why did you want to become Miss Texas?" to "Hold Old are you?"

Texas Department Of Agriculture-1994 Approved Recertification Course Schedule

November 30, 1994-Amarillo, Tx. This course is worth 3.00 credits. Sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service; contact Dr. Carl Patrick at (806) 359-5401. Subjects: Pest Features, Integrated Pest Management and Laws and Regulations.

December 6, 1994, Perryton, Tx. This course is worth 5.00 credits. Sponsored by Texas Department of Agriculture; contact Martha Edwards at (806) 323-8087. Subjects: Label and Labeling Comprehension, Safety Factors, Laws and Regulations, General and other.

December 7, 1994 State-wide Satellite Conference. Satellite transmission to multiple conference locations and to a limited number of private viewers. This course is worth 5.00 credits. Sponsored by Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Farm Bureau and Texas Department of Agriculture; contact Nancy Kluck at (409) 845-3849. Subjects: Integrated Pest Management, Laws and Regulations and Environmental Consequences.

For those of you who were unable to hear Miss Texas, she will be a special guest at the CASA 69 Kids for Kids that will be held in Dumas, Texas on April 2nd. I would like to close with a quote that I overheard during Miss Texas' brief visit. "I feel Miss Texas would do a super good job representing the State of Texas, particularly, the Panhandle." During her reign, Arian has visited many of the top 26 counties. The Panhandle is very proud of you.

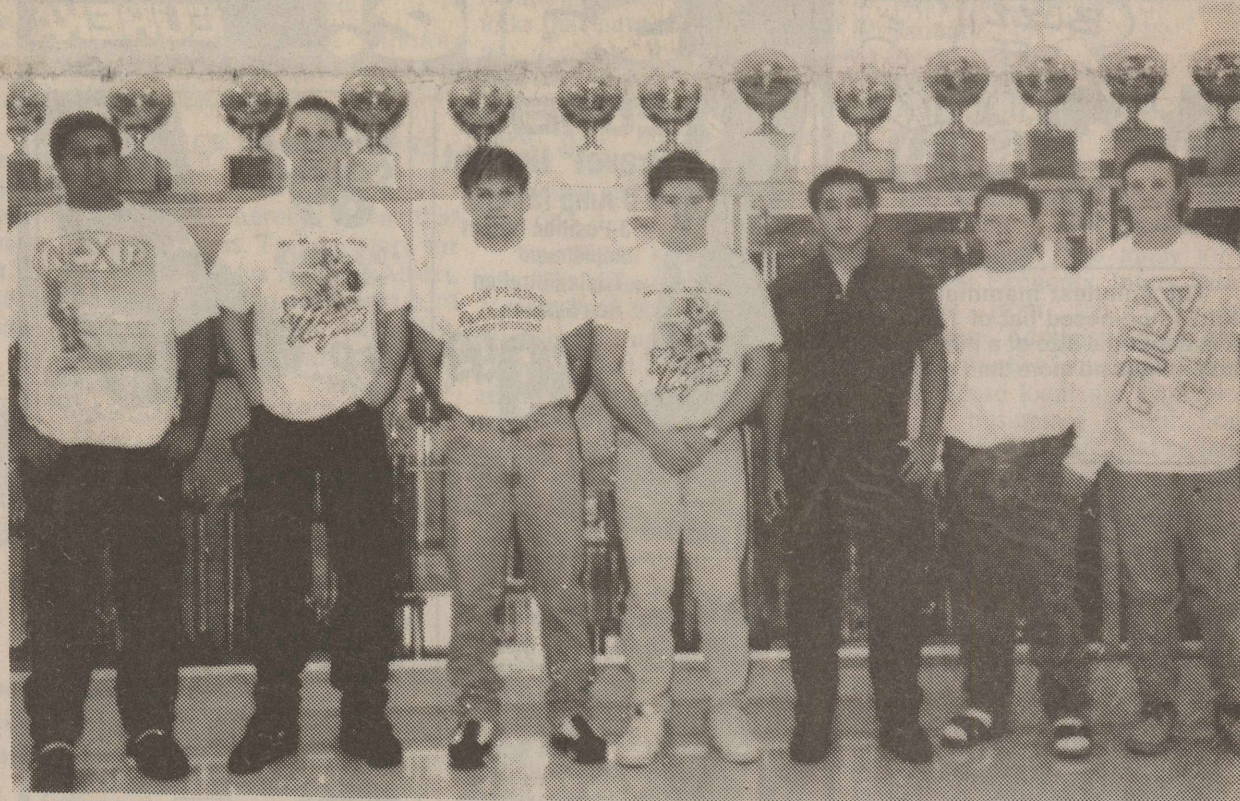


Ribbon Cutting

Mayor Ken Forthman is shown above welcoming Y. C. Parris, Director of Amarillo VA Medical Center at the Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening for the Stratford Veterans Primary Care Clinic, held Monday, November 21st. The clinic is part of a network of VA sites offering services to veterans in and around the Panhandle in an effort to promote earlier care and ultimately healthier lifestyles holding down costs and keeping veterans out of the hospital.

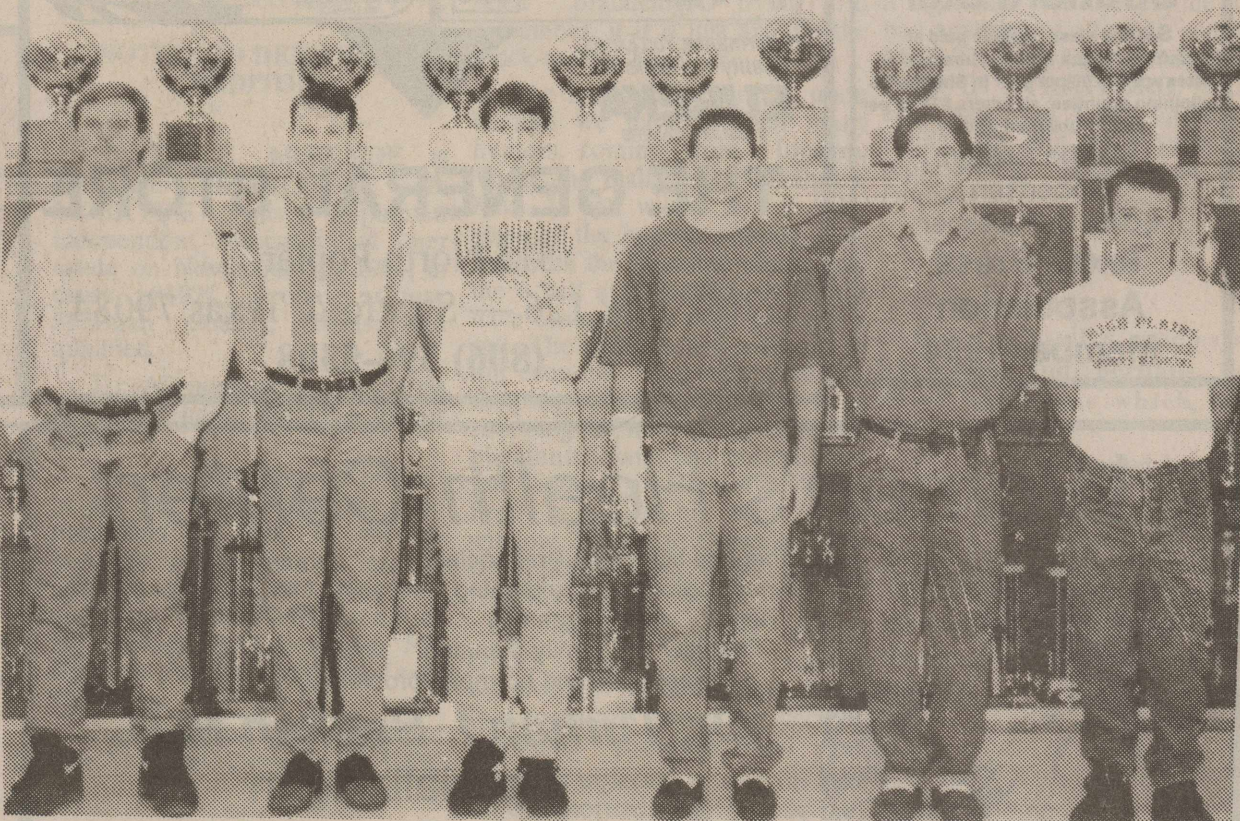
Public Meeting
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 Bivins will be At
 First State Bank
 Lobby Thursday,
 Dec. 1st at 2:15
 p.m.

All-District Football Players Picked



From left Lawrence Aguilera, Clint Craig, Oscar Baeza, Julian Licon, Michael Gonzales, Aaron Griffith and Rhea Chumley.

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From Left are Trew James, Dusty Stewart, T.D. Baskin, Clint Vincent, Ben Pigman and Ryan Wanner.

Arian closed each of the assemblies with her gift of singing. Arian chose to sing "Heros" by Mariah Carey and by special request "Some Enchanted Evening" This was her talent at the Miss Texas pageant when she was crowned Miss Texas.

During the high school campus assembly, Arian was presented with a Proclamation proclaiming the 23rd of November as Miss Texas Arian Archer Day, by Mayor Ken Forthman and Miss Stratford '94 Jennifer Sladek and a presentation of the key to the hearts of the people of Stratford by Jessica Walton, Junior Miss '94 and Thea James, Princess Miss '94. She was then escorted out of the auditorium by Amy Sladek, Princess Miss '92 and Marca Ewers, young Miss '92.

A private luncheon was held with the '92 and '94's Miss Stratford's at DeBec's. Joining in the luncheon festivities were Mike Hare, Chief of Police, Joyce Ann Lasley, Blake, Marie and Alisha Sladek, as well as Arian's family members.

Arian then went to the Lollipop Junction for singing and a quick game of ring-around-the-rosie. The little folks had constructed a huge welcome card for Miss Texas. Each little name was on the card, as well as their own work of art.

At two in the afternoon, Nu Beta Sorority had prepared a come and go reception at the First State Bank lobby. Miss Texas gave a live radio interview with Dave Lackey with KKBS-FM, Guymon, Oklahoma. Following the interview, Arian signed photographs for the many well wishers, both young and old alike. She also had her photo taken with many locals, as well as with visiting with well wishers Mrs. Nira French and Mrs. Earl Plank with the Dalhart Texan.

Following the reception, Chief of Police Mike Hare escorted Arian out of town in grand style. The day was a great success. With the help of Mr. Brite and his staff, the students at SHS, Lollipop Junction, DeBec's, Ellies, Orlanda Garoutte, Blake Sladek, B.A. Donelson, Lauri Ewers, Gayla James, the Stratford Star, and the police department things clicked and for this we are thankful.

Dear Readers
By Marty Robertson

Remember Thursday, December 1, 1994 Seat Belt Law. Remember to buckle up. I'm sure I will be one of the first to receive a ticket.

Hope everyone had a safe and happy Thanksgiving. We spent ours in Missouri and Kansas. Drove approximately 1200 miles in a short time, but had an enjoyable time visiting relatives. Glad to be home safe once again.

If you want to hear a funny story, ask Marie Sladek about her hospital visit during a Fire. We all only hope it doesn't happen to us.

Only 24 shopping days until Christmas.

Happy Birthday Heather.

Sorry we missed Miss Texas. We left on our trip that morning before she arrived in town. Sounds like she is a very nice girl.

Monday, December 5, 1994 is Open House in Stratford, please take time to read ad on page 5. It will be a special time in Stratford Monday.

Football Picks

All-District football has been named. Those chosen for 1st Team Offense are running back - Clint Vincent, Oscar Baeza - running back, wide receiver - Dusty Stewart, Off. line - Lawrence Aguilera and center - Julian Licon. 2nd Team Offense is Off. line - Michael Gonzales. Honorable Mention are T.D. Baskin - quarterback, Clint Craig - wide receiver, Trew James and Rhea Chumley - Off. line.

1st Team Defense are Michael Gonzales - def. line, Julian Licon - linebacker, Oscar Baeza - linebacker, Def. end - Ben Pigman and secondary - Clint Vincent. 2nd Team Defense are Aaron Griffith - line, T.D. Baskin - secondary. Honorable Mention are Lawrence Aguilera - Def. line, Dusty Stewart and Ryan Wanner - 2nd team secondary.



The smallest mammal is the Kitti's hog-nosed bat of Thailand. It is about the size of a bumblebee and weighs no more than a penny.

A Safe Place Outreach Representative is available 24 hours a day. Call 1-800-753-7553. Representatives are available to assist victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. A Safe Place representative is always available to speak to civic club and organizations. Safe Place Services are free and strictly confidential. HELP IS A PHONE CALL AWAY!!!

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Obit

Melba Jean Inglis Park

Melba Jean Inglis Park, 70, died Saturday, Nov. 26, 1994.

Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Stewart, pastor, officiating. Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Olton Cemetery at Olton by Morrison Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Park was born in Martha, Okla. She had been a Stratford resident since July. She previously had been a longtime resident of Concord, Calif. She grew up and attended schools in Olton. She was a retired telephone operator. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Gregory Ellsworth Park of Clayton, Calif.; a sister Molly Griffin of Stratford; a brother, Donald Ray Inglis of Napa, Calif.; and a grandson.

The family requests memorials be to Memorial Hospice, 224 Second, Dumas, Texas 79029

Dan Holterman

Espanola, N.M.-Dan Holterman age 54, die November 22.

He retired from Los Alamos after 30 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, and one son of the home, and two daughters, his mother, also of Espanola, N.M. and one sister Cheryl Reese of Borger.

Breast Cancer Screening To Be Held

The Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital will again conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at First United Methodist Church, 520 N. North Main on December 8, 1994 from 10:00 to 2:30 p.m.

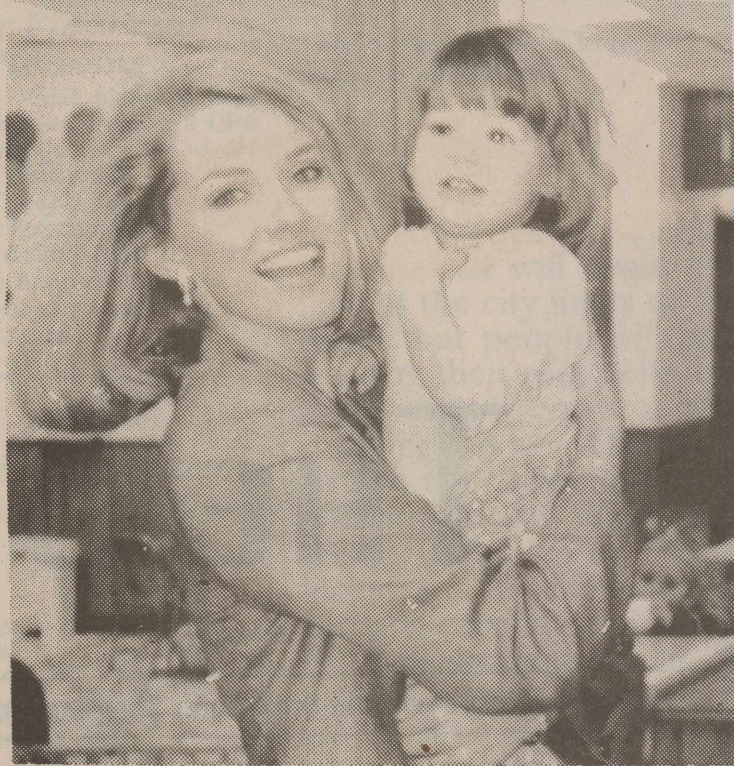
Breast cancer affects one in nine women. The key to boosting your chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exam each month.

Each participant at our screening will receive a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician. Our mammography machine is certified by the American College of Radiology ensuring a quality film.

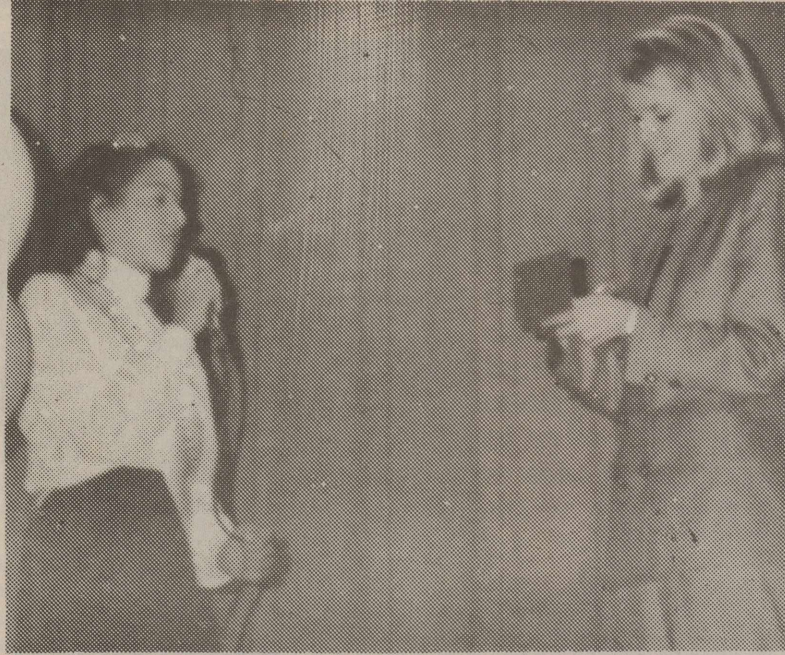
The American Cancer Society urges all women to have their first mammogram by age 40. Those who have a close relative with breast cancer or other risk factors may be asked by their doctor to have a mammogram at an earlier age.

The total cost of the screening is \$70.00. Ask about funding that is available for free breast screenings.

Please call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE (4673) or (806) 359-4673 today for more information or to schedule an appointment.



Miss Texas Arian Archer holding Shelby Duncan at The Lollipop Junction.



Junior Miss Jessica Walton presents Miss Texas Arian Archer with the keys to Stratford at the High School Auditorium on November 23, 1994.

Winter Driving May Be More Hazardous

Trooper Wayne Beigle, Public Information Officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety said, "Winter driving is more hazardous than most people realize. There are more hours of darkness, often less visibility, and sometimes freezing temperatures with ice, sleet or snow. These are real challenges for drivers and test a person's ability to drive."

"Safe winter driving, when it's all said and done, is largely the application of common sense to some basic driving facts," Beigle added. "Drivers must be able to see all around their vehicle to drive safely. Make sure all ice and snow is removed from all windows. Don't be a 'peep hole' driver. Keep windows from fogging by using the defroster. If necessary, stop and knock ice or snow off wiper blades to keep the windshield clear."

Too much speed on slippery roads is the mistake that breeds the most trouble. Adjust your driving habits to match the weather and road conditions. Trips on icy roads are going to take longer. Face the facts, don't be in a hurry. If the road is covered with ice or snow, start your vehicle moving slowly and gently. When stopping, apply your brakes lightly and much earlier than usual. Make your turns slowly and smoothly.

Most loss of control comes in the form of skids. Skids don't just happen, they are caused by the driver in most cases. To recover from a skid, back off the accelerator, stay off the brakes and steer your vehicle in the

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Kerrick News
By Marylou McDaniel

Thanksgiving found Kerrick people busy with family and friends.

Kayo & Jo June McDaniel hosted dinner for Penny & Linda Whitson, Faye Daniell of Clayton, White, Diane, Eric, Travis J., & Tasha of Dumas, Hank & Mabel Rogers, Ian Weems.

Kerry and Kelly Carlisle, Liberal, Ks., spent the day with her parents, Bill & Pat Boren. Sunday the Borens bowled in the Great Panhandle Shoot-out Tournament in Amarillo. Bill came in 14th and Pat reports that Stratford Grain team member Peggy Byrd was fourth. Several from Dalhart bowled in the event.

Joining the Ralph Hampton family were Nora & Parker Wells of Stratford. This week Ralph James & Annette will make a fast business trip to Redbud, Illinois, up on Friday and back on Sunday.

Jo Alice Rogers, Oden, Arkansas, spent three days with the Hank & Mabel Rogers. She went to Dalhart for Thanksgiving with her sister, Zeldia Beth Lang, returning to the Rogerses Monday. She went home Tuesday.

Recent visitors with Hal, Pam and Darcy Thompson were her parents, Phil & Annette Mullins of Friendwood, Tx.

George & Barbara Avent had Sunday guests of Lavert, Tammy & Tyler Avent of Boise City, Bevin, Donna, April, Kodie & Tait Avent, Hal, Pam & Darcy Thompson. Barbara is recovering from her Nov. 11 surgery. She is now in a cast and is doing "pretty good".

Trisha & Reed Schoonover went to Ballinger with Brian, Kendra & Justin Mungia. They left Friday and planned to return Tuesday.

Terry & Barbara Schoonover hosted Thanksgiving dinner for 22 members of her Guymon family. Included were son Kelly of Houston and his friend, Shelby of Odessa. Saturday they were in Folsom, N.M. for a relaxing day.

Nita & Doug Taylor had Thanksgiving with the Poe Keeners in Stratford. Other guests were the Mark Keeners, Jere Don Keener, Maria and Michael Ortega, Melba Keener, J.E. Wickett of Oklahoma City, Dave & Yvonne Haas of Texhoma.

Florencia Eslinger had her family for Turkey Day dinner. Her parents, Shorty & Louise Hudgens of Stinnett, daughter Mindy, daughter Felecia Parker and husband Bill & Bob and Brianna, all of Amairillo, daughter Becky & husband Woody & Kegan of Dumas, brother Gary Hudgens.

Winnie Dunlap hosted Thanksgiving dinner at her Stratford home. Among the 28 present were Virgie Mathews, Dick & Margie Munden, Dr. Gary Mathews, Franny & Brenda Taylor, Donna Baker.

Friday night Franny, Brenda & Donna were in Boise City at Mildred & Bob Robinsons. There were about 20 there.

Brenda & her dog, Sadie, returned to Denver Sunday (after Christmas decorating for her mother) and Donna left for Colorado City, Co. Monday.

Enjoying Thanksgiving with the Ben Tom James family were Paul & Martha Redwine, Frank & Blanche James, Boise City. Stopping for a visit was Mildred Crabtree, Amarillo.

R.P. Crabtree, Boise City, celebrated his 90th birthday Saturday with about 150 family members and friends. Several from Kerrick attended including

Virgie Mathews, Dr. Gary Mathews, Margie Munden, Hank & Mabel Rogers, Minnie Hampton, Myron Leedy, Marylou & Merilee McDaniel, Patti McDaniel & Sarah Powell of Denver, Thelma & Duane Smith of Dumas.

R.P. always tells Myron that he is trying to catch up with him! For a short time they are both 90. Myron will have his 91st birthday on Dec. 14, so it won't last long!

Jan Wells of San Antonio was here for her grandfather's celebration.

Secret Pal Party is Dec. 8 at Donna Gillenwaters with Pat Boren and Donna Avent as co-hostesses.

Patti McDaniel & Sharon Powell of Denver were holiday guests with Marylou McDaniel, Myron Leedy, Mike & Merilee McDaniel.

Made contact with Santa Claus Monday and he plans to be in Kerrick on Dec. 16!

Word was received Saturday of the death of Ray McDaniel, Sacramento, Ca. He was a brother of the late Claude & Orval McDaniel and had spent his early years in the Felt, Ok., area. His father was Isaac McDaniel. He was an uncle of Fred & Kayo.

Ray was 94 1/2 years old. He died Friday night. Survivors are a son, Dean of Sacramento, and two granddaughters Teri and Amy.

National Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour Week Named

December 4-10, 1994, has been declared "National Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour Week."

More than 79 million people in the United States bowl. About 35 percent of all bowlers are female, 32 percent are male, and 33 percent are young bowlers.

Bowling benefits health by increasing muscle coordination and flexibility and by releasing stress.

Bowling is a \$4 billion industry and growing.

The Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour represents the best women bowlers in the world and conducts 22 nationally televised events each year.

During organized league play every week, 2.5 million women enjoy the sport of bowling.

During the nationally televised finals of the Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour, the group will be recognized across the nation and on television.

Therefore, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of December 4, 1994, as National Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour Week in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition thereof.

Check Out The Library
By Dorothy Haile

Ride For The Brand-The Poetry and Songs of Red Steagall is new for the library collection. By resolution of the Texas Legislature on April 30, 1991, Red Steagall was designated "Cowboy Poet of Texas: as a tribute to his exceptional abilities and to his influence in protecting his incomparable art form.

Elmer Kelton has written the forward. Kelton writes "Red Steagall's poems and songs reflect a tradition that began in open-range days when cowboys with time on their hands and a night herd to sing to made up new lyrics to go with old melodies, new wood grafted onto an old tree to reflect a unique way of life. The black and white sketches add a nice addition to the book.

Madeleine L'Engle has written four books for the middle school reader. They are classed as fiction and gravitate to the science and fantasy realm. A Wrinkle In Time, A Wind In The door, A Swiftly Tilting Planet, And Many Waters are absorbing and dramatic tales that combines suspense with awesome beauty.

New books-Remembrance by Jude Deveraux, Shadow of The Pomegranate by Plaiddy, and The Proud and the Free by Janet Dailey.

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direction you want to go.

It is obvious that winter driving can pose problems for even the most experienced drivers. But as stated above, if we take our time, take it easy, make smooth movements and adjust speed to match conditions, we all can have a safer winter.

DUTCH CHOCOLATE DELIGHT

In your favorite brewer, make a full pot of coffee (10 to 12 cups) using Dutch chocolate whipped cream or ground coffee.

Pour coffee into mugs and for each serving: Garnish with 2 dollops whipped cream or chocolate non-dairy whipped topping; top with approximately 1/2 teaspoon chocolate sprinkles.

The mind of man is like a clock that is always running down, and requires to be as constantly wound up.

—William Hazlitt

First Christian Church

10:45 a.m. John 1:4-5
"The Light of Christmas!"
12:00 p.m. All Church Winter Dinner

Tax Rules For Casualty & Disaster Losses Deductions

Recently floods, fires and mudslides recently caused a lot of expensive damage resulting in casualty and disaster losses. Although casualty losses aren't specifically defined in the Internal Revenue Code beyond a simple mention of fires, storms, or shipwrecks, over time they have been defined as damage that results from an identifiable event that was sudden, unexpected, or unusual in nature. Losses on personal property are deductible only to the extent each loss exceeds \$100, and then total net casualty losses are deductible only to the extent they exceed 10% of adjusted gross income. Business property losses aren't subject to the \$100 threshold, but they too must exceed 10% of adjusted gross income.

To determine the amount of loss, insurance and other reimbursements are subtracted from the total loss because a casualty loss is only available for unreimbursed losses. The allowable loss is the lesser of the properties fair market value immediately before the casualty reduced by the property's fair market value immediately after the casualty, or the property's adjusted basis for determining loss from a sale or other disposition.

If property used in a business or in a "for profit" transaction is totally destroyed, and the property's fair market value immediately before the casualty is less than the properties adjusted income tax basis, the adjusted income tax basis is the loss.

The most important factor in claiming the loss is determining the properties pre and post loss fair market value. This is usually done by an appraisal that reflects any market decline for both damaged and undamaged property. When determining the property's fair market value, the appraiser can consider the

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Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Adult Choir 8:00 pm

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Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
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Morning Worship Service

St. Joseph Catholic

Father Richard Schully
6th & Wall
No Saturday Mass
Sunday English Mass 9:00 am
Sunday CCD 10:00 - 11:00 am
Sunday Spanish Mass 11:00 am

Church of Christ

David Stites
N. 3rd & Chestnut
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

Calvary Baptist

Tony Roe
302 S. Main
Sunday School 10:00 am
Morning Worship 11:00 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Prayer Service & Bible Study 7:30 pm

First Baptist

Bro. Jerry Stewart
702 N. 3rd
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Church Training 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Kerricks Thanksgiving Supper

R.P. Crabtree & wife, Carrie, were among those attending Kerricks Thanksgiving Supper. Pictured with them is his daughter, Lynn Wells.



Marylou McDaniel, left, Dick Woolsey, Worthy Matron & Worthy Patron of Stratford 960, welcomed Flora Maserang, Amarillo, Nov. 15. Mrs. Maserang is Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 2, Sec. 2.

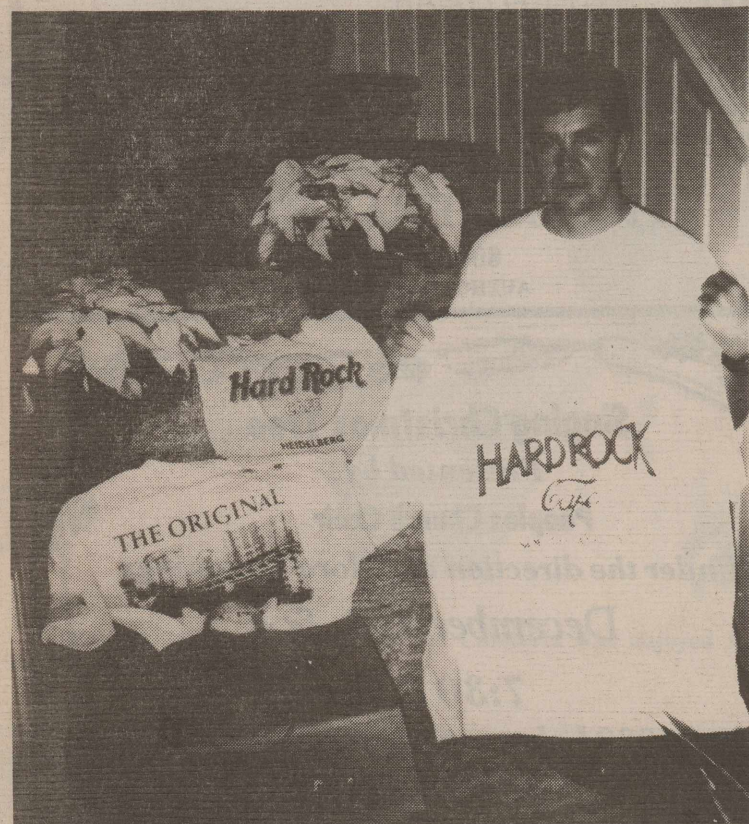
Stratford Chapter 960, Order of the Eastern Star, welcomed Flora Maserang, Deputy Grand Matron, Dist. 2, Sec. 2, at their regular meeting Nov. 15. Prior to the meeting 14 met at Headquarters Cafe for dinner.

Marylou McDaniel, Worthy Matron and Dick Woolsey, Worthy Patron, welcomed other Grand Officers, Edna Harshbarger, Dalhart and Ken Jennings, Amarillo, members of Bulletin Committee; Dwayne Maserang and Milton Skipper, Amarillo, Home Builders; Frances Latham, Amarillo, Membership;

Maurine Skipper, Amarillo, Reflections Picture Book; Jean Jennings, Amarillo, Visitation; Vernie Day, Spring Reflections of Our Home and Marylou McDaniel, Music.

Following the chapter meeting, Reba Pittman, Associate Matron, served refreshments.

Other visitors were Marcia Benton, who is Worthy Matron of A.E. Shirley in Amarillo and from Dalhart, Buddy and Candy Saltemeir, Debra Ford, who is Dalhart Worthy Matron, C.J. Beverly and Dell Beadle of Bonita Chapter.



"Poinsettia Brunch"

Chris Riffe's hand delivered items for "Poinsettia Brunch" Country Store, Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Items from Hard Rock Cafe's In Capetown, South Africa; London; Heidelberg, Germany.

First of all, your director has been out of service for the past 10 days due to illness so I would like to go back to the previous week to thank the Prospectus Study Club for all their work for making our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon a GREAT SUCCESS, we had a record amount of attendance, plenty of food, fun, entertainment, and gifts donated by the First State Bank.

December will be a slow month for scotters, it seems that there is always something that is going on that slows down our scot activities but we will have Bingo the first Thursday of the month, then hopefully a Christmas party and games, see some Christmas lighting, then I will spend the rest of the month and year getting the year end report and plans to start the coming year.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Prospectus Study Club

Prospectus Study Club will have a Christmas Salad Supper at the home of Mary Woodford Wisdom on Wednesday, Dec. 7. The meeting begins at 4:30 p.m.

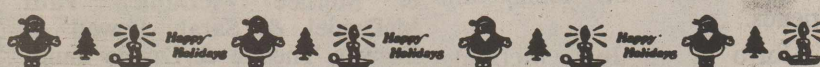
Club members will be showering M.D. Anderson Hospital with paperback books, caps, wigs and bandanas.

Also bring one of the following items for the local pantry-macaroni & cheese, toothpaste, laundry or bath soap.

Unless asked to bring something else, members are to bring a dessert, either of candy, cookies or snack. Bring the recipe, too!

Roll call is to be answered to "A Special way my family celebrates Christmas". Co hostesses are members of the Social Committee.

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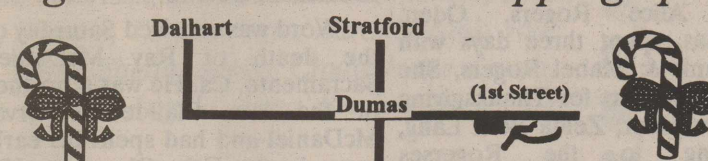
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Stratford Country Club
Country Store

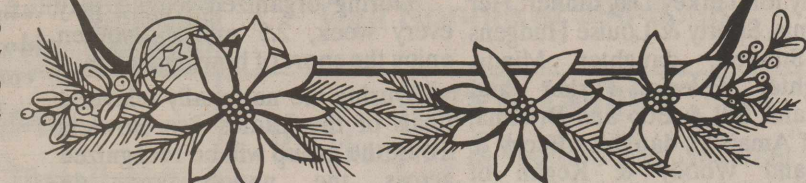
Tuesday, 6th December

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\$7.00 Per Person



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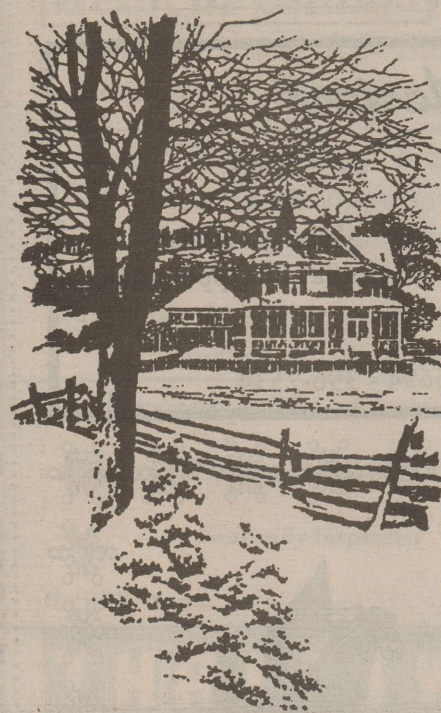
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Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless gas that is produced when fuels, like charcoal, gasoline, kerosene, natural gas, oil, propane or wood, are burned improperly. Carbon monoxide is not visible and has no odor or taste.

To guard against CO poisoning, make sure you have an adequate supply of fresh air in your home and that your appliances have been properly installed, maintained and used. All heating appliances should be directly vented to the outdoors.

Check your vent pipes. If they are plugged with debris or have gaps, leaks, spaces or spots that have rusted through, have your appliance dealer/contractor revent your appliances.

Avoid using unvented space heaters—they can be extremely hazardous. Never use your range to heat your home. And never burn charcoal indoors or try to cook in your fireplace.

Symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu and include sleepiness, nausea, headaches and dizziness. If you notice any of these symptoms, get fresh air immediately. If fresh air relieves your symptoms, call your appliance dealer/contractor to check your appliances. If symptoms persist, see a doctor.

A safety message from your energy partners at Southern Union Gas.

Laney Receives Award



Rod Ellis



Pete Laney

Texas Speaker of the House Pete Laney on Nov. 17 was recognized for his efforts in creating a pro-business environment in the South Plains and Panhandle regions of Texas.

Laney received an award from the communities that make up the High Ground of Texas economic development coalition during the group's annual meeting and seminar in Lubbock.

Stratford is a member of the High Ground of Texas coalition.

Laney has been Speaker of the House for nearly two years. Since he was elected, Laney has worked to change the House rules, creating a more open legislative environment. This new environment has allowed for the passage of laws which support economic development and job creation.

Also at the meeting Rod Ellis was elected president of the High Ground of Texas. Ellis is the director of economic development for the City of Lubbock.

Other 1995 officers are Mike Carr of Hereford, Vice president; Grady Elder of Plainview, treasurer; and Myron McCartor of Perryton, secretary.

New directors for the year are Elder, Marty Mangum of Littlefield, Dave Marr of Muleshoe, and Lorie Vincent of Stratford.

Outgoing President Rick Osburn said 10,000 new jobs have been created in the South Plains and Panhandle areas in the last year.

"The High Ground of Texas in essence markets the state of Texas," said Rick Osburn, 1994 High Ground president. "Under Speaker Laney's leadership, we have a lot to offer to businesses looking to locate in Texas, particularly in this region."

The High Ground of Texas includes 25 communities that work together to bring economic growth to the region.

Communities with membership in the High Ground are Amarillo, Borger, Brownfield, Canyon,

Dalhart, Denver City, Dimmitt, Dumas, Floydada, Friona, Gruver, Hereford, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Lubbock, Morton, Muleshoe, Pampa, Perryton, Plainview, Slaton, Spearman, Stratford and Tahoka.

Southwestern Public Service Company provides administrative support for the coalition.

Lemony Light Vineyard Cups

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1 1/4 cups plain lowfat yogurt
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
- 3 cups seedless red or green Chilean grapes, halved
- Lemon peel for garnish

In small saucepan, soften gelatin in cold water; warm over low heat to dissolve. Stir in honey, yogurt, orange juice, lemon juice and peel, whisking gently to blend smooth. Divide grapes among six (6-ounce) custard cups or individual dessert dishes. Pour yogurt mixture over each, dividing equally. Chill until set. Garnish with additional lemon peel before serving. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrient Value Per Serving:
 145.44 Calories; 1.28g Fat; 4.40g Protein; 31.73g Carbohydrate; 7.90% Calories from Fat; 4.12% Calories from Saturated Fat; 39.98mg Sodium; 3.11mg Cholesterol; 0.71g Dietary Fiber.

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 Monday, December 5th

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Tax Rules
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property's highest and best use. Remember, the appraiser's fee is a deductible miscellaneous deduction subject to the 2% adjusted gross income floor.

Alternatively, the cost of repairs to the property can be used instead of the property's diminution in value. The property's sales price either before or other casualty can also be used.

For personal use property an additional loss limitation applies. Each loss is deductible only to the extent that it exceeds \$100 and net casualty losses are deductible only to the extent they exceed 10% of adjusted gross income.

The \$100 floor applies separately to each casualty and applies to each individual claiming the loss. The \$100 floor only applies to the loss attributable to the non-business portion of mixed-use property.

When the loss is determined, all personal casualty gains and losses are netted together to produce a net gain or loss. Net losses are ordinary and deductible only to the extent they exceed 10% of adjusted gross income determined without regard to non-business casualty gains and losses.

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Good Turnout For Scot Annual Thanksgiving-Christmas Luncheon

Over 200 people gathered at SCOT Hall Nov. 17 as Sherman County Older Texans and Prospectus Study Club celebrated with their annual Thanksgiving-Christmas dinner. One hundred fifty seven registered, 35 Third Graders in chorus, 12 Lollipop Junction preschoolers and more than a dozen parents who came to see the children.

Melba Keener provided pre-dinner music at the piano. Seventeen Study Club members were present to assist in serving. Tables were decorated with seasonal decorations by Girl Scouts and Brownies.

Third Grade Chorus sang three songs, "This is your Land", "We Shall Be Free", "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" and

completed the program by dancing and singing, "Turkey Tango".

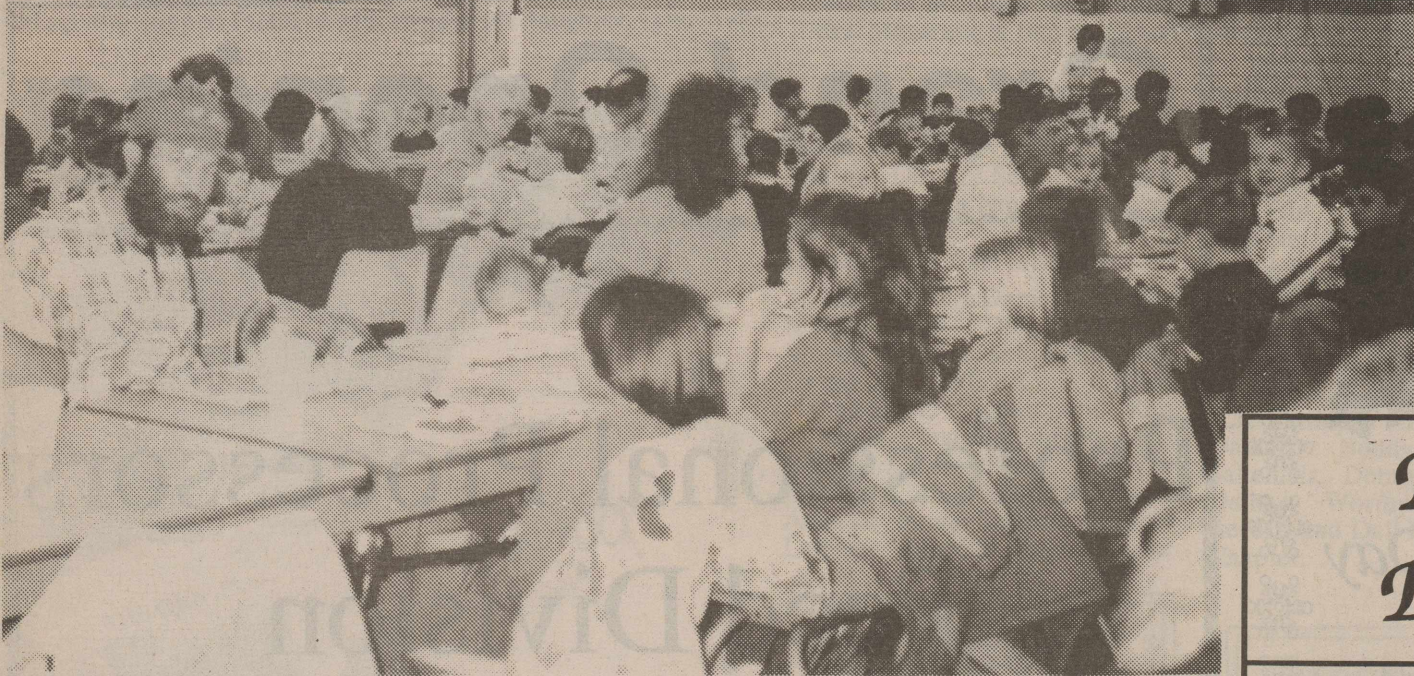
Lollipop Junction little people sang, "Jingle Bells" to everyone's delight.

Zelda Pickens, General Chairman for the event, was assisted by Lore Dietrich, Marylou McDaniel and other members in awarding a variety of door prizes donated by club members and local merchants.

A courtesy thank you was given by Marylou. Turkeys and sweet potatoes were donated by Stratford Grain, dressing and gravy by Albert's Manor House of Dumas, Steve Albert also cooked the turkeys for the club. First State Bank gave favors of coin purses and pill boxes.



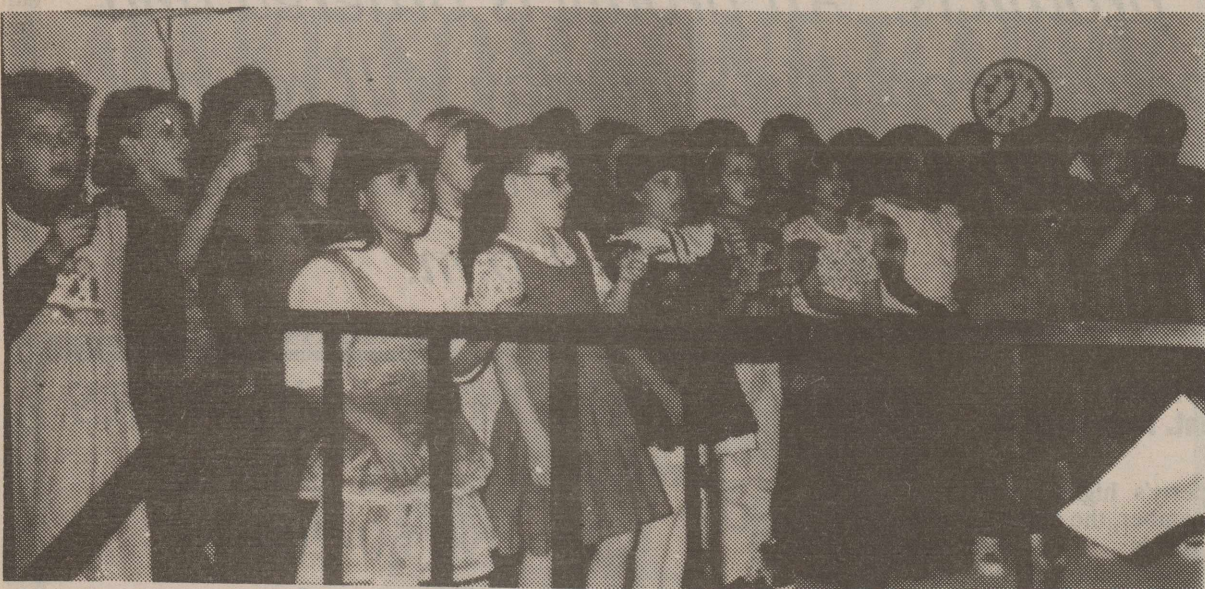
Shown above with their Indian head dress and vests they made are the Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Susan Wheeler, Mrs. Christy Burr, Mrs. Linda Haynes & Miss Jennifer Wells.



Thanksgiving dinner served at the Cafeteria was enjoyed by lots of folks besides the kids on November 22, 1994.



Lollipop Junction kids provided entertainment at the SCOT Luncheon held on Thursday, November 17, 1994.



A medley of American songs were performed for the SCOT Luncheon by the 3rd grade classes under the musical direction of Mrs. Marietta Combs.



A good crowd turned out to enjoy the 4th grade Science fair on Wednesday, November 23rd. Teachers for 4th grade are Mrs. Larson and Mrs. Metcalf.

Happy Birthday Cathy, Heath, Heather, Jim Bob, Landon, Charissa, Chris, Jonathan, Pamela, Ryan, Miles, Shauna, T.J., Barbara, Aaron, Frank, Jode, Lisa, Nena, Sheila, Aaron, Cindy, Jessie, Laura, Rusty, Allison, Angela, Anna, Brady, Charles and Chris

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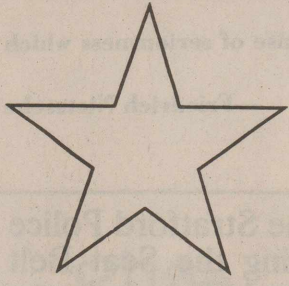
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12-1-p
Christmas Open House at Ellie's on Mon. Dec. 5th. Style show at noon at SCOT Hall. \$1.00 donation.

12-1-c
Come to The Outlet for Open House Monday, Dec. 5th. 10% off Storewide.

12-1-c
Walls coveralls, winter boots, insulated underwear, coats, hats & gloves are in at THE General Store.

12-1-tfn
For Sale: 1989 Chevrolet Suburban, 1/2 ton. Contact Sam Brite, 396-2612.

12-8-c
100 Sq. yards of used carpet for sale, washer and dryer. Call 396-2047.

12-8-c
For Sale: Matching sleeper/sofa and loveseat, blue, beige and peach stripe with pillows. Call 396-2053.

12-1-c
Daily Specials at DeBec's. Open Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5:30. Saturday 9 to 1:30 only (Sandwiches only Saturdays). Homemade muffins, coffee cakes, every morning.

12-8-c
Elk Pharmacy has daily specials now thru Christmas. Let us help you with that Special gift...Free gift wrapping for all gifts purchased at the Elk.

12-15-c
Christmas Open House at THE General Store, Dec. 5th. Register Dec. 5th ONLY for Giant Christmas stocking of children's toys. Do not have to be present to win. Open late till 7 p.m.

12-1-c
Sunday Buffet every Sunday at DeBec's.

12-8-c
For Sale: Cute Cozy 2 bedroom, carport, storage building, fruit trees, fenced backyard, 812 N. Pearl. Call 769-4472 daytime and 396-2109 nights.

7-14-tfn
What better Christmas gift to your family that a trip to Disney world - it is all your favorite vacations in one destination - 43 square miles of fun - Call Joan Bell, Dumas Travel, 396-5958.

12-1-c
3 bedroom house for sale. Owner financed. Call 249-5148.

11-3-tfn
Buy an heirloom for Christmas. Beautiful handmade doll house! Call Sue James at 405-426-2493 or can be seen on Dec. 3rd at Dalhart Christmas show!

12-1-c
For Sale: 1988 Ford F-150, has 92,000 miles, 5 speed, A/C & H, Tool Box. Call 396-2365.

12-1-c
Walls coats 25% off thru Christmas at THE General Store.

12-22-c
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11-10-tfn
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12-29-c
It's not too late to layaway for Christmas at THE General Store.

12-8-c
Peggy is cooking breakfast at DeBec's starting Dec. 1st at 6:30 a.m.

12-1-tfn
Shop The Outlet for that Special person. Dec. 5th thru 9th. 10% off storewide.

12-1-c
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12-1-c
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12-1-p
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12-1-c
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12-1-c
VETERANS-Are you Aware of the many benefits available to veterans such as veterans land program and veterans housing assistance program. For assistance in applying for these and other VA benefits, Call Max Stephenson CSO at 396-5348.

12-29-p
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12-8-c
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12-1-c
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12-8-c
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12-1-tfn
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12-8-c
Driver needed for company expansion. CDL Required, home weekends & holidays. Must be at least 25 years old. Gone Trucking, 1-800-435-3836.

11-17-tfn
Applications are being accepted by the First Methodist Church of Stratford for a nursery worker. Please apply at the church office.

12-1-c
Ideas often flash across our minds more complete than we could make them after much labor.

—La Rochefoucauld

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12-29-c
Moving Sale

12-1-c
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12-1-c
Houses For Sale

12-1-p
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12-1-c
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12-1-c
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alva Richard Albert, Deceased, were issued on 11th of Nov. 1994, in Docket No. 1919, pending in the County Court of Sherman County, Texas, to: **MARILYN ALBERT.**

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Sherman County, Texas, the post office address is:

c/o John W. Woods, Attorney
P.O. Box 53
Stratford, TX 79084-0053

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 11th day of November, 1994.

By John Woods

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NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

HAZEL E. MCBRYDE is deceased. **MARCELLA P. MCBRYDE** was appointed independent executor of her estate on November 28, 1994, in cause #1921, Probate Court, Sherman County, Texas and qualified.

To: All persons having claims against or being indebted to her estate.

You are requested to present or pay the same within the time prescribed by law, to me as personal representative, at my address which is P.O. Box 317, Stratford, Texas 79084, or c/o of my attorney, R.C. Ferguson, 507 Denrock Avenue, Dalhart, Texas 79022.

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He who has imagination but no knowledge has wings but no feet.

—Joseph Joubert

Cards of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for my beautiful birthday cards

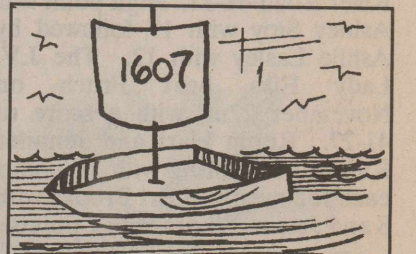
Cleva Garrison

I would like to thank all of the caring and loving people for their prayers in the First Baptist Church where I had an energy crisis because of "low blood sugar" Sunday morning. I also want to thank the team of EMT members that carried me to the hospital. Stratford is the greatest place to live. I love you.

Cecelia DeBord

We would like to thank all the people for the kindness shown to us during the illness and loss of our Bob. Thanks for all the food, calls, cards, and visits. A special thanks to Rev. Jerry Stewart, and the ladies for the Baptist and First Assembly of God Churches. Thanks also to Shirley and Robert for taking care of Sweetie.

The Family of Robert Kesner
Max, David and Annie, Sabra, Benny and Betty, Chris and Heidi



The first ship built by English colonists in America was launched on Maine's Kennebec River in 1607.

Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

It was a very long weekend and Monday morning found me with "where do I start?" I hope that each and everyone had a great Thanksgiving. I certainly did. I tested out my apt. for size and sure enough all nine of the Lasley clan did very well by a 9 pound turkey and ham.

Now to the season that is ahead of us, with Advent beginning yesterday. As in the past the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a lighting contest. There will be three categories in each residential and Commercial. Those being: Most decorated, Best lighting effect either yard or door, and Nativity. To be fair those that won a first place last year will not be no. 1 this year. However you can be a honorable mention. We certainly do not want folks that have won in the past to not decorate for this year. Last year was super. Judging will be done by the 19th so if you want to have your home or business judged have those lights on by dark time each evening from the 15th on.

The Retail Merchants meeting that was scheduled for Saturday Nov. 19th at 9 a.m. didn't happen. Two showed up and they were the chairman and co-chairman. It was realized very quickly that there were two funerals and a wedding among other things. But folks if there is to be some long range plans that the Chamber is to be involved in there has to be a meeting minds. Ginger Walton and Bonnie Hamilton are ready and willing, give these two ladies a call.

It was a first class BIG EVENT with the opening of the Veterans Administration Association with the Stratford Family Medical Clinic on the 21st. A nice crowd, great presentation by our boy scouts and other dignitaries. Having these accessibility for our veterans will be great for our clinic; as well as our community. I for one was certainly impressed.

This is a reminder-like it or not the SEAT BELT LAW TAKES EFFECT TOMORROW. I have been practicing, trying to remember, if it is just around the block-to BUCKLE UP.

The Pheasant Season is upon us and we have a great many hunters coming from Houston, Waco, the Dallas area-Oklahoma folks. If you would like to take some of the hunters coming in to hunt with the Chamber please give me a call at 396-2260. Or if you have birds-prairie dogs give me a call. The hunters are a boom to our economy. They will be eating, sleeping, buying gas and perhaps shopping in Stratford. Speaking of pheasants. Have you noticed that the window, at Highway 54 and first? It has a big bird in its window. Thanks to Gaynelle Riffe who helped put that scenery together.

A Note: Congress delays GATT vote until session reconvenes. The house was slated to vote on this important piece of legislation yesterday and the Senate is expected to vote on this issue tomorrow. This pact is the seventh renegotiating of the GATT, which was created at the end of World War 11 and governs most world trade. The agreement is not scheduled to take effect until July 1, 1995. NAFTA Trade

is living up to promises. According to trade statistics, in its first six months of NAFTA implementation, U.S. exports to Mexico have reached record levels and trade with Canada is also on the rise. NAFTA has helped all sectors, but gains in auto sector is impressive. During the first six months, auto trade with Mexico soared to a record \$24.5 billion-up almost 17%. During the same period, auto trade to Canada rose to \$4.8 billion, up nearly 10%, over the same period a year earlier. According to U.S. Dept. of Commerce figures, U.S. trade with NAFTA partners is growing substantially faster than that with the rest of the world. During the first six months of the year U.S. exports to NAFTA were up 11.6%, while exports to the rest of the world grew 4.8% compared to January to July 1993. SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS AVAILABLE FOR EIGHT PANHANDLE COUNTIES (Lubbock SBA Center)

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in 8 Tx. Panhandle counties may now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Among the 8 counties included is Sherman Co. These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to effects of a disaster. The lack of moisture and other weather-related problems which occurred during the 94 crop small grain growing season caused many farmers and ranchers reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these farmer. For more details contact the SBA Center at 1-800-366-6303. Filing deadline is May 23, 1995.

Tomorrow at 2:15 p.m. Senator Teel Bivins will be at the First State Bank Lobby. He invites all who would like to hear what will be going on, has gone in the Texas governing body to come by and visit with him.

And last but certainly not least a big thank you to everyone who had anything at all to do with the MISS TEXAS, ARIAN ARCHER DAY IN STRATFORD. It has been said and I will agree this young lady will do a super job representing Texas and the Panhandle.

Hope is itself a species of happiness, and, perhaps, the chief happiness which this world affords.
—Samuel Johnson

This I conceive to be the chemical function of humor: to change the character of our thought.
—Lin Yutang

An ideal is often but a flaming vision of reality.
—Joseph Conrad

Basketball

The Varsity Lady Elks beat Dalhart on November 15th 50-39. Kelli Wight was high point with 17 points followed by Cara Lavake with 12. On November 19th, the Lady Elks beat River Road 61-30. Heather Stewart led in points with 15 and Kelli Wight had 11 points. The Lady Elks beat Sanford Fritch 55-45 on November 22. Kelli Wight led in scoring with 23 followed by Heather Stewart with 22.

The J.V. Lady Elks lost to Dalhart on November 15 with a score of 48-33. Ashlie Lasley was high scorer with 10 points and Jessica Sikora had 7 points. On November 19th the J.V. girls beat River Road 41-27. High point was Ashley Stoy with 17 followed by Ashlie Lasley with 12. The J.V. Lady Elks beat Fritch on November 22nd with a score of 41-27. Robin Hart and Jennifer King led in scoring with 11 points each followed by Lori Brooks with 8 and Jessica Sikora with 7 points.

The Freshman girls lost to Spearman on November 21 with a score of 23-41. Ashlie Lasley was high point with 7 points and Ashley Stoy scored 5 points.

The 8th grade girls white team beat Spearman 26-19 on November 21st. Rocia Aguilera was high point with 12 followed by Laurie Norris with 6. The 8th grade girls blue team also beat Spearman with a score of 43-30. Leading in points were Lori Young and Mandi Bell with 12 each followed by Tai Ann Brownlee with 9 and Jasmin Sanchez with 8. On November 28th, the blue team lost to Vega 31-44. Mandi Bell led with 8 points and Tai Ann Brownlee had 7 points.

The 7th grade girls white team beat Spearman 46-14. Diana Ortega was high point with 16 points and Terry Daniels had 14 points. The 7th grade girls blue team beat Spearman 41-21. High point was Oralia Vital with 11 points followed by Kenna Hawkins and Keri Wight with 8 each. The 7th grade girls blue team lost to Vega 22-28. High point was Kenna Hawkins with 8 and Oralia Vital with 6 points.

The 8th grade boys beat Spearman on November 21 with a score of 28-23. Ross Davis led in scoring with 17 points. Nathaniel Walden and Scott McAlister followed with 3 points each. The 8th grade boys beat Vega on November 28th with a score of 45-30. Ross Davis was high point with 25 points followed by Levi James with 9.

The 7th grade boys lost to Spearman with a score of 35-14. Roy McCracken and David Hunsaker scored 6 points each followed by Martin Acevedo with 2 points. The 7th grade boys beat Vega 32-19 on Nov. 28. Roy McCracken was high point with 12 followed by Cody Moore and David Hunsaker with 8 points each.

Gift Giving Ideas

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- Dec. 2-Gaynelle Riffe
- Dec. 5-Bernice Christian & Luzelle Lowe
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Your Financial Planning

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- You can find additional questions in a free brochure: "101 Questions To Ask Your CPA." For a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business envelope to the Private Companies Practice Section, American Institute of CPAs, 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036-8775, or ask a local PCPS member firm.

Everybody has their tastes in noises as well as in other matters.
—Jane Austen

To become mature is to recover that sense of seriousness which one had as a child at play.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

Effective December 1, 1994, the Stratford Police Department will begin enforcing the Seat Belt Law in the city limits of Stratford. This does not mean that people will be stopped only for not wearing their seat belts, but does not mean that they will not receive a citation or a warning for violating this law. The law reads:

Article 6701d-Section 107C Texas Traffic Law-Uniform Code WEARING SAFETY BELTS REQUIRED-(a) In This section, passenger car includes a truck with a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of not more than 1,500 pounds.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person:
(1) is at least 15 years old;
(2) is riding in the front seat of a passenger car while the car is being operated on a road, street, or highway of this state;
(3) is occupying a seat that is equipped with a safety belt; and
(4) is not secured by a safety belt.

(c) A person commits an offense if the person:
(1) operates on a road, or highway of this state a passenger car that is equipped with safety belts; and
(2) allows a child who is at least four years old but less than 15 years old to ride in the front seat of the car without requiring the child to be secured by a safety belt.

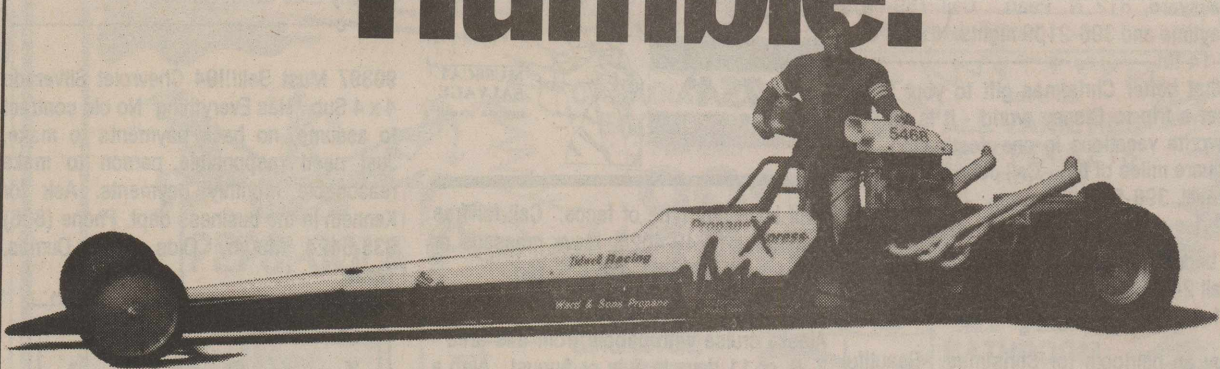
(d) A passenger car or a seat in a passenger care is deemed to be equipped with a safety belt if the passenger care is required under Section 139E of this Act to be equipped with safety belts (Safety belts were part of the manufactures original equipment)

(e) An offense under this section is punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50, not to include court costs.

This is a request to ask citizens to comply with the law. We may not agree with this, but it is the law. The Stratford Police Department is giving this notice to allow citizens to get used to wearing their seat belts before December 1, 1994.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Michael J. Hare-Chief of Police.

Humble.



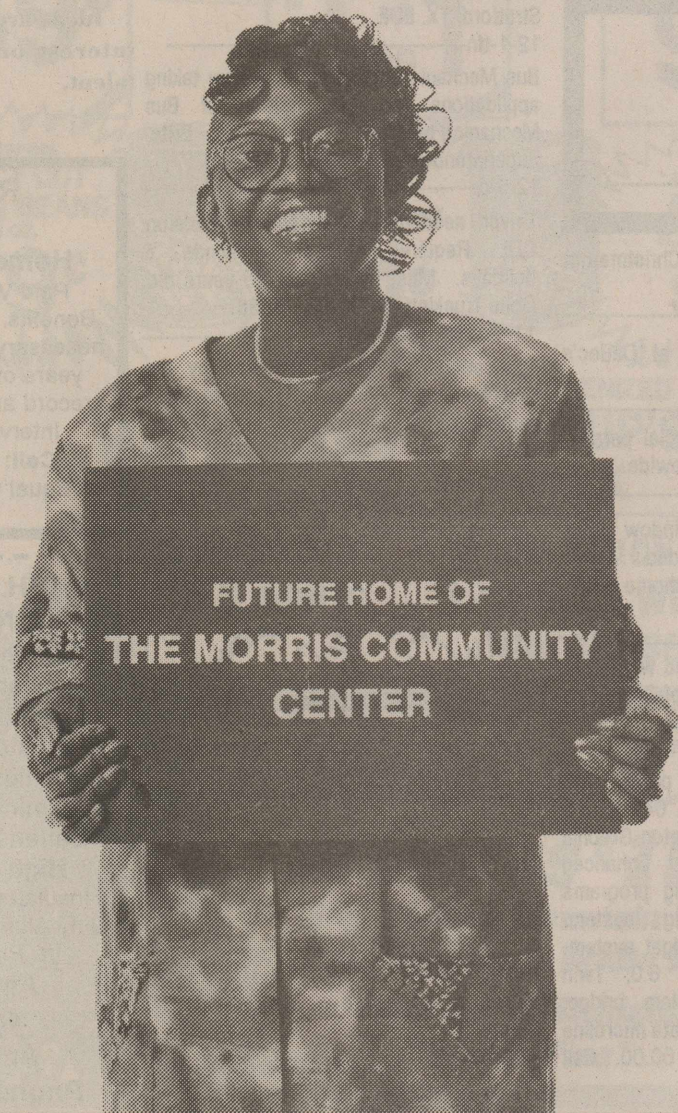
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