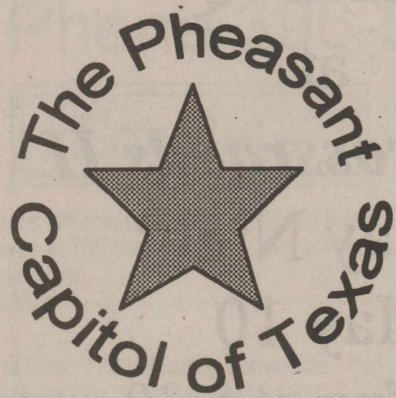


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Trivia Question This Week:
What's the most-traveled sports team?



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Bonar Park Deadline Extended

Deadline for Bonar Park project has been extended to July 1st, 1996.

Game night at Scot Hall Friday May 10 at 7 p.m.

Annual Lions Club Broom Sale

Annual Lions Club Broom Sale Friday, May 17th.

Eye Glasses Needed

Box for collecting used eye glasses at the Bank-or have them ready when the Lion's Club comes door to door on May 17th.

Investments and The Internet

There is an old adage that says, "It's not what you know, it's who you know." That may very well be true but in financial investing, what you know can also give the investor a tremendous edge. Professional traders have always had access to immediate and constant financial data which allowed them to wield power over less knowledgeable investors. Today, the information that is available over the Internet, is leveling that playing field somewhat.

A large searchable database with the acronym EDGAR (Electronic Data Gathering and Retrieval), is available over the Internet. EDGAR is the US Securities and Exchange Commission's database of electronic corporate filings. EDGAR's database includes filings from large and mid-sized companies as well as small-cap stocks and public offering documents. The World Wide Web address is <http://ledgar.stern.nyu.edu>.

Other Internet sources for investors include such databases as the NET worth Internet Information Center which provides information on mutual funds (<http://lnetworth.ga.com/lwww1/homelnetic.htm>).

Magazines relating to finance and investing with electronic searchable databases include Mutual funds (<http://lwww.mfmag.com>); Interactive Nest Egg (<http://lnestegg.iddis.com/fundndirlfundindexletindex.html>); Fortune (<http://lwww.pathfinder.com>); and Wall Street Journal's Money and Investment Update (<http://lupdate.wsj.com>).

Trading on-line is still in its infancy. The intricacies of keeping transactions private have yet to be mastered on the Internet but work is in progress. There are truly exceptional resources available on the Net and what is even more stunning is that everyone of the sites previously mentioned are free to the user!

Recycle

(Behind Thriftway)

New Hours:

Effective May 1st

Wed. 9-11 a.m.

Sat. 9-12 a.m.

Newspapers & Magazines,
Glass-clear, colored plastic milk
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Election Results

Sherman County Election Results were as follows:

City of Stratford

Mayor: David Brown, 205; Edwin D. Plunk 149

City Council (top 2 vote-getters): Sandy Williams 191; Joan Palmer 184; Dennis Phelps 161; Johnny Garza (I) 125; Joe Zak 78.

Stratford Hospital District

Board of Directors- (Top 3 vote-getters): Gary Hudson (I) 357; Bonnie Hamilton (I) 304; R.J. Hill 269; B.A. Donelson 223

Stratford Independent School District

School Board (top 2 vote-getters) Barbara Chumley 177; Karen Riffe 135; Suzanne Ashley 134; Don Reed 126; Danny J. Starnes 76; Jesse Resendes 68; Frank Vaughn 59; Dudley Hill 36.

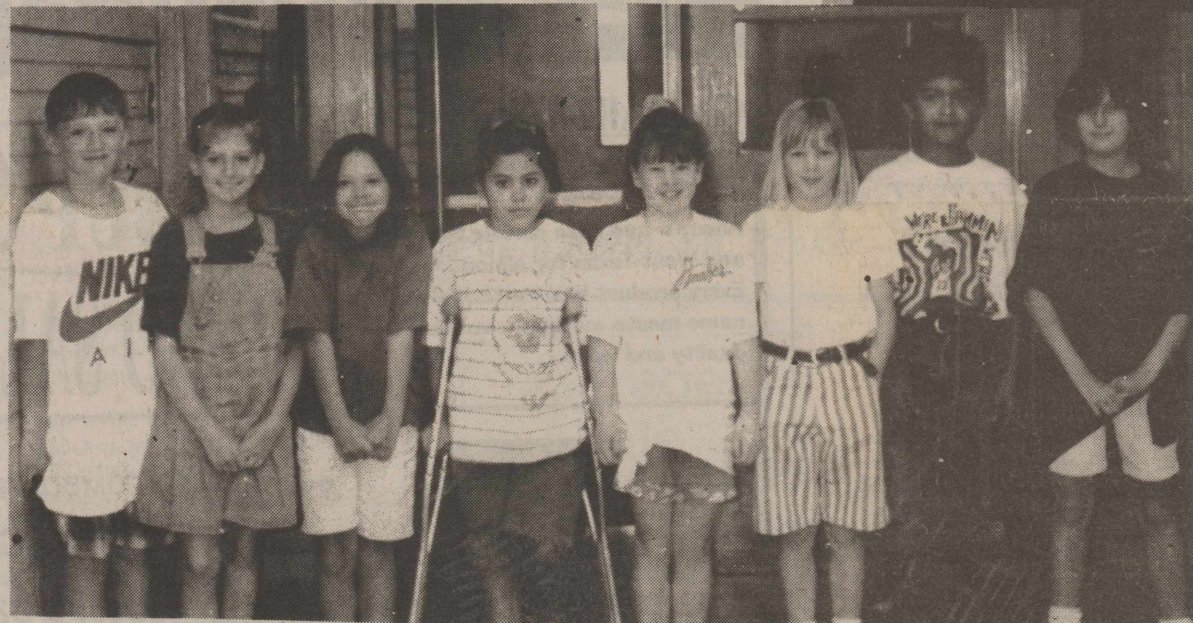
City Of Texhoma

*Alderman: Richard S. Luck; Tom Hackler

Texhoma Independent School District

Elected in January: Paul Freeman; Glenn Hamilton Dennis Reed

4th Graders Save 4 Trees



The two fourth grade classes of Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Allison saved 4 trees and started on number 5 (see story in Chamber Chatter). Representing the fourth grade from left, Josh Williams, Twyla Young, Lauren Walton, Roann Lopez, Amber Larance, Alisha Sladek, Adrian Jacquez, and Tanya Whatley.

Communities Should Focus On Child Abuse Prevention Year Round

Advocates concerned over the treatment of children have campaigned vigorously over the years to get the message out about child abuse. Unfortunately, the number of cases are increasing instead of declining.

Reports of child victimization, abuse and neglect in the United States are growing. In 1994, almost 3 million children were reported to public welfare agencies as alleged victims of abuse or neglect. More than one million of those children were substantiated as victims.

While these statistics tell of the cases reported to and investigated by child protective service agencies, other studies suggest that the problem of child maltreatment is even greater.

Preliminary results from the Third National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect estimate that the incidence of child abuse and neglect has more than doubled over the seven-year period of 1986-1993. According to that study, the estimated number of abused and neglected children rose sharply from 1.4 million in 1986 to 2.9 million in 1993, an increase of 105 percent. The estimated number of children who were seriously injured nearly quadrupled over the period from 143,000 to more than 572,000.

In 1994, more than 1,100 children are known to have died as a result of child abuse and neglect. One study, however, estimates that as many as 2,000 children—most less than 4 years old—die each year at the hands of parents or caretakers. Moreover, four out of five children under age 12 murdered by a parent or caretaker had been previously abused by the person who killed them (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 1988, National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, 1995).

People become outraged when they hear the tragic news of a child's death. To deal successfully with child maltreatment, outrage must be translated into action. National Child Abuse Month ended on April 30, but the problem is one that should be addressed year round.

Every small effort by those in the community to prevent child abuse can help make a difference in the quality of life in the community. Here are some ways to get involved:

- *Support activities that raise public awareness about child abuse.
 - *Volunteer at a local child abuse program. Parent support groups, crisis centers and hotlines are typical programs that often welcome volunteers.
 - *Report suspected abuse or neglect. Keeping children safe means that each person has an obligation to inform authorities if there is a reasonable suspicion that children are being harmed.
 - *Advocate for services to help families. Communities need comprehensive services that address issues that affect families. Parenting programs, health care and housing needs are all important to maintain healthy children and families.
 - *Make a contribution to a child abuse prevention organization. Donations are put to good use in much-needed community programs.
 - *Help a friend, neighbor and relative. Someone you know may be struggling with his or her parenting responsibilities. Offer to baby-sit or cook a meal to relieve someone under stress.
 - *Help yourself. Recognized the signs that indicate outside help is needed. If you feel overwhelmed, constantly sad, angry and out of control, get some help.
 - *Support and suggest programs on child abuse prevention sponsored by local organizations. Kiwanis Clubs, exchange clubs, PTA, church groups, etc. offer excellent opportunities for raising public awareness in the community.
 - *Promote programs in schools. Teaching children prevention strategies can help keep them safe from those who would perpetrate abuse on them.
- Remember, all children are at risk of abuse and neglect. The risk is especially high for kids whose families experience poverty, lack of jobs and education, substance abuse, domestic violence, disability and other stresses. Getting involved in community activities to better the welfare of children can help reduce the incidence of maltreatment of kids.



Art Show Held Sunday

Dicy Stephenson is shown above at the Tri-Corner Art Association Art Show held Sunday afternoon at the Sherman County Barn. Dicy is shown with some of her dolls that she enjoys making.

West Texas Gas Completes Purchase

West Texas Gas, Inc. of Midland, Texas announced Wednesday that it has completed the purchase of Southern Union Gas Company's gas distribution properties in the Oklahoma Panhandle and Dallam, Sherman, Moore, and Parmer counties in the Texas Panhandle. Along with buying Southern Union's gas utility operations, West Texas Gas bought Western Gas Interstate Company, an Interstate pipeline that transports gas to the utility operations in the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles, expect Partner.

"West Texas Gas is currently adding to its operations and the purchase of the Southern Union systems makes strategic and economic sense. We have gas pipeline and utility operations in the northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle, so adding systems in that area will allow us to grow in an orderly fashion," said J.L. Davis, President of West Texas Gas. "This type of orderly expansion of our business will ultimately benefit our customers because it is cost-effective and will allow us to hold the line on expenses and to compete effectively in the energy marketplace," he added. Mr. Richard Hatchett, V.P. of West Texas Gas Natural Gas Distribution Division, further stated; "West Texas Gas intends to be very aggressive in responding to it's market to serve this growing region. We are also most fortunate to retain the majority of the employees of the former owner," Hatchett said.

Graduation Night Meal Planned

Picture this—School dismisses, summer begins and it is Memorial Weekend. For some in our community they have seniors who are graduating from High School, all this on one day, May 24th! Are you just too busy to cook?

Sherman County 4-H Horse Club would like to invite all the people of the community to come out to the County Barn on May 24th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for supper. Horse Club member and families are preparing Hamburgers with all the trimmings, baked beans, potato

salad and choice of cake or cobbler for dessert. Tea and Lemonade will also be served. For adults the price is \$5.00 and children under 6 years of age \$3.00.

This is a fund raiser for the Horse Club to help with expenses with Memorial Day services, Play days and trail rides. Horse Club members will have tickets for sale as well as available at the door that night. Circle May 24th on your calendars and make plans to come out and eat some great food from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited.

Center Pivot Irrigation

By Bill Mires

Your crops are your livelihood. If you are using gravity flow or high pressure center pivots, you are putting more into your fields than you are getting out—more water, more labor, more chemicals. A low pressure center pivot system can reduce these costs by more than 25% while helping you maximize yields. Through these savings, the system can pay out in about five years. Trying to irrigate with an inadequate system means your crops are more dependent upon "mother nature" and we all know how unpredictable she is.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances the interview of Becky Knight Raymond, lung recipient has been delayed until this Sunday, May 12th on Channel 3 at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. She tells her inspiring story that should be of interest to everyone.

Reception To Honor New County Extension Agent

The Sherman County Extension Program Council would like to invite everyone to a Welcome reception for Michael Clawson, County Extension Agent for Agriculture on Thursday, May 9, 1996 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the County Extension office. Michael assumed his duties in Sherman County on April 15th. Please come and welcome Michael and his wife, Angela to Stratford and Sherman County.

Scot News

By Jack Gore

Activities are slow at Scot hall this week. Game night at 7 p.m. this Friday. Scotters made the final decision on theme for Stratford Jamboree Days. They selected "Songs of America". We still need Scotters to help with other aspects of the jamboree celebration. If you are interested call me or Gaynelle Riffe.

Next week is Thursday Bingo and Friday eat out.

School Menu

Thurs. May 9 - BBQ Sandwiches, TT, Jello Salad, Cinnamon Rolls, Milk.

Fri. May 10 - NO SCHOOL

Mon. May 13 - Taco Pizza, Lettuce, Mixed Vegetables, Peach Crisp, Milk.

Tues. May 14 - Ham & Cheese Pockets, Corn, Tossed Salad, Pineapple, Milk.

Wed. May 15 - Spaghetti, Corn, Garlic Bread, Tossed Salad, Choc. Cake, Milk.



Jolina L. Garoutte, daughter of Gary and Orlanda Garoutte, Stratford, Texas has been selected, a Kansas Wesleyan Nominee for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and colleges.

Miss Garoutte is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with a Spanish minor. Miss Garoutte will graduate in 1997. Some of her organizational and extra curricular activities include: Women's Basketball, Co-Captain, NSCAA Tournament most valuable player, Honorable all conference, KCAC, Shootout at the OK Corral All Tournament, fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Ambassador, Gamma Delta Gamma Society, Kansas Wesleyan Football Homecoming Queen, and Cross Country.

Miss Garoutte is a work study student with admissions and athletics, and an academic scholar with a 3.6 G.P.

Kansas Wesleyan is proud to have Miss Garoutte represent Kansas Wesleyan University as Who's Who Among Student in American Universities and Colleges.

The greatest genius is never so great as when it is chastised and subdued by the highest reason.
—Charles Caleb Colton

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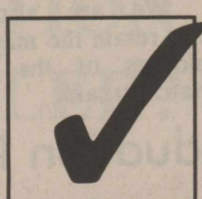
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Timi's Tidbits

By Timmie Brown

Happy Day to you Sherman County Old Timers this balmy slightly overcast Monday A.M. May 6, 1996. These are trying times weather-wise as the need for rain grows greater day by day. These are times that try men's souls" are words truly spoken in 1996 as they were when written by some "sage" years ago. Prayer groups asking for rain are in action in our community. Amen.

Circulating this week, we had a pleasant word with Ellen Henry and boys: with Judy Griffin who is working at the Thriftway: with Betty Lou O'Brien: with Helen Judd: Faye White and Renee Plunk: and a longer visit with Bernice Christian and June Frizzell whose two sons are home at present time. Timi and Joy Powers (and Devan) were out to vote Saturday by 9 a.m. Read the Star for the results of the election. We commend the winners and the other candidates alike for their willingness to carry our the business of the community.

Spending a pleasant day with the H.L. Hailes in Amarillo Saturday were Joy & Devan Powers, Marian & Elizabeth Williams, Plano, Tx.; Allan, Patty, Nathan, Marc, Chris, Friona, Tx. Lorelyn Powers was on the job in Amarillo, and in touch with the family. The Hailes are settled in their new home on Sterling Ave. in Amarillo and even had the lawn planted. We trust that they will have a quieter time since H.L.'s illness the last of '95 and first of '96.

News from Carrie and David Austin (Richardson, TX) (Our great grandchildren) tells us that they will soon be living in their own house, and that her mother, Sharon and Si Perkins (Guymon) spent a day or two with them.

Luella Johnson's near relative, Walter Lee Craddock of Bakersfield, CA will be spending this week with her and other family members. Betty Lou O'Brien & Jim Tom Brown have been vacationing in Florida. The weather was terribly hot, but they had fun. Their cousinly relationship and financial independence makes for pleasant

traveling companionship.

We had a pleasant telephone visit with Andy and Mildred James and plan to visit them soon. Joe & Rose and Joe Boy Brown, Phoenix, spent the May 1st in Sand Diego, CA.

Reporting on our sick friends, Lillie Galloway has been in High Plains Hospital with Heart Problems but is expected to come home in a couple of days. Happily Don McLaughlin, Olen Branham, and Mike Vincent are home and we trust their doing well.

In closing Tidbits this week the SCOTers (90-100) folks Old folks Know from experience that "these bad times" will pass. Remedy? trust the Lord with all our heart, love your "fellowman" and pat "his" shoulder and SMILE.

First Christian Church

10:45 a.m. 2 Timothy 1:5
"The Joys of Christian Mothers!"
Happy Mother's Day!

Kerrick News

By Marylou McDaniel

Bill Gillenwaters was taken by ambulance to Amarillo last Thursday. He was doing better by Friday night and hoped to be home soon afterwards.

Kayo McDaniel and son Whit fished at Lake Texoma for two days last week. They would get their limits by 9 a.m. each day! They brought home 50 lbs. of strippers and sand bass.

Brenda Taylor spend a few days in Denver last week. She got home in time Thursday night to ring bells with First Christian Church bell choir. They played a number with Panhandle State brass choir and a flutist. Jo June McDaniel is a member of the bell choir, also.

Brady & Trisha Schoonover have a newly painted house.

The United Methodist Women's Mother-Daughter banquet program and style show May 1st was a delight, as usual. About 70 were there.

Mother's Day Covered Dish dinner at 1 p.m. May 12th at the Community Center. Everyone Welcome and bring your favorite dish!



We Need Rain

We need rain! There are many things people can do for themselves, however, there are some things that are not in mans control. Only God can bring the rain! It is time to get desperate with God and spend time seeking Him for rain.

Sunday evening May 12, the congregations of all the churches in Stratford are going to meet at 6:00 p.m. at First Assembly of God 921 N. Fulton, for a prayer service asking God to be merciful and give us rain. Everyone in Sherman County is asked to come and join together for a common cause, to humbly set ourselves before the Lord and make our requests known to God. The Bible over and over tells us God hears and answers prayers.

The pastors of our churches, working together, will lead everyone into this all important time of seeking God on behalf of our need. Not everyone prays the same. Some pray loudly, some pray quietly, some pray standing, some kneeling, some with hands lifted, others with hands folded. It does not matter how you pray, but that you will pray! Every opportunity will be made to provide an atmosphere of prayer where everyone who comes will feel free to pray in their own way. There will not be any preaching, no offering taken, no special songs, just an opening hymn and the pastors will begin leading in prayer.

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WE NEED RAIN!!

Community Prayer Service
at
First Assembly of God
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Sunday Evening May 12th
6:00 p.m.

A time of prayer for Rain led by the Pastors of our churches. Everyone needs to come and take part in this very important prayer service.

Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the value placed on your property
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the cancellation of an agricultural appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- any action taken by the appraisal district that adversely affected you.

Informal Review

If you have any questions concerning the value of your property contact Sherman County Appraisal District 402 N 3rd in Stratford (806) 396-5566

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at P.O. Box 239 or 402 N 3rd Stratford, Texas 79084

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

More information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at 402 N 3rd or telephone (806) 396-5566. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later)

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

*The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

Assembly of God

Rev. Mike Leonard
921 Fulton
Sunday School 9:45 am
Super Church 10:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
4:00 Cable Ch. 3 for
Morning Worship Service
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Youth Service 6:30 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

First Christian

Rev. David Harker
5th & Main
Sunday Coffee Fellowship 9:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed., Adult Choir 8:00 pm

First United Methodist

Rev. Mark Metzger
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:40 am
Morning Worship 10:50 am
Junior High UMY 5:30 pm
Senior High UMY 6:00 pm
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
5:00 pm Cable Ch. 3 for
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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

Jon Heatwole
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 a.m.
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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Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God John 1:12

I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal Life, and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24

A great many people think it is presumption for them to say they know they are saved that they can only hope for the best, and will have to wait until Judgement before they know. Paul didn't say to the Jailer; "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and perhaps you'll be saved, or you will have a good chance of being saved, or you may hope to be saved, no, but "thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31

He who has the son has life: he who does not have the son of God does not have life. 1 John 5:12

Do you say I don't feel it? Feeling is not the evidence, or proof for you to trust. Your feelings may change like the wind, but God's word never changes. God says: heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away. Matt; 24:35

Which would you rather trust, God's unchanging word, or your ever changing feelings? When God says a thing it is so.

If you want this evidence you must believe God's word. If you do not, you are making God a liar, and this will prevent the Spirit from working in you. Anyone who believes in the son of God has his testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his son. And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal Life, and this life is in his son. 1: John 5:10,11

It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress him to serve, will have them to recline at the table and will come and wait on them. Luke 12:37.

The Churches of Stratford Welcome You

Everybody, Anybody, Somebody & Nobody

By Charles Osgood

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There was a most important job that needed to be done, and no reason NOT to do it, there was absolutely none. But in vital matters such as this, the thing you have to ask is WHO exactly will it be who'll carry OUT the task. Anybody could have told you that Everybody knew That this was something SOMEBODY would surely have to do. Nobody was unwilling. Anybody had the ability. But NOBODY believed that it was his responsibility. It seemed to be a job that ANYBODY could have done, If Anybody thought he was supposed to be the one.

But since Everybody recognized that Anybody could, Everybody took for granted that SOMEBODY would.

But Nobody told Anybody that we are aware of, That he would be in charge of seeing it was taken care of. And Nobody took it on himself to follow through And DO what Everybody thought that Somebody would do. When what Everybody needed so did not get done at all, Everybody was complaining that SOMEBODY dropped the ball. Anybody then could see it was an awful crying shame, And Everybody looked around for SOMEBODY to blame. Somebody should have done the job and Everybody would have, But in the end Nobody did what Anybody could have.

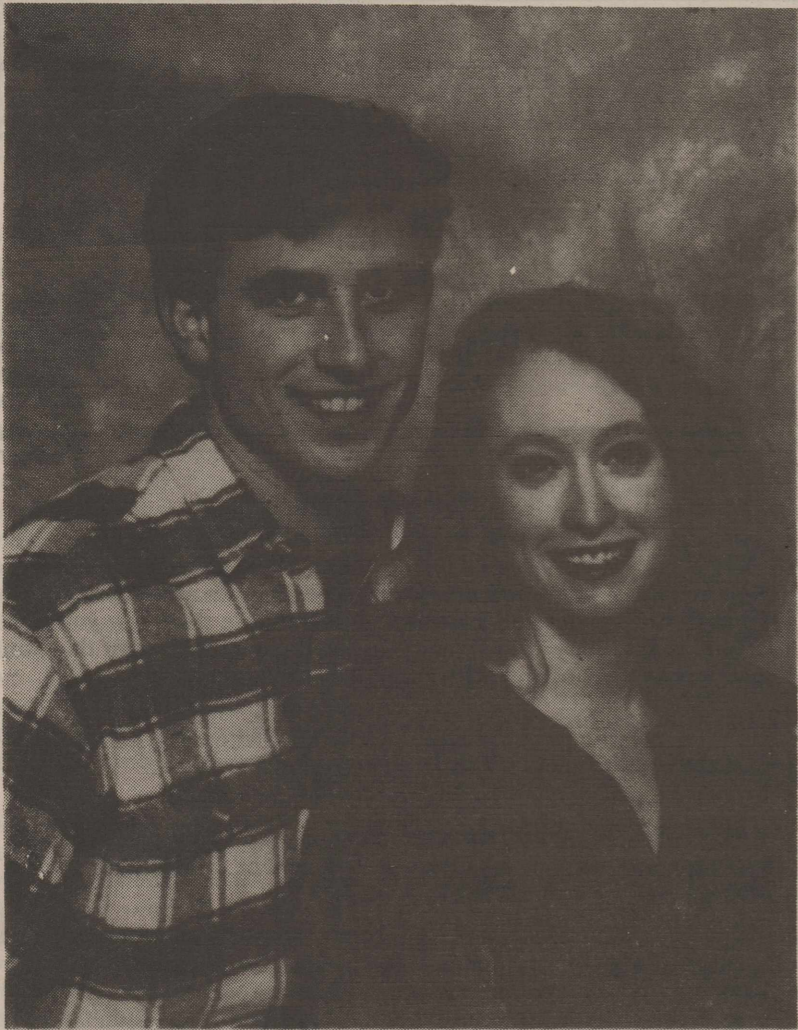
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Vows Exchanged

Elizabeth Kirkham and Kevin Ickles were united in marriage Sunday, May 5 at Coulter Road Baptist Church of Amarillo. Reverend Mark Neal officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Shirley Kirkham of Stratford. Parents of the groom are Dan and Pat Ickles of Houston, and formerly of Pampa.

The bride wore a two-piece, tea length dress of ivory silk linen and antique lace, designed and created by her mother. Her veil was fashioned of tulle and attached to a halo of ivory roses. She carried a bouquet of pink stargazer lilies, needlepoint variegated ivy and baby's breath atop a white Bible. Inside the Bible was a baby bonnet linen handkerchief which the bride received at birth and one from her grandmother, Pearl Boggess of Borger. Her father slipped the traditional birth year and 1996 penny in her shoe. Her garter was white lace with miniature blue roses.

Matron of Honor was Ginger Butler, sister of the groom, from New Deal. She wore a tea length dress of hunter green with a multi-colored skirt. Her bouquet was a pink stargazer lily trimmed with ivory lace and ribbon.

The groom was attired in a charcoal grey pin-striped suit and wore a burgundy rose boutonniere. Best man was Chris Ickles, brother of the groom, from Plainview.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the church parlor. The bride's table had a burgundy underskirt with a crocheted table cover, done by Louise Griffin of Stratford. The bride's bouquet served as the centerpiece between two white tapers in crystal holders. The three-tiered ivory and white wedding cake was decorated with wedding bells, intertwined rings pink stargazer lilies and doves. Coffee and punch were served from silver and crystal appointments by Amber Ickles and Ginger Butler.

A brass eagle, centered on a natural cloth, served as centerpiece for the groom's table which held finger sandwiches, snack vegetables, pound cakes, cookies and lemonade.

Special out of town guests were Faye Kirkham Whitney of Pampa, and Pearl Boggess of Borger, grandmothers of the bride.

The bride attended West Texas State University and is employed in the Pharmacy Department of Wal-Mart in Amarillo.

The groom attended Texas Tech and graduated from Wayland Baptist University with a degree in Communications and Marketing and is employed in management by Wal Mart in Amarillo.

The couple will be making their home in Greenville, North Carolina where he will be managing the local Wal-Mart.

Tips & Topics

By Susie Spurlock

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service has joined with the Texas Department of Health and other agencies across Texas as a partner in prevention during Osteoporosis Action Week, which begins on Mother's Day, May 12.

The campaign will attempt to educate Texans on this debilitating disease. Each year, 95,000 Texas women are among 1.5 million American women who receive fractures caused by osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis can gradually develop with few warning signs stealing away strong bones. It affects more than 8 million Americans each year and another 17 million are at high risk. The good news is that osteoporosis can be prevented with a proper diet, proper exercise and a healthy lifestyle.

The occurrence of osteoporosis is apparent once it strikes in the elderly. A loss of height, a humped over appearance and spine, wrist or hip fractures are all signs that the disease has taken its toll.

It will affect one out of every two postmenopausal women or it will greatly increase their risk for a bone fracture. It causes more than 1.5 million bone fractures a year and costs more than \$10 billion to treat.

As the life expectancy of people continues to grow, the incidence of osteoporosis is expected to triple within the next 60 years.

Genetics plays a large role in determining who will be affected by osteoporosis. Women are more at risk than men because of smaller muscle and bone mass and because men get more general exercise than women. Men also tend to consume more calcium-rich dairy foods than women.

Family heritage also determines the risk factors for osteoporosis. Caucasians and Asians suffer from osteoporosis more than their African-Americans and Hispanics. Also, the traits that lead to the disease can pass from one generation to another, meaning if a parent or grandparent was affected by the disease, the off-spring may certainly be affected as well.

How people live also will determine the risk for developing osteoporosis. A low calcium intake is the primary culprit for inflicting osteoporosis, but a low vitamin D intake, a lack of exposure to sunlight, physical inactivity, smoking and excessive drinking can dramatically increase the risk for the disease.

No one single vitamin or nutrient can prevent osteoporosis, but by consuming enough calcium-rich products, the risk can be

dramatically lowered. The Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for adult females is 800 milligrams of calcium per day. Young adults need 1,200 milligrams per day.

The National Institutes of Health recommends an even higher dose with women receiving 1,000 milligrams and young adults receiving 1,200 to 1,500 milligrams. They recommend eating calcium-rich foods such as dairy products.

Women can meet the RDA for calcium by consuming three 8 ounce servings of milk or yogurt, or 3 one and one half ounce servings of cheese per day. More calcium also can be added to the diet by substituting milk, cheese or other dairy products into dishes that are eaten everyday.

Other ways to combat osteoporosis is to use physical activity as a preventive measure. Weight-bearing exercise such as walking, aerobics and strength training will help build stronger bones and muscular support.

Menopausal women also may consider estrogen replacement to combat bone strength loss.



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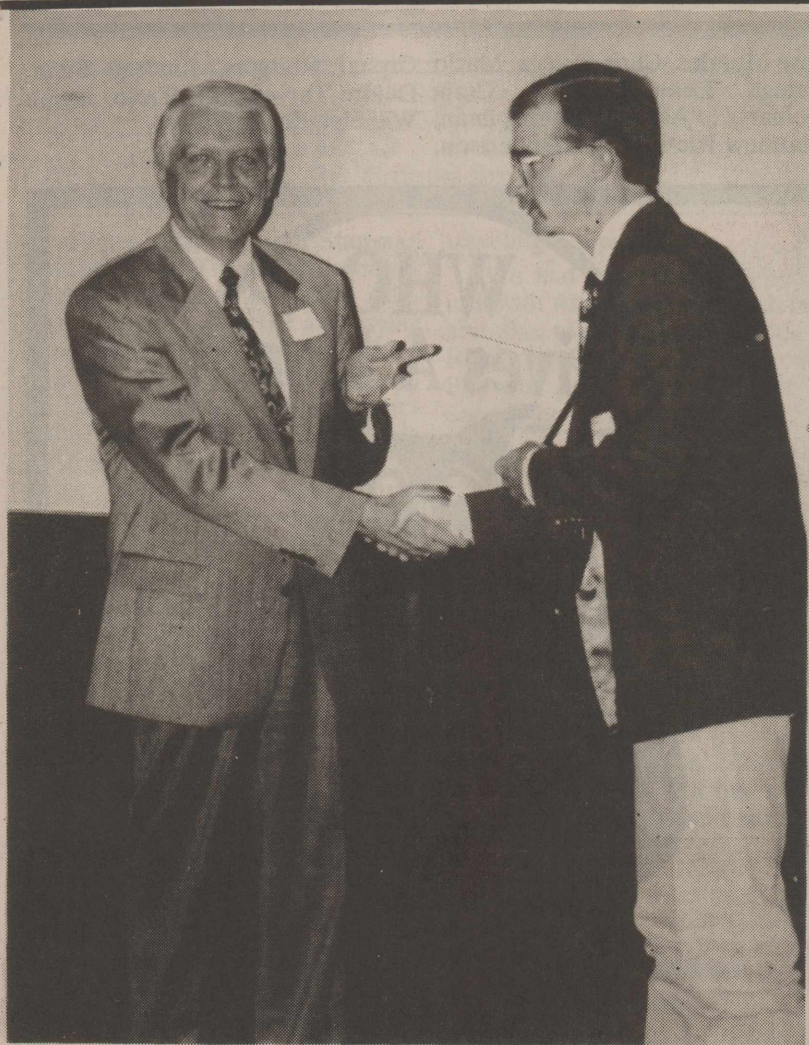
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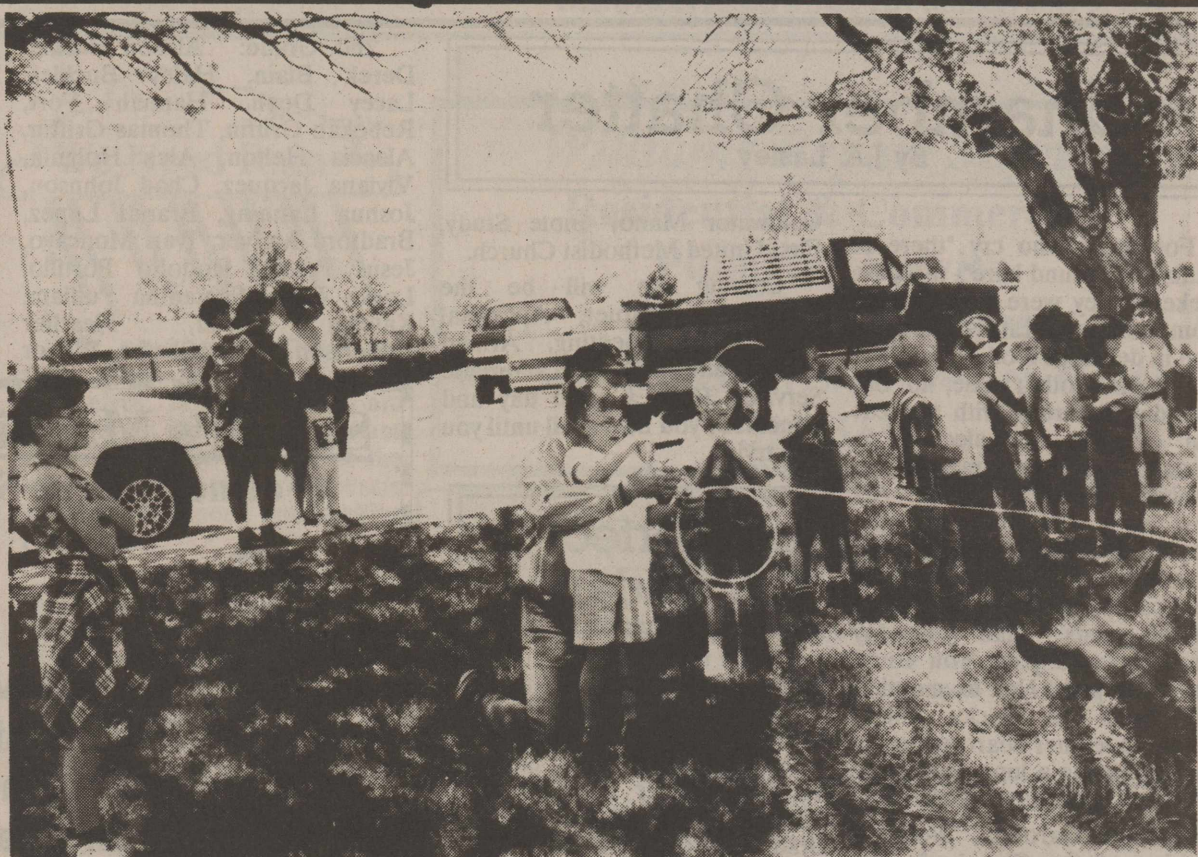
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Are You A Good Coach

This article was taken from *Good Sports: The Concerned Parent's Guide to Little League and Other Competitive Youth Sports* (Dell, 1993). This long-time coach and father of three athletic kids urges parents to be alert for the following signs of a poor coach:

1. The coach physically or verbally abuses athletes.
2. Players themselves are criticized, rather than their behaviors.
3. He or she uses profanity.
4. The coach won't listen to suggestions or complaints from parents.
5. Winning is emphasized as the only goal.
6. He or she is constantly arguing with game referees or other officials.
7. Cheating is condoned.
8. The coach doesn't allow playing time for all members of the team, including the less skillful kids.
9. The kids are made to feel bad when they lose and worthy only when they win.
10. The coach feels personally let down when the team doesn't measure up to his expectations.



Kindergarten Rodeo

The Kindergarten Rodeo was held last Friday, May 3rd from 1:00 until 2:00. Just one of the activities the students enjoyed was calf roping, shown above. Kindergarten teachers are Mrs. Linda Haynes, Mrs. Susan Wheeler, and Mrs. Christy Burr.

Bonds Honored

Kendall Bonds, son of George and Kathy Bonds, was recently honored at the annual awards banquet of the Crop and Soil Science Department of Texas A&M University. Kendall was awarded the Kenneth and Marion Porter Endowed Scholarship. Shown with Kendall is Dr. Runge, head of the department.

After the banquet, Kendall was introduced to Dr. and Mrs. Porter, who reside in Amarillo, and who is retired from the Bushland Experiment Station. On learning that Kendall was from Stratford, Dr. Porter started talking Kendall about a farmer that grew experiment plots every year for the Bushland station. Dr. Porter went on to say that he thought this was one of the finest men he had ever known, and his name was Horace Sneed. Kendall said, "Yes sir, I knew him. He was my grandfather." This made the scholarship more special, and made all of that special attention that Mr. Sneed gave those experiment plots worth his effort.

1996 Santa Fe Trail Daze

The 1996 Santa Fe Trail Daze Celebration will be held in Boise City, Oklahoma May 25- June 2, 1996. Highlights will include a FREE bus tour of the Black Mesa and Kenton area (this tour allows the public to view many historical sites such as the Santa Fe Trail, Robber's Roost, Dinosaur Tracks, plus much more-reservation are required); a "Hee Haw" style

musical; pancake breakfast; parade; quilt, art, antique car, & flower shows; "Dust Bowl" exhibit; fiddlers' contest; rodeos; golf; and of course the "World Championship Posthole Digging Contest"; plus loads more! For more information, contact the Boise City Area Chamber of Commerce (405) 544-3344.

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Chamber Chatter

By J.A. Lasley

For those who cry "there is nothing to around here"- this past weekend they were not looking. From Lollipop's Little Wrangler expo in delicious food, their silent auction and other wise, to the busy day Saturday with a great turn out for the election to Sunday and its many-many activities. The TRI-Corner Art show with the o'so talented people that we have in this community to HIGH TEA that the Prospectus Study Club and their guests had Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. You could take your pick. Not to mention and listen to Becky knight Raymond tell her heart rendering story of having a lung transplant. Definitely it was a full weekend.

Orlando Garoutte, Women's Division of the Chamber's City Beautification reported that the two fourth grades saved 4 trees and started on number five. 41 feet 1 inch was the total for the two grades. They also saved 45 pounds of aluminum cans, which Orlando and 4th grader grandson took to Amarillo and sold. Recycling and helping make STRATFORD BEAUTIFUL. Thank you Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Allison and 4th graders. Kyle Ellison, Senior Slave worked two afternoons cleaning up behind Family and Friends, and John Woods building. He too was keen on helping make Stratford more attractive.

Gayle Harding, Co-Chairman City Beautification, Women's Division of the Chamber will be around checking with downtown merchants on planting in the planters. We also need to watch Bonar Park, as there are two areas that are designated for flowers. As you have already seen on Channel 6 and in the newspaper buying a brick for the back fence and the monument for Bonar Park has been extended to July 1. So act fast and get your families name on a brick, or if you have had a loved one served in any of the armed services, in any war, get that name on the monument.

Nu Beta Sorority has been trying all of the month of April to finish painting the recycling bins. Mother nature has chosen the weekend to either blow or to be unseasonably cool. This was and is their contribution to making STRATFORD BEAUTIFUL. Hang in their Nu Beta!

Letters have been sent out from the Imagination Station regarding a town meeting for tomorrow evening with a Sculptures from Amarillo. She will be listening to what we as citizens think best represents Stratford and where would be a good place to build a sculpture. This is worth our while to be present with an open mind and listening ear-possibly you have an idea and a good one.

Congratulations to the winners of the SIDC Trustees, Hospital District Trustees and City Council winners. It was great that we had the interest that we had this year. All of the selections were good people who had an interest in this our community.

If you think last week was busy hold on for the next three weeks will be a race.

Thursday May 9th: Scot Hall 1 p.m. Pool, Dusty Stewart will be representing SHS at the STATE ATHLETIC MEET IN AUSTIN 300 hurdles. GOOD LUCK DUSTY!

Consumers Annual Meeting and supper, County Barn 7:30 p.m.

Imagination Station Town Hall Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Imagination. Reception for County Agent Michael Clawson, New County Agent 4 p.m. Ext. office Board Room. Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby, Old Gym, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10th NO SCHOOL. Scot Hall 1 p.m. pool & ceramics 7 p.m. Game night.

Saturday May 11th SCOT DANCE

Sunday Mother's Day, Methodist Men's Breakfast for the Mothers 9 a.m. Coldwater manor Worship Service/First Christian Church.

Monday: 13th: Scot Hall 1 p.m. pool and ceramics.

Tuesday the 14th TxDOT Meeting at the Lubbock Civic Center Open House 4-6 p.m. 7 p.m. Phase 1 Wrap up. Chamber of Commerce general board meeting, postponed due to this meeting. 7:30 Athletic Banquet, High School Cafeteria.

Wednesday: 15th Scot Hall 1 p.m. ceramics and pool

Coldwater Manor Bible Study, First United Methodist Church.

Coming up will be the Scholastic Banquet, Appraisal Dist. Board meeting, Armed Forces day and Baccalaureate Services. Have a good day and remember you never fail until you quit trying.

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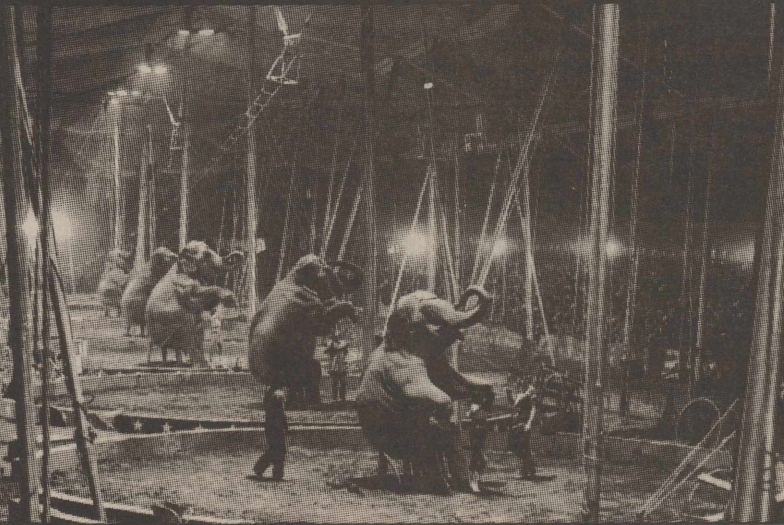
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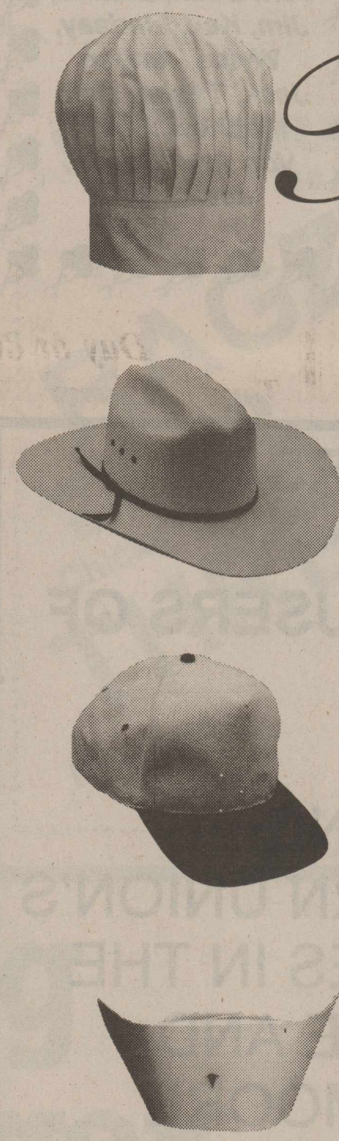
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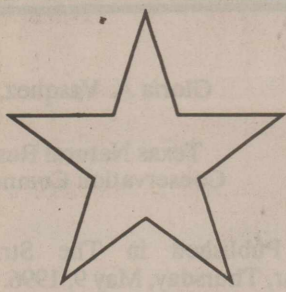
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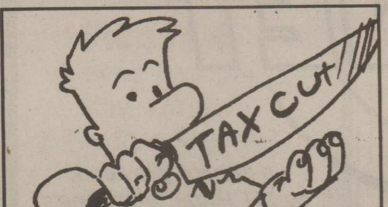
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House for Sale: 2 story home, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, den, North 3rd & Maple. Call 396-5927 or 396-5831.
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—H. L. Mencken

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Learning makes a man fit company for himself.
—Thomas Fuller

NOTICE OF PROPOSED SURCHARGE

GTE* has filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish a maximum \$1.06 monthly surcharge to be added to the monthly bill of each customer for each access line. The purpose of the surcharge is to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with (i) reductions in Extended Area Service (EAS) charges referred to in PURA 95 Section 3.308 and (ii) providing Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) in certain exchanges pursuant to PURA '95 Section 3.304 and the Commission's Substantive Rule Section 23.49(c)(6) and (c)(12). If approved by the Commission, the monthly surcharge will be up to \$1.06 per month per access line. All ELCS customers currently subscribing to basic local service that are currently paying less than the ELCS rates of \$3.50 for residential lines and \$7.00 for business lines, will be surcharged \$1.06 up to a maximum rate of \$3.50/\$7.00 beginning no sooner than the June 1996 billing cycles. GTE will also request that a surcharge of up to, but not in excess of, \$1.06 per month per access line be implemented on an interim basis, subject to refund, until such time as the Commission has entered a final order on this matter. The requested surcharge is intended to (i) replace lost EAS revenues and (ii) replace lost revenues and reimburse GTE for the increased direct cost of service associated with all of GTE's ELCS by January 31, 1996. The deadline for intervention in this matter is July 12, 1996. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221 for text telephone, or by writing the Public Utility Commission.

GTE includes local telephone exchanges subject to the rates and tariffs which are filed in the names of GTE Southwest Incorporated and Contel of Texas, Inc. Contel of Texas has merged with and into GTE Southwest Incorporated and is now referred to as "GTE Southwest Incorporated."



Cards of Thanks

I want to Thank you for your support in the election. I truly appreciated your concern.

Thank You,
Bonnie Hamilton

Thank you to those who voted for me in the recent City Council election. I appreciate your vote of confidence and will strive to live up to your expectations of good, fair representation of our town. Please feel free to call on me, your input is important.

Sandy Williams

On behalf of all the kids at Lollipop Junction, we would like to thank everyone for their support of our 5th Annual Ranch hand Supper and Auction. To everyone that donated auction items, bought tickets, and came to the supper, we want you to know how much we appreciate your support. Without the dedicated support of this community Lollipop Junction would not exist. Many people work very hard to make the auction and supper a success. It is all worthwhile when we see the results of our efforts benefit the kids at the center. Again, in whatever capacity you supported the auction and supper we sincerely thank you and appreciate your contributions.

Thank You!
Lollipop Junction Board of Directors

Thanks to everyone that voted in the May 4th elections. I appreciate the support I received and hope for your continued support and prayers during my term as your Mayor.

David Brown

Check Out The Library

By Dorothy Haile

The Armadillo From Amarillo was written and illustrated by Lynne Cherry. Prospectus Study club has placed this children's book in the library in honor of CHASE CHRISTIAN LUTES, son of James and Michelle Lutes. The story is about an armadillo named Sasparillo who wondered about how big the entire world is and where his place on earth and the universe might be. So he travels from San Antonio, in south Texas, to Amarillo in the Texas panhandle. Although armadillos cannot live in Amarillo because of the climate, he likes it so much he decides to stay. It is written in rhyme; children will be fascinated by this unlikely tale of an armadillo.

Count Us In-Growing Up With Downs Syndrome is by Jason Kingley and Mitchell Levitz. Jason and Michael make a powerful and inspirational statement about the full potential of people with development disabilities.

Laurie Garrett has authored The Coming Plague, Newly Emerging Diseases In A World Out of Balance. This book offers a clear and detailed researched description of the science of microbiology for our global ecology.

The Movement And The Sixties, Protests In America from Greensboro to wounded Knee is a 1995 published work of Terry H. Anderson. Anderson is Professor of History at Texas A&M University.

The Career Coach is Carol Kleiman's inside tips to getting and keeping the job you want. She appears regularly on "The Nightly Business Report" and other television and radio programs.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE Notice Of Sale / Real Property

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County of Sherman

COUNTY OF SHERMAN

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of SHERMAN County in the following cases on the 20th day of March, 1996, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 2:00 P.M. on the 4TH DAY OF June, 1996, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said SHERMAN County, in the City of STRATFORD, Texas, the following described property located in SHERMAN County, to-wit:

Cause No. 4002 CITY OF STRATFORD VS GARZA JULIETA C (MRS ELOY)

All of Lots Eight (8), Nine (9) and Ten (10) in Block One Hundred Two (102), Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas

Cause No. 4022 CITY OF STRATFORD VS NATIONAL MOBILE EXCHANGE INC

All of Lots Numbered Six (6), Seven (7) and Eight (8), in Block Numbered Seventy (70), City of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas

Cause No. 3040 CITY OF STRATFORD VS RODGERS STANLEY & BARBARA

Lots Numbers Nine (9) and Ten (10), in Block Number Sixty-One (61) of the Original Town of Stratford, Sherman County, Texas

Levied on the 30th day of April, 1996 as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, together with interest at 10 per cent per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of the SHERMAN COUNTY, CITY OF STRATFORD, STRATFORD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, STRATFORD HOSPITAL DISTRICT, COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT #20 FOR STRATFORD ISD AND NORTH PLAINS WATER DISTRICT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 2nd DAY OF MAY, 1996.

Jack Haile
Sheriff, Sherman County,
Texas
by
Jim Dewees
Deputy

Published in The Stratford Star, Thursday, May 9th, 1996, Thursday, May 16, 1996, Friday, May 23, 1996.

Love conquers all things
except poverty and toothache.
—Mae West

Notice is hereby given that virtue of a certain writ of execution issued out of the Honorable 69th District Court, of Sherman County, On the 24th day of April 1996 by Judge Ronn Ennis of said District Court for the sum of Eleven Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and Fifty Three Cents <\$11,933.53> and cost of suit, under a judgement, in favor of W. Rogers Abbott II in a certain cause in said Court, No. 4039 and styled W. Rogers Abbott II vs. Kettle Inc., Joel Hart, William J. Hart, Susan Kay Stokes, Jon Hart, and Janice Carol Honey Hart.

SAID WRIT OF EXECUTION PLACED IN MY HANDS FOR SERVICE, I, JACK HAILE AS SHERIFF OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS, DID, ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY 1996, LEVY ON CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, SITUATED IN SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: the NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION #70, BLOCK 1-T, T & N O survey, situated within Sherman County, consisting of a reported 160.17 acres.

AND LEVIED UPON AS THE PROPERTY OF KETTLE INCORPORATED, aka KETTLE, Inc. AND THAT ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF JUNE 1996, THE SAME BEING THE 4TH DAY OF SAID MONTH, AT THE COURT HOUSE DOOR, OF SHERMAN COUNTY, IN THE CITY OF STRATFORD TEXAS, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10 A.M. AND 4 P.M., BY VIRTUE OF SAID LEVY AND SAID WRIT OF EXECUTION.

I WILL OFFER FOR SALE AND SELL AT PUBLIC VEDUE, FOR CASH, TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE SAID PROPERTY.

AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAW, I GIVE THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION, IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, ONCE A WEEK FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING SAID DAY OF SALE, IN THE STRATFORD STAR, A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN SHERMAN COUNTY.

WITNESS MY HAND, THIS 2ND DAY OF MAY 1996.

JACK HAILE, SHERIFF OF SHERMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

BY
JIM DEWEES DEPUTY OF THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF SHERMAN COUNTY TEXAS

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT RENEWAL

CITY OF STRATFORD, P.O. Box 188, Stratford, Texas 79084 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for renewal of Permit No. 10293-01 which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater effluent by evaporation. The disposal volume is not to exceed 175,000 gallons per day average. No discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State is authorized by this permit.

The wastewater treatment facilities and disposal site are south of Stratford and west of U.S. Highway 287, approximately 4,000 feet southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highways 54 and 287 in Sherman County, Texas. This location is in the drainage area of Coldwater Creek which flows into the State of Oklahoma.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

The Executive Director will issue the permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 after newspaper publication of this notice. To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the name of the applicant and the permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you would be adversely affected by the granting of the application in a way not common to the general

public; (5) the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing.

If a hearing is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

Requests for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30-day notice period to the Chief Clerk's Office, Mail Code 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, telephone (512) 239-3307. Written public comments may also be submitted to the Chief Clerk's Office during the notice period. For information concerning technical aspects of the permit, contact Firoj Vahora, Mail Code 148, the same address, telephone

(512) 239-4540. For information concerning hearing procedures or citizen participation, contact the Office Of Public Interest Counsel, Mail Code 103, the same address, telephone (512) 239-6363.

Issued this 30th day of April, 1996.

Gloria A. Vasquez, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

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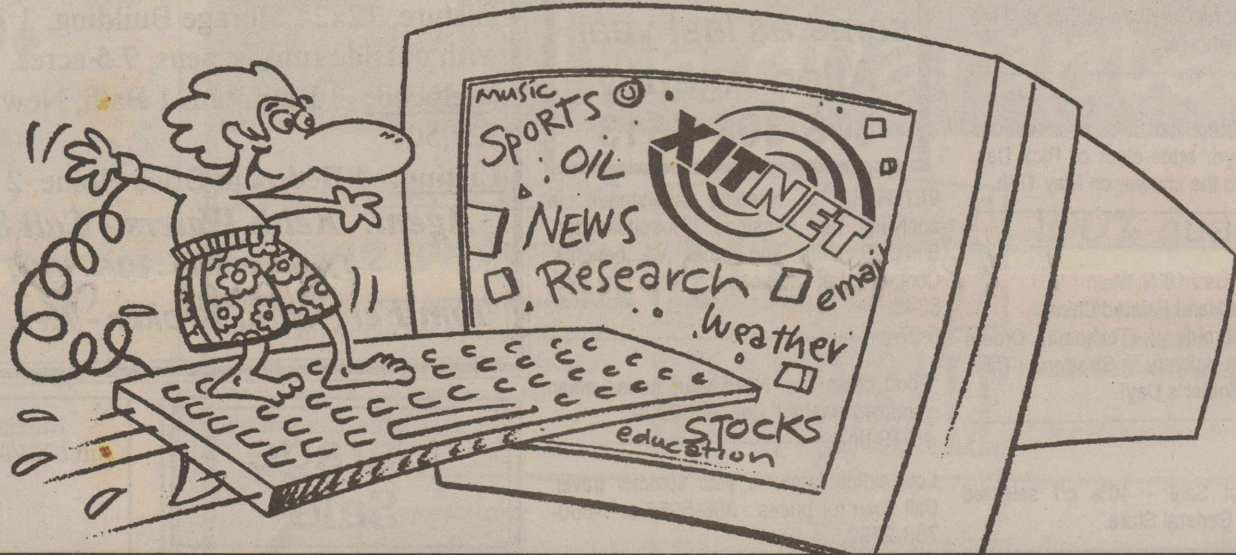
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