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Texas Public Schools Week - March 6-10



TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - Post High School teacher Joy Pool and students (left to right) Shannon Scott, Becky Shumard and Trudy Wood will join with students in

1,100 other Texas school districts in observing Public Schools Week state-wide the week of March 6 through March 10.

Post Schools to Join in Statewide Observance

The Post Independent School District will join with 1,100 other public school districts in the state next week in observing Texas Public School Week.

Although no formal open house or ceremonies are planned for the week, Post ISD Superintendent W.F. Shiver issued the following invitation in a letter to The Post Dispatch:

"The State Board of Education in January adopted a resolution recognizing March 6-10 as Texas Public Schools Week.

The resolution encourages citizens 'to take an active interest in the school system by cooperating with their school board, superintendent, principals and teachers, and visiting the schools to see their students shine in the classroom.'

"During this special week, parents and taxpayers are invited to visit the public schools to recognize the tremendous importance that our educational system has for our community," the Board's resolution said.

The public is welcome."

Joe Giddens, PHS principal, invited those who are interested in the high school and its educational system to come by the school principal's office during Public Schools Week.

Post Elementary School principal, Dan Rankin, and everyone at the elementary school "would like to invite the public to see the many exciting things that are happening in education today."

Texas Public Schools Week is celebrated the first full week in March each year.

Unclaimed Money List Contains 21 Local Names

Twenty-one area residents and businesses, or former residents and businesses, are among the more than 110,000 Texans who have \$60 million in lost or forgotten money coming to them this year, according to the Texas Treasury Unclaimed Money Fund List which is being published statewide today in 19 newspapers.

State Treasurer Ann Richards earlier this week pre-released the 1989 version of the list.

"Each year we try to locate as many people as we can and return this money to them," Mrs. Richards said. "Last year about \$22 million was given back to rightful owners."

All listed accounts, other than those from safe deposit boxes, are worth at least \$50 with the largest account worth more than \$177,000. All safe deposit boxes are listed regardless of the value of the contents.

Generally, accounts on the list are from checking and savings ac-

counts, utility deposits, oil royalties, and corporate stocks.

From Post, the Treasury lists L.B. Baker, Edna/Gilbert Blodgett, Katie Box, Calico Corner, W.T. Cook, Joe J. Dearmon, Guy Floyd, George Construction Company, Steven M. Gonzales, E.M. Loper,

Thurman Maddox, Maxine D. Marks, Bill Masters, Warren E. Merritt, Rita Nelson, Ruby Ann Perez, Josie Quintana, Doris Riddle, Doug Roberts, and Henry White, Jr.

From Southland, the listing has the name of Reynaldo Vasquez.

"There is no set time to make a

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Garza County Represented at Houston Show

Twenty 4-H and FFA members from Garza County joined with other members from throughout the state for showing competition at the Houston Livestock Show which began February 16 and concludes this weekend.

Representing the FFA were Lance Bagby, market lambs; Brandon Bird, market steers; Jarett Dickson, market lambs; Karl Gerner, market barrows; Neal Gibbs, market barrows; Jimmy Holleman, market steers; Riley Holly, market lambs; and Richard Johnson, Brad McDonald, Brandon McDonald, Brent McDonald and Daniel Redman, all with market barrows.

Representing the 4-H Club were Joel Basinger, market barrows; Russ Bird, market steers; Talina Bird, market steers; Angela Graves, market lambs; Shelia Kay Haire, market barrows; Jennifer Osborn, markets lambs and market barrows; Kristi Osborn, market lambs and market barrows; and Alex Washington, market barrows.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors were competing in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show - the junior show division and the open show division. The open show attracts its exhibitors from the world's agricultural industry in the form of professional breeders and ranchers.

Representing 817 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, the junior show was expected to exceed 12,000 entries this year.

'night, Mother' March 16-19 at Garza Theatre

One of the most distinguished plays of this decade, "night, Mother," by Marsha Norman, will open Thursday, March 16 at the Garza Theatre with Anne Leake and Christy Morris appearing in the two-character tragic-comedy.

Both of the actresses are 1988 "Willy Award" winners for their performances in last year's "The Glass Menagerie." Anne was voted best actress for her role as Amanda Wingfield, and Christy was voted best supporting actress for her role as the daughter, Laura, in the Tennessee Williams play.

The Garza Theatre production of "night, Mother" is designed and directed by Will McCrary and features a backstage crew of Lino DeLeon, stage manager; Ab Gutierrez, lights; Cole LeBlanc, sound; and Mildred Stewart, production manager.

Call the Garza Theatre box office at 495-4005 for information and reservations for "night, Mother," Thursday through Sunday, March 16-19. The box office is conveniently open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Post Receives \$1,090.13 from Bingo Taxes

The City of Post received a check in the amount of \$1,090.13 for fourth quarter 1988 for the two-percent local gross receipts tax levied on bingo.

The check from State Comptroller Bob Bullock's office was a small part of the total checks for \$2.1 million mailed to 69 counties and 108 cities that have legalized bingo.

The Comptroller's office collects the local tax along with the state tax. The local tax is returned each quarter to communities where local votes have legalized bingo and where local governments have decided to levy the tax.

Annual Fashion Show Benefits Cancer Society

The second annual style show for the benefit of the Garza County Chapter of the American Cancer Society is set for Saturday, March 18 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Jackson's Cafe.

Fashions for the show will be provided by LaPosta and The Bird's Nest.

Admission to the charity fashion event is a minimum \$5 donation at the door. Coffee, tea and brownies will be served during the show.

Russ Bird Winner at San Antonio

Russ Bird's Simmental Steer was Breed Champion at the recent San Antonio Stock Show, winning the right to compete in the Show of Champions and then the sale, where Russ received \$3,100 in Premium Prize money.

Other 4-H'ers exhibiting were Janell and Labeth Jones with lambs; Talina Bird with her Chianina Steer; and Shelia Haire, who placed 17th with her Hampshire Hog.

Also attending the show were Darrell Jones, Jay and Cindy Bird, Blake Toland, Kristy Haire Kemp, and Garza County Extension Agent, Syd Conner.

Garza County News Briefs

Reunion-Revival

The Graham United Methodist Church will hold a combined reunion-revival March 12-14 with Dr. Bill Flemming, District Superintendent and former pastor of the church, as the guest speaker. All past pastors, members and friends are invited to attend. Lunch will be served following the 11 a.m. Sunday services; night services will begin at 7 p.m.

Reminder

The Garza County Tax Assessor-Collector's office issues the following reminder:

"Have you checked your vehicle registration or your inspection sticker lately?"

The deadline for having your car inspected is an easy thing to overlook and motor vehicle registration notices don't always arrive in the mail to remind us that it's time for a new license plate sticker.

Leadership Breakfast

The next Leadership Breakfast is scheduled for Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Jackson's Cafe. The purpose of this meeting is to share information concerning upcoming events and better plan and coordinate activities with the community. Everyone is invited to attend.

"T" Ball Program

If you are a parent of a six or seven year old child who is interested in playing "T" Ball, you are urged to attend a Little League meeting, Thursday, March 9 at 7 p.m. in the S.P.S. Reddy Room.

Historical Commission

The Garza County Historical Commission recently received information regarding the Family Land Heritage Program sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

A prerequisite for the program is that the same family must have held the same parcel of land for at least 100 years.

If you are interested in participating in the Land Heritage Program, contact Jack Alexander at 495-2804.

Post C.A.R.E.S.

During the year of 1988 Post Cares was able to help 444 individuals with food and/or clothing. This was a total of 96 families in all.

At the present time Post Cares is in need of canned meats, beans, flour, sugar and shortening.

All types of donations are appreciated any time during regular hours, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 222 E. 8th St., right behind Jackson's Meat Locker.

Volleyball Tourney

The Post Lions Club will host a volleyball tournament March 9-11; Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. each in the Middle School Gym.

Participation in the tournament is limited to Garza County residents only and the registration fee for each team is \$40.

For more registration information, contact Lino DeLeon at 495-3285, Paul Jones at 495-2946, or any Lions Club member.

EMT Class

Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) classes are now being held and will continue through June 29 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the clubroom above City Hall.

The classes in conjunction with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Garza Memorial Hospital and Post City County EMTs.

For more information, contact Ronny Ammons, instructor, at 495-2474; Melodie Yarbrough at 495-3130, Jackie Gonzales at 495-3863, or Becky Warren at 494-3319.

Tax Service

The American Association of Retired Persons is providing free income tax preparation service for senior citizens and low income taxpayers from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Tuesday until April 11, 1989.

You are requested to bring a copy of last year's return and the labeled return sent by the IRS. You will also need to bring your W-2 form and any statements of interest, dividends, income from self employment, interest paid on mortgages, on personal loans, charitable contributions, real estate taxes and all other income or deductible items.

For further information call 495-2525 or 495-2566.

Commodities

Commodities will be distributed Tuesday, March 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the 4-H Barn on the Lubbock Highway.

Regular distribution days for commodities will continue to be scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month until further notice. The above hours will remain in effect on each third Tuesday.



JUDGE SIGNS PROCLAMATION - Garza County Judge E.A. Howard, Jr. last week signed a proclamation declaring March the month for prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. Present at the signing were (left) Glenda Baker, director of CityCounty Drug & Alcohol Abuse Program, and Lynette Massey with "McGruff, the Crime Dog."

Judge Howard Issues Proclamation, 'March for Prevention' in County

Garza County Judge E.A. Howard, Jr., last week formally issued a proclamation declaring March a month for prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and addiction.

Focusing its attentions this year on youth education and awareness programs, the City-County Drug and Alcohol Abuse program, in cooperation with the Post ISD drug team, will present programs for young people throughout the month.

Also participating in the month-long program will be LPD

crime prevention detectives; members of the TTU Drug Free Community project; McGruff, "Take a Bite Out of Crime," the Crime Dog; Suzanne Young, Texas War on Drugs coordinator; and a junior high group from Canyon.

An open house Friday, March 3, in conjunction with a 5th grade poster exhibit, and the signing of Judge Howard's proclamation officially opened drug and alcohol prevention month.

The following proclamation was issued:

"WHEREAS, the County of Garza, State of Texas, recognizes

the need for prevention of alcohol abuse and drug addiction facing the community;

WHEREAS, a positive approach is needed toward drug and alcohol abuse and addiction through community education and involvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, E.A. Howard, Judge of Garza County, do hereby proclaim the month of March 1989 to be:

March of Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Addiction Month in Garza County.

In the Neighborhood...

by Lonnie Welborn

There's a new face around the Garza County Historical Museum these days... Jennifer McClung, a second year graduate student in the Museum Science program at Texas Tech is at the local museum three days a week as an intern.

Jennifer, whose home is in San Marcos, also works with the Southwest Collection in Lubbock, in the library division, and is equally as enthusiastic about her work in Post's museum.

She is currently going over the exhibits, donations and records at the local museum and has been kind enough to agree to teach a

group of volunteers how to catalogue and keep up with what we now have and might acquire later.

And speaking of the museum, right now is a very good time to visit there for a look at several new exhibits, courtesy of Bill Mueller, Emmett Shedd and Arnold Fry.

While you're seeing the new exhibits, please stop by and get acquainted with Jennifer McClung.

In Austin

A group from Post, representing the Caprock Cultural Association and its member organizations, were the special guests of Representative David Counts for lunch at the Austin Club during the Texas

Arts Council Conference in February.

Having lunch with Representative Counts, spending the day at the Capitol, and visiting with State Representatives and Senators were Maxine and Lewis Earl, Kathy Floyd, Will McCrary, JoAnn Mock, Marie Neff and Linda Puckett.

Seen by the group during the visit were Senators John Montford, Steve Carriker John Whitmore; Representative Jim Rudd; Bob Hunter; Debra Danburg; and several others on various state committees.

Senior Officer

Tanya Basinger of Post has been elected to Hardin-Simmons University's Student Congress for the 1989-90 school year.

The Student Congress is HSU's form of student government and is made up of class officers, class representatives, congressmen-at-large and an executive council. The Congress promotes activities on campus and serves as liaison between the student body and the administration.

Tanya was elected as the Senior Class Representative to the Student Congress.

Sojourn House

A group in Lubbock, through the Barbara Miller Memorial Fund, make apartments available to help

ease the financial burden for people who are in Lubbock for long-term medical treatment.

If you need an apartment now, contact your hospital social services department. If you need housing for the future, please write to: Sojourn House, P.O. Box 65145, Lubbock 79464.

Give date, hospital and duration of treatment, home address and telephone number, work number and any other pertinent information. If you're not contacted before you go to Lubbock, please contact hospital social services department.

Located near the medical center at 2421 Quinton, the one-bedroom apartments include telephone, linens, pots, pans, dishes and television, and comfortably accommodate two people.

Cost of the Sojourn House apartments is \$15 per day for a two-week minimum stay.

Annual Meeting

One further mention of the CCA - the organization is having its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9 at Jackson's.

Dinner is \$5 per person and you get to find out "What's going on with the Arts Development in Post," including the Garza Theatre, Post Art Guild, Culture Club, Garza Museum and Caprock Photographers.

For more information, call JoAnn at 495-4000.



SELECTED TO PLAY IN ALL STAR GAME - Lisa Taylor, 18 year old daughter of Jerry and Cindy Taylor of Southland, has been selected to play in the girls basketball All-Star game. The game will take place Friday, July 14, in Stephenville during the 6-man coaches clinic which will be going on at this time. This is the first year that the girls have had a basketball game during this clinic.

Scholarship Program is for Texas Volunteers

Beneficial Texas Inc. is offering its Community Service Scholarships program to Texas high school seniors for the fourth consecutive year this spring. The scholarships, totaling \$50,000, are awarded solely on the basis of volunteer service, and may be applied to accredited post-secondary education programs of the winners' choice.

Initiated in 1986, the scholarship program has received com-

munity service citations from the state of Texas and the Governor's Office of Community Leadership and Volunteer Services.

The \$50,000 will be awarded for the 1988-1989 academic year as five one-year scholarships of \$5,000 and 25 one-year scholarships of \$1,000.

The scholarships are available to high school seniors who receive a 12th grade degree for the 1988-1989 academic year, and who plan to attend an accredited post-secondary education institution. Students must also be current residents of Texas, and be attending either a public or private high school in Texas.

Students who have volunteered with two or more civic or charitable agencies or organizations in the community for at least two years, with a minimum of 50 volunteer hours, are eligible.

Applications must include documented evidence of community service achievements and must be received by April 3. Applications can be obtained at any of the 43 Beneficial consumer finance offices in Texas, or by calling toll-free 1-800-524-2816 between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

The scholarship winners will be selected by an objective selection committee, with no direct or indirect relationship to Beneficial.

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ALL DISTRICT - Crystal Clay (left) and Traci Tannehill were selected to the elite All-District girls basketball team. Tannehill is a senior and Clay is a sophomore.

Women's Division Plans March Membership Drive

At the Women's Chamber of Commerce regular meeting in February, Betty Posey announced the annual membership meeting for 12 noon on March 15 in the Chaparral Garden Room. Members are expected to invite guests for lunch and to enjoy a special program by Lonnie Welborn, president of the Garza County Museum.

The Women's Chamber of Commerce is actively soliciting members and urge those interested in becoming a member to contact the Chamber of Commerce at 495-3461.

Jennifer McClung, a student at Texas Tech University, was a special guest of Maxine Earl at the meeting. Jennifer is a graduate student in museum science and is working part-time at the Garza Museum as part of her graduate program.

Kathy Floyd, Chamber of Commerce manager, expressed appreciation to the Women's Division for the unique decorations for the Chamber of Commerce banquet. Floyd said, "We are already working on next year's banquet after being encouraged by this year's crowd and entertainment."

Maxine Earl reported that 2500 people from out of town had enjoyed the Garza Theatre plays and Nona Lusk announced the upcoming play, "night, Mother," which opens Thursday, March 16.

Seven from CCA Attend Austin Arts Conference

Seven members of the Caprock Cultural Association and associate organizations of the CCA were in Austin recently to attend the Texas Arts Council's conference on "Advocacy and the Arts."

Representing Post at the conference and visiting with members of the State Legislature were JoAnn Mock, Kathryn Floyd, Marie Neff, Linda Puckett, Will McCrary and Maxine and Lewis Earl.

Special sessions during the three-day meeting were concentrated on the relationships between local arts agencies and government and featured comments and suggestions by various Legislators.

Local arts agencies serve as a coordinated and cooperative effort of the various art entities throughout the state and the Caprock Cultural Association is recognized as one of the most active local arts agencies for rural communities.

A spokesman for the CCA reported that Texas is ranked 54th among the 50 states and six territories in funding the arts, with only Mississippi ranking below Texas in the amount of dollars spent on the arts.

This year the Commission allocated \$2.7 million to distribute to universities; touring companies; traveling exhibits; Arts in Education; arts research; and local arts agencies like the CCA. The

needs of the now existing agencies exceed 16 to 20 million.

Surveys indicate that the economic activity generated by total arts dollars (the dollars agencies attracted in other funding and fundraising with the help of the 2.7 million state funds, and the economic value of the programs to communities) was almost \$200 million. If arts funding returned to the level of current needs, it is estimated that the economic activity generated by total arts dollars in 1990-91 would be \$600 million.

JoAnn Mock, administrator for the CCA, said, "Working with the arts in Post for the past four years - preparing budgets for the CCA, the Post Art Guild and the Garza Theatre - I have been amazed at the large return of dollars to the economy of this community from the amount of local funds invested."

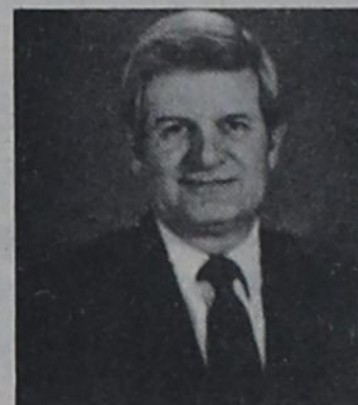
"The matching funds of the City and County yearly generate funds for budgets of \$75,000 - and this doesn't include the increased business activity, tourism, partici-

pation by adults and children, the morale building effects, the increased good-will among communities, the attraction to possible industry and the pride we feel. The entire state of Texas benefits in the same way."

The CCA is asking the people of Post to write or phone representatives in Austin soon and urge them to support the Level IV arts funding for Texas. Addresses are: Senator John Montford, P.O. Box 12068, Austin, Texas 78711 and Representative David Counts, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78769.

"The development of the Post Art Guild and the Garza Theatre, and the services provided by them, plus additional arts projects of the CCA and other member entities - Caprock Photographers, Woman's Culture Club, Garza Museum - provide thinking citizens reason enough to support the arts and to encourage support among others," Mock added.

The large representation of CCA members at the Austin conference emphasized the fact that Post values the arts and arts activities in the community and considers them an asset for business and for development.



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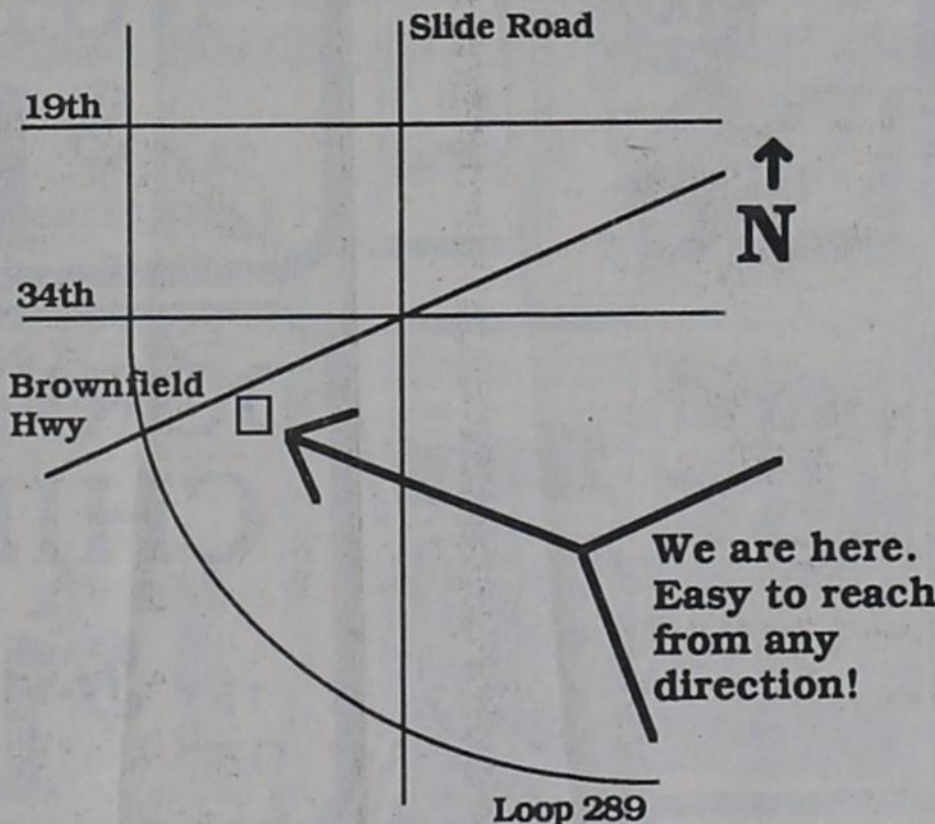
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Haying of 1989 ACR and CU for Payment Acres

Haying of 1989 ACR and CU for payment acreage has been authorized during the consecutive seven-month grazing period for all counties in Texas.

The Secretary of Agriculture

has concurred with the Texas State ASC Committee determination that haying these acres would not cause an adverse economic effect in Texas.

Terry Harman, State Executive

Director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) state office, said, "The authorization was received to hay 1989 crop year ACR and CU payment acres. This includes the eight percent also. In order to allow benefactors to have a say in the decision, many farm, commodity, and livestock organizations were asked to comment on the issue. All county ASC Committees were requested to make a recommenda-

tion. Of the 136 comments received, 133 encouraged haying. Most comments indicated that NOT haying these acres would cause an adverse economic impact in Texas."

Harman also stated that haying or grazing of ACR and CU for payment acreage, including the eight percent, is not permitted during the consecutive five-month nongrazing period. This nongrazing period is established by the local county ASC committees and

could be different in all counties.

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New Employment Testing Schedule Set for DPS

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has announced that as of March 1, 1989, they will be giving entrance examinations and physical agility tests every Monday and Wednesday, year-round instead of only during a short period just before an announced recruit school, according to Major V.J. Cawthon, Regional Commander for this area.

Major Cawthon said, "Even though a date for a recruit school has not been determined, we will begin testing all year long. This change in testing periods will allow

the applicant more opportunity to take the test at his convenience and will allow the D.P.S. ample time to conduct background investigations and hold interview boards."

Testing will begin at 8 a.m. each Monday and Wednesday, except days that fall on state holidays. The tests, which will be given at the Lubbock Department of Safety Offices, will take most of the day to complete.

An application must be completed and all basic requirements must be met prior to taking the entrance exams. Employment qualifications and application forms may be picked up at the above mentioned offices or by contacting your local Department of Public Safety trooper.

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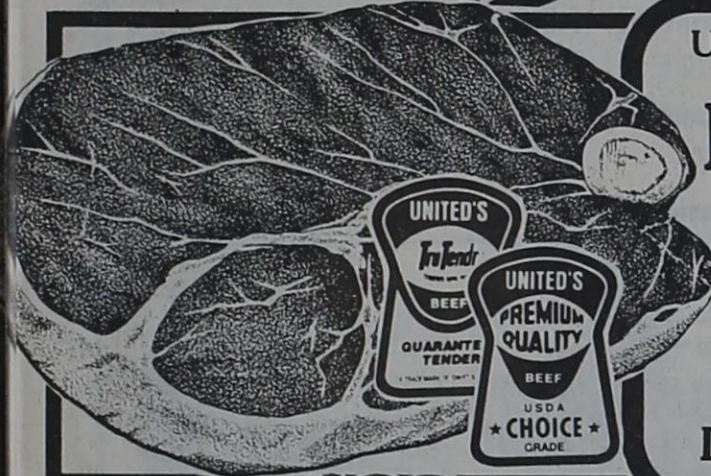
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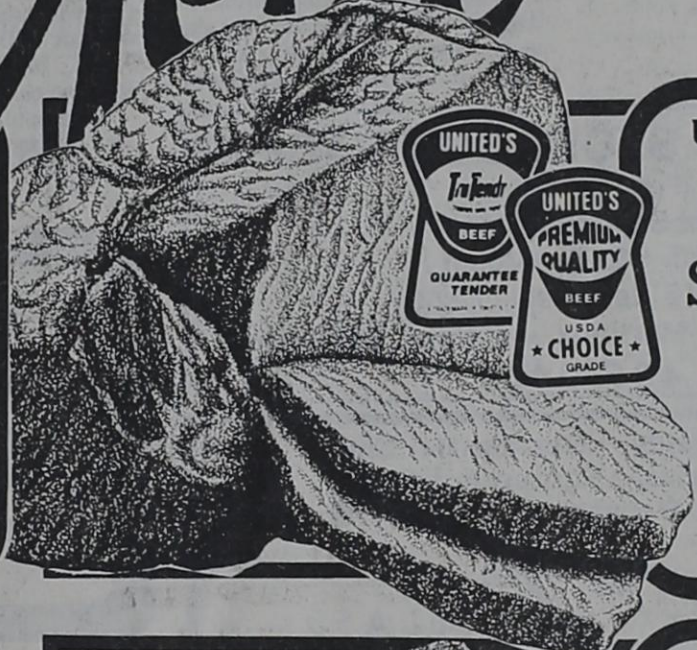
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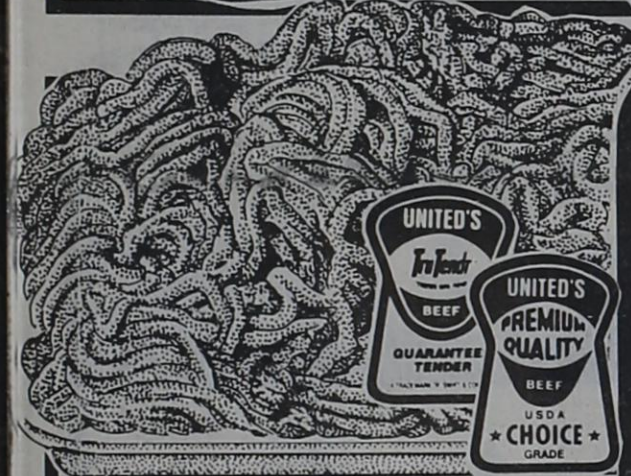
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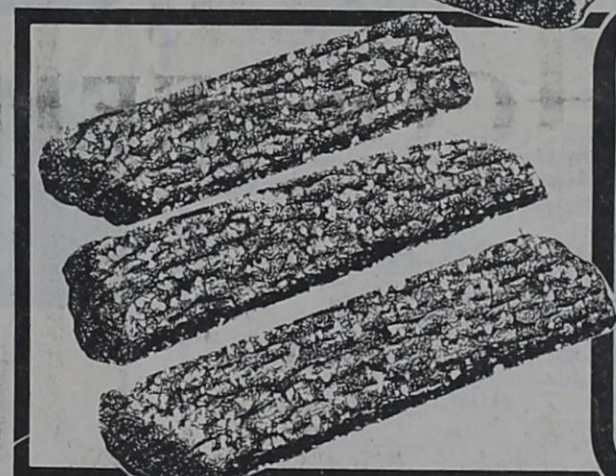
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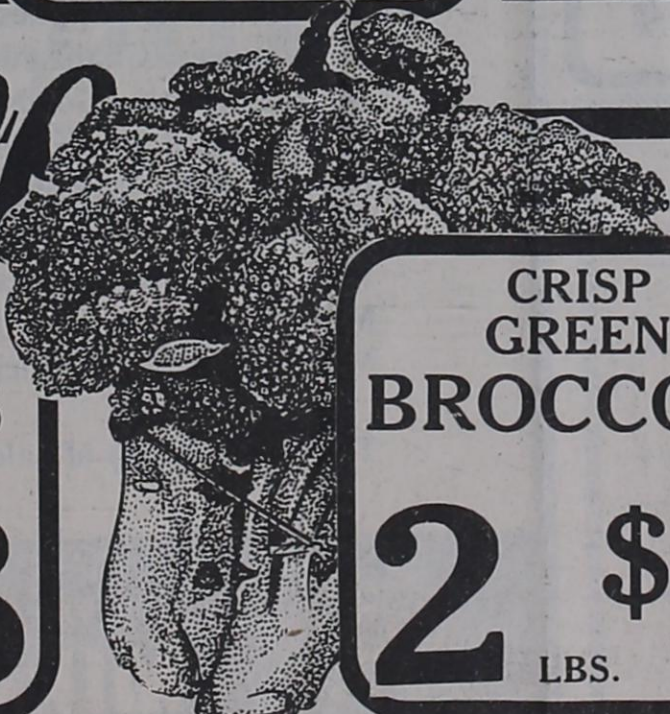
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Legal Notices

The Private Industry Council (PIC), Inc. approved the Title IIB, Summer Youth Employment and Training Programs on 2-22-89, and the plan was sent to the Texas Department of Commerce for final approval. The final allocation is \$682,814.

The plan is available for review at the PIC office at 1220 Broadway, Suite 805, Lubbock, Texas 79401.

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Help Wanted

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Baptist Church to Present Easter Pageant

The First Baptist Church of Post will present an Easter Pageant on March 30 and 31 and April 2 at 7 p.m., depicting the last days of Jesus on earth.

The public is invited to attend. For seating arrangements, please call the church office at 495-3554.

- Local News
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Unclaimed Money

(Continued from Page 1)

claim on these accounts," Treasurer Richards said. "Money turned over to the State Treasury can be claimed at any time in the future by the original owner or his or her heirs."

Persons who find their names on the list can call the Texas State Treasury on its toll-free telephone line at 1-800-654-3463 or they can write the State Treasury at P.O. Box 17728, Austin, Texas 78745. The toll-free line opens at noon on Sunday, March 5.

During the first few weeks after the list is published, the toll-free line is often tied up by the volume of calls. The lines, however, are kept open for an extended period and there is no time limit for making a claim.

The Unclaimed Money Fund List was first published shortly af-

ter Mrs. Richards took office in 1983 and she has made collecting and returning unclaimed money one of her top priorities.

Since she took office, the Treasury has collected more than \$209 million in unclaimed funds, which is almost 83 percent of all such funds ever collected in the State of Texas. About 95 percent of all funds returned in the 27-year history of the program have been returned during the six years of the Richards Administration.

Money that is not claimed by owners is used by the state for education and general state services such as highways and law enforcement. Last year, for example, \$30 million in non-tax revenue was turned over to the Foundation School Fund and the General Revenue Fund.

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Sales Tax Rebate Checks Down for Post, Area

State Comptroller Bob Bullock sent a late Christmas present to some Texas cities in February by way of checks totaling nearly \$225 million in local sales tax allocations.

"The cities alone got a 12 percent increase over last year's checks, and eight percent, more than half, is due to higher sales during the holidays," Bullock said.

Even though the majority of the cities received an increase, the sales tax rebate for Post and surrounding towns was down from 1988.

Post's current check, \$21,728.31, was down 7.67 percent from 1988's rebate of \$23,532.23. However, the payments to date for Post, totaling \$31,140.15, are only a fraction off the total payments for this time in 1988, \$31,141.19.

Area cities also reported mixed rebates:

Crosbyton received a check for \$7,942.91, a six percent decrease from 1988's \$8,460.63. Payments to date total \$10,820.48, a 1.21 percent decrease over 1988's total of \$10,953.09.

Ralls' \$8,385.59 was an increase of 9.14 percent over \$7,683.39 received in 1988. Total payments to date were \$11,837.31, an increase of 13.93 percent over 1988's total of \$10,389.76.

Slaton's rebate of \$26,355.20 was down 4.72 percent over 1988's \$27,660.05. The total to date, \$36,910.29, however, was up 3.47 percent over 1988's \$35,673.43.

Tahoka was down 14.46 percent with a check in the amount of \$9,491.25 compared to \$11,096.10 for 1988. Tahoka's total to date, \$12,972.23, is down 2.80 percent from 1988's \$13,346.21.

Bullock said that about \$670 million was deposited in the state's coffers because of some strong returns, and state lawmakers could put the unexpected extra \$150 million towards planning the 1990-91 budget.

"The growth in collections from the broadened tax base has evened out now. That means the increases are a direct result of a stronger economy and greater consumer confidence," Bullock said.



SOUTHLAND ALL DISTRICT SELECTIONS went to (left to right) Lisa Taylor, Reyes Anaya, Veronica Arguello, Tonya Purdy, Wendy Davenport and Cori Weaver. Taylor and Anaya were selected to the first team while Arguello, Purdy, Davenport and Weaver made honorable mention. Taylor and Arguello are seniors, Anaya, Purdy and Davenport are juniors while Weaver is a freshman.

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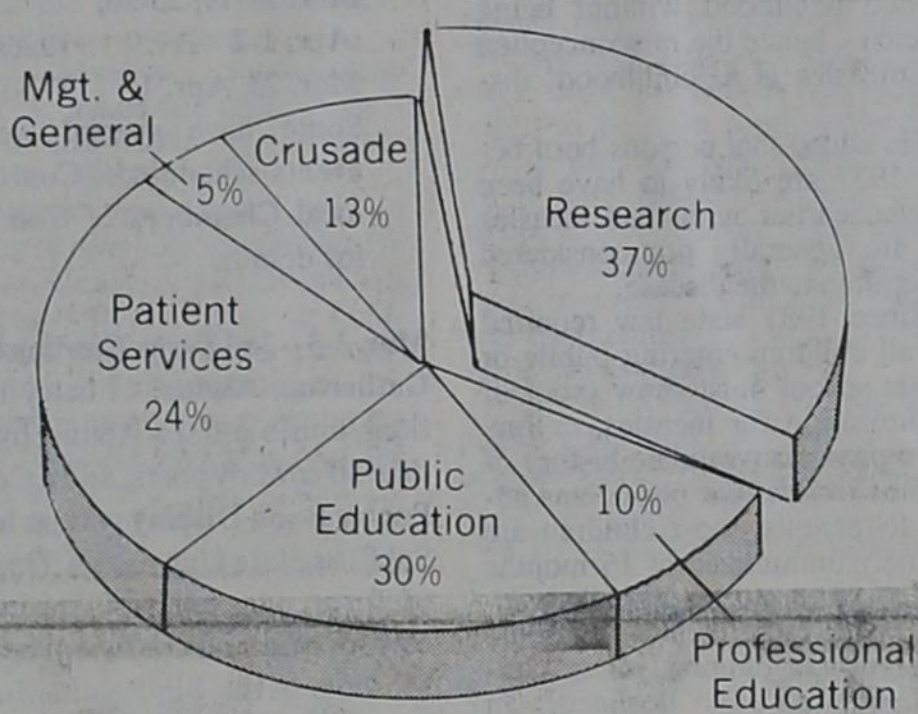
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According to Jim Stewart, Director of the Hockley County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) in Leveland, county offices were notified of the 19.4 cent payment total February 2 and expect to have checks to most producers in the mail by the end of February. Lubbock County ASCS Director Alan Mackey agrees, stating that his office expects to spend most of its time from February 6 through February 13 calculating payments amounts and preparing checks.

The payment due each producer is to equal the payment rate times the farm's established yield times planted acres. All is to be paid in cash as opposed to a combination of cash and commodity certificates.

For the 25 High Plains counties in its territory, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, figures money coming into the area economy will total about \$168,462,000. PCG's calculation uses the 3.206 million planted acres reported by the State ASCS Office in College Station and an average estimated yield, weighted by county acreage figures, of 404.2 pounds per acre.

Also boosting the area economy in the early months of 1989, PCG says, will be advance payments to producers as they sign into the 1989 cotton program. USDA has estimated the total deficiency rate for this year at 21.4

cents per pound and is offering 30 percent, or 6.4 cents, in advance. That's the same advance as in 1988, but last year's rate was the result of an estimated 16-cent total, of which 40 percent was made at sign-up.

Cotton deficiency payments equal the difference between the target price and the weighted average farm price during the calendar year or the loan rate, whichever results in the lower payment. The 1988 target was 75.9 cents and the year's average price to farmers came to 56.5 cents, well above the 51.8 cent loan. For 1989 the target has been dropped to 73.4 cents and the loan is set at 50 cents, meaning the deficiency payment could be as high as the maximum 23.4 if the average price falls below the loan. It could also be as little as zero should the year's average price by some strange turn of events climb above 73.4 cents.

Many, including PCG, as recently as November had projected a 1988 deficiency rate of 21 or 22 cents per pound. The lower rate resulted when an expected continuation of low monthly average prices didn't materialize.

The average of 51.8 cents in September jumped to 53.9 in October, to 56.7 in November and settled to 55.3 cents in December. The reason, PCG thinks, is because most of the lower valued High Plains cotton in later months went to the loan, while most of the small volume sold came from higher priced cottons of other areas.

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Singing predominantly Southern Gospel music, the Brashears will be in three concerts at the Grassland Church of the Nazarene, March 10, 11 and 12, with the Friday and Saturday concerts beginning at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday concert at 10 a.m.

Since the Brashears started in 1972, they have gained the reputation of consistently giving top-notch concerts across the United States and in Canada. They are a full-time singing group approximately 325 days a year.

Founder of the group, with over 30 years experience in gospel music, Jerry Brashear is the manager, master of ceremonies and lead vocalist. He was selected lead singer of the year at the Western States Quartet Convention.

Mike Brashear has been singing since he was seven years old. Music is his life; he sings and plays bass guitar. He was chosen baritone singer of the year at the Western States Quartet Convention.

Angela Brashear has one of the most dynamic female voices in the gospel music industry today. She was chosen Youth of the Year in the Southern Gospel Music Association.

The Brashears have been appointed by the governor of the state of Arkansas as the state's Ambassadors of Good Will.

For further information on the Brashears concerts, call the church office at 327-5656.



The Brashears

Garza Farmers Eligible for Recovery Loans

Family farmers in Garza County, along with 23 other area counties, are eligible to apply for low-interest loans to help recover from the drought of 1988, U.S. Senator Phil Gramm announced this week.

For those who are unable to obtain credit through normal channels, the U.S. Farmers Home Administration will make loans available at below-market interest rates to agricultural producers.

The counties covered, in addition to Garza, are Dickens, Hansford, Lampasas, Live Oak, Nacogdoches, Refugio, Wilson, Zavala, Aransas, Bell, Burnet, Calhoun, Coryell, Crosby, Floyd, Hutchinson, Moore, Ochiltree, Roberts,

San Augustine, San Saba, Sherman and Victoria.

The areas were designated as eligible for disaster assistance by the FmHA, Gramm noted, due to drought damage between January 1, 1988 and August 31, 1988.

Farmers and ranchers in these counties will now be able to apply for low-interest, multi-year loans to help cover up to 80 percent of their actual losses, the senator said. The maximum loan available will be \$500,000.

The FmHA, which will supervise the loan program, is charged with providing aid to the farmers and ranchers in order to assist their economic recovery from natural disasters.

Cedar Fever Annoyance for Allergy Sufferers

Every year, some people suffer through the colder months with what feels like a head cold, combined with itchy eyes, headaches, general tiredness and other symptoms, just because they breathe the brisk outdoor air.

Allergy sufferers are plentiful in Texas, especially in the central region and hill country. And December and January are some of their worst months, according to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), since the onset of colder weather invariably brings "cedar fever."

Cedar fever is an allergic reaction to the pollen of male mountain cedar (actually two species of juniper), which grow wild throughout Texas. The male trees have tiny green cones which turn brown, spring open, and release a yellow pollen onto the winter winds.

The minute, sticky, pollen grains irritate the eyes and sinuses, and enter the sufferer's respiratory

system, triggering an allergic reaction.

Allergy specialists say that cedar fever is second only to ragweed allergy in the number of Texans it affects. And its severity may be greater. Even persons who are able to resist other allergens may fall victim to cedar fever. And for reasons not fully understood, some may react more severely in one year than in another.

In most cases of cedar fever, the reaction is uncomfortable, but temporary. Milder cases may be successfully controlled with over-the-counter antihistamines. However, TDH advises that anyone with severe or persistent symptoms should consult a physician. Prolonged irritation of the sinuses or throat can lead to infections, or may be signs of other illness.

Also, anyone with histories of serious respiratory diseases may be advised to seek treatment by an allergy specialist.



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Measles Outbreak in Texas Still a Threat

When an outbreak of rubella (red measles) began in Houston last November officials at the Texas Department of Health (TDH) predicted that susceptible travelers might contract the disease and transport it to other cities. That prediction became fact, with several cases on college campuses traced to Christmas break in Houston.

Now, with the unusually large outbreak continuing in Houston, health officials have issued a new warning. TDH is concerned that many of the more than 50,000 people expected at Houston's livestock show and rodeo (February 16-26) also could contract and transport the disease statewide.

While the new cases are occurring in all age groups, most patients are toddlers and infants less than 15 months old, and young adults, often high school and college students. Health clinics on several college campuses have reported a growing number of students with measles, most of whom were exposed to the virus during trips to Houston.

Robert D. Crider, director of TDH's Immunization Division, said that the Houston outbreak began late last year with about 50 infants and children. Until that outbreak began, only 17 cases of measles had been reported throughout the state for the first 10 months of 1988. But by the end of December, the year's total reached about 250. New cases continue to be reported at an alarming rate.

Crider said that the Houston area still is the source of most reports. "Between November, when the first of the Houston outbreak began, and early February, more than 900 cases of measles have

been reported in Harris County alone," Crider said. "In all of 1987, there were only about 452 measles cases in the whole state."

Crider attributed the sharp rise in the number of cases to several factors. He explained, "Many people seem to have forgotten how contagious the measles virus is. It can infect any susceptible person who is exposed to it. By susceptible, I mean anyone has not had the disease, or whose immunization was not successful - about 3-5 percent of those vaccinated. Measles is so contagious that until the advent of vaccines, few people reached adulthood without being infected - hence the misconception that measles is a 'childhood' disease."

He added that persons born before 1957 are likely to have been infected earlier with read measles and are generally not considered susceptible to the disease.

Since 1981 state law required that all children entering public or private school must show proof of immunization for measles, or furnish a physician-validated history of measles illness. On physicians' advice to parents, most children are routinely immunized at 15 months with measles-mumps-rubella vaccine. The result is that for some years, measles among young children dramatically declined. In 1983, for example, Texas reported only 37 cases.

The symptoms of red measles are fever, runny nose, cough, watery eyes and a rash which first appears on head and face, eventually spreading over the body. Crider stressed that red measles, rubella, should not be confused with rubella, German measles, which can cause serious birth defects in the babies of infected mothers.

Extension Programs Benefit Texans

Professional educators with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service have begun numerous 1989 educational programs designed to benefit Texans.

Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, Extension Service director, said many significant programs were conducted by Extension faculty in 1988, and equally high impact programs are being set in motion this year.

"As we look ahead to spring, the Extension Service of Texas will join with other states in observing the 75th anniversary of the Cooperative Extension System of the nation. While it is gratifying to look back on historical accomplishments, Extension in Texas, more importantly, will look to challenges and opportunities for the future," Carpenter said.

He said some examples of major 1988 accomplishments are:

More than 350,000 youths were given leadership training and educational programs on issues of self-esteem, self-confidence, responsibility, citizenship and related issues.

More than 250,000 people were provided with seat belt safety education and another 150,000 Texans were reached in the alcohol/traffic safety education program.

"These programs were held in collaboration with the State Highway Department and the Texas Extension Homemakers Association," he said.

Other significant programs conducted in 1988 include:

Major resource materials were developed for the \$17 billion annual Texas tourism industry. Chemical safety programs were conducted for more than 15,000 farm workers and employers.

Use of the integrated pest management program (IPM) reduced pesticide needs greatly in targeted areas, and brought multi-million dollar savings to participating farmers while protecting the environment. In addition, this practice reduced costs of food and fiber for consumers.

To aid cattlemen in the

production of leaner meat, the Extension Service initiated the National Livestock and Carcass Evaluation Service.

More than 50 rural communities of Texas were assisted in community economic development planning.

More than 100,00 Texans were provided with educational information relating to diversification of their agricultural operations.

Major educational programs were provided to thousands of Texans on water quality and utilization issues.

"These are but a few of the educational programs designed and held to assist Texans last year," Carpenter said. Many others also could be listed for aiding urban and rural residents of the state, he said.

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Postal Office Warns of Telephone 'Prize' Scams

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service has warned the public about the increasing number of "boiler room" scams that use the telephone to pitch a variety of products, usually attached to a "free gift" gimmick.

Chief Postal Inspector Charles R. Clauson says the bogus companies flood post offices with computerized mailings notifying people "they've won a prize," usually after offering for sale everything from vitamins to office supplies. "The operators then follow-up with high pressure-telemarketing," Clauson says, "usually asking for money or a credit card number to cover shipping charges."

Clauson says the best way to defend against the scams is to "check out the company and call them back - without giving out your credit card number or any

money - and if still suspicious get in touch with a postal inspector through the nearest post office."

An example of a "free gift scam" is that offered by a Houston man who is now awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to mail fraud charges.

The Houston man told those who responded to his mailings to call a Houston area phone number to claim a motorboat and outboard motor, he said was worth as much as \$500, as part of a marketing survey. The thousands who responded - by each paying more than \$120 for shipping - received an inflatable raft and motor worth \$40.

If you receive, through the mail, such material as described, of if you feel you been a victim of such a scam, please contact the U.S. Postal Inspector at (806) 762-7821.



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The following events, selected by Mari Schnell of the Tourism Division of the Texas Department of Commerce, are but a few of the many excellent opportunities offered by communities across the state.

March -- Early Spring Flower Trails. The coming of Spring is heralded by numerous flower trails in East Texas when blooms are at their peak:

Azalea Trails
Mar. 11-12, 18-19 Houston
Mar. 25 - Apr. 8 Jasper
Mar. 25 - Apr. 9 Tyler

Dogwood Trails
Mar. 18-19, 25-26, Apr. 1-2 Palestine
Mar. 25, Apr. 1 Woodville
Some have special weekend events scheduled. Contact the local Chambers of Commerce for details.

Mar. 3-5 -- 3rd Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Alpine. Poetry recitations, music and storytelling by more than 30 cowboy poets, and a Cowboy Poetry Book Display will be held at Sul Ross State University. *Trappings of Texas*, an exhibit of western art, cowboy gear and crafts, will be at the Museum of the Big Bend. More information from Chamber of Commerce, Box 209, Alpine 79831 (915/837-2326).

Mar. 3-5 -- Borderfest, Hidalgo. An international celebration of the diversified cultures in the Rio Grande Valley features a parade, beauty pageant, folkloric dancers, crafts, antique car show, mariachi and foods from both sides of the of the border. Continuous entertainment offers rock 'n' roll, country, blues, barbershop, Mexican and other ethnic music, plus square dancing and clogging. Details from Chamber of Commerce, 611 E. Coma, Hidalgo 78557 (512/843-2734).

Mar. 4-5 -- Texas Independence Day Celebration, Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park. Historical reenactments with authentic period attire and military regalia will be presented at the site of the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836. Demonstrations of pioneer cooking, crafts, weapon skills, and folk music will be held throughout the park. Other activities include lighting of a giant Texas birthday cake; tours of the Anson Jones home and Independence Hall; arts and crafts; entertainment; and a special exhibit at Star of the Republic Museum. Free admission. More information from park superintendent, Box 305, Washington 77880 (409/878-2214).

Mar. 5 - Aug. 27 -- Ramses the Great Exhibit, Dallas. A collection of 3,000-year-old Egyptian artifacts, the largest, most important collection ever to tour the U.S., will be presented by the Dallas Museum of Natural History Assn. in the Automobile Building at Fair Park. Centerpiece of the more than 74 priceless treasures from the Golden Age

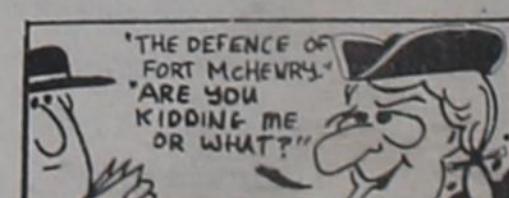
of the last great pharaoh is a 27-foot-tall, 51.5 ton colossus of Ramses. Also included are antiquities in gold, alabaster, silver and precious stone. In conjunction, the Science Place will feature *Mummies*, an exhibit of three of the best preserved human mummies in the U.S., a 2600-year-old man, woman and child, plus examples of modern technology such as X rays and CT scans that reveal evidence of how old they were and what kind of lives they led. More information from Museum of Natural History Assn., Box 26308, Dallas 75226 (214/787-2000).

March 17-19 -- 43rd St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Shamrock. At the eastern edge of the Texas Panhandle, Irishmen gather to kiss a slab of the well-known Blarney Stone imported from Cork County, Ireland. Activities include the Miss Irish Rose Pageant, rodeo events, chili cookoff, carnival, dances and a beard-growing contest. More information from Chamber of Commerce, Box 588, Shamrock 79079 (806/256-2501).

Mar. 25 -- 43rd Easter Fires Pageant, Fredericksburg. A unique blending of the history of the community and the local fable of the "Easter Bunny," created in 1847 by a pioneer mother to calm her children's fear of the Indian fires on the hills, is reenacted by a cast of 600 townspeople. This legend has been commemorated by a Texas Historical Marker. Performance at Gillespie County Fair Grounds at 8:15 p.m. Ticket and other information from Easter Fires Pageant, Box 506, Fredericksburg 78624 (512/997-6523).

Mar. 31 - Apr. 2 -- South East Texas Crawfish & Crab Festival, Bridge City/Orangefield. Kickoff dance on Fri. night at Sparkle Paradise offers cajun music on one side and country western on the other. Weekend activities include crawfish races, cookoff and eating contest, plus antique car show, arts, crafts and day-long entertainment. Details from Crawfish Festival Assn., Rt. 11, Box 142, Orange 77630 (409/745-1242).

Mar. 31 - Apr. 9 -- 6th Tour of Texas Bicycle Races. Some 200 top amateur and professional cyclists will attend this world-class race and sprint series including the U.S. National team and riders from many nations throughout the world. Competition will be a blend of Critterium, Road Race, Circuit Race and Time Trial events in Dallas, Fort Worth, Round Rock, Lago Vista, Boerne, Leaky and Austin with a sprint series finale in Houston. Schedule and other information from Tour of Texas, 9800 Beck Circle, Austin 78758 (512/834-8555).



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