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## Bio Tech

Ag technology update.

By ROBERT GREENE

AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A soybean that can stand a dousing with a popular weedkiller is the newest genetically engineered product to be deemed safe by the Agriculture Department.

The department said the glyphosate-tolerant soybean poses no threat to other plants. It will be at least 1 1/2 years before Monsanto Co. of St.

Louis will have beans for farmers to plant.

Glyphosate, another

**Weed killer resistant soybean is just over year away**

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**PAYMASTER BRAND LIVES ON** — Jack Easom (left) and Gayle Jackson, longtime employees of Paymaster cotton production facilities at Aiken east of Plainview, note the continuation of the well known cotton name. They hold seed placards from the original Paymaster variety as well as the most recent Delta & Pine Land recently purchased the seed line from Cargill and will continue producing it at Aiken.

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June 17-18

### EARTH RODEO —

Annual event will also coincide with celebration of Earth's 70th Brthday. Informaiton is available by calling Noel Pittman or Jaci Garner at 257-2111 or 257-3365.

### LEVELLAND CELEBRATION AND TRACTOR PARADE —

Parade and celebration including old tractors. For information contact Preston Reeves.

# Vacation in the family car can save big cash!

By DAN REED

c.1994 Fort Worth Star-Telegram

They still give away "dream vacations" on television game shows, at department store openings, even in newspaper promotions.

That is further validation of two essential truths: First, lots of Americans still dream of traveling to exotic, fun-filled spots for some sorely needed R&R; second, most of us cannot afford the kind of vacations we dream about.

That does not mean we have to stay home and paint the house during our two weeks off. It just means we have to learn to travel on a budget.

Not that a shortage of capital would stop us. Americans have shown they are willing to sacrifice many things — even their savings — before giving up vacations.

This year, 73 percent of U.S. residents plan to take a pleasure trip at least 100 miles from home, according to a travel industry survey. That number is up from last year, which, in turn, was up from the year before.

And with the economy improv-

ing, travel experts predict a vacation boom.

"Consumer confidence, by all measures, is up," said Shawn Flaherty, a spokeswoman for the Travel Industries Association of America in Washington, D.C. "And just as was the case after the end of the last recession in the early 1980s, when travel got back up on its horse and took off, we expect this to be a boom year for summer vacation travel. Back then, once people satisfied their demand for the more durable goods that they'd held off purchasing, travel really took off," Flaherty said.

In a recent survey conducted by TIAA, respondents said they plan to spend, on average, about \$990 on their family's vacation this year.

That helps explain why 80 percent of vacation travel is done by family car, truck or recreational vehicle. Air fares, in a historical context, are low, especially during fare sales. But with less than \$1,000 to spend on vacations, most families still opt to spend more time on the road so they can afford to do more when they reach

their destinations.

The vast majority of people do not go far, either. Most travel fewer than 250 miles for a vacation.

But there are other ways to stretch a travel dollar, especially for Texans: Stay in Texas.

It is one of only two states where more than half of all tourists are in-staters, says Stan Hodge, research coordinator for the Tourism Division of the Texas Department of Commerce.

The primary reasons for such Lone Star loyalty: Texas' sheer size, its varied environments and its value.

"Texas is a real bargain, no question about it," says Hodge.

According to figures for 1992, Texas tourists spent an average \$78.50 per day per person, \$1.20 less than the national average, and more than \$25 less per day than hot spots on the coasts.

"The facilities, such as hotels, are still cheaper in Texas, as are some of our bigger destinations," Hodge said. "If you go to New York City, you're just not going to find prices anything like what we have here, even at our more expensive tourist destinations.

"People are finding, especially in Texas, that there's an awful lot they can do within 250 miles. They don't have to go way far away to find something totally different from what they experience where they live," he said. "In the Fort Worth-Dallas area, you can be in the bayous of southeast Texas, or go to the Gulf Coast, or out to West Texas, all of which are very different, in a matter of only a few hours," Hodge said.

Texas' state parks continue to be a bargain, as are other state and federal parks. Campers and those with trailers or motor homes pay fees that range from \$2 a night to \$20, depending on the type of spots available.

And while roughing it isn't for everybody, camping can be one of the least expensive kinds of vacations.

A new six-person tent costs about \$100. A summer sleeping bag can be had for \$20. A propane-fired camp stove sells for

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## Elements exist for continued bullish market trend

The bullish sentiment supporting the cotton market results from improved demand and reduced stocks. Domestic demand is good. But, it is tight foreign stocks and increased potential for exports that pushed December futures above the 75 cent per pound round number hurdle. Further, world cotton production this year is expected to fall short of consumption for the third year in a row.

In the U.S., the new crop has a good start. The Southeast and Delta states' crops are doing well overall. As usual, there are a few dry areas, and cool weather has slowed some early cotton. With the timely rains in West Texas, the outlook for the Texas crop has made a marked improvement. This year's crop could approach last year's 5.1 million bales that were produced from 5.56 million planted acres. Texas growers intended to plant 5.7 million acres this year. The Oklahoma crop is progressing okay as well. Conditions for cotton are also good in the West. On balance, the 1994/95 U.S. crop could total around 18.5 million bales. As such, supply should be adequate to meet demand at today's price levels.

Domestic use of 10.5 million bales with exports of 7.0-7.5 million indicate usage of 17.5-18.0 million bales for



## COTTON MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Carl Anderson

the coming season.

In deciding on your marketing plan, keep in mind that these bullish sentiments are based on strong demand continuing, a 17.7 million lb crop, and lower stocks. The current market is supply driven and is reacting to an uncertain crop size and expectations of tight stocks. However, current U.S. crop conditions are favorable for a large crop.

Because of the strong May cotton price, the raw cotton import provision is expected to be triggered at the end of May. While there appears to be no threat of importing

cotton due to low foreign stocks, the announcement may have a minor negative psychological impact on the market. May average spot price is likely to exceed 130 percent of the last 36-month average. If the current month's average spot price exceeds 130 percent of the preceding 36-month period, the provisions provide that a 21-day supply of cotton can be imported over a 90-day period, and CCC loans cannot be extended for another 8 months. Total cotton under loan has been decreasing and was around only a million bales in early May. Cotton under loan should not impact the market.

Futures settlement prices peaked May 21, 1991 for December '91 at 76.05 cents; June 25, 1991 for December '92 at 68.93; June 18, 1992 for December '93 at 64.10; and for December '94 a new high of 76.03 was reached on May 26.

Producer income this year will largely depend on market prices. The advance deficiency payment of 6.45 cents may be close to the final payment. In selecting marketing strategies, consider risk of lower price if crop turns out better than currently expected.

(Dr. Carl Anderson, Texas A&M Cotton Marketing Specialist, is a noted authority on the cotton markets.)

**VACATION, Pg 2**  
\$45, and a lantern is about half that.

A family of four, buying all that equipment new, could get away with spending less than \$500 for a week of camping, including the cost of food, propane and gasoline.

And there are ways to spend even less — and still have a good time. Used camping equipment is readily available. Or you may be able to borrow equipment from friends or relatives, or use stuff from home.

If you want something a bit less rustic, a pop-up tent trailer can be rented for about \$35 a night in most areas. A 20-foot travel trailer that sleeps six will set you back \$60 a night. That's roughly comparable to a midprice

chain hotel, but you'll be able to look out the trailer window and see a lake or mountain peaks.

Those looking to travel within Texas often find good bargains in the San Antonio area, easily Texas' most popular tourist destination. Since the opening of that area's two big tourist attractions, Sea World and Fiesta Texas, several thousand hotel rooms have been added to the market.

The competition has resulted in plenty of discounts on rooms. Some of the best deals in the San Antonio area are at all suite-hotels, which can accommodate families of six or more in one room for less than \$90 a night, including a breakfast buffet.

Discount coupons can

be found in various entertainment coupon books sold in North Texas, through the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce and hotel chains' 800 information numbers.

But those who want to travel beyond Texas may be surprised at some of the savings available.

Orlando, Fla., home of Walt Disney World and a couple of movie studio theme parks, is the nation's most popular year-round vacation spot. It's not cheap. Packages featuring accommodations on the Disney property start at \$859 per adult, with kids added at a fraction of that cost.

There are ways to trim that figure. And those willing to spend more than the average family can nab some attractive values.

Premier Cruise Lines, for example, offers a seven-day cruise/Disney package priced at \$2,069 per person for the first two adults. Children are added at \$699 each. You get three or four nights in an apartment suite on one of Premier's ships. The room sleeps up to five people and includes a private veranda. Then you transfer to Disney World's best hotel to finish the week. The deal also includes passes to all the Disney attractions and a rental car.

For those on a tighter budget, there are many lower-priced accommo-

dations off the Disney property. With an average spending figure of \$104 per tourist per day, Orlando isn't the least expensive vacation spot in the land. But's far from being the most expensive.

Las Vegas, at \$147 per day per tourist, holds that distinction. But that figure is inflated by the big-spending high-rollers who flock there.

Prudent families can get by on half that daily amount, and now they have plenty to do in Vegas.

The mammoth new MGM Grand — the "Lion of Las Vegas," according to its TV ads — sports a full theme park out back. The Treasure Island hotel features regular gun battles between life-size pirate ships. And the new Luxor hotel, built in the shape of a pyramid, offers a huge game arcade and a water barge ride through its sprawling lobby.

All the family-oriented, gee-whiz stuff has been built in the Nevada desert to appeal to the same couples who used to visit Vegas for stage shows and gambling — but now want family fun with the kids. The heavy competition among hotels has slashed prices.

Three- and four-night air-and-hotel packages start at \$350 a person. A steak and lobster dinner for \$10 is commonplace. And children get into most attractions free or at a big discount.

The savings on weekdays are even better than on weekends.

Of course, all the hotels have gaming tables and slot machines, and the hotel owners expect to make their money off the gambling trade, not the accommodations, food and attractions. So those who can visit Las Vegas and control the urge to bet can enjoy

one of the best bargains in the travel world.

But if you're looking for an even better deal, consider the bargains in Fort Worth-Dallas. This strategy would be better known as the "use your own house as your hotel room" vacation plan.

With dozens of fun attractions, a family would have no problem spending a few memorable weeks near home. Vacationers can choose from among Six Flags over Texas, Wet 'N Wild, the Fort Worth Stockyards, Texas Rangers baseball at the new Ballpark in Arlington, the Sixth Floor museum and Dealey Plaza in Dallas and more than a dozen nearby lakes.

By sleeping at home and eating at least one meal a day at the kitchen table, most families would save enough to finance two weeks of daily outings. And they might not bust the budget.

**Stick horse travels again**

ABILENE (AP) — A globetrotting stick horse of the 1960s is back on the trail after 27 years in the paddock.

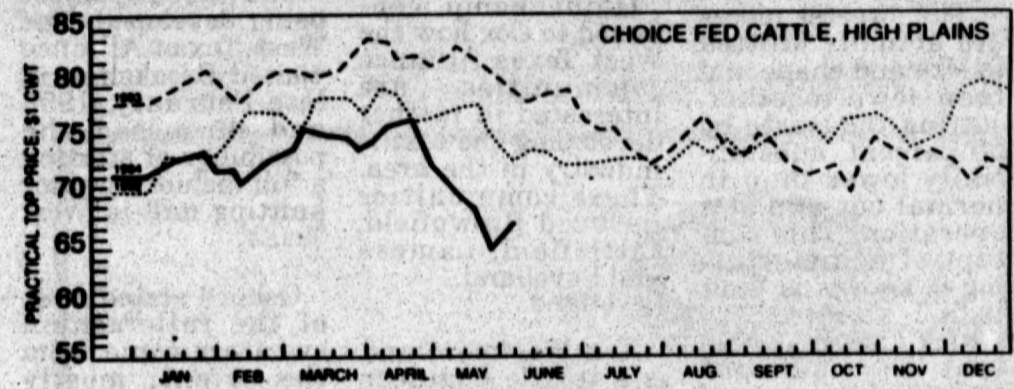
This time, Senor Amigo's owner has gone along. Senor Amigo flew unescorted to every continent in the '60s after Roddy Reynolds, a boy in the small West Texas town of Putnam, decided in 1960 to use stick horses to spread goodwill messages worldwide.

Reynolds remembers the excitement of leaving stick horses beside the main highway through his hometown, then getting postcards and newspaper clippings from far-off places.

Anchorage, Alaska, treated one of them, Senor Amigo, to a parade and dog-sled ride in 1967.

Now a math teacher in Hawley, about 12 miles north of Abilene, Reynolds is returning home this week after taking Senor Amigo on a three-day trip back to Anchorage.

"He's a family heirloom," Reynolds said. "Just looking through his log books brings memories."



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# Knitting mill introduces sweater production to High Plains

By WENDY WALTON  
AgReview Intern/Writer

Levelland is the site for the new knitting mill known as Brookshire and will feature full fashion sweaters.

The sweater pieces are actually knitted to size and shape and then sewn together, cutting the waste by 30 percent, substantially lower than in normal cut and sew operation. This concept of manufacturing is known as "knit to fit."

Rick Osburn, assistant city manager explained the steps of how Brookshire came about. The idea of placing a knitting

mill in Levelland was brought about by two men, the late Jerry Hinnenkamp of Brownfield and Carl Cox, director of the Texas Food and Fiber Commission.

Hinnenkamp mentioned to Cox how the West Texas Alliance communities are interested in further developing the textile industry in the area. These communities included Brownfield, Littlefield, Lamesa and Levelland.

Ken Westmoreland is a textile engineer with whom the Levelland Development Foundation had some

experience a few years ago. He is the production manager for the Brookshire Knitting Mill plant in Dallas. Hinnenkamp met with Westmoreland and found a real project being developed. The West Texas Alliance visited Brookshire in late February, 1993 and discussed the possibility of starting a full fashion sweater knitting mill in West Texas.

Osburn stated most of the full fashion sweaters come from the orient, mostly from mainland China through Hong Kong. In the possibility Hong Kong may be

nationalized in 1997, there is concern about the future supply. Foreign supplies are not meeting the demands. Most buyers are now trying to develop domestic suppliers.

The original owner of Brookshire, Jack Altman, has been in the textile industry successfully for about 40 years. In 1970 he moved to Dallas and started Brookshire Textile. He sold the company to Merrijo Hillaker in 1990. Hillaker handles all the marketing, while Westmoreland is the production manager.

On February 25-26, 1993, the West Texas Alliance traveled to Dallas to tour the facility and discuss the project. This group consisted of representatives from each community as well as representatives from the Texas Department of Commerce; and Jim Parker, former director of the Texas Tech Textile Research Center who is currently a consultant.

"During this visit, Westmoreland presented a study showing the total cost at \$4.7 million, with \$1.8 million working capital. The project will employ about 150 people," Osburn commented.

On April 12-13, 1993 the company principals from Brookshire toured

the West Texas Alliance area. Following this tour three potential sites were identified in Levelland, Brownsville and Sweetwater. Brownsville was considered because the fact Brookshire already had plants in Mexico. The Levelland Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) wanted to push the development of the project.

In July 1993 the LEDC contracted with Bill Miller of Merriam Financial to continue the project development. Miller's past contacts with financial institutions led him to identify private sources of financing to work the project.

Two lending institutions were to visit Brookshire in Dallas. By late September the summer season for Brookshire was

coming to a close and Westmoreland had more time to devote to the project. On Sept. 29 Bill Miller, Greg Ingham and Rick Osburn of Levelland visited the Texas Department of Commerce (TDoC) to discuss job training, Enterprise Zone Program benefits and the Texas Capital Fund.

"Local efforts from the Levelland community to develop the project have been continuous. A local Alco building was considered as the Brookshire site in Levelland but proved not to be feasible. A local contractor was contacted in the development of the new building," Osburn stated.

On Nov. 19, the financial arrangements were closed and construction began immediately.

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The company now has to get approval from the Environmental Protection Agency to use Roundup on soybeans. Monsanto also must grow enough seeds for farmers to plant.

Spokeswoman Karen Marshall said the company doesn't plan to sell the seeds until after 1995.

The approval is the second of a genetically engineered crop under a year-old policy intended to cut the time it takes to approve products.

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**AUSTIN (AP)** — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department last week:

**WHITE RIVER:** Water clear, 7 feet low; black bass are fairly good to 9 pounds; crappie are good on minnows in 11-15 feet of

water; catfish are fair in the 5 pound range; walleye are good on spinners and live bait.

**GREENBELT:** Water clear, 67 degrees, 3 1/2 feet low; black bass are good to 5 1/2 pounds on worms in the shallows; white bass are good on minnows at various depths; crappie are good on live minnows; catfish are good to 14 pounds in 3 feet of water on rod and reel using minnows; walleye are good to 7 pounds on minnows;

**MACKENZIE:** Water clear, 30 feet low; black

bass are fair to 8 pounds on various baits shallow to 10 feet of water; white bass are good; crappie are fair on minnows; catfish are fairly good to 30 pounds on trotlines.

**MEREDITH:** Water clear, 6 feet low; black bass are fair; white bass are good; crappie are good; walleye are good on jigs, minnows and worms.

**O.H.IVIE:** Water clear in the main lake, 73 degrees, 5 inches high; largemouth bass are very good to 8 pounds off the causeway, up Elm and Grape Creek on topwaters early and worms and cranks later in the day; small mouth bass are good to 19 inches near the causeway on Power Grubs and spinners; catfish are fair on trotlines.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear, 72 degrees, normal level; black bass are excellent to 7 pounds on topwaters, buzz baits and spinners in the shallows near new grass; striper are very good to 27 pounds on live bait with some surface feeding at the south end of Broadway to Hog Bend; white bass are good on topwaters in the surface schooling; crappie are slow to fair on minnows; catfish are very good in the shallows on

perch baited trotlines and rod and reel with cut bait.

**AMISTAD:** Water clear, 78 degrees, 23 feet low; black bass are good to 10 pounds on various baits in fairly shallow water early and late; catfish are very good in the 4 pound range.

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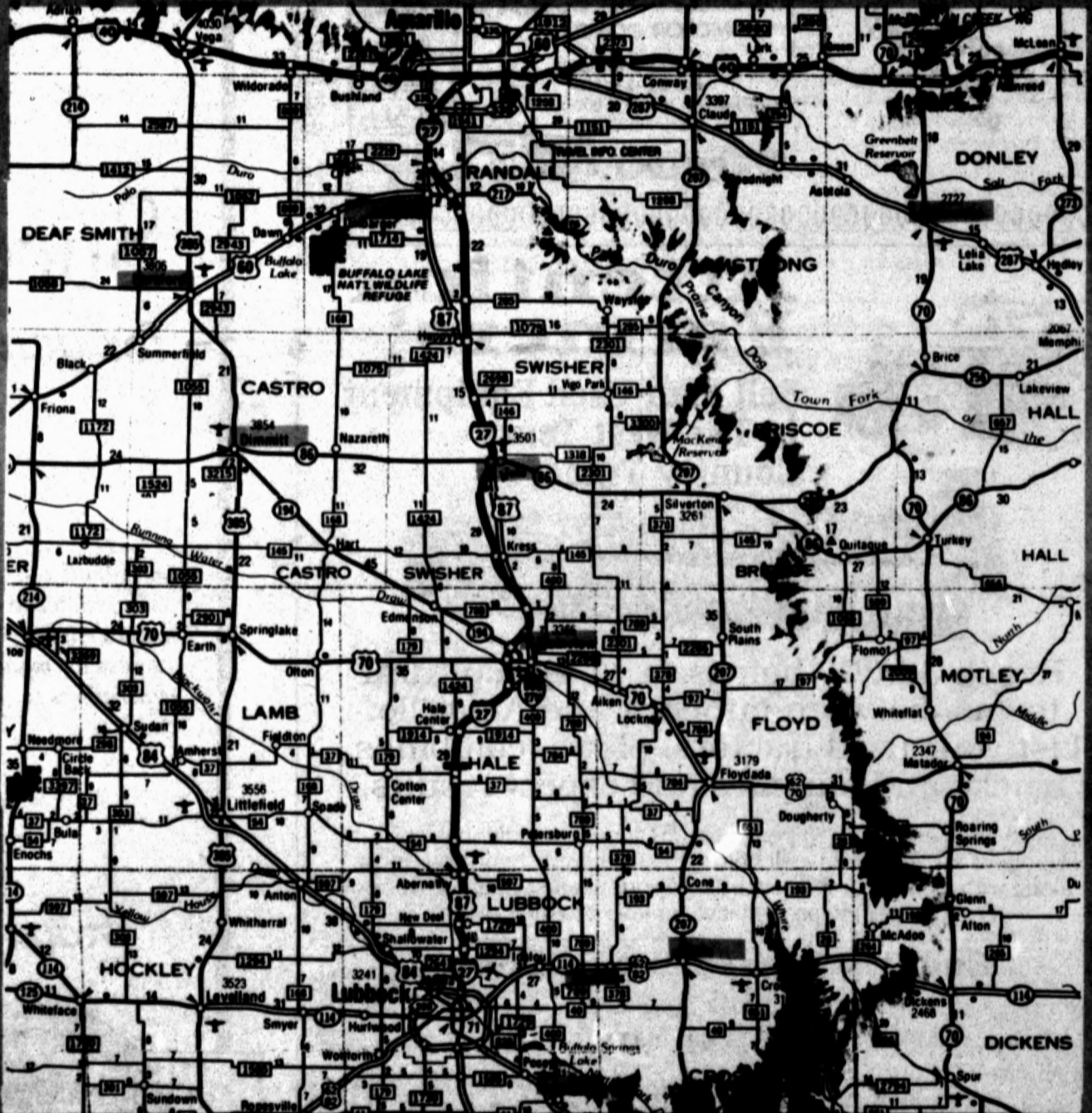
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## Art show to highlight July 2 in Abernathy

The Abernathy Ex-Students Association will host an arts and crafts show from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 2, 1994 at the Abernathy Community Center in Abernathy. Local and area artists are invited to participate. For information about the show and booth fees can be obtained by contacting Betty Neve at (806) 298 2g84 after 5:00 p.m. Booth registration deadline is June 1. The art show is

one of many activities during the Abernathy All School Reunion weekend which is expected to draw several thousand exes. Famed Abernathy artist Bill Barrick will be one artist featured in the show.

The Abernathy Ex-Students Association is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. Proceeds from this and other fund raisers provide scholarships and fund projects that preserve school history.

Woody Williams/The Canyon News



### 'Wooden' ostrich

Officers of the Southwest Ostrich Breeders Association are introduced at a recent seminar in Amarillo. The wooden ostrich was auctioned off as part of a fund raising effort. New officers are (from left) Terry Roberts of Amarillo, vice president; Kathy Holland of Happy association president; Jane Jacobs of Pampa, secretary and Fran DUNCAN of Gruver, Treasurer.

## Ag facts on central database

WASHINGTON (AP) — There now are more than 3 million citations of agricultural literature in a bibliographic

database called AGRICOLA at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, Md., near Washington.

## Mexican demand for U.S. has beef has been growing

AMARILLO — TCFA Vice President Cuppy Graham of Roscoe and other Texas beef producers observed U.S. export efforts funded by beef checkoff dollars in Mexico May 4-7 as part of U.S. Beef Month.

Since NAFTA went into effect Jan. 1, U.S. beef and offal exports to Mexico have increased 2,000 metric tons or 28 percent. The value has increased 43

percent.

The U.S. Meat Export Federation has promoted boxed beef as cost-effective, high quality product for meat market managers since 1989. This year's Beef Month concentrates even more heavily on the consumer. USMEF is conducting cooking classes and placing beef ads in newspapers and in magazines. It also is training chefs in major

cities across Mexico. One restaurant in Monterrey plans to expand from 60 to 160 seats as a result of increased demand for U.S. beef.

Throughout U.S. meat month, the USMEF logo is prominently being displayed. The goal is for consumers to recognize the high quality of U.S. beef and offal in packages carrying this logo. "Mexico will become

highly important to U.S. beef producers in the years to come,"

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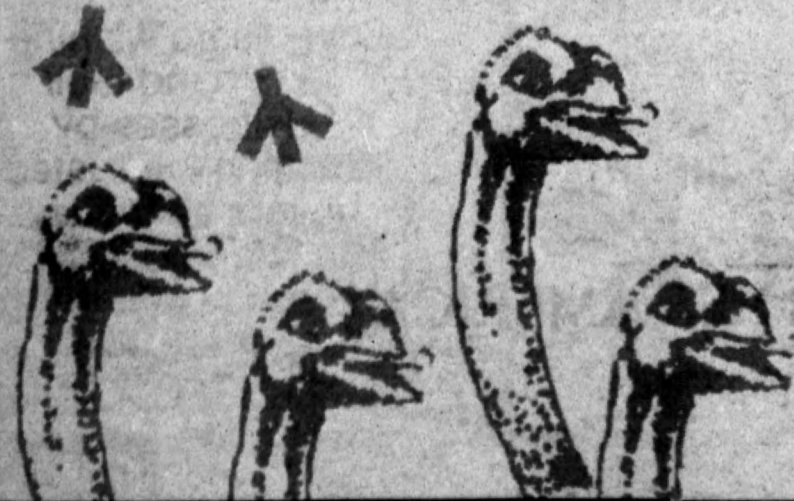
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