

# WEST TEXAS TIMES

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## Billy Pittman Pursues Biomedical Technician Career

As a high school student, Billy Pittman, invented a portable lie detector. His reward for that project was first place in Texas VICA's competition and national recognition for his skills in electronics.

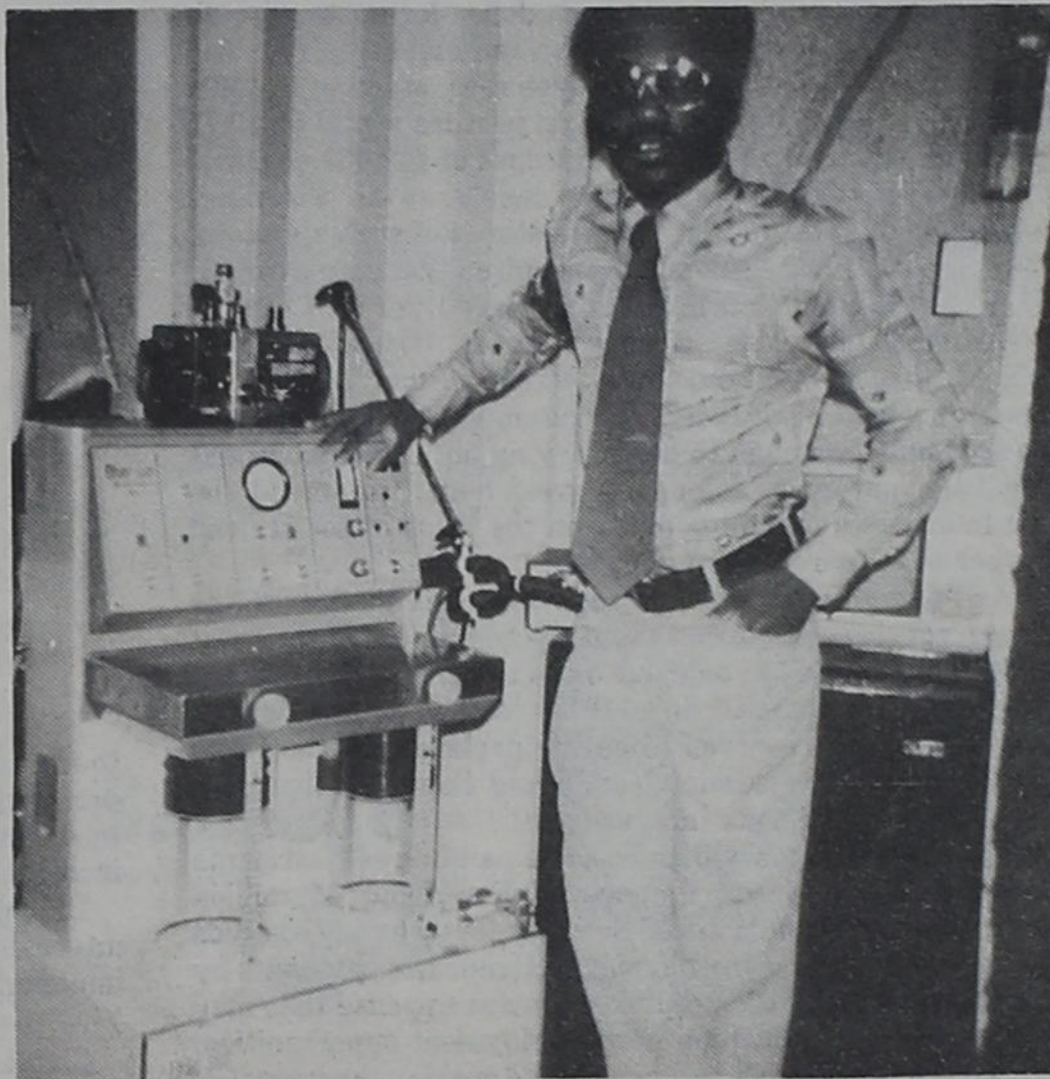
The high school project was only a door opener for Billy. Since that time, Billy has gone on to acquire more knowledge and take on increasing responsibility as he developed his skills on the job.

Billy's desire is to be successful in the field of electronics.

Billy set out to do this upon completing high school. After graduation, Billy opened an informal repair shop and built up a business repairing consumer electronic gear. At the same time he was also working in a local hospital ... and soon earned recognition for his ability. Billy was soon promoted to supervisor of the hospital repair crew.

"I decided to put what I learned in electronics to work in the medical field," Billy says. And he began working with a firm which supplies respiratory care equipment and services to several hospitals in the West Texas area. Billy says he wanted this type of job for more than two years because it has given him the opportunity to advance in his career.

Billy, twenty-one years old, has now worked with this firm for less than a year. During this time, Billy has proven his ability to his employer, and has been given more and more responsibility. Billy is the only employee doing equipment repair work in the company. Billy is responsible for servicing equipment in fourteen hospitals.



Billy is shown here with one of the many machines he repairs.

Billy attends Ford Memorial Church of God in Christ, where he is a preacher.

He says he still does repair work for friends and neighbors.

Billy says the activities he participates in allows him to be in contact with many young people in his community who he feels are unaware of the opportunities such as those he has discovered.

I believe, says Billy, that the health services field in particular is one in which more blacks should be entering. Therefore, I talk to people and tell them what can be done, Billy says.

I feel that I haven't gone as far as possible in my field, Billy says. I want to get more formal education and my employer has agreed to send me to school. Billy plans to become a biomedical technician.

Billy is working to reach the goal he set in high school and he feels that the profession he has entered offers him a chance to combine his skill in electronics with the knowledge of modern medical care equipment to attain this goal.

Billy recently married Faye Webster of Wichita Falls, Texas.



Billy Pittman, a young man with a natural talent for electronics, acquires knowledge on the job to achieve impressive success.

## Unemployment Benefits: How To Apply

Some persons in Texas may work a lifetime without ever filing a claim for unemployment insurance benefits.

They may be self-employed, or own a business for their entire working life, or work for an employer who is not covered by the Unemployment Compensation Act, to name a few.

Many others have found it necessary to claim the unemployment benefits for which they are qualified. Almost half a million claims for these benefits were filed in Texas in a recent year. More than \$36 million was paid out in claims payments in a recent quarter of 1977 in Texas.

So how do you go about filing a claim?

First, you must register for work at an office of the Texas Employment Commission. There are 144 of these in Texas.

You will need your Social Security card, since all wages and work records are filed by Social Security number.

After you register for work, you may file an initial claim, and on this you must show your last work and the reason you no longer work there. A copy of this claim is mailed to your former

employer, who has ten days to protest the payment of the claim.

You will get no money from the initial claim; this claim is only a means to establish that you qualify for unemployment benefits.

You must file a claim each week you are unemployed and for which you want benefits. These are called continued claims and may be filed no oftener than seven days after the initial claim or last continued claim.

A "monetary determination" will be mailed to you, showing the total of benefits you qualify for, and the maximum weekly amount you may receive; or else the form will be marked "disallowed" if you do not qualify.

So far, you have filed an initial claim for regular benefits. You must serve a waiting period of one week, covered by a continued claim, before you receive payment. You may be paid later for this waiting-period week if you are not disqualified and if you meet the weekly eligibility requirements.

The amount you will receive is determined by your wage credits during your "base period" which is the first four of the last five

completed calendar quarters immediately preceding the date of your initial claim. For example if your initial claim is dated January 1, 1978 through March 31, 1978, your base period is October 1, 1976 through September 30, 1977.

How much can you receive? As little as \$15 or as much as \$84 per week, depending on the amount of qualifying wages paid to you during your base period.

The number of weeks you receive this pay depends on the total amount of your insurance.

If you have exhausted all your "regular" unemployment benefits and still have not found a job, you may qualify for "extended" benefits equal to half of your regular benefits.

Some of the requirements for receiving payments follow:

—You must be less than full-time employed during the seven days covered by a continued claim, and must not have earned as much or more than your weekly benefit amount plus \$5 or 25 per cent of your weekly benefit amount, whichever is greater. If you work less than 40 hours and earn less than your weekly benefit amount as described above, you may draw

the difference in unemployment benefits.

—If you go back to full-time work and cannot get to the office to file your claim, you should notify your Texas Employment Commission representative immediately, so that special arrangements may be made for you to file.

—All hours worked, and earnings for the time covered, must be reported on the claim, even if those earnings have not yet been received. These earnings will reduce the amount of benefits you will receive.

—You are not eligible for unemployment benefits unless you are physically able to work. Any illness or injury preventing you from work will also keep you from getting unemployment payments.

—You must be available for work during each of the seven days covered by a continued claim. Any activity that keeps you from accepting work will also keep you from receiving unemployment benefits.

—A claimant can be disqualified for benefits for such reasons as unreasonable refusal to work in certain areas, refusal to work for

a reasonable wage, refusal to work the customary working hours.

—To be considered "available for work", you must also make a realistic personal search for work during the week you file a claim for unemployment benefits.

The following are frequently-asked questions about unemployment insurance claims:

Q—Can a claimant who quit work draw benefits?

A—If you quit without "good cause connected with the work" you may be disqualified from one to 25 weeks, depending on the circumstances of your case. You may file for remaining benefits after disqualification has expired.

Q—What is a "voluntary" separation from work?

A—A separation in which you leave your job through your own choice and action.

Q—What is "good cause connected with the work"?

A—That there are valid reasons connected with the job that justified your leaving it, as determined individually in each case.

Q—I was discharged from my

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# 1978: A Year For Taxes

by Richard L. Worsnop

The first paycheck of the new year will contain unwelcome news for American workers who earned more than \$16,500 in 1977: Social Security is back. That sum was the base figure on which the 1977 Social Security tax rate of 5.85 per cent was levied. All income in excess of \$16,500 was not subject to taxation. Starting Jan. 1, however, a new tax rate of 6.05 per cent and a new wage base of \$17,700 take effect. The maximum tax per wage-earner thus will rise from \$965.25 to \$1,070.85.

The Social Security tax structure for 1978 was scheduled to come into force even before Congress approved massive tax increases shortly before adjourning on Dec. 15. Under the new legislation, Social Security taxes will rise by \$227-billion over the next decade—the largest peacetime tax increase in U.S. history. But since 1978 is a congressional election year, the full force of the increase will not be felt until 1979 and after. In 1987, the rate will be 7.15 per cent on a wage base of \$42,600, producing a tax of \$3,045.90 on workers who earn at least that much.

Self-employed workers already pay a higher Social Security tax rate than do wage-earners, since their contributions are not matched dollar-for-dollar by an employer. Under the new law, the self-employed rate will rise to 150 per cent of the employee rate, starting in 1981. By 1990, the rate on self-employed persons would be 10.75 per cent, or a tax of \$4,579, on incomes of \$42,600 or more.

Social Security began almost solely as an insurance system and it still retains many features of such a system. The Social Security Act of 1935 required that employer and employee in commerce and industry pay 1 per cent each on the first \$3,000 of the worker's wages. The money was placed in a trust fund from which future benefits to retirees would be drawn. The system was given until 1942 to accumulate enough to begin paying out benefits. It was not long, however, before Congress began to amend the act in order to extend benefits on the basis of social need rather than merely earned right.

As benefits rose and coverage was extended over the years, concern was voiced about the soundness of the trust fund. The system has paid out more to beneficiaries than it has collected in taxes since 1975, leading to predictions that trust-fund reserves would be depleted within a few years. The Carter administration and Congress therefore decided on a large tax increase.

The new tax rates will cause some painful readjustments for both workers and employers. For about 45 million taxpayers, the annual Social Security levy already exceeds their federal income tax payment. Higher tax payments by employers will mean an added business expense that may have the effect of curbing new employment opportunities.

The Carter administration hopes to cushion the impact of higher Social Security taxes with offsetting reductions in federal income tax rates. At a news conference Dec. 15, President Carter said he won't decide the "exact dollar amount" of such a cut until early January. The still-pending energy program could further complicate the picture. It's a safe bet, though, that the average American's total tax burden—state and local as well as federal—will become steadily heavier.

## Minimum Wage Increase

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt first proposed a minimum wage early in 1937, the New Deal's conservative opponents waged an intensive lobbying campaign to convince Congress and the American public that such "socialistic" tampering with the free-market economy would spur rampant inflation and result in economic collapse. Despite the opposition, a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour for certain workers became part of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

Similar predictions—a rise in inflation, the collapse of thousands of businesses, the laying off of tens of thousands of workers and national economic chaos—greeted each successive increase in the minimum wage. Hourly wages were raised to 40 cents in 1945, 75 cents in 1950, \$1 in 1956, \$1.15 in 1961, \$1.40 in 1967, \$1.60 in 1968 and \$2.30 in 1974. Under legislation signed by President Carter on Nov. 1, the minimum wage will increase to \$2.65 on Sunday, Jan. 1. Subsequent annual increase will bring it to \$3.35 an hour on Jan. 1, 1981. The minimum wage is currently only about 45 per cent of the average hourly wage of all American workers.

In remarks during the signing ceremony, the President noted: "Each time that we have tried to boost the lower level of salary for the most underpaid workers, there have been predictions of catastrophe. But each time, in my opinion, the change has helped our nation and its economic strength." According to Labor Department estimates, the law will add about \$2-billion a year over the next four years



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to the paychecks of some 4.5 million workers—roughly 5 per cent of the total labor force. The number of small businesses exempted from paying the minimum wage was increased to prevent their collapse.

During congressional consideration of the bill, business interests cited figures which purported to show that a minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour would increase the rate of

inflation by at least 3 per cent and the number of unemployed by at least 600,000, in addition to discouraging the creation of thousands of new jobs. Administration spokesmen, organized labor and liberal congressmen disputed these figures and, on this issue at least, the old New Deal coalition emerged victorious. *Mary Costello*

### JACK ANDERSON'S WEEKLY SPECIAL



## How the Shah of Iran Works His Way in D.C.

by Jack Anderson with Joe Spear

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WASHINGTON—One of the enduring mysteries of international politics is how the shah of Iran works his way in Washington.

The despotic manner in which he runs his country is a human rights horror story. He also led the clamor for higher oil prices in the early 1970s.

Yet the shah has always been able to get almost anything he wants out of the United States. He has received more U.S. military equipment, for example, than any other foreign leader.

We have discovered one reason for his success. He has developed intimate relationships with the high and mighty in Washington. He had the State Department eating out of his hand, for example, when William Rogers was Secretary of State.

Yet within three months after Rogers resigned, he turned up as a director of the shah's private foundation. Rogers told us at the time that he was doing "real estate work" for the foundation. But he contacted us afterward to try to talk us out of writing an unfavorable story about the shah.

There appears to be another reason why the shah attracts powerful friends. He pays good money.

We have just obtained the foundation's tax return for the year 1975. It reveals that the shah's foundation paid William Rogers' law firm a whopping \$148,427 that year in legal fees.

**Crash Tests**—It leaked out a few days ago that the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has been using cadavers in car-crash tests. This is a story we had been working on for weeks. Here are some details that didn't leak out:

At least 241 cadavers have been used for the experiments, which began in 1971. The experts haven't been grave-robbing. Medical schools, such as the University of Buffalo, have donated the cadavers. All the donations came from people who had willed their bodies to science.

The cadavers were shrouded from head to foot in white body stockings. Then they were injected with an oxygen-like substance. This simulated blood-flow in the bodies. A crown around the head measured skull damage.

The test sleds and cars were slammed into walls. Safety experts studied the damage to the cadavers. This helped

them to determine what would happen to live people in real crashes.

The experts are also trying to perfect a dummy for these tests. Then, they can stop using cadavers, which cost up to \$12,000 a test. Transportation Secretary Brock Adams, meanwhile, insists that the tests are necessary to make the highways safer.

**Disordered Draft**—Thousands of young draft evaders were jailed during the 1960s for violating the law. Now we've learned that the Selective Service System itself is ignoring the law.

The legislation which ended the draft is specific. It requires Selective Service to maintain "an active standby organization, with complete registration and classification structure." It's supposed to be ready for "immediate operation" in case of a national emergency.

The draft machinery is now operated by 100 employees and two computers. All local draft boards were phased out in May 1976. The acting director, Robert Shuck, says Selective Service is in "a deep standby posture." But other sources familiar with the system tell us it is in a "state of disrepair." One source said Selective Service is in absolute "shambles."

The Defense Department's own emergency plans call for the first 100,000 draftees to report for training within 60 days of mobilization. Those who are in charge of the skeleton system say it would take 110 days. Our sources say a more realistic figure would be six months.

Most likely, the emergency would be over before the first draftee was ready to fight.

**Ice Cream Scoop**—Last July, the citizens of America learned that the Food and Drug Administration was planning to tamper with their favorite dessert. Ice cream manufacturers were going to be allowed to take the milk out of ice cream and replace it with cheaper substitutes, such as whey and cornstarch.

This would have saved the ice cream makers millions of dollars. They even hired the Food and Drug Administration's former general counsel, Peter Hutt, to help push the new regulation through.

For ice cream lovers, the result would have been downright disastrous. But now there have been some new developments. Rep. Charles Rose, D-N.C., raised a howl about the ice cream caper. He said the public wouldn't know what imitation ingredients they were getting.

We can now report that the FDA has given up and has quietly withdrawn the ice cream regulation. In fact, the agency even plans to hold hearings this year to make sure ice cream is properly labeled.

**Headlines and Footnotes**—The Coast Guard is spending half a million dollars for 400 life rafts which won't be able to meet federal safety standards. Coast Guard officials insisted they don't have to meet the same safety standards as private industry ... The new administrator of the General Services Administration, Jay Solomon, is trumpeting his own horn. In a recent edition of the agency's newsletter, Solomon rated nine pictures and 16 mentions ... The Federal Aviation Administration is planning to lease a helicopter for its chief, Langhorne Bond. First year cost: \$64,000.

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# Ringling the Bell . . .

with Bob Tieuel

The Black Experience: (A subjective lesson)—Dear Mom: In spite of illness on the part of many in our family and friends at home and elsewhere this holiday season of 1977-78, we have so much to be thankful for. God has left us here for at least a little while longer and we can still count our blessings one by one.



Above all, we are thankful this glorious season for friends close by and far away who have stood by us and remembered us in their prayers. And of course we remember our thousands of bellringers and readers from the U.S. and many other parts of the world who have furnished inspiration for this column for many years. God bless them all.

1977 has been a year of many ups and downs for many of us but there have been more ups than downs. For many years we traveled many thousands of miles to keep our readers informed of the going ons of the black experience in church and state. 1977 was different for it was the year that we journeyed thousands of miles Mom to be with you and the rest of the family that we have left and to cheer you on in your brave fight to "see it through".

Now Mom, we face 1978 with all of its hopes and fears, its joys and failures. We do not know what 1978 holds but we can be sure of Him who holds 1978 and that whatever comes, we are not alone and He will never put on us more than we can bear.

Many of our present day troubles in our great country today is the spirit that is alive today in many circles: "get mine while the getting is good". Strikes by farmers, policemen, firemen, schoolteachers, doctors and others headline the day.

Here in Dallas hundreds of lay people like Sunday School Workers, stewards, trustees, missionaries, ministers and others of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church are gathering to outline and propose plans of action in the fields of preacher support and recruitment as well as study means for more effective financing of the colleges operated by the denomination. There are many serious problems facing these men and women, like slow church growth and a lack of a program for African missions and there can be no doubt that they will have adopted a program of action when they meet in General Conference in May in Birmingham, Alabama.

I know Mom that if you were able, like the many years you were, you would be here in the middle of the confab but many think of you here, and will remember you as your church for 70 years, plans for the 1980's and beyond. And to Bellringers all over the world—Peace. Have a glorious 1978.

## "Cotton into Denim"

"Cotton into Denim," a slide presentation by Mr. Jimmy Nail, will be the next Lunch Bunch program, Tuesday, January 10. Mr. Nail is in public relations for the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association.

The Mahon Community Room of the Lubbock City-County Library, 1306 9th Street. The public is invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a free program. Coffee is furnished by the Library.

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## Services Held For Royce Mathis Brewer

Services for Miss Royce Mathis Brewer, 32, of 3605 Beech Ave. were held Wednesday in the South Plains Funeral Home Chapel.

Rev. Herman Phillips, pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church, officiated. Burial was in the City of Lubbock cemetery.

Miss Brewer died Saturday in Robinson Nursing Home in Waco following a lengthy illness.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Adriene Taylor of Portland, Ore.; two brothers, Gary Brewer of Lubbock and Oscar Taylor Jr. of Portland, Ore.; and two sisters, Mrs. Willie Fuller of Houston and Mrs. Robbie Murphey of Lubbock.



## Services Held For Mrs. Goldstein

Services for Mrs. Leaner Goldstein, 69, of 2206 Cedar were held Wednesday at the Bethel A.M.E. Methodist Church with the Rev. A.W. Wilson, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Jamison and Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Goldstein died Saturday in Llano Estacado Medical Center in Hobbs, N.M.

Survivors include two brothers, Emmett Jackson of Hobbs, N.M., and Charlie Jackson of Waco; three sisters, Bertha Cowins and Lou Cresia Lester, both of Hobbs, N.M., and Nellie Fuller of Cleburne.

## Relatives Visited

Anita Gale Henry of Oakland, California, and Domieta Jo Math's, Compton, California, flew to Lubbock for the Christmas holidays with their Mother and Grandmother, Mrs. Burline Henry and Mrs. Lulu Virden.

Anita is with the Center for Disease Control, of the H.E.W., a part of the U.S. Government. Domieta is the daughter of the former Alice Faye Henry of Compton, California.

Sandra and Donna Henry flew in from Denton, Texas, where they are students at Texas Womens' University. Peggy Henry motored to Lubbock from Houston with a friend, Janie Harrison, who joined in the holiday festivities.

## Everready Club To Meet

The Everready Club will hold the first meeting Jan. 21, 1978 in the home of Mrs. Hess Adoms. We are asking all members to please attend. It is time to elect officers for the new year.

We all enjoyed the Christmas party and received beautiful gifts.

We are looking forward for another good year in 1978.

We are working together for God, let us do all the good we can in the ways we can for all the peoples we can as long as we can.

Mrs. Hess Adoms, president; Mrs. Erta M. Tucker, treasurer.

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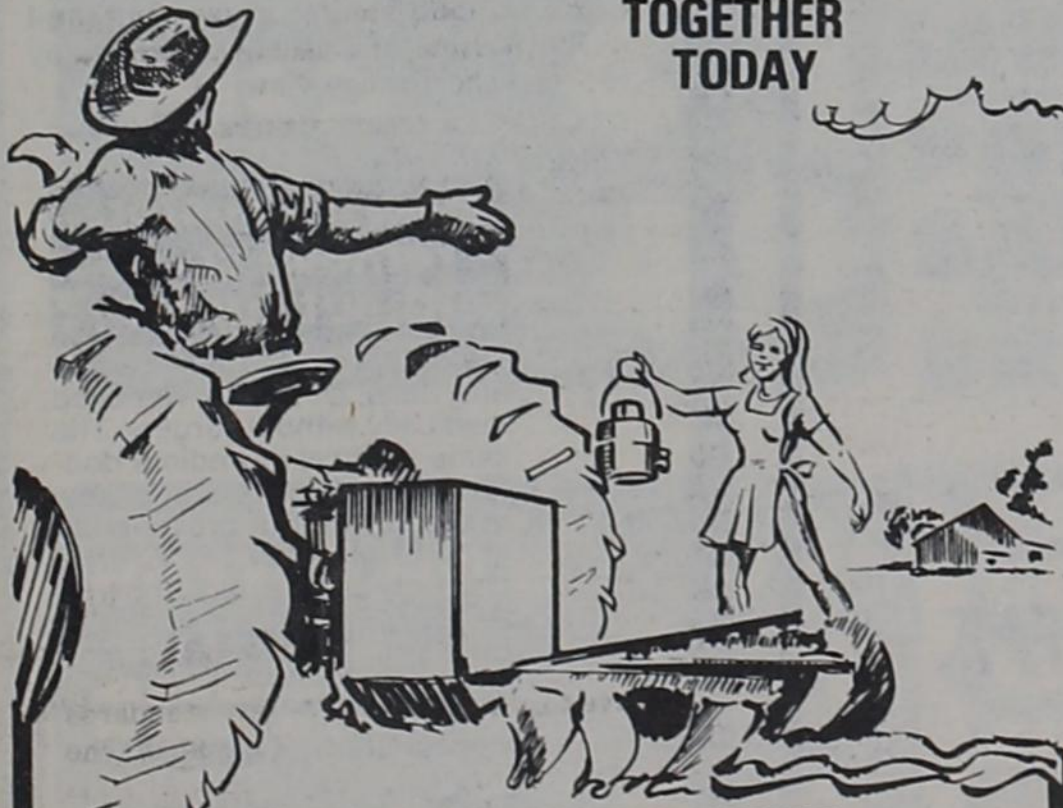
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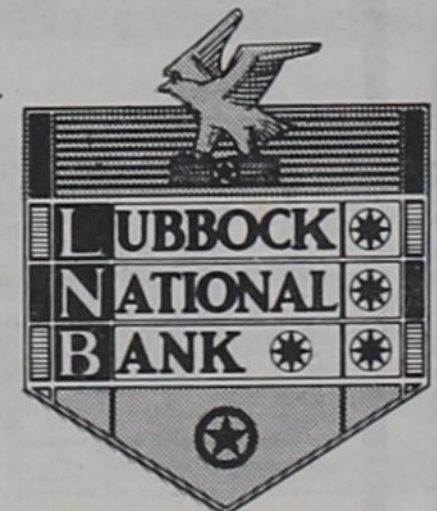
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## Open Hearing Set Jan. 11

Lubbock Public Schools have announced an open hearing January 11 concerning the allocation, request, and use of Title IV, Part B and C, funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Part B funds are used to purchase library materials and audiovisual equipment. Warner Sims, director of special projects for the school district, said that he anticipates a grant for next year similar to this year's allocation of \$104,759.

Part C involves funds that are allocated through competitive requests for innovative projects. There is no local allocation this year for this part of Title IV, Sims said.

The hearing will begin at 1:30 p.m., in the materials center of the School Administrative Offices Building, 1628 19th Street.

### Dictionary, Please

By the way, can you place your hand on your sternum? The odds are 50 to 1 you're wrong. Look it up.

-Tribune, Chicago.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Lyons Chapel Baptist Church

Sunday, January 1, 1978 got off to a very good start, despite the wintry chill which struck Lubbock on New Year's Day. Morning service was very inspiring, with the Deacons opening with the devotion, and the choir and congregation singing the hymn of the morning. Dr. Perry delivered a very dynamic sermon, "Working With Christ." Afterwards, Holy Communion was received.

Youth Day services will be held Sunday, Jan. 8. Rev. Roger Lee Culberson of L.A., California will be our guest speaker for the morning. Rev. Culberson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Blacknell, he is also a former member of Lyons Chapel. We are also very proud of Rev. Larry Brooks, and Rev. Larry Josey, they received their official certificate license to administer the Gospel, presented by Dr. Perry. We are truly happy for them.

"Support the Church"; attend weekly auxiliary meetings:

Monday night: All mission circles will meet; times and place to be announced. Young adult

choir rehearsal.

Tuesday: Ushers meeting or rehearsal.

Wednesday: Prayer meeting and choir rehearsal.

Thursday: Jr. and Primary choir rehearsal.

Saturday: Brotherhood meeting.

Let us remember our sick and shut in members of the church and community. Happy New Year to each and everyone! May God continue to bless and keep you.

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### Hope Deliverance

Pastor Charles A. Tanner and members would like to wish the staff of the West Texas Times and all readers a blessed New Year for 1978.

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### Mt. Gilead Baptist Church

Service Message to the members of Mt. Gilead: The NAACP needs you and you need the NAACP. The strongest forces of the NAACP comes from church members who care about people. Won't you join the cause? Membership fees are as follows: \$1.00 per year for youth under 17.

\$2.00 per year for youth 17 to 21.

\$5.00 per year for adults, and \$10.00 for adults with the Crisis Magazine included.

\$25.00 per year for contribution membership.

\$100.00 lifetime for youth to age 13.

\$500.00 lifetime for adults, to be paid at \$50.00 per year for 10 years.

Let us all get involved for our youth, to secure better educations, communities, and jobs.

## Men in Service

Navy Seaman David M. McCrady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton McCrady of 5312 Ave. G, Lubbock, Tex., recently participated in exercise "Auckez '77" in the South Pacific Ocean.

He is serving as a crewmember aboard the frigate USS Gray, homeported in San Diego.

The combined exercise involved units from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand and Canada. "Auckez '77" was designed to provide training in anti-aircraft and antisubmarine warfare, naval gunfire support, underway replenishment and communications.

The Gray is a 438-foot-long "Knox" class frigate and carries a crew of 283 officers and enlisted men. She is equipped with guns, missiles and rockets and can operate independently or as part of a naval task force. Additionally, the Gray is outfitted with a landing platform and normally carries a light helicopter for long range detection and attack of submarines.

A 1976 graduate of Dunbar High School, he joined the Navy in November 1974.

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Alfern Gauma, whose wife, Mary, lives at 2724 Dartmouth, Lubbock, Tex., recently was promoted to Army private first class while serving as a clerk typist with the 2nd Armored Division at Ft. Hood, Tex.

Pfc. Guana entered the Army in January 1977.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike D. Guana Sr., live at 2706 Ave. R.

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Private Gary L. Callender, son of Howard M. Callender, 207 Butte, Hobbs, N.M., recently was assigned as a military policeman with the 25th Infantry Division at

Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Pvt. Callender entered the Army in July of this year.

He is a 1977 graduate of Hobbs High School.

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Marine Private Samuel G. Ruiz, son of Marco A. Ruiz of 2512 First Place, Lubbock, Tex., has completed a Motor Vehicle Operator's Course.

During the seven-week skill training at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. students received classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction on the operation and capabilities of Marine Corps vehicles; defensive driving techniques; "rules of the road" and user-level preventive maintenance.

He joined the Marine Corps in June 1977.

## Americans Can Relive FESTAC '77 In Photo Exhibit

Through a colorful photo exhibit, Americans can now relive the Second World Black & African Festival of Arts & Culture (FESTAC '77) held earlier this year in Lagos, Nigeria.

The 29 day festival, which was held Jan.-Feb. 1977, displayed the passion and color of ancient African customs that have influenced the art and culture of civilizations around the globe.

The exhibit captures the pageantry of 3,000 desert warriors on horseback and camels, the capers of acrobatic stilt dancers, and the rhythm of the pastoral Fulani from the Niger Republic.

The FESTAC collection of 22 prints was chosen from hundreds of photos of festival activities, including the Grand Durbar at Kaduna on the high plains of northern Nigeria's Hausaland.

The durbar—one of the host country's major contributions to the festival—was a salute by thousands of horsemen, footmen, drummers and dancers to General Ousegun Obasanjo, Nigerian head of state, and to the spiritual authority of the Sultan of Sokoto.

Only three other durbars of this size have been held during this century: the first in 1925 to honor Britain's Prince of Wales, the second in 1956 to mark a visit by Queen Elizabeth II, and the third in 1972 for Haile Selassie.

Sponsored by Gulf Oil Corporation, the first showing of FESTAC '77 took place at the Pennsylvania State Conference of NAACP Chapters held October 28-30 in Pittsburgh.

Following this premiere showing, the exhibit embarked on a nationwide tour which will take it to selected primary and secondary schools, Black colleges, museums and other organizational meetings during 1978.

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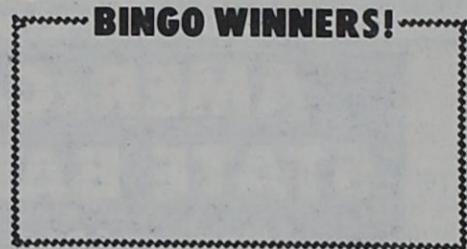
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# States Must Renew Food Stamp Eligibility

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is making sure people using food stamps are given enough time to renew their eligibility before it runs out, Assistant Secretary Carol Tucker Foreman said.

Assistant Secretary Foreman said new USDA rules will require local welfare agencies to give people using food stamps advance written notice that their eligibility is ending. These notices must arrive in time for people to re-apply for their stamps without an interruption in benefits, she said.

The assistant secretary said the department is issuing these rules to settle a nationwide class action lawsuit, *Basel V. Butz*, which challenged USDA's food stamp re-certification procedures. Ms.

Foreman said the new rules will make the re-certification process fairer by requiring state and local agencies to take more responsibility for keeping food stamp users informed about the status of their eligibility.

When a household is approved for food stamps, Assistant Secretary Foreman explained, it is certified for a specified length of time and must re-apply when this certification period ends. Periodic re-certification is necessary, she said, because it gives local agencies an opportunity to review changes in family income or resources.

Under the old rules, households were told at the time of application when their eligibility would expire, and no further notice was given.

*Basel v. Butz* was filed in October 1974 in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The District Court ruled in USDA's favor, but the U.S. Court of Appeals reversed the lower court early in 1977. On May 13, USDA agreed to settle the case by issuing new regulations.

To give interested parties a chance to comment, the department published proposed rules on June 3. USDA received 63 comments on the proposal, 39 from state and local welfare agencies and the rest from legal aid groups, interest groups, and interested individuals.

The proposed rules would have allowed people who appeal food stamp cutbacks or cutoffs to get full benefits pending a hearing decision. But, because of a conflict with the recently-enacted Food Stamp Act of 1977, this provision was dropped from final regulations.

Under the final rules, local agencies must notify households in writing between 30 and 45 days before their certification period ends. Expiration notices will tell households they must re-apply for food stamps by a certain date to continue receiving their benefits without interruption. People who are certified for one month or less

will be given their expiration notice when they apply.

Notices must be mailed early enough so households have at least 15 days to respond. Households who meet the re-application deadline will have to be told by the end of that month whether they will be re-certified, will have their food stamp benefits cut back, or will be dropped from the program.

Recertified households must be able to buy their food stamps without interruption. For most, this means getting an Authorization to Purchase food stamps (ATP) card by the first of the next month. People who miss their re-application deadline without good cause would not be guaranteed uninterrupted benefits.

If there is not enough time to mail out an ATP card because of an agency delay, the food stamp office would have to issue an "over-the-counter" ATP or use other special means to make sure the household can buy its food stamps without interruption.

Households who re-apply on time will be able to file claims for any food stamp benefits lost because of agency delays.

Expiration notices will explain food stamp re-application procedures.

## Unemployment Benefits . . .

*Continued From Page One*

last job. Can I draw unemployment benefits?

A—You could be disqualified for 1 to 26 weeks, depending on the seriousness of your misconduct. You may file for any remaining benefits after the disqualification period has ended.

Q—What is "misconduct"?

A—"An act of wanton disregard of the employer's interest, a deliberate violation of his rules, or a disregard of standards of behavior which the employer has a right to expect of an employee. Also, it is negligence to a degree that would show an intentional and substantial disregard of the employee's duties and obligations to the employer."

Q—Can a claimant refuse suitable work without good cause and still draw insurance?

A—Not without disqualification of from one to 13 weeks. You may then file for any remaining benefits.

Q—What else prevents drawing unemployment benefits?

A—Stoppage of work because of a labor dispute where you were last employed; quitting your last job to go to school; misrepresentation or fraud; receipt of wages in lieu of notice, Old Age Benefits, Workman's Compensation, or receipt of vacation pay under certain conditions.

Q—If I disagree with a claim determination, may I appeal the decision?

A—Yes, within 12 days of the mailing date. If you receive a "notice of claim determination", you have 12 days in which to file a request for redetermination or appeal. If your last employer filed a timely protest to your initial claim, he also has 12 days from determination in which to file appeal. After you file an appeal, you should continue to file your continued claims.

Q—What happens when an appeal is filed?

A—An appeal tribunal sets a hearing and notifies the interested parties of the time and place. In the hearing, all testimony is given under oath and is recorded. An appeals referee renders a decision in writing, including the facts in issue, the applicable law, and basis for decision. Copies are mailed to interested parties. Further appeal may be made to the Texas Employment Commission within 10 days. When the Commission rules, a further review may be asked within 10 days. After the Commission decision becomes final, appeal may be made to any court of competent jurisdiction in the county of the claimant's residence within 10 days.

Q—Can a claimant work part-time?

A—Although your goal, like that of the Commission, is to find you a full-time job, you would be wise to accept part-time work. You may qualify for unemployment benefits in any week in which you are working less than full-time. You may also receive payments if you are working for your regular employer less than full-time. Consult a Commission representative for assistance in this case.

Q—What about fraudulent claims?

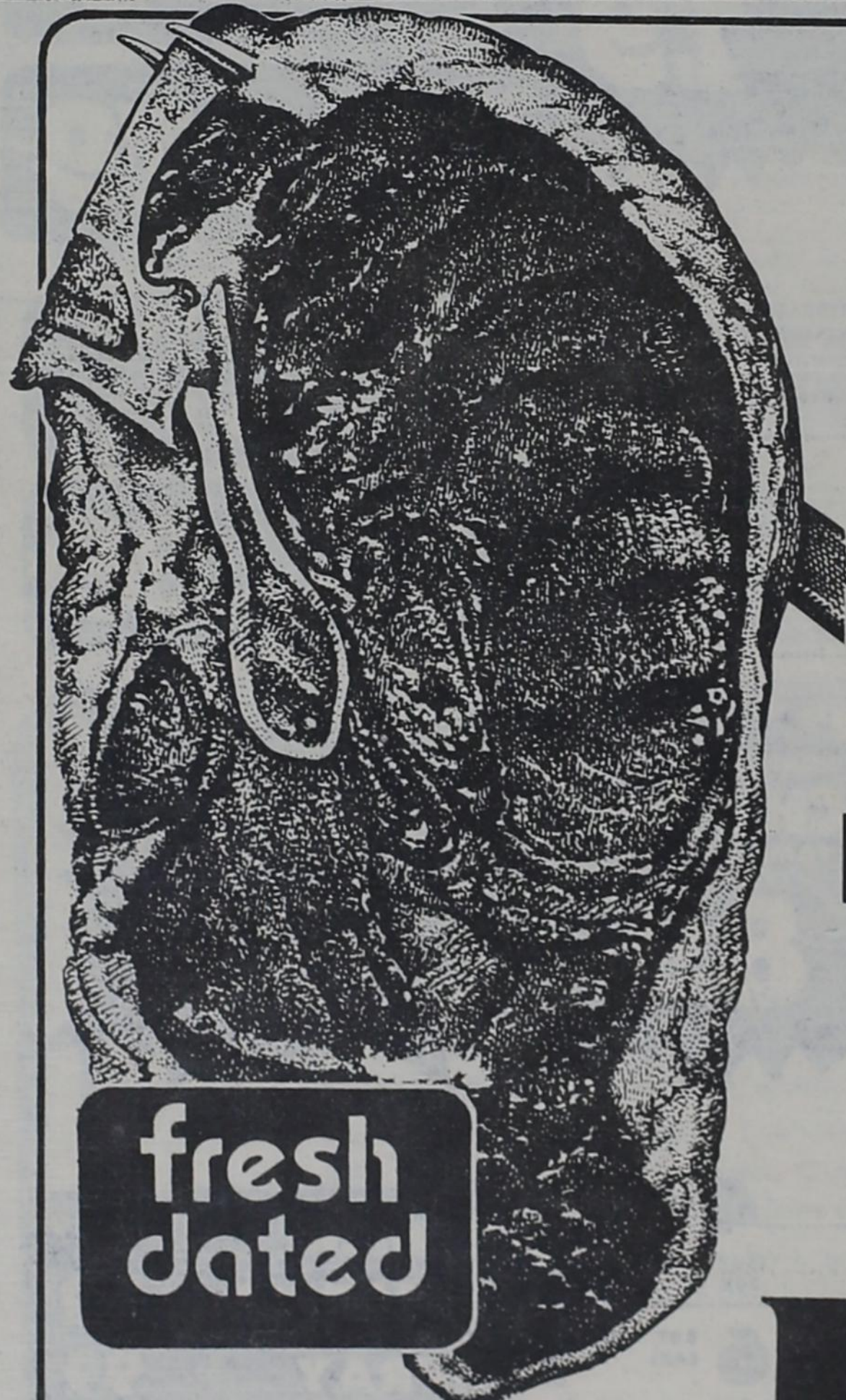
A—You certify on each claim that your answers are true and correct. Severe penalties are provided by law for persons found guilty of trying to obtain benefits to which they are not entitled. One who knowingly makes a false statement, or knowingly fails to disclose a material fact in order to obtain unemployment benefits to which one is not entitled, forfeits the rights to payment in the rest of the benefit year, and faces possible criminal prosecution in court. The money received under false pretenses must also be repaid.

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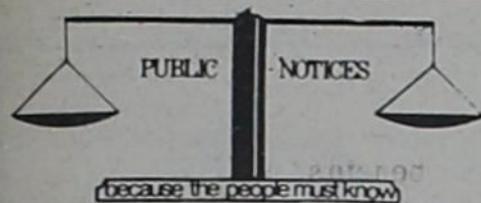
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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

A Hearing Commission of the Texas Department of Water Resources will conduct a public hearing beginning at 1:30 p.m., January 31, 1978 Old Grand Jury Room Old County Courthouse 301 Oak Abilene, Texas 1:30 p.m., February 1, 1978 Brazos River Authority 4400 Cobbs Waco, Texas in order to receive testimony concerning Volume I, Basic Data Report, of the Water Quality

Management Plan for the Brazos Basin. This document is the first of two volumes which, upon completion of Volume II, will form the Water Quality Management Plan for the Brazos Basin. Volume I, Basic Data Report, includes information on existing wastewater treatment facilities; existing water quality; existing land use patterns; existing population; and projections of economic growth, population, and probable land use patterns. Volume II, Plan Summary Report, will present the recommended plans for water quality management and the legal, financial, and institutional requirements of each plan. Also included in Volume II will be descriptions of feasible alternatives, an environmental assessment, and a summary of the public participation activities conducted during the development of the plan. The Water Quality Management Plan for the Brazos Basin is being developed to satisfy the requirements of Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, and pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 130 and 131 and the State of Texas Continuing Planning Process. The public hearing shall be conducted in compliance with Section 26.037 (formerly Section 21.089), Texas Water Code. The study area for this plan includes most of the Brazos River Basin. This plan will not address the planning required in the Killeen-Temple Designated Areawide Planning Area; detailed planning within that area will be provided through the development of the Killeen-Temple Areawide Waste Treatment Management Plan and will not be considered at this hearing.

Copies of the Basic Data Report will be made available for public inspection at the following locations: Texas Department of Water Resources Offices, Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 North Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas; Texas Department of Water Resources District 1 Office, 301 S. Polk, Room 306, Amarillo, Texas 79106; Texas Department of Water Resources District 2 Office, 4819 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79412; Texas Department of Water Resources District 4 Office, 203 James Collins Blvd., Duncanville, Texas 75116; Texas Department of Water Resources District 7 Office, 2318 Center Street, Deer Park, Texas 77536; Texas Department of Water Resources District 9 Office, 133 West Concho, San Angelo, Texas 76903; and the Brazos River Authority Office, Waco, Texas. Copies of Volume II, Plan Summary Report, will be made available at these same locations when completed in June, 1978. However, the hearing cited in this notice will consider only Volume I, Basic Data Report, of Water Quality Management Plan for the Brazos Basin.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Requests for copies of the Basic Data Report and questions about it should be addressed to Mr. Jack Kramer, Texas Department of Water Resources, P.O. Box 13087, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, or call (512) 475-3454. When requesting a copy or sending a query by mail, please include your complete return address and telephone number.

The public is encouraged to attend the hearing and to present evidence or opinions as to the accuracy of the existing and projected data compiled in the Basic Data Report. Written testimony which is submitted prior to or during the public hearing will be included in the record. The Hearing Commission would appreciate receiving a copy of all testimony at least five (5) days before the hearing. The testimony and questions concerning the public hearing should be addressed to Gordon W. Houser, Texas Department of Water Resources, P.O. Box 13087, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 or call (512) 475-5516.

The date selected for this hearing is intended to comply with deadlines set by statute and regulation. Any publication or receipt of this notice less than thirty calendar days prior to the hearing date is due to the necessity of scheduling the hearing on the date selected.

This public hearing may be continued in order to fully develop the evidence.

Issued this the 28th day of December, 1977.

Gordon W. Houser  
Staff Attorney  
General Counsel's Office

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 13, 1976 one 1969 Chevrolet Malibu, 2 door, VIN-136379A329192, with accessories, was seized at Lubbock, Texas for violation of 21 USC 881. Any person desiring to place the matter in the U.S. District Court in order to contest the probable cause for such seizure must file with the Regional Director, Drug Enforcement Administration, Room 4A5, 1100 Commerce, Dallas, Texas 75242, a claim and cost bond of \$250.00 with approved sureties, on or before January 18, 1978. Otherwise, the property will be administratively forfeited pursuant to 19 USC 1608, and will be disposed of according to law. Interested parties may file petitions for remission or mitigation of forfeiture with the Regional

Director pursuant to 19 USC 1618 and 21 CFR 1316.79-1316.81 without filing claim and cost bond. Irvin C. Swank, Regional Director. Case No. MB-76-X108.

**BID NOTICE**

The Lubbock Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the Installation of Sprinkler Systems at Alderson and Atkins Junior High Schools and Dunbar High School until 2:00 PM (CST) January 10, 1978, in the office of the Director of Purchasing, 1628 19th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79401. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. Bid forms may be obtained upon request in the above office.

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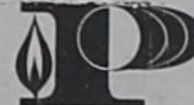
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Buttered Carrots  
Vanilla Pudding  
1/2 Pint Milk

**Secondary Choice**

Chicken Fried Steak  
Buttered Green Beans

**Tuesday, January 10**

Cor Dog, W/Mustard  
Buttered English Peas  
Seasoned W-K Corn  
Fruit Cobbler  
1/2 Pint Milk

**Secondary Choice**

Liver and Onions  
Hash Browned Potatoes

**Wednesday, January 11**

Oven Fried Chicken  
Mashed Potatoes  
Buttered Green Beans  
Cake  
Hot Rolls - Butter  
1/2 Pint Milk

**Secondary Choice**

Barbecued Smoked Sausages  
Tossed Salad

**Thursday, January 12**

Hamburger on Bun  
French Fries  
Tossed Salad  
Pear Half  
1/2 Pint Milk

**Secondary Choice**

Baked Meat Loaf  
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