

Volunteers help in library contributions

The Library Thriftshop continues to provide generous monetary support for our library. Items donated to the Thriftshop by people in the community are sorted, priced, and sold by the "Thriftshop Ladies", a wonderful group of volunteer women who are truly "Friends of the Library".

Current "Thriftshop Ladies" include: Director Jo McLaughlin, Jettie Davis, Sara Dossett, Caia Hester, Lilly Love, Pauline McGee, Margaret Novak, Helen Sanders, Jean Sheets, Dorothy Tackitt, and Mary Fern Terry.

All proceeds from the Thriftshop go directly to the Hansford County Library for operating expenses. The Thriftshop is open for business from 2-4 on Saturday afternoons.

Historical Commission needs funds for marker

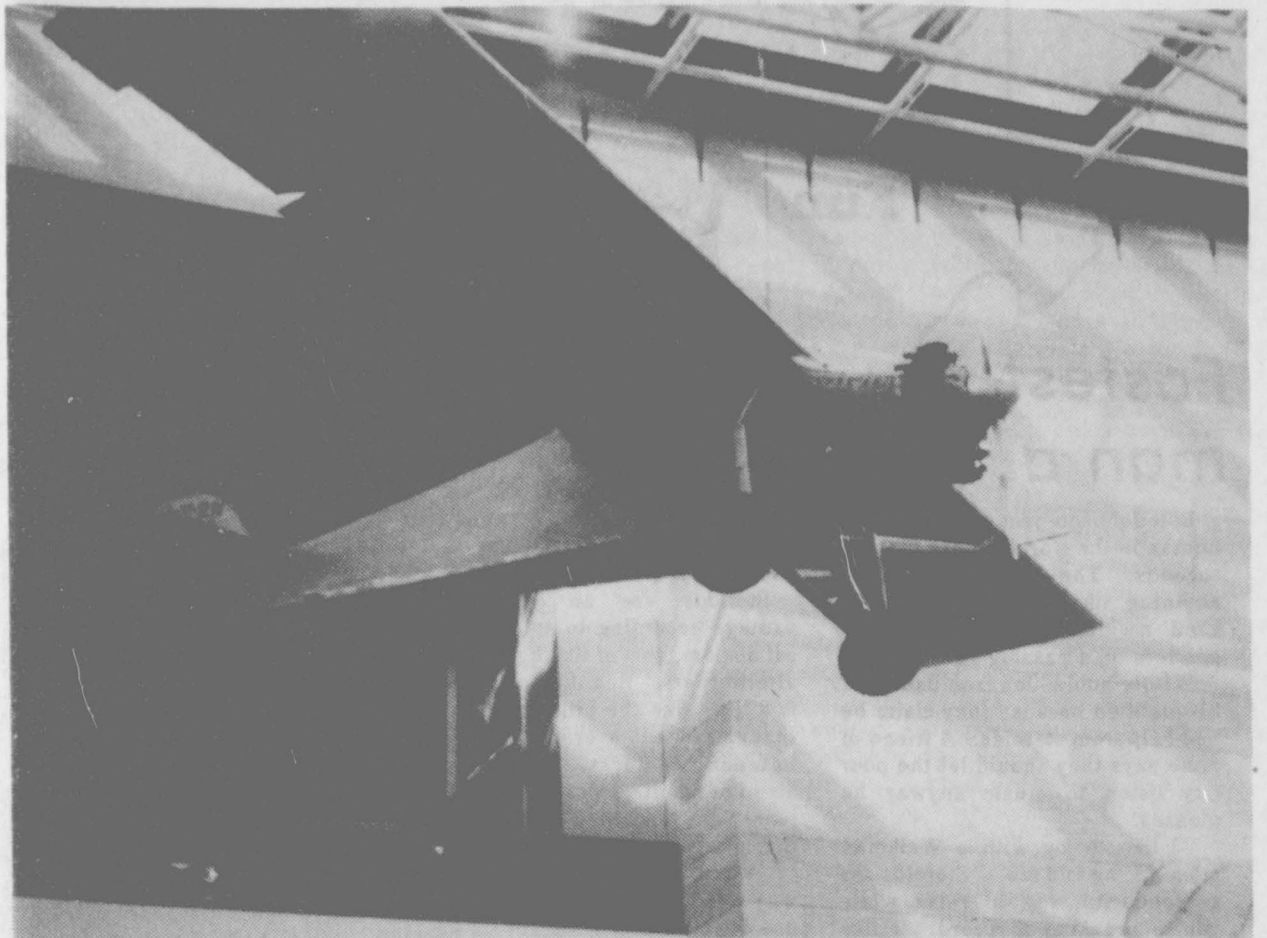
The Hansford County Historical Commission has obtained \$305 towards the purchase of a historical marker commemorating the landing of Charles Lindbergh on Sept. 24, 1934 one mile south of Spearman. He landed near the home of county residents the William J. Whitsons. He visited with several county residents during his brief stay to checkout the plane he was flying at the time.

The Hansford County Historical Commission has already sent all the necessary paperwork to the State Historical Marker Committee. A representative of the State Historical Committee staff has noted that there should not be any problems involved in Hansford

County obtaining the marker. Several similar markers have been obtained in the state.

The State Committee is currently reviewing the application to make sure it's all in order and is acceptable for placement on a historical marker. The state committee has told members of the Hansford County Historical Commission to allow up to one year to obtain the confirmation of receiving the marker. The cost to purchase the marker has been set at \$650.

The Hansford County Historical Commission acknowledges the following people for their contributions to the fund established to obtain the Lindbergh marker. Those who have already contributed to the fund include Vi Whitson, Carl M. Archer, Helen Fisher, Joyce and Joel Lackey, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Stump, Buster's Aerial Dusters, Spearman Jaycees, and Gene and Francis Cudd, all of Spearman, and Harold Larson of San Antonio. The Commission is still accepting donations for the additional \$345 needed.



This is a picture taken in the Smithsonian Institute of the "Spirit of St. Louis", Lindbergh's plane he flew in one of his famous flights. This is not the plane that Lindbergh landed near Spearman in. He was flying in another of his personal planes for a vacation in California when he had trouble near Woodward, Ok. and borrowed another plane. That plane was making a "funny noise," when he landed near Spearman to

"check out the plane." While in Spearman he visited with Mrs. William Whitson who lived in the house close to where he landed. Reports also indicate that some area school children were allowed to go see "whoever" landed in the field nearby. And Lindbergh's plane was serviced by employees of the Spearman Conoco.

Two artists display work at area bank

Two area artists will present an Annual Western Art Show at the Gruver State Bank on Nov. 17 and 18. Danny Gamble who lives near Canyon and Bob Hunnicutt a short-time Spearman resident, will display some of their work at the Gruver bank next Thursday and Friday.

Danny Gamble grew up on a farm near Hollis, Okla. He attended Southwestern Oklahoma University at Weatherford where he was introduced to art. After graduation from SOU, he taught school in Amarillo at public schools and Amarillo College. During that time, Danny developed a love for watercolor. He began to portray rural scenes of the Southwest including windmills, old houses and barns.

Gamble conducts watercolor workshops throughout the Southwest. His paintings hang in numerous galleries and private collections in the United States and

abroad.

Bob Hunnicutt was born in Achille, Okla. At the age of six he moved to Spearman for two years, then on to Channing. Hunnicutt began working on ranches when he was still quite young. He acquired a great love and admiration for the outdoors and the working cowboy.

Hunnicutt began reproducing in bronze happenings on area ranches and rodeos. He sculptured a limited edition bronze award trophy for a May 1988 Outfit Coors Ranch Rodeo recently. The sculpture is fashioned after Shepherd's Old Matador chuckwagon.

Hunnicutt has a studio on the banks of the Canadian River near Boys Ranch where he does his research and waxes, which he then casts at his Bronze Art Foundry in Channing.

The two artists are inviting all who are in the area to come and see their works of art next Thursday and Friday at the Gruver State Bank.

Campus hosts seventh annual Madrigal dinner

The public is invited to the seventh annual Madrigal Dinner, a re-creation of the days of yesteryear when the holiday season was ushered in by the sights and sounds of the great dining halls of Renaissance England. Noble lords and ladies of the sixteenth century will gather for the holiday feast on Saturday, Dec. 3 in the atrium of Mary Moody Northern Hall on the West Texas State University campus.

The celebration begins at 6:30

p.m. with the traditional wassail bowl. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by the Madrigal Singers and the Matilda Gaume Early Music Consort.

Tickets, \$5 for WT students with a meal card, \$10 for students with WT identification and \$15 for the general public, are available from the Student Activities Council, 806-656-2323, or by writing WTSU Madrigal Dinner, WT Box 825,



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Greever donates crewel work for raffle

Mrs. E.A. Greever has donated a piece of crewel work to be raffled off to benefit the Golden Spread Senior Citizen's Center. Raffle tickets will sell for \$1 each or \$5 for seven tickets. Mrs. Greever hand-made these two years ago at the age of 98.

Tickets may be purchased at the senior center. The crewel work will be raffled off Dec. 20.

Canyon, TX. 79016. Deadline for reservations is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Profits from the dinner will be used to fund scholarships for the student performers.

The Madrigal Dinner is sponsored by the WT Student Activities Council and the College of Fine Arts and Humanities.



At the Veteran's Day program held in the gym on the Spearman Junior High campus Friday, special guest speaker, Warren Hasse of Pampa impressed the crowd with his speech and also his display of the uniform he wore in WWII. He was a navigator on a bomber in that war, and was showing the crowd the uniform he donned during the war. The hat was a

special one for aviator's to wear during flights. They had attachments for radio listening equipment. The long Johns were given him for good fortune during each mission. They had been worn many times by two previous aviators, the last whom passed it to him to wear.

Staff Photo by Karen Goodman

Blood drive set for Nov 17 at high school

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will be in Spearman for a "Blood Drive" on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the high school library. Donations can be made from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This blood drive is sponsored in Spearman by the Spearman High School Student Council. The Spearman community has been participating in the community and high school blood drive since 1982. The blood drives between that time and the upcoming blood drive have produced 969 pints of blood for use by Panhandle residents in need of

it. Coffee Memorial Blood Center is an independent and self supporting center. It supplies all of the blood and blood components to 21 hospitals encompassed within a 26 - county, 100 - mile radius.

The Blood Center needs to collect 400 pints of blood each week from volunteer donors to meet the needs of sick and injured hospital patients.

Blood from the Center is available for anyone in the Panhandle Service Area upon the request of a hospital or qualified physician.

7th grade undefeated

The Spearman school football teams gave forth some great team efforts this 1988 season with the newest team, the Spearman 7th graders showing the best record of all in an undefeated season.

The varsity team ended up with a 6-3-1 record for the season. The junior varsity showed 3-5-2 for the season. The eighth graders suffered an 0-8 season. And the Spearman 7th graders shined with seven wins, no losses and one 0 to 0 tie.

Kurt Ashmore, coach of the junior varsity and seventh and eighth teams said, "I really enjoyed the football season this year, and the seventh grade team proved to be a good bunch."



The new gym is rapidly showing progress. Workers are still busy trying to get more done before the weather gets too cold or wet. The community is asked to remember not to have children playing

around the construction, especially during the upcoming basketball games when students often like to wander outside.

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Science In Our Lives

Spectrophotometers: What You Should Know

They light up our lives: spectrophotometers, that is. They're those scientific instruments that can tell a lot about a substance based on the color and intensity of the light it transmits. Although spectrophotometers help us live longer and happier lives, few people know what they are and how they work.



Spectrophotometers shed new light on research questions.

Spectrophotometry is used in clinical, industrial, educational and research areas to analyze: body fluids, drinking and process water, wastewater, food, beverages and drugs. Spectrophotometry is also used to ensure the consistent quality of incoming raw materials in chemical production plants.

A spectrophotometer directs white light into a monochromator, which separates colors and directs them, one at a time, through a sample. Then you measure the amount of light that comes through on the other side. However, not all compounds measured have color. For example, water is clear. To test water for iron, ammonia or nitrates, the components must be chemically converted into a compound that will absorb light specifically. To

test for iron, for instance, a chemical is added that turns water orange. Substances such as meat or steel must be chemically treated to produce a liquid that can be analyzed with the spectrophotometer.

New spectrophotometers, such as the Spectronic models from Milton Roy, have automatic sample handling features that can test up to 100 samples in a rack. For wine makers, these Spectronic machines can quickly and accurately determine glucose and fructose levels as well as measuring levels of preservatives such as sulphur dioxide. Another Spectronic model can determine levels of carbon monoxide in the blood. Still other Spectronic models test for contaminants and chemicals in water.

Such machines are shedding new light on many old research questions.

Shorter daylight hours bring about disorders for some

Turning back the clock an hour in fall brings anguish and unhappiness to many people. The reason may be seasonal affective disorder (SAD). Seemingly triggered by the decrease in available daylight that occurs during winter months, SAD can result in depression, according to the November issue of Texas Medicine.

SAD also is associated with increased sleep time, fatigue, weight gain, and cravings for carbohydrates. During the spring and summer months, a reversal of symptoms occurs, according to authors DRs. John F. Simonds and Parviz Malek-Ahmadi, department of psychiatry, Texas Tech University, Health Sciences Center, Lubbock. Treatment often centers around phototherapy, or exposure to bright light for specific periods of time, although medications such as lithium and antidepressants can be helpful, according to the article.

YOU ARE INVITED

To a 80th Birthday reception for **CAIA HESTER** in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church given by her children and grandchildren

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... eyes on classifieds

High risk individuals need influenza vaccines

The influenza season is just about upon us, and right now is a good time for certain high-risk individuals to be immunized against this disease usually associated with the winter months.

"Influenza kills about 20,000 individuals in the U.S. each year, most of them in the high-risk categories," said Steve McInelly, a public health advisor with the Immunization Division of the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

"By high-risk categories, we mean persons age 65 or older, persons with chronic respiratory and cardiovascular conditions, and children weakened by health problems," he explained.

Flu season is most intense from December through April, although cases can occur in any month. And since the virus mutates frequently, immunizations should be updated yearly. The strains of flu predicted to be most threatening this year are A-Taiwan, A-Sichuan and B-Victoria. A single vaccine guards against all three of these strains, and persons immunized last year need to be immunized again this year to be fully protected. Because the vaccine is improved, it causes very few reactions, and takes full effect within about two weeks of the "shot."

"Contact your personal physician or local health department if

you have questions about immunizations," McInelly advised.

Typical influenza illness is characterized by an abrupt onset of fever, accompanied by a sore throat, "dry" cough and extreme malaise. Severe cases may lead to pneumonia or may be fatal to persons with other weakening conditions.

"Parents should always use caution in giving aspirin to children under age 16, because the ingredients in aspirin have been linked to the development of Reye syndrome," McInelly added. Reye syndrome is a neurologic disorder which can develop in young persons during recovery from flu or chickenpox.

In general, flu lasts for five to seven days, and physicians usually recommend bed rest, fluids, and sometimes prescription drugs.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor and Residents of the Community:

The ravages of Diabetes is of special concern to many people in the country as one person in 20 is stricken with this disease and its serious consequences, and no one knows whose family will be hurt next.

Many have donated money over the years and much research has gone into finding a cure--but nothing really positive has come out of it since the discovery of insulin which controls but does not cure.

A grass roots movement began this summer in Omaha, Neb., and is sweeping the nation to declare Nov. 20, 1988, as an Interdenominational Day of Prayer to call upon God with a united voice and pray in churches and synagogues, prayer groups, and individually that a cure for Diabetes might be granted to our research people.

The help of concerned individuals in your community is desperately needed to get the word out to friends and relatives in other areas that they might urge their churches or synagogues, relatives, and friends to participate. Remember, it is strictly a grass roots movement with no central organization which is relying on the help of many concerned individuals. Please clip this letter and send it to others to help spread the word of the Nov. 20, 1988, PRAYER DAY FOR THE CURE OF DIABETES.

Help us to spread the word--and join the many people from coast to coast on Nov. 20 and pray for a Cure for Diabetes!

Sincerely,
 Donna Holmquist
 Cure Diabetes Prayer Group
 P.O. Box 37587
 Omaha, NE 68137

Girl Scout troops begin selling nuts

Girl Scout Troops in Yucca Council are selling nuts to supplement their troop treasury. Five varieties are available: mixed nuts, dry roasted peanuts, toffee butter peanuts, honey nuts and unsalted dry roasted.

The sale will begin Nov. 15 through Nov. 28. If you have not ordered nuts, and want some, call Myrna Biggers at 659-3505.

Reporter sponsors recipe contest

The **Spearman Reporter** is sponsoring a Holiday Recipe Contest. We are asking all "Gourmets" in the area to send their favorite vegetable dish recipe (for judging reasons we are only allowing one category) to the **Spearman Reporter**, Box 458, Spearman or drop it by 213 Main Spearman, Tx.

All recipes must be received by Nov. 21 to be judged and published in the holiday recipe section of the Thanksgiving edition of the **Spearman Reporter**.

First place winner will receive a copper kettle engraved with their name and contest date. Honorable mentions will also be named in the newspaper.

Please get your vegetable recipes ready. We will accept recipes typed or neatly printed.

We have asked the Hansford County Extension office to be in charge of the judging of the event.

We are looking forward to trying your best recipes. We ask you to limit recipes to no more than two entries per person.

Storytime ends at library

Hansford County Library's Storytime for four and five year olds will end on Wednesday, Nov. 16. The children have seemed to enjoy their close encounters with story books, flannelboard tales, and films.

Children enrolled in Storytime are: Tanner Beedy, Nicolas Benton, Erin Boxwell, John Brock, Travis Brown, Travis Burgess, Andrew Cummings, Christopher Cummings, Micah Edwards, Sarah George, Ruth Ann Fleming, Zach Franklin, Coy Herrington, Dib Kirk, Amber Moore, Randa Morris Sara Olsen, Shae'La Pearson, Chad Scarborough, and Justin Tucker.

Doc Blakely's

Pokin' Fun



Fastest man alive

Ben Johnson became the fastest human in the world in less than 10 seconds. The world hasn't seen anything like it since my Uncle Fred accidentally hung his suspenders on a passing fire truck.

Within hours, Johnson had been disqualified because they claim he had help from steroids. A friend of mine says they should let the poor guy listen to music anyway he pleases.

"I like to jog with a Walkman myself," he told me. "Steroids are a wonderful way to relax while you're breaking a record. I like Lawrence Welk tapes."

"They're not talking about him listening to music or programming his mind," I explained. "The charge is that he took steroids, like a pill, to run faster."

After a long, dull stare, he muttered, "Ridiculous. I don't believe he swallowed no radio."

Ben couldn't be reached for comment. Small wonder. How can you interview a guy who can outrun anybody in the world?

Just as well, I suppose. From what I hear, this guy doesn't talk anyway. He just paws the ground and nickers.

Before the race, Ben Johnson was a hero in his home country of Jamaica and adopted land of Canada. He stood to make millions from endorsements. An oil company had posters of him in every gas station in Japan. They promptly tore them down when he was stripped of the gold. The posters, not the gas stations.

The only ones who have shown any sense in this controversy have been the Germans. A German magazine reportedly paid an undisclosed large sum of money to Johnson for the exclusive story of whether or not he took steroid injections, exactly when and where. We'll have to wait to find out the details of when but I

suspect I know where. What better advertisement for a magazine named STERN.

Steroids are an unfair advantage according to sports medical doctors, sort of like lighting the afterburners. Ben Johnson's case is a little like the military jet pilot that kicked it in overdrive and flew between two ducks. After several air somersaults, tremendous turbulence, and scorched feathers, the ducks regained their composure.

"What kind of bird was that and why was it going that fast?" asked one duck.

The other replied, "I don't know, but you'd be flying that fast too if you had two tails and both of 'em were on fire."

Look to STERN for de tails.

More deaths attributed to pit bull dogs

Cases of infection and even death may rise due to increasing popularity of pit bull dogs, according to the November issue of Texas Medicine.

With an estimated 50 million dogs in the United States, dog bites are an increasing problem. Estimates are that 1 million persons are bitten each year. A disproportionate number of deaths are due to attacks by pit bull dogs, claim authors Drs. Steven F. Veigas, Jason H. Calhoun, and Jon Mader, all with The University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston.

A pit bull attack has been likened to a "shark attack" claim the authors, often resulting in multiple bites and extensive loss of tissue. The article notes that pit bulls are being used by drug dealers and for other similar uses, according to law enforcement officials, and that this misuse may lead to more attacks and medical problems.

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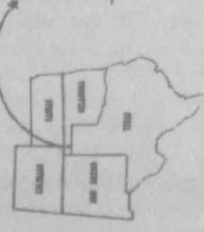
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Social Security benefits

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If you are retired, disabled, or entitled to survivors benefits, you should know when to expect your Social Security benefits every month.

Your Social Security check usually will arrive in the mail on the third of the month. If the third of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, you will generally receive your check on the last banking day before then.

For example, in December this year, the third of the month falls on a Saturday. So, you should expect to get your check on Friday, Dec. 2.

Sometimes, for one reason or another, there are delays in delivering Social Security checks. You should allow at least 3 full days from the third of each month for your check to arrive. If you do not receive your check by the sixth of the month, then you should call 1-800-2345-SSA.

Aged, blind or disabled people who receive SSI checks can expect to receive their checks in the mail usually on the first of the month. If the first falls on a weekend or legal

holiday, the check will usually arrive on the Friday before.

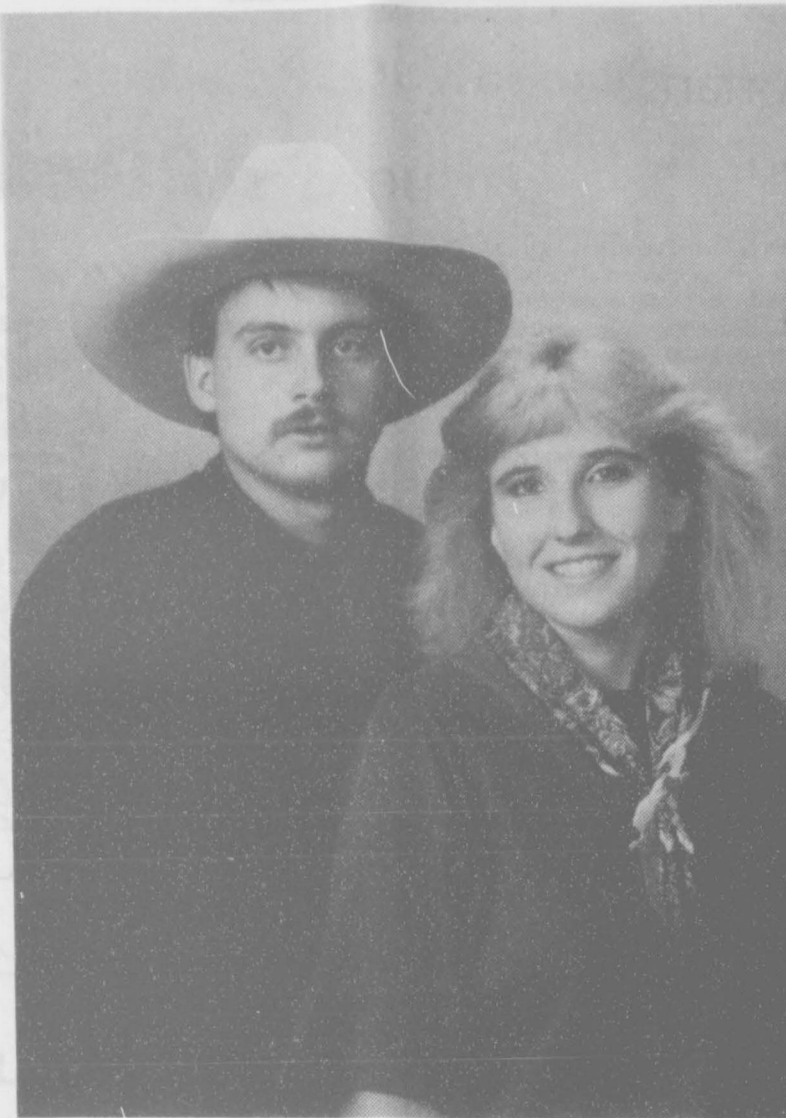
For example, Oct. 1 fell on a Saturday, so SSI checks arrived on Friday, Sept. 30. New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1989, falls on a Sunday, so SSI checks should be delivered on Friday, Dec. 30.

If your SSI check does not arrive in the mail on the usual day (around the beginning of the month), you should look for it to come in a few days. If your check does not arrive by the fourth of the month, contact the Toll free number 1-800-2345-SSA.

If your Social Security and/or SSI payment is deposited directly into your checking or savings account in a bank, savings & loan or other financial institution, you do not have to worry about when your check will be delivered. The benefit will be deposited automatically into your account every month.

Today, almost half of all Social Security beneficiaries and 15% of SSI recipients use direct deposit. This eliminates any worry, particularly for the elderly and the disabled, about when their checks will arrive or if they will be lost or stolen.

Any time you have questions about your monthly checks, or if you want to sign up for direct deposit, call 1-800-2345-SSA.



Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sheets, Jr. announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne Renea, to Steven Wayne Reese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Reese of Plainview. Anne is a Jr. Business Management major and Steve is a Sr. Animal Science major. Both attend West Texas State University. The wedding is planned for January 7th.

College students vary

in age and tradition

The typical college student today is no longer a single person between 18 and 21 years of age. Typical can now mean a student who has children and grandchildren and has returned to school after an absence of 20 years or more. Currently, the average age of a college student in Oklahoma is 27.

The reasons for returning to school and the lifestyle adjustments can be as diverse as the reasons for not continuing in the traditional pattern.

Panhandle State University students Phyllis Arbogast, Forgan; Gayla Mull, Goodwell; and Jennifer Reynolds, Guymon; recently discussed their experiences as non-traditional students.

Arbogast, 41, is a junior biology major who plans to attend graduate school and become a veterinarian. She lives in Guymon during the week and spends weekends with her husband, Jim, and son, Levi, on a ranch 20 miles northeast of Forgan.

Like many others, she interrupted her education for marriage and life on a ranch in eastern Washington. The family had a successful operation raising sheep, grains and alfalfa for six years.

However, the eruption of Mount St. Helens caused a radical change in their lives. Ash from the volcano caused health problems for the family and animals, crop failures, and mechanical problems with equipment. Eventually they had to relocate and moved to Oklahoma.

Arbogast began her college career at Seward County Community College by commuting 102 miles daily. She said, "The hardest part was taking the first step. There was nobody pulling me. But, I wanted to be able to take care of myself."

"At first I was intimidated by the kids. After I got to know them, I found they are intimidated by the older students because they know what they want and set the curve."

According to Arbogast, the best thing about education is "the more challenging it is, the better I like it. I love to explore."

Gayla Mull, 34, is a music major who quit school after two semesters. "I didn't know what I wanted to do. I intended to work a year then go back," she said.

Mull is a widow with two children, Jimmy, 11, and Lindy, 8. "I came back because I wanted more options and a degree will give me that. If I was still married it probably wouldn't have occurred to me to go back but I'm the sole support of my family and I needed more."

"The most difficult part of being a student has been to organize my time more carefully and study after the kids are in bed," she continued.

Jennifer Reynolds, 33, married soon after graduation from high school. Over the next few years she and her husband, Robert, had four children, Selina, 11; Michael, 9; Kallie, 7; and Ben, 4.

Reynolds returned to PSU as a freshman elementary education major in the fall semester.

"I always wanted to go to college and never had the chance. The kids are all in school now and the time was right," she said.

"I was scared I couldn't do the work and wouldn't fit in. For two weeks before school started I was scared to death," she continued.

It's been great meeting all the different people and making new

friends. I've learned I can still function as an adult."

Asked about the hardest part of being a student in addition to family responsibilities, Reynolds said, "It's hard when the kids are sick and I have studying to do." She also finds it difficult to make time for church work and Girl Scouts.

Many persons have a desire to begin or continue university work but are reluctant because of poor grades in earlier years or concern about their ability to keep up with traditional students.

College officials note that the older non-traditional student has a much better idea of what he wants and greater commitment toward college work. After making the decision and sacrifices necessary, the older student generally feels a great deal of satisfaction.

Gayla Mull expressed the satisfaction by saying, "I'm not sorry. I'm enjoying everything and am totally content."

WTSU presents

Moliere's Tartuffe in theatre

The West Texas State University art, communication and theatre department will present Moliere's "Tartuffe" (pronounced tar-TOOF) Nov. 17-20 in the Branding Iron Theatre.

Performances on Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17-19 will begin at 8 p.m. The Sunday, Nov. 20 performance begins at 3 p.m.

Written during the reign of Louis XIV, the fast paced French comedy brings to stage the hypocrisy of Tartuffe, a church beggar who preaches piety and faith yet fails to live his own life according to his teachings.

The play is directed by Director of Theatre Royal R. Brantley with Pete Evans as assistant director and will feature a cast of 14 students: Lee Colette of Canyon; Tommy Cochran, Wellington; Kyle Wyatt, Canyon; Chris Bessett, El Paso; Daniel Harp, Canyon; Andy Nies, Fritch; Dean Birkes, Canyon;

Melissa Parks, El Paso; Stacy Bennett, Pampa; Amy Yonker, San Antonio; Marlisa Harris, Liberal, Kan.; Jayme Cotton, Dimmitt; Kim Wiecek, Canyon and Marj Ekleberry of Clarendon.

Tickets are available for \$5 to the general public and are free to WT students and faculty with ID. Reservations may be made by calling 656-2798 or 656-2804 the evening of a performance.

Commission accepting nominations

The Texas Historical Commission is accepting nominations for its third annual John and Joyce Karr Award, which recognizes outstanding independent school districts for successfully preserving or reusing their historic buildings.

The Karr Award is organized under the THC's Texas Award for the Preservation of Historic Architecture, and is sponsored by John and Joyce Karr of El Paso. The winning school district will receive a commemorative plaque and a \$500 cash award to be given to an architecture student of its choice.

The award will be presented at the THC's 1989 Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Dallas, April 27-29. Persons wishing to nominate a school district and project have until 5 p.m., Feb. 28, to submit applications. Nominations may be entered in the categories of architecture, craftsmanship, or research.

To receive nomination information and guidelines, contact the THC, Department of Architecture, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Tx 78711.

YOUR HEALTH ♦ YOUR MONEY ♦ YOUR JOB

By Dr. James Wei, President, Technological Research: The Benefits for Americans

American Institute of Chemical Engineers

A report recently released by the National Research Council may add up to good news for all Americans. The report, "Frontiers in Chemical Engineering," encourages technical innovations to enhance America's competitiveness in high technology, national well-being and economic security.

As a nation, we must do more to capitalize on advances in biotechnology, electronics, new materials, alternative energy sources and improvements in environmental protection, hazardous waste management and chemical safety. If we act soon, the future could hold such health and economic benefits for Americans as better artificial organs and tissue implants; strong, lightweight plastics for homes and industries; pollution-free factories; and ways to use fuels and mineral resources to make us more independent of foreign suppliers.

I was honored to serve as vice chairman of the committee which completed



The development of the kidney dialysis machine required a team effort between chemical engineers, physicians and material scientists.

this study. Our committee found that the areas studied by chemical engineers—the atomic and molecular levels—hold the key to technologies of the future.

In the report we urge universities to place greater emphasis on interdisciplinary research and to develop stronger ties with industrial firms. We also point out that the exchange of information and researchers between industry and academia, corporate grants to universities and cooperative research programs are essential in areas of national importance such as energy

and natural resource processing.

The report urges the federal government to continue its support for research and development. We believe that the emphasis on basic research will, in the long run, yield better technology and applications.

If you'd like more information on chemical engineers' role in technology development please write me at the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, 345 E. 47th St., New York, NY 10017.

Dr. Wei is Warren K. Lewis Professor and Head, Department of Chemical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

WTSU hosts carnival

The West Texas State Student Activities Council and the Mexican American Association will host a Jamaica (pronounced juh-MY-kuh) Mexican Carnival from 7:30 - 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 in the All-Purpose Room of the Activities Center.

Mexican food will be available, and student organizations will sponsor carnival games with a distinct Mexican flavor. Entertainment

will be provided by the dance group Folklorico de Amarillo.

There will be no cover charge to the carnival, however, minimal fees will be charged at the food and game booths.

"The carnival is an outreach program to the children of the community, an activity appropriate for returning students with families and a fun and different event for current WT students," Melanie Kritser, WT programming director and carnival organizer, said.

A dance, featuring a mixture of Spanish traditional and rock music, contemporary rock and country and western, will follow from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. in the Activities Center Ballroom.

For more information, call the Student Activities Council at 656-2328 or 656-2323.

You are cordially invited to a bridal shower honoring Janet Wygant, bride-elect of Rory Sheppard Saturday, November 19 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the home of Dennis Nelson located on the Gruver Highway Selections at ChALors & Sacks Given by Hostesses

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Sincerely,
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The Scientists Tell Me . . .

Environment and Genetics Are Important Factors in High-Profit Calf Production

By Marilyn Brown
TAES Science Writer

For most cattlemen, an efficient cow is thought of as one that produces —with minimum amounts of feed, labor, and time—a calf that brings maximum profit at market. While efficiency is most often associated with feed utilization, a closer look suggests that fertility may play the most important role of all.

J. W. Turner, S. A. L. E. Chair Professor of Animal Science with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, explains that the weight of a cow is a poor measure for making management decisions because condition, environment, and other influences affect body weight. After all, he says, it is the cow that must be managed, not simply a number of pounds.

What attributes, then, are required of an efficient cow? "First, and most important, the cow must be fertile and capable of reproducing on a 12-month interval given its natural environment and management," Turner says. "The ability to reproduce, or 'fitness', is directly related to how well the genetic capabilities of the cow match the producing environment. This also relates to a very low incidence of calving problems and to good survival rates and good care of newborn calves.

"Research repeatedly has shown that fertility traits are influenced more by environment than by genes. This means that cattle genetically capable of reproduction must be supplied the proper environment to maximize reproduction," according to Turner.

A second characteristic of an efficient cow is the genetic capability to

produce calves that can achieve acceptable growth and quality. Small cows lose advantage, Turner says, as larger cows pass greater growth potential to their calves. But smaller cows mated to large bulls result in hybrid progeny that benefit from hybrid growth advantages (hybrid vigor) and the additive inheritance of the large bull's frame size. The problem to consider in this approach is possible calving difficulty.

A third important trait for cow efficiency is the ability to supply a maternal environment that maximizes the calf's genetic potential. Milking, for example, is a genetic trait of the cow, yet it has an environmental effect on the calf.

"There is no question that milking ability is positively correlated with weaning weight," Turner says. "But cows milk to their genetic potential only when their nutritional needs are met. Underfed and fat cows are poor milkers."

While others may wish to add more traits for an efficient cow, the three mentioned are basically the most important, Turner says. An efficient cow reproduces regularly and has the genetic potential to produce progeny of acceptable growth and quality, and one that has sufficient maternal ability to maximize the lactating gains made by her calf.

To supply the optimal environment for efficient beef cows, cattlemen should consider the size of the individuals in the herd. They must plan to manage and feed cows of genetically different sizes and realize that net feed efficiency will differ. Small cows have lower nutrient requirements, and can

often be managed on less total feed per cow on a supplemental basis. On the other hand, a study conducted in 1971 showed that the greater salvage value of larger cows may offset the greater maintenance costs they carry.

"The real point to consider is the pound of product or value returned in reference to maintenance of breeding females," Turner says. While the industry standard for efficiency, the weaning ratio, is a measure of the pounds of calf per pound of cow, fertility needs to be added to the equation, Turner says. Efficiency should be measured in terms of the entire herd, by dividing the product of weaning percent and calf weaning weight by average cow size, he says.

A recent review of herd return found that smaller cows with lower milking ability are the cheapest in costs per head per year. The best way to use cows of this description is to select bulls and crossbreed to produce heavier market calves. Turner says. Maximum efficiency will come from matching the genetics in the cow with the natural environment. Crossbreeding in the cow and calf normally will provide the greatest opportunity for efficiency in beef production.

"Cow herd efficiency is best attained by the choice of breed and type of crossbred female used," Turner says. "Most beef producers will attempt to utilize cattle under natural range and pasture conditions and restrict supplemental feeding to an absolute minimum to control costs.

"The cow efficiency equation, then, is simply identifying the breeds and crosses that are most fit under those conditions and capable of producing calves that will grow competitively and produce carcasses of acceptable quality and yield of lean beef. The breed used and types of crossbreeds produced will likely differ widely over environments," the scientist says.

Editor's Note: Any question regarding this column should be addressed to Science Writer, Department of Agricultural Communications, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843.

J.P. Doodles



PSU distributes \$2 bills, shows economic impact

Have you seen a \$2 bill lately? If you have, chances are it originated at Panhandle State University.

The distribution of \$2 bills at PSU is part of a new awareness program to show the people of the panhandle the impact that PSU has on the area economy.

There are 159 full time faculty and staff on the PSU payroll receiving wages in excess of \$300,000 per month. Two hundred part time student employees receive \$30,000 a month and 30 retired former employees living in the panhandle, receive \$30,000 per month.

Panhandle State University's operational budget for this year is over five and a half million dollars.

In recent months, \$150,000 was spent by the university with area merchants not including monies spent by students and staff.

The university also has \$450,000 in reserve monies invested with local banks and savings and loans.

Over the last two years, PSU has spent almost \$1 million in capital expenditures.

In addition, the Marriott Corporation, PSU's food service contractor, has 12 full time employees with a payroll of over \$15,000. Their food and supplies are also purchased from area merchants.

Much of the money raised by the Panhandle State Foundation is invested in area banks and savings and loans. Donations received are invested and only the interest used to fund scholarships. Approximately \$150,000 in scholarships were given this year. The Foundation recently reached their first goal of \$2 million and the annual Foundation banquet held on Nov. 10 celebrated this great achievement.

PSU, with a student enrollment of 1,200, is the largest single

employer in the panhandle and probably making the largest impact. It is estimated that each PSU dollar is re-used over seven times. Therefore, if you see a \$2 bill in the near future, it probably came from PSU.

Dr. Larry Boyd, president of PSU, said, "We want to be good citizens and feel we are contributing to the area academically, culturally and economically. We are all proud to be a part of the community."

Boyd has been speaking, on this topic and others, at the local radio station, to Chambers of Commerce and other civic groups in the area.

You are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Jonathan Brynr Garnett son of Jon and Kelly Garnett Saturday Nov. 19 6-7:30 p.m. in the home of Eulalia Blankenship 1121 S. Bernice Given by Hostesses

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The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities and to accept the bid deemed to be the most advantageous to the City. All bids received after the above closing hour will be returned unopened.

Specifications and bidding documents may be secured from the office of the City Manager, P.O. Box 37, Spearman, Texas 79081. S01S and S02S

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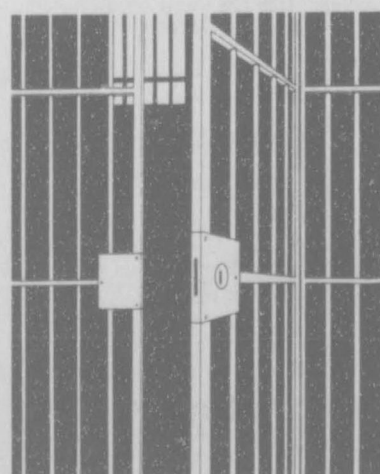
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Texans suffer health care deficiencies

A growing number of Texans are not receiving the care they need, while others are paying more for the care they get, according to a recent survey of Texas physicians. The threat of a lawsuit is causing some physicians to limit services to indigent patients, while rising medical liability premiums have increased fees to other patients, according to a recent statewide survey conducted for the Texas Medical Association.

"The medical liability situation continues to get worse for doctors and patients due to decisions by the Texas Supreme Court. Over and over, the court has expanded liability and invented new ways to recover damages, and this is hurting our patients," said Dr. Val F. Borum, TMA president.

Fear of a lawsuit has led 10 percent of all physicians responding to the survey and 21 percent of obstetricians/gynecologists (OBGs) to limit services to indigent patients. At the same time, 7 out of ten physicians have increased diagnostic testing and four out of ten have increased hospitalizations due to the threat of a lawsuit or claim.

The high cost of medical liability insurance has forced 37 percent of physicians to limit or eliminate certain services, according to the survey of 1,600 doctors conducted by Opinion Analysts, Inc., Austin. Most dramatic, 45 percent of family doctors have stopped delivering babies and nearly a third of emergency physicians have limited emergency room procedures.

Physicians responding to the survey said many medical services now limited or eliminated could be restored if reasonable limits were set on their liability. Forty-two percent claimed they are either very likely or somewhat likely to increase their availability to treat indigent patients if they had limits on liability or state indemnity.

Water commission says groundwater is good

While there may be some scattered problems with water quality in Texas, overall groundwater quality is generally good, according to an official with the Texas Water Commission.

Bill Klemt of Austin addressed the issue of groundwater quality at the recent Water for Texas Conference at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center here. One of numerous hosts of the conference was the Texas Water Resources Institute at Texas A&M University, a unit of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Klemt said that while groundwater quality is generally good, localized areas have been impacted by a number of factors. One is excessive withdrawals of groundwater that has resulted in salt water encroachment, subsidence and fault activation.

Another problem, said the water official, is contamination from non-

said they would deliver more babies if this provision was changed.

More than a fourth of the respondents who deliver babies said they would deliver more babies if their liability exposure was limited to eight years from the present 20. Thirty-eight percent of the OBGs

Besides making health care services less accessible to Texans, the medical liability crisis is affecting what they pay for their care. Respondents estimated that nearly 15 percent of the average patient bill is due to defensive medicine, the practice of ordering extra tests, consultations, and hospitalizations for additional protection in the event of a lawsuit.

Texas physicians are paying anywhere from 37 to 117 percent more for professional liability insurance in 1988 over 1986 rates, according to the survey. Slightly more than half of those responding said they would need to raise their fees to patients not covered by Medicare or Medicaid if there is an increase in professional liability insurance premiums.

Ironically, the most highly trained physician specialists are most often sued. These include most surgeons, such as neurosurgeons and orthopedic, general, and specialized surgeons, as well as physicians in emergency medicine. "Most often it's not the bad doctor who gets sued. Many highly trained specialists perform the most high-risk procedures," said Dr. Borum, an anesthesiologist from Fort Worth.

Liability insurance premiums were increased in nine percent of the suits or claims mentioned by doctors in the study. However, policies were ended in another seven percent and in two percent insurance companies limited the amount of coverage available.

point sources such as septic tanks, abandoned wells, improperly constructed water wells and agricultural chemicals.

Noncompliant waste disposal activities are another source of groundwater contamination, he said.

"These factors have caused pockets of pollution immediately around the source, but there are no statewide or aquiferwide water quality problems," Klemt said.

He said that the state's aquifers may be contaminated from either manmade or natural resources. Factors influencing contaminating from manmade sources include population density, industrial development, agricultural development, water well completion practices and abandoned wells.

Aquifer contamination from natural sources is affected by water quality zones within the aquifer, water quality differences between an aquifer and adjacent formations, water well construction practices, and rock or sediment types that make up an aquifer, Klemt said.

Because of the availability of good quality water, Texans used about 11 million acre-feet of groundwater in 1980, he said. More than 80 percent of this was for irrigation, with the remainder going for public supplies, rural and domestic consumption, rural livestock, and electric utility and other industrial uses.

About half of the state's municipal water is obtained from groundwater sources, Klemt said.

"Because the state's groundwater resources are finite and, in many cases, easily contaminated, it's important that Texans become aware of these resources and decide how they ought to be managed and protected in the future," Klemt said. "Everyone should support the efficient use, sound management and protection of the state's groundwater resources."

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Among the Neighbors Poll shows Texans satisfied with doctors

by Helen Fisher

Spearman is becoming well-known in the art milieu for the painting of Karen Reimer.

She entered paintings in a juried show at Pampa Area Art League Show on Nov. 5, and received a first and third place in the watercolor division.

The first place painting was a hummingbird in a cluster of flower blossoms. The third place was taken from a patio scene of pots and flowers that she had sketched while in Taos last summer.

These paintings were prominently displayed in Pampa for a week at the National Bank of Commerce.

Karen is now preparing for the Satellite Show to be held in Perryton Nov. 19-20. This year her new project will be the painting of an original watercolor for each month of the year for 1989 calendar which can be matted and framed. There will be a limited number of these calendars available for the public. Karen expressed the hope that her friends and fellow-art lovers would stop by to see her at the Perryton show.

The semi-annual party for the Northern Natural Gas Company Retirees was held on Nov. 5 at the hospitality room of the First State Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Delk and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graham were co-hosts.

The ladies of the Assembly of God served their usual delicious dinner and decorated the tables with fall flowers.

Table games and fellowship were shared by the following 24-in addition to the host couples-Mr. and Mrs. Porky Holland, Granville Boyd, Johnny White, Don Jones, Harry Stumpf, Norman Brack, Johnny Wagner, Mrs. Vera Maupin, Billy Jr. Grayson and Condee Allison of near Houston and Pete Meads of Kerrville.

Elsewhere in this issue is a report of the Texas Municipality Conference held in Dallas part of last week.

While the officials were attending the conference sessions and seminars, which they report to have been most informative, practical and beneficial, the ladies engaged in less serious activities. They enjoyed some tours of Dallas and the area, other sight-seeing and some shopping.

The entire group were entertained Friday evening with a dinner-dance at the famed South Fork Ranch-but didn't meet J.R.!

Those attending from Spearman were Mayor Bob Pearson, Manager Jim Murray, Councilmen Mike Cudd, Bob Boxwell, Don Reed, Wilson McClellan, Burl Buchanan and their wives.

The many friends of Ora Sanders are pleased that she is recovering from a recent illness and has decided to stay at Hansford Manor for a time. She is very complimentary concerning the care and consideration shown her by the staff and is enjoying the company of old friends who are residents of the manor. She is able to participate in many of the activities available at the Manor.

Mrs. Ernestine Gray returned Wednesday from several days away from Spearman. She was a guest of her daughter and grandson at Tulia. She then drove to Dumas for a pleasant stay with her son and his family.

Lucile Allen underwent cataract surgery in Pampa on Tuesday. She is making rapid recovery at home.

Penny Thomas spent several days last week at Houston visiting her daughter, Jamie Shope. She was accompanied by another daughter, Terry Thomas of Perryton.

During their stay they enjoyed attending Texas Renaissance Festival, advertised as a carousel of 16th century events and dress, with authentic costumes, jousting and other historical depictions.

The Tuesday morning edition of the *Amarillo News Globe* carried a picture of the pretty Rajan Martin Trafton. She is associated with the Christmas round-up show and sale to be held at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Rufus Combs of Madison, Ind., made himself available for babysitting several days last week in the Bob and Candy Boxwell home. He is the grandfather of Erin and Regan and they thought they had more fun than their parents in Dallas.

Texans are much more satisfied with visits to their doctor than they were in 1982, including the cost of their care. Yet across the state cost is seen as health care's main problem.

In a recent statewide poll conducted for the Texas Medical Association, more than half the respondents mentioned high hospital, insurance, medication, and physician costs as well as problems paying for health care. Only nine percent blame physicians for higher health care costs. The public ascribes the single biggest source of high costs primarily to insurance companies, then to hospitals, and next to drugs and advanced technology.

The public noted an improvement in interactions with physicians and office staff, including waiting time, setting of appointments, billing, and medical care and advice. This is TMA's third public opinion survey in seven years and provides a basis for trends in Texans' perception of health care.

The majority of respondents believe physicians are more concerned with the well-being of their patients than with making money, and 80 percent claimed physicians are well trained.

Three fourths of Texans report they have a personal physician and 92 percent of those have seen their doctor 11 or more times in the past year. Of the 24 percent who claim not to have a personal physician, slightly more than one-fourth said they were unable to get needed medical care in the past year, and the greatest percentage, slightly more than a third, have a family income of less than \$10,000.

One in five individuals without a personal doctor obtains care in hospital emergency rooms and a fourth use hospital outpatient clinics.

On the issue of how medical bills are paid, nearly half said health insurance, a third said their own pocket, 11 percent mentioned Medicare or Medicaid, and 6

percent said a Health Maintenance Organization. Those paying most medical bills themselves more likely were unable to obtain needed medical care in the last year and are aged 18 to 24, have less than a high school education, are unemployed, earn less than \$10,000 annually, and are black or hispanic.

A majority of Texans found their personal physician through a friend or relative or always have had a doctor. This finding was true in the 1982 survey as well. By contrast, Lone Star residents are even less likely than they were in 1982 to use a physician who advertises. This sentiment is most pronounced among the elderly and women based in the home.

Texas has about the right amount of doctors according to half the respondents. Although persons unable to obtain care in the last year claimed there is a shortage of physicians, as did 37 percent of hispanics respondents.

More than half of the respondents believe present state malpractice laws are causing them major problems and that these laws should be changed. They also favor a variety of reforms including paying awards over a period of time rather than in a lump sum and providing legal protection to physicians who treat the poor free of charge or for a less than normal fee. Forty-three percent also are aware that some medical services are becoming scarce due to increasing liability insurance premiums for physicians, particularly obstetrical care. The survey of 800 Texans aged 18 and over was conducted by The Gallup Organization, Houston.

TMA is a professional organization with more than 28,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 116 component county medical societies statewide. The goal of TMA is to improve the health of Texans through the professional and personal development of its members.

Club News

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Board

Another group of dedicated people who donate their time to the library is the Library Board of Directors. Hansford County Library is a Non-Profit Corporation, and the Library Board is a governing board. Current members of the board are: Chairman, Mrs. J.R. Stump, Vice-Chairman, Mary Alice Gibner, Treasurer, J.L. Brock, Secretary, Frances Kilgore, Athlit Traylor, James Cunningham, Marsha Murphy, and Myrna Biggers.

Marjorie Curtis represents our library as Lay Representative to the Texas Panhandle Library System, and Myrna Biggers is Alternate Lay Rep. Mrs. Curtis is also currently serving as an elected member of the Advisory Council of the Texas Panhandle Library System, so our library is well-represented within our regional system, which is one of ten library systems in the state of Texas.

New Books

Here are just a few of the new books at the library: *Sands of Time* by Sidney Sheldon, *Anything For Billy* by Larry McMurtry, *Prime-time* by Joan Collins, *Cardinal of the Kremlin* by Tom Clancy, *Koko*, by Peter Straub, *Surviving the Great Depression of 1990* by Batra, *All the President's Ladies* by Hay, *Essential Guide to Wills, Estates, Trusts and Death Taxes*, *Vital Records Handbook*, *Texas High Sheriffs*, *Crazy Horse*, *His Life His Lands*, and *The Boz*.

The Library also has a new selection of Talking Books (books on cassette tape) available. The current group is comprised of 36 titles on both adult and children's levels, and includes a good variety of fiction and non-fiction.

Rainbows & Ranglers

Rainbows & Ranglers Square Dance Club held its monthly Plus Dance Thursday, Nov. 10 in the County Barn. Five squares were lead by the calling of Murray Beasley. They were also served refreshments.

Line dancing and the all so familiar two-step was done by all between tips. Visitors from Perryton were June Kindy, Jack Clark, Carolyn Baker, Margaret Sweeney, Billy and Nora Johnson, and Violet Helker;

From Gruver were Howard and Nancy Barkley; from Booker were Clyde and Jo Ann Bechtold, and Ed and Lois Merydith; from Liberal were Don and Carol Gillespie, Alie and Fay Gokeman, Marvin Buck, and Gayle Fuller;

From Borger were Morris and Ada Creel, C.A. and Wilda Brown, and Shorty and Leola Albert; from Goodwell were Lester and Peggy Miller.

Members present were Wanda Archer, Cecil and Myrna Biggers, Becky Byers, Benny Byers, Danny and Debbie Herrington, Sonny and Marlane Nollner, Richard and Melba Olsen, and Delbert and Louise Timmons.

The next dance will be a Mainstream dance on Thursday, Nov. 17, with Curtis Sarah calling. The public is invited.

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Q. I recently ate some bad chorizo at a Mexican restaurant. I got food poisoning and incurred some medical expenses. I went to the restaurant and asked them to pay my medical bills of \$70 but they refused. Is there any way I can make them pay this bill?

A. It would probably cost you more than \$70 to sue the restaurant. It might also be difficult to prove it was that food, specifically, rather than something else that made you ill. Perhaps the best approach would be to contact both the state health department and the consumer protection division of the State Attorney General's Office. Each of these agencies monitors possible health violations and perhaps could close the restaurant until sanitary practices are corrected.

Q. Several years ago I sold some lots to a man who has been paying me with some bad checks. He has also fallen several months behind in his payments. Do you have any advice for me?

A. You must ask your attorney to examine the documents that were signed at the sale. The attorney will read the terms of the note to see what the seller owes. The Deed of Trust given at the same time contains the penalties. If your only recourse is foreclosure, you will want a real estate attorney to take you through the steps to reclaim your land.

Q. If I drink at an office party and have a wreck on the way home that results in a DWI, is my employer in any way obligated for my actions?

A. Although it depends on the circumstances of each case, it is very possible for an employer to be held liable to persons who are injured by the reckless conduct of any employee. The duty of an employer for exercising control over an intoxicated employee is to take such action as a reasonably prudent employer would take under the same or similar circumstances to prevent the employee from causing an unreasonable risk of harm to others. Consequently, your employer could be held liable to other persons injured in your wreck if the jury found that he failed to act as a reasonable and prudent employer to prevent you from driving yourself home while intoxicated.

Q. What is meant by the term "mental anguish"?

A. Mental anguish is a term frequently used in personal injury cases. The term implies a relatively high degree of mental pain and distress. It is more than mere disappointment, anger, resentment or embarrassment, although it may include all of these. It includes a mental sensation of pain resulting from such emotions as grief, severe disappointment, indignation, wounded pride, shame, despair, and/or public humiliation. A person who suffers mental anguish as a result of physical injuries is entitled to receive money damages to compensate him from the person responsible for causing the injuries.

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