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BY WENDELL FAUGHT

Reporting on servicemen celebrating Christmas in the Saudi desert, the story said a marine officer "hung stockings on the dashboard of his HMMWV (High Mobility, Multiple-purpose Wheeled Vehicle).

An HMMWV? That's what the military used to call a jeep.

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Supporters of Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) point out that public television is still free.

That's right, if you overlook the fact that Uncle Sam pours \$200 million a year into the program.

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Young Americans are conservative and pessimistic if we are to believe a just-released national poll.

According to the poll of Americans aged 16 to 24:

•77 percent favor the death penalty.

•70 percent feel the world was a better place when their parents were their age.

•56 percent feel the world will be worse place for their children.

•64 percent feel that records should carry warning labels about explicit lyrics.

•24 percent list Donald Trump as their most admired business figure.

•19 percent are very familiar with the term "glasnost."

•Spend 21.4 hours a week listening to music.

•Spend 11.5 hours per week studying.

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Ready to make your New Year's resolutions?

If so, get your notebook ready.

A notebook can be your best friend in seeing to it that this year's resolutions are kept, says Dr. Francis J. Pirozzolo, a neuropsychologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Pirozzolo says that changing things about ourselves—whether it is losing weight, quitting smoking, starting an exercise program—is more easily accomplished with a well-defined, four-part plan.

That's where the notebook fits in.

First, give careful thought to your goal. If it is losing weight, exactly how many pounds and in how much time? If it is quitting smoking, by what date will you have quit or at least cut down on the number of cigarettes?

Be specific. Write it down.

Second, set realistic, attainable goals. Trying to lose 20 pounds in two weeks or quit smoking in one day is an unrealistic goal that guarantees failure.

Third, keep a written record of your progress.

"I try to encourage people to think about what causes them to fall into the behaviors they want to change," he said.

"The cause can often be anxiety or a low-mood state. You need to know what triggers your eating or what prompts you to reach for a cigarette," said Pirozzolo, an associate professor of neurology at Baylor.

Every time you eat or light up, record your emotional state at the time, who you were with and what was going on around you.

After a few days, look at your notes and search for patterns that seem to trigger eating or smoking.

Record how you are progressing toward your goals. Share it with friends and relatives so they can encourage you.

And, fourth, maintain a positive attitude that focuses on your successes rather than failures.

If you eat a cookie or two or if you smoke one more cigarette than you had planned, do not berate yourself. Rather, think of it as a reminder that you must strengthen your resolve.

"If you fall off the horse, get right back on," Pirozzolo says.

And keep that notebook handy.

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Stolen: Personal debt has given America three different classes of people: The Haves, the Have-Nots, and the Haven't Paid For What They Haves.

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Silence is never more golden than when you hold it long enough to get all the facts.

Happy New Year & Many Happy Returns

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Large harvest predicted

A cantankerous growing season, which had Texas cotton farmers seeing red and feeling blue, has confounded the experts by turning into field of white that promise some of the lushest "green" returns in many a year.

"We're gonna come out of this with a heck of a crop," said Dr. Carl Anderson of Texas A&M University. "I expect it'll be well beyond 4.7 million bales for the year." Anderson is a cotton marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A crop of that size would have a cash value of some \$1.35 billion with cotton currently selling for about 60 cents a pound.

Anderson said some 5 million acres of cotton are being harvested in Texas this year, despite losses of hundreds of thousands of acres during the growing season. Last year only 3.8 million acres were harvested, with a yield of 3 million bales.

Three months ago, prospects looked dim as the cotton harvest was concluding in the Coastal Bend area in South Texas, and the major production areas of West Texas were at a critical stage of boll development. Farmers and agricultural scientists were predicting a harvest of less than 4 million bales.

In a 25-county area around Lubbock, which annually provides half the state's yield, experts at one point predicted only 2.25 million bales from 3.2 million planted acres. In that area alone, 600,000 acres were abandoned because of drought, hail and other bad weather. Thousands of acres in other parts of the state also failed to survive the rigorous weather.

Irrigated fields were beginning to suffer stress as farmers struggled to put enough water on the crop to reach harvest.

Then, in October, growing conditions in West Texas improved and the crop there had a chance to recover, said Dr. James R. Supak, Extension Service cotton agronomist at Lubbock. A crop-killing freeze in the area didn't occur until mid-November, allowing time for late bolls to make lint.

Now, South Plains production is expected to exceed the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture projection of 2.6 million bales.

Anderson said the bumper crop, despite all the setbacks, resulted from the increase this year in planted acres and a higher average yield of lint on the acres that survived to harvest. Changes in federal farm policy had reduced from 25 percent to 12.5 percent the number of acres a farmer had to keep out of production.

With this year's harvest almost complete, yields were averaging 455 pounds of lint an acre, compared to only 376 pounds an acre in 1989.

"But the increased production will cause a weakened price to producers," Anderson cautioned.

"The disappointing thing," said Spencer Tanksley, Bailey County agent with the Extension Service, "is that the person who lost his crop has nothing." Several farmers sin his and surrounding counties are in that position, as are many across the state.

Bailey County has harvested only 61,000 of its 96,000 acres of cotton this year. Those who made a crop are averaging 600 pounds of lint to the acre and about 700 pounds of seed for each bale of lint. Seed brings \$130 a ton.

Deadlines

Deadlines for all ads and news for next week's issue of The Free Press (Jan. 3 issue) will be noon Monday, Dec. 31.
The Free Press will be closed Tuesday, Jan. 1

Alzheimers

The Haskell County Alzheimer's support group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday (Dec. 27) in the First National Bank conference room.
Everyone who has a relative with Alzheimer's or related diseases, as well as other interested persons, are invited to attend.

On The Home Front

Susan Baker

Taking Flight

"Don't swing so high!"
"Not so fast!"
"Not so hard!"

These are the phrases I find myself screaming as autumn paints the land.

Our 3-year-old daughter has decided, literally, to spread her wings. The child is fearless. No swing goes fast enough, no sliding board reaches high enough to satisfy her sudden thirst for ... danger? Adventure?

She cannot be trusted five minutes alone on her backyard swing set.



Left unattended, she goes higher and higher, until her toes almost touch the lower branches of the adjacent redbud.

The first time it happened, I screamed, "Emily, you'll fall!"

"No, I won't, Mommy," she shrieked, going ever higher. Convinced of her immortality, she laughed at my silly fears.

This is not a new phenomenon. Once, when she could barely walk, she managed

to climb up four feet or so to the top of a mountain of pillows her big sister had built. I watched helplessly, too far away to catch her, as she tumbled off the other side, did a flip in midair and came up laughing, ready to try again.

I feared for her — and worried about my own response.

On my bathroom wall is a small plaque that proclaims: "There are only two lasting bequests we can give our children. One is roots; the other is wings."

What a wonderful sentiment, I thought, as I watched my tiny baby sleeping peacefully — and safely — in her bassinet.

When I thought then of wings, I envisioned Emily growing up secure yet free, ready, one day, to leave the nest and soar over all the obstacles in her path.

Now, I have nightmares about hang gliding.

Still, each time I tell her not to swing so high, I feel as if I'm saying, "Don't reach for that star; it's too dangerous."

I worry that my efforts to keep her out of casts or traction will somehow stifle her willingness to take chances, to climb every mountain.

Am I already clipping her wings?

Today it's the tallest tree, the fastest merry-go-round.

What about tomorrow? I do not expect this element of her nature to change when she's 16.

I guess it is a parent's plight to reconcile these clashes, to find a delicate balance between freedom and foolishness.

I wonder where I can find a giant foam-rubber pad to fit under the swing. **lil**

Susan Baker is a writer who lives in Kentucky with her husband and daughters.

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Every dog has its day

(Reprinted from the Nov. 18 issue of the Dallas Times Herald.)

By Mark McDonald

Roy Don Wilson can't remember when he got his first dog. He just always had one. Or 10.

"I grew up out here in West Texas and we always kept dogs for hunting," Wilson said. "We had a pen full of greyhounds for running coyotes out in this big country, and my father (Lee Roy) tells me that when I was just a little guy, I used to take naps with the dogs. I'd lie down and use the greyhounds for pillows."

Given his childhood, and the fact he serves as dog handler and quail hunting guide on the Krokod River Ranch near Haskell, forgive Wilson if he sounds indecisive about which breed of dog is best for working those rugged breaks of the Clear Fork of the Brazos. It's just that he plays no favorites.

Pointers? Brittany spaniels? German shorthairs? English setters? Unlike most serious bird hunters, Wilson savors all flavors.

"I know everybody has a soft spot for one breed or another," Wilson said. "But I like to complement one with another."

Just so he can be the diplomat in those windy debates around camp? Not quite.

"Say you've got a big-running pointer out there working a lot of ground for you," Wilson said. "I like to back up that dog with a Brittany or a setter that works in closer to the hunter. Long and short."

"I feel like that gives me better (field) coverage that way. It also gives me more noses looking for birds that have been hit."

Indeed, from now through the end of February when quail season ends, Wilson will hunt two to four days a week, constantly shuffling a stable of 13 pointing dogs in a hunting schedule intended to keep each hound fit, disciplined, game-sharp but well-rested. Between hunts, he trains four new pups that will take their place in the rotation.

"We go through about 500 pounds of feed a month," Wilson said. "But when the season opens, a dog gets double rations on the day it hunts. These days, we're going through 700-750 pounds of feed a month."

Who's to argue? If last Thursday's hunt is an indication, Wilson is doing a lot of things right.

On a warm, gusty, overcast morning when most hounds would have trouble smelling each other's beer breath, Wilson and Old Flatlander here enjoyed some excellent dog work. There is a special joy that comes from watching a pointer bounding across the countryside, tongue out, tail up, smiling from floppy ear to floppy ear as it searches for sign of quail.

Despite the poor scenting conditions, the dogs, used in sets of

three—one pointer, one Brittany and one setter or shorthair—found eight coveys of birds. Thus, in this habitat north of Abilene at least, you can dismiss those bleak reports coming from Texas Parks and Wildlife headquarters about a bad quail crop. Three hours: 23 bobwhites, thanks mostly to the marksmanship of Wilson, whose 20-gauge seems to carry custom-made shells loaded with heat-seeking pellets. Happily, coveys were numerous, and each held 12 to 30 birds.

One covey, in particular, stands out.

Wilson made his way through a stand of mesquite and oak to find one of his setters locked in a rigid point. You could have hung laundry on its tail.

"Woa!" Wilson barked, causing an incoming pointer to freeze on skidding paws. The classic "honor" point or "back."

Just then, a nearby bush exploded with the sound—whrrrrr—that both startles and stirs quail

hunters everywhere.

Birds in the air. First, six or eight poured out, crossing Wilson left to right. As he swung to try that challenge, a dozen more burst out straight ahead, riding the southwest wind.

Then, just as Flatlander cleared himself for a shot, a dozen more bobs boiled out, at first reluctant to leave, then suddenly embracing the idea.

Your puffy-chested correspondent here, fresh off a nifty double on the last covey rise, shouldered his trusty Remington 1100, swung confidently on a departing brown blur, then picked out a patch of West Texas sky and filled it with size eight shot.

Wilson's dogs, trying to overlook the human element, bounded off to look for more birds to miss.

(Roy Don Wilson lives in the Paint Creek area with his wife, Patti, and their son, Lee Taylor. His parents are Lee Roy and Frances Wilson of Rule.)

Ruby Red grapefruit is coming to an end

A 60-year tradition has ended in Texas with last year's bone-chilling December in the Rio Grande Valley.

Citrus growers aren't replanting the Ruby Red grapefruit, long considered a staple of Texas winter diets. The late-December freeze last year killed Ruby Red trees by the thousands as it made mush of oranges and grapefruit ready for harvest.

"Not very many Rubys are being planted anymore, which I guess is the end of an era," said Dr. Richard Kensz of Weslaco, director of the Texas A&I Citrus Center.

The Ruby Red, discovered in the late 1920s in the Texas valley, differed from previous varieties in that it was seedless, had pink meat and a blush to its peel. Earlier marketed varieties had a white, or yellow, peel, Hensz said.

After the freeze in 1983, farmers began replacing the Ruby Red with two other varieties—the Star Ruby and Rio Red—but their numbers were not nearly as great.

"There were more Ruby Reds, as

far as acreage, in orchards than anything else going into 1989," Hensz said. "Most of them were older trees that had survived the 1983 freeze, but most of these were killed in 1989. There are very few Ruby Red orchards left in the valley."

-BIRTHS-

Mr. and Mrs. Pherl Brossman of Houston announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Tymprany Brossman, born Dec. 12 in Houston. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. She has a brother, Lawford, 4.

Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Bill Kemp of Haskell and Mr. and Mrs. Duke Brossman of Seguin.

Check appliance warranty

By Lou Gilly
County Extension Agent
Home Economics

Third and final in a series
When you buy an appliance, you're also paying for a warranty. But unfortunately, many people never bother to check the warranty before they buy.

All consumer products are now governed by a federal law requiring warranties to mean what they say and say what they mean. The law does not require a manufacturer to provide a warranty, but if one is given, it must meet the standards for either a full or limited warranty.

A full warranty assures that a defective product will be repaired or replaced free within a reasonable amount of time. It is good for anyone owning the product, and the consumer does not have to return a warranty card to be protected.

With a limited warranty, a consumer may have to pay for labor, reinstallation or other charges. The consumer may also be required to return or take the product to a service location and to receive a pro-rata refund or credit if the appliance cannot be repaired.

A limited warranty does not mean that the product is inferior. It will not work as promised. "Limited" simply means that only part of the product is covered by the warranty, that the warranty covers the cost of repair parts alone, or that the warranty only lasts for a certain length of time.

I recommend that consumers maintain a file on their appliances with the purchase dates, warranties, use and care booklets, repair bills, service locations and other necessary information.

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Youth and patriotism

By Keith Geiger

All of us have witnessed, during the last 18 months, a massive reshaping of the political landscape. We have seen the rebirth of democracy in Russia, eastern Europe and (if only briefly) China.

This miracle served notice that the passion for liberty survives all over the world. It also served notice that America---despite limitations and imperfections---remains the envy of all who seek a future more free and more just.

The brave students who gathered in China's Tiananman Square would not dispute these statements. Nor would the students in East Berlin or Budapest or Gdansk.

But what of students returning to school this fall in Boston and Seattle and Phoenix? Do they understand. I fear they may not.

They may not understand the challenges before them because they do not understand the legacy behind them. Because too many of them do not know what the philosopher Mortimer Adler has termed the "American Testament"---the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Gettysburg Address---they may not understand the enduring impact of these documents.

They may not understand that the heroic efforts to loosen the shackles of Communist rule are nothing less than attempts to recreate the miracle we call America.

We must remedy this situation. And I'm sure we can. But if we are to meet this challenge, all Americans---not just we who devote our lives to educating our young people---must become teachers. All Americans must take to heart Thomas Jefferson's message that "education is the anvil on which democracy is forged."

We can begin by re-introducing our students to their heritage and thereby re-introducing them to patriotism. Not to the patriotism expressed in glib slogans, but to the patriotism expressed in accepting the responsibility to preserve the best of America's yesterday as the rock-solid foundation of America's tomorrow.

Our students must understand that it is the responsibility of every citizen---not just those who take an oath of office---to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution.

America's young people are fortunate: their nation, unlike the

Soviet Union, does not need perestroika. Their nation (and it is theirs more than ours) needs to nurture, not renounce, its heritage. Their nation needs the best of its past.

Today's students, the guardians of our tomorrows, do not need to rebuild the American dream. They need to discover the American dream---and then remain true to that dream.

(Keith Geiger is president of the National Education Association.)

License testing underway

The Texas Department of Public Safety began uniform testing for all currently licensed commercial drivers and bus drivers on Sept. 17.

All commercial motorists who drive vehicles in excess of 26,000 pounds or transport hazardous materials that require the vehicle to be placarded are required to have a commercial drivers license (CDL) by April 1, 1992. Bus drivers, including school bus and church bus drivers, who drive buses designed to carry 16 or more passengers, including the driver, also will be required to obtain CDLs by the same date.

Exempt from the CDL requirements are farmers, when they are driving within 150 miles of their farms, military personnel, recreational vehicle operators and firefighters when operating fire-fighting vehicles or equipment.

Commercial drivers who must carry the new CDLs cannot renew their current licenses due to expire between Sept. 17, 1990, and April 1, 1992. They should plan to visit the DPS driver license offices for CDL testing at least one month before the expiration date.

To ensure that all commercial drivers in Texas who must have the CDLs obtain them in time to avoid penalties, the DPS troopers are urging them to visit the driver license offices as soon as they have studied the CDL handbook.

CDL license fee is \$40, less \$4 for each year of validity remaining on a current Texas driver license. Free CDL handbooks are available at all of the offices.

J.P. Doodles



--From Out of the Past-- From the Files of The Haskell Free Press

20 Years Ago
Dec. 31, 1970

The Abilene Reporter-News named Sonny Everett, Haskell High School head coach, as coach of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Livengood were in Fort Bliss to spend Christmas with their son, Major Sandy E. Livengood, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Coston and girls of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. James Norman and children of Sugarland all visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Norman through the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell and Karen of Haskell visited Christmas and through the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Rawls and Jimmy and other members of Kenneth's family in Odessa.

30 Years Ago
Dec. 29, 1960

Dr. Madison Woodson Rogers, 88, practicing physician in Rule for more than half a century, died at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday at the Haskell County Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie David and little daughter, Camille, of Midland spent the Christmas holidays here in the home of Mrs. David's mother, Mrs. S. Hassen and Raja Hassen, brother of Mrs. David.

Bobby Lusk, who is attending Texas Tech, was at home for the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lusk.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Rike had as guests in their home for the Christmas holidays, their two children, John S. Jr., a student in Texas Tech, and Mrs. Richard Winstead, Mr. Winstead and their son, Stevie, of Port Arthur.

Carol Jircik has been elected "Miss Front Page, 1960-61" of The War Whoop, Haskell High School student newspaper.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Frierson and children, Shannon, Cynthia and John of Sugarland, were visitors the first of the week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Coburn and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kemp spent the Christmas holidays in Houston, visiting in the home of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Marion Kemp and little daughter Kerry.

Mrs. Wayne Pheister of Haskell was the luckiest shopper Saturday and won the jackpot award in the Christmas program sponsored by Haskell merchants.

50 Years Ago
Dec. 20, 1940

Burton-Dotson Chevrolet Co. moved this week to its modern new building which has just been completed. It is located across the street from the company's former location in the Shook Building one block west of the square.

Margaret Breedlove and Elise Henson, students in Texas Wesleyan College at Fort Worth, are at home for the Christmas holidays.

Haskell Cub Scouts met at the home of their den mother, Mrs. Carl Power, Dec. 6. The afternoon was spent in making Christmas gifts for their parents. Cubs present were Lamoine Ivy, Ervin Frierson, Raja Hassen, Billy Bob Welsh, Robert Leo and Billy Duncan, Bobby Kirkpatrick, Billy Stevenson, Charles Crandall, Billy Ray Lusk, Rex and Glenn Power.

60 Years Ago
Dec. 30, 1930

A large crowd of fans turned out for the charity football game between the Haskell Indians and All Stars last Thursday afternoon, won by the Indians, 6-0. Those playing on the All Star team were Clay Smith, Barton Welsh, Virgil Reynolds, Gene Overton, Bob Whitman, D. H. Persons, Jack Richey, Leon Pearsey, Travis Everett, Jack Bettis, Clarence Whiteker, Bailey Taylor, Con Henshaw, Chick Henshaw, Claud Phippen, Raul English, Eugene English, Lloyd Campbell, Lewis Sherman and David Smith.

Mary Kaigler: From the Inside Out

"Tell me a Christmas story, Grampa," she said, smoothing Barbie's cloud of platinum curls before putting the glamorous doll to bed in the new plastic town house.

"Well," the old man smiled, as he laid aside the newspaper. "How about the one about the reindeer on the first Christmas?"

"Oh Grampa, I've heard that one. I don't want to hear about Rudolph again. Tell me a new story." She knew that her Grampa would lean back and close his eyes for a moment as if searching through his memory for just the right story and then, nodding his head, satisfied that he'd found it, he'd clear his throat and begin.

"Once upon a mighty long time ago---about two thousand years, to be exact---there was this Maker and Giver of good gifts. He had already made and given to his children everything in the world. But, he saw that many of them weren't happy with it and with each other. They were troubled by discontent, and they didn't get along well together; fussing and even fighting among themselves over the good gifts---wasting and ruining them.

"Because he loved his children so much, he decided to send them something different; the greatest gift that could ever be given, to show them a better way to live and how to love one another.

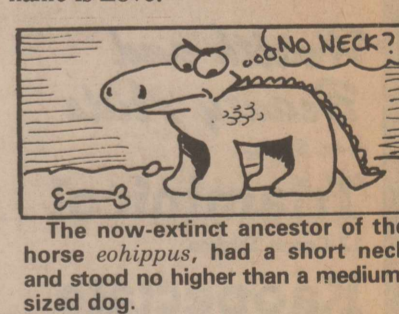
"When everything was ready, he called in his heavenly messengers to help deliver the gift. No, this wasn't Rudolph that the Giver sent with this gift to the earthly children. He sent Ray of Sunshine (who pranced and danced around so much that they could hardly get him harnessed up), and then came Tidings of Comfort and Joy (who couldn't wait to get to tell about it). After these two came Hope of Earth (who looked so calm and serene), and finally, in the lead spot, was Star of Bethlehem.

"Star was brilliant and he outdid himself that night. It was all that both old Ray and Tidings could do to keep up with him. He never did miss a wink or blink all night. Even after they helped deliver the tiny package, he kept on hovering and shining over it so that the Giver's earthly children could find the gift in the dark.

"The gift? Why, it was a baby prince, named Prince of Peace, who would grow up to bring that peace to all of the people of earth, and to show them how to live happily in the ever-after."

Snuggling up close to her Grampa's chest, feeling the warmth and comfort of the thumping heat of his ancient heart, she said, "Oh, Grampa, I wish I were as old as you are so I could have known the Maker and Giver. I don't even know what his name is."

Looking down into the blue-eyed, trusting, ageless innocence, her Grampa half whispered, "Ah, but Sugar, you do know him. His name is Love."



AT ISSUE

Use of Force in the Persian Gulf?

Richard N. Perle served as U.S. assistant secretary of defense for international security policy from 1981 to 1987. Currently, he is a resident fellow of the American Enterprise Institute.



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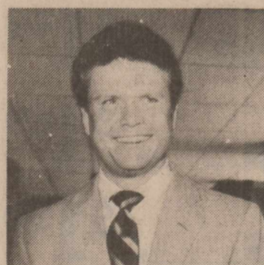
Is the use of force by the United States against Iraq justifiable and/or inevitable?

Saddam Hussein has now launched his second war of aggression in less than a decade, a war that has included pillaging, murder and hostage-taking on an unprecedented scale. He has built and threatened to use weapons of mass destruction, including an arsenal of biological and chemical weapons, some of which he has used on his own population. He is racing to acquire nuclear weapons. There is no doubt that he intends to dominate the Persian Gulf by force and intimidation, to use control over oil as a political weapon, and to lead the Arab masses in an anti-Western holy war. He must be stopped, and the use of force to stop him is fully justified.

What other alternatives exist to resolve this crisis?

Naturally, it would be better to resolve this crisis through continuing application of sanctions, especially the embargo, now in effect. But the sanctions are unlikely to work --- and they certainly will not work quickly.

The weakness of the sanctions is that they aim too low --- only at Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait. But that is not enough. It is also necessary to dismantle or destroy Iraq's instruments of aggression, including Saddam Hussein's capacity to build and use weapons of mass destruction. How could we hope to deal with Saddam Hussein once he has nuclear weapons? How could the weak states of the Persian Gulf hope to protect themselves against further invasions by his million-man army? How can there be any lasting peace while this war machine casts its shadow over the region and the world? **ll**



James H. Webb Jr. is a former U.S. secretary of the navy and assistant secretary of defense. He is the author of five books, four of them novels.

NO

Is the use of force by the United States against Iraq justifiable and/or inevitable?

No. It is, in my view, wrong for the administration to be pressing the issue of using force among other nations when it has no mandate regarding the clearly expressed feelings of the American people. We have no treaties in this region. None of the countries involved are democracies. Our troops have not been attacked. Using a United Nations vote as a lever to force the Congress to support offensive action is perplexing and even cynical. The administration needs to clarify our national goals in the event force is to be used.

Recent history indicates that, had the president dispatched a modestly structured air-ground presence to Saudi Arabia and then begun negotiating a mutual withdrawal of American and Iraqi forces from their respective positions, the crisis may have been over by now.

What other alternatives exist to resolve this crisis?

In my view, the proper course of action for our country would be to immediately and dramatically reduce the number of troops committed to the region and consolidate them into a defensive posture. The president should use his well-known connections around the world in order to persuade other affected countries that they should commit soldiers toward the goal of containing and eventually reversing Iraqi aggression.

In sum, initiating a violent clash because another nation has not agreed to the president's timetable for unconditional surrender is not the appropriate approach at this time toward achieving peace.

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Library board sets out policy

Haskell County Library Policy Statement
(Adopted by the Haskell County Library Board Sept. 19, 1990)

1. It is the function of the Haskell County Library to provide books, tapes and other informational media for persons of all ages, from preschool through maturity. The Haskell County Library strives to serve its patrons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, age or sex.

2. The aim of the adult book collection is to make available books and other materials that will meet educational, informational, cultural and recreational interests and needs of the patrons. Each title is judged individually according to its intrinsic merit, the subject treated, the reader interest, and the need for the book in an organized collection. Each title is judged as a whole, and isolated passages in themselves are not used as criteria.

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4. The freedom to speak, to hear and to read is protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. In a free society, there is no place for any type of censorship of any medium of expression. The Librarian and Board of the Haskell County Library stand ready to review individual complaints upon written request.

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- b. outdated material,
- c. no reference or circulation value,
- d. poor condition, such that the cost of repair cannot be justified.

4. Useful but unneeded gifts may be sold, with the receipts added to the book acquisition fund. Books not sold may be disposed of at the library's discretion.

5. The library regrets that it cannot appraise gifts. (As recipients, our evaluations would be questioned by tax officials.) However, upon written request, the library will gladly provide a statement describing the gift.

Many students default on loans

The controversy surrounding the federal government's massive student loan program is back in the news at a time when both state and federal lawmakers are taking a keen look at abuses in the educational loan program.

The General Accounting Office reports that taxpayers will foot the bill for \$2.4 billion in defaulted student loans guaranteed by the federal government this year. The estimate represents a \$450 million increase over 1989 and a 440 percent increase since 1983.

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Noah receives donations

The Noah Project North held its regular monthly advisory committee meeting Dec. 17 at the Pizza Barn in Haskell.

Highlight of the meeting was the receipt of two donations. One donation was received from Phil Konty, manager of Wal-Mart in Stamford on behalf of the Wal-Mart Foundation. This donation of \$880 was a matching grant equaling the amount raised through a drawing for a Nintendo game, held at Wal-Mart in September.

The second donation was received from Bill Baker and Jane Penman, advisory committee members from Knox City on behalf of Knox County. All donations received by Noah Project North stay in the three-county service area and are under the oversight of the advisory committee.

The advisory committee is made up of 30 local citizens from across the service area. Serving on the board are health care professionals, ministers, law enforcement personnel and members from the general public. The board has oversight responsibility for all local operations of the project.

Fund-raising for non-profit organizations has always been difficult; in these tough economic times, this is especially true. The Noah Project North receives funding from a variety of sources, including state grants, donations from church groups and civic clubs and fund-raising projects. The budget for this fiscal year is \$12,687.71. Of this amount, \$7,104.96 comes from the Texas Department of Human Services; the rest must be raised locally.

The Noah Project North is a non-profit organization designed to assist victims of family violence. The organization staffs a 24-hour hotline, offers counseling with victims and provides limited, short-term assistance and shelter. The district covers Haskell, Knox and Throckmorton counties as well as the city of Stamford in Jones County. Help is offered without regard to race, religion, color, national origin or economic status.

The program began operation Sept. 1, 1987, as an outreach center of the Noah Project of Abilene. The Abilene Noah Project has three such "satellite" facilities. In addition to the northern district,

there are centers in Brownwood and Snyder. Although each is affiliated with the Abilene project, each has its own advisory committee and is responsible for its own fund-raising.

The relationship with the Abilene center enables the other groups to take advantage of the staff of professional counselors whenever needed.

Adoption service announced

The Methodist Mission Home, which has placed more than 5,000 babies with adoptive parents in its 95-year history, has announced a new adoption service.

The new option, commonly referred to as fully disclosed or open adoption, will be offered in addition to the home's traditional adoption services.

Under the new option, each of the parties in the adoption will know the identity of the other. The birthparents and the adoptive parents will have the opportunity to meet and jointly plan for the adoption of the child. The role of the Mission Home will be to help the parties plan their adoption by counseling, advising, guiding and helping the parties assess potential risks in the adoption process.

For couples or birthparents wanting more "closed" arrangements, MMH will continue to offer services to meet their needs.

Persons interested in making an adoption plan for a child or couples interested in adopting a child can call the Methodist Mission Home at (512) 696-7021.

Sea creatures living at depths below 3,000 feet have been found to be blind or to possess their own phosphorescent lighting system.

Avoidable accidents take lives

Every year in Texas, avoidable accidents on farms and ranches usually claim the lives of more than a dozen youngsters and injure hundreds more.

In most farm accidents involving young children ages 14 and under, carelessness and distractions are the causes. "Usually, the child involved had no business being there in the first place," said Thomas D. Valco, a Texas Extension Service agricultural engineer.

In a national study of farm youth deaths, the first of the few studies done on the subject, Texas led the 35 states surveyed with 16 deaths of farm children 14 or younger. Nine children in the same age group died in 1988 in Texas, followed by 17 in 1989. This year, five had died through July.

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--Rule--

by Vicky Anderson

The name of John Leonard was inadvertently omitted in a recent article which listed the All-Star and Honorable Mention football teams of this area. John played Center for the Rule Bobcats, and was on the Honorable Mention team. Sorry that this happened, John, and may we say: Congratulations! John is a senior at Rule High School this year.

Former Haskell resident, Dale Burris, who is the father of Rule resident, Denise Turner, has been hospitalized in an Amarillo hospital due to a heart attack. His condition is improving. We understand that his wife is also in the hospital for surgery. A speedy recovery is wished for both of them.

Retih Keahey is home from Hendrick Medical Center where she recently underwent surgery. She is to return monthly to undergo treatment with chemotherapy.

Members of the Church of Christ and friends are invited to the annual New Year's Eve party at the church on Dec. 31. Make plans to come for the fellowship and games.

On Monday night, Vide White

and Dora Torres had a Christmas party for their Adult English and Spanish classes. Attending were Ernesto Arvozu and family, Juan Casas, Elvia Garcia and son, Saul, Raul Lujan, Ponciano Lopez, Jr. and family; Ralph Torres, Mindy and Joe Ray Torres and son Jeremy, and six weeks old Jaclyn; Molly Cannon and son, John; Christine Smith, Sam Wester and wife, Nina, and Vicky Anderson.

The second performance of "Puttin' on the Christmas Hits" was well-attended on Tuesday night, Dec. 18 at Rule High School auditorium. The funniest number was "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" with Principal Steve long and his wife, Kristi were Santa and Mommy, and were hilarious! All of the theatre arts students did a great job, and it was hard to choose only five as favorites.

While Ethel Greeson and I were recently having coffee, ran into a former fellow employee, Charles Cassillas, who now resides in Haskell. He wanted to know the whereabouts of all former employees of the company, and I was happy to tell him that 6 of them live in Rule.

At 10 a.m. Dec. 19, grades Kindergarten through the 5th presented a Christmas program for the public. Mrs. Ellen Rieger was the pianist and Sara Hodgins was the conductor with the other teachers helping with the preparation. The children were dressed in red or green

and looked quite festive. They told of Christmas customs in other parts of the world. They began and ended the program with the song: "It's a Small World" with many of the traditional seasonal songs being sung by the group. It was really a delightful program.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Irene Parker in Mangum, Okla. recently. Miss Parker was a 2nd grade teacher many years at Reynolds Elementary School and taught my daughters there. Our sympathy is sent to her family.

Congratulations to Larressa LeFevre, who is a forward on McMurry University's basketball team, and was named player of the week in the TIAA the first week in Dec. Larressa is a graduate of RHS, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry LeFevre and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. May of Rule and the granddaughter also of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert LeFevre of Sagerton.

Much luck is wished to Mrs. Philip Olson, who is retiring as the Ericksdahl correspondent. She has certainly done a remarkable job all these years. Congratulations.

Holidays visitors of the C. W. Dunnams and the Cecil Lewis family were Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Duffman of Troy, Idaho.

-Green Thumb-

By Gladys O'Neal

I am presuming that you have the garden plot and flower beds all cleaned before the cold weather really comes.

Likewise, I am sure that everyone of you got all tools and equipment put away and cleaned, oiled and ready to go for the coming season.

Or is that a bit of presumption? Did some of you leave tools where they were last used or put cultivators, mowers away just like they were? This is just like putting the dirty dishes in the oven. They won't be seen but when you're ready for them next spring, will they be ready for you?

Here is a wonderful way to keep your houseplants a deep-green color. Save your used steel wool or soap pads, and drop them in a quart jar filled with water. The pads will rust and provide an excellent source of iron for your plants. Water your plants with this water once a week and see how green the leaves become.

Our plants in our yards need watering even in winter if rainfall is less than one inch a week. Evergreens are especially susceptible to drying from cold winter winds. Regular watering can help prevent the freeze damage that occurs when temperatures drop.

I want to give you some ways to re-cycle your Christmas tree:

1. Redecorate your tree for the birds. Tie it firmly to a tree or a fence, then use twine or heavy thread to attach bits of fruit, stale cookies or bread and popcorn.
2. Use the green branches for winter windowsill arrangements, or to brighten empty window boxes. Add dried berries or seed pods.
3. Clip some of the branch tips and dry them for sachets or potpourris.
4. Use the largest branches as mulch over perennial beds.
5. In spring, chop large branches into mulch for acid-loving plants.
6. Dry the trunk for firewood or garden stakes.

If you have some gardeners or flower lovers on your Christmas list, here are some suggestions for

gifts: Look for baskets, glamorous pots, tools, books, watering and fertilizing gadgets, exotic herbs and flower-seed packets.

Take some colorful scraps and make a handy all-purpose work apron with 15 generous pockets.

The garden also may yield some props that could dramatize holiday decor. A St. Francis statue, small bird bath, rustic feeders, sun dial or even colorful pottery containers for the patio.

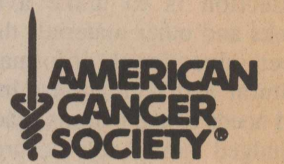
Do not fret about garden hands. Before working in flower or vegetable garden, be sure to slip on a pair of gloves. The chemicals in the soil that are so helpful to plant growth are harmful to your skin. As an extra precaution, use a hand lotion.

I wish you a Merry Christmas, a Christmas of great happiness, that you have good health and peace of mind; may your life be filled with much joy and good cheer, even in a world torn with violence, hatred and war. A Merry Christmas from My House to Your House, my gardening friends. See you in 1991.

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Wanted

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For Rent

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom furnished duplex, \$200.00 a month. Call 864-8905. 28tc

FOR RENT OR SALE: 2 bedroom. All carpeted and draperies. Extra nice neighborhood. Call 864-2491. Owner financing available. 45tc

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double wide mobile home. Call 864-3509. 49tc

FOR RENT: 2 or 3 bedroom house, fenced yard, extra nice neighborhood. Call 864-2491. 50-1p

Real Estate

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 1006 N. Av F. Call 864-2258. 47tc

FOR SALE: REDUCED: Great home for a family with children. 1 block from Elementary school. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, den, kitchen, living room, covered patio, carport, cellar and fenced-in backyard. Hot tub and sprinkler system. 606 S. 6th, 817-864-2718 or 817-864-3915. 27tc

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Apartments For Rent

2 bedroom, 1 bath, carpeted. 700 sq. ft.
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Public Notices

INVITATION TO BID
Bids will be received at the office of the Haskell County Appraisal District until 3:00 p.m., Monday, January 7, 1991 for the depository contract for funds of the Haskell County Appraisal District, for the period of January 10, 1991 through December 31, 1992. The bidding institution must be a banking corporation incorporated under the laws of this state or the United States or a savings and loan association in this state whose deposits are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. To the extent that funds in the depository are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, they shall be secured in the manner provided by law for the security of funds of counties. Sealed bids will be opened at the regular board of directors meeting January 10, 1991 at 7:30 a.m. The Appraisal District reserves the right to accept and/or reject any and all bids.
Haskell County
Appraisal District
By: Jamie Weaver
Deputy Appraiser

52-1c

In Weinert: Beautiful three bedroom, three bath brick home. Large living room with fireplace, formal dining room. Kitchen features custom cabinets, extra large pantry, dishwasher, disposal, etc. Separate utility and sewing room. Large two car garage, fenced in back yard. Well insulated, has thermopane windows throughout and ceiling fans in every room. Built in 1984 on a 100x350 foot lot. House has 3,152 square feet. The most house for the money in Texas! Call Wayne at 817-658-3527. Asking \$65,000. 51tc

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510 N. 1st

FOR SALE

520 acre farm at Mattson. 145 acres pasture.

3 bedroom, 3 bath at 401 N. Ave H. Remodeled older home with 4 car carport. Central heat and air.

393 acre farm 7 miles east of Haskell. 212 acres in cropland. 181 acres in pasture. FM road frontage.

FOR RENT

STORAGE STALLS

LORAIN JOHNSON, BROKER

Jesse Seets House and business property on Throckmorton Hwy. A good buy.

Clean 2 bedroom, utility room and attached garage. 1100 N. Av L.

3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath on 2 lots. 1260 sq. ft. Many extras, priced right. 1003 N. 3rd East.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom apartment.

GREATLY REDUCED: 4 bedroom, 2 bath with large den and large living room, central heat and cool. Located on 17 acres. 2 1/2 miles N.E. of Rule or 8 miles N.W. of Haskell. A great buy.

COMMERCIAL BLDG. in downtown Haskell. 40' front. Carpet, central heat and cool. Building ready to use, \$14,000.00 or best offer.

NICE LAKE HOUSE at Veda's with boat house. A good buy.

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom on large corner lot, large att., double garage with shop space, fenced yard. Reduced.

TWO WATERFRONT adjoining lots with lake house, large shop and carport. Lakeshore Sites. Reduced.

3 BEDROOM 2 bath, den, living room, patio, well, carport. 145' lot close to elementary school. Reduced.

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2 GOOD FARMS in Paini Creek Community. \$4.25 p.a. Make a reasonable offer.

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FOR RENT OR FOR SALE: Bldg. on Hwy 380 East. Make an offer.

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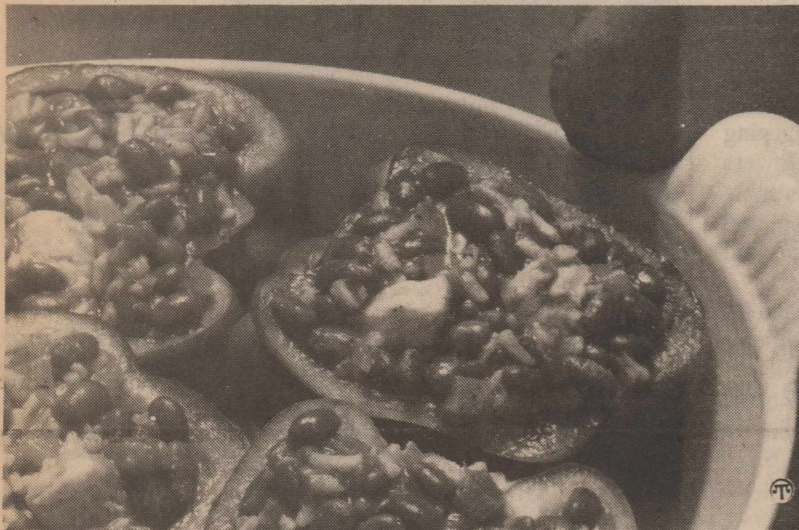
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Cooking Corner

Tips To Help You

Chicken 'n' Beans Pepper Boats Make Nutrition Smooth Sailing



Pep up your family's meals with Chicken 'n' Beans Pepper Boats

You can make ends meet and still make meat meals, if you make beans your bag. Because they're high in fiber, protein and other nutrients, mixed with meat beans can make a little go a long way. When they're blended with chicken, rice, zesty herbs and a hint of mustard, then stuffed into peppers, they can make for a colorful, tasty, delightful dish. This is especially true if the beans are authentic, premium-quality, New England-style baked beans such as B&M Brick Oven Baked Beans, baked in real brick ovens for seven hours. They have natural home-made taste, more fiber than a serving of oat bran cereal and are easy to use in recipes such as this:

Chicken 'n' Bean Pepper Boats

- 1/2 pound uncooked, cubed chicken
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 jar (18 ounces) or 1 can (16 ounces) B&M Brick Oven Baked Beans
- 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1/2 cup instant rice
- 4 medium green peppers, halved and cleaned

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a skillet, cook chicken, garlic, onion and celery in hot oil until vegetables are tender. Remove from heat and stir in beans, tomato sauce, dry mustard, Italian seasoning and rice. Fill each pepper half with 1/2 cup filling; place in a 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Add enough water to cover bottom of dish. Cover and bake 45 to 50 minutes or until rice and peppers are tender.

Microwave Directions: In a small microwave-safe dish, combine oil, chicken, garlic, onion and celery. Microwave on HIGH for 2 to 2 1/2 minutes, stirring every minute. Stir in remaining ingredients except peppers. Fill each pepper half with 1/2 cup filling. Place peppers in 13 x 9 x 2-inch microwave, covered, on HIGH 12 to 15 minutes or until rice and peppers are tender, rotating dish every 4 minutes.

Per serving: 173 calories, 12g protein, 4g fat, 22g carbohydrate, 20mg cholesterol, 388mg sodium, 4g fiber

For more delicious B&M Beans recipes, send a self-addressed and stamped business size envelope to: The Bean Book, Pet Inc., P.O. Box 66729, St. Louis, MO 63166-6729.



Survey profiles Texas visitors

Valuable 12-month statistics on motoring visitors to Texas are now available from the state highway department.

The Texas Auto Visitor Survey shows that the time spent by short-term visitors from the United States was 6.8 days. Each party was composed of an average of 2.2 visitors and spent \$582 during the trip. Long-term visitors spent an average of 71.2 days and spent \$2,405 in Texas per travel party of 1.9 visitors.

Among short-term visitors (those staying 30 days or less), Louisiana was the No. 1 point of origin with 14.1 percent of the total. Oklahoma, Florida, California and Illinois sent smaller contingents of tourists. Among long-term visitors (including many "Winter Texans"), Illinois held the top spot. In fact, the top 10 home states of long-term visitors were in the Midwest, except for No. 8 California with 4.2 percent.

San Antonio weighed in as the most popular destination among both groups of visitors, attracting 31.1 percent of short-term visitors and 35.4 percent of those staying more than a month. The Alamo, the San Antonio River Walk, Big

Bend National Park, the Capitol complex and the LBJ National Historical Park were the top five attractions visited by short-term travelers this year.

The survey report includes statistics for the previous four quarters and an annual average. The 17 survey questions include the average age of the travel party, accommodations used, miles driven and activities the tourists engaged in.

The survey is completed by out-of-state visitors who stopped at Texas Travel Information Centers. The centers serve as Texas' front doors, where travel counselors extend hospitality to tourists arriving from all directions. More than half of Texas long-term visitors in 1990 said their information center stop influenced them to see more attractions; 34 percent of the short-term visitors surveyed agreed.

A free copy of the detailed report is available by writing Texas Auto Visitor Survey, Box 5064, Austin, TX 78763.

Thirty percent of the adults in the U.S. are functionally illiterate.



Mrs. Fred Rike

Jones, Rike exchange vows

Kimberley Kay Jones and Fred Robert Rike were united in marriage at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, in a double-ring ceremony at the Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler.

The Rev. Dr. Paul W. Powell of Dallas performed the ceremony before the altar decorated with red poinsettia plants.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Titus E. Jones of Tyler.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. John S. Rike, III, of Haskell.

The bride wore a white gown of silk dupioni, featuring a portrait collar and cuffs trimmed in white mink. The dropped waist gown flowed into a full skirt with a chapel length train. The bride's headpiece was a wreath of fresh bridal roses with billowing tulle flowing the length of the gown.

Maid of honor was Kristi René Jones of College Station, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Beverly Spence of Houston, cousin of the bride, and Nancy George of Canyon.

The attendants wore scarlet red silk dupioni suits. The jewel neck, long-sleeved bodice buttoned up the back, and the skirt was straight to the knee.

John S. Rike, III, father of the

groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were James Rike of Clarendon, brother of the groom, and Robert Ivey of Stephenville.

Groomsmen wore black tuxedos with tails and white piqué shirts, white ties and vests. The bridegroom wore a full dress black salon tuxedo.

A reception was held in the church Family Life Center. The bride's table had a white cloth and was decorated with red poinsettias. The cake had five tiers at varying levels accented with fresh flowers and gold bows. The groom's table had a German chocolate cake, and the table was covered with a plaid Christmas cloth.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents at the Women's Building in Tyler.

The bride is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Tyler Junior College and West Texas State University. She is employed by the Chapel Hill ISD.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Tulia High School, Tyler Junior College and West Texas State University. He is a graduate assistant basketball coach at Tyler Junior College and is pursuing a master's degree at the University of Texas in Tyler.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will live in Tyler.

Vets may bid on state land

Texas veterans wanting information on a Feb. 26 sale of 456 tracts of forfeited state land can call the Texas Veterans Land Board at 1-800-252-VETS. A catalog describing each tract will be mailed out around Jan. 10.

Located in 118 Texas counties, these tracts are being offered exclusively to eligible Texas veterans and can be purchased with no down payment.

The VLB will finance the full amount of all winning bids. There is no limit on the amount loaned or on the number of tracts that an individual can bid on. However, eligible Texas veterans are limited to one land purchase in the sale.

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Notes From The Rolling Plains

(Note: The following is one of a series of stories by noted wildlife photographer Wyman Meinzer offered by Haskell Save-A-\$ for your enjoyment.)

Staying in tune with nature has always been a priority in my life. Watching behavioral changes within the wild kingdom can tell us much about day to day changes in our environment. Weather is one of these changes. During the mid to late 1960's I did a great deal of hunting around the rolling plains. Being constantly in the field, I noticed any subtle changes in the frequency of movement in the animal world, especially the small mammals. Opossum and skunk usually increased their nocturnal activity when a frontal system was a day or so from moving into the plains. During my years as a professional hunter in the mid 1970's I could almost always tell if weather changes were in the making if the coyotes began to howl in the midday to evening hours. Normally coyotes do most of their vocalizing late at night and in the early hours of morning. In deep south Texas the movement of whitetail deer will warn of impending fronts or storms by showing sudden if almost frantic activity. I recall several times when the weather was hot and the deer was almost impossible to find. Even on ranches where early morning drives would yield sightings of dozens of bucks, a drive during the day, even while the rutting season was on, would produce nothing. Then, if almost on cue, deer would materialize out of the brush, dashing across the senders and through the brush. Within hours the wind would die and a short lull would be followed by a shift from the north. It was then that the deer would really show.

Watching nature can be an interesting and educational pastime for each of us. You don't have to be living in the brush to note these changes that I've just mentioned. Even after 35 years of interacting with nature, either through casual hikes to hunting, I never fail to marvel at the new and exciting discoveries that confront me during my trips into the canyons of the rolling plains.

Wyman Meinzer

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Monthly Calendar of Events

JANUARY 1991

Haskell Independent School District

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		Holiday 1 New Year's Day	2	Basketball 3 Albany 4:30 JHG-T JHB-H	*Basketball 4 Hamlin JVG,JVB,VG,VB 4:00There	Area Band 5 Tryouts Stamford JV Tournament
6	7 FHA Meeting 7:00	*Basketball 8 Stamford JVG,JVB,VG,VB 4:00 Here	9	Basketball 10 Stamford JHG There 4:30 JHB Here 4:30	*Basketball 11 Jim Ned JVG,JVB,VG,VB 4:00There	12 Teacher Workday
13	14	*Basketball 15 Albany JVG,JVB,VG,VB 4:00 Here	16	Basketball 17 Hamlin JHG,FRG H 4:30 JHB T 4:30	*Basketball 18 Anson FRG,FRB,VG,VB 4:00 Here	19 Knox City Tournament JVG, JVB
20	Basketball 21 Albany 4:30 JHG-H, JHB-T Abilene High T 6:00 FRG, FRB	*Basketball 22 Winters JVG,JVB,VG,VB 4:00 There	23	24 Booster Club JH Tourney	Holiday 25 Stock Show *Basketball Hawley 4:00 Here JVG,JVB,VG,VB Paint Creek T 6:30 FRG, FRB	26 Booster Club JH Tourney
27	Basketball 28 Munday FRG,FRB 6:00 Here	*Basketball 29 Hamlin JVG,JVB,VG,VB 4:00 Here	30	31 Basketball Stamford. JHG,H JHB,T		*District Games

We will observe regular banking hours Monday, December 31.

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