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# Rotan City Secretary Continues To Make Cuts In Effort To Get Finances Controlled

At the City of Rotan, according to Rotan City Secretary Harold Sanders, "we're in a bankruptcy type situation." He made the comment at the last Rotan City Council meeting where deep and wide cuts were considered in all areas of City of Rotan spending.

One major move, made by the Rotan City Council, was to finally

"We're in a bankruptcy type situation." - *Harold Sanders, Rotan City Secretary, in describing the financial situation of the City of Rotan at the last Rotan City Council meeting.*

take the recommendation of Sanders with respect to closing the landfill. Councilmen voted 4-0 (Greg Rains, Scotty Daniel, Mario

Quintanilla and Jack Cadenhead) to begin the closure process and to award the trash collection contract to BFI. BFI is to begin charging Rotan

close to \$9.00 per residential household for trash collections on a monthly basis. The City of Rotan, will tack on an additional fee and probably assess

each local household in the area of \$13.00 to \$14.00. The City of Rotan is going to have some expense in closing the landfill, but more than that, the City of Rotan plans on making money from the BFI service.

The council plans on considering just how much to assess each household at the July meeting. They will also be looking at the commercial pick-up rates to be charged by the

City.

City of Rotan leaders are in hopes that BFI can begin the collection service by August 1st.

Rotan Mayor Jerry Marshall indicated that he had received an official written resignation from Adolfo Medrano. Mayor Marshall informed the council members to be thinking of someone to fill Medrano's term. He wasn't quite sure when the new council person's term would expire. Marshall said the council members could either appoint someone, leave the seat vacant or consider someone who has been a council member or who ran for the council in the past. Some of the names mention by Mayor Marshall were Connie McQueen, Larry Markham, and Ella Raye Helms.

Two significant bills were questioned by the council at the last meeting. The first was a \$6,493 bill for replacing an 8-inch wide beam on the dump truck recently purchased from the City of Hamlin. Rodney Denton indicated that the used beam cost \$2,000 with \$4,493 in labor and materials added.

The council members also questioned a \$3,863 bill for Jack Leonard Irrigation for installing a pump to water the golf course and cemetery. Denton informed the council that he intended to flush the fire hydrants each month. He felt that flushing would eliminate the dirty water.

The need to maintain two buildings was questioned by councilmen - they requested that City Secretary Harold Sanders call Gene Pack to determine the need to keep the old City Hall building open.

City Secretary Harold Sanders presented the council with the following list of changes to reduce expenses.

1. After the Little League tournament remove the portable Potties from the City Park.
2. Disconnect the telephone at the swimming pool after the season is over.
3. Get an overview from Southwestern Bell on telephone charges.
4. Discontinue office cleaning service.
5. Discontinue making salary advances to employees, with the exception of emergencies.
6. Discontinue Deavers Pest Control monthly services.
7. Discontinue the paying of the lighting bill to light the downtown sign.
8. Except for standby personnel, all overtime will be considered as comp-time and will be taken-off in lieu of overtime pay.
9. The City of Rotan will pay all Rotan businesses the first of each month before any outside bills are paid.
10. The City of Rotan will submit a bill to all entities for work done for them.
11. The City of Rotan will terminate the cemetery contract as of July 1, and will use prison help and/or city help as necessary.

Some of the other items discussed by the City of Rotan were to possibly shut down the old city hall after discussing it with Sheriff Pack; to study the Cellular phone bill by the City of Rotan; to review the possibility of taking bids on fuel for the City of Rotan and to study the City of Rotan animal control issue.

Mayor Marshall informed the council that 87.65% of the taxes had been paid.

In the report presented by Sanders, for the period May 1 to May 31 a total of \$47,751.74 in income had been received from 16 areas - taxes, water collection, franchise fees, fire protection fees, etc.

For the same period, bills amounting to \$52,989.37 plus \$17,220.93 in monthly salaries for 12 people were presented - totaling \$70,210.30. For the month of May alone - the City of Rotan spent \$70,000 and only took in \$47,000 leaving a deficit of \$22,000.

With those figures facing Sanders each month, it is no wonder he described Rotan as being in a bankruptcy type situation.

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# Rotan Advance

### Rotan Elementary Academic Excellence Awards



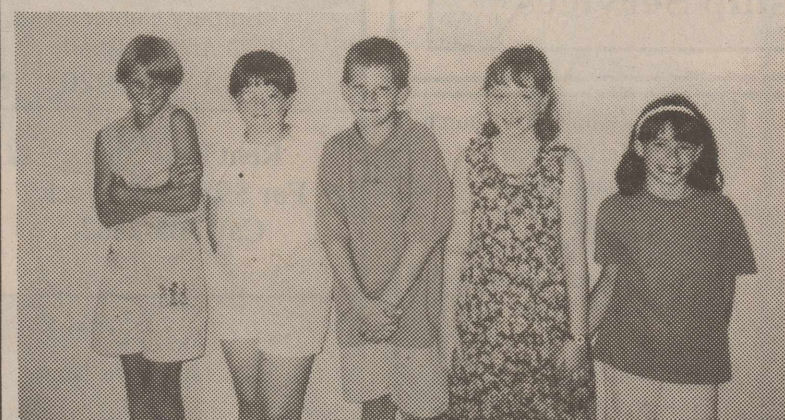
**PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:** For students with a 90 average and who scored at least an 85 in the TAAS tests. (L to R) **Front row** - Colter Williams, Jordan Cox, Shelia Garza. **Back row** - Zachary Reyes, Ralph Riddel, Zachary Greenlee, Talitha Montez, Lana Kirkland.



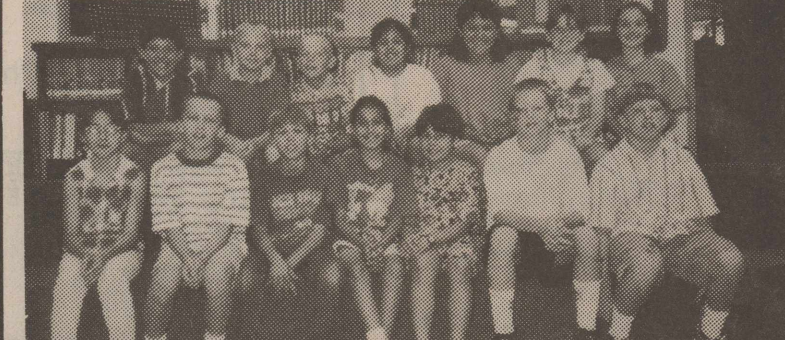
**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:** From the First Grade - (L to R) **Front Row** - Kristen Hinson, Allison Copeland, Dusti Eaton. **Back Row** - Lauren Park, Bethany Clements, Kazual Moore, Joe Don Carrillo, Tyler Langthorn, Pecos Nowlin. Students with a 93 average.



**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:** From the Second Grade - (L to R) **Front Row** - A'lora Weatherman, Hunter Helms, Morgan Morrow, Jessica Smith, Lindsey Cave, Jacob Cox, Monte Silvas. **Back Row** - David Gonzalez, Kyle Martin, Justin McCall, Daniel Gonzalez, Ashley Hyer, Jessica Muskevitch, T.J. Flores. Students with a 93 average.



**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:** From the Third Grade - (L to R) Ashley Howard, Tiffany Rivers, Cody Etheredge, Sallie Riddel and Kera Martin.



**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS:** From the Fourth Grade at Rotan - (L to R) **Front Row** - Julie Hoyle, Jordan Cox, Kristopher Messick, Shelia Garza, Stevie Cogburn, David Mullins, Colter Williams. **Back Row** - Zachary Reyes, Ralph Riddel, Zachary Greenlee, Holly Simmons, Talitha Montez, Lana Kirkland and Laura Blair. Students with a 93 average.

### Little League Pirates Lose To Cisco 10-0,

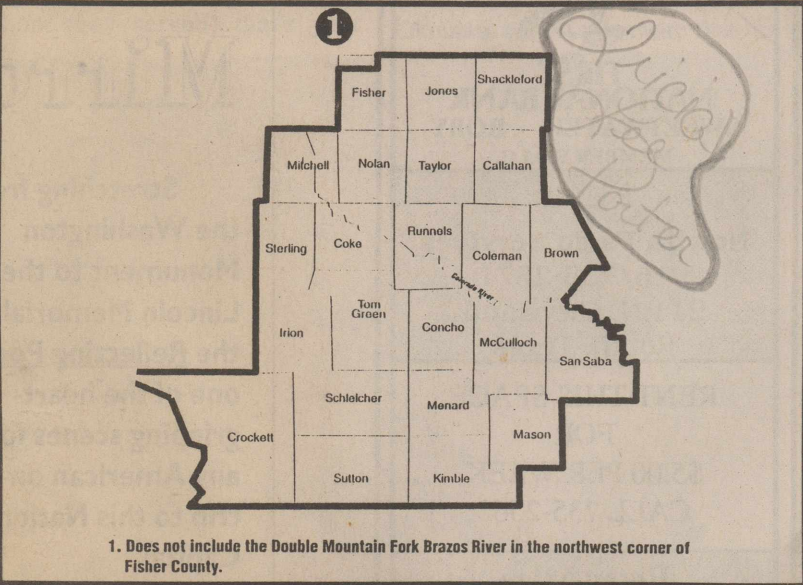
The Rotan Little League Pirates were defeated by Cisco by the score of 10-0 last weekend. The game was called after Cisco led 5-0 and picked up again the next night. Cisco scored another 5 runs to beat the Pirates in the single elimination tournament.

Dyess defeated Tri County by the score of 13-3.

The championship game was played between Dyess and Cisco with Cisco advancing after beating Dyess 18-13.

They played Snyder last weekend.

The Rotan Little League All-Stars will play Snyder on Monday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m.



1. Does not include the Double Mountain Fork Brazos River in the northwest corner of Fisher County.

### New Weather Service Boundaries

On Thursday, August 1, the San Angelo National Weather Service

Office will assume Hydrologic Service Area (HSA) responsibility for portions of southcentral and southwest Texas from the National Weather Service Forecast Offices in Fort Worth, Lubbock and San Antonio as outlined by the above map. This transfer of responsibility is an integral part of the nationwide Modernization and Restructuring of the National Weather Service.

The forecast points for which San Angelo will assume responsibility as part of their HSA include Westbrook, Brady, Stamford, Fort Griffin, Hawley, Nugent, Roby, Ballinger, San Saba, Stacy, Winchell, Colorado City, Robert Lee, Paint Rock, San Angelo, Knickerbocker, Ballinger, Albany, Junction, Mason, Carlsbad, Sterling City, Brownwood, Mullin, Menard and Christoval.

### R.C.S.L. Fajita Lunch To Benefit The Annual Fireworks Display

The Rotan Community Service League will sponsor their 5th annual Fireworks Display on Thursday, July 4, 1996. The R.C.S.L. has been sponsoring the fireworks display since 1992 through fund raisers supported by the community and donations from local businesses and individuals. Your continued support of fund raisers and activities will help ensure that the community will be able to enjoy the wonderful fireworks show for years to come. Anyone wishing to make a donation may do so by

contacting any R.C.S.L. member.

This year the R.C.S.L. will also be sponsoring the July 4th Coed Softball Tournament with all of the proceeds from entry fees and concessions going toward the purchase of the fireworks. The tournament is limited to Fisher County residents only! The tournament will be limited to the first 8 teams to have their entry fee paid in full. No spots will be held. Entry fee will be \$125 per team.

Prizes will be awarded to the first place team. For more information on the tournament, please contact George Reyes at 735-2678 after 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday, June 23rd, the R.C.S.L. will be hosting a Fajita Lunch from 11:30 to 2:00 at the Rotan I.S.D. Cafeteria. All the proceeds from the lunch will go towards the July 4th Fireworks Display. Cost of the meal is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under 12. Come enjoy a good meal and support the Fireworks Display.

### Want To Serve On The Rotan City Council? Better Act Now!

If you have any aspirations of serving the residents of the City of Rotan as a member of the City Council, now is the time to act.

The Rotan City Council, in the next month or so, will be appointing someone to serve in place of Adolfo Medrano, who resigned.

The councilmen, Jack Cadenhead, Greg Rains, Mario Quintanilla and Scotty Daniel, will be appointing someone to fill Medrano's term. The length of the term is unknown. Mayor Jerry Marshall is checking into whether the newly appointed person will serve for a portion of a year or the remaining 3- years of Medrano's 4-year term.

If you are interested in serving, now is the time to let your interest be known. Contact either Cadenhead, Rains, Quintanilla or Daniel and let them know you are interested in filling the position.

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Fajita Lunch  
By R.C.S.L.  
On Sunday  
Benefits Fireworks



## Chris Allen Named All-American Scholar

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Chris Allen has been named an All-American Scholar.

The USAA has established the All-American Scholar Award Program to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3, or higher, grade point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsors are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Chris, who attends Mineral Wells High School, was nominated for this

national award by Linda Medlin.

Chris will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, winners of the All-American Scholar Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the USAA for other honors.

Chris is the son of Mike and Sharon Allen. The grandparents are Eugene and Margaret Allen of Rotan, Texas, and Ida Belle Hawkins of Tulia, Tx.

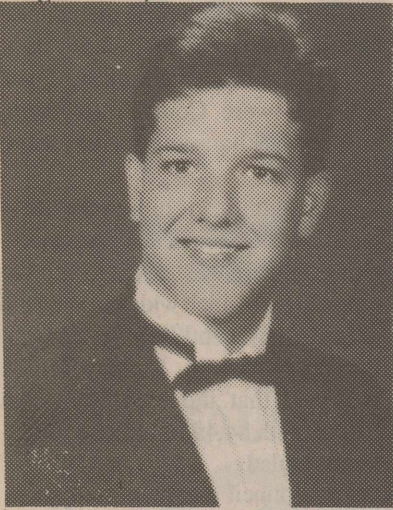
Scholarships that Chris has won: \$4,000- Baylor Achievement Scholarship; \$1,000- Baylor Jour-

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challenges of our  
democracy. Helps  
one recall the spiri-  
tual foundations on which our institutions rest.

Such reflections point each of us toward his chosen place of wor-  
ship. Next Sabbath renew your commitment to the religious convic-  
tions which helped shape our history...and will undergird our destiny.

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By Rev. Larry Holder  
First United Methodist Church  
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Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. (2 Corinthians 12:10 NRSV)

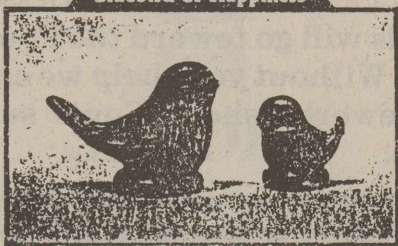
Paul is reminding us that when we feel strong in abilities or resources, we are tempted to do God's work on our own, which leads to pride. Only when we are weak, allowing God to fill us with His power are we made strong. God does not want us to be weak, passive, or ineffective - life provides enough setbacks without us creating them. If we are going to be effective for Him then we must rely upon His power. Lord make us weak, so that we are strong through your power. Amen.

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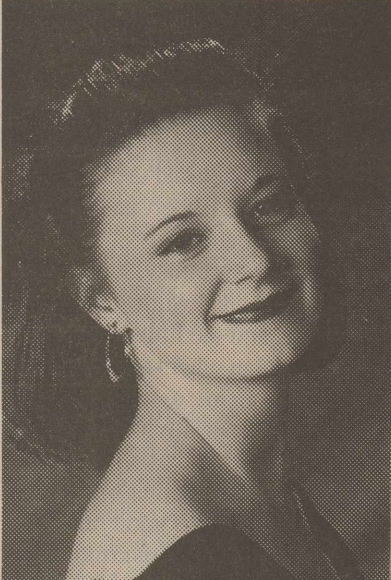
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Shower Date: June 22, 1996

## Talitha Cadenhead Graduates From West Rusk High School

Talitha Cadenhead graduated from West Rusk High School in New London, Tx., May 31, 1996. Talitha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cadénhead, Jr., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cadenhead, Sr., and the late Carl Chapman and Sandy Chapman and the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Dent on of Rotan.

Talitha served on the Student Council 4 yrs., Student Council Treasurer 1 yr., Who's Who Among American High School Students; National Beta Club 2 yrs., Class Officer 3 yrs., D-FY-IT 4 yrs., Class



Talitha Cadenhead

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## Fisher County Students In District Show

Ruth and Sally Riddle, Lance Miller, Rachel Smith and Lacy Callan participated in the District Horse Show last Monday in Sweetwater.

Ruth and Sally Riddle won Grand and Reserve Champion Gelding of the Show. Ruth Riddle also placed 3rd in Showmanship, 8th in Western Pleasure and 6th in Western Horsemanship. Rachel Smith placed 4th in Showmanship. Lacy Callan placed 6th in Barrels and 5th in Stakes. Lance Miller made the Showmanship finals.

Most of the above 4-H'ers along with Justin Smith will be participating in the State 4-H Horse Show to be held in Abilene in July.

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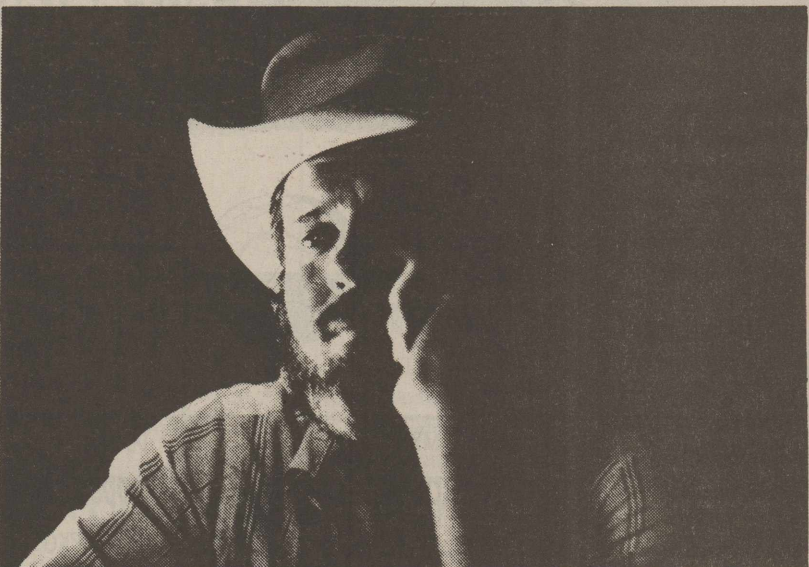
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## Fisher County

# Round - Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

by Joy Walker.....

Well we have had thunderstorms nearly every night and some of them severe. We had a really bad storm Thursday night with so much thunder and lightning, and high winds, and it blew down lots of my branches from the trees. I measured 1 and one tenth inches of rain here at the house, but it was really spotted as some folks got anywhere from 2 1/2 to 4 inches. It all depended on where you lived. Did I get a bad thunderstorm Sunday evening? And the lightning and thunder were terrific. It also came a heavy rain for almost an hour and I got another inch and a quarter out of that cloud.

Happy birthday to Gary Nettleton whose birthday was Saturday, June 15th and to Sandy Nettleton whose birthday was Wednesday, the 19th. Also Frank Boydston has a birthday Sunday, June 23rd, so happy birthday to Frank.

Father's Day we had a big crowd at church. Tuesday night Bro. Bob Elliott from Baytown visited with our members and helped us prepare for our upcoming Revival which will be held in August. We had fellowship after church.

Helen Yeats had surgery on Thursday in Abilene and is doing well. We hope that she will continue to improve. Marilyn Toole is still in the hospital at Abilene and we hope to hear that she is some better.

Trish Haigood has been under the weather but is doing much better.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge visited with Sam and Roxie Etheredge on Sunday. Sam isn't feeling very well, but maybe it is this rainy weather we have been having. All the boys called their dad for Father's Day.

Mrs. Louise Martinez went to Temple on Thursday with Steve and Tachi Warren from Snyder. There they visited with Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Hoover and their baby son, Chase Patrick. He is Louise's great grandson. They came home on Sunday. Sabrina and her husband, Matt. Happy birthday to Louise whose

birthday was Thursday, June 14th.

We were pleased to hear that Randy Perkins from Snyder is now home from the hospital in Lubbock and is doing real good. He came home last Thursday.

George Lane is doing a little better but is still in the hospital in Abilene. We hope that he will soon improve. Jim and Traci Ratliff and two boys visited with the James Ratliff's Saturday and Sunday. They have moved from Fort Worth to Abilene where Jim has taken over the parts department of the Industrial John Deere house. We are glad to have them back in our area.

The Gruben family had their family reunion Saturday at the Shack belonging to Billie Jo and Vera Ellen McCombs. They sure had a great time and there were 44 present, so

they got lots of visiting done.

Carol and Wilber visited with the McCombs and Preston and LaVerne Upshaw who are from Hart. They came on Friday for the family reunion.

Saturday Carol and Wilber went to Plainview and attended the Panhandle Parade of Breeds Stock Show. This is Tatum's first year to show and her very first show. She got third place in one class and 5th in another. Carol and Wilber spent the day and visited with Shawna and Greg, the little girls and with baby Clancey, who isn't a baby any longer; he will be 1 year old in August. Shawna's mother, Evelyn Blevins, and Shawna's sister from Lovington, New Mexico, also came for the day.

Odell Daniel from Odessa visited with the Gary Daniel family over the

weekend.

I went to Plainview with Sheila Gruben on Thursday and she got a good report from her doctor. Saturday night we all met for supper at Sheila and Donnie's to celebrate Father's Day. Those present were John Carl and Aladean Gruben, Mrs. Pat Helms (Wayne was busy planting), Robert and Carye Odom from Grapevine and Donnie Carl and Julie Gruben from Lamesa. Donnie Carl and Julie came to visit me for a short while Saturday evening, and they brought such good news; they are going to be parents in February. So our family is really growing and I will be a great grandma again. Sunday I visited with Carol and Wilber while we ate lunch and then I visited with Carye and Robert and Donnie and Sheila for a while.

The farmers are busy, some trying to stop the sand, while others are scratching, and the little cotton sure looks good, but others are waiting to get in their fields as they are still under water, especially after Sunday's downpour. Hope that all you dads had a wonderful Father's Day and that you enjoyed the good rain.

Heard from Melody and little Kyle has been very sick with an ear infection, so she took him to an ear specialist on Friday, who lanced his ear, and he feels very much better but will still have to take some antibiotics. See you next week.

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**Bill Clinton**, President, The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D.C. 20000

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**Phil Gramm**, U.S. Senator, Room 370, Russell Building, Washington, D.C., 20510.

**Charles Stenholm**, Congressman, 17th Dist., 1211 Longworth Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

## Roby F.C.E. Holds Birthday Party And Salad Luncheon

The Roby F.C.E. had an all member birthday party and salad luncheon.

The short business meeting was called to order by president- Luella Waddell and Bernice Randolph read the minutes and gave a treasures report. Luella challenged each member to enter one or more items in this year's Fisher County Fair, August 8-9-10, or be assessed a \$1.00 fine.

Birthday gifts were exchanged by Eilene Cave, Audie Burk, Ilene Hale, Pat Neepor, Bernice Randolph, Luella Waddell, Lenora Waldon, and a new member, Ava Leach.

The next meeting will be June 25 at the annex at 2:00 p.m.

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**HELP WANTED:** The Rotan ISD is accepting applications for the following position: Special Education Teacher (Junior High). Applications will be taken through June 28, 1996. For an application and information concerning the referenced position, please contact: Wes Hays, Superintendent, 915/735-2332 office, Rotan Independent School District, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546. Rotan ISD is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes all applicants regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or political belief.

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**FOUR FAMILY GARAGE SALE:** On Friday, June 21st - all day and Saturday til lunch time, at N. 2nd & Lyon St., corner in Roby. Lots of boys and girls clothes, dishes, bed sheets.

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**GARAGE SALE:** Behind 501 E. Burnside. Thursday, Friday and Saturday. 7:00 A.M. Dryer and lots of miscellaneous.

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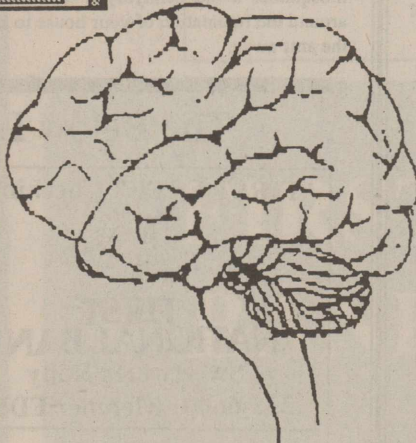
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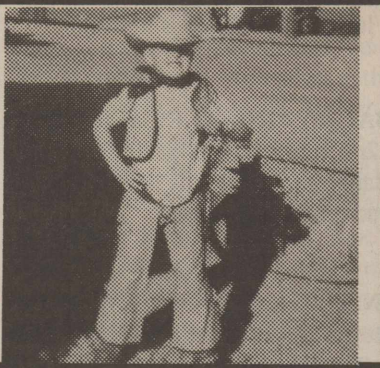
Tax Planning  
by James E. Rodgers, CPA  
INSTALLMENT SALES: ONE WAY TO DEFER TAXES  
It's not often that the IRS says, "Don't pay us now. Wait until you have the cash." But that's the idea behind the installment sale method, which is required for certain property sales when at least one payment is received in a year after the sale.  
Installment sales occur when the seller agrees to finance the buyer's purchase, instead of requiring the buyer to obtain a loan. The buyer then makes periodic payments to the seller, with interest, until the purchase price is paid.  
Under the installment sale method, the seller reports capital gain as payments are received, instead of reporting the entire gain in the year of sale. The tax on the gain is due only as payments are received from the buyer.  
Installment sales offer advantages to both the buyer and seller. The buyer can avoid the extra costs of a bank loan, and the seller can enjoy a stream of interest income while deferring taxes on the gain. However, if the seller needs the cash all at once, an installment sale doesn't make sense. The installment method isn't available for all sales. For example, it can't be used on sales that result in a loss, sales of inventory, sales by dealers, or sales of publicly traded securities. And the installment method does not apply to gain triggered by recapture of depreciation, which is taxed as ordinary income.  
Sometimes, you may not want to use the installment method, in which case you must elect not to use it. For example, if you have offsetting capital losses, you might want to report your entire gain in the same year. The same is true if the property you sold was a passive activity with suspended passive activity losses.

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Low Interest Economic  
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As the result of drought, hail and high winds which occurred during the period of June 1, 1994 through February 20, 1996 and continuing businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales and a significant loss of income. The SBA loans can help a business meet loan installments and other expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long term debt, however, is not eligible under this program.  
In order to qualify, small businesses must meet SBA's size stan-

dard. Businesses which can meet their financial needs through other sources are not eligible. To receive additional information or to obtain an application, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.  
Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other Federal agencies. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply.



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Agricultural News

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

by Richard Spencer.....  
Traditionally, ranchers and farmers have tried to control their unwanted mesquite by burning, bulldozing, and even through costly aerial spraying of herbicides. But all of these methods too often destroy desirable plants. Dr. Darrell Ueckert, range improvement specialist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has developed a low impact method of mesquite control that reduces herbicide use by as much as 95 percent. Appropriately named Brush Busters, the technique is so cost effective that one acre can be treated for 18 dollars or less. It can be used by the large rancher or the homeowner. The equipment is relatively inexpensive. Ueckert's Brush Buster approach to mesquite control uses simple, hand held or backpack sprayers. To cover

large acreage, an all-terrain four wheeler can be equipped with a custom tank that holds more. Herbicide use is reduced and desirable plants and trees are not affected. This approach is so successful that Ueckert has developed a pamphlet outlining every step from herbicide mixing to application techniques.  
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The yellow rose of Texas often has black spots on it. Black spot is a common rose disease and there are common ways of dealing with it. Black spot can occur at almost any time. Fungal treatments and removal of damaged leaves are the key to controlling black spot. You should dip your pruning sheers in bleach as you trim to keep them sanitary. Gardeners need to continually spray their roses

with fungicide to keep Black Spot in check. Daconil or Funginex are fungicides recommended. Other chemical treatments are in development. Perhaps the most interesting is work being done by Arm and Hammer to formulate a fungicide using baking soda.  
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With the rapidly increasing U.S. debt, it's easy to say stop sending American money to other countries. But the fact is that foreign aid accounts for a very small percentage of the federal budget. Texas A&M's International Agriculture Programs Assistant Vice Chancellor Dr. Ed Price says doing away with it wouldn't even make a dent in the deficit. The return on foreign aid is far greater than the expense. Price says we're seeing the return now in trade with Korea and Thailand which

we helped 10 to 15 years ago. And we can look for improved trade with countries such as Bangladesh, Indonesia, Uruguay and Guatemala. Texas A&M's emphasis is on setting up educational opportunities so developing countries can teach their people how to become more productive. Price says educating people from developing countries also pay off when they become business and government leaders. They will look more favorably toward the U.S. Yet we're getting beaten at the foreign aid game. Price says when he visits Indonesia he is outnumbered ten to one by representatives from Europe, Japan, Australia and Canada. Changing attitudes toward foreign assistance have dropped America down to about 20th in the world as a foreign aid provider.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

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Basket of Hints---HERBS  
\* In the Victorian era and even today, herbs and flowers can be used as a language. Small bouquets, called tussie-mussies, might welcome a new baby, forgive a wayward boyfriend, or say good luck.  
\* Some herbs and their meanings: basil-love and good wishes; chives-usefulness; dill-good cheer; mint-freshment.  
\* Herbs can assist in repelling insects and other household pests. Houseflies don't like basil. Mint repels mice. Fleas, ants and mosquitoes avoid pennyroyal. Plant tansy around the foundation of your house to keep the ants away.

\* Some herbs grow well in pots. Basil, bay, chives, mints, oregano, parsley and sage are examples. With the right treatment they can last from several months to a couple of years.  
\* Crushed or powdered herbs can be sown into cheesecloth bags or sachets to be stored among clothes to guard against moths. You may follow the following recipe: 4 parts dried, crushed mint; 4 parts dried, crushed rue; 2 parts dried, crushed southernwood; 2 parts dried, crushed rosemary; and 1 part powdered cloves. To clear the air, you can add a mixture of 1/2 cup lavender flowers, 1/4 cup rosemary leaves, and 1/4 cup torn eucalyptus leaves to a

quart of water in a glass or stainless steel pot. Heat this until it simmers. Hold the simmer and add water as it evaporates.  
\* Rule of thumb for substituting dried herbs for fresh: Use about 1/3 the amount of dried as you would of fresh. The dried herb has a more concentrated flavor than fresh.  
\* Rubbing fresh herb leaves between your hands or soaking them in a liquid to be used in a recipe will bring out the best aroma and flavor before adding to food.  
\* Add fresh herbs in the last 15 to 20 minutes when cooking soups and stews which generally require a long cooking time.  
\* Using unsalted butter in herb butter recipes allows more of the herb flavor to come

through and controls the salt intake.  
\* For a simple stuffing, lay strips of fresh herbs in the cavity of poultry along with onions or fruit.  
\* During long cooking times, you may enjoy the aroma of herbs. But the oils which provide the flavor are released- depending on the herb- at 80 degrees to 110 degrees F. You may still smell the pleasing aroma, but much of the flavor will be gone. You may wish to refresh the flavor near the end of the cooking time.  
\* Freezing rose petals in ice cube trays with water or an appropriate juice adds a festive note to a punch bowl.  
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Fish Fry

A fish fry will be held Saturday, June 22 from 6-8 in the Pink Building at the Fair Grounds in Roby. A fish plate will sell for \$5.00 and includes dessert, drink, as well as fish, beans, and salad. This event is being sponsored by 4-H Exchange.

### County Fair Plans

The County Fair is scheduled for August 8, 9, and 10 at the Fair Grounds in Roby. Entries will include all mediums of Art work, handwork, quilts (old and new) Afghans, canned foods, baked foods, photos, hobbies and crafts, and clothing. Details of schedules, check in times, etc. can be picked up at County Agents office and will be published in paper at a later date.

### F.C. Senior Citizens

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having a dance on Friday, June 21 at the Senior Citizens building. The dance will start at 7:30 p.m., ending at 10:30 p.m., with the Texas High Band playing. All senior citizens and their guests are encouraged to attend.

### REAP Revival

The Sylvester Baptist Church will be having a REAP Revival on June 23-27.

Sunday morning- 11:00 a.m.; Sunday night- 6:00 p.m.; Mon.- Thurs.- 7:00 p.m.

Paul, Vanessa and Erin Cherry will be the evangelists.

### McMurry Univ. Aerobic Workshop

McMurry University will host a six-hour "Aerobic Fitness-Texas Style" workshop for physical educators on Friday, June 28, at the Hunt Physical Education Center.

The event is designed to provide school physical education teachers with the materials and training needed to implement both traditional and step aerobics in to physical education programs. It is hosted by Dr. Pug Parris, professor of physical education and instruction is provided by Melinda Higgins of Lorraine.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop concludes at 4 p.m. Cost is \$30 for materials and an optional instruction video is available for \$30. Six hours of professional development credits will be given for persons seeking staff development credit. To reserve a spot, contact Higgins at 915-737-2415 or Parris at 915-691-6278.

## Story Of Two Brothers, Calvin And Alvin Crow

by Ruby Wild.....

W. A. and Tallulah (Ward) Lambert migrated to Fisher County from Georgia. The Lamberts had five sons and three daughters. The sons and one daughter married and moved away. Two daughters, Mamie Elizabeth married and remained in Rotan until their demise. One son, Carlos served in World War I and II.

Elizabeth married Barney Bigham (a long time barber in Rotan). Their four children are R.C. Jimmy, Margie (Mrs. John Ross Hale), and Joyce (Mrs. Marshall Hill). John Ross is the descendant of another early Fisher County family. Marshall and Joyce taught in Rotan Elementary School until they retired and moved to Brownwood. Margie and John Ross also live in Brownwood.

Mamie married Jess Crow. They had five sons: Calvin, Alvin, Jesse, Kenneth and Billy, and one daughter, Donna.

Calvin and Alvin worked at part time jobs, while attending high school. They were active in sports and Boy Scouts. Calvin became an Eagle Scout. At the time Calvin graduated from high school there were still six children living at home.

For a while Calvin, R.C. Bigham and Carlton Lambert (another cousin) lived in Fort Worth with Calvin's half-sister Florence and Lloyd Lambert and their two children. Calvin and Carlton worked for Swift Meat Packing Company, and R.C. worked for American Airlines.

Calvin and R.C. returned to Rotan and worked. Since they were close to age for Selective Service, they had their parents sign for them to enlist in the Navy. They did not want to be drafted into the Army. Barney and Elizabeth Bigham drove them to Abilene for their trip to California. Carlton enlisted in the Army Air Force.

An account of what happened to the young men after their induction into the service is written by retired Brigadier General of the Texas National Guard, Maurice Lambert, Calvin's nephew. After finishing boot camp, R.C. was sent to Texas A&M for radio school. From there he went to New Guinea and participated in the battle of the Philippines. Calvin was sent to Balboa Park in San Diego for medical training, then to Shoemaker to work in a hospital and receive additional training. As a media, he was transferred to the Marines (who obtained medical personnel from the Navy). By the time Calvin had finished his medical training, his younger brother Alvin arrived in San Diego for basic training. Calvin was stationed at Camp Pendleton and at Camp Elliot in San Diego. He visited Alvin at the Naval Training Center. Several boys from Rotan took their basic training at that time. When Calvin appeared in Marine uniform, the boys thought that he was an officer and saluted him. Alvin recognized that it was Calvin and they all had a big laugh. After Alvin finished basic, Calvin and he enjoyed liberty (leave) together several times. Calvin knew that he was shipping out, but secrecy prevented him telling anyone.

Calvin was sent to Pearl Harbor and boarded an aircraft carrier to Guam where he joined his outfit. They sailed to Saipan and joined with a fleet of several hundred ships sailing for Okinawa. Calvin was unaware that Alvin was in the same fleet. Alvin had been sent to cooking school, prior to being shipped. Near the island was a Higgins boat (used to

carry men and equipment to share). His unit set up on Buckner Bay, where they cooked for Marines on supply crews that were stationed ashore.

Once when Alvin was preparing mashed potatoes, he accidentally let the whole box of pepper drop into the mixer. The potatoes were very spicy and there were some unhappy sailors. He was called before the Commander and told to be more careful. He related a time when the ship was in a typhoon, and their main meal consisted of Spam for a few days. He would never eat Spam again.

After the capture of Okinawa, Calvin's unit lost only one man. He was dumping garbage over a cliff and lost his footing. He fell to his death on the rocks below. Calvin was awarded to go down the cliff on a rope to check on the young Marine.

One day after the island had been secured, a very surprising and happy reunion occurred. Calvin was lying on his cot when someone grabbed him by the shoulder and shook him. Aroused out of sleep, thinking it might be a Japanese, he came up swinging and hit the man in the face. One of his fellow Marines yelled, "Doc, (the name given to medics by men with whom they served) that's your

brother? Over-joyed he embraced Alvin and exclaimed, "This is my little brother." That amused the men, as Alvin was larger than Calvin. He asked Alvin how he knew he was there. Alvin had received a letter from their mother before he left the States. She had informed him that Calvin's unit was the 2nd AAA Battalion of Battery C, 6th Marine Division. Although it was still dangerous to travel because of Japanese snipers, he walked and inquired about the unit. About fifty miles later he found Calvin's unit. When they learned that Alvin's unit had fresh meat while they had only had C-rations for some time, they carried him back to his unit in a truck. Their truck was loaded with fresh meat. Needless to say, Alvin was a "hero" to all of Calvin's friends.

The two brothers did not see each other again until the war had ended and they returned to the States. Calvin returned on the same ship which had taken him to the Pacific. He was discharged May 10, 1946 and Alvin was discharged in June of the same year.

R.C. and Carlton returned safely to Texas. R.C. had made two trips to Okinawa but was unaware that his

cousins were there. R.C. stayed in the Navy Reserves and five years later was called back to duty during the Korean War. His brother Jimmy served in the Korean War. Five other cousins who served in the military were Elvis Lambert, James Lambert, Tom Lambert, Chester Lambert, and Raymond Lambert.

The three brothers of Calvin and Alvin who served in military are Jesse Crow in the Army (Korean War) Kenneth Crow (Navy mine sweeper in the late fifties) and Billy Crow (retired from the Military in both the Army and the Air Force, spent time in the Vietnam War).

Calvin and Glenna (Zimmerman) Crow were married July 9, 1946. Their daughter Laura is employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Alvin married Margie Winstead. They have four children and three grandchildren. Alvin died in 1983. Margie resides in Euless, Texas.

There has been some controversy in recent years about the involvement of the Atomic bombings of Japanese cities during World War II. It is Maurice Lambert's contention (and I believe most people agree) that the controversy stems from those too young to know the background and the horrors of war and the tragedies which many families have suffered through losing loved ones in these conflicts.

It is remarkable that one son and thirteen grandsons from the W.A. Lambert family survived the wars. We will never cease to honor the survivors and those who lost their lives in the service of our country.

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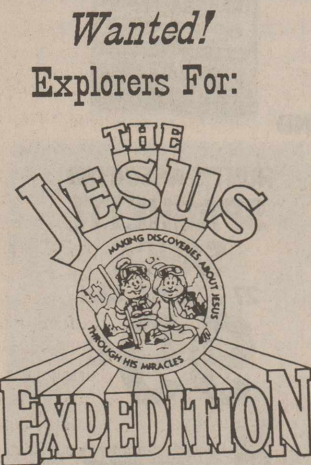
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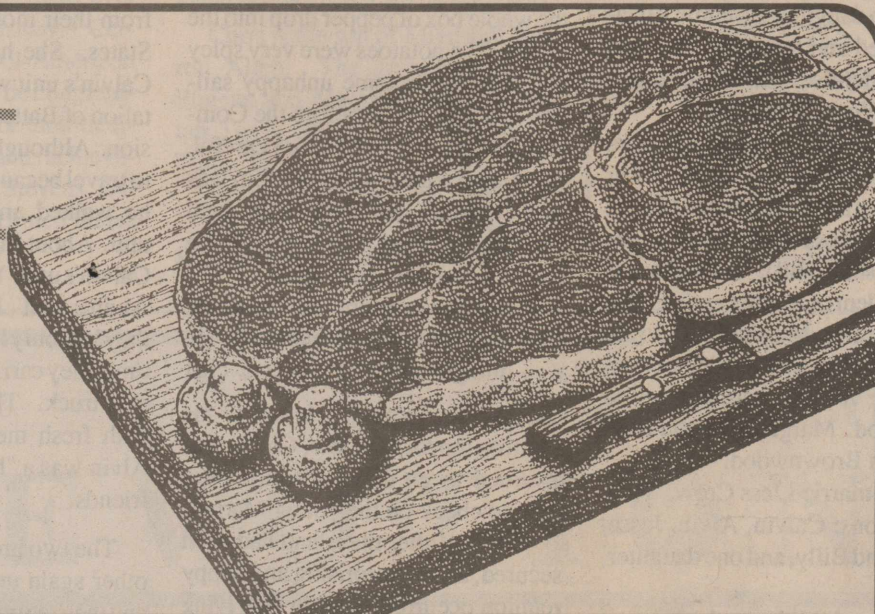


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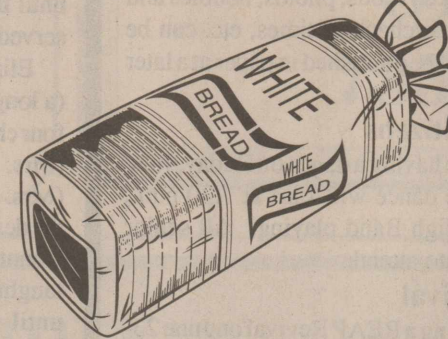
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