

Rotan, Roby Masonic Lodges Plan Open House

Two Fisher County Masonic Lodges, Rotan Lodge #956 in Rotan and Fisher Lodge #703 in Roby, have joined 939 other Masonic Lodges across Texas in scheduling a simultaneous statewide Public Open House between 2 and 4 P.M. Sunday, March 10, 1991.

David Hargrove, Master of the Rotan Lodge and Lowell Thornburg, Master of the Roby Lodge, indicated that an open invitation is extended to anyone interested in learning more about Masonry and what Masons do. They noted that Fred E. Allen of Mt.

Pleasant, Grand Master of the 180,000 member Masonic Lodge of Texas, has defined the intent of the "showcase" open house event as being "to put Masonry on display so anyone interested can see for themselves what Masons do and have a better understanding of what

Masonry is all about."

Printed cards will give brief explanations of more significant points of interest about the lodge room, including some of the more prominent symbols utilized in Masonry to teach Masonic philosophy. Best known of these

symbols are the square and compasses, which identify members of the craft, together with other tools of the medieval stonemasons.... builders of the great Gothic Cathedrals.

Allen explained, that to the three and one half mission Masons in the United States, these symbols are reminders of a Mason's duty to live by highest moral standards, to practice brotherly love, and to affirm loyalty to his country. He said Masons believe that the quality of a man's life should reflect his faith in God and his ethical ideals.

Other Masonic-related organizations are also being invited to participate in the open hours program to provide insight into their particular organizations. Although not active in all communities, these affiliated Masonic groups include the York Rite, Scottish Rite, the Shrine, the Grotto, The Beausceant, Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, Daughters of Mokanna, Order of DeMolay for Boys, Order of Rainbow

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Doug Reeves Is New Little League President For 1991

The coaches and parents interested in helping formulate plans for the 1991 Little League season are invited to a meeting on Friday, March 1, at the Rotan Fire Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting has been called by Doug Reeves for the purpose of beginning to formulate plans for the upcoming season of play.

Officers for the 1991 Little League season are: Doug Reeves, President; Raymond (Hoss) Carrillo, Secretary-Treasurer; Carol Price and Teresa Harrison, concession stand.



SPACE PROBLEM: We were forced to leave out a lot of items from this week's paper because of a space problem. Every once in a while, we have an abundance of news and not enough advertising to justify two additional pages. This was one of those weeks. We will try hard to get the left-over articles in next week's paper and we apologize for any inconvenience caused. We appreciate the support we receive from advertisers and people providing us with information for news articles.

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CHAMBER BANQUET: The Rotan Chamber of Commerce banquet is set for Saturday, March 2nd at the Rotan School Cafeteria. The speaker is David Scott of West Texas Utilities. Those interested in attending can contact Tommy Harbin at 735-2214 or Rheta Thomson at 735-2459 for more information.

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AS A RULE OF THUMB: Parents teach more by example than by words. Reading parents have reading children; achieving parents have achieving children. As a rule of thumb.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Feb. 28th - March 6th: 28 - Terry Cleveland, Cody Murphree, Jessica Fowler, Mark Nowlin, Billy Smith; 29th - Catherine Weatherman; March 1 - Daniel Boyd, Lee Jay Greenway, Josephine Harris; 2 - James Nettleton; 3 - Kathy Stamm; 4 - Bessie Bryant, Lindsey Cave, Mary Ruth Hamlin; 5 - Justin McCall, Lance Ragan; 6 - Frances Pyburn, Beverly Rister.

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FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches, from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek, wondered if you could round up 45 candidates to apply for a biology teaching job? He thinks we put too much emphasis on sports and extra-curricular activities and not enough on basic classroom studies - reading, writing and arithmetic.

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***CONFESSION:** Few things in this life are more difficult than saying "I made a mistake, I am truly sorry".

***QUARRELS:** When one will not, two cannot quarrel.

***REVENGE:** Revenge is like biting a dog because the dog bites you.

***FINALLY, FINALLY:** A Scott's Corner parent of a teenage boy says his hardest job is getting his "thick headed" son to realize that "No" is a complete sentence.

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Rotan Chamber Of Commerce Banquet Set For Saturday Night, Morrow New President

The 1991 Rotan Chamber of Commerce banquet is scheduled for Saturday night, March 2nd at the Rotan School Cafeteria, according to Rotan

Linda's Flower Shop Closes Rotan Location

Linda's Flower Shop on West Snyder Avenue in Rotan closed to the general public effective February 15th, according to former owner Linda Martin.

The business was located on the West end of Snyder Avenue next to Strayhorn Bookkeeping.

Rivers To Ask For Additional Roby Commission Term

One of the two Roby City Commission members has indicated his desire to serve an additional term on the Roby Commission by filing the proper paperwork to have his name on the May ballot.

Commissioner Archie Rivers will have his name on the ballot for the May 4th election.

Commissioner Cecil King is the other Roby Commission member and has not indicated his intention with respect to an additional term.

Roby Mayor Murray Simmons was unavailable for comment earlier this week concerning his intentions for re-election.

The deadline for filing for a place on the ballot is March 20th at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for filing as a write-in candidate is Thursday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Mike V. Terry, Jeff McClure On Roby School Board Ballot

Mike V. Terry, owner of TCI Ag. Agency in Roby, has officially filed for one of three open seats on the Roby School Board.

Terry filed and became the first to execute the paperwork for a position on the May 4th ballot.

The terms of Jeff McClure, David Boyd and Dr. David Morris all expire this year.

Jeff McClure became the second to file when he completed paperwork last Monday.

Other board members are Andy Moore, Lance McWilliams, Marie Henry and Bryan Justiss.

The filing deadline to name three board members to the Roby School Board is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 20th. The deadline for write-in candidates to file their intention is Thursday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Applications for school board positions are available at the office of Superintendent, Roby Schools, Roby, Texas.

Chamber President Monte Morrow.

The speaker will be David Scott, West Texas Utilities. Entertainment will be provided by Monte's Country and Western Band.

The new officers and directors for 1991 will be introduced and retiring

Special Meeting Of Rotan Board For Coach Is Set

The members of the Rotan School Board will hold a special closed session on Monday night, March 4th at 7:30 p.m., for what Board President Pete Fowler described as "a meeting to screen down the applications for the position of Head Football Coach".

The meeting, according to Fowler, will basically be to screen the applications down to a manageable level and attempt to determine who will be asked to appear for a personal interview on Saturday, March 9th.

After interviewing applicants on Saturday, March 9th, the board may go ahead and hire someone or may wait until the regular meeting on Monday, March 11th and offer someone a contract.

Wm. Cleveland, Jr. Wants Re-Election To Hospital Board

Fisher County voters will be given the opportunity to return at least one incumbent to the Fisher County Hospital Board on Saturday, May 4th.

The terms of William Cleveland, Jr., and Billy Wayne Jeffrey both expire this year.

Incumbent William Cleveland, Jr., has indicated that he will re-file for another term on the board. Jeffrey was not available for comment on his intention.

The deadline for filing is Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for filing as a write-in candidate is Thursday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Reece Schooley Files For Rotan School Board Spot

Reece Schooley, a Rotan farmer, has officially filed to have his name placed on the Rotan School Board ballot seeking one of two open seats on the seven member board.

Schooley will be seeking to take one of two seats currently held by Pete Fowler and Leo Long. Neither Long or Fowler has indicated their intention with regard to re-election.

The board election has been set for Saturday, May 4th. The deadline for filing for office is Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Other board members are Donna Kennedy, Roger Blackwelder and Dr. Vick Burk with terms expiring in 1992 and Larry Landes and Luther Summers with terms expiring in 1992.

officers and directors recognized.

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce banquet meal will consist of a steak plate. Meal reservations can be secured by calling Tommy Harbin at 735-2214 or Rheta Thomson at 735-2459.

New directors for 1991 are: Linda Martin, Glenda Wright, Harold Sanders, Gilbert Brown and Greg Pruitt. Retiring directors are: Janece Pease,

Rotan DQ Gals Scared By Rifle Wielding Stranger

Two Abilene men are out of jail on bond after pointing a gun at an employee of the Rotan Dairy Queen earlier this month, according to Sheriff Mickey Counts.

Christopher Eric Fears, age 18 and Earl Robinson, age 19, both of Abilene, were arrested in Sweetwater after the Rotan incident took place.

According to Counts, the two attempted to get in the Rotan Dairy Queen shortly after it closed on the night of February 7th. When local Dairy Queen employees failed to open either the door or service window, the two returned to their vehicle and came back banishing a folding-stock shotgun and what Counts described as a "long knife".

Local law enforcement officers, after being notified by Dairy Queen employees, put an area alert in place and as a result Sweetwater Police Department officers arrested the two on a warrant for "aggravated assault with a deadly weapon."

Both have been released on bond.

Charles Atwell Will Not Seek Additional Rotan Council Term

Rotan City Councilman Charles Atwell indicated last week that he has "no intention of re-filing for another term."

Atwell, along with Councilman Jim McCright and Mayor Jerry Marshall all have terms expiring this year.

McCright was not available for comment on his intention concerning re-filing. It is anticipated that Mayor Jerry Marshall will seek an additional term, although he has not officially indicated that he will seek re-election.

The remaining three councilmen are: Connie McQueen, Emma Denton and Bob Greenlee.

The election to name a Mayor and two councilmen will be conducted on Saturday, May 4th.

The deadline for filing for a place on the ballot is Wednesday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. The deadline for filing as a write-in candidate is Thursday, April 4th at 5:00 p.m. Persons interested in filing for a spot on the Rotan City Council can secure the proper forms from Rotan City Secretary Joe Dickson.

Betty Jones, Dianna McKinney and Charlie Cleveland.

Fisher County Man Severely Burned As Tractor Plows Up Natural Gas Line

A Fisher County man was severely burned in an accident involving a tractor and natural gas line in the Claytonville area last week, according to Fisher County Sheriff Mickey Counts.

Shelby Scott, a resident of Sylvester and an employee of Dick and Ricky Gruben, was injured when the tractor he was driving ran over a natural gas line igniting the tractor and severely burning Scott. The incident took place 12 miles southwest of Roby in the Claytonville area.

Scott, after being burned, walked out of the field, flagged a vehicle and caught a ride to the Fisher County Court House where he requested transportation to the Fisher County Hospital by

law enforcement officers.

He was seen by local physicians and immediately transported to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. As of last Monday morning, it was determined that Scott would have skin grafts on his hands, arms and a portion of his back. A family friend indicated that his face was not burned and that medical personnel were pleased with how fast he was healing. He is expected to be transferred back to the Fisher County Hospital to begin the recovery process after the skin graft process.

Scott was driving a 1982 John Deere 4840 tractor belonging to Ricky Gruben. The value of the tractor was pegged in excess of \$40,000.

Two County Men Are Charged With Theft Of Livestock Holding Panels

Two Fisher County men were arrested by Fisher County Sheriff's Department officers and were charged with the theft of approximately 20 stock panels, according to Sheriff Counts.

The incident took place on February 6th or 7th in the Eskota area. A total of approximately 20 stock panels, valued at \$600, were taken.

The two charged with the theft were: Michael Douglass, age 25 and Gordon Pippin, age 25, both of Sylvester. They were released on bond.

Editorial Comment By Kimball G. Pease Illiteracy

Texas Public Schools will pause, if for only a few minutes this week, to observe Texas Public School Week. An annual observance which gives the schools the opportunity to take a bow for providing Texas children with a good solid, basic education.

This year, in light of a recent report by the Texas Department of Commerce pointing out the economic and social dangers of illiteracy, Texas public Schools would do good to by-pass the bow and keep on teaching.

Facts: *Texas ranks 47th among states in adult literacy.

*One in three Texans are functionally illiterate.

*One in five Texas workers cannot read, write or do simple math. This compares with one in twenty in Japan.

*100 of the 254 counties in Texas do not have a literacy program.

*In excess of 75% of Texas' prison inmates are school dropouts.

*Over half (51% to be exact) of Texas adults receiving "Aid to Families with Dependent Children" have not

completed high school.

*It costs \$35,000 a year to keep a prison inmate locked up.

*If current performance and dropout statistics are not improved, here is what would happen to 100 children entering kindergarten today in Texas.

- 18 would drop out before the eighth grade.

- 27 more would drop out of high school before graduation.

- Of the 55 who graduate, seven would be unable to read or write.

- In other words, 52 of the original 100 will have less than a high school education.

Those statistics are not good. There is room for a lot of improvement in Texas education. I don't know what is right - when Texas public school give a diploma to 13 percent of Texas kids and those 13 percent are unable to read or write.

In my opinion, the education community is ripe for reform from the new Education Commissioner.



State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

Lawmakers moved two emergency issues forward last week when the Senate approved a school funding reform plan and a House committee passed the proposed lottery amendment.

Other lawmakers filed proposals to reform the insurance industry.

In the Senate, Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, steered his proposed constitutional amendment (plus a statute bill as a safety net in case voters reject it) past the unanimous GOP opposition, causing sponsors to ponder what House Republicans will do this week.

Democrats are eager to comply with a court order which cuts off state revenues to all school districts on April 1 if a reform measure is not approved by then.

GOP Gatekeepers

But if House Republicans also vote as a bloc, the proposed amendment will fail for lack of two-thirds support.

Whether they have the inclination or the strength to impose bloc politics, the House will get a test vote this week the lottery amendment comes to the floor.

In a session dominated by Democrats, Republicans have only one acre in the hole: enough votes to stop any attempt to change the constitution.

Ordinarily, this big stick would not see much action, but as fate would have it, the Legislature faces a number of Democrat-designed priority issues requiring amendments to change the Texas Constitutions.

Insurance Reform

Insurance Committee chairman, Rep. Eddie Cavazos, D-Corpus Christi,

is sponsoring an industry reform plan which would change the way policy rates are set in Texas.

The bill will end the practice of using insurance companies' data on losses and premiums to determine rates for auto and property insurance.

Gov. Ann Richards said insurance companies collaborate in this process to set rates, a charge denied by industry spokesmen.

New Minority Seats

African-Americans in Dallas and Hispanics in Houston are floating names by the dozens to run for congressional seats expected to be drawn in those cities.

In the process, some Anglo Democrats, U.S. Rep. Mike Andrews, D-Houston, for one, are being more openly discussed by them as possible casualties of re-districting trade-offs.

In several areas around the state, Republicans have a regional population boom to make their case for a new seat, while minorities argue that past discrimination makes them due.

What's becoming apparent in many of these cases is that to satisfy both claims, an Anglo Democrat might be pared of minority Democrat precincts at one end and fattened with GOP precincts on the other.

Some Republicans are indirectly supplying census data to minority groups, a wooing to make one ponder if the GOP plans to widely back more minority candidates for new seats, not only in these cities but for legislative and judicial seats statewide.

Game of "Footsie"

Top Democrats see this as an obvious game of footsie laced with treachery; they generally assume minorities will choose from the slate of Democratic candidates.

Likely as that is, as minorities begin to win more offices, it will not last forever, and perhaps a few professionals realized the future may be closer than they imagined last week.

Houston city councilman, Ben Reyes, a former House member, shocked a Hispanic audience when he told them, "The best friend that minorities have is the Republican party" when seeking political help to draw minority districts.

Then Texas Republican Party chairman Fred Meyer retorted: "(Angelo) Democrats have always held the pen that redraws political lines. Ask an African-American or Hispanic if they have gotten the best representation as a result."

J.P. Doodles



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... Beautiful?

It all depends on whether or not you are a lobster lover. To those who enjoy this succulent fruit of the sea, a lobster is a thing of beauty. To others, it seems incredibly ugly.

Beauty is "in the eye of the beholder," but, contrary to another old saying, it is not skin deep. True beauty often can't be seen at all. It is something you feel, something of which you are aware, not necessarily seen.

Beauty, for instance, surrounds you when you walk into God's house. There is something in the atmosphere that you can't quite define. No matter what's been happening to you, within the confines of your church or synagogue, you feel a sense of peace, of sanctuary.

Had that experience lately?

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Editorial Comment Toxic Waste Problem

Editor's Note: In the February 21st edition of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal appeared an editorial on toxic waste entitled "Don't Dump On Texas", that caught my eye. I received permission from the "big wigs" at the A.J. to re-print that editorial writer's opinion. It certainly carries food for thought in light of Fisher County's closeness to the toxic waste disposal situation.

"We strongly disapprove of Maine's dangling \$20 million before Texas lawmakers in seeking approval to dump part of the Pine Tree State's low-level radioactive waste in Texas.

Allowing Maine to dump its waste in Texas will open the door for other states to unload their radioactive garbage on the Lone Star State.

We agree with El Paso lawyer Darcy Frownfelter, who warns of a potential "domino effect" if Texas lawmakers eventually yield to this considerable financial temptation.

"If Texas lets Maine in, then it'll let Vermont in, then New Hampshire...all these little states are going to solicit Texas," Mr. Frownfelter predicted.

Mr. Frownfelter represented El Paso and Hudspeth counties in their successful lawsuit against the state to keep it from building a dump near Fort Hancock, about 50 miles south of El Paso. (The state is now appealing.)

The 19-year-old Maine Yankee nuclear power plant - the state's largest waste generator - may be decommissioned as early as 2008 and will require massive disposal space.

We think Maine Yankee demonstrated the depth of its commitment to dumping nuclear garbage beyond its home state boundaries when it hired no less formidable a lobbyist than Hilary Doran, former Gov. Bill Clements' chief of staff, to present its case.

The ill-advised revenue-raising concept is not without its supporters, of course. For example, Sen. Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, whose district contains the Fort Hancock site, favors the idea. "I think we need it," Mr. Sims said.

Last month, however, an El Paso judge ruled the Fort Hancock site unsuitable for nuclear waste and ordered the state to stop construction.

Proponents dispute the potential domino effect that opening the door to Maine's \$20 million dumping proposition will create.

A state official, for example, said legal safeguards will keep that from happening. But we are not persuaded by debatable reassurances.

We realize the Legislature is under considerable pressure to find additional funds to defer rising costs. But we do not consider accepting radioactive waste from out of state as a viable alternative or as an acceptable solution.

Our fear is that any extra revenue generated by a toxic-waste agreement may turn out to be a liability rather than an asset should unforeseen - or unforeseeable - problems develop.

In our opinion, never opening the toxic waste disposal door in the first place makes more sense than trying to close it later - especially when it may be too late by then to undo any damage to Texas' pure water, unadulterated land or clean air."



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Funeral Services Held For Carlos Gonzales Mijares

Carlos Gonzales Mijares, 64 of 104 Penrose in San Angelo died Sunday, February 24, 1991 in the V.A. Hospital in Kerrville. Rosary was read at 7:00 p.m., Monday in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was held

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for Girls, and Job's Daughters - the newest entry into Texas.

Allen cited the showcase event as a first in Texas in which various Masonic and Masonic-related groups join in public display of their respective regalia and symbols in a blend of colorful pageantry open to all.

He declared an over all objective is to dispel the misconception many people have that Masonry is a secret society. He pointed out Masonry does not conceal its existence, principles or aims. Members proudly wear the square and compasses and other Masonic insignia, and Lodge buildings are well identified and often made available for appropriate community activities.

Masons collectively provide over \$2 million a day and thousands of hours of service donated to worthy causes, including over \$750 million every year for charitable activities.

It was further pointed out that while Masons do not solicit members, men of good character may ask to become members.

Members of Fisher Lodge #703 at Roby and Rotan Lodge #956 at Rotan and other associated Masonic bodies will be on hand on hand to answer questions during the public open house.

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Mr. Mijares was born January 25, 1927 in Hobbs, Texas to Gregorio Mijares and Juanita Gonzales Mijares. He attended Hobbs High School, San Angelo Business College and was a veteran of World War II. Mr. Mijares married Orosia Losoya in 1947. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and was a charter member of G.I. Forum in San Angelo, Texas. He was the owner of Carlos' Little Mexico Restaurant in Snyder and was active in many Civic and Church organizations in Snyder including the Chamber of Commerce, Gold Coaters Selective Service Board, West Texas Council of Governments, Knights of Columbus, Pastoral Council of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, and the Scurry County Democratic Party.

Survivors include: His wife: Orosia L. Mijares; one son: Charlie Mijares of San Angelo; 3 daughters: Nita Rodriguez of San Angelo, Mrs. Alfred A. (Mary) Perez of Sonora, Mrs. Jim (Elizabeth) Moses of Waco; his father: Gregorio L. Mijares of El Paso; one brother: Ruben Mijares of El Paso; one daughter-in-law: Rosalinda Mijares of San Angelo; eleven grandchildren: Nita Fernandez, Jaime Rodriguez, Charlie

and Greg Mijares of San Angelo, Michelle, Pete, Clarissa and Ernie Perez of Sonora, David, Catie, and John Moses of Waco, one great-grandchild Trae

Secret Pal Club Holds Meeting

The Secret Pal Club met on the 20th of February in the Senior Citizens Building. Each brought a covered dish, played bingo, ate lunch at noon. Everyone had a good time. The next meeting will be the 20th of March.

Members present were: Willia Dean Reaves, Faye Woolsey, Wanda Kiker, Jimmie Horton, Oma Long, Lenora Streetman, LaVerne Starnes, Treasa Dycus, Lillie Herron, Virgie Weems, Bessie Eaton, Aurora Martinez, Mary Allen.

Fernandez of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were: Charlie Mijares, Jaime Rodriguez, Pete Perez, Chindo Soto, Raymond Losoya Jr., and Richard Fernandez.

Services Held For Loyd Springfield

Loyd Harold Springfield, 65, of 2418 Gilbert Circle, Arlington, died January 31, 1991 at a local hospital. Graveside services were held on February 2, 1991 by Moore Funeral Home, directed by Rev. Hugh Baker.

Mr. Springfield was a veteran of World War II. He graduated from T.C.U. with a BS degree and was a registered nurse and worked for the V.A. Hospital until his retirement 12 years ago.

Survivors include his wife of the home address; two sisters: Alline (Mrs.

Lion Tracks

Lion Tracks: UIL Success

Students from Roby High competed in the Third Annual Brock Memorial Speech Tournament on Saturday, 2 February. In Cross Examination De-

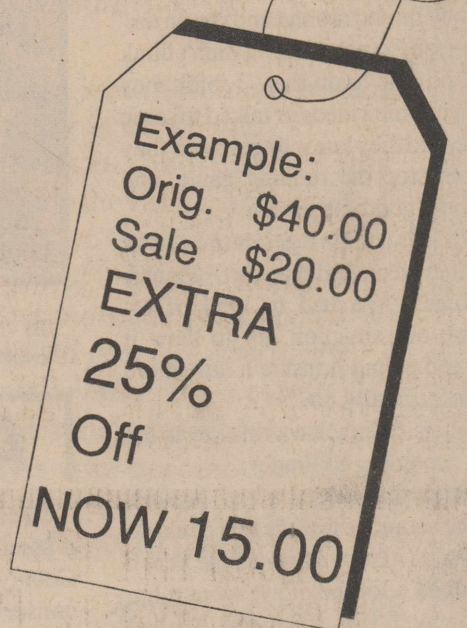
bate, Sheila Green and Shawn Carnes placed 4th, which is commendable considering that Roby has not fielded a Cross Examination Debate team in the last few years. But this was not the only recent UIL success here in Roby.

On Saturday, 16 February, a number of Roby students attended the Robert Lee Invitational Meet: Jerami St. Clair, Dale Alsup, Jennifer Kincaid, and Jessica Moore. Dale Alsup placed first in Science and Jennifer Kincaid placed 6th in Persuasive Speaking. Jessica Moore advanced to the Semi-Finals in Poetry Interpretation.

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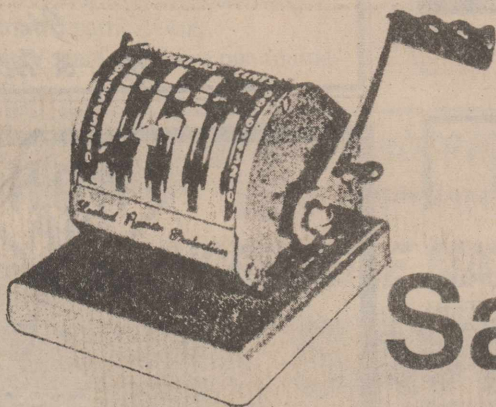


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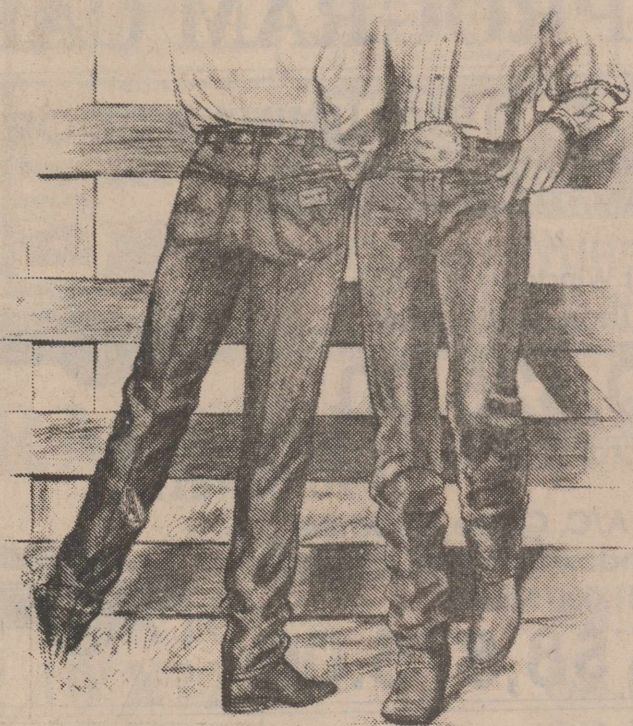
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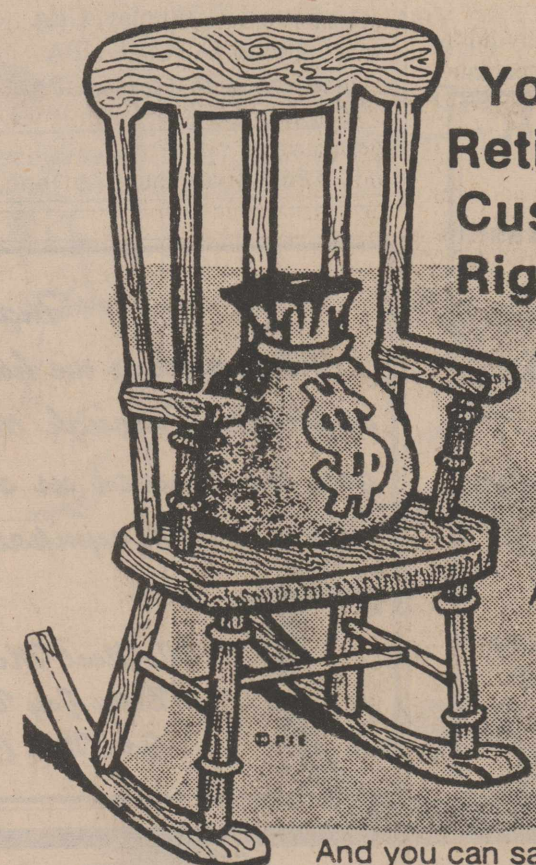
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Roby Lions Hold Off Tenacious Bulldogs For Bi-District Title

by Cliff Vlasin

The Roby Lions came through with clutch baskets at critical times last Friday night to hold off a tenacious pack of Loraine Bulldogs and claim the bi-district trophy.

Coach Ron Francis said it was a trademark performance. "They've done that all season," he said of his Lions. "When it came down the time to be serious, they buckled up and went on and did what they needed to do."

The 68-61 score was much closer than many thought it would be. The Lions were facing the second-place team from District 26-A, a team that had lost its final regular-season contest to Roscoe, another team that Roby had manhandled earlier in the season.

But the Bulldogs looked nothing like a second-place team on this night.

"We were supposed to just win easily," Francis said. "Everybody I talked to said, 'oh, it won't even be a game, coach,' but I knew better than that."

To begin with, the Lions run-and-gun style had finished off more than one team this season, but the Bulldogs nullified that aspect of the game.

"They turned around and ran on us," a surprised Francis said. "I didn't think they'd be able to do that. I think they had seen some videos or talked to some people, and they knew to get back; they knew to stop the running game, and they did a good job of that."

"We just couldn't get untracked as far as that went, and that hurt," Francis continued. We had to kind of re-evaluate our situation, try to slow it down and pound it inside a little more than we normally do."

That inside attack was the key to the game, according to Francis.

"I think that helped a lot," he said. "Having someone in there that could do that. Dale (Alsop) came off the bench and helped a lot; he didn't score a lot, but he helped. He came in and they had to respect his height because now we had two big guys in there, and they had to take somebody off of Jonathan (Petty) in there to help, and that opened it up a lot."

Getting the ball inside still did not necessarily mean points, however, as the Lions had trouble getting the ball to go in. "We missed a lot of easy shots inside," Francis said. "We should have had 40 in there -- it was just one of those nights."

Francis felt that, in the final analysis, the close contest was a result of the combination of Loraine hustle and Roby not playing to its potential.

"They surprised me, they really did," he said. "They played a lot better than

what I was expecting, and they did a good job, they really did."

"But I was expecting us to come out and play well, and we didn't play real well. I think a lot of it was, we were just real tight."

Francis had reason to worry right from the opening tipoff. The Lions scored first, but after taking a 4-2 lead,

saw the Bulldogs come roaring back for six straight to take an 8-4 lead with 4:53 left in the first quarter.

The Lions then answered with an 11-point run to make it 15-8. Again, Loraine came back, scoring on a three-pointer by Chris Phillips and a fast break layup by James Lopez.

Petty, Roby's top scorer with 26,

finished the quarter with a short jumper, and the Lions were clinging to a 17-13 first-quarter advantage.

Petty opened the second quarter with a turn-around jumper to make it 19-13, and after a Lopez -- bucket for Loraine, Jamie Amador hit a three-pointer and a short jumper to give the Lions a 26-15 advantage as they seemed to be pulling

away.

There was no quit in the Bulldogs, however, who responded with an 8-2 run, cutting Roby's margin to three, 28-23, with two minutes left in the half.

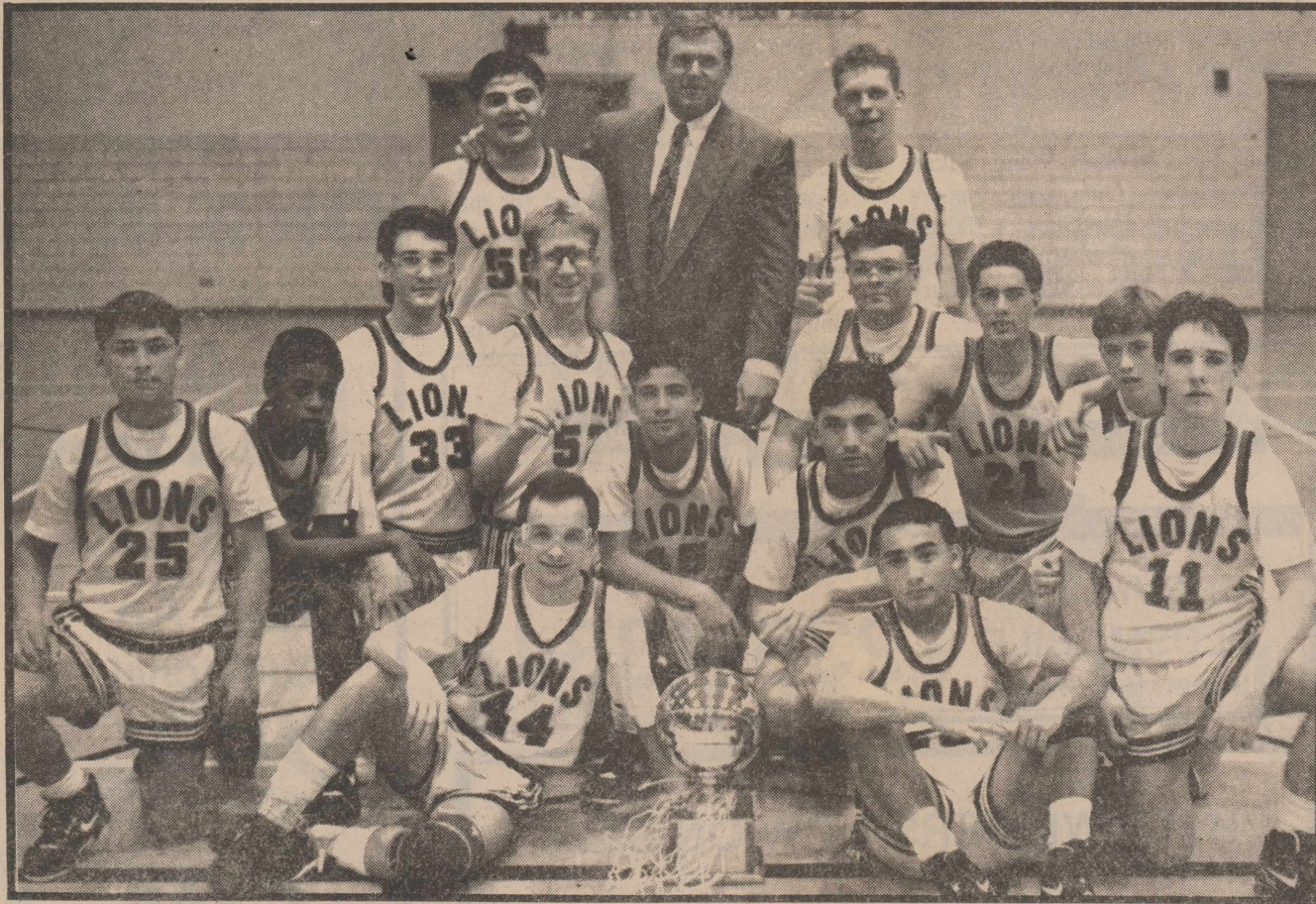
The two teams finished the half with a dazzling shooting display, trading three pointers on four consecutive trips, with Eddie Onofre hitting two for Roby, and Phillips and Fabian Alvarez each connection for Loraine.

Although the Lions would never trail after gaining the lead in the first quarter, they never could shake the pesky Bulldogs.

Loraine got within a point twice in the third quarter, but a Kenny Heflin three-pointer and a Petty layup made the score 49-42 with just over two minutes left in the third quarter, and Loraine would never get closer than three again.

After Petty's 26, Heflin and Onofre were the other two Lions in double figures, scoring 13 and 12 respectively. Amador chipped in seven, Jeremy Terry hit for six, and Alsop had four to round out Roby's scoring.

The Lions had six three-pointers on the night, three from Onofre, two from Heflin, and one from Amador.



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: Roby Coach Ron Francis and his Roby Lions are all smiles after their 68-61 Bi-District victory over the Loraine Bulldogs.

Assembling Conservation Plans

"From 1985 to 1990, we scrambled to assemble conservation plans in Fisher County," said Danny Parr, district conservationist for the USDA-Soil Conservation Service at Rotan.

"We sorely complained of the shortness of planning time. After all, time was short."

Parr said, "Given that time frame, many producers hurriedly made decisions on conservation practices and techniques unfamiliar to them. Some producers didn't have the proper

equipment to carry out their plan."

"1990 was a learning experience for all. But now these plans need to be applied," Parr said.

"Be advised, the 1985 Farm Bill is not fading away," Parr added. "If you don't understand, don't fully agree, or just can't live with your plan, immediately contact the Rotan Soil Conservation Service office."

Parr also said, "It's not too late. But it's imperative to make these adjustments now."

Plans, or modified plans, must be implemented as scheduled and fully applied by December 31, 1994. Time is running out along with options.

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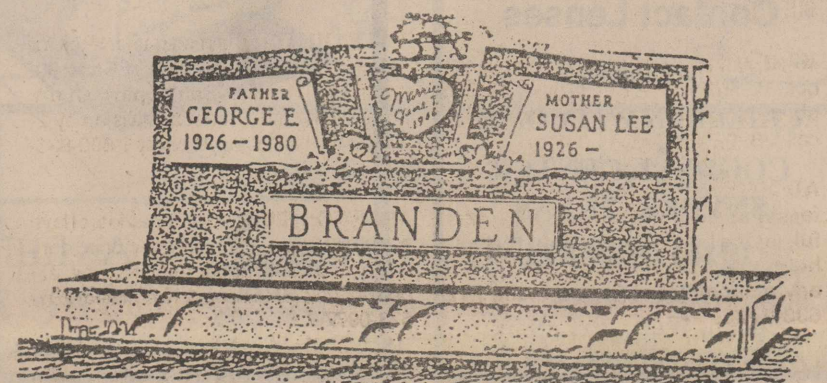
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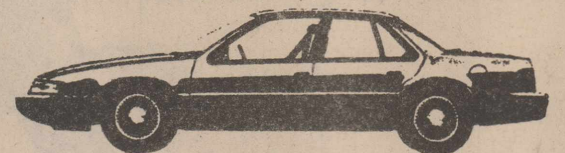
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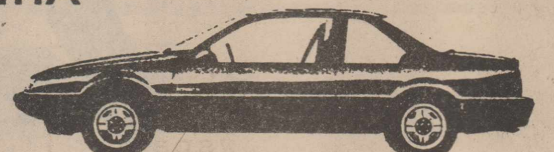
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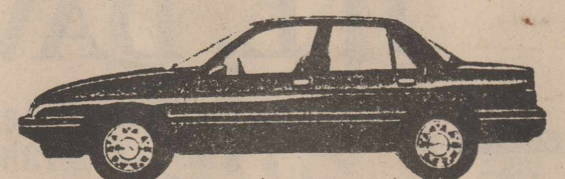
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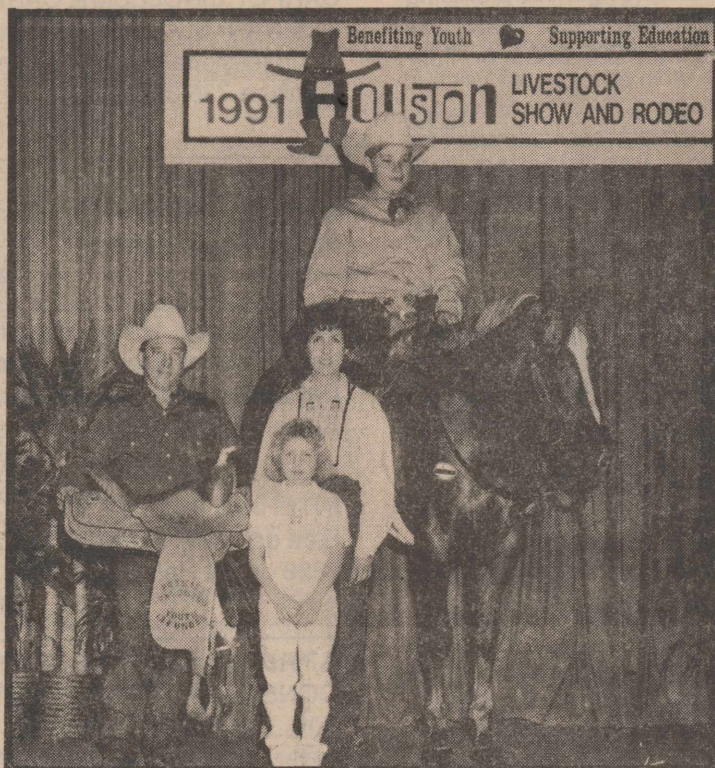
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HOUSTON STOCK SHOW WINNER. Justin Smith, son of Mr and Mrs Alvin Smith of Roby, was the winner of a saddle for being Premier Palomino Youth Exhibitor in the 13 & under age division. Justin and his gelding received a first in Western Pleasure, first in Trail, second in Western Horsemanship, third in Hunter Under Saddle and Showmanship and fourth in Hunt Seat Equitation. In addition to the Palomino competition, Justin competed in the Junior Quarter Horse Show placing second in Trail competition. Pictured with Justin above is his father Alvin, holding saddle, mother Marsha and sister Ashley all of Roby.

Hospital News

Patients admitted to the Fisher County Hospital February 19 thru 25, 1991 were:

Beatrice Palmer- Rotan; Beatrice Hayes-Rotan; Nova M. Smith-Hamlin; Michael Kyle Martin- Rotan; Tracey Dowell- McCaulley; Alton W. Harris-Rotan; Sherry A. Hernandez- Rotan; Lucy A. Thomson- Rotan; John W. Morgan- Rotan; Milton L. Jensen-Rotan; Golda Springer- Rotan.

Extension Homemakers Hold Meeting

Texas Extension Homemakers Association in the Rolling Plains District held a Training Meeting for County Texas Extension Homemaker Association (TEHA) Chairmen and Extension Homemakers Council Chairmen on Thursday, February 21, at the County Extension Office Activity Building in Archer City.

District TEHA Director, Fern Maxwell of Wichita County, conducted the meeting to provide leadership training for county representatives and to plan their annual Spring TEHA Meeting.

Fifty Extension Homemakers Association members and County Extension Agents met for the meeting hosted by the Archer County Extension Homemakers Club.

Attending from Fisher County were Bobbie McKinney, Rotan, Luella Waddell, Roby, and Beth Dannheim County Extension Agent.

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- 5) Balance of payment in full to be paid at closing.
- 6) Board reserves right to accept or reject any/all bids.

Sealed bids may be brought or mailed to Roby C.I.S.D., Box 519, Roby, TX 79543. Sealed bids will be opened at a Public Meeting of Roby C.I.S.D. Board of Trustees at the regular scheduled meeting on March 12, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. at Roby High School. Additional information and descriptions may be obtained by contacting Admin. Office/phone 915-776-2222.

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THURSDAY: Fish W/Tartar Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Rice Krispie Square, Bread, Milk.

FRIDAY: Pizza, Green Beans, Salad, Brownie, Milk, Bread.

Rotan Menu

March 4 - 11, 1991

MONDAY: Fish Nuggets, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Whole Wheat Rolls, Date Cookies, Milk.

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George Randall Martin, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Byrle Martin of Rotan. The wedding is set for April 5th at 7:30 p.m. It will be at the First Baptist Church in Rotan.

News Briefs

Ministerial Alliance

The Fisher County Ministerial Alliance will meet this coming Wednesday, March 6, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Rotan. Plans need to be finalized for the combined Easter service to be held on Sunday, March 24, 1991 at the First United Methodist Church in Roby beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Golf Scramble

The Rotan Jaycees will sponsor a three-man golf scramble at the Rotan Golf course Sunday, March 3, beginning at 1:00 p.m. There will be a Junior Division for 18 and under and a Senior Division for over 18. Entry fees will be five dollars for the Junior Division and ten dollars for the Senior Division. Trophies will be awarded for first and second place winners of the Junior Division. Money prizes will be awarded for the top three places in the Senior Division. Concessions will be available.

Rotan School "Open House"

The Rotan Public Schools will be hosting an "Open House" on Monday, March 4, 1991 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with Public School Week. Parents and community members are encouraged to visit the individual campuses.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

Shooting Sports

There will be Shooting Sports Saturday, March 2nd at the Cottonwood RV Center in Roby. Thirteen years and older, begins at 1:00 p.m., 12 and under starts at 2:00 p.m. Sub-juniors should be finished in one hour.

Breckenridge Fine Arts Show

The Breckenridge Fine Arts Center will sponsor a one day demonstration workshop with sculptor, Judy Sager, from Fort Worth, on March 5, 1991. The workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a noon break and resume at 1:00 p.m. Deadline for registration is Friday, March 1, 1991.

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Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



by Richard E. Rodgers, CPA
POINTS OF INTEREST

Since the Tax Reform Act of 1986, home mortgage interest is almost the only kind of nonbusiness interest that is still deductible (and even it has limits). Points paid by a buyer to acquire a principal residence are considered to be home mortgage interest. (A "point" is equal to 1% of the loan amount.)

However, the IRS now has a cross-check on the amount of deductible points which taxpayers claim on their returns. A new law requires mortgage companies to report this information both to the buyer and to the IRS on Form 1098.

The new rules apply only to financing provided after December 31, 1990. To be deductible by the buyer (and reportable on Form 1098), the points must be paid for the use of money and not for services and must be paid by the buyer for the purchase of a principal residence. The dollar amount paid must not be excessive when compared to what is normally charged as common practice in the area.

Points paid for the following types of loans do not have to be reported by the mortgage company: home improvement, home equity or refinancing of a principal residence; loans to purchase or improve second homes, vacation homes, investment property or trade or business property. Such points may or not be deductible by the borrower. Contact your tax advisor for assistance with these issues.

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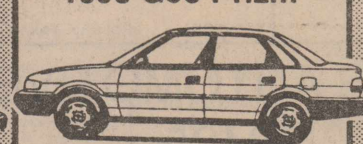


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Texas State Technical Institute Schedules Spring Registration

Texas State Technical Institute has scheduled registration for its spring classes for March 6; classes will start the following day.

The main campus in Sweetwater, Shane Martin Receives Award

Shane Martin, son of Ronnie and Susie Martin of Ingleside, Texas, has been awarded the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States Certificate of Outstanding Achievement. He was presented the award by his P.E. coach Beverly Cooper. To qualify for this award, a student must meet certain physical fitness testing criteria in several areas. Shane achieved an outstanding level of performance in the 9 year old group. As a result of his hard work, Shane's name will be placed with previous recipients on a plaque on permanent display at the Cook Elementary gym. The Amateur Athletic Union is sponsored by the Chrysler Fund. Shane is the grandson of Robert and Ruth Martin of Rotan and Winston Robison and the late Joyce Robison of Sweetwater.

along with the extensions in Abilene and Breckenridge, will be registering for all programs of study. TSTI-Breckenridge Extension will be enrolling its first class of nurses. Housing is still available on the Sweetwater campus in the coed apartments and men's dormitory. Financial aid is likewise available to those who qualify.

TSTI-Sweetwater offers eighteen fields of study in conjunction with the extensions, many of them in the fastest-growing fields in Texas. Over half of the programs offer an Associate of Applied Science degree to students who successfully finish.

Courses of study include: Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Autobody Repair, Automation/Robotics, Automotive Technology, Accounting or Administrative Assistant, Computer Maintenance, Computer Science, Diesel Mechanics, Drafting & Design, Electronics, Emergency Medical Services/Paramedics, Industrial Management, Information Management, Manufacturing Engineering, Telecommunications and Vocational Nursing. The Abilene Extension also offers

Machining Technology and Medical Records Transcriptionist.

TSTI provides a toll-free number 1-800-592-TSTI, for people needing more information on the college.

Pope, Romeo And Cade Inducted Into Psi Zeta Chapter At WTC

Danette Pope and Frank Romeo of Roby and Lisa Berry Cade of Rotan have been inducted into the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Western Texas College.

PTK is the only nationally recognized honor society for students in

Ronald B. Green, 47, of Roby, died Friday morning at Fisher County Hospital after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home earlier. Funeral services were at 2:30 p.m., Sunday, February 24th, at First Baptist Church in Roby with the pastor, Rev. Alvin Petty, officiating. Assisting was Rev.

Clinton Green, an uncle. Burial was in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Green was born September 9, 1943, at Post, Texas, and was the son of Fred and Ruby Green. He moved to Fisher County in 1953, and married Manan Kay at Roby, February 1, 1965. Mr. Green was a veteran of U.S. Army service during the Vietnam War. He had owned Green Concrete Construction in Roby for 20 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

He is preceded in death by his father, Fred B. Green, in 1977.

He is survived by: His wife: Manan Kay Green of Roby; two sons: Lance Barton Green and Rodney Lynn Green, both of Roby; his mother: Ruby Green of Roby; three sisters: Marjorie Gray of Anson, Linda Green of Austin and Amy Butler of Anson; two brothers: Ted Green of Roby and Joe Green of Leakey.

Casket bearers were Jack Terry, W.P. Toole, Mike L. Terry, Larry Field, Derwayne Rasco, and Charlie Horton.

Funeral Services For Ronald B. Green

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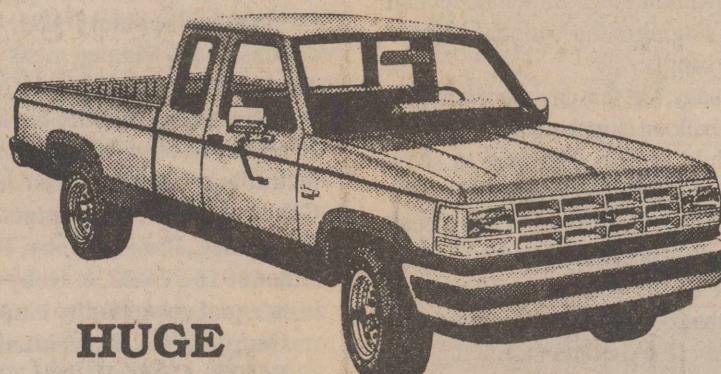
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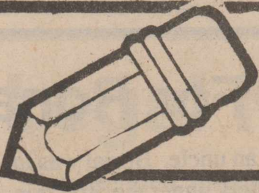
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Letter To The Editor



Dear Editor:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning the broadcast of religious programs. This information presents basic facts on a subject that in recent years has aroused widespread interest and has resulted in a great number of letters and telephone calls to the Commission.

In December, 1974, a petition from Jeremy D. Lansman and Lorenzo W. Milam asked the FCC to inquire, among other subjects, into the operating practices of noncommercial educational broadcasting stations, including those licensed to religious educational organizations. The petitioners also asked that no licenses be granted for any new noncommercial educational stations until the requested inquiry had been completed. The "Lansman-Milam petition" (which was routinely assigned the number RM-2493) was DENIED by the FCC on August 1, 1975 -- over 12 years ago! The Commission explained then that it is required by the 1st Amendment "to observe a stance of neutrality toward religion, acting neither to promote nor to inhibit religion." It also explained that it must treat religious and secular organizations alike in determining their eligibility for broadcasting channels.

Early in 1975, the FCC began to receive mail which indicated that in many parts of the country there were rumors claiming the petitioners of RM-2493 had called for an end to religious broadcasting and that the Commission was going to prohibit religious programs on radio and television. Such rumors are false. Additional mail and telephone calls came in from people who thought that Mrs. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, a well-known atheist, was a sponsor of RM-2493, or had separately proposed that the FCC consider limiting or banning religious programming, and that she had been granted a federal hearing to discuss this matter. Those rumors are also false.

No federal law or regulation gives the FCC the authority to prohibit radio and television stations from presenting religious programs. The Communications Act (the law that established the FCC and defines its authority) prohibits the Commission from censoring broadcast material and from interfering with freedom of speech in broadcasting. The Commission cannot direct any broadcaster to present, or refrain from presenting, announcements or programs on religion, and it cannot act as a judge of the wisdom or accuracy of such material. Broadcasters -- not the FCC or any other government agency -- are responsible for selecting the programming that is aired by their stations.

We hope the preceding paragraphs will help to correct any and all misinformation about FCC policies on religious broadcasting. Over the past 12 years this agency has received over 21 million pieces of mail on this subject. Every effort has been made to advise the public of the action taken on RM-2493. The laws and the Commission's policies on broadcast of religious programming have been publicized in newspapers and magazines (including *TV Guide* and *Time*), in religious publications, and in meetings of religious groups. Because these false rumors still persist, any assistance you can provide by telling your friends and neighbors what the facts are will be greatly appreciated.

Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

Letter To The Editor

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has sent me the lovely cards and letters!

I would love to be able to answer every letter that I receive, but they are too numerous and my work schedule keeps me busy trying to stay ready for the unknown. What I try to do is send a letter to a public establishment, and have them post my letter and hope that everyone who wrote me has the change to read it.

I have really enjoyed the letters and I am very thankful for all the support and prayers. To let you know a little about myself: To start with, Dan and Lisa Brown are my aunt and uncle. I am originally from Jayton, Texas. I graduated from high school in 1988 and shortly after, joined the Navy. I am stationed in Jacksonville, Fla. at the helicopter squadron (HS-3) and we are deployed on USS Saratoga in the Red Sea in support of Operation Desert Storm/Shield. I have been over here in the Red Sea since Aug. 7, 1991. We were scheduled to be home on Feb. 7,

1991, but we have been extended on station until further notice.

Since joining the Navy, I have seen some wonderful places that I would otherwise not have seen. I have also gotten married. I got married the day before I deployed, and my wife is patiently awaiting my return home so we can start our life together. I wrote my wife recently and expressed my feelings for this war to her and I would like to share them with you.

No war is good, especially a war that involves worldwide involvement. But by coming over here and helping Kuwait, we are helping put an end to a problem that could have some day threatened America! For someone to die in war is very sad, but if I had to choose a way to die, I could think of no better way to go than by paying the ultimate price for our country's freedom. I hope it never comes to this, but for my family, my wife, you and your families, I would gladly give my life because I love my country and most everything it stands for.

Well, I guess I better get back to work. Thanks once again for your support. God bless everyone of you and your families.

Your friend,
Brandon K. Gruben

AZ-3 USN

Brandon is Troy and Nora Gruben's grandson.

Legal

LEGAL NOTICE

The Rotan Independent School District will accept sealed bids until 3:30 p.m., March 4, 1991, at the Superintendent's office, 102 N. McKinley, Rotan, TX 79546 on the following product categories:

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 2. Athletic supplies and equipment
 3. Custodial supplies and equipment
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Lady Hammers Fall To Roscoe, End Season

by Cliff Vlasin

While there is no question that the Rotan Lady Yellowhammers have improved vastly during the 1990-91 season, they were still no match for the experienced and talented Roscoe Plowgirls last Friday in bi-district playoffs.

The Plowgirls lit up the scoreboard at McMurtry University's Hunt P.E. Center early and often on their way to a 87-33 win.

"They're just a really good ball club, that's all you can say," Rotan coach Darren Janssen said of Roscoe. "Before they lost their last district game to Lorraine, they were ranked 11th or 12th in the state," he added.

Janssen also admitted that the intimidation factor might have had an

effect, especially on his younger players. "I think that had some affect on them," he said. Roscoe is an intimidating team. They make a lot of noise, and they have the fan support to do that."

In fact, the stands behind the Lady Hammer bench was a solid mass of screaming purple, as was the end of the court where Rotan had to shoot for the first half.

Add to that the fact that Roscoe, a pretty good team on a bad day, was clicking on all cylinders on this night. "I don't think they missed three shots in the first quarter," Janssen said.

"They've got a lot of basketball smarts," Janssen added. "They live and sleep (basketball) there and you can tell it."

The Plowgirls wasted little time

establishing dominance. Before three minutes had passed in the first quarter, Roscoe was up 12-0, the Lady Hammers were reeling, and coach Janssen was screaming for time out.

By the time the first quarter had ended, Roscoe was ahead 30-7, and the Lady Hammers were having trouble hitting the net.

As the second quarter began, the Lady Hammers' top scorer, Sherri

Conner, got on track, hitting several shots in a row. Conner's hot hand was to no avail, though, as the Plowgirls answered each bucket with one of their own.

By halftime, the Lady Hammers were down 50-18, and had fallen behind 70-27 when the third quarter ended.

Despite the lopsided score, Janssen was not disappointed in his girls' effort. "I thought we played a good ball game,"

Roby Schools To Observe Texas Public Schools Week Mar. 4th-8th

The Roby Public Schools will be involved in the following activities during Texas Public School Week March 4-8, 1991. The public is encouraged to become involved with the school and with their children in these activities for this celebration.

Monday: There will be a flag ceremony beginning at 8:10 or shortly thereafter. Raising of the flag with a trumpet call to the colors. Children will say the Pledge of Allegiance, there will be some prayers that have been previously given in the U.S. Senate recited and the singing of the National Anthem will be sung.

Tuesday: On this day there will be a yellow balloon launch at the school with each child having a balloon to show their love for their country.

Thursday: Thursday will be a special day for the teachers and administrators as well as the students. They have asked that parents come and sit in on their classes sometime during the day. In the high school a parent may want to come for specific subject areas.

Friday: On Friday the students es-

pecially want their parents to eat with them in the cafeteria. (I believe that the menu for the day is pizza, yum, yum). The high school "jazz" band will play at three different times depending on if your child is in the K-6 grades, 7 & 8th grades, or in the high school. You are truly encouraged to come on this day. Be sure and contact the school so you can be added to the cafeteria count on this day.

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BID NOTICE

Fisher County Commissioners Court is accepting bids for sale of 2 used automobiles. For information contact Fisher County Sheriff's Department. Bids will be open at regular session of Commissioners Court, March 11, 1991 at 9:00 a.m.

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Marshal Bennett
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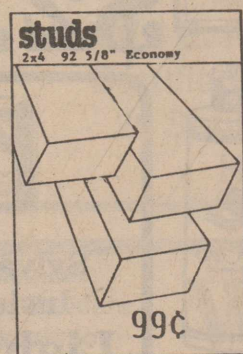
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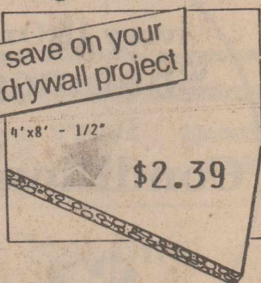


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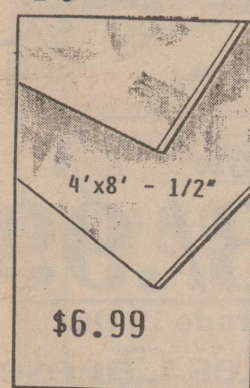
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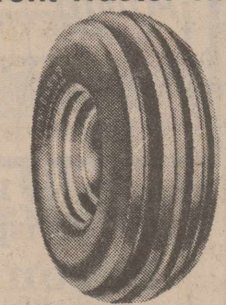
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Junior/Senior Banquet And Prom Being Planned For April 20th

by J.P. Martinez
The junior class will honor the senior class of 1991 at a banquet on Saturday, April 20. A prom sponsored by the junior class will be held after the banquet. The class is in the process of collecting information on decorations, food and guest attendance. This in-

formation will be used in their decision for the location. Choices for location include the gym or the cafeteria.

The junior class will hold weekly meetings to complete plans for the banquet.

Band Does Well At Solo/Ensemble

by Jason Moffett
The ensemble members of the high school band traveled to Abilene to perform in ensemble and solo contests on Saturday, the 16th. The day was full of fun and excitement.

Jerry Gauna played a class 1 solo on the bass clarinet and received a division one rating propelling him into the state contest which is held in Austin the weekend after school is out.

Kristina Sims played a solo on the bass clarinet and received a division three rating. Elaine Soliz performed on the tenor saxophone and received a division four rating.

The Yellowhammers entered the medium ensemble division and received a division two rating. When asked for

a comment on the contest, Mr. Sims had this to say: "I felt like the judge was not paying very much attention to the medium ensemble because other band directors heard us and thought we played well enough to receive a "one". It is unfortunate that the judges changed their grading scale after lunch. (Most of the ensembles in the morning session received a "one"). I was proud of the kids and thought they did very well."

The Flicker Staff congratulates them all on a job well done.

Tennis Season Begins

by Matt Mercer
Under the weeds and brush up on the hill by Rotan High School, a wonderful discovery has been made. Tennis courts! Yes, tennis season is back with the first tournament coming up soon.

The season will officially begin on Friday, February 22 in Colorado City. Some tournaments are both varsity and JV (everyone), and some are just varsity (limited participants).

The JV team will have one tourna-

News Briefs

Rotan High School has received a thank you note from Governor Ann Richards for the video presented by the High School G/T Program students.

Primary is planning a Flag Raising Ceremony to be held at the Flag Pole on March 4.

A company of actors from ACU presented a play satirizing Shakespeare for the Primary School Friday morning and the Jr. High and High Schools Friday afternoon.

ment at Colorado City. Varsity will compete in three tournaments: Trent, Colorado City, and District at San Angelo. The teams will be combined for some tournaments such as Colorado City, Roby, and the Hamlin practice meets.

There are at least thirty people out for the tennis team. This years coach will be Mrs. Upshaw. She expects a good team that will produce good results.

Primary Hears From Soldier In Saudi

by Heather Randolph
Tie a yellow ribbon 'round the teachers' doors is a very common activity in Primary this month.

Each month the students in the Primary Building are doing something different to honor the soldiers in the Middle East. The students have been writing letters to the soldiers and have received letters in return.

The following letter was received by Mrs. Smith's third graders from Darryl Foster, a fellow Texan:

Dear Blake, Anthony, Keith, Lacy, Rudy, Theresa, Deidra, and Crystal,

We the soldiers of the petroleum platoon would like to thank you for taking time to write and say you are thinking about us and are praying for us and our work here.

We are a platoon of about 20-odd soldiers whose main job is to support the "Sledgehammer" Brigade (about 5,000 soldiers) with what we call Class III. This includes all types of fuels, oils and lubricants and just about anything else it would take to keep the Brigade's tracked and wheeled vehicles moving.

Outside of being a little homesick, we are adjusting to life here in Saudi Arabia, however long or short it might be. Reading, listening to the radio, or an occasional card or football game helps to pass the time.

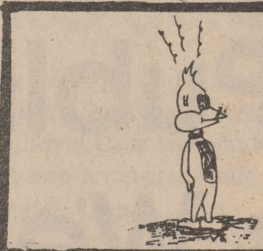
Finally, more than anything, we're awaiting our return back to the states. Again, thanks for your support and please continue to write.

Sincerely,

The "Pol" Platoon
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P.S. If you can find Jubail, Saudi Arabia on your map, we are about 20 miles west of that city.

Next month the Primary Building will perform a different activity to honor the soldiers.



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Roll Call "Flu" Out The Door

by Vanessa Peek, Tiny Carrion, Sherri Conner

This past week, Rotan ISD was devastated by the flu epidemic. Classrooms were cut down rapidly as the sickness raged on.

Primary took the biggest nose blow from the virus, averaging eighty absences a day. It not only 'infected' the

Primary students but teachers as well.

At one point, both fourth-grade teachers were downed by the flu, and the two classes were combined under the direction of a substitute teacher.

Primary was not the only one plagued last week. Junior High also had a sickening week. They averaged approximately 38 absences a day during the first part of the week. Several

teachers in the Junior High Building were also unable to escape the epidemic.

The High School student body proved to be the most immune to the "attacker" with their normal average of only eight absences.

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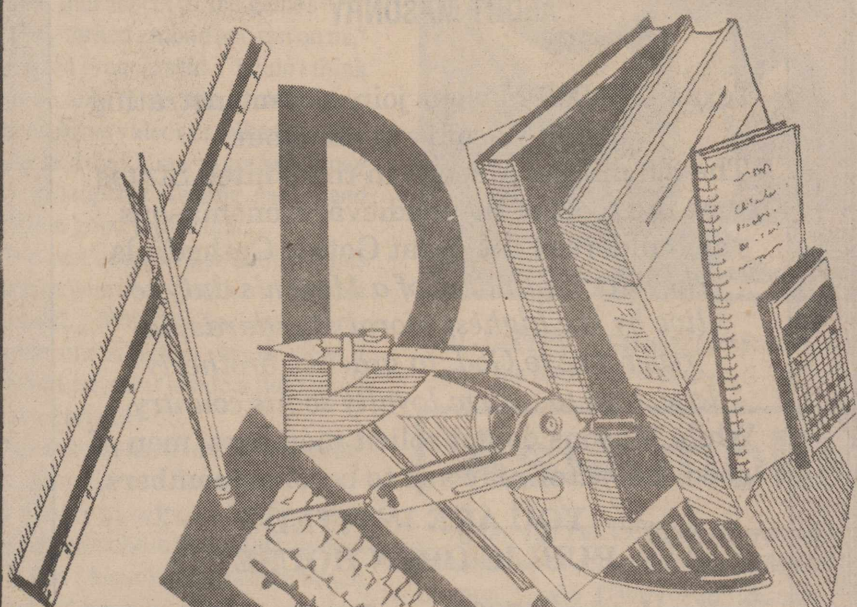
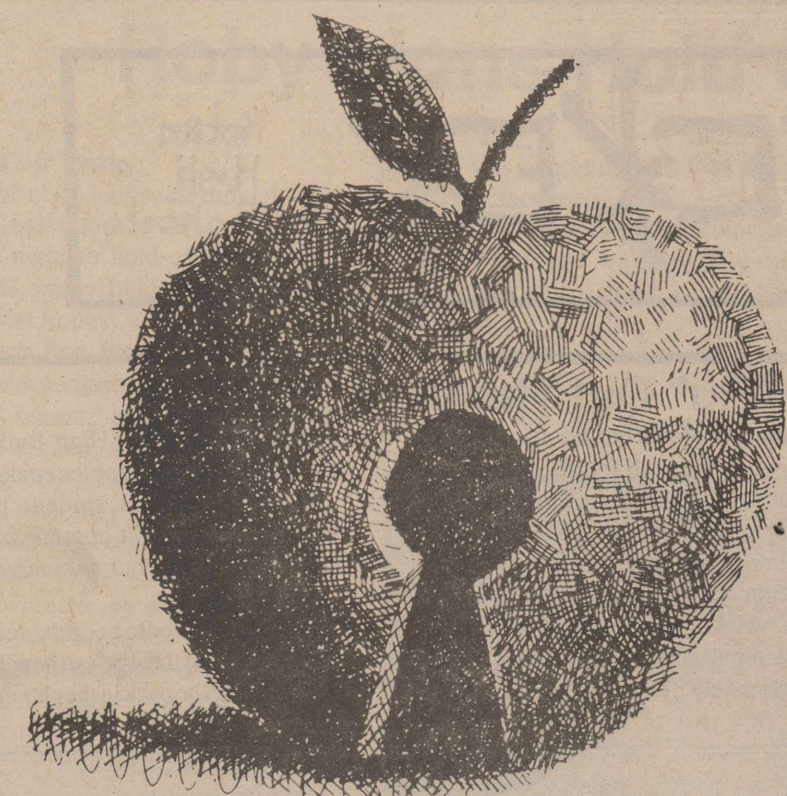
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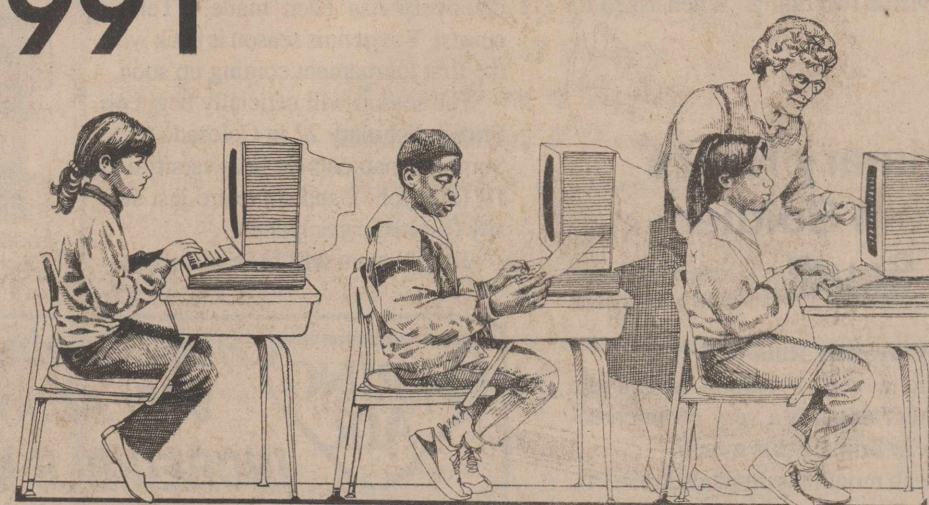


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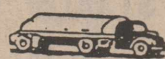
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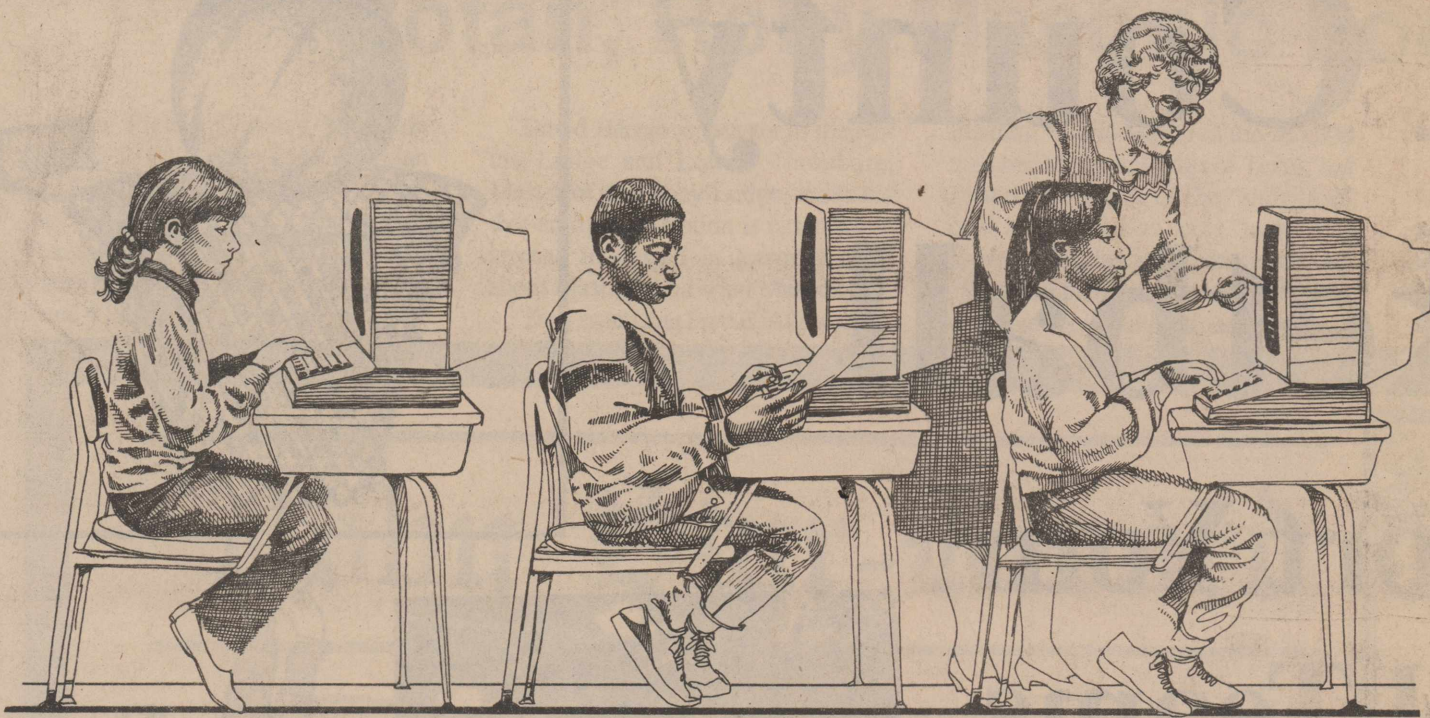
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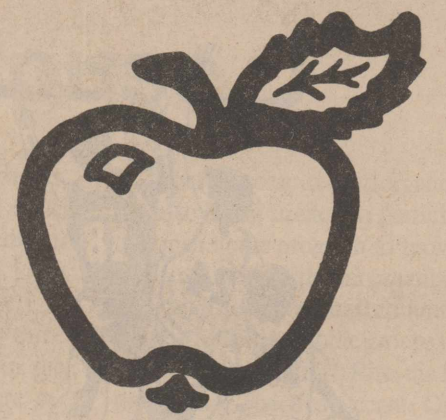
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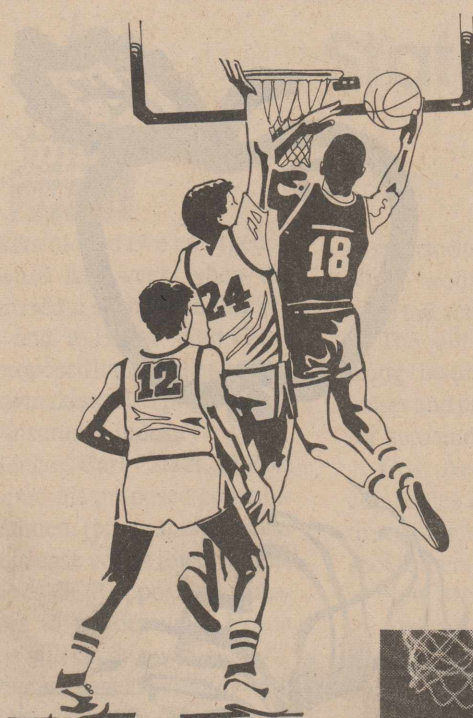
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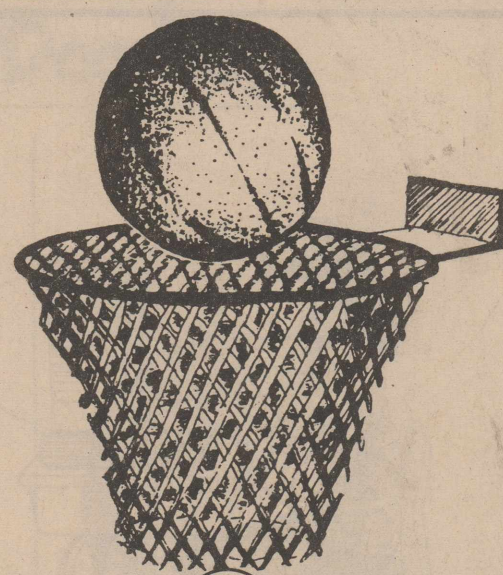
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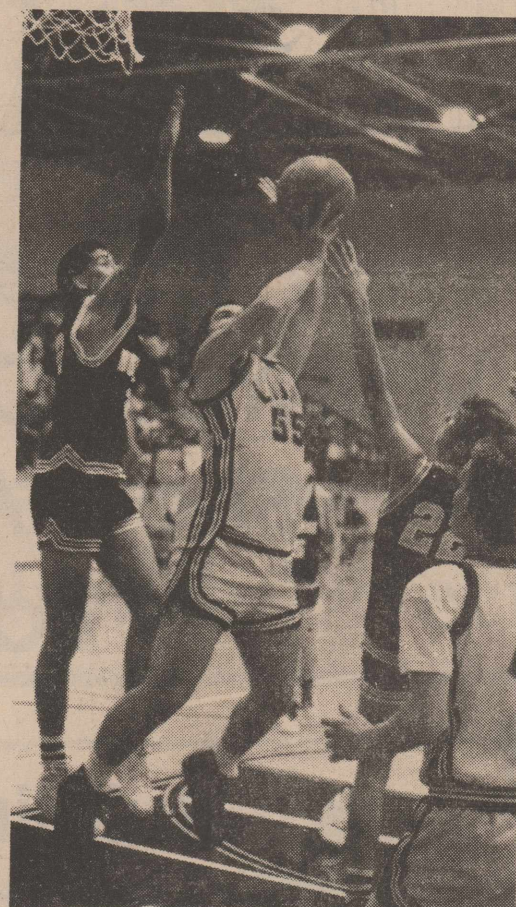
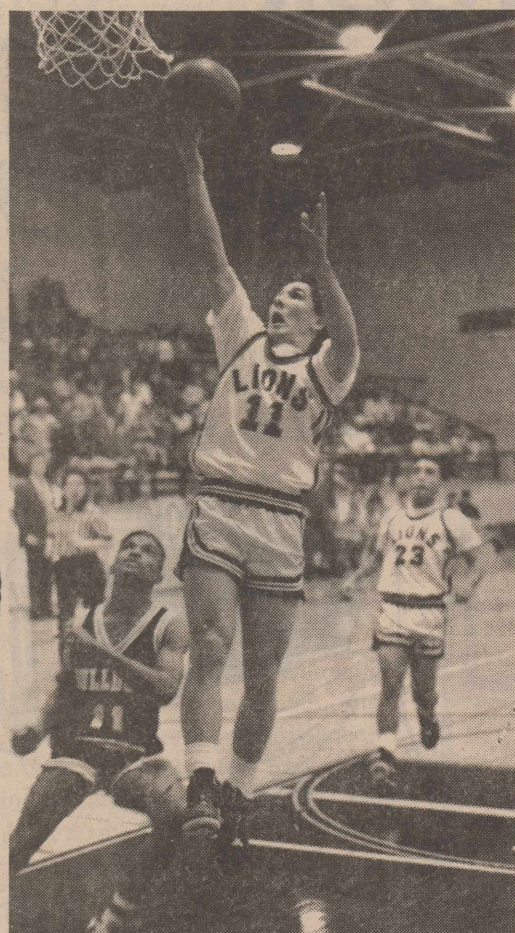
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