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Answerline

Q. When will Colorado City find out if we are awarded a grant to build a sports complex?
A. Officials in Austin plan to make the announcement on Thursday, January 25.

Briefly

Winterfest

Hutchinson Elementary will hold their annual Winterfest Thurs., Feb. 1 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets will cost 25¢ each or tickets can be purchased early at 5 for \$1. Early ticket sales start Monday, Jan. 29 and ends at 3:15 Thurs., Feb. 1. Games, food and fun, including a cake walk, bingo, train ride, etc. will be featured at the Winterfest.

Golf Booster Meeting

There will be a Golf Booster Club meeting Jan. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Garcia's.

Defensive Driving

A Defensive Driving class will be held at the Wallace Center Sat., Jan. 20 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost for the class is \$30.

Gospel Singing

There will be a Gospel Singing held at the Wallace Center Jan. 18 at 7 p.m.

Immunizations offered

The Community Health Clinic, 1602 Chestnut, will give immunizations on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Family Planning will be at the clinic the second Tuesday of each month. Also, prenatal classes are still available free of charge for anyone interested.

Graduation Dance

Anyone interested in helping organize a Sr. Graduation Dance should attend the meeting in the CC Thompson Room on Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. The dance is planned for May 26th. For more info, call Ester Quintero at 728-5520.

Medical Fund

An account has been opened at First National Bank in Colorado City for Manuel Sosa who is very ill in a Fort Worth hospital. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Winter Fun Fest

Calvary Baptist Church will host a Winter Fun Fest Jan. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Calvary Baptist Church Gym. Cost will be \$5 per child - unlimited games with prizes. \$1 for corn dog and coke. Games for toddlers as well as older kids.

Deaths

**Barkley, Bennett,
Bishop, Boatler,
Davila, DeLong,
Miller, Payne,
Wallace, Wallace**

Around Town

Shawna Wilking goes to school a day early... Ask **Janet McCright** about her exercise experience... Happy birthday **Barry Holman**... Ask **Mike Griffith** about Tiny... **Rick Alvarez** glad the stock show is over... **Nathan Shrode** helps out in the PeeWee Goat Show...

Lake Levels

Lake Colorado City.....2062.49'
Full at 2,070.30'
Down 7.15'
Lake Champion.....2037.98'
Full at 2,083'
Down 44.92'
Levels courtesy of the United States Geological Service, as of 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 16, 2001

Local couple dies in grinding head-on wreck in Oklahoma

A Colorado City couple and two young Hobart, Okla., men died in a violent highway collision early last Friday 1.2 miles north of Hobart on U. S. Hwy. 183.

Thomas Joe "Tommy" Wallace, 57, and his 58 year old wife, Jelila B. Wallace, of 429 Pine St. were northbound in their 1985 Chevrolet four door car when a southbound 1999 Pontiac coupe driven by 22 year old Antonio Washington came over the center line and hit them head on.

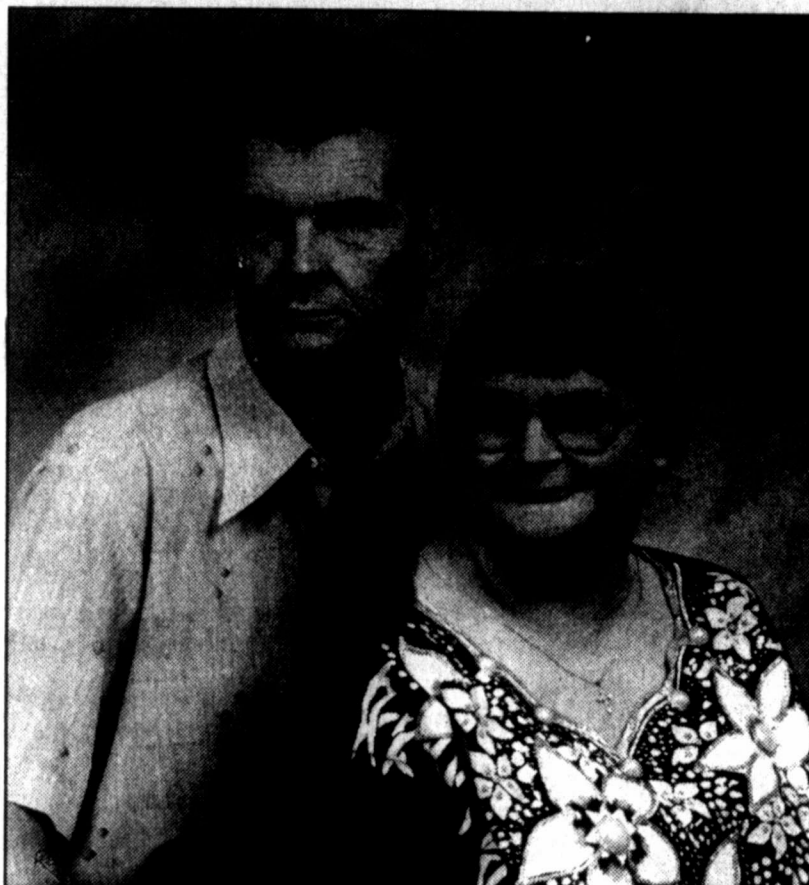
Trooper Travis Hale of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol said all four victims, including Washington's 20 year old cousin Bradley, were dead at the scene.

The Wallaces were traveling with their little black Shar-pei dog Chucky, who also did not survive.

Their funeral was at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Sammy Elliott, pastor, officiating.

Burial was at C-City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker Scale Funeral Home.

Trooper Hale said it had not been determined why Washington's car came into the Wallace's lane or how fast it



Thomas and Jelila Wallace

was going.

"There was real dense fog," he said.

Hobart is in southwest Oklahoma.

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FSA calls producers' meeting

The 2000-2001 Mitchell County cotton ginning season is over, with farmers and ginners saying the next crop will have to be better because it couldn't get any worse.

Farm Service Agency County Executive Director Keith Hiser announced a 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, producers' meeting at the C. C. Thompson Room downtown for a review of new crop disaster and livestock assistance programs.

Producers Co-Op Gin in Colorado City and Loraine Co-Op gin recently completed their work with 1,489 and

1,554 bales respectively, although Loraine Co-Op was still working on 12 modules and seven trailers, or about 120 bales, of Nolan County cotton.

Mitchell County Gin at Loraine finished several weeks ago with 925.

That's 3,968 in a county that makes 50,000 in a good year.

There is some cause for optimism, though -- the rainy fall and winter, improving subsoil moisture.

"This is the best winter moisture we've had in years," said Loraine Co-Op Gin Man-

ager Stan McMullen.

"We're still going to need more rain, but we're getting good sub-moisture."

"We've been mighty dry for a long time."

C-City has had 3.28 inches of rain in October, and more in other parts of the county, two inches in November, .22 in mostly snow and sleet in December and about three quarters of an inch this month.

"It looks good with the rain and everything," said Producers Co-Op Secretary Sylvia Martinez.

"At least we're having some underground moisture."

"One of biggest" stock shows ends with a \$42,000 sale

Carlton Johnston, Tanner Cox and Kelly Morris showed the grand champion steer, hog, lamb and goat at last weekend's 64th Annual Mitchell County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show.

Livestock Show Association President Tommy Whitesides called it "one of the better shows I've seen."

Young Johnston, a Loraine resident who represented the 4-H Club, also exhibited the reserve champion steer and took the steer show's Casey Market Memorial Buckle showmanship award in honor of the late Loraine cropduster.

Young Cox's hog was a heavyweight crossbreed.

Jared Matlock had the reserve champion hog, a heavy-weight Hampshire, and Robin Morris, Kelly's sister, the reserve champion lamb and meat goat during Friday and Saturday at the county fairgrounds' ag barns in southwest Colorado City.

Hog, lamb and goat showmanship honors went to Codi Waldrep and Robin Morris.

Last year, Johnston showed the grand and reserve champion steer, Robin Morris the grand champion lamb and her sister the reserve champion goat.

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LIVESTOCK SHOW SUPPORTER Virginia Fuller accepted a plaque honoring the contributions of her late husband Raymond Saturday as the 64th annual show was being concluded. Mrs. Fuller is president of Fuller Foods.

Building plan delayed for county hospital

The Mitchell County Hospital District's new hospital construction project has been delayed for about three weeks, but county commissioners will still start preliminary dirt work by the end of this month.

A 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, pre-bid conference with prospective contractors has been pushed back to 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Charles C. Thompson Room off East Second Street downtown.

Administrator Rick Rickard said last Friday that the postponement was caused by a delay in the receipt of plans from Lubbock mechanical engineer Ray Price.

Bids for the \$7 million plus job were advertised for on Dec. 27 and then withdrawn and rescheduled for Jan. 24 and Feb. 7. The deadline for them to be received is Feb. 22.

"With any project this size, you normally expect a certain number of delays because of the weather and other things," Rickard said.

"We're hoping this will be the last delay prior to the beginning of construction."

Contractors' work probably cannot begin until sometime in March, but the road crews of Commissioners Ed Roach, Carl Guelker, Wendy Inman and Bill Preston will start work this month on the 23 acre site across from the Wallace and Ware Units at Rogers Road and South Interstate 20.

The land was donated to the hospital district by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice two years ago through the auspices of State Rep. Rob Junell of San Angelo, saving at least \$20,000.

The new hospital and physicians' clinic will be stand south and southeast of the tall, black 80 John Wallace Unit water tower on the east side of Rogers Road.

Rickard said land alongside I-20 costs \$600 to \$1,000 an acre or more, and the TDCJ volunteered the land in an effort to help the county with the project.

"They were just interested, like everybody else, in trying to help the community get a new hospital," he said.

"They volunteered it right at the start, and Rep. Junell was very instrumental. It had to be done through the Legislature, and he maneuvered it through."

County voters last June approved a \$7.35 tax bond issue to finance an expected \$7.3 million job.

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C-City Bealls caught in national bankruptcy

The Bealls Department Store here was caught in a brutal round of bankruptcy forced closings that also snared stores in Coleman, Denver City, Kermit, Muleshoe, Slaton and 19 other Texas towns and cities.

The 203 E. Second St. store has been open since July 1, 1997, and it's undergoing a liquidation sale with discounts of 20 to 40 percent on all merchandise except jewelry, which is marked down by 60 percent.

It survived the first round of 107 closings last summer but not the second of 121, with the parent Stage Stores of Houston saying only 348 Bealls, Stage and Palais Royal stores will be

left open in 14 states.

Bob Gerber of Boston, Mass., and the Ozer Group, the company handling the liquidation, said in a telephone interview Friday from Houston that he did not know why the Colorado City store is being closed.

"It's a company decision, a court ordered bankruptcy," he said. "We had to cut back a certain number of stores and try to regroup."

"They started the sale there on Jan. 9. The entire store is 20 to 40 percent off."

"It will be open for several weeks. They have to sell everything, all the way down to

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Six teens are hurt, one seriously, in rolling car

Six Colorado City teenagers, two girls and four boys, were injured in an 11:10 p.m. accident last Friday in which a 1998 Chevrolet Malibu went out of control on a county road 7 1/2 miles south of here and rolled 2 1/2 times.

Five were treated for bruises and abrasions and released at Mitchell County Hospital, but a 15 year old girl suffered a severely broken right thigh bone, or femur, and was transferred to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

Five young people were cited for being minors in possession of alcohol (MIP), and a misdemeanor charge of being a minor who was driving under the influence of alcohol was filed against a 16 year old boy.

Only the name of Julio Garcia Jr., 17, of C-City, who was charged with MIP, could be re-

leased because he was the only one who was legally an adult, Department of Public Safety Trooper Shane Johnson said.

The others were a 16 year girl, boys 15 and 16 and a boy whose age was not reported.

"They were extremely lucky," Trooper Johnson said. "We couldn't verify that anyone was wearing a seatbelt."

"They were northbound on CR 121 when they came to a sharp left-hand curve and continued north, rolling approximately 2 1/2 times, in some heavy brush and mesquite trees."

"Some of them got out and started walking. They walked the wrong way at first and then found a residence west of there and used the telephone."

The car came to rest upside down 105 feet from the road.

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local news

CHIPS signups blossom

AUSTIN -- Seven year old Zachary Lopez and his 16 year old sister Talia both suffered severe headaches last summer. For the first time in their lives, their mother, Ida, didn't hesitate to call a doctor because now that she and her husband had enrolled the children in the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), she could afford the expense. "The CHIP program has given me great peace of mind," said Ida, a receptionist at an Austin based cable manufacturer. "Both my husband and I work, but our employers can't afford to offer health insurance to our children. But for just \$18 a month, CHIP covered the cost of my children's doctor's visits -- even to the eye doctor. "Now they have their glasses, their headaches are gone and they can see clearly and are studying hard in school."

Ida and her family represent one of the thousands of Texas families who have gained peace of mind since they enrolled in CHIP. Officials are pleased with the rate of enrollment, reporting that 200,000 Texas children have enrolled since the program began last May. These numbers mean Texas has outpaced other comparable states in the initial months. Today, program leaders are announcing fresh initiatives to reach even more families who may not be aware they qualify. These include a new multimillion dollar ad campaign, local community based marketing and increased outreach involving business and community leaders. CHIP was launched with federal funds and money from the tobacco lawsuit settlement as part of the TexCare Partnership, the state's umbrella children's health insurance program that also includes Medicaid and the Texas Healthy Kids Corp. Call 1-800-647-6558 to begin the enrollment process. You may also visit the program's Internet Web site and

download an application at www.texcarepartnership.com. Premiums are \$18 a month or less, depending on a family's size and income. For example, a family of four can make up to \$34,000 a year -- or up to \$38,000 if they have child care or other qualified expenses -- and still qualify. "In less than a year, CHIP has made it possible for 200,000 children to visit the doctor when they're sick without their parents worrying about what it's going to cost," said Don Gilbert, Texas Health and Human Services commissioner. "Still, there are thousands more families who are eligible to take advantage of this opportunity and may not know it. That's why we're taking some new steps."

CHIP offers a full range of coverage, including regular checkups, immunizations, prescription drugs, eyeglasses, laboratory tests, X rays, hospital visits, dental care, mental health care and a broad choice of doctors. Approximately \$3 million will buy television and radio advertisements and run every other week through the end of August. \$1 million is being allocated to 10 community based organizations like United Way, Catholic Charities and county health departments. Focusing on African American, Spanish language and Asian community newspapers, the initiative is also working with media and billboard advertising companies to acquire free billboard space. The Aetna Foundation is purchasing portable copiers for outreach workers and push cards with program information for distribution by community organizations.

Guleria speaks to retired teachers group

The first meeting of the Mitchell County Retired Teachers Association was at the Wallace Community Center on Jan. 9, 2001. After lunch with the senior citizens, the members held their meeting in a meeting room. Gerry Stone introduced Dr. P. G. Guleria from the Diabetes Center of the Southwest in Midland. He practices here at the Health Center. Dr. Guleria stressed the importance of monitoring one's health on a continuing basis so problems will be found early and with the many new treatments available, can prevent a really serious illness developing. The president welcomed Jean Patterson of Ballinger who is the State Health Chairman. She said since Dr. Guleria had provided such excellent medical information, she would only add the importance of regular walking adapted to one's physical ability. President Florence Bodine conducted the business meeting. The meeting of the legislature and the importance of members communicating with their legislators concerning the passage of H.B. 217 and S.B. 337 and the complete repeal of the pension offset law which is unfair to younger retirees was discussed. This is 98.21, Section 337. The next meeting will be February 13 when Tom Scott will be the speaker.

HOSPITAL

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Architect Bob Cox of Austin reported at a Nov. 28 hospital board meeting, however, that his most recent projection was for only \$7.1 million. Another \$1.2 million for the expansion of hospital rooms and site preparation will be covered by the district's reserves, pushing the total cost to about \$8.3 million. Initial plans for the V shaped in-patients' wing on the northwest side of the hospital called for 30 rooms with 120 square feet of floor space each. That was revised in early November to 26 160-square-foot rooms, four of which can be rearranged to accommodate two beds each. Cox said at a Nov. 6 community forum at the Thompson Room that more rooms could be built onto the in-patients' wing. Price's plans for air conditioning, heating and ventilating the two buildings were apparently the last piece of the pre-bid puzzle, following the drawings of Austin structural engineer Thomas Kam and Sweetwater civil engineer Stanley Morris. Project Manager Bob Wallace of Lockhart, near Austin, and Cox will review bids and recommend a contractor to the hospital board some time after Feb. 22. The board's regular February meeting will be on Feb. 27, and a special meeting could be called if the officials are not ready to make a recommendation by then. Contractors from throughout the area, state and nation are expected to make offers, and no amateurs need apply. They must have been in business for at least five years, have done a minimum of 10 Texas Department of Health-licensed projects and have done \$25 million in business in the past three years.

WALLACES

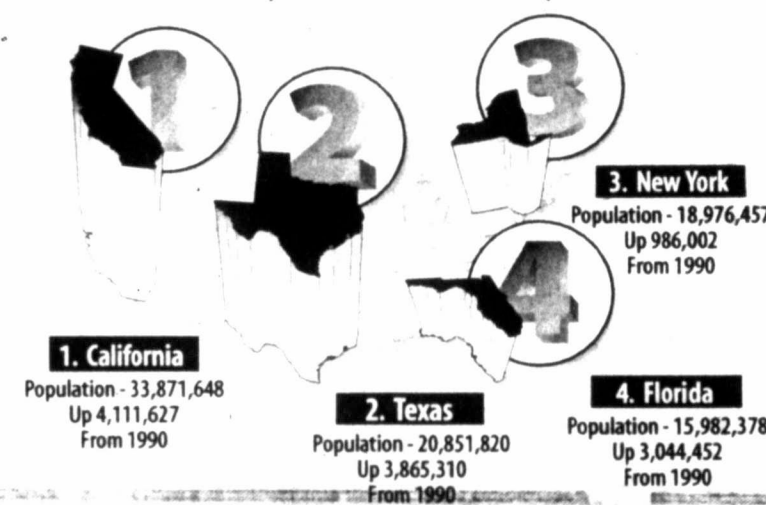
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Chuck Rice of Arlington, Kan., the Wallace's son in law, said Tuesday that the family greatly appreciated the outpouring of sympathy and support it had received from the people of Colorado City and Mitchell County. "We want to thank the people for everything they have done for us and the support they gave us while this ordeal was going on," he said. "The support by everybody has been so nice and just sweet. This is just a place where you'd like to live." Told that the Wallaces were the object of a lot of affection here, Rice said, "They were wonderful people. They're the best people I can think of. I accepted them as my mother and father, so they had to be nice." The couple came to C-City in the mid-1990's to care for Mrs. Wallace's mother, Estella Bloom, who died in '95. They were both disabled, but Wallace had worked part time as a carpenter, laborer and handyman at Nix's Barbecue and other places. Hutchinson, Kan., natives, they were en route to visit relatives in Hutchinson, Trooper Hale said.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Climbing the Ranks

The U.S. Census 2000 reports Texas is the second most-populated state, with figures that show 20,851,820 residents as of April 1, 2000. Texas gained nearly 4 million people in the 1990s, and the state's 22.8 percent increase boosted Texas past New York to the No. 2 position.



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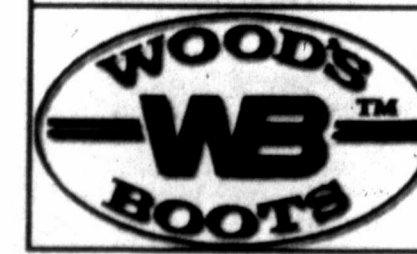
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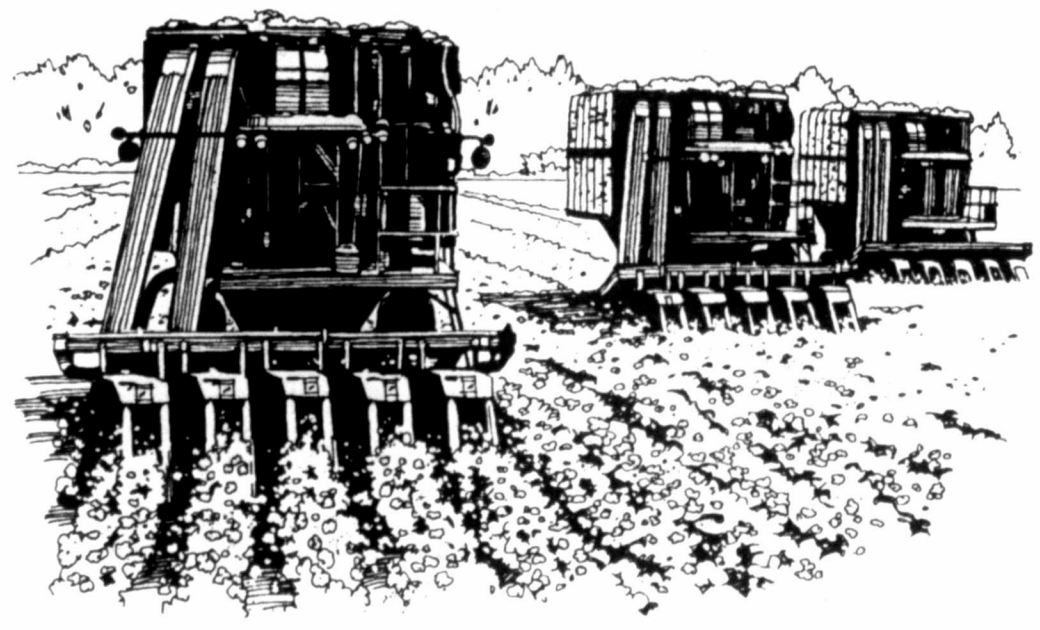
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Chamber seeks nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2000 Citizen of the Year and the 2000 Farm/Ranch Family of the Year awards. The awards will be presented at the 92nd Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Saturday, February 24, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. Nominating rules for Citizen of the Year are as follows: 1. Any Mitchell County resident may be nominated as Citizen of the Year, however, they must have lived in Mitchell County for the entire 12 month period they are being nominated for. 2. Each nominee will be evaluated on the activities he/she has done in the previous 12 months only. The Citizen of the Year Award is not awarded for an accumulation of activities over the years, but rather for outstanding services and/or community involvement for the previous 12 month time period only. The award will not be given to anyone who is employed to do the job he/she is being nominated for. Nominations for the Farm/Ranch Family will be considered based on each family's ability to manage their farm and/or ranchland, and their ability to continually enhance their property by following proper farming and ranching techniques. Deadline for entries is 5:00 p.m. on February 2, 2001. For more information, call the Chamber at (915)728-3403.



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local news



NARROWING THE COLORADO RIVER is necessary before a water line can be laid under it late this week. Marcial Ramirez of Midland was working on the north side of the river in southwestern Colorado City Tuesday.



PREPARATORY WORK to laying the new city water line under the Colorado River south of Lafayette Street was underway Tuesday afternoon with this Thane Ditching Co. machine. Thane, of Odessa, is one of three companies working on the \$3.5 million project.

BEALLS

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the fixtures and wallpaper, so it'll take us awhile.

"We're not to that portion now. We're concentrating on the sale of the merchandise."

He said a Bealls inventory typically ranges in value from

\$500,000 to \$1 million, depending on the size of the building.

Three Stage closings and concomitant liquidation sales were announced in Arkansas, four in Colorado, five in Iowa,

10 in Illinois, 11 in Indiana, seven in Kansas, one in Louisiana, five in Michigan, four in Missouri, three in Montana, two in Nebraska, one in Deming, N. M., 15 in Ohio, seven in Oklahoma and five in Wyoming, Gerber said.

Palais Royal stores are closing in Humble, Kingwood, Missouri City and Webster, along with three in Houston.

In addition to the six area closings, Bealls are liquidating in Bellmead, Belton, Bonham, Dimmitt, Madisonville and Port Arthur and three each in El Paso and San Antonio.

Gerber said 13 other stores "were shuttered immediately" and did not have sales.

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Students to hear new president

Colorado Middle School students and faculty members were hoping for good weather Wednesday so that they could attend President elect George W. Bush's farewell speech to Texas.

President elect Bush will be inaugurated, or sworn into office, on Saturday in Washington, D. C.

The students and teachers were expecting word late Tuesday

as to whether the 10:45 a.m. program would be held outside at the downtown Plaza Center or moved indoors to the Chaparral Center at Midland College on the west side of town.

The center only accommodates 8,000 people, so if it were moved there, said CMS Principal Mark Merrell, "Our chances of getting in wouldn't be too good."

Except for a few students who did not want to go, most of the student body, about 250 sixth, seventh and eighth graders, and most of the faculty planned to leave campus in six school buses at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday.

"We have to get there by 9 because if we don't get there early, we won't have a chance to get in," Merrell said.

"Some of the faculty will stay with those who don't want to go, and they will have classes and assignments."

Language arts and reading teacher Joan Tolle and life skills and career investigations teacher Ann Nobles went to Midland Sunday for a briefing with Secret Service agents and Bush representatives.

"It's history," said Ms. Nobles. "The students can remember being present at history."

"How many people in the country get to see the President in person?"

Merrell said the Secret Service planned to evacuate all downtown Midland buildings as part of its security measures.

Sweetwater man taken into custody for drugs

Officers from four law enforcement agencies went to 918 E. First st. and arrested a 27 year old Sweetwater man on several drug related charges.

He is Richard Ray Johnson, also known as Terrance Rysun Cephus, who was taken into custody on a second degree felony charge of delivery of a controlled substance, more than a gram but fewer than four grams of crack cocaine.

He was also arrested on misdemeanor charges of possession of marijuana and failure to identify himself, and local bonds of \$10,000, \$1,500 and \$1,500 were set by Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace Kay Richmond.

However, Johnson, whose real name is believed to be Terrance R. Cephus, was not allowed to make bond at the request of the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office in Fort Worth, which holds a warrant against him for possession of a controlled substance.

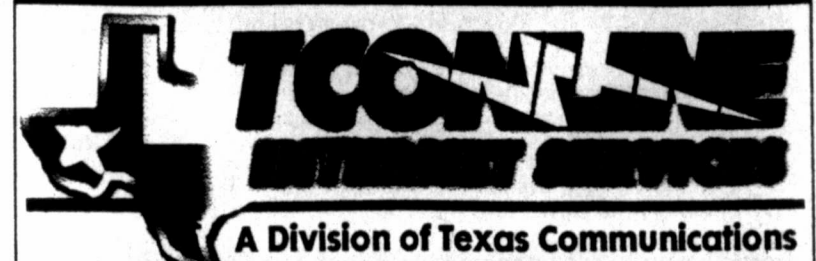
Asked if the man was spending time in other area towns, Sheriff Patrick Toombs said, "From the information we've been able to gather, it's Colorado City, Snyder and Sweetwater."

Agents with the West Cen-

tral Texas Crime Task Force in Abilene came to the sheriff's office on Wednesday night, Jan. 3, with a search warrant for the First Street house.

Officers from the task force, sheriff's office, police and the governor's CORE Agency from Austin went to the house at 9 p.m., searched it and took Johnson, or Cephus, into custody.

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local news

Alma Partee Bishop 1912-2001

Mrs. Alma Partee Bishop, age 88, of Colorado City, died Thurs., Jan. 11, 2001, in a local hospital. Graveside services were held at 12 noon Saturday in the Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. Bently Gwyn, officiating under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bishop was born to Sam and Woodie Partee in Hill County, Texas on June 2, 1912. She married J.W. Bishop in Colorado City on February 4, 1939. He preceded her in death. She had lived in Colorado City since 1927.

Survivors include two sisters, Roxie Phillips of Brownwood, Texas and Jewel Purvis of Cross Plains, Texas; one niece, Kay Craghead of Colorado City; and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her daughter, Maureen Bishop.

Juanice Jameson Miller 1912-2001

Juanice Jameson Miller, age 88, of Robert Lee, died Tues., Jan. 9, 2001, in a San Angelo nursing home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Fri., Jan. 12, 2001, at the Robert Lee Baptist Church with Rev. Waide Messer officiating. Burial followed in the McKensieville Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaffer Funeral Home.

Mrs. Jameson was born Aug. 14, 1912, in Colorado City. She was a homemaker and had been employed as an LVN and was a member of the Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Jean Jameson Ash of Robert Lee and Billie Fred Jameson Thorp of Throckmorton; one step-daughter, Leta Miller Oliver of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Johnny Mack Payne 1919-2001

Johnny Mack Payne, age 81, of Stanton, died Tues., Jan. 9, 2001, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Fri., Jan. 12, 2001, at First Baptist Church with Rev. David Harp officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1919 in Clarksville, Texas and married Mary Workman on Sept. 10, 1943 in Childress, Texas. She preceded him in death on June 8, 1993. He moved to Martin County in 1945 after his discharge from the Army. He was a retired farmer, retiring from farming ten years ago. He was a member of First Baptist Church. Mr. Payne served in the Army Air Corps from 1942 until his discharge in 1945, where he was a camouflage tech and received the American Theater Ribbon, a Good Conduct Medal and a Victory Medal. He was also a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include a daughter, Glenda Parum of Wesathford; three granddaughters, Debbie Gardner of Austin, Donna Johnson and Laura Parum, both of Weatherford; and one grandson, Brandon Parum, also of Weatherford.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claud and Myrtle Payne, a brother Leo Payne and two sisters, Irma House and Mary Ruth Payne.

Thomas Joe Wallace 1943-2001

Thomas Joe Wallace, age 57, of Colorado City, died Fri., Jan. 12, 2001. Funeral services for him and his wife, Jelilia Wallace were held Tues., Jan. 16, 2001, at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Sammy Elliott officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Tommy, Jelilia and their dog, Chucky lost their lives in a car accident in Hobart, Oklahoma.

Mr. Wallace was born to William C. and Edna Wallace in Hutchinson, Kansas on June 13, 1943. He loved animals and to fish and hunt. He married Jelilia Bloom in Newton, Kansas on November 20, 1960.

Survivors include his mother, Edna Wallace of Hutchinson, Kansas; one son, Henry Wallace of Hutchinson, Kansas; two daughters, Dorothy Rice of Arlington, Kansas and Darlene Lazo of Detroit, Michigan; three brothers, Vernon Stephen Wallace of Dover, Delaware, Richard William Wallace of Hutchinson, Kansas, and Lee Roy Adam Wallace of Hutchinson, Kansas; 16 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father and twin brother.

Jelilia Bloom Wallace 1942-2001

Jelilia Bloom Wallace, age 58, of Colorado City, died Fri., Jan. 12, 2001. Funeral services for her and her husband, Tommy Wallace were held Tues., Jan. 16, 2001 at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Sammy Elliott officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Jelilia, Tommy and their dog, Chucky lost their lives in a car accident in Hobart, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Wallace was born to William and Estella Bloom on March 28, 1942 in Hutchinson, Kansas. She loved her church, her family and loved to listen to Elvis Presley. She married Thomas Joe Wallace in Newton, Kansas on Nov. 11, 1960.

Survivors include one son, Henry Wallace of Hutchinson, Kansas; two daughters, Dorothy Rice of Arlington, Kansas and Darlene Lazo of Detroit, Michigan; three brothers, O'Neil Bloom of Snyder, Richard Bloom of Big Spring and William Bloom II of Lansing, Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

ACCIDENT

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the investigator said.

Game Warden Randy Bullard and Deputy Sheriff Mike Redwine joined Trooper Johnson at the scene, and the victims were taken to the county hospital by Mitchell County EMS.

"We found some alcohol,"

Trooper Johnson said.

"We can't release their names because criminal charges are pending."

He said state law discourages the publication of the names of criminal defendants under age 17.

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Julia Bennett 1938-2001

Mrs. Julia Bennett, age 62, of Loraine, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2001 in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ken Norcutt officiating. Burial followed in the Spade Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bennett was born to Henry and Luella Reese in Douglas, Wyoming on Nov. 30, 1938. She and her husband of 30 years have lived in Mitchell County since 1977. She was active in the Boer Goat Cookoff and made jewelry and many other things from rattlesnakes.

Survivors include her husband, Don Bennett of Loraine; three children, Julia and husband, Doyle Evins, George and wife, Lona Cross, Lea and husband, Howard Walker, all of Douglas, Wyoming; three step-children, J.D. Bennett of Kemmerer of Wyoming, Carol Bennett and Jerry Bennett; one sister, Norma Lampl of Wassilla, Alaska; six grandchildren, Nate Cross, Nicholas Cross, Doyle Evins, Daniel Evins and Wendy Walker, all of Douglas, Wyoming; and numerous nieces and nephews.

James A. "Biscuit" Barkley 1916-2001

James A. "Biscuit" Barkley, age 84, of Big Spring, died on Sat., Jan. 13, 2001 in a Big Spring hospital. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Mon., Jan. 15, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church and Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial followed at Loraine Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Barkley was born on Sept. 17, 1916 in Loraine, Texas, and married Maxine B. Hunt on Nov. 4, 1938 in Colorado City, Texas. He had lived in Big Spring since 1963 and retired from Cosden Oil and Chemical Company after 17 years of service. He enjoyed camping in Cloudcroft, New Mexico. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He was a Mason and a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine Barkley of Big Spring; three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert "Bobby" and Betty J. Barkley of Colorado City, James E. and Glenda Barkley of Odessa, and Gary Don and Larrie Barkley of Groves; one brother, Bob Cannon of Dallas; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Trinity Baptist Church, P.O. Box 148, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1448.

Jewell Boatler 1905-2001

Jewell Boatler, age 96, of Loraine, died Fri., Jan. 12, 2001, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wed., Jan. 17, 2001 at Mt. Olive Memorial Park in Big Spring with Rev. Thomas Taylor, retired Methodist minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born on Aug. 20, 1904 in Howard County, Texas and married Tillman T. Boatler on March 22, 1921 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on June 19, 1992. Mrs. Boatler had lived in Big Spring most of her life until moving to Loraine in 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Loraine.

Survivors include one daughter, Alta Banks of Watkinsville, Georgia; three grandchildren, Penny Mitchell of Loraine, Major Brian Banks of Fort Stewart, Georgia and Jean Adams of Anniston, Alabama; three great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Ray Boatler in 1932 and one granddaughter, Debbie Banks in 1979.

Manuel Davila 1941-2001

Mr. Manuel Davila, age 59, of Big Spring and formerly of Colorado City, died Sun., Jan. 14, 2001 in a Midland hospital. Services were held at 10 a.m. Wed., Jan. 17, 2001, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father David Espitia officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Davila was born Dec. 2, 1941 in Mitchell County to Ezequiel and Cecilia Davila and was a longtime Mitchell County resident until 1994, when he moved to Big Spring. He married Connie Martinez on Oct. 4, 1963 in Colorado City. He was a farmer and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Davila of Big Spring; three sons, Ricky Davila, Mike Davila and David Davila, all of Colorado City; a daughter, Christina Hernandez of Big Spring; four sisters, Ester Flores and Petra Guerrero, both of Colorado City, Frances Rojas of Lockhart, Tx. and Inez Alonzo of Fort Worth; four brothers, Frank Davila of Odessa, John Davila, Willie Davila and Joe Davila, all of Colorado City; and 11 grandchildren.

Virgie DeLong 1915-2001

Virgie DeLong, 85, of Abilene, died Sun., Jan. 14, 2001 in an Abilene hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immanuel Baptist Church with Rev. H.S. Calahan, Jr. and Rev. David Bartley officiating. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery, directed by Elliott-Hamill Funeral Home.

Mrs. DeLong was born in Midland, Texas on August 27, 1915. She attended school in Perryton and Briscoe, where she graduated from high school. She moved to Abilene from Colorado City in 1959. She married E.A. "Bud" DeLong in Colorado City on Sept. 15, 1934. He preceded her in death on June 25, 1986. Mrs. DeLong was a homemaker and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church. She was an active Sunday School teacher for 57 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Christie D. Staton and husband, Harrell Sam of Jacksonville, Florida; two brothers, Willard Davis of Odessa and W.C. "Bill" Davis of Boloxi, Mississippi; three granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to American Diabetes Association, 8008 Slide Rd., Suite 12 A, Lubbock, TX 79424.

Blood donations are being sought

United Blood Services will be in Coahoma Jan. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. and they encourage everyone to come donate blood.

"Blood donations are continuing to decrease in number," said Johnna Pevey, Community Relations Representative. "Please help us be ready by donating the gift of life."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. We also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

Please call Russ Mullins at 915-394-4277 to schedule an appointment.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. Your help is needed.

Oilfield tools thefts remain unsolved

Law enforcement officers in Mitchell, Scurry and Howard Counties have joined forces to look for a thief or thieves who have stolen an estimated \$50,000 in oilfield equipment since last fall.

It is a Crimestoppers Inc. investigation offering up to a \$1,000 reward, and a Hobbs, N. M., recovery company may add to that amount.

Call 728-TIPS if you have any information, and you may remain anonymous.

The latest theft was from a Pool Well Service workover rig off County Road 220 eight miles north of Westbrook, discovered on Monday morning, Jan. 8, when the Snyder crew returned to work.

Sheriff Patrick Toombs said it is related to similar thefts of rod wrenches and other hand tools in November at a unit owned by Delbert Joiner of Colorado City off County Road 222 near Cuthbert and in September from a Holly Well Service unit from Ira six to eight miles to the northeast.

The Pool Well Service crew came from Snyder.

Scurry County deputies are investigating two such thefts in the Ira area and the Howard County Sheriff's Office is assisting, although no such thefts have been discovered reported there.

The Tool Branding Service Co. of Hobbs is considering offering a reward.

Sheriff Toombs said the stolen tools were not marked.

"There were similar tire tracks at each of the scenes in Mitchell County, and the same type of tools were stolen from all three rigs," he said.

"They all happened on weekends. The crew normally

leaves on Friday, and no one goes back out there till Monday morning.

"They're hitting someone every other month, all in the same area. They are probably all connected. We know ours are."

The sheriff said possibly two men are involved, and they are taking relatively small tools that can be loaded quickly.

"We know the size of the vehicle from the tire tracks," he said, explaining that it is not a big pickup truck.

Tool Branding not only marks oilfield equipment as a deterrent, it also checks auctions for stolen equipment.

Sheriff Toombs said the culprit or culprits might be from Big Spring, and the Howard County Sheriff's Office is watching for suspects who deal in oilfield tools.

Car, pickup collide, no one hurt

Two Colorado City motorists escaped injury in a car and pickup collision at 10:20 a.m. last Thursday at 14th and Locust Streets.

Investigator Charles Rice said a westbound 2001 Chevrolet pickup driven by Harold Morren, 30, of 975 Marshall St. was in collision with a southbound 1998 Pontiac driven by Rachel Reyes, 23, of 2144 Locust.

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The CCR Column

TDCJ needs support in Austin

By Bob Campbell

Since the Dec. 13 escape of seven inmates from the Connally Unit near Karnes City, we have heard a lot of concerns that low CO's salaries and prison understaffing may have been factors.

Certainly, CO's need more money.

But more than that, the Texas Department of Criminal Justice needs more a lot more space.

That's really more pertinent -- its lack of space for hard core criminals like the Connally crew.

Late last year, the chairmen of the House and Senate criminal justice committees, El Paso Republican Pat Haggerty and Victoria Democrat Ken Armbrister, said they wouldn't support a bond issue to build more prisons this year.

Rep. Haggerty, a real estate broker, and Sen. Armbrister, a businessman, may be singing a different song now.

But their earlier thickheadedness is the same type of thinking that led to the mess in our public schools -- cut back as soon as possible, say that less than the best is good enough and wait for things to deteriorate badly before you do anything else.

More than 4,000 inmates are backed up in county jails, waiting to go to prison, because the system is jammed up tighter than a blowfish.

But Haggerty and Armbrister thought we could back off because parole requirements were being lightened and that would make more space.

Back in the '50's and '60's, you could tend to prisons and schools every now and then and forget about them for a while.

Those times are long gone.

The ideal day at a prison is one when nothing out of the ordinary happens.

That should raise the question, when things are okay, why are they going so well and how can we keep it this way?

It's unfair to scapegoat the TDCJ because it has been doing a fantastic job, considering the inmates' overcrowding and CO's understaffing.

Texas has 154,000 people in prison for one reason: it has a huge number of criminals.

It's a national problem, and we should do what England did when it made Australia a prison colony in 1788 and deported most of its criminal population.

England has had a low crime rate ever since.

As packed as the state's 115 prisons are, the relative infrequency of problems is proof of their efficiency.

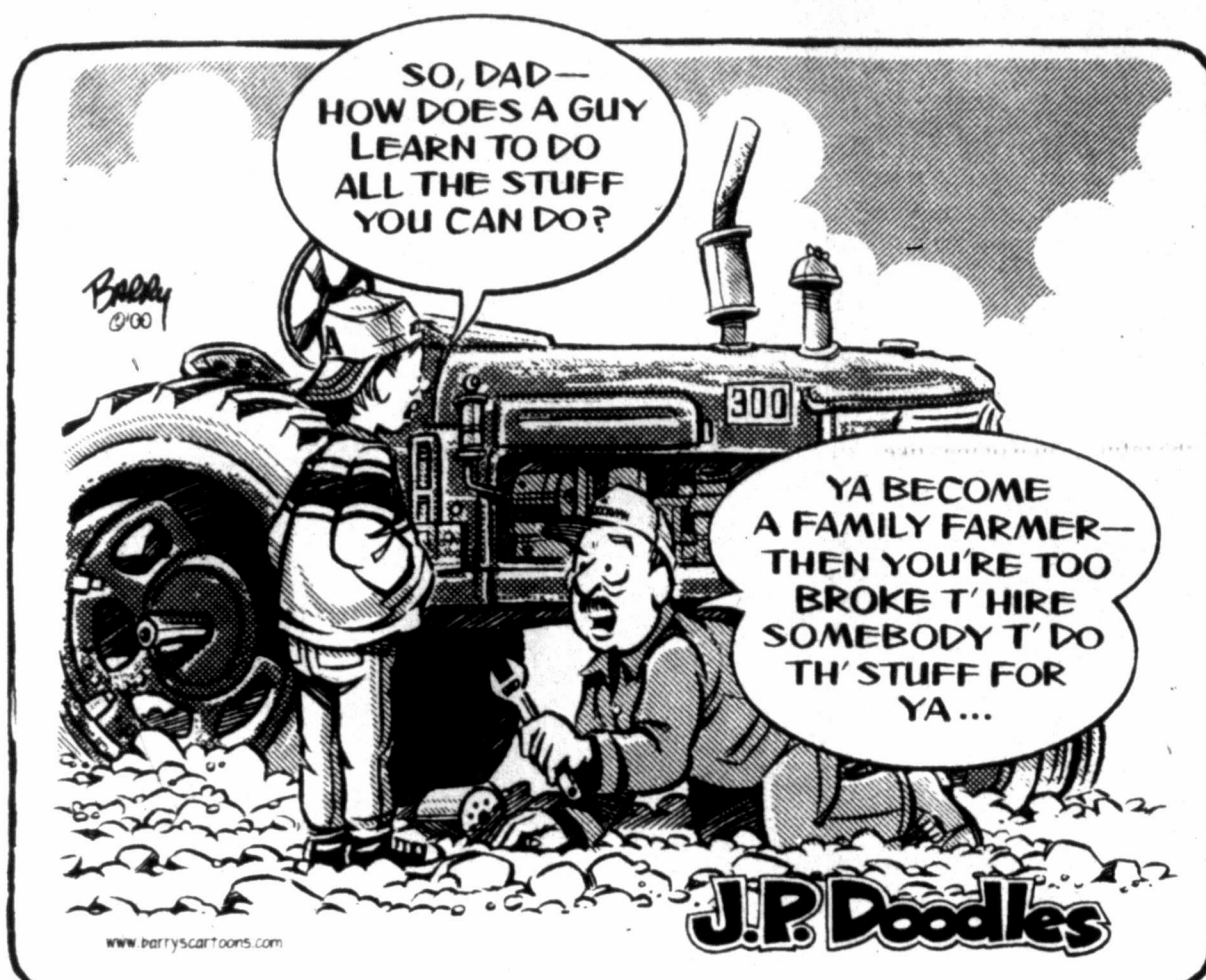
TDCJ Director Wayne Scott went to Austin two years ago and asked for substantial CO's raises.

They only got the same \$100 a month as all state employees, and just a year later leaders were forced to make a \$35 million emergency allocation to address the problem.

Now the Texas Board of Criminal Justice asks for a bond issue to finance the construction of three new maximum security prisons and once again is met with stupidity.

These people know their business, and all they're talking about is putting a bond issue to a vote of the people.

Why don't legislators get out of the way and let them do it?



The back forty

by Roger Pond

The Back Forty

I wish I could remember what kind of weather we should be having. Did the long range forecasts predict a cold, wet winter or a warm, dry one?

This happens every fall: The forecasters tell us we are in a La Niña pattern or an El Niño pattern. (I can't remember which.) Then they predict we'll have wetter, warmer, dryer or colder weather than usual.

And they're right! That's exactly what we've been having.

My problem is I forget what the forecasters told us in the fall. Then, when I want to contradict them I have no evidence.

A news report about U.S. aid to Mongolia helps put our weather in perspective. The Mongolians are recovering from a disastrous weather pattern called a "zud."

Zud is the Mongolian term for a severe drought, followed by an exceptionally harsh winter. The news report doesn't say how frequent

zuds are in Mongolia, but they didn't invent the word for nothing. Their weather could be one big zud for all I know.

A U.S. organization called Mercy Corps International is trying to help with food and economic aid. Mercy Corps says Mongolian herders have cut way back on their herds of sheep, cattle, goats, horses, camels and yaks.

The men may call this a zud, but the women probably call it a blessing.

I like the term "zud." It has the harsh, brutal tone that describes a streak of bad weather.

Folks in the Midwest have a similar word to describe their climate. When Midwesterners have a severe, snowy winter followed by an exceptionally wet spring it's called a "flud."

I think we should have more terms like these to describe the climate. A few inches of snow with subzero temperatures should be called a "crunch" for example.

A freezing rain that covers sidewalks, stairs, and high-

ways might be a termed a "splat" -- or maybe a "crash." Any weather combination that topples trees should be called a "thunk."

I vaguely remember the winter of 1950. We had several feet of drifting snow.

I was a mere six years old, but can remember crawling through snow tunnels my brothers dug with grain shovels. That was fun for awhile, but it's about as close to being an Eskimo as I ever want to get.

A grouse hunting buddy told me about going out to look for his sheep a day or so after that storm hit. The snow was over the fences and landmarks were hard to identify.

My friend would find a spot where the snow was humped up a little; and after a little digging he would find a sheep.

That's why the Mongolians have all those camels and yaks, I guess. They're not that good to eat, but they're much easier to find in a snow storm.

Comments on the Fourth State

By Tumbleweed Smith



We have a new president. George W. Bush won. In the days after the election, the national news media devoted more coverage to the loser than to the winner.

The news media seem to be more democratic than republican.

That really worries me. Not because I'm a strong party man. I'm not. I think blind party loyalty is dangerous.

I'm worried because I grew up thinking the new media was supposed to report things fairly, without bias. I don't think that happened in the election coverage, especially during the post election process.

I wasn't worried about the fact that there was a recount of the vote and protests on both sides and lawyers trudging back and forth to the court room. That is America.

The three national network anchor people and several of the political analysts practically were in tears after Al Gore's concession speech. There was now question about who they wanted to win the election. It certainly wasn't the man who won. They hardly mentioned his name.

CNN and its offshoots were also guilty of touting Gore over Bush.

Our country has just had a test of our true strength. In other countries, this delay in naming a president would probably have led to civil war and anarchy. As far as we know, not one life was lost because of disagreements and demonstrations about who would be the leader of our country.

And besides all that, we got to hear first hand justices of the supreme court debating the issue with attorneys and representatives from both parties. That was a rare occurrence.

Now that we are headed toward George W. Bush's inauguration we can concentrate on increasing our country's strength. Differences and strong opinions will not disappear. They are facts of life, things that come with being alive. But the media needs to be fair and impartial.

In the past, when our country has been threatened from outside, the differences are put aside and we all fight together. We have this time been threatened from inside and we need to once again put aside those differences and work together to build a greater nation.

It should be a significant moment in American history when the man who escorted George Bush from the White House will now escort George Bush's son into the same edifice.

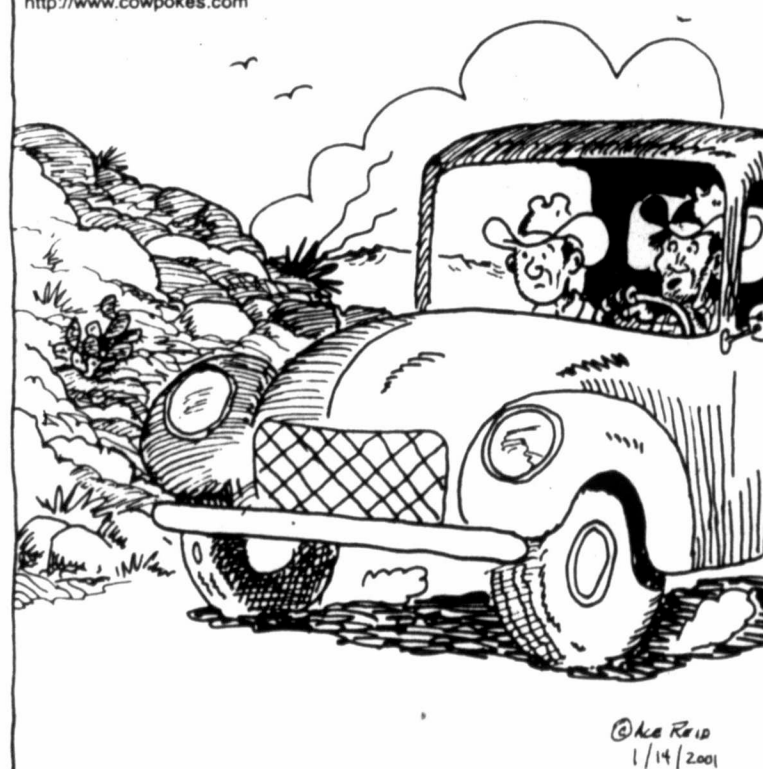
The love of country is strong. I felt extremely patriotic when I was a soldier in Europe and felt that I had the best look at America by being away from it. When I returned I entered the most American field of endeavors: journalism. Shame on you, anchors...for letting your opinions show.

America passed the test. But journalism failed.

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local news

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Escape! It's a word that elicits lots of blame and pain and confusion in our Prison system. This recent escape is proving to be more painful than usual. Please note, I am not trying to protect anyone who was lax in security or other departments. But the seven convicted felons are being celebrated far more than they deserve.

The wrong people are made celebrities in our society. It's hard to believe that people will pay twelve dollars for the pictures of seven escapees, rapists and murderers as they are doing in Houston.

Please allow me to introduce to you seven unknown folks who will never be on TV but who deserve our thanks and applause. Names are changed to protect confidentiality.

First, John Doe - whose marriage is pretty much a mess because working in a Texas prison is so stressful - but who is willing to seek counsel because he knows his family is precious and worth saving.

Second, Jane Doe - a single mom whose teen-age son has become unmanageable and who goes to the Unit every day, does her job, gets little encouragement, and takes harassment she shouldn't have to endure from inmates who have more rights than she does.

Third, Bob Doe - who is a Correctional Officer who operates by TDCJ policy and interacts with inmates with dignity - and who, also, is verbally wounded by some inmates who don't know how to accept kindness - and who needs to buy a house to help secure the future for his wife and two children. He can't because he is grossly underpaid for what he must endure.

Fourth, Judy Doe - who, working on an undermanned shift, is forced to be responsible for more than she should - and who, when she makes a mistake because of the shortage-caused stress, is reprimanded, which produces more stress. After her shift, needing a few hours to unwind, she can't because of family responsibilities. Consequently, her family suffers and she dreads going to the workplace the next day.

OK, I'm too long winded and I don't have room for seven. But I'll tell you this. These are the kind of people for whom we should make posters with their pictures and sell for \$12.

May God bless and be with the TDCJ Board and Administration and every honorable employee at the Connally Unit and everywhere else as they

weather storms brought on them by the folks who get all the attention but deserve none!

Sincerely,
Wayne Horton
Chaplain, Wallace Unit
Colorado City, TX

Dear Editor:

It is a little late to write this letter, but I feel it is very important to express appreciation and gratitude to the persons who spent so much of their time and money to make our downtown area bright and festive this Christmas season.

I want to publicly express my gratitude and appreciation to Sammy Contreras, his brother Cecil and son Sammy Jr., who saw the need and made our Main Street lighted and festive this Christmas.

I hope you drove through town and enjoyed the lighted scenes at Kiwanis Park and the lighted tree outlined at Friendly Park.

In addition, they were allowed to use the city trucks to mount the lighted wreaths on the light poles, so instead of having a gloomy drive through town, it was one of which we could be proud and feel a true Christmas spirit.

I just want these three men to know they are appreciated.

Sincerely,
Betsy Lee Aycock

Dear Editor:

The Kiwanians would like to thank everyone for their participation in the Mitchell County Toy Drive. We were able to give at least one "new" and 2-3 "like-new" toys to each child on our list. There were 150 names on that list, so we were able to distribute almost 500 toys. Being involved with this project makes us realize how kind and thoughtful people are.

The donation of "like new"

toys was tremendous! With help from Judy Merrell, Glenna Fambro, Brenda Turnbow and Nancy Moore and their students in the "Diversified Career Preparation & Child Development Class", "Family & Consumer Science Class" and all the CHS participants and the 5th grade students at Hutchinson School, with the refurbishing of the "like-new" toys, we were able to use almost all the donations.

The communities of Loraine and Westbrook did a great job to help us fill our needs, while Mitchell County Probation Department's Mr. Jeff Potter, provided eleven rebuilt bicycles.

We need to give a special "thank you" to the following: Colorado City Kiwanis Club, Dorn Methodist Church, the Colorado City Lions Club for their tremendous support, CHS student body president Ms. Patti Rivera, Lakisha Emerson and Michelle Jimenez, Mr. Scott Stubblefield and Youth Group of First Baptist Church, Mr. Rob Sarles and the Youth Group from Calvary Baptist Church, employees of Mitchell County Courthouse, ALCO, Fuller Foods, Adkin Supply, First Bank of West Texas, City National Bank, First National Bank, the Credit Union, The Colorado City Record, Charter Communications and KVMC-KAUM.

To all of you who so generously donated gifts and money to support this effort, it did not go unnoticed -- thank you so very much.

You can see from this list, this was truly a community effort and we look forward to working with all of you to make next year even better.

In appreciation,
The Kiwanians

Plainview writer lauds Loraine church experience

By John Perry

A few weeks ago, several members of our Sunday school class made a little trip down to Loraine. Now if you don't know where Loraine is, it is a few miles southwest of Hermleigh. Now if you don't know where either of these are, they are not far from Colorado City. Now if none of these are familiar, you will possibly never need to know.

The reason for this trip was to visit a couple who were formerly in our class and now live in Loraine and he is the preacher there. This was also my first visit to this community

as well as for most of the others. The only thing I could remember about Loraine is that this was the hometown of the late George Mahon, who for 44 years was our congressman and a man I had the honor and privilege of knowing.

As we were standing in front of the church waiting for the congregation to gather, a car pulled up and for just a split instant, I thought George Mahon was getting out of the car. It turned out to be his nephew, Royce Mahon. The resemblance was remarkable. We had a great visit and shared our memories of Mr. Mahon, the only man I have ever known who had total recall of names, faces and locations of anyone he met.

We were treated to a wonderful chili supper by the congregation before the musical service that followed that evening.

It was during this service that we were introduced to a gentleman who had asked if he could sing for us. Now what made this so unique was that this man was so bashful around people that he could hardly hold his head up, and you could tell it took every ounce of courage he could muster to just get up in front of the crowd.

Before he began to sing, he professed how hard it was for him to get up before us, but he felt the need to share his love for the Lord the best way he knew how, and that was by singing. As he began to sing, his voice became stronger and he sang a most beautiful song. What made it even more meaningful was the tremendous effort it took to control his emotions and bashfulness to share this wonderful music with us.

We discussed this on the way back home that night, and what courage this man had. He blessed us much more than he realized.

Free low cost drugs described in Chicago based publication

Is your medication too expensive for your budget? Are you choosing between medicine and your meals? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

The Prescription Assistance Coalition of Chicago, IL has just published a booklet, "Prescription Drug Giveaway Programs". The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost pre-

scription drugs.

"There are over 70 programs from major drug manufacturers that provide free or low cost medication. These programs are rarely, if ever publicized," says Chris Pong-sak, a researcher at Prescription Assistance Coalition. "We've published an A to Z listing of all the drugs that are available to certain qualified groups for free or at very low cost directly from the manufacturer. There

are nearly 46 million Americans that are lacking health care insurance, many of whom could benefit from the information in this booklet."

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Central Fulfillment Center, Prescription Drug Giveaway Booklet Offer #PDG0108, P.O. Box 408342, Chicago, IL 60640-8342.

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LIVESTOCK

Saturday night's premium sale brought almost \$42,000 in bonuses for the top finishing contestants, compared to last year's \$39,500.

Livestock Show Association Finance Chairman Kirk "Nubbin" Morris said he was gratified with the participation and results.

Five steers, 150 hogs, 90 goats and 40 lambs were shown by 90 young people, many of whom will take their animals to shows in San Antonio, Fort Worth, Houston, El Paso and San Angelo.

Numerous buyers from Mitchell County and throughout West Central Texas contributed to the sale.

"It was the best turnout that we've had in a long time, building the pens on Sunday and for the shows," Whitesides said Monday.

"We had more people at the sale, and the numbers are up with the kids."

"It's growing, so that's a good sign."

Young Cox and the Morris represented the 4-H Club and Matlock and Waldrep the Westbrook FFA Chapter.

Other prizes were Cap Rock Electric Co-Op's Top Hand Award Jacket, Nathan Shrode of the C-City FFA; the Tommy Stevens Memorial Buckle for industry and sportsmanship, Jeanny Moore, Loraine FFA; Robert Cooper Memorial Buckle, best showmanship of animals in two divisions, Matt Truelove, Westbrook FFA; and the \$500 Cap Rock college scholarship, Samantha "Sam" Miller, C-City FFA.

Virginia Fuller, president of Fuller Foods Thriftway and widow of the late Raymond Fuller, was given an appreciative plaque in honor of her husband's contributions for many years to the stock show and premium sale.

The local office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service sponsors the 4-H Club and the county's high schools the FFA chapters.

Westbrook High School vocational agriculture teacher J. W. Schlee was given an award for 27 years' service to county agriculture and the show.

Here are the results by classes at the Friday and Saturday exhibition:

Lightweight steers -- 1. Carlton Johnston, 2. Morgan Maddox, 4-H. 3. C. Johnston.

Heavyweight steers -- 1. C. Johnston, 2. C. Johnston.

Grand champion -- C. Johnston.

Steer showmanship -- C. Johnston.

Lightweight Duroc hogs -- 1. Nathan Smith, 4-H. 2. Max Graham, 4-H. 3. Veronica Garcia, Loraine FFA. 4. Codi Waldrep, 5. Eric Wooddell, Loraine FFA. 6. Tabatha Epperson, Loraine FFA.

Heavyweight Duroc -- 1. Tanner Cox, 2. Chase Wylie, 4-H. 3. Sarah Ann Cox, 4-H. 4. Jacob Sanchez, Loraine FFA. 5. Zach Wylie, 4-H. 7. Brody Redwine, C-City FFA.

Breed Champion Duroc -- Tanner Cox.

Reserve breed champion -- Nathan Smith.

Lightweight Hampshires -- 1. Jared Matlock, 2. Tanner Pierce, Westbrook FFA. 3. Chase Wylie, 4. Sarah Smith, 4-H. 5. Melissa Alaniz, Westbrook FFA. 6. Nathan Smith, 7. Megan Oliver, Loraine FFA. 8. Tabatha Epperson, 9. Brady Henderson, C-City FFA. 10. Brody Redwine.

Medium weight Hampshires -- 1. Matt Truelove, 2. Jordan Truelove, Westbrook FFA. 3. Walter Whiteley, Westbrook FFA. 4. Jonathan Garcia, Loraine FFA. 5. Melissa Alaniz, 6. Angela Wooddell, Loraine FFA. 7. Audrey Harless, Westbrook FFA. 8. Jessica Chaney, C-City FFA. 9. Michael Morton, Westbrook FFA. 10. Derick Merket, 4-H.

Heavyweight Hampshires -- 1. Jared Matlock, 2. Megan Oliver, 3. Kayla Rich, Westbrook FFA. 4. Logan Truelove, Westbrook FFA. 5. Matt Truelove, 6. Codi Waldrep, 7. Sarah Ann Cox, 8. Jake Hester, Loraine FFA. 9. Amy Duke, Westbrook FFA. 10. Krista Kelly, Westbrook FFA.

Breed champion Hampshire -- Jared Matlock.

Reserve breed champion -- J. Matlock.

Black other pure breeds -- 1. Sam Shrode, 4-H. 2. Dakota Dawson, Westbrook FFA. 3. D. Dawson, 4. D. Dawson, 5. Kayla Rich, 6. Carlton Johnston, 7. Matt Truelove, 8. Adam Lloyd, C-City FFA.

Breed champion black other purebred -- Sam Shrode.

Reserve champion -- Dakota Dawson.

Lightweight white other pure breeds -- 1. C. Johnston, 2. Veronica Garcia, 3. Jordan Truelove, 4. Ty Callaway, Westbrook FFA. 5. Kathryn Kelly, Westbrook FFA. 6. Cory Morton, Westbrook FFA. 7. Tanner Cox, 8. Chance Frizzell, Westbrook FFA. 9. Matt Castillo, Westbrook FFA. 10. Anthony Garcia, Loraine FFA.

Heavyweight white other pure breeds -- 1. C. Johnston, 2. Zach Wylie, 3. Kathryn Kelly, 4. Kassie Merket, 5. Melissa Alaniz, 6. T. Cox, 7. Courtney Pharris, 4-H. 8. Tabatha Epperson, 9. Logan Truelove, 10. Lori Denson, 4-H.

White other purebred champion -- Carlton Johnston.

Reserve champion -- C. Johnston.

Lightweight crossbreeds -- 1. Ty Callaway, 2. Trey Scott, C-City FFA. 3. Tanner Pierce, 4. Brandon Lenderman, Westbrook FFA. 5. Keisha Thurman, Westbrook FFA. 6. W. Whiteley, 7. Nathan Shrode, 8. Matt Castillo, 9. Brady Henderson, 10. B. Henderson.

Medium weight crossbreeds -- 1. T. Cox, 2. L. Truelove, 3. B. Henderson, 4. M. Truelove, 5. Max Graham, 6. W. Whiteley, 7. N. Oliver, 8. K. Thurman, 9. Manuel Molina, Westbrook FFA. 10. M. Molina.

Heavyweight crossbreeds -- 1. T. Cox, 2. Drake Thurman, Westbrook FFA. 3. J. Matlock, 4. A. Harless, 5. J. Truelove, 6. A. Duke, 7. S. Smith, 8. L. Truelove, 9. J. Truelove, 10. Jeanny Moore.

Breed champion crossbreed -- T. Cox.

Reserve breed champion -- T. Cox.

Grand champion hog -- T. Cox.

Reserve champion hog -- J. Matlock.

Goats, Class 1 -- 1. Nathan Shrode, 2. N. Shrode, 3. Sam Shrode, 4. Baillie Redwine, 4-H. 5. Sam Miller, 6. Ramiro Castillo, C-City FFA. 7. Wesley Callaway, C-City FFA. 8. Megan Tolle, 4-H. 9. Cheyenne Guelker, 4-H. 10. C. Guelker.

Goats, Class 2 -- 1. C. Johnston, 2. C. Guelker, 3. B. Redwine, 4. Kendra Merket, 4-H. 5. Tyler Neel, Loraine FFA. 6. B. Redwine, 7. N. Shrode, 8. Cameron Smith, Loraine FFA. 9. S.

Shrode, 10. S. Miller.

Goats, Class 3 -- 1. Kelly Morris, 2. S. Miller, 3. Kendra Merket, 4. John DeLoera, C-City FFA. 5. Jonathan Haralson, C-City FFA. 6. S. Miller, 7. S. Miller, 8. Ashley Hill, 4-H. 9. M. Graham, 10. A. Hill.

Goats, Class 4 -- Robin Morris, 2. Stephanie Rich, Loraine FFA. 3. Dustin Wylie, C-City FFA. 4. Anthony Muñoz, C-City FFA. 5. Kendra Merket, 6. J. DeLoera, 7. A. Hill, 8. Brittany Hill, 4-H. 9. Anthony Garcia, 10. Heather Barr, 4-H.

Goats, Class 5 -- 1. T. Cox, 2. A. Muñoz, 3. T. Cox, 4. M. Graham, 5. J. Haralson, 6. Kimberly Barr, 4-H. 7. D. Wylie, 8. A. Muñoz, 9. K. Barr, 10. H. Barr.

Grand champion goat -- K. Morris.

Reserve champion -- R. Morris.

Fine wool lambs -- 1. R. Morris, 2. S. Smith, 3. K. Morris, 4. R. Morris, 5. N. Smith.

Fine wool breed champion -- R. Morris.

See related pictures, pages 10 & 11

Fine wool reserve breed champion -- S. Smith.

Lightweight finewool crossbreeds -- 1. R. Morris, 2. N. Smith, 3. K. Morris, 4. D. Dawson, 5. D. Dawson, 6. J. Truelove.

Heavyweight finewool crossbreeds -- 1. K. Morris, 2. R. Morris, 3. S. Smith, 4. N. Smith, 5. S. Smith, 6. N. Smith.

Breed champion finewool crossbreed -- K. Morris.

Reserve breed champion -- R. Morris.

Lightweight medium wool -- 1. Jeanny Moore, 2. S. Smith, 3. D. Dawson, 4. Stacy Parham, Loraine FFA. 5. S. Rich, 6. Stacie Dese, Westbrook FFA.

Heavyweight medium wool -- 1. N. Smith, 2. Christie Dese, Westbrook FFA. 3. D. Dawson, 4. Ashley Vanderpool, Loraine FFA. 5. J. Moore, 6. S. Parham.

Medium wool breed champion -- N. Smith.

Reserve breed champion -- C. Dese.

Grand champion lamb -- K. Morris.

Reserve champion lamb -- R. Morris.



CARLTON JOHNSTON of Loraine was presented the Casey Merket Memorial Buckle at this year's Mitchell County Livestock Show Friday evening. The award was presented by Merket family members, including: (l-r) Eddie Merket, Derick Merket, Quentin Merket, Joan Merket Long and Kassie Merket.

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Couple united in Cancun

LaRae Fulton and Mike Dismore were united in marriage on December 16, 2000 at Moon Palace Resort in Cancun. The bride was given away by her son, Landry Fulton, who also served as best man.

The bride is the daughter of Jerva Herendeen of Arlington and Larry and Susan Farr of Colorado City. She is the granddaughter of Vera Farr of Hermleigh.

The groom is the son of Dorothy Wadsworth of Ballinger and the late Cotton Dismore. The bride is a Major-Marketing Representative for Spring PCS and the groom is Sales Manager for Ener-Tel Services.

The family will reside in Christoval.



Audra Oliver and Justin Herrington

Herrington, Miss Oliver to wed

Mr. & Mrs. Wylie H. Oliver of Ira announce the engagement of their daughter, Audra Marie to Justin Clay Herrington, son of Mike and Lavon Herrington of Hermleigh.

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COOK'S CORNER

By Sheila Plagens

I thought I would continue my column on healthier eating with some more recipes geared towards lower fat. Try these, they sound really good!

ZIPPY BEANS AND RICE

1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 can (10 oz.) diced tomatoes and green chilies, undrained
1 cup frozen corn
3/4 cup water
1 med. jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
1 tsp. salt, optional
1 cup uncooked instant white or brown rice
1 green onion, sliced

In a skillet, combine the beans, tomatoes, corn, water, jalapeno and salt if desired. Bring to a boil; stir in rice. Cover and remove from the heat. Let stand for 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed. Sprinkle with onion. 6 Servings. Per serving: 197 calories, 2g fat.

SPICED APPLE BAGEL

3 Tbsp. cream cheese, softened
1 honey-wheat or plain bagel, split

3 Tbsp. chopped apple
4 tsp. raisins
1 tsp. brown sugar
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg
Spread cream cheese on bagel halves. Top with apple and raisins. Combine brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg, sprinkle over the top. Place on a baking sheet, broil 6-8 inches from the heat for 2-3 minutes or until hot and bubbly. 1 serving. Per serving: 255 calories, 2g fat.

BROWNIE SNACK CAKE

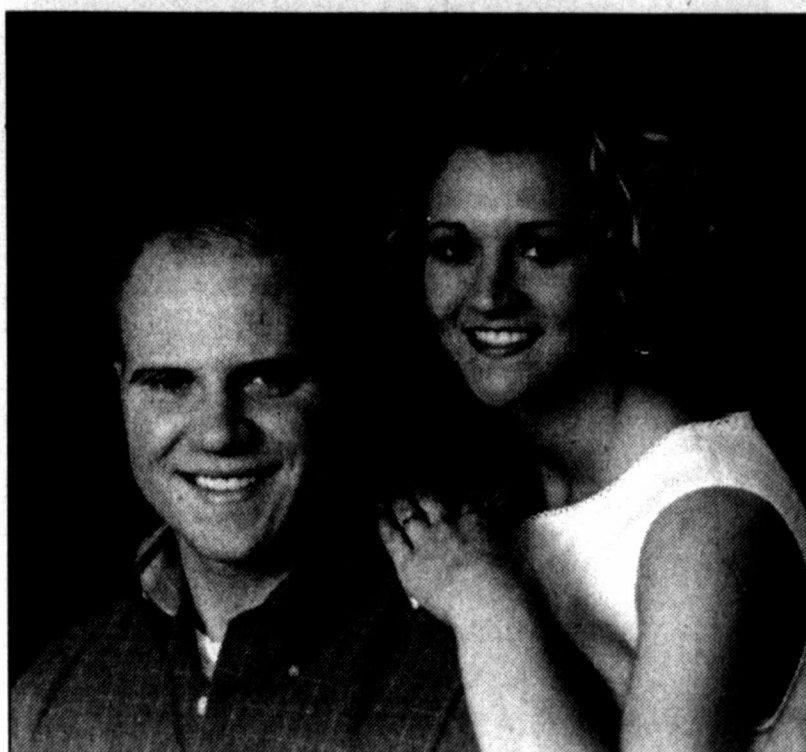
4 egg whites
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar

1/2 cup baking cocoa
1/2 tsp. baking powder
Confectioners' sugar
In a mixing bowl, beat egg whites until foamy. Add oil and vanilla. Combine flour, sugars, cocoa and baking powder, gradually stir into the egg mixture. Transfer to a 8 inch square baking pan coated with nonstick cooking spray. Bake at 350° for 15 - 20 minutes or until the center is set. Cool on a wire rack. Dust with confectioners' sugar. 16 servings. Per serving: 106 calories, 4g fat.

CHERRY PUDDLES CAKE
1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup buttermilk
Egg substitute equivalent to 4 eggs
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 tsp. vanilla extract
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking soda
1 can (20 oz.) light cherry pie filling
Confectioners' sugar, optional
In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in buttermilk, egg substitute, lemon juice and vanilla. Combine flour and baking soda, add to the creamed mixture. Pour into a 13x9 inch baking pan coated with nonstick cooking spray. Use a knife to divide batter into 24 rectangles, spoon a small amount of pie filling into the center of each. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired. 24 servings. Per serving: 134 calories, 4g fat.

LOW FAT CORN MUFFINS
1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/3 cups cornmeal
1/3 cup instant nonfat dry milk powder
1/4 cup sugar
4 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
1 can (8 1/2 oz.) cream-style corn
3/4 cup water
Egg substitute equivalent to 2 eggs
1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce
In a bowl, combine the first six ingredients. In another bowl,

combine corn, water, egg substitute and applesauce, mix well. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fill muffin cups coated with nonstick cooking spray two-thirds full. Bake at 350° for 17-20 minutes or until muffins test done. Cool for 5 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks. One muffin equals 105 calories, 1g fat.



Steve Wiseman and Michelle Lewallen

Engagement announced

Michelle Lee Lewallen of Snyder and Steven Ted Wiseman of Tahoka would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Belinda and Dalvin Alexander of Snyder and Mitchell and Patty Lewallen of Grandbury. She is the granddaughter of Jay and Frankie Vann of Colorado City, Etta Lewallen of Sweet-

water and Vera Alexander of Spur.

The future groom is the son of Charlotte Wiseman and Jim and Margaret Wiseman, all of Tahoka. He is the grandson of Billy Jack and Louise Barrington of O'Donnell.

The couple plan to marry May 19, 2001 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder.

Both are students of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.



Mr. and Mrs. Beeman Dockrey

Pitts, Dockrey are united

Betty Joan Pitts and Beeman Dockrey were united in marriage at the bride's home in Arizona on the 15th of December.

They are residing at 2709 N. Hwy. 208, Colorado City, Tx.

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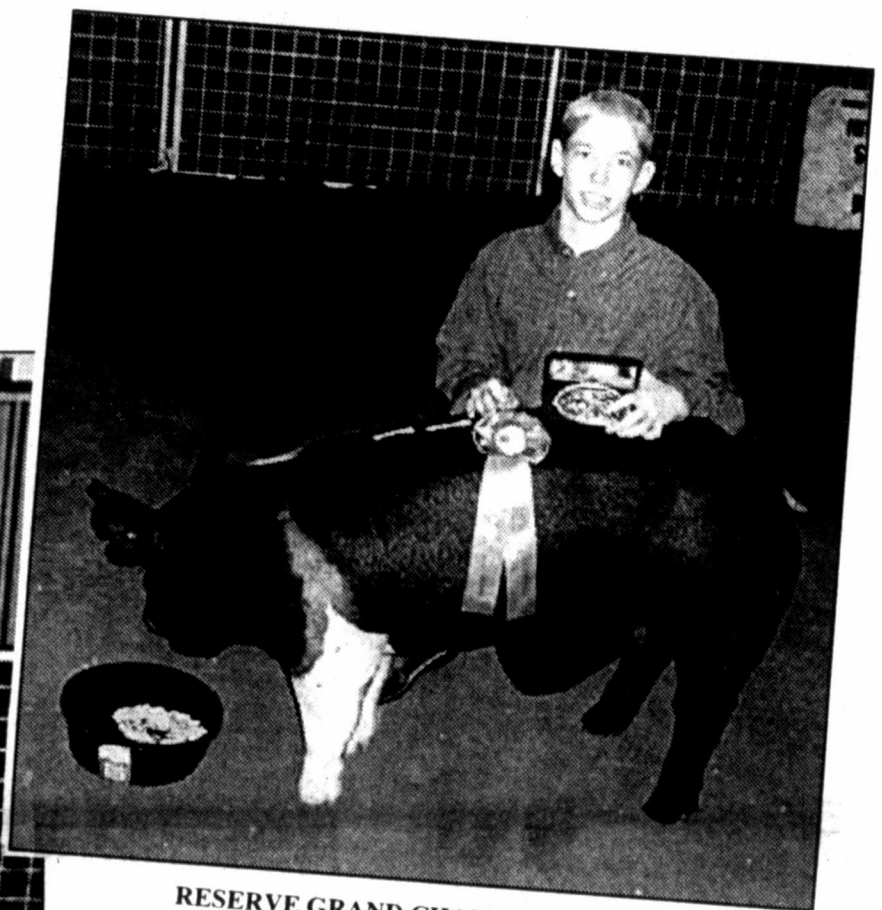
GRAND CHAMPION SWINE
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GRAND CHAMPION GOAT - Kelly Morris (l)
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOAT
AND GOAT SHOWMANSHIP - Robin Morris (r)



GRAND CHAMPION SHEEP
Kelly Morris



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SWINE
Jared Matlock



SWINE SHOWMANSHIP
Codi Waldrep



SAMANTHA MILLER received the Caprock Electric Ag Scholarship
Saturday night. Tommy Whitesides presented the award.

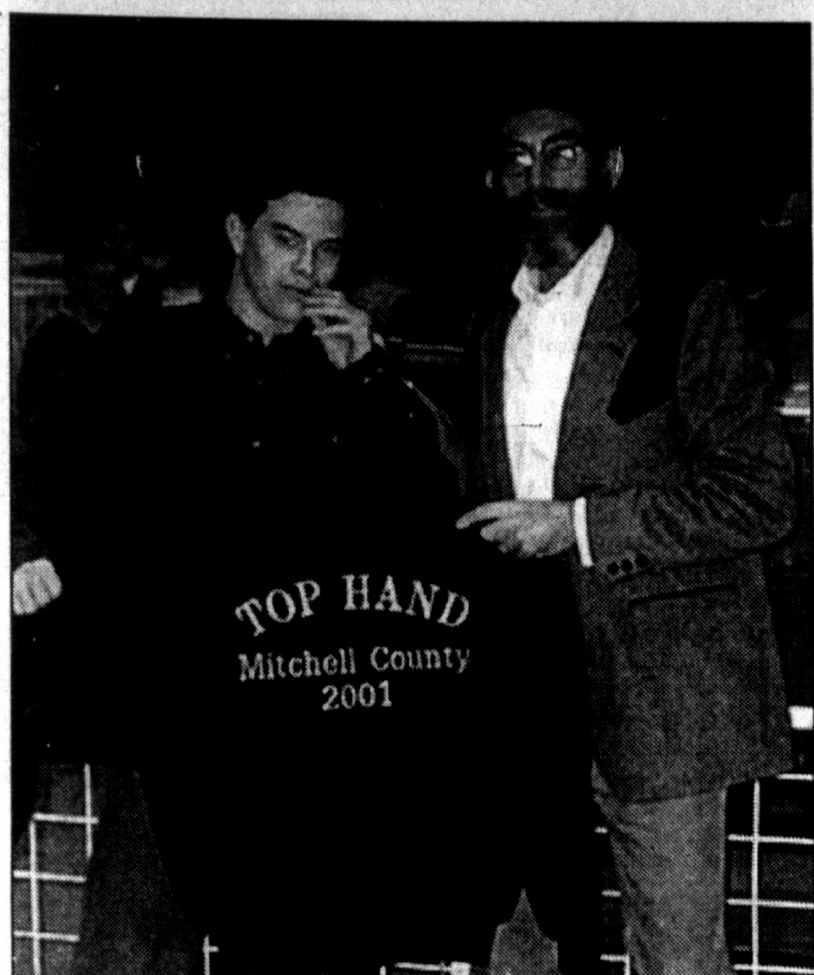


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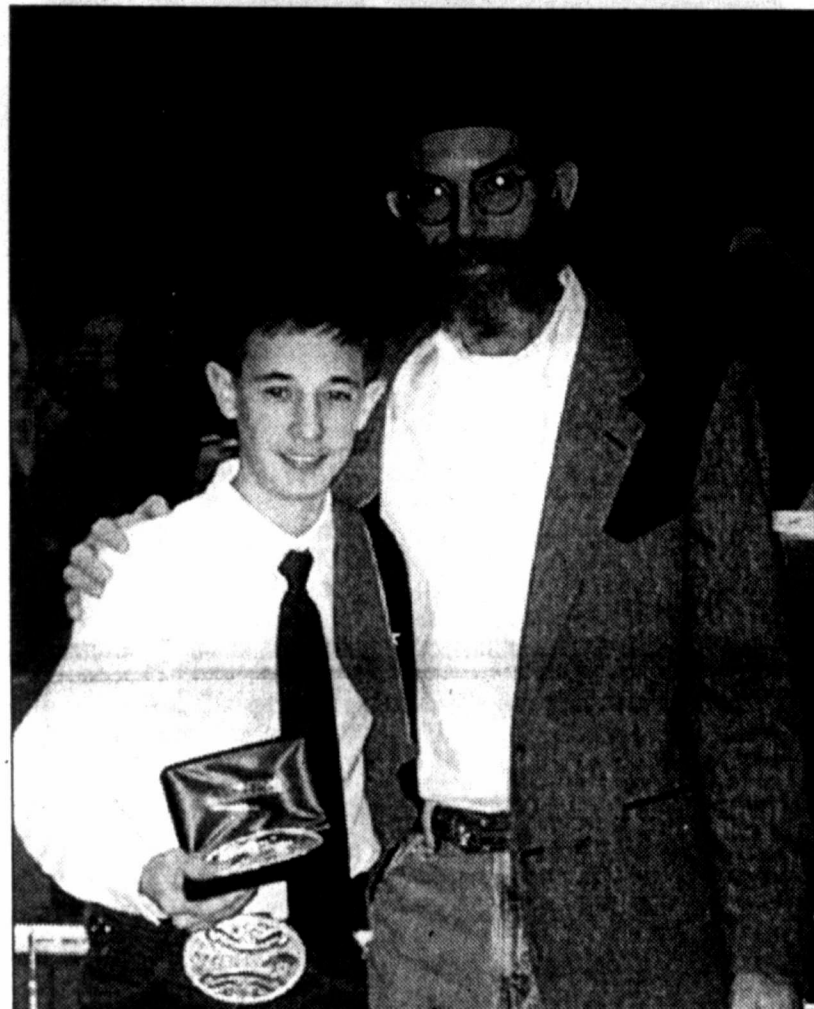


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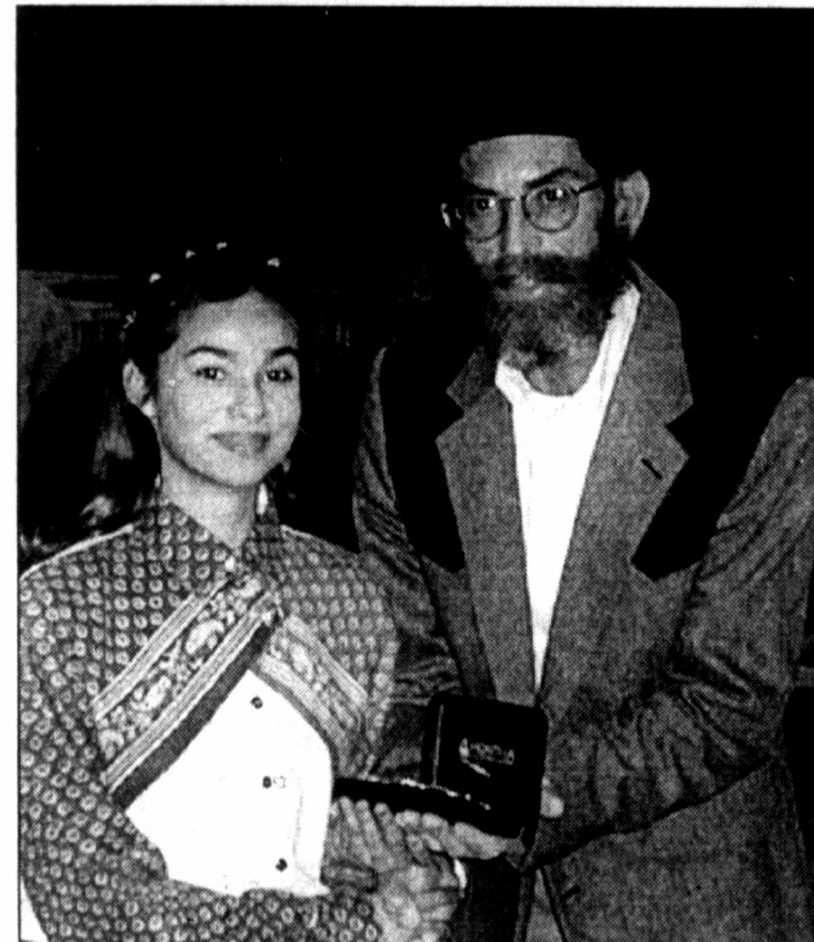
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THE CAPROCK ELECTRIC TOP HAND AWARD was presented to Nathan Shrode (l) by Tommy Whitesides.



MATT TRUELOVE (l) receives the Robert Cooper Memorial Buckle from Tommy Whitesides.



TOMMY WHITESIDES presents the Tommy Stevens Memorial Buckle to Jenny Moore (l).

Hutch students honored

Students chosen as students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Ramzi Messick, Shobre' Green, Haneef Abdur-Razzaaq, and Christa Valdivia.

Ramzi Messick, daughter of Tom and Jody Messick, is a third grader in Mrs. Salinas' room at Hutchinson. She has a cat named Samantha and her favorite subject is science. Her favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary is P.E.

Shobre' Green, granddaughter of John and Wanda Green, is a fourth grader at Hutchinson. She is in Mrs. Goodman's room and her favorite subject is reading. She collects stuffed bears as a hobby. Her favorite thing about her school is P.E. and the playground equipment.

Haneef Abdur-Razzaaq, son of Samad and Elaine Abdur-Razzaaq, is a fifth grader. He enjoys riding his bike and his teacher and P.E. are his favorite things about the school. Math is his favorite subject.

Christa Valdivia, a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's room, is the daughter of Christy and Steve Myers. She enjoys reading and her teacher is her favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary School.

Each week a student from each grade level will be chosen as the student of the week and a picture will run in the paper. The student is chosen based on criteria established by the teacher.

The student will receive a 'dog tag' necklace with Student of the Week, Hutchinson Elementary. The tags are donated by City National Bank.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK AT Hutchinson Elementary are: Haneef Abdur-Razzaaq, Christa Valdivia, Shobre Green and Ramzi Messick.



MERKEL STUDENT Colby Mann and CHS teacher Kathy Wilson discuss the Conflict Resolution Program and the Peer Mediation Process Monday morning in the CMS cafeteria.

Mediation, resolution aired in sessions at local schools

Several students from Merkel High School were in Colorado City last Monday to demonstrate the Conflict Resolution Program and the Peer Mediation process to the CISD faculty.

Approximately 56 second through eleventh grade students in the CISD school system will receive Conflict Resolution training January 23-25. These students will be certified mediators to help their peers work through problems.

Mediations are the voluntary, peaceful resolution of a dispute or conflict in which neutral peers act as mediators. Students are trained to provide a safe, confidential, structured process to aid peers who are in conflict and help them reach a mutually acceptable agreement to end the dispute peacefully.

The goal of Conflict Resolution is to provide a positive option to conflict before anyone raises a fist or reaches for

a weapon. Training will be provided by PeaceMakers, which is a private, non-profit organization.

The Conflict Resolution

Training is being provided in part by funds from the Mitchell County Abstinence Grant and the Board of Economic Development.

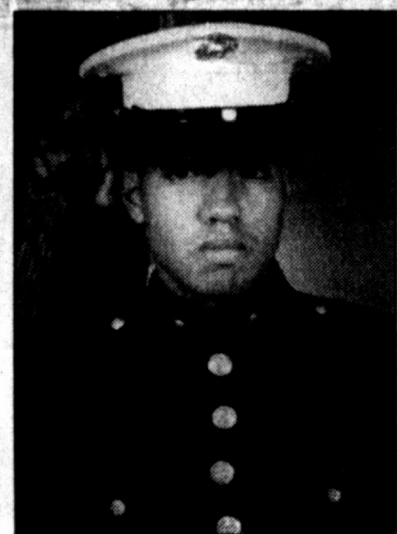
Jr. ladies take 1 of 2

The 7th grade Lady Wolves took one out of two games from Stanton last Monday night at the Pit.

The "red" Lady Wolves edged the Lady Buffaloes in a defensive battle, 5-4. Courtney Pharis scored 3 points for C-City, with Sara Warren adding 2.

The "black" Lady Wolves didn't fare as well, falling to Stanton 28-21 despite 12 points from Chasity Jackson, Kimberly Watkins added 5, Virginia Tovar 2 and Lacy Reyes 2.

The Jr. Lady Wolves will take on Forsan on January 25 at 5 p.m. in Forsan.



Amador Gamez Jr.

Gamez ends Marine training

Amador Gamez Jr. graduated from Marine Corps basic training Jan. 12, 2001 at the MCRD in San Diego, California.

Gamez is the son of Manuel and Irene Diaz of Austin and Amador and Cindy Gamez of Abilene. He is the grandson of Juan and Perfecta Rivera of Colorado City and the late Juan and Anita Gamez of Abilene.

Gamez, a 2000 graduate of Crockett High School in Austin, will further his training in motor transport and equipment vehicle repairs at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri for four months.

After completing his training in Missouri, Gamez will be stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

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SEVERAL CHS students visited the Heritage House last week. The class is studying American architecture.

1883 house is visited by wide-eyed students

Hosted by Mrs. Mabel Merritt, high school students toured the Heritage House last week. Mrs. Fambro's class, studying the evolution of American architecture, was enchanted by the charm of the 1883 house.

The tour helped students to have a feel of living in the 19th century. "How could we live without running water and electricity?" Cenia Zamora commented.

Rose Macedo had fun trying to guess what all the kitchen utensils were for, and Rebecca Ornelas, spotting the lye soap,

thought it was cheese.

Danielle Arellano was amazed that there was only one tiny closet to the original house. Trey Scott and James Bushong were impressed with the porches and locally made bricks from the Colorado River bed.

These students, along with others touring, Kitta McCartney, Kassandra Raymond, Benita Vanderpool and Mrs. Fambro want to thank Mrs. Bassham and all those responsible for leaving the community this very special gift.

"Perfect" students named

The Colorado Middle School has released its list of students with Perfect Attendance for the third six-weeks of the school year.

Sixth Grade: Michelle Arispe, Cecilia Barrera, Dakota Blythe, Sonny Butler, Justin Cantu, Amanda Castillo, Tanner Cox, Lori Denson, Kaitlin Diaz, Melissa Duran, Nick Ed-

wards, Dustin Espinoza, Donnica Fowler, Kyle Fox, Stephanie Freeman, Bradley Gandy, Eric Gonzales, Landon Hartwick, Mary Hembree, Roxanne Hernandez, Brittany Hill, Samantha Leverett, Axel Lewis, Brittany Martinez, Kirby Matlock, Robert McGuire, Krystal Molina, Mark Molina, Kelly Morris, Robert Morris, Paige

Newby, Kassie Owens, Lana Perez, Stuart Ponko, Baillie Redwine, Sonja Rocha, Erick Roman, Kateshia Russell, Ernestine Santana, Brittany Selvera, Kassondra Shoals, Angel Sosa, Stormi Stephens, Krisha Vasquez and Jerrod Ward.

Seventh grade: Danielle Arispe, Krisha Arispe, Danny Austin, Brandon Beights, Logan Boyd, Anthony Brisen, Cody Browne, Michael Chambers, Billy Crawford, Sagan Everett, Jessie Flores, Emily Gardner, Calli Haltom, James Hoagland, Chasity Jackson, Latoya Jackson, Dora Kelly, Kinsey Kirshner, Michael Luera, Brik McGuffin, Derick Merket, Denise Molina, Jodi Owens, Tiffany Owens, Anissa Pineda, Lacy Reyes, Henry Reyna, Roland Rivera, Kim-

berly Rodriguez, Edgar Roman, Joshua Ruth, Adrian Salazar, Frederico Salazar, Michael Sanchez, Kenneth Scott, Megan Tolle and Sarah Warren.

Eighth grade: Kareem Abdur-Razzaq, Barney Barnett, Thomasa Bocanegra, Lacy Combs, Jeremy Crawford, Michael Davila, Irene Delapaz, Jason Espinoza, Jose Espinoza, Kaleb Free, Edwardo Garcia, Jessica Garcia, Adrian Glass, Tristian Hanks, Otis Johnson, Timothy Jones, Amanda Leanos, Terah Lelek, Erick Martinez, Anthony Matos, Stephanie McPhaul, Theresa Molina, Hanneus Ollison, Devin Parker, Mitchell Proctor, Veronica Quiroz, Stephanie Rodriguez, Nikcoal Upshaw, Joann Vigil, Ebony Walthall and Trey Wood.

A & A-B honor rolls are released by CMS

The Colorado Middle School has announced its "A" and "A-B" honor roll lists for the third six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll
Sixth grade: Michelle Arispe, Nicholas Edwards, Landon Hartwick, Brittany Hill, Axel Lewis, Kelly Morris and Sonja Rocha.

Seventh grade: Billy Crawford, Sagan Everett, Kinsey Kirchner, Jodi Owens, Tiffany Owens, Courtney Pharis, Roland Rivera and Sara Warren.

Eighth grade: Kareem Abdur-Razzaq, Thomasa Bocanegra, Jamie Bonner, Diana Bueno, Joni Clay, Michael Davila, Megan Drummond, Kaleb Free, Bryan Proctor, Ryan Proctor, Carl Ramsey, Leticia Reyes, Heather Sturdivant, Tiffany Thomson, and Brian Valenzuela.

A-B Honor Roll
Sixth grade: Cecilia Barrera, Lee Beddingfield, Dakota Blythe, Sonny Butler, Justin Cantu, Tanner Cox, Kaitlin Diaz, Marcus Flores, Donnica Fowler, Stephanie Freeman, Bradley Gandy, Eric Gonzales, Jacob Guevara, Mary Hembree, Roxanne Hernandez, Kirby Matlock, Robert McGuire,

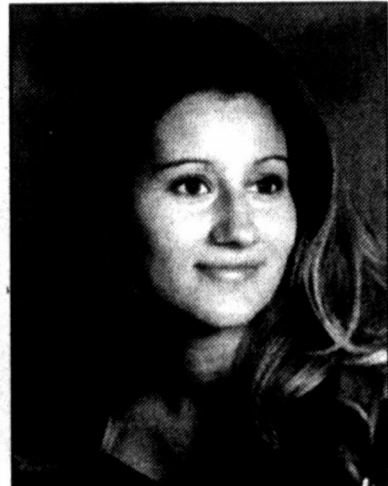
Timothy Miranda, Amber Newby, Lana Perez, Stuart Ponko, Jeremy Quiroz, Vaillie Redwine, Erick Roman, Daniel Salazar, Brittany Selvera, Kassondra Shoals, Angel Sosa, Krisha Vasquez and Chase Wylie.

Seventh grade: Daniell Arispe, Krisha Arispe, Timmy Atkins, Anthony Brisen, Frances Carlos, Michael Chambers, Felicia Forbes, Emily Gardner, Jaquelyn Guevara, Calli Haltom, Eric Harbourn, Cody Hubbard, Chasity Jackson, Michael Luera, Sara Manning, David Martinez, Brik McGuffin, Misty Minear, Miracle Ramirez, Adrian Salazar, Kenneth Scott, Elida Sosa, Julianne Thompson, Megan Tolle, Virginia Tovar, and Jennifer Velasquez.

Eighth grade: Lauren Anderson, Abel Beltran, Lacy Combs, Ryan Denson, Jason Espinoza, Jose Espinoza, Jessie Ferdin, April Fox, Felicia Franco, Edwardo Garcia, Jessica Garcia, Adrian Glass, Otis Johnson, Timothy Jones, Ashley Lefler, Terah Lelek, Theresa Molina, Melinda Morris, Hanneus Ollison, Veronica Quiroz, Casey Terry, Nikcoal Upshaw, and Jackie Velasquez.



Ryan Costabile



Amanda Costabile

Costabiles graduate

Ryan Christopher Costabile graduated December 16, 2000 from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology with Summa Cum Laude honors.

Ryan is a May 1996 graduate of Colorado High School.

Amanda Nichol Costabile attended Texas State Technical College Vocational Nursing Program in Sweetwater. She received her Nursing Pin in a Pinning Ceremony on December 15, 2000.

Amanda is a May 2000 graduate of Colorado High School. While attending Colorado High, Amanda participated in the VICA program as a nurse's assistant and went to the national finals in Kansas City, Missouri.

Ryan and Amanda are the children of Mary Lou Costabile of Colorado City and Frank E. Costabile of Stephenville, Texas. They are the grandchildren of Frank of Josie Yruegas of Loraine and the late Anna Costabile of Abescon, New Jersey.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD
Breakfast Menu
January 22-26
Monday - Waffles with syrup or assorted dry cereals, toast, assorted fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Cinnamon toast, or assorted dry cereals, toast, assorted fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Pancakes w/ syrup or assorted dry cereals, toast, assorted fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Breakfast pizza or assorted dry cereals, toast, assorted fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Scrambled eggs & toast or assorted dry cereals, toast, assorted fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD
Kelley, Hutchinson
Elementary and CMS
Lunch Menu
January 22-26
Monday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, broccoli with cheese, chilled fruit, garlic toast, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Wolf burger, french fries, lettuce and tomato, rice krispie treat, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, dinner roll, choice of milk.
Thursday - Beef-n-bean burrito, tator tots, lettuce and tomato, vanilla pudding, choice of milk.
Friday - Crunchy corn dog, potato

wedges, pickle spears, apple crisp, choice of milk.
Colorado High School
Lunch Menu
January 22-26
Monday - Crunchy corn dog or chicken pot pie, dinner roll, whole kernel corn, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - Burrito or Wolf burger, french fries, lettuce and tomato, rice krispie treat, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Pizza or turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Hot dog on a bun or lasagna, Texas toast, green beans, vanilla pudding, choice of milk.
Friday - BBQ Rib on a bun or crunchy corn dog, potato wedge, baked beans, apple crisp, choice of milk.

new potatoes, broccoli with cheese, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.
Tuesday - Homemade pizza, tossed salad, corn peaches, milk.
Wednesday - Turkey, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, fruit cup, hot rolls, milk.
Thursday - chili beans, Mexican salad, applesauce, cornbread, milk.
Friday - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, french fries, 1/2 apple, milk.
Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu
January 22-26
Monday - Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Tuesday - Cheese toast, bacon, fruit, milk.
Wednesday - Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.
Thursday - Fried pies, toast, juice, milk.
Friday - Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

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Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu
January 22-26
Monday - french toast, little smokies, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - Sausage, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - Hashbrowns, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday - Cinnamon rolls, fruit juice, milk.
Friday - Assorted cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu
January 22-26
Monday - Salisbury steak, gravy,

Monday - Ham and cheese grilled sandwich, salad, corn, cookies, milk.
Tuesday - Chicken noodle soup, peaches, carrot sticks, cinnamon roll, cornbread, milk.
Wednesday - Burritos/Salsa, salad, Spanish rice, cobbler, milk.
Thursday - Chicken fried steaks, green beans, baked potato, jello/fruit, bread, milk.
Friday - Pizza, salad, french fries, Shape-up, milk.

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Anyone wishing to nominate a student believed to be an intellectually and/or creatively

gifted learner is encouraged to come by the appropriate campus office and complete the necessary forms. Those students nominated will go through a screening procedure which requires special testing. At the time of nomination, parents will be required to grant permission for this testing.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, February 2, 2001.

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Wolves nail 1st district game vs. Forsan

BASKETBALL Colorado City

Thursday, January 18

7th girls (r), Stanton, H.....5:00
7th girls (b), Stanton, H.....6:15
8th girls, Stanton, H.....5:00
7th boys, Stanton, T.....5:00
8th boys, Stanton, T.....6:15

Friday, January 19

JV girls, Coahoma, T.....5:00
JV boys, Coahoma, T.....5:00
Varsity girls, Coahoma, T.....6:30
Varsity boys, Coahoma, T.....8:00

Tuesday, January 23

JV girls, Seagraves, T.....5:00
JV boys, Seagraves, T.....5:00
Varsity girls, Seagraves, T.....6:30
Varsity boys, Seagraves, T.....8:00

Westbrook

Friday, January 19

Varsity girls, Borden Co., T.....6:30
Varsity boys, Borden Co., T.....8:00

Monday, January 22

Jr. High girls, Ira, T.....6:00
Jr. High boys, Ira, T.....7:30

Tuesday, January 23

Varsity girls, Highland, H.....6:30
Varsity boys, Highland, H.....8:00

Loraine

Thursday, January 20

Jr. High girls, Blackwell Tournament
Jr. High boys, Blackwell Tournament

Friday, January 19

Varsity girls, Trent, H.....6:00
Varsity boys, Trent, H.....7:30

Monday, January 22

Jr. High girls, Blackwell, T.....6:00
Jr. High boys, Blackwell, T.....7:30

Tuesday, January 23

Varsity girls, Hermleigh, H.....6:00
Varsity boys, Hermleigh, H.....7:30

JV boys take one point win vs. Forsan

The Wolves JV Basketball Team slowly overcame the Forsan Buffaloes lead last Friday night, pulling ahead late to emerge with a thrilling 60-59 victory in Forsan in their district opener.

Forsan entered the 4th quarter with a 4-point lead, but the Wolves never buckled under the pressure, giving themselves a chance to grab the win in the closing minutes.

Tyson Zigler led the Wolves with 15 points, while David Salazar and Cole Arthur had 13 apiece, Christopher Spear 10, Justin Russell 5, Ryan Mason 4, Zack McPhaul 2 and Patrick Spear 1.

The JV Wolves will next face Coahoma this Friday night at 5 p.m. in Coahoma, followed by a battle with Seagraves Tuesday night at 5 p.m. in Seagraves.

The Forsan Buffaloes stayed surprisingly close to the varsity Wolves up until halftime last Friday night before a second half scoring barrage propelled Colorado City to a 65-33 victory in Forsan.

The Wolves, (1-0, 13-5), struggled with their shot in the first half, but ended Forsan's dreams of an upset with an explosive 26 point third quarter to pull away.

Lady Wolves drop nailbiter vs. Stanton

The varsity Lady Wolves fought desperately to hold on to their lead against Stanton last Tuesday night at the Pit, but the Lady Buffaloes had too many scoring opportunities, prevailing 49-48.

As has been the case for much of the season, the Lady Wolves, (1-1, 10-9), stormed out of the gate, scoring 36 first half points. Stanton, however, was able to slowly close the deficit and made their move to take the lead in the final two minutes.

The Lady Wolves used some nifty passing in the early going, with Vanessa Quintero finding a wide open Teri Phariss, who swished the jump shot to go ahead 4-2. Stanton took the lead with a 6-0 run, but Phariss and Quintero came right back with baskets to tie it back up at 8. Lopez's 3-point play and Kim Rivera's explosive inside move to the hoop put Colorado City in front by a 13-9 score through the first period.

Stanton had a hard time keeping up with the Lady Wolves speed in the 2nd quarter. Lopez sparked a 7-0 Lady Wolves run with a lay up off an assist from Kotia Russell. Phariss hit a jumper and Rivera made a nice one-handed shot to give Colorado City a 26-18 lead.

After Stanton closed the gap again late in the quarter, Lopez put a stop to the Lady Buffaloes rally with a pull up jumper, and Rivera sank a couple of free throws giving the Lady Wolves a 36-26 halftime lead.

The Lady Wolves seemed well in control in the 3rd quarter, with Kassi Redwine snuffing out a 5-0 Stanton run to make the score 41-31 in the favor of Colorado City.

Stanton kept up the pressure in the 4th quarter, and the Lady Wolves hot shooting

"I don't think we came out as ready to play as we should have. I think or hope we learned a little lesson," said Wolves Head Coach Barry Kimball. "Every time we play, every single game, you have to be prepared."

Forsan couldn't contain Colorado City's Marquise Lenard in the opening minutes as Lenard scored the Wolves first 7 points. Chase Phariss sparked

the Wolves defense with 3 steals in the first quarter and Andrew Spear nailed all three of his free throw attempts to give Colorado City a 10-3 lead entering the second period.

With the Wolves ahead 14-3 in the second quarter, Forsan made a spirited 8-0 run to close within 3 until Lenard's lay up and Cort Arthur's runner after a nice pass from Ian Bassham extended the Wolves' lead to 19-14 at the break.

The Wolves seemed disappointed in their first half output because they came out smoking in the second half. Bassham led the way with a terrific third quarter, nailing a jump shot to make it 21-16, grabbing a rebound before assisting Lenard on a lay up and then finding Phariss for a

deep 3 pointer, putting the Wolves ahead 26-16.

"Ian's got a great jump shot," said Coach Kimball. "We're getting him to think about penetration and looking for his shot more."

Phariss continued the hot hand by draining another 3 and Bassham added a 3 of his own to give the Wolves a 36-19 lead.

Kevin Wright joined the fray for the Wolves with his own 3 pointer, and Aaron Waldrup ended the onslaught with a monster blocked shot. Going into the fourth quarter, the Wolves lead had grown from 5 points to 22 points.

The Wolves bench took the reins in the final period as Wright, Waldrup and Jacobie Russell led C-City the rest of

the way to a 65-33 win.

"We came out in the second half and moved the basketball well and started get good looks at the basket," said Coach Kimball. "Our bench kept up the intensity. I was glad to get them some playing time."

Lenard led the Wolves with 16 points on 7 of 9 shooting. Wright added 11 points, Bassham 8 points, 5 rebounds and 5 assists, Waldrup 8 points, Phariss 6 points, Russell 6 points, Jonathan Spear 4, Andrew Spear 3, Arthur 2 and Derrick Garcia 2.

The Wolves will travel to Coahoma to take on the Bulldogs Friday night at 8 p.m. and will face Seagraves Tuesday night at 8 p.m. in Seagraves.

Defense leads Lady Wolves

Using their full-court press to harass the opposing offense, the Lady Wolves had little trouble picking up their 2nd district victory by defeating the Lady Buffaloes 49-27 last Friday night in Forsan.

The Lady Wolves, (2-1, 11-9), were intent on forcing the Lady Buffaloes into taking bad shots, and succeeded as Forsan couldn't make a basket until it was nearly halftime.

"We played great in every phase of the game except for shooting," said Lady Wolves Head Coach Darrin Leverton. "We felt like it was important to jump on them early and press. We play better when we're pressing and running."

Colorado City had a hard time finding their offensive rhythm in the first half. After Forsan opened the game with two free throws, Alison Lopez tied it up with a jump shot and the Lady Wolves were on their way.

Kassi Rewine's lay up after her third steal in the first quarter made it 4-2, but she was forced to leave the game soon after with a foot injury.

Lady Wolves back up point guard Hannah Bassham did a good job filling in for Redwine, scoring on a lay up off a pass from Lopez, giving Colorado City a 9-3 lead through the first quarter.

"Hannah and Amanda Guerra both did a good job off the bench," said Coach Leverton. "I'm glad that they got some playing time."

Junior High Wolves place 3rd

The Wolves 8th grade team rebounded from a loss to claim the 3rd place trophy at the Coahoma Tournament last weekend.

Following a tournament opening loss to Greenwood, the Jr. High Wolves, (7-6), defeated Wylie's B team 34-20 before destroying Forsan 41-8 in the battle for 3rd place.

The 8th graders topped off the week by defeating Stanton 43-34 to gain some revenge from an early season loss to the Buffaloes. Stanton led the Wolves 19-11 at halftime, but the Wolves stormed back, thanks to a couple of clutch 3-pointers by Erick Martinez.

"We played a great 2nd half. It's the first time we've beaten Stanton in any sport this year," said Wolves 8th grade Coach Brian Taggart. "That's the best win that we've had so far."

Martinez led the Wolves against Stanton with 18 points. Eric Martinez added 11, Kaleb Free 5, Otis Johnson 3, Chase Castillo 2 and Brian Proctor 2.

The Jr. High Wolves will be off until January 25 when they will take on Forsan at 6:15 p.m. at the Pit.

suddenly disappeared. The Lady Buffaloes closed within one point, but Rivera bounced back with a strong lay up, drawing the foul for a 3-point play putting Colorado City ahead 46-42.

The Lady Buffaloes added a 3-point play finally taking over the lead 48-46 before Redwine found Quintero inside for a basket to tie the game at 48.

With less than a minute remaining, Stanton kept control of the ball, eventually forcing a very questionable foul with 8 seconds left. The Lady Buffaloes made 1 out of 2 free throws to take a 49-48 lead, and the Lady Wolves couldn't get a shot off in the closing seconds to give Stanton the victory.

Lopez led Colorado City with 16 points, with Rivera adding 11 points and 4 steals, Quintero made 11 points and 5 rebounds, Phariss 7 points and 7 rebounds, Redwine 3 points and 4 assists, and Russell 3 assists.

JV rally falls short

The JV Lady Wolves made a ferocious comeback in the closing minutes of their game against Forsan last Friday night before falling 35-30.

After trailing 21-12 in the third quarter, the Lady Wolves made their charge, closing the gap to 24-21 before Forsan stretched the lead back to 7 with 2 minutes left.

The Lady Wolves refused to fold. Rachel Arguijo and Teresa Cobb helped pull Colorado City back to within 2 points before Forsan pulled away for the victory.

Next up for the Lady Wolves will be a game versus Coahoma this Friday night at 5 p.m. in Coahoma, followed by a game at Seagraves Tuesday night at 5 p.m.

Mustangs over JV Wolves

The JV Wolves had a 13-12 advantage entering the second quarter against Sweetwater but couldn't maintain their lead against the Class 3A school, falling 74-63 on Tuesday, January 9 in Sweetwater.

Sweetwater was able to take control in the second quarter, grabbing a 38-28 halftime lead, but the wolves were able to stay in the game until the fourth quarter.

Ryan Mason led the Wolves with 14 points, while Tyson Zigler added 8, Christopher Spear and Patrick Spear and David Salazar 7, Justin Russell 4, and Cole Arthur, Treton Lenard and Zack McPhaul 2.

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Q & A

Substance Abuse Trends

The Colorado City Record, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.

This month we are dedicating this Q & A column to the families in our community. We believe strong families and strong communities build strong kids. The articles this month will address tips for parents in the areas of communication, rule setting, involvement, and helping your child deal with peer pressure.

Message to Parents: A RESOLUTION WORTH KEEPING

With each New Year, we make (and sometimes break) resolutions for ourselves: to start exercising, get organized, learn patience. This year, why not make a resolution to make every effort to keep your kids drug-free?

You may not think your kids are at risk for drug use, but according to the recently released Monitoring the Future Study, in 1999 approximately one in four 12th graders, one in five 10th graders and one in eight 8th graders used an illicit drug in the 30-day period prior to being surveyed.

The holiday season provides parents with wonderful chances to spend quality time with their children -- why not take advantage of this time together to begin or continue a dialogue about preventing drug use?

Studies show that kids who learn about the risks of drugs from parents or other caregivers are 36 percent less likely to smoke marijuana than those who don't. Surveys also show that most teens that have rejected marijuana credit their parents for their decision over any other influence.

Health communications expert Sandra Wills Hannon, Ph.D., says that parents do have a tremendous influence over their kids' decisions. "Kids really need their parents' guidance to teach them the difference between right and wrong. By keeping the lines of communication open, parents can talk to their kids about how to cope with stress in healthy, constructive ways, and they can let their children know that they're always there for them."

Make Your Position Clear

Make your position clear when it comes to dangerous substances like alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Don't assume that your children know where you stand.

They want you to talk to them about drugs. State your position clearly; if you're ambiguous, children may be tempted to become involved with tobacco products, alcohol or other drugs.

Tell your children that you forbid them to use alcohol, tobacco, and drugs because you love them. (Don't be afraid to pull out all the emotional stops. You can say, "If you took drugs it would break my heart.") Make it clear that this rule holds true even at other people's houses.

Will your child listen? Most likely. According to research, when a child decides whether or not to use alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs, a crucial consideration is "What will my parents think?"

Be Prepared

Among the most common drug-related questions asked of parents is "Did you ever use drugs?" Unless the answer is "no," it's difficult to know what to say because nearly all parents who used drugs don't want their children to do the same thing. Is this hypocritical?

No. We all want the best for our children. Today we have more information and we understand the hazards of drug use better than we did when we were their age and thought we were invincible. To guide our children's decisions about drugs, we can now draw on credible real-life examples of friends who had trouble as a result of their drug use: the neighbor who caused a fatal car crash while high; the family member who got addicted; the teen who used marijuana for years, lost interest in school, and never really learned how to deal with adult life and its stresses.

Some parents who used drugs in the past choose to lie about it, but they risk losing their credibility if their children discover the truth. Many experts recommend that when a child asks this question, the response should be honest.

This doesn't mean that parents need to recount every moment of their experiences. As in conversations about sex, some details should remain private, and you should avoid providing more information than is actually sought by your child. Ask clarifying questions to make sure you understand exactly why and what a child is asking before answering questions about your past drug use, and limit your response to that information.

This discussion provides a good opportunity for parents to speak frankly about what attracted them to drugs, why drugs are dangerous, what they know now that they didn't know then, and why they want their children to avoid making the same mistake. There's no perfect way to get this message across, only approaches that seem more fitting than others.



LORAIN FFA students recently restored the Ag Tractor which is used to clean up around the agriculture project center and show barn. Students participating in the restoration were: (top row, l-r) Margo Gomez, Vanessa Jones, Christina Rico, Ashley Gonzales, Maria Salazar, Angela Wooddell, Sabrina Neel; (bottom row, l-r) Emilio Huerta, Edward Lujan, Elias Barrera, Elias Martinez, Aaron Jones, and Eric Wooddell.

loraine news

By Bessie Ann Vaughn

Greetings to one and all. Are you ready for warmer weather? Wouldn't it be good if we could have a wet spring and some rain in the coming summer? This wet winter will spoil us.

I witnessed a strange site today. I saw a little bird getting a drink of water from a pot-hole.

They have to be good for something.

Kennie Irwin and Ruby Homod of Katy, Tx. were in Loraine last week visiting with Juanice Butler. The ladies were enroute to the funeral of Nita Irwin of Eunice, New Mexico.

Scott Irwin met his mother and Mrs. Homod in Loraine and went with them to his grandmother's funeral in New Mexico.

Juanice Butler now has two great-grandchildren to talk about.

Her grandson Scott Irwin and his wife Mechelle are the proud parents of Abbie Irwin. Congratulations to all!

Bea Lee is going strong, still making craft items and piecing quilt tops. Her daughter Jean Johnson and Jean's daughter Tammy French have a cute candle and gift shop in Colorado City across from the post office.

I believe some of Bea's homemade items may show up in the shop.

Julia Green reports that her brother, Howard Tarrt is making progress. Her sister-in-law, Marilyn broke her wrist and she is also healing.

Well wishes to them both.

Loree Music was in Loraine last Friday. She stopped by the Center. It is always good to see her.

Jack Compton is out and about after hip surgery. He looked well.

Edgar Haltom told me that Pam Epperson (Loraine cafe across from post office) now has milk and bread to sell to the public. She is also keeping a supply of the Colorado City Record.

This information could save you a trip. To call the cafe, dial 737-1068.

Our condolence goes out to the family and friends of Julia Bennett. She had resided north of town for many years.

Other condolences are sent to the Cornutt family and friends, as our friends and neighbor of many years passed away last week.

Era will surely be missed by many.

We have concerns at this time for Louis Small and Jack Hollis, also for Mandy Mitchell.

I recently spoke to Pearl Smith and she told me her children's house burned in December. Nancy and David

Switzer's home was in San Angelo.

We wish them well.

Eugene and Pearl Smith had a get-together on New Year's eve to see the new year in. Eight attended the party where they enjoyed fun, games and food!

On Saturday evening, an early birthday dinner was enjoyed by family members for Danny Butler.

The Butler children, Bryan of Sul Ross and Crystal of Abilene attended the celebration along with Danny's mom, Juanice Butler.

"Senior Center" Last Friday Lester and Phannette Bauman and Elsa Freeman were having lunch and visiting with friends.

Tommy Wright brought a guest Friday, Mr. Wayne Holder from Lubbock.

Recent memorials directed to the Center have been in loving memory for: Frank

Murray, Mary Rickard, Bobbie Rankin, Jimmie Jacks, R.L. Mickle, Lester Richburg and Era Cornutt.

Nora Galvan sang for us last week. She is always received well. Also, the Norwoods with Gus and Charles entertained us last Wednesday.

Jan. 22 - Aubrey Wilson Band.

Jan. 24 - Wallace Senior Citizens' Choir

Jan. 26 - Video of Light-house with Dexter Norwood.

"More Hillbilly Medical Terms"

In labor - picking cotton. Urine - not mine.

Holding his own - needs an outhouse.

Acne - boots brand name. Constipate - thinking about something.

Colonic - porch columns. Haggard - Okie from Muskokee.

You're the best!

See you around town.



LORAIN SCHOOL Citizens of the Week are: (l-r) Ray Grice, Sabrina Neel, Cynthia Delgado, and Tristan Vasquez.

LHS class restores 1963 tractor

Loraine High School shop students just recently restored the "Ag Tractor." This 1963 Ford 4000 Tractor was primarily used in the late 60's and early 70's by Loraine FFA students for the "Green Boll Program."

Over the years, time, weather and use have taken their toll on the tractor. The tractor will never be as good as it was in its earlier years, but it does look a lot better today than earlier in the year.

Today the tractor is primarily used to shred and clean up around the agriculture project center and show barn.

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Walter & Viola Stirl

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for the kind thoughts and prayers during our recent loss. They were of great comfort to us. Thank you to those who sent cards, flowers and food. It meant so much to us. Everything was greatly appreciated.

The family of Elena Martinez

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The City of Colorado City is accepting bids for agricultural leases on real property owned by the City. This property is described as Sections 52 and 57, Block 26, T&P Railway Company Surveys. There will be one (1) 80 acre CRP lease and one (1) 320 acre agricultural lease or portions thereof. Prospective bidders may pick up bid packages at City Hall, 180 W. 3rd, Colorado City, TX. Bid proposals must be turned in no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, the 29th of January. The City of Colorado City reserves the right to refuse any and all bids and to negotiate with the apparent successful bidder(s).

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2 bd, 2 bath, central heat & air, separate den, 1233 Austin, \$28,000.
3 bd, 2 bath, with central heat & air, 1225 Walnut, \$32,500.
3 bd, 2 bath, central heat/air, 1032 Cedar, \$24,000.
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3-2 brick, central h/a, 840 E. 11th, \$39,000.
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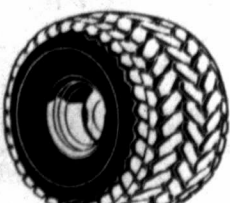
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