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OAP ADVANCES TO DISTRICT

The Borden High School One Act Play competed in the Zone Contest, on Friday, March 15th in Klondike.

Their play "Ordinary People", was chosen to advance to the District Contest to be held on March 25th, along with the O'Donnel OAP.

"All the kids did a great job with several winning individual honors," said play director John Wilson.

The awards are as follows:

BEST ACTOR: JASON SHARP

ALL STAR CAST:

DAVID BUCHANAN
JACQUELYN McPHAUL

HONORABLE MENTION:

BRANDON ADCOCK
JEANA JONES

Everyone is invited to come out and help support our kids at the District Contest on Monday, March 25th at Grady.

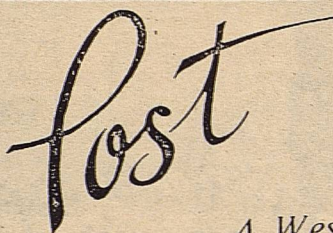


OAP CAST AND CREW: Back row (l. to r.) SHAWN LEWIS-Stillman, JASON SHARP-Conrad Jarrett, JACQUELYN McPHAUL-Karen Aldrich, DAVID BUCHANAN-Cal Jarrett, JEANA JONES-Beth Jarrett, RICHARD BUCHANAN-Coach Salan, and BRANDON ADCOCK-Joe Lazenby. Bottom row (l. to r.) KRISTIN MONGER-Jeannine Pratt, ROD JETER-Crew, CHARLOTTE BALL-Crew, and TYLER DUNCAN-Dr. Berger.

UP COMING EVENTS TO REMEMBER...

Meeting concerning plans for a Birthday party for Borden County. March 26, 7:00 p.m.

Annual Cancer Dance--April 5, 8:30 p.m.



A West Texas Tradition

The traditional Taba'na Yuan'e ceremony will be held on Friday, March 22, 1991. Guests should arrive by 6 A.M. in order to observe the performance which ends with sunrise. The ceremony will be held at the Post City Park located on the south part of town off of Highway 84.

The ceremony, a careful observance of an ancient Plains Indian spring ritual, begins with the lighting of the fire and constructing the circle of council.

The Taba'na Yuan'e tradition, which dates to earliest memories of the Plains Indians, began here in 1906 when early pioneers in Garza county recalled the legend as told by the Indians.

The ceremony is held each year on March 22, as visitors and Garza County residents gather around a circular ceremonial ring to watch a dancer, clad in traditional beaded buckskins and feathered headdress, perform an Indian version of an extended weather forecast.

Taba'na Yuan'e translates to "The Sunrise Wind".

The Plains Indians used the dance to check

the wind direction at the exact moment of sunrise, which would determine their success in the coming year.

According to the legend, the wind must be checked at sunrise on the day after the sun reaches the halfway point in its journey from the south to north.

Garza County farmers and ranchers have relied on the Taba'na Yuan'e for more than 80 years to provide a hint as to their success in the coming year.

"Chief" Runkles has been faithfully keeping the ceremony true to its original form since 1973. He is a long-time student of Indian lore.

He starts the Taba'na

Yuan'e with the building of a small fire, using only natural materials. the fire is lighted by the friction of rubbing two sticks together.

Following the singing of a tribal prayer of thanks for the fire, the "Chief" performs a Four Winds dance where a pipe of peace is presented to the Four directions then to Mother Earth and to Wakantanka, the Great Spirit above, to seek their blessing.

A wad of grass is placed on the coals and as the smoke indicates the wind direction at the moment of sunrise, the Smoke Dance is ended by kneeling and pointing a feather in the direction from which the wind comes.

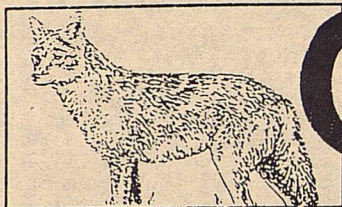
A full catered breakfast will follow the ceremony.

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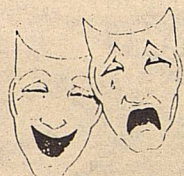


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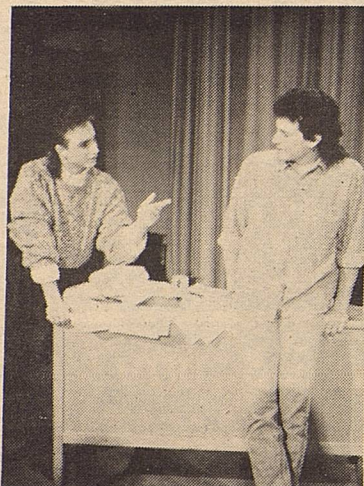
JOHN HARRIS and some members of the music department wishing MR. JIMMY THOMAS many happy returns.



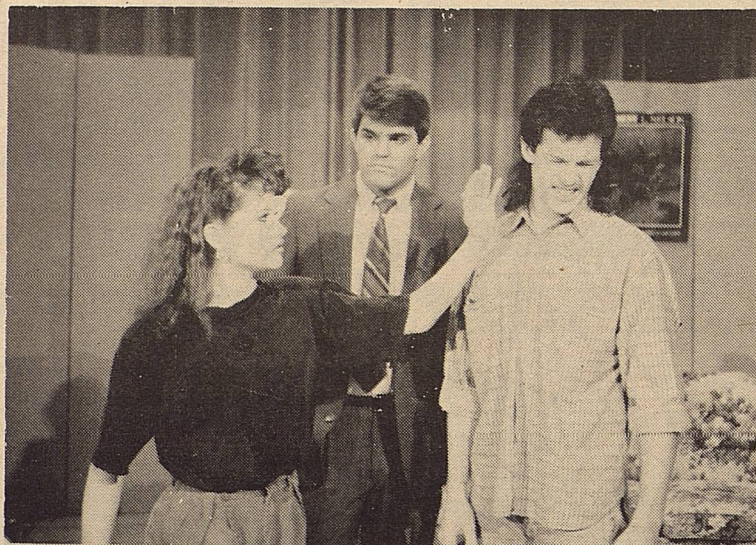
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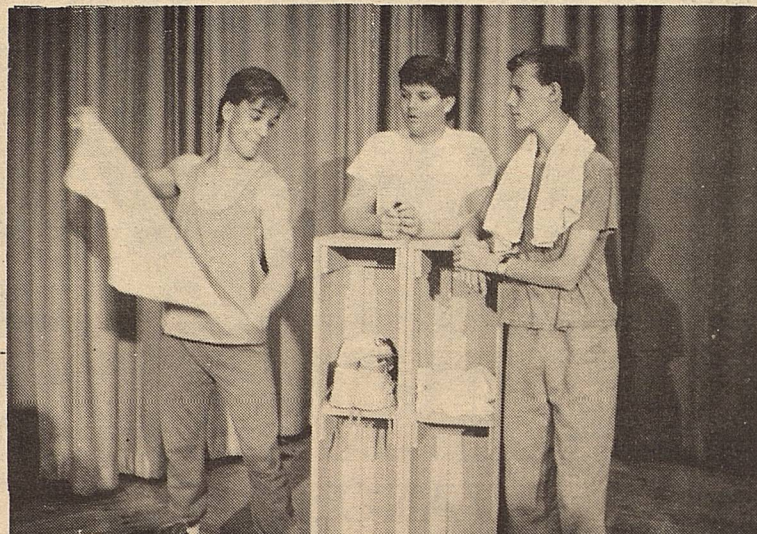
ONE-ACT PLAY



Dr. Berger (Tyler Duncan) and Conrad Jarrett (Jason Sharp)



Conrad (Jason Sharp) along with his mother, Beth Jarrett (Jeana Jones) and father, Cal Jarrett (David Buchanan)



Joe Lazenby (Brandon Adcock) Conrad's best friend, with Coach Salan (Richard Buchanan) and Stillman (Shawn Lewis).

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Welcome to College Day

SAN ANGELO—More than 650 visitors toured ASU during the first of two College Days scheduled during the spring semester. "The University's College Day program offers both parents and prospective/transfer students the opportunity to see what makes ASU unique among state and regional colleges," said Traci Wicker, University pre-enrollment advisor.

"We are excited about the prospects for College Days this year. We want to show these people what ASU is all about, and we're going to do our best to make a good impression," Wicker said.

"There are a wide variety of activities available for prospective students and their parents to participate in. We want them to see every aspect of the University," Wicker said.

The College Day program will begin with a general overview of the University.

Students and parents are treated to a multi-

media presentation describing life at ASU. After the presentation, the students and their parents hear various speakers describing the academic and social climate of ASU.

"We plan to highlight several sections of University's academic program, the admission process at ASU, as well as the University's social side," Wicker said.

The rest of the day is devoted to showing students different aspects of ASU.

One of the most valuable events during College Days for prospective and transfer students is the opportunity that it affords for them to meet with representatives of the University's academic departments. The chance to meet with these representatives can be very valuable for students and parents alike.

Potential students and their families will also have a chance to visit with members of various clubs and



Conrad (Jason Sharp) with girlfriend Jeannine Pratt (Kristin Monger) and a friend Karen Aldrich (Jacquelyn McPhaul)

organizations on campus.

Students are able to look at organizations which interest them and start deciding now, which to make a part of their college careers.

Other events include a lunch for the students and parents at the Food Service Center, tours of both sides of the campus and visits to the Physical Education Building. Students may also attend two special showings at the University planetarium and visit other locations on campus.

The University's second College Day program is scheduled for April 6. Students wishing to register for that program should contact the Office of University Affairs, 942-2117.

A West Texas Tradition

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The Algerita Art Center will host their annual Collector's Show with exhibits from the Lubbock Art Exhibit. The Art Center will be open from 9 AM to 5 PM on March 22nd and 23rd and from 1PM to 5PM on March 24th.

Admission to the ceremony and art exhibit is free.

For more information please contact the Post Chamber of Commerce at (806)495-3461.



Batting helmets were introduced in major league baseball by the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1941.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART A BIG SUCCESS

The Jump Rope for Heart event for Borden County 3rd and 4th grade students was held on March 14th and 15th under the direction of their P.E. teacher Karan Key, the students raised a total of \$1,169.61. Twenty five students participated on a volunteer basis.

The students jumped on Thursday, March 14th during their P.E. classes. The awards were presented Friday, March 15th.

Shaina Isaacs was the high money winner with \$174.00. She was awarded the gold medal and a walkman. Runner up was Justin Lawrence with \$109.00. He received a cassette carrying case. Morgan Dyess raised \$106.00 for third place. Michelle Rios was fourth with \$84.25. Fifth was Julie Mayes with \$74.73. Staci O'Briend raised \$64.00 for sixth place. Seventh place with a total of \$54.00 was Ky Merritt. Corey Cox raised \$47.00 making him 8th place. 9th place was Kaci Poole and Jolene Reyes with \$39.00 each. Each of these students received individual prizes.

The third grade class raised \$910.98 and the fourth grade turned in \$260.63.

A drawing was held



THIRD GRADE JUMPERS



FOURTH GRADE JUMPERS

for various prizes and many of the participants received prizes in addition to a certificate for participation. The American Heart Association will reward these students with additional prizes for their outstanding achievement before school is out in May. The event was highly successful as a result of the outstanding participation. Thanks to all of those donating to this fund raiser.

YOUNG-TAN-SOBER.

Spring Break '91 - Don't wreck your life.

A picture can paint a thousand words. But given the right two words -spring break- words can paint a thousands pictures. For one hedonistic week in March, thousands of students will take a break from school and take to the beaches to forget about life for a while. While this reprieve brings pictures of sun, surf and sport to the minds of most students, it brings pictures of drinking and driving to others.

To combat the problem

of breakers indulging in alcohol during spring break and then driving, safety proponents are reminding students to be safe and "Don't Wreck Your Life." Volunteers from many safety organizations will man rest areas along the highways to the beaches for breakers to refresh themselves with free soft drinks and snacks, and take a reminder with them to party smart. "We are not asking the students not to have fun," said Gary

Trietsch, P.E., Traffic Operations Engineer, State Department of Highways, "We just want them to be responsible." Part of that responsibility is for breakers to stay sober and, if they do drink, not to drive. Universities across the state are priming students for this push before they leave school by promoting the designated driver, a person who remains sober in order to drive the rest of the group home safely. "The designated driver

RESULTS OF GRADY TRACK MEET

The 4x100 relay team placed fifth at the Grady Relays with their best time of 49:19. John Paul Harris started the relay and gained ground to the first hand off location. Joe Acosta was able to hold the Coyotes position and make a good exchange to Cody Cox. The exchange at the third position was not as smooth as needed, but Brandon Adcock really brought the baton to the finish line for the fifth place.

John Paul Harris placed second in the pole vault. He cleared 10'6" but failed at 11'. Cody Cox also vaulted. Harris placed fourth in the 100 meter with a time of 11:61. He also ran an excellent 200 meters in 25:4 for a fifth place finish.

Also in the sprints were Joe Acosta with a 100 meter time of 12:4 and a 59:01 in the 400 meters. Joe also was

entered in the triple jump and jumped 34'¼" and Cody Cox jumped 32 feet and 4 inches.

Brandon Adcock had a 12:2 in the 100 and a 25:94 in the 200.

Joe Acosta tied for sixth in the high jump with a 5'4" leap.

Clay Miller had the third best time in the 110 meters hurdles in the morning events, but came back in the finals to finish second with a time of 17:86.

Heather Armstrong, Kayla Van Vleet, and Jeana Jones ran for the girls squad. Heather ran the 1600 meter for a seventh place finish. Kayla ran the 200 meter in 32:2 and a 16:1 in the 100 meters. Jeana Jones placed fifth in the triple jump with a 20'7¼" effort and was fifth in the 400 meters with a 69:03 run.

The team takes next week off for spring break. The next meet will be at Wellman on March 30, 1991.



break, creating lasting memories. However, the consequences of driving after drinking alcohol are sometimes more than what they bargain for. Just 'Don't Wreck Your Life.'

Good News Comes In Three!

Here are three good news stories that may give you a lift.

A 250-pound antelope called Doolin the "Duelin Addax" broke one of his three-foot horns during a fight with his father in Boston's Franklin Park Zoo. This left a six-inch stump and a long spear-like horn. Dangerous to himself and to others, he faced a life of isolation. Zoo officials remedied this by reattaching the horn using a combination of plastic adhesives. Doolin is now back with the pack.

A Miami couple survived an ordeal at sea because they were able to pump fresh water daily using a new plastic water purifier. The seven-pound plastic device kept the couple alive as they drifted for 66 days before being rescued this summer off the Pacific coast of Costa Rica.

Forty years ago, if someone lost a leg, he or she would probably have been fitted with a bulky artificial limb made from wood, metal and leather. Today, plastics technology and new prosthetic techniques have changed all that. Lightweight artificial limbs let amputees not only go back to work but also enjoy recreational activities. Although disabled, many of the nation's two million amputees lead physically active lives.

is the life of every party, literally," said Deborah Theis, Student Coordinator for the Texas BACCHUS Project at Texas A&M University. "If we can get all students to adopt the designated driver concept, we would have better memories of spring breaks past."

Drunk driving is the number one cause of death for teenagers and young adults. Last year in Texas, 900 persons ages 16-25 were killed in car crashes, nearly half of which involved alcohol.

Trietsch offered this comment, "Students should have a great time during spring

BORDEN COUNTY SERVICE DIRECTORY

The Borden County 4-H and Youth Committee and the Extension Home Economics Committee is compiling a directory of services available to residents in Borden County. If you would like to have your business advertised or if you have a service you would like to promote, please contact the Borden County Extension Service at (806) 756-4336 or return this completed form to Box 155, Gail, Tx. 79738.

Examples of services that can be listed are: Babysitting, Custom farming, fabric painting, house cleaning, lawn mowing, wood craft, cake decorating, horse shoeing, etc.

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Please write a short description of your business or service you are able to provide.

All advertisement is provided free of charge and service directories will be distributed free of charge to all residents. This is a community service project sponsored by the Borden County 4-H and Youth Committee and the Borden County Extension Home Economics Committee. Your participation will be appreciated.

WHO: The Borden County Parents Club & The Borden Booster Club

WHAT: Pancake Supper and Talent Show

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BORDEN COUNTY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

There will be a meeting to plan a celebration to honor Borden County's 100th birthday.

This meeting will be held Tuesday, March 26, 1991 at 7:00 p.m., in the District Courtroom in the courthouse in Gail.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but are interested in a celebration, please write me, C.C. Nunnally, Chairman, Historical Committee, Route 1, Box 109, O'Donnell, TX., or call 806/439-6655.

Don't let this opportunity for a county-wide birthday party pass us by.

THE LORD INITIATES OBEDIENCE

SENT IN FROM BORDEN STAR
READER.

A kind old gentleman was working in his back yard one day when a boy came strolling down the alley, preoccupied by himself by poking a stick at the birds held captive in the rusty cage he was carrying in his left hand. Stiking up a conversation with the boy, the man called, "Hi there, Son. What have you got in the cage?"

"Just some old field birds," the boy replied,

banging on the bars with the stick and chuckling as the terror-stricken birds flapped their wings wildly in a vain effort to escape.

"What are you going to do with them?" the elderly man persisted.

"Oh, I'm just gonna play with'em for a while, Mister: poke'em with this stick, pull out some of their feathers, clip their wings so they can't

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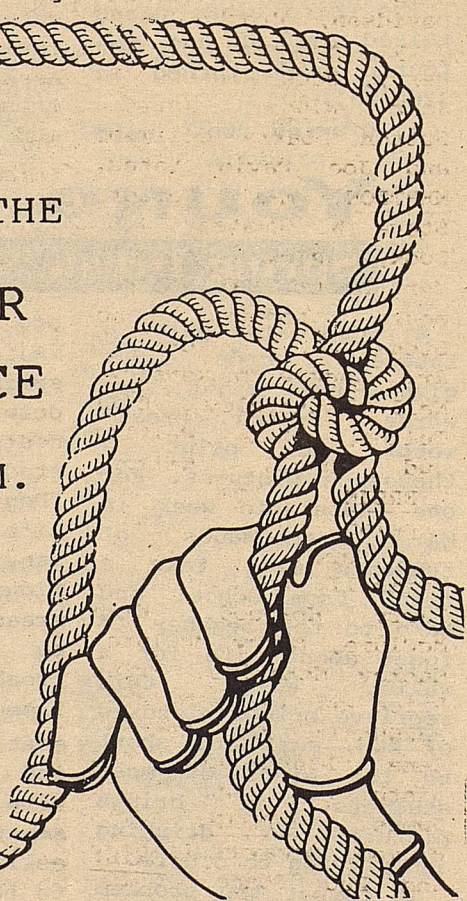
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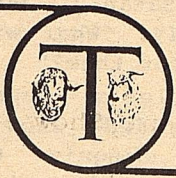
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TEXAS SHEEP & GOAT RAISERS' ASSOCIATION

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association members, directors and interested producers in District Two will meet Saturday, March 23, 1991, at the Community Center in Mertzon. The meeting will begin with coffee and registration at 10:00 a.m., and the meeting will follow at 10:30. Activities will conclude with the noon meal hosted by friends of the TS&GRA in Irion County. Jackie Tankersley, district chairman, is in charge of local arrangements.

The program will include reports by TS&GRA officers on matters pertaining to the sheep and goat industry as well as a report by TS&GRA executive secretary and State Senator Bill Sims on state and national legislation of interest to producers.

Directors to serve the district for the coming year will be elected at the close of the meeting.

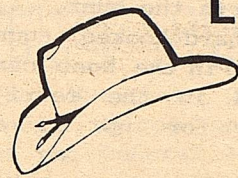
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Joel Dennis and Van York. **BIG SPRING:** Lynn Glass. **MIDKIFF:** George (Son) Jackson. **COLORADO CITY:** Bob Northcutt. **GARDEN CITY:** Norman Kohls. **MCCAMEY:** Robert Eaves. **TEXON:** Lester Ratliff. **SAN ANGELO:** Andy Smith. **BIG LAKE:** Joel Ham, Charles H. Jackson, Jim McCoy, Jim O'Bryan, Dan Schneemann, Max Schneemann, III, Bill Strauss, and Joe Dean Weatherby. **MIDLAND:** John c. Braun. **STANTON:** Clayton H. Harris. **SONORA:** (Ranch is in Dist. 2) Ernie Mayer

PAST PRESIDENT: E.G. Cauble, Jr. and Bill Schennemann, Big Lake; I.W. Terry, Sterling City; Pleas L. Childress, III, Ozona; and Louis L. Farr, III, Austin.

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All TS&GRA members in this district are urged to attend this meeting and bring a friend. The district is made up of the counties of Andrews, Borden, Crane, Crockett, Dawson, Ector, Gaines, Glasscock, Howard, Irion, Loving, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Reagan, Scurry, Sterling Upton, Ward and Winkler.



LET ME GET MY HAT

BY DENNIS POOLE

WEED CONTROL WORKSHOP

On Monday March 25, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. at the Plains Community Center a Herbicide Workshop will be sponsored by the Borden County Field Crops Committee.

Dr. James Supak will be on hand to discuss the use of Herbicides for weed control in cotton, and Mr. Tony Pardo will be present to assist us with calibration of spray equipment to include

nozzles, calibration equations, and a spray table to demonstrate nozzle patterns and need for clean-up and maintenance.

This workshop will also qualify you for 2 (CEU) Continuing Education credits for private applicators.

You must bring your private applicator certificate or your certification number to receive these credits.

WEED CONTROL WORKSHOP

Plains Community Center
March 25, 1991
2:00 p.m.

- I. Introduction
- II. Weed Control in Cotton
 - Herbicide Selection & Rates
 - Noxious Weeds
 - Application Timing
- III. Calibration
 - Sprayer Calibration
 - Nozzles
 - Equations
 - Spray Table Demonstration
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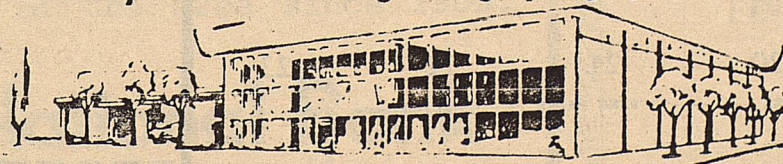
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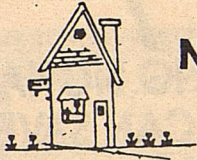
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NOTES FROM HOME

BY DEBRA POLLARD

Home Demonstration/CEA

EASTER EGGS & EGGS IN GENERAL-PLAY IT SAFE

The Easter season brings to mind Easter eggs and egg hunts, a holiday tradition. With current concerns regarding safety of foods such as eggs, follow these suggestions for selection, preparation and storage of eggs to contribute to a happy, healthy holiday.

When purchasing eggs, check to be sure that eggs are clean and not cracked. Cracks give microorganisms a chance to enter and contaminate the egg. If a cracked egg is accidentally purchased, do not eat it.

Refrigerate purchased eggs as soon as possible. Store them in the cartons in which they were purchased, on a shelf in the refrigerator. The egg slots on a refrigerator door are not the best place to store eggs because the temperature fluctuates in this area as the door opens and closes. Eggs need to be stored at constant refrigerator temperature to maintain safety.

For hard cook eggs, place them in water in a pan and cover. Bring to a boil. Do not stack

eggs. This will prevent uneven cooking. When water comes to a boil, take the pan off the heat and let sit for 20 minutes. Pour off hot water and cool the eggs under cold running water.

Hard cooked eggs are still perishable, so store the cooked eggs in the refrigerator until time to decorate. When you decorate them, do it quickly and cleanly; then place eggs back in the refrigerator until time for the egg hunt. If you plan to eat the eggs, don't leave them unrefrigerated.

If you plan to eat the Easter eggs, plan the hunt so that eggs are "hidden", "hunted" and gathered in a short period of time. Either follow the two-hour rule or don't eat them. The two-hour rule says that any perishable foods should not be left at room temperatures for more than two hours. Room temperatures promote the growth of bacteria that can cause food-borne illness. Be wary of consuming any eggs that may have become

cracked in the hunt.

Any hard-cooked eggs not used in the hunt can be held in the refrigerator for up to a week.

It's wise to take precautions with any perishable foods including protein foods such as meat, poultry, eggs, fish and dairy foods. Cleanliness is very important in handling these foods in order to prevent contamination by bacteria that can cause food-borne illness. This is especially important for those people highly susceptible including the very young, the very old, pregnant women and those with chronic diseases and weakened immune systems.

Raw or under-cooked eggs should not be consumed, especially for those susceptible groups. Exercise special caution with soft-cooked scrambled, soft-fried and poached eggs. Do not taste any cookie or cake dough that contains raw eggs and always refrigerate leftover egg dishes.

INITIATES OBEDIENCE

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fly. Then when I get tired of foolin' with 'em, I'll feed 'em to my cat."

The man reached into his pocket, pulled out several crumpled dollar

bills, and asked, "would you consider selling the birds to me?"

"Sure, Mister," the astonished boy replied. He grabbed the money, thrust the cage into the man's outstretched arms and stuffed the bills into his tattered pocket before the old gentleman could change his mind. "But why would you want to buy these birds? They're just common old field birds. There's nothin' special about them. What good are they to you?"

The boy blinked in surprise as the man set the cage on the grass, opened the door, and set the birds free. "That's why I brought them, Son," he answered. "Birds were made to soar in the sky and to perch in the treetops and sing. It gives me joy just to watch them do what they were made to do."

Can you imagine a similar conversation taking place between Jesus and Satan many centuries ago? "Say, Satan? What do you want with all those people?"

"Oh, I just want to torment them, watch them cry, clip their wings so they can't fly...Then when I get tired of them, I'll throw them into hell."

"I'd like to buy those

people, Satan," Jesus said softly. "What will you take for them?"

"Well, let's see," Satan replied slowly, trying to disguise the eagerness in his voice. "If You want to buy these people, it'll take all Your tears and every drop of Your blood."

"Sold!" said Jesus.

"Satan, My Father loves these beings. They were created to serve and love and worship Him. In Him they were to live, move and have their being. It gives Him joy just to watch them do what they were created to do."

Jesus paused for a moment and gazed at the frightened beings fluttering helplessly behind the rusty bars. When he spoke, His words were measured and slow. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised..." Then Jesus raised His finger to the latch and laughed in delight as the rusty cage doors swung open at His touch. "Just watch them soar, Satan," He said with a smile. "Just watch them soar!"

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TEXAS FOOD WATCH

Texas consumers will find some supermarket discounts on meats, fish and frozen foods in March, but higher fuel costs stemming from the Persian Gulf War will continue to impact some food prices.

The fuel surcharge imposed by trucking companies several months ago means higher costs for imported and certain other foods at checkout counters.

But some new produce items, including strawberries, will be arriving at markets in March as a reminder that spring and its fresh fruits and vegetables are very near.

March is national Frozen Food Month, and special sales with coupons will be in progress every week. Some fish products will be discounted during Lent, and beef and pork prices will continue to favor consumers at the beginning of the month. Poultry prices also will remain attractive.

Frozen foods discounted in March will include desserts and toppings, vegetables, breads, pizza, juices and breakfast items.

Orange juice prices continue to drop, driven by the California freeze that caused frozen fruits to be diverted into juice. Also, the price of imported concentrate from Brazil has been reduced, resulting in some chilled juice sales each week.

March marks the end of winter weather, and large numbers of strawberries will appear in produce sections.

The Florida strawberry crop will be in full

swing by mid-month, and large supplies mean that prices will be down around 39 to 49 cents a pint.

A hint of better things to come, will be the arrival of the first shipments of domestic cantaloupes and honeydew melons. Also making spring appearances will be pineapples, zucchini, yellow squash and green beans.

Many winter produce items will continue to be advertised, with grapefruit the best buy. Although the winter freeze reduced California's crop, the Florida crop is well above average both in quality and quantity.

Fresh vegetables that will be on sale, are broccoli, brussels sprouts, cucumbers, egg plant, bell peppers, tomatoes and green peas. Apples, pears and potatoes also will be marked down.

Consumers have been enjoying lower beef prices as a result of an oversupply of fed cattle during the past three months.

But in March red meat prices will begin creeping upward, and pork prices traditionally follow. Poultry prices, however, will moderate much of a rise in beef prices.

Turkeys will be heavily advertised as an alternative to ham and beef for Easter dinner.

Prices ranging from 59 to 60 cents a pound can be expected for turkeys. Steaks -- sirloin, round and cubed -- will be discounted. Pork sales will be on loins, chops

COTTON COUNCIL SAYS GATT WOULD ADVERSELY IMPACT U.S. COTTON

The National Cotton Council voiced concern that the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), as currently being negotiated, may have an adverse impact on the U.S. cotton industry--in the form of increased raw cotton and cotton textile and apparel imports.

Lloyd E. Cline, a Lamesa cotton producer, told a House Agriculture Subcommittee on Department Operations, Research and Foreign Agriculture that current Uruguay Round GATT negotiations would result in the loss of Section 22

quotas governing imports of raw cotton.

"That could result in uncontrolled surges of imports which would destabilize domestic markets, disrupt and escalate cotton program costs and reduce farm income," Cline testified.

The former Council president said liberalization of textile and apparel imports is projected to result in imports accounting for more than 85% of domestic textile and apparel consumption by the year 2001--a finding not disputed by the government. He said because more than 50% of the cotton in these imports is from foreign sources--the equivalent of 4 million bales--half of the current 8 million-bale domestic cotton mill use would be displaced.

"Any increase in imports of cotton products represents lost sales opportunities for U.S. producers which cannot be easily replaced through increased exports," Cline said. "That is because the largest exporters of cotton textiles to the U.S. are also among the largest cotton-pro-

ducing and cotton-exporting countries."

"U.S. producers are faced with limitations on benefits, environmental and conservation rules as well as labor laws which do not exist in many other countries," Cline said. He also noted that the ITC and USDA have not proposed a method to compensate U.S. producers and processors if "a foreign-exchange-starved, inflation-riddled, less-developed country dumped cotton in the U.S. at below market prices."

"The U.S. cotton industry and its suppliers, together with the cotton product manufacturers, account for about 1 of every 13 U.S. jobs and generate business revenue in the U.S. economy in excess of \$50 billion," Cline said. "Cotton producers understand that some agricultural products might gain if the GATT succeeds but cotton, peanuts, dairy, wool

and the textile and apparel industries are simply too important to sacrifice for questionable gains in other areas."

and sausage.

Expect sales on domestic catfish and the more expensive orange roughy.

Prices for catfish fillets will be in the area of \$2.75 per pound, with the roughy prices expected at \$3.99 to \$4.29 per pound. Shrimp also remains an excellent buy at \$3.29 per pound for the medium-sized, imported variety. Frozen seafood on sale will include fish sticks, nuggets and meals that feature seafood entrees.

Many supermarkets are planning promotional sales around two March observances: Passover on March 30 and Easter, March 31.

Easter promotions all month will feature such Lenten items as seafood, pasta and cheeses.

Retailers will provide discounts on several food items for Passover, including wines, matzos, herring in sour cream, gefilte fish and a host of other kosher products.

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HARRIS ANNOUNCES RELIEF FROM SET-ASIDE COVER CROP RULE FOR TEXAS FARMERS

The Texas State ASC Committee exempted Texas from the fifty percent cover crop requirement on Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR) acres according to Jerry Harris, Chairman of the Texas State ASC Committee.

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 required that half of the acreage set-aside under the commodity programs be planted to a cover crop. The legislation also allowed for the exemption of those areas determined to be arid by USDA.

The determination to exclude Texas was based

on meteorological data that shows the line between non-arid and arid regions running from North Dakota through Texas. All states east of the line are not considered arid and must comply with the fifty percent cover requirement.

Most states west of the line are considered arid and do not have to comply with the fifty percent cover requirement.

"Since this line runs through Texas, the Texas State ASC Committee determined to exclude all of the state from the fifty percent cover requirement," Harris said.

USDA ANNOUNCES 1991-CROP UPLAND COTTON PREMIUMS AND DISCOUNTS FOR FIBER STRENGTH PR #39

The schedule of premiums and discounts for fiber strength that will apply to the 1991-crop upland cotton price support loan program was announced by Keith Bierke, executive vice president of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation.	20	-2.00
	21	-1.50
	22	-1.00
	23	-0.50
	24 & 25 Base	
	26	+0.15
	27	+1.00
	28	+1.50
	29	+2.00
	30	+2.50
	31 & above	+3.00

The Advisory Committee on Cotton Marketing recommended that strength be included as a quality factor in the upland cotton price support loan program beginning with the 1991 crop. The schedule of premiums and discounts for the 1991 crop was developed in consultation with the Advisory Committee. It is as follows:

Discount (-)
Strength Premium (+)

(grams per tex)(cents per lb)

18 & below Ineligible
19 -2.50

Bierke said that strength premiums and discounts are being announced early so that farmers can take them into consideration in making their planting decisions. The schedules of premiums and discounts for grade, staple and micronaire will be announced later.

Beginning with the 1991 crop, cotton must be classed on the High Volume Instrument (HVI) classing system of the Agricultural Marketing Service to be eligible for the price support loan program.

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