

Kim's Korner

By Kimball G. Pease

Number Of Prisoners Increases

The number of prisoners in Texas jails have increased from 15,418 in 1971 to 130,864 in August 1995, according to a news release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville, Texas. Texas can now boast of the largest prison expansion program in the history of the free world. It is no secret that five or six years ago the criminal justice system was broken. The \$1.5 billion expansion program has been completed at about half the national average prison construction cost.

Postponed

Because of the Labor Day holiday, the Fisher County Food Pantry will not meet. The meeting has been rescheduled for September 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fisher County Court House Annex.

Worked At Texas Company

In talking with Charles Atwell last week about the condition of friend Tom Collins, Atwell indicated that he was born in 1908 and was 86 year old. He moved to Rotan in 1935 from Breckenridge in Stevens County. Before moving to Rotan he worked for the Texas Company which is now Texaco.

What A Blessing

Rotan's Tommy Hargrove was released last week in Cali, Columbia after being held hostage for almost a year. He walked up to his home and walked through the front door as his wife Susan was talking with his brother Raford Hargrove of Rotan. Tommy looked bad, long hair, beard and thin, but first reports were that he sounded fine and was OK physically. I'm sure he'll be back in Fisher County for a well deserved visit very soon. We all should be so fortunate to have a brother-in-law like Raford who took the time to check in nightly to make sure Susan and the children were OK.

Mayor, Council Bashing

I am guilty of bashing Mayor Jerry Marshall and the members of the Rotan City Council from time to time. Most of the time, in my opinion, the bashing is deserved. I have written about what I felt like were questionable financial practices on the part of the council, in the past. I have called the council to task for spending funds designated for the Fire Department in other areas. I just don't make things up to bash the Mayor and Council about, but some see it that way. Not so. These people serve without pay and try to do a good job. I like to feel that I am just as quick to praise as I am to criticize. After writing some rather sharp words about the pitiful condition of the Rotan streets, a few weeks ago, the City of Rotan workers have purchased a load of black top and have started filling potholes. Congratulations. This work was probably already scheduled and my sharp words had nothing to do with fixing the problem - congratulations to whoever is responsible. The mine fields (potholes) around the school and throughout town will soon be filled. Hats off to the persons responsible. Now, how about doing something about the twenty junk and abandoned cars you can count from the first tee of the golf course.

Funny Feeling

Spoke briefly with Coach Ruben Osuna, Head Girls and Boys Basketball Coach at Rotan, last Friday night at the scrimmage. I asked how it felt not to be coaching football. Coach Osuna indicated that this year was the first time in fifteen years that he hasn't been involved in football workouts. "It sure is a different feeling. Not necessarily a bad feeling - just different," he said. Osuna has a new job description, as do the other coaches on staff under Athletic Director Harold Mayo. Only three coaches are involved in football - Bryan Woods, Ron Langthorn and Harold Mayo.

Dedication

The Midwest Electric Cooperative 57th Annual Membership Meeting will be dedicated to Melvin Clements of Rotan. He has served as a director on the board for almost 27-years. The annual meeting will be at the Scurry County Coliseum on Thursday, September 7th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Nice Going

Congratulations to the people responsible for having the vision to implement the prisoner work program in Rotan. It appears as if the program is working as designed. The efforts of the workers are extremely visible. They worked part of the summer at the Rotan School and made a real difference in the appearance of the football field. Prisoner labor was responsible for the following -

- Re-doing the bleachers, replacing rotten boards.
 - Re-painting the bleachers.
 - Increasing the height of the safety railing at the top of the football bleachers.
 - Re-doing the bleachers in the area reserved for the band.
 - Re-modeling and re-working the ticket booths at the football field.
 - Re-painting all orange and white at the football field.
- Future plans are to have the prison crews move East toward the baseball field and track field. Superintendent Wes Hays had rave reviews for the program and the caliber of work. "It is a good program and I am excited about the prospect of having them work a full summer next year on our facilities," said Hays.

At the City of Rotan, the first project for the prison work team was to re-paint the playground equipment at Ed Patton Park. They did a great job on that. They will be working at the golf course on completely re-doing the walking trail for the next few weeks, according to City Secretary Harold Sanders.

Mud In Your Eye

Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek said if you let a pig and a boy have everything they want, you'll get a good pig and a bad boy.

Children

The best thing to spend on children is your time. Government - Separation of church and state could hardly be more complete. The church teaches that money isn't everything, and the government keeps telling us it is.

Listening

Opportunities are often missed because we are broadcasting when we should be listening.

Poverty

Poverty is no disgrace - providing no one knows it.

Secrets

The idea some people have of keeping a secret is lowering their voices when they tell it.

Criticism

If you're not mature enough to take criticism, you're too immature for praise.

Diets

The worst part of a diet isn't watching your food - it's watching everybody else's.

Happy

Here are a dozen things/people to be happy about. Good friends, church stained glass windows, Mac Weathersbee, Patti Park, lazy Saturday mornings, snow cones, Lisa Carey, cheerleading, goldfish, your favorite tennis shoes, Jim McClurg and the 10 o'clock news.

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Home To

Jake Robinson
Wayne McSpadden
Toby Terry
James Park
Bartlett Strayhorn

Four Rotan Junior High Students Named To Honors In Duke University Program

Four Rotan Junior High seventh grade students qualify for the Duke University Talent Identification Program. Haley Helms, Wholshane Salazar, Misty Starr, and Jodi York scored in the 97th percentile on the TAAS test last year in either math and/

or reading. These students will now have the opportunity to take the ACT/SAT for other honors and possible scholarship opportunities.

Along with the benefits gained from this selection and testing experience,

students will receive a "Certificate of Merit" and several publications pro-

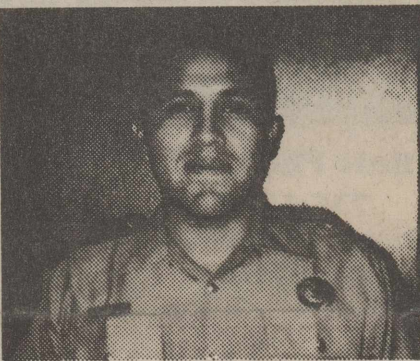
vided to help the students effectively plan for their future.

Jesse DeLeon Newest D.P.S. Trooper Here

Jesse DeLeon, originally from Austin, has been appointed to serve as the second resident State Trooper in Fisher County. DeLeon replaces Albert Hatway and teams up with Allan Arwine to form the two-trooper team.

DeLeon and his wife Rosie have one son, Jonathan, age 18-months. The DeLeons will reside in Roby.

DeLeon has been in the United States Army for the past four years.



Roby School Voters Approve \$950,000 Bonds

Voters in the Roby School District voted 352-57 to approve the \$950,000 bond issue to construct a new elementary/junior high building.

A total of 204 voters turned out to cast 'early' ballots with another 205 voting last Tuesday. Of the 204 early ballots, 57 were cast at the Roby - Seymour football scrimmage on Friday night, August 25th.

Superintendent George Price indicated after the election that he felt bids would be opened in early October of 1995 and that he was in hopes of beginning school in the new facility at the start of school for the 1996 school year.

Paper Begins Eighty-Ninth Year In Business

This edition of the Rotan Advance - Roby Star Record marks the beginning of the eighty-ninth year of continuous publication of the Rotan Advance.

Started in November of 1907, the Rotan Advance was merged with the Roby Star Record in 1968.

Kimball Pease purchased the newspaper from Hooper Shelton on January 1st, 1971. Pease will complete twenty-five years of publishing the paper on January 1, 1996.

Anderson Nurse Practitioner At Local Hospital

Martha Jo Anderson began work last Monday as the new Nurse Practitioner, replacing Physician's Assistant Lorin Scott, according to Ella Raye Helms, Administrator.

Scott resigned to accept a position in Colorado City.

Anderson is from Denver City and has 19 years experience in the health care field.

She has been a public health nurse, on the faculty of Southwestern Oklahoma State University at Weatherford, Oklahoma; and implemented a Pilot Health Care Service Program for the State of Texas while working for the Andrews County Health Department.

Judy Stephens Is New Roby Band Booster President

The Roby Band Boosters met on August 22, 1995, in the Roby band hall for their first organizational meeting. Barbara Christian, band director, told the group that 47 students would be in the high school band this year.

Officers for the 1995-96 year are: Judy Stephens, President; Christie Ramon, Vice-President; Sherene Temple, Secretary/Treasurer; and Kathy Carrier, Reporter. Committee chairs by grade are: Nancy Hart, high school; Theresa Terry, 8th grade; Mary Mahaffey, 7th grade; Lisa Carey, 6th grade; and Patresa Bolton, 5th grade.

The next meeting will be at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 5, 1995 in the band hall. All band parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to organize for the first ball game.

Methodists At Rotan Planning Rally Day, Sept 10

The members of the First United Methodist Church of Rotan are planning a big "Rally Day" for Sunday, September 10th, according to Larry Holder, Pastor and Irene Nowlin, Rally Day Coordinator.

The members of the church are attempting to place emphasis on the "Rally Day" as a time to return to church; invite a friend to church; recognize workers and celebrate the love of the family of God.

Several "Rally Day" activities are planned. Following the morning worship service, there will be a covered dish lunch.

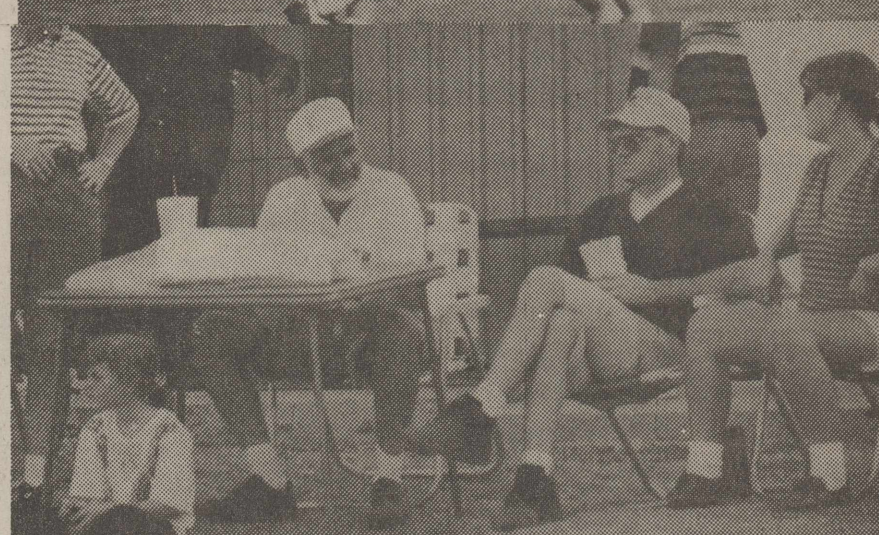
....Four Are Honored

Named In Duke Talent Identification Program



Four Rotan students were notified recently that they had been accepted into the Duke Talent Identification Program for having scored in the 97th percentile of the TAAS tests last year in either math and/or reading. Above, (l to r) Wholshane Salazar, Misty Starr, Jodi York, and Haley Helms. The four now have the opportunity to take the ACT/SAT for other honors and possible scholarship opportunities.

Rotan, Roby Football Teams Take Part In First Scrimmage Of Season



NEWS BRIEFS

F.C. L.U.L.A.C Meeting

The Fisher County LULAC will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

Jerry Lewis Telethon

The Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon is scheduled for September 4, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., sponsored by F. C. 4-H teams. If you wish to donate, call 776-2171.

Post Hosts Big Labor Day Weekend

Beginning Friday, and continuing through Saturday and Sunday, September 1-3, Old Mill Trade Days will host thousands of bargain hunters as well as antique and craft lovers at the old Postex Plant in Post. You may also visit the OS Museum which is currently displaying original cartoon works of the famous Ace Reid. The city of Post is situated just beneath the Caprock at the crossroads of U.S. Highways 84 and 380, 40 miles southeast of Lubbock.

Editorial Opinion

By Kimball G. Pease

City Of Rotan Required Audit

In mid to late 1993, the City of Rotan gave an independent auditor, all or a good portion of the information needed to compile the required audit for the City of Rotan for fiscal year 1992.

The audit information covered the period September 1, 1991 - August 31, 1992. The City of Rotan has not yet received the completed audit for 1992.

Consequently, the City of Rotan has not taken the initiative to order the audits for 1993 or 1994.

They are now faced with the end of their fiscal year 1995 - (September 1, 1994 - August 31, 1995) and it's time for another required annual audit.

The City of Rotan is in violation of Chapter 103 of the local government code, section 103.001 which states that a city shall have its records and accounts audited annually and shall have an annual financial statement prepared based on the audit.

The Mayor and Councilmen need to tend to business on this matter and get the audits completed - that's my opinion.

Kimball G. Pease

ROTAN HOMECOMING 1995 THE LATEST.....

by Darlene Cleveland

We need your help! Homecoming invitations will again be included in the Rotan Advance this year and will go out within the next two weeks but we are missing the address of several exes. If you know the where abouts of any of the people listed in this article, please write Bobbie McKinney, Rt. 1 Box 8, Rotan, Texas 79546, or call her at (915) 735-2864. Your help could mean the difference in someone getting an invitation or not.

* Missing addresses:

J. W. Farmer; Bobbie Kerns Powers; Dora Brady Smith; Mary Jane Fox; Spence Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Don Knott; Wallace Hudnall; Jim Foy Randolph; Joe Medrano; Hazel Blake; Sharon Blakely; Elisa Carrillo; George Dawson; Mrs. J. J. Guernsey; Ann Hunter; Jimmy Kendrick; Larry Grissom; Ethel Duncan; Ellis Goodrum; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hughes; Mrs. S. G. Goff; Brad Hale; Gwen Potts; Jimmie Lou Carmichael; Estelle Lotief; Cheryl Pippers; Joe Nash; Adela Buacia; Maureen Lay; Russell Price; Mrs. C.J. Rase; Johnny Hardin; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Mize; Lena Beth Tucek; Barbara Morgan; LaVerle Bennett; Tim Carrillo; Ordra Foy Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Hill Smith; R. D. Blount; Fred Gerth; Lula Beth Hull; Phillip Jones; Linda Massingill; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Medrano; Ramino Martinez, Zo Moore, Sue Reynolds, Mrs. Margie Robertson; Delbert Shipp; Loa Patterson Allen; Linda Almanza; Dorothy Mercer Bennett; Steve Bratton; Marie Carmichael; David Cave; Ruth Fowler; Eva Finley; George Henshaw; Mr. and Mrs. D. Foster; Mr. and Mrs. Melton Fields; Mrs. Cindy Gardner; Lance Green; Oscar Goodwin; Dollie Hall; Larry Kelly; Armondo Montez; Victoria Martinez; Trina Ortiz; Betty J. Pinkerton; Stanley Phillips; Frankie SoRelle, Jr.; Preston Underhill; Steve Edwards.

Thank You

A humble thank you, with sincere gratitude, to each one who prayed, comforted and thought of us during our time of sorrow. Thank you for the flowers, the good food, kind words and sweet memories of a great lady. Thanks to the Methodist ladies who took time to serve dinner to the family.

Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul to another.

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Rotan Head Football Coach Harold Mayo Pleased With First Scrimmage

"We accomplished what we wanted to accomplish in the Knox City scrimmage. We wanted to play competitively as a team. We needed to line up and run a few plays against someone other than our own people. The scrimmage provided a lot of good surprises", commented Harold Mayo, Rotan Athletic Director and Head Football Coach.

Mayo indicated that the Rotan offense is a lot further along than he thought they would be. He said the defensive unit made some key mistakes,

"But, we're going to be better."

Overall, Mayo was pleased with the scrimmage. He indicated that he did not see a single player who was not hustling.

Rotan travels to Merkel on Thursday night at 6:30 p.m., for this week's

scrimmage.

"Merkel is a big 3-A team. They will field about 75 kids. They scrimmaged Hawley last week and held their own. They are very big and very strong," commented Mayo.

Mayo indicated that he thinks this

week's scrimmage will be a lot shorter in length.

"We're going to scrimmage for a shorter time, get our kids rested for the first game of the season and hope we get out of Merkel without a major injury", he stated.

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Searing Labor

Day, we might consider positive opportunities in the workplace. Of course, we earn an income. Yet, though some are there because it is the "perfect career", many remain because it is "just a job" or an extra income. Others daily perform tasks they dislike. How could all of these workers possibly share positive opportunities?

Many of us share most of our waking hours with our co-workers. Relationships within the workplace can enrich a great career, or bring meaning to the time we spend in a less satisfying job. A pleasant smile and a positive greeting contribute to a happy day...even a Monday. Praise for a job well done and patience when progress is slow are qualities that are remembered. What better opportunity to give the gift of compassion or congratulations, depending upon the circumstances.

Enjoy your Labor Day, for you have earned it; and when you return, remember...each day is a Friday when you make it a labor of love.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Peter 4:12-29	1 Peter 5:1-11	1 John 3:11-24	Acts 4:32-37	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Psalms 1	Job 28:1-28

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CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Medicaid Reform Affects Every Texas Taxpayer

Twenty-five cents of every dollar Texas taxpayers send to Austin are spent on Medicaid, the government program that provides health care benefits to the poor. Even worse, Medicaid is the fastest growing part of the state budget.

The biggest cause of skyrocketing Medicaid costs — which are increasing at three times the rate of private-sector health-care costs — is federal overregulation. But under the current proposal before Congress for reforming Medicaid, Texas taxpayers are fixin' to take an even bigger hit in the pocketbook than they do now.

Medicaid is currently a federal-state matching program controlled from Washington. Converting Medicaid from a top-down matching program into federal block grants administered by the states is the right concept for achieving reform. Allowing Texas and other states to run their Medicaid programs without interference from Washington will result in a much more efficient and cost-effective health-care delivery system.

But if Texas taxpayers are to get any real relief, the allocation of Medicaid block grants must be fair, and they must take into account the high rate of population growth in states like ours. One current plan to revamp Medicaid bases the block grants on past spending levels and ignores future growth, while the Texas population is expected to increase by 20 percent by the year 2000.

This would force the Legislature to make difficult choices in order to compensate for a ballooning Medicaid shortfall.

Even though Texas has managed to keep its Medicaid costs, per beneficiary, significantly lower than other large states, we have been rowing against the strong tide of population growth. In 1993, for instance, total Medicaid costs for Texas increased by 16 percent, the slowest increase in the five preceding years!

This summer I led the fight to obtain fair funding formulas for the welfare block grants that are being enacted. And the stakes are even higher in the case of Medicaid because the amounts involved are nearly 10 times as large.

Shortly after Congress reconvenes, I plan to put forward a Medicaid block grant formula plan that will ensure the equitable distribution of these federal funds. My block grant formula will account for population growth, as well as need.

Otherwise, under a formula based on historical spending patterns rather than growth, Texas with more than 3.2 million people living in poverty will receive only \$4.5 billion in federal Medicaid funding while New York, with 2.9 million people living in poverty, will receive \$9 billion.

Unless Medicaid block-grant formulas are made equitable by factoring in each state's rate of growth, Texas will end up with less funding to meet the needs of more and more people. Federal resources must be allocated where the people are — and where they will be five or 10 years later.

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Pursuant to Chapter 13.2502 of the Texas Water Code, Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation hereby gives notice that any person who subdivides land by dividing any lot, tract, or parcel of land, within the service area of Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation Certificate of Convenience and Necessity No. 0760012, in Fisher County, into two or more lots or sites for the purpose of sale or development, whether immediate or future, including re-subdivision of land for which a plat has been filed and recorded or requests more than two water service connections on a single contiguous tract of land must comply with the tariff policy contained in Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation's tariff/Special Utility District's policy.

Sylvester McCaulley Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District is not required to extend retail water utility service to a service applicant in a subdivision where the developer of the subdivision has failed to comply with the Subdivision Policy.

Among other requirement, the Subdivision Policy requires:

Applicable elements of the Subdivision Policy, depending on the specific circumstances of the subdivision service may include:

Evaluation by Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District of the impact a proposed subdivision service extension will make on Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation's water supply service system and payment of the costs for this evaluation;

Payment of reasonable costs or fees by the developer for providing water supply service capacity;

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Payment of cost of any improvement to Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation's Special Utility District's system that are necessary to provide the water service;

Construction according to design approved by Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation/Special Utility District and dedication by the developer of water facilities within the subdivision following inspection.

Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's tariff and a map showing Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's service area may be reviewed at Sylvester-McCaulley Water Supply Corporation's/Special Utility District's office, at Route 1, Sylvester, Texas 79560; the tariff policy and service area map also are filed of record at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin, Texas and may be reviewed by contacting the TNRC, c/o Utility Rates and Services Section, Water Utilities Division, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711.

Fisher County

Round-Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

by Joy Walker.....

We are still having those hot days, and it's been so humid the past few days. Some folks did get a little rain on Saturday but it was very spotted. James Nettleton reported seven tenths of an inch on the highway where he lives, while just a little way down the road, it hardly sprinkled. I was coming home from Snyder and it rained several hard showers, but it was dry when I hit the dirt road at Hobbs and I didn't get any moisture at all at the house.

First I want to correct a big mistake in last week's column. James Randell Scott called from Midland to say his mother, Alma (Mrs. Robert) Scott is very much alive and in the nursing home there. I very much regret the error, and please accept my apologies.

Got a nice phone call from Maybelle (Smith) Spence who lives in Bloomfield, New Mexico. She was inquiring about the Roby and Rotan Homecomings, as she wanted to make plans so that she could come. She went to school at Roby 62 years ago.

The Roby Homecoming will be the 6th and 7th of October, while Rotan Homecoming is going to be the very same weekend, on the 6th and 7th of October.

Happy birthday to Carla Bavousett whose birthday is Thursday, August 31st.

Sandy Nettleton got to come home from the hospital in Abilene following her surgery Monday and she is doing just fine. We hope that she will continue to improve.

David Etheredge and his children from Levelland spent the weekend, coming Friday and staying until Sunday. He visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Wayne Etheredge. Randy, Vicki and their kids also visited during the weekend, as did Mrs. Lealon Wilburn and Sam and Roxie Etheredge, so they had a full house.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Daniel and family spent the weekend in Odessa and visited with Gary's dad, Odell Daniel.

A wedding shower was given Saturday, August 26th at the home of Carolyn Weathersbee for Sarah Cady, bride elect of Lane Landes. Congratulations to

Lane and Sarah on their upcoming marriage. Maudie Randolph is maybe just a little better. Keep Maudie in your prayers.

Preston Upshaw of Hart got to go home from the hospital in Lubbock after his back surgery and seems to be doing okay. We hope that he will continue to improve.

John L. Taylor from Big Spring passed away Friday; he graduated from high school in Rotan. Mrs. O.B. Cave who now lives in Granbury is his sister.

Bill Schubert came home for the weekend with his daughter and her husband. He is doing fine, but still taking therapy. Lenora Waldon is having an Angiogram on Thursday; we hope she will get a good report.

Mr. and Mrs. George Price went to San Angelo for the day on Saturday and visited with Ben, Kris and Zac Givens.

Got a nice call Friday from California thanking me for putting about the O'Brian reunion in the paper.

Good news from Tommy Hargrove who was released from his Columbian captors last Tuesday. He appears to be in good shape although is thinner, and the family was overjoyed when he got to return unharmed. Lots of prayers were answered. Granddaughter, Carye

Gruben, called me Saturday evening to tell me she and Robert Odom were married Saturday morning, August 26th in a civil service at the Courthouse in Dallas. Congratulations to Carye and Robert Odom who will be living in Grapevine.

Well that's about it for this week. See you next Thursday.

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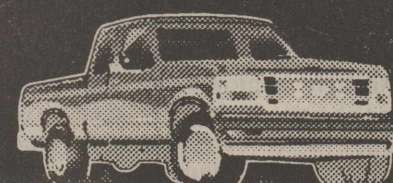
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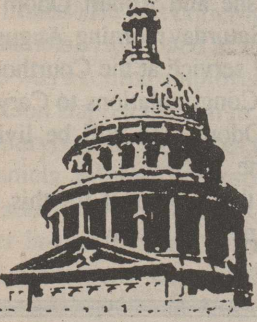
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Bullock Pushing For Stronger Measures To Protect Texans From Drunk Drivers

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock is banging the drum for stronger measures to protect Texans from the hazards of sharing the roads with drunks.

Last week, he instructed the Senate Criminal Justice Committee to reconsider three bills that would:

- Lower the intoxication standard for drivers from a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 to 0.08;
- Ban open alcoholic beverage containers in cars; and
- Allow law enforcement officers to conduct sobriety checks on roads and highways.

All three measures were introduced, but failed to gain Senate approval, during the last legislative session.

"I want to make sure that in Texas we do everything possible to protect people from drunken drivers and drunken drivers from themselves," Bullock told the *Houston Chronicle*.

Bullock's words were lauded by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, but elicited words of caution from a lawyer group.

"I think anything Bullock does is significant. I couldn't be happier about it," MADD spokesman Bill Lewis told the *Chronicle*.

Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association executive director John Boston said his group considers sobriety checkpoints an unconstitutional invasion of privacy.

Boston said his group would oppose lowering the blood-alcohol standard without allowing defendants to challenge the accuracy of breath-testing devices.

Sobriety checkpoints were struck down in 1994 by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals because Texas had no statewide rules governing their use.

Justice Gammage to Quit

Texas Supreme Court Justice Bob Gammage has submitted his letter of resignation to Gov. George W. Bush, saying it was time to "focus on family, our personal financial security and to pursue long-neglected personal goals and challenges."

Gammage was elected in 1990 to a six-year term. In announcing his Sept. 1 departure, Gammage joins fellow Democrat, Justice Jack Hightower, who said in June he would leave the court at the end of the year.

Gammage said his dissenting opinions in recent years reflect his belief that the court is becoming less objective.

Gov. Bush now has the opportunity to fill their seats with Republicans. Presently, the state's highest court includes five Republicans and four Democrats.

Bush's press secretary Karen Hughes said the governor has begun looking for a replacement to fill Gammage's unexpired term.

Coastal Plan Takes Hit

U.S. Department of Commerce officials sent a letter to Gov. Bush last week, informing him that a coastal management plan proposed by Railroad Commission Chairman Barry Williamson will not meet federal approval.

The letter was good news to Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who has been at odds with Williamson over the plan.

Mauro said Williamson's plan, although approved by the state Legislature, strips his agency of some of its oversight duties and can't satisfy regulations in the federal Coastal Zone Management

Plan, which already is in place.

Bush Appointments Tallied

If appointments are used as a scale, Gov. Bush is earning — or as some say — is maintaining a reputation as a moderate Republican.

In the first seven months of his term, Bush made 237 appointments to agencies and boards and 21 judicial appointments while allowing the confirmation of 521 of former Gov. Ann Richards' appointees.

The Associated Press reported that under Bush, however, there had been a 15 percent drop in the number of minority appointments. Still, Democratic Reps. Hugo Berlanga of Corpus Christi and Sylvester Turner of Houston expressed favor in Bush's record of appointing minorities.

About 60 percent of Bush's appointees are white males; their average age is 50; and 25 percent of them gave money to his election campaign.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Tom Pauken was less than enthusiastic about the number of Richards appointees that are continuing in office. "I'd like to see most, if not all the posts, go to qualified Republicans and independent conservatives," he said.

Other Highlights

■ State Sen. Peggy Rosson, D-El Paso, announced last week she will not run for re-election in 1996. Rosson, 60, first elected in 1990, said she wants to devote more time to her husband, Joe Rosson, after spending 20 years in public service roles. She was appointed to the Public Utility Commission in 1983 and was elected commission chairwoman in 1985.

■ The late John B. Connally will be honored by the University of Texas at Austin with the naming of an addition to the School of Law. An \$11 million advocacy and dispute resolution center will be named the John B. Connally Center for the Administration of Justice in recognition of the contributions to higher education made by Connally, a member of the Law School's class of 1941.

Roby Head Coach Mike Christian Comments On Seymour Scrimmage

"We came out of the Seymour scrimmage pleased with the results. The further the scrimmage went, the better pleased we were of the performance of our players," commented Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Mike Christian.

Christian indicated that the conditioning of his players was about where it needed to be. "Toward the end of the scrimmage we could clearly see where conditioning made a difference for us," stated Christian.

One area disappointed Christian. "The first defensive series for our varsity players was a bit of a disappointment because we let them score on us," he said.

Christian was also concerned with

the first offensive series by the varsity. "We turned the ball over five times in twenty plays and that prevented us from scoring on our first possession", commented Christian.

Overall, we were pleased with a number of people who turned in good performances at the scrimmage. All out people played with a lot of hustle. The defensive folks seemed to get better," said Christian.

Roby hosts Santa Anna on Thursday at 6:00 p.m.. "They are a pass oriented team. Throwing about every other play, they have a talented, young backfield and they will be a test for our

defensive pass coverage people, said Christian.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of August 22 - 28, 1995 were as follows:

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Izax Boren- Sylvester; Rickey Jeffrey- McCaulley; Joe Hicks- Snyder; Bessie Eaton- Rotan; Benito Espinoza- Sylvester; Birtha Daniel- Rotan; Dexter Elrod- Rotan; Tommy Whitefield Sr.- Rotan; Alex Noles- Rotan.

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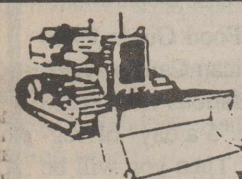
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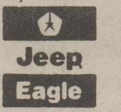
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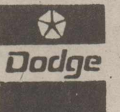
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Sept. 4-8, 1995

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THURSDAY: Fish/Tartar Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Rosy Applesauce, Whole wheat Rolls.
FRIDAY: Corn Dogs, Cheese Nachos, Baked Beans, Fresh Fruit, Cinnamon Rolls.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU

Sept. 4-8, 1995

MONDAY: Holiday
TUESDAY: Chicken Pattie, Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Okra, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Corn Dog, Buttered Rice, Black-eyed Peas, Peanut Butter Cookie, Bread, Milk.
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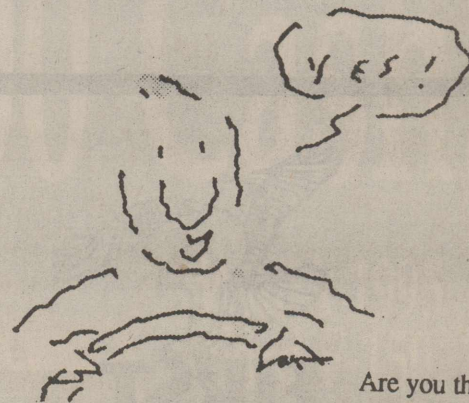
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This notice concerns 1995 property tax rates for ROTAN CISD/ROBY CISD. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	ROTAN CISD	ROBY CISD
LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:		
Last year's operating taxes	\$760,900	\$652,774
Last year's debt taxes	\$0	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$760,900	\$652,774
Last year's tax base	\$60,996,264	\$51,807,460
Last year's total tax rate (per \$100)	1.270000	1.260000
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$748,474	\$644,197
/ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$52,868,916	\$49,547,073
= This year's effective tax rate (per \$100)	1.415716	1.300171
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing (per \$100)*	1.458187	1.339176
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$748,474	\$644,197
/ This year's adjusted tax base	\$52,868,916	\$49,547,073
= This year's local maintenance and operating rate (per \$100)	1.415716	1.300172
x Student enrollment adjustment	1.022222	1.000000
= This year's adjusted maintenance and operating rate (per \$100)	1.447176	1.300172
+ \$0.08 cents = this year's maximum operating rate (per \$100)	1.527176	1.380172
+ This year's debt rate (per \$100)	0.000000	0.000000
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education (per \$100)	0.000000	0.000000
+ Additional rate for pollution control (per \$100)	0.000000	0.000000
= This year's rollback rate (per \$100)	1.527176	1.380172

* If the rollback rate is lower than 1.03 times the effective rate, the unit must publish the notices and hold the hearing to adopt a tax rate that exceeds the rollback tax rate.

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SCHEDULE 'B'/1995 DEBT SERVICE		
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS	NO	NO
TOTAL 1995 DEBT SERVICE	-0-	-0-
- AMOUNT (IF ANY) PAID FROM SCHEDULE A	-0-	-0-
- EXCESS COLLECTIONS LAST YEAR	-0-	-0-
= TOTAL TO BE PAID FROM TAXES IN 1995	-0-	-0-
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OBITUARIES

Leon "Doc" Daniels

Funeral services for Mr. Leon "Doc" Daniels will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, (September 2, 1995) at First Baptist Church in Rotan with Rev. Paul Huit and Rev. Patricia Thompson officiating. Burial will be in the Belvieu Cemetery with arrangements by Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mr. Daniels died Sunday (August 27, 1995) at his home in Rotan following a sudden illness. He was born March 21, 1931 at Perry, the son of Sullivan and Minnie Daniels. He moved to Rotan in 1949 and married Rella Huit here in 1952. He was a retired employee of the Rotan Cotton Oil Mill and a member of Little Zion Baptist Church in Perry.

He is survived by his wife- Rella of Rotan; 5 daughters- Mary Daniels, Cindy Daniels, Bobby Thompson, Joyce Daniels, and Rebecca Daniels all of Rotan; 4 sons- Leon Jr., Larry Ray, Billy Wayne and Troy Lee, all of Rotan; a daughter-in-law- Bertha Daniels of Rotan; a son-in-law- William Thompson of Rotan; 5 brothers- Lonnie of Waco, Charles of Waco, Albert of Rotan, Jimmy Lee of Haskell and Willie Lee of Rotan; 8 sisters: Ocie Huit of Perry, Lucy Daniels of Rotan, Bobby Daniels of Hamlin, Lillie Mae Daniels of Rotan, Vernell Daniels of Rotan, Vivian Suder of Waco, Jodie Gunn of Waco and Ora Lee Gunn of Waco; 15 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren.

Jesse D. Berry

Jesse D. Berry, 80, of Stamford died Friday in the Fisher County Hospital. Services were at 2:00 p.m., Sunday in Kinney Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. James Brigham officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Tuxedo.

Born April 1, 1915, in Tuxedo, he was the son of the late X.F. and Minnie Hodges Berry. He married Alice Hesper Campbell in 1942. She died October 19, 1994.

Berry operated service stations in Stamford and worked as mechanic in auto dealerships for many years. From 1970 to 1990, he owned and operated Berry Furniture Co. with his late wife.

He was a Baptist. He was a charter and life member of Stamford VFW #9179; a life member of American Legion Hart Masters Post #100, Stamford, and was post commander for 35 years; and a life member of Disabled American Veterans. He served in the Army World War II 1942-1944.

Survivors are: a son- Ronnie Berry of China Spring; a daughter- Shirley Daniel of Rotan; a brother- Robert Berry of Tuxedo; a sister- Amy Segerstrom of Tuxedo; four grandchildren- Cody Berry, Robin Berry and Cherita Welch, all of China Spring, and Mary Rowland of Rotan; and four great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bill Neeley, Brian Welch, Acie Berry, Chico Underwood, Louis Gonzales, and Rey Alvarez.

Honorary pallbearers were members of Stamford Veterans of Foreign Wars #9179.



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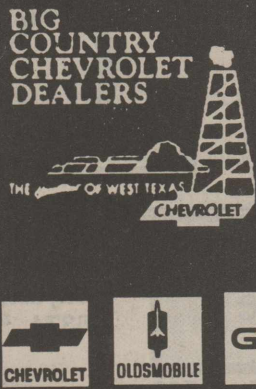
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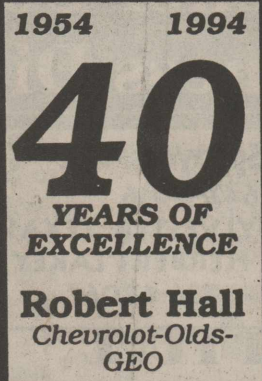


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The fact that absence of certain essential nutrients creates a predisposition to illness has been known for a long time. However, less understood has been the components of diet which are important in preventing chronic disease such as cancer.

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is studying if certain "designer" foods high in ingredients naturally high in cancer-preventing substances can actually affect the relationship between cancer and diet. Diets high in fat appear to be connected to cancers of breast, pancreas and colon/rectum.

Heavy alcohol consumption has been linked to higher incidence of

cancers of the upper digestive tract and liver. These studies have also shown that fiber, vitamins A, C, and E as well as many other substances also seem to have cancer-preventing properties.

Over the past decade more than 40 foods -- mainly vegetables, grains, and fruits containing biologically-active phytochemicals -- have been identified as having cancer preventing properties. Phytochemicals can interfere with and potentially block the biochemical pathways that lead to malignancy in animals. Phytochemicals can affect metabolic pathways associated with development of cancer by affecting the initiation and tumor-promotion phases.

The six foods at the top of this pyramid are at the center of the National Cancer Institute's Experimental Foods Program. On the top level of this triangle are garlic, cabbage, licorice, soybeans, ginger, carrots, celery and parsnips. On the middle levels of the triangle are onions, tea, tumeric, citrus such as orange, lemon, grapefruit, whole wheat, flax, brown rice, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and the cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, and brussels sprouts). On the base level of the triangle are oats, mints, oregano, cucumber, rosemary, sage, potato, thyme, chives, cantaloupe, basil tarragon, barley and berries.

Dietary supplements such as garlic

pill do not offer the same benefits as the food counterparts.

So what can you do as a consumer to utilize the results of this research? Start following the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Guide Pyramid and the American Cancer Association recommendations to increase servings to at least "5 a day" of vegetables and fruits. Then you will be sure to eat many of the top 40 foods, which have been shown to display those cancer-prevention properties.

In the next few years, consumers will see more and more designer foods that contain even more of these phytochemicals.

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

County Agents Report by Richard Spencer

The number of U.S. farmers increased this year for the first time since 1981, to 2.07 million, with horse owners and small-scale suburban farmers helping to boost the total, the U.S. Agriculture Department says.

While the number of operations grew by less than one-half of one percent, total farm acreage remained virtually unchanged from 1994 at 972 million acres, the department reported Friday. The average farm size dipped to 469 acres from 471 last year.

The definition of farm was changed to include places with five or more horses, except boarding stables and racetracks. The change was made to bring USDA's definition in line with the Census Bureau's.

Texas remained the state with the most farms at 202,000 up 2000 from a year ago. Missouri followed with 106,000 farms, up 1000 from last year, then Iowa, with 100,000 farms, down 1000 from 1994.

Texas also had the most land in farms and ranches, 129 million acres.

Preliminary USDA figures indicate U.S. farmers will withdraw 651,342 acres from the Conservation Reserve Program under "early out" option offered earlier this year. Texas farmers are estimated to withdraw only 38,000 acres. USDA had estimated that farmers could withdraw 4 to 5 million acres.

Most of Earth's worst insects could be controlled if agricultural and envi-

ronmental leadership would provide the resources, according to noted scientist Dr. Edwards F. Knipling. "I don't see any biological or technical barriers to accomplish control of most major pests. Nature has given us the tools, we just need to shape them and use them in the proper manner."

Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Game bird aficionados can learn the latest in Quail research and technology during West Texas' first-ever "Quail Management Tour" September 18 on the Funk Ranch west of San Angelo.

The afternoon and evening program lasts from 1:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A catered supper is planned.

The ranch is located 20 miles west of San Angelo on FM 853. The tour is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural

Extension offices in Irion, Sterling, Schleicher, Coke, Reagan, and Tom Green counties and by Quail Unlimited's Tres Rios Chapter.

The tour's first speakers and topics include: "Introduction and Management Goals on the Funk Ranch", Joe Funk, owner; "Economic Importance of Quail and Quail Hunting", Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension Wildlife Specialist, San Angelo and "Getting to Know Your Quail", Rollins.

"Pricklypear and It's Management for Quail", is the second focus. Speakers and topics include: "Trouble-shooting Quail Habitat", Rollins and Phillip Carter, Angelo State University graduate student; "Prescribed Burning and Picloram for Pricklypear Control", Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension Range Specialist, San Angelo; "Does Burning Affect Quail Mortality?", Carter; "Herbicides, Brush Control and Quail Nests

from Predators?", Stacey Slater, ASU graduate student and "Tactical Brush Management Systems", McGinty.

"Quail Management Issues" highlight the third stop. Topics and speakers include: "Predators and Quail", Rollins and Jim Hooten, Funk Ranch manager.

The fourth and final stop agenda includes: "Where Have All the Blue Quail Gone?" Rollins.

Supper is at 7:00 p.m., followed by a roundtable discussion. Topics include: restocking with penraised quail, hunting's effects on quail populations and quail diseases.

A business meeting of the Tres Rios Chapter will end the meeting at 8:00 p.m. For further information contact Scott Edmonson at (915) 835-2711. Continuing Education Units will be offered. A \$10 per person registration fee, including meal, will be charged.



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Descendents Of Sam And Stella Cleveland Hold Family Reunion

The descendents of Sam and Stella Cleveland held a family reunion at Lake Buchanan, July 28, 29 and 30th at the lakeside vacation home of Phil and Jill McCurdy and Paul and Sherry Workman. Those attending were Bessie Cleveland; William and Sue Cleveland; Cleve and Kelli Cleveland; Gareth and Allison Pipes; Diane, Alexis, and Riley Dunham; Annis Joplin; Joe and Sue Novak; Richard, Donna, Alexis, Andrew and Rachel Dupree; Holly Joplin; Stella Mae Mash; Johnny and Barbara Justice; Sam and Cindy Huffman; Charles and Judy Doty; Ruth Riddels; Wade, Matthew, Angela Riddels; Rick Wiegel and Sandy Riddels; Christopher Kane; Justin and Lora Wiegel; Lorinda and Rene Pierson; Paul, Sherry, Kyle and Paula Workman; Phil, Jill, Sara and Lilly McCurdy; and James Hall.

Water sports were enjoyed by most and tolerated by some. A great deal of visiting took place as well as a very lively auction conducted by Charles Doty. Auction proceeds will be used for cemetery maintenance, and adding names to the Fisher County Veterans Memorial.

Ruth Riddels concluded her family **Legal Notice**

INVITATION TO BID

The Rotan Independent School District will receive proposals from suppliers and subcontractors for labor and/or materials on a design/build contract for construction of an addition to the field house at the football field in Rotan, Texas. Plans and specifications are available for inspection in the office of Wes Hays, Superintendent of Schools, 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas. (915/735-2332).

Bids will be received in the Superintendent's office at 102 North McKinley Avenue, Rotan, Texas 79546, until 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 8, 1995 and will be considered at the September 11, 1995 school board meeting. The Rotan ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

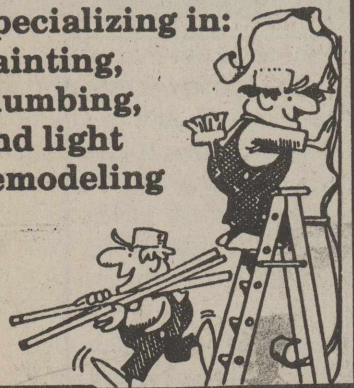
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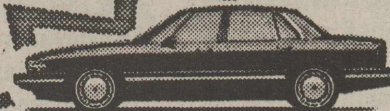
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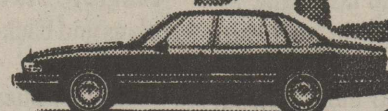
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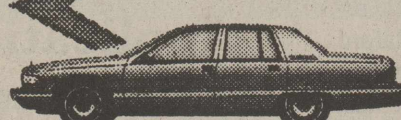
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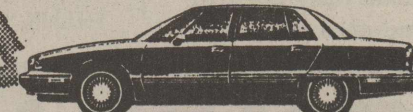


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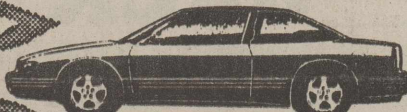
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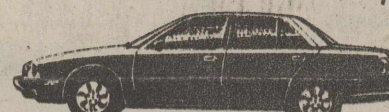
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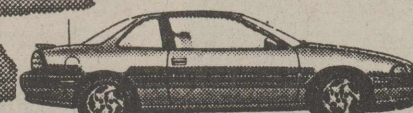
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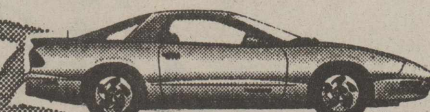
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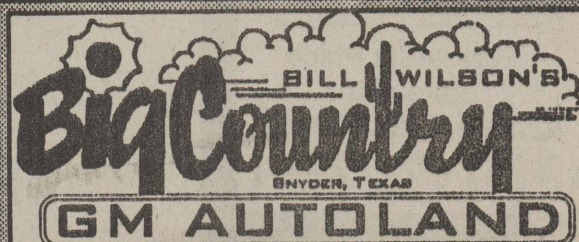


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Thomas Hargrove Released After Being Held 11 Months

Reprinted from the Sweetwater Reporter News written by Leigh Ann Whiddon

Raford Hargrove said that Tuesday he was so elated to hear his brother had been released, that he could not sleep.

After nearly a year of worrying about Thomas Hargrove, a Rotan native who had been kidnapped by leftist guerrillas in Cali, Colombia, Raford Hargrove finally relaxed and slept last night.

Raford Hargrove was in his Rotan office on Friday afternoon, Sept. 23, and looking forward to the weekend, when his sister-in-law Susan called to say her husband had been kidnapped.

That weekend was spent trying to find out what happened to Thomas. That was no easy task, as all of the government offices were closed. It was finally determined, according to Raford, that a guerrilla army had sent thugs out

to set up a traffic block. "Car after car was stopped until they found an American," Raford said.

He said Americans who work for wealthy companies are targeted by the guerrillas in hopes that the companies will pay a hefty sum of money for the person's release.

Over the next 11 months, Raford and Mrs. Hargrove, along with the Hargrove's two college sons, designed plans and back-up plans for recovering Thomas.

The families in Rotan and Colombia spoke back and forth on the telephone. Raford said the Colombian army placed a wiretap on Mrs. Hargrove's telephone in order to find clues as to the whereabouts of the guerrilla army. Raford said he and Mrs. Hargrove wanted to find the guerrillas to recover Thomas, and the Colombian army wanted to find the guerrillas "to kill everybody."

Because Raford and Mrs. Hargrove did not want the Colombian army glean information from their conversations, Mrs. Hargrove flew to the United States several times and the two met in Miami, Washington, D.C. and locations in Texas. Eventually, both were set up with encrypted telephones leased from Motorola. The telephones were equipped with internal computers, which scrambled the spoken message, sent it over the telephone lines and then decoded the message on the receiving end.

Raford said neither his family or the corporation which Thomas worked for, the International Center for Tropical Agriculture in Cali, gave the guerrilla army any money. In the end, he said all they were out was a lot of hard work, phone bills and airline tickets.

Throughout the ordeal, Mrs. Hargrove received confirmation, in the form of a videotape, two Polaroid pictures and two letters, that her husband was still alive.

Raford said Thomas was allowed to write a letter home once every two

weeks and was assured they would be delivered. However, the letters were burned and the family did not receive any mail from him until last month, 10 months into the ordeal.

Tuesday evening, after he found that his brother had been released, Raford posted a letter on the America Online computer network. It read, in part:

"Tom walked in the house (in Cali) at 8:15 CDT. He had been released Monday morning, and escorted out of the mountains on foot by six guerrillas. They walked until late Tuesday morning, at which time the guerrillas said

they had gone as far as they safely could, and he was on his own.

"They left him directions to the nearest village. He arrived there on foot in midafternoon and was greeted by people who recognized him from news reports.

"....We (Mrs. Hargrove and Raford) were in the middle of summing up the current next plan, followed by three more plans,.... when the dogs started barking up a storm. Susan started screaming, 'What's the matter?', then went wild. I thought Tom's body had

been thrown out onto the sidewalk. My son thought Susan had been kidnapped herself. Then we heard Susan yell, 'It's Tom,' and in a minute Tom picked up the phone....and said 'hello.' It was an incredible moment, made more so by the fact that my son and I shared it on the speaker phone."

According to the Associate Press, it was not immediately known why rebels decided to release Hargrove. They reportedly wanted to release him earlier but decided not to because of military activity in the area.

Raford said that Thomas is "thinner and looks awful," but is normal in all other ways and will fully recover from the weight loss."

Raford said, to his knowledge, his brother and sister-in-law have not made a decision about whether they will remain in Colombia, but that they will be returning to the United States for a vacation.

Thomas Hargrove is an agriculture scientist and journalist and began working at the agricultural center in Cali in January 1993.

Stonewall/Fisher County Playday Results Released

Stonewall/Fisher County Playday Results from August 26th are:

Calf Head Roping: 5 year old and under- 1st- Kody King, 2nd- Josh Hahn
6 year old-
1st- Kasey King
10 and 11 year olds-
1st- Terry Branch; 2nd- Lauren Hahn
12 year old- 1st Ryan Branch
Barrels:

5 year old and under- 1st- Josh Hahn; 2nd- Kody King
6 year old- 1st- Kasey King
10 and 11 year olds- 1st- Terry Branch; 2nd- Zach Greenlee; 3rd- Lauren Hahn
12 year old- 1st- Ryan Branch
Poles:

10 and 11 year olds- 1st- Zach Greenlee; 2nd- Terry Branch; 3rd- Lauren Hahn
6 year old- 1st- Kasey King
12 year old- 1st- Ryan Branch
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12 year old- 1st- Ryan Branch

Kathy Murphree Receives Master's Degree

Kathy Murphree received a master's degree in education from A.C.U., August 4, 1995. Kathy is the wife of Glen Murphree and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haldean Cave. She is employed as an educational diagnostician with West Central Texas Educational Cooperative in Sweetwater.

F.C. Historical Comm. Purchases Copy Machines

The Fisher County Historical Commission has purchased two copying machines for the use of the citizens of Fisher County. The copiers have been placed in the Rotan Library and the Roby Library. The machines were purchased with funds from the sale of historical books, published by the Fisher County Historical Commission. The Commission encourages citizens to use the copiers whenever they need a copy of printed material. There is a charge of 15 cents per copy to pay for the toner (ink), paper and repairs.

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Leadership Fisher County Application Deadline Sept. 15th

Local and area residents who plan on making application for the Leadership Fisher County only have a short time to do so.

The application deadline for the class is September 15, 1995.

The program, jointly sponsored by Midwest Electric Cooperative and the Continuing Education Division of Western Texas College, is aimed at developing community knowledge and leadership skills.

The Leadership Fisher County course will address such topics as the local city and county economies, city and county governments, education, health care, criminal justice, business, industry, and civic organizations. The

course will conclude with an all day tour of agricultural interests and bar-b-que dinner and entertainment.

The course will begin on Thursday, October 19, 1995 and will meet one afternoon per month from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Class dates for the eight class sessions will be October 19, November 16, December 7, January 18, 1996, February 15, March 7, April 18, and conclude on May 16. The course will have the first class meeting at Midwest Electric in Roby. After the first session, classes will meet at various locations, such as the city hall, the county courthouse, the hospital, industry locations, the oil patch, "on the farm", and other sites.

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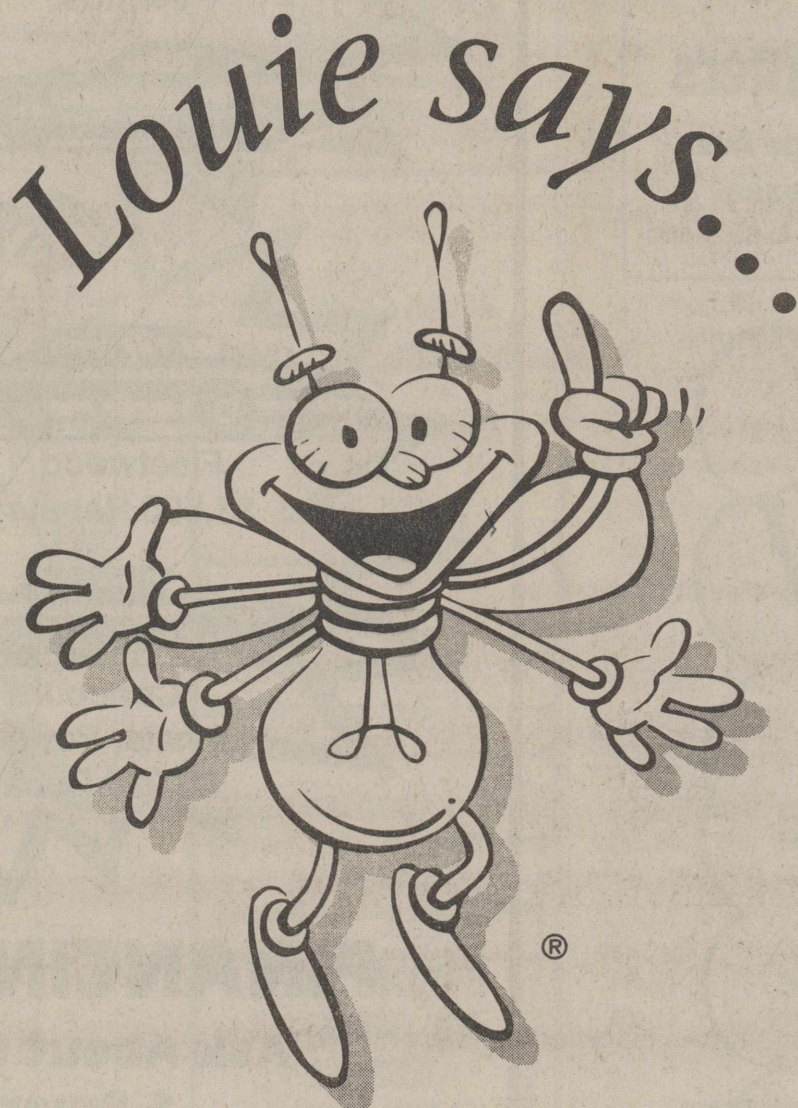
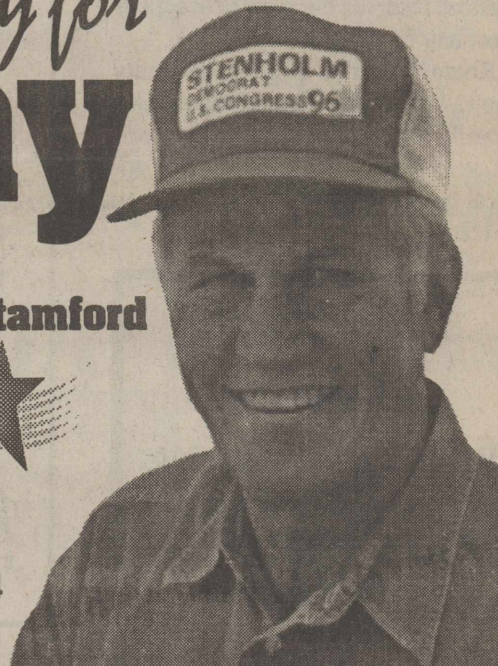
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