

Kim's Korner By Kim Pease

JUST FOR THE ASKING: This information was stolen from a magazine I was reading several months ago, would give you the name - but can't remember.

Home is a world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

Home is a place where the small are great and the great are small.

Home is a father's kingdom, the mother's world and the children's paradise.

Home is where we grumble the most and are treated the best.

Home is the center of our affections and the place where our stomachs get three square meals a day and our hearts a thousand.

CONGRATULATIONS: To new Rotan School Superintendent Wes Hays for the long trail of friends all over West Texas who continue to make great comments on what a fine man we hired. Latest was a call from Stacy Thompson, co-publisher of the Knox County News, who was a student under Wes Hays in band. She wouldn't say how long ago.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Bill Fowler, a native of Jayton and most recent employee of Friendship School District. He is the new principal at Roby Elementary. He began his new job last Monday. Welcome to Fisher County.

JAIL IS THE PITS: Andy Lee, Sheriff of Benton County, Arkansas, has banned televisions, radios, cigarettes, candy and chewing tobacco from prisoners who are sent to his jail. He has successfully fended off 35 lawsuits from inmates. Says the 45-year old get-tough Sheriff, "You work hard every day for the money to buy the little luxuries in your life. One of those is a TV. Then Johnny Bad Boy kicks in your back door, steals your television, sells it for 10 percent of what it's worth and snorts the proceeds up his nose. By luck, on one of those rare occasions, we apprehend the person. The first thing he demands when he gets to jail is a color TV. Who pays for that? You do!"

NEED A JOB? Why not go into the limb hauling business? Charge folks to haul off their limbs, old trees, etc. City of Rotan doesn't need or really want to be in the business. If that doesn't suit you, how about starting up a concrete repair and finishing business. Rotan businesses are going to be looking to someone to repair sidewalks, etc in front of businesses. Or paint and spruce up businesses buildings - for a fee.

GRANDCHILD STORY: Read on if you want a chuckle - this is a true story about my youngest grandchild - Mikaylee, daughter of John and Suzy Pease of Odessa. Mikaylee is only about 5 months old - and her Mom and Dad have to do a lot of her talking. She is spoiled. Her mother knows without a shadow of a doubt that this child is profoundly gifted - nothing about her is average. Her father actually believes that his first born is destined to pitch for the Florida Marlins or will be Miss America - whichever she tries out for first. Anyway - got a message on our answering machine recently that informed us that Mikaylee was resting comfortably after a big morning out at the Odessa July 4th Celebration parade. Mikaylee liked the downtown parade, but - no one told her that the firetrucks were going to make loud noises; she liked the horses, but no one told her that a marching band was going to play loud music right over her stroller. The loud fireworks did her in - Mom and Dad took her home when a volley of fireworks exploded within ear shot at the end of the parade. Made her cry and she wasn't going back - maybe never.

REMINDER: The Rotan Days celebration is set for Saturday, July 23rd. Will be a full day of activities. Plan to attend and support the Rotan Chamber of Commerce.

FINALLY: Ol' Whistle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek is being given credit

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Rotan Days Scheduled For This Saturday

Rotan Days, sponsored by the Rotan Chamber of Commerce, promises to be a fun-filled day of activities beginning early Saturday morning and ending with a Street Dance scheduled to last until 11:00 p.m., Saturday night. Saturday events begin at 7:00 a.m., Saturday when the streets will be roped off.

The day will include the 1st Annual Antique Car Show; an IBCA sanctioned Barbecue Cook-Off; Baking Contest and loads of Arts & Craft booths.

Booths registered for Saturday include: Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Queen Association - corn on the cob; Small Time Enterprises - Moonwalk; Ginger Green - Crafts; Loretta Daniel - Crafts; Calvary Baptist Church - Con-fetti Eggs; Rotan Jr. High Cheerleaders - Ice Cream; Fisher County Hospital - Health Clinic; Theatre On The Brazos - Sno Cones & Sasusage on the stick; Frank Garcia - Mexican food and funnel cakes; Lester Greenway - knife sharpening; Rotan Community Service League - Cow patty bingo; Upshaw Trailers - trailer display; Main Street Bakery - sidewalk cafe; Rotan High Band - cotton candy; Rotan Insurance Agency - Guess How Much Money Game; Rotan Chamber of Commerce - Children's train ride; DARE - Mock Jail; Rotan Homecoming Association - Bake Sale; Casa Morales - Mexican Food; Betty Stamper - Lemonade; Richard Lyle - Toys; Micaela Hernandez - crafts; Bea Shipp - jewelry; Becky Hale - crafts; Dixie Machine Quilting - crafts; LULAC - shaved ice, mexican BBQ; Barbara

Johnson - t-shirts; Patriarch Enterprises - crafts; Dena Bailey - Horse & buggy; Sheriff's Department - fingerprinting, videos and drug dogs; Mary Romero - Flea Market items; Rita Hernandez -

Mexican Fruit Cups; Sheila Armstrong - crafts; Hi-Ho Silver - jewelry; Veronica Thomas & Dawn Pack - crafts; Rotan Fire Department Auxiliary - raffle; Children's Fun Run - race;

Cindy Greene - children's games. - There will be a softball tournament beginning at 8:00 a.m., and all booths in the roped off downtown area will be open at 8:00 a.m.

The deadline for entries in the bake-off is 9:00 a.m. This event will be at the Rotan City Hall. Tammy Kelley and Sherry Rodgers are in charge of the

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Fair & Rodeo Assoc. Fishing Tourney On Saturday

The Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Association will sponsor a Fishing Tournament on Saturday, July 23rd from 8:00 a.m. until dark at the Danny Terry quarry, located 7 miles southeast of Roby. There will be two age divisions: 16 and under - \$15.00 per person and 17 & over - \$20.00 per person. There will be one prize for each age group with the most pounds. Plaques will be awarded. Anyone participating in the fishing tournament will be given a free meal.

A bracket lunch will be available to the public by donation beginning at 11:30 a.m. Other fund raisers planned by the Fisher County Fair & Rodeo Association include a cow patty bingo and ad sales for the program.

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Brush Fee, Salary Hikes Talked

Group Wants To Lease Rotan Golf Course, City Is Interested

The members of the Rotan City Council, possibly with some mixed emotions, if not on the part of the council members at the least on the part of the Mayor's son - a summer employee at the Rotan golf course, agreed to investigate the possibility of leasing the golf course and possibly the pool to a group interested in it's operation.

'Testing The Waters'

Rodney Tankersley, appearing last Thursday night and 'testing the waters' to see if councilmen would be interested in pursuing a lease of the facilities, found much to be happy about. Not only were the councilmen interested, some felt that the lease may be a partial answer to solving one of many vexing City of Rotan problems.

Tankersley, who intends to be active in the operation and management of the leased facilities, together with others, said he and others were interested in leasing the golf course and swimming pool as a package or individually. "We think we can do something with it", stated Tankersley.

Potential To Make Money

"The golf course has the potential to be made into a nice course. It needs to be run like a business and run properly," Tankersley indicated. Tankersley said that his group felt there was a little money to be made.

Councilman Scotty Daniel said he felt the City of Rotan should take advantage of and pursue discussing a possible lease.

Councilman Hank Day had favorable comments on the possibility of a lease.

Councilman Lonnie Stames seemed to be anxious to pursue a possible lease, while councilmen Greg Rains and Larry Markham were not quite as excited. Rains never expressed an objection to pursuing the lease but Markham appeared a bit disappointed that after all the work on the course that a lease appeared a good probability.

Harger Makes Suggestion

Attorney Gary Harger was present for another matter, but volunteered a solution to the lease problem by urging that Harold Sanders, Rodney Tankersley and Mayor Marshall get together and rough draft some beginning proposals for consideration. It is believed that this will be done and that the council will look further at the lease at the August 9, 1994 meeting.

Application For \$250,000

The council conducted a public hearing on a community development block grant and agreed that the City of Rotan would make application in the amount of \$250,000 for water supply improvement. If the grant is approved the City of Rotan would have to put up \$37,500 in funds or in kind services.

Peddlers Pondered

The council members looked at the Rotan City Ordinance concerning peddlers. Councilman Hank Day volunteered to study the ordinance and make change recommendations to the council in August.

Markham Silent On Golf Fees

Councilman Larry Markham opted not to lead a discussion on the item on the agenda dealing with golf course rules, regulations and fees. He indicated that he did not support the council's recent decision not to increase fees at the course and felt the council was "letting a group of elderly citizens dictate to the council the operation of a City owned facility and as long as we're at their disposal, our hands will be tied."

Scotty Daniel said he was in favor of closing the course down for a month if that's what it took to get it in shape. "If we're going to have a golf course it should be a good one or we shouldn't have one at all," he said. Daniel was not in favor of increasing any fees at the course in light of the move to possibly lease the facility.

Mark Marshall's Input

Mark Marshall, son of Mayor Jerry Marshall and summer employee at the Rotan Golf Course, presented a verbal picture of the condition of the course to councilmen, saying that "We're battling to keep it (the course) alive, we're just keeping it semi-alive." Mark Marshall pointed out the need of updating equipment at the course, explained the watering process and urged councilmen to give strong consideration to making sure the walking trail would be public even if the course is leased in the future.

Tri - Ethnic Meeting Set

Gary Harger appeared before the council to explain a planned tri-ethnic meeting on July 28th at the Rotan Community Center at 7:00 p.m. A motion was unanimously passed to set into motion an ordinance on cumulative voting and set a public hearing for July 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Brush Fee May Be Coming

The final discussion of the night was initiated by Mayor Marshall from a letter he had received from The Newspaper Office asking the schedule for picking up brush in the City of Rotan. The person asking the question indicated that brush had been in the alley 6-weeks. Mayor Marshall took exception to the 6-week date and indicated that to his knowledge all brush was picked up at least every two weeks.

The council, after hearing the results of a mini-survey from Harold Sanders on brush pick-up in area towns, decided to study the possibility increasing Rotan rates to cover brush pickup

or limiting brush pickups to once every six-months. The items should be addressed.

Raises May Be Discussed

Mayor Jerry Marshall put the council members on notice that he is personally open to investigating giving current Rotan City personnel a salary increase in the future. Marshall said he was approached by a city employee who said that if full-time people were not going to be replaced at the City of Rotan, that it was going to throw a larger work load on those who are left and why didn't those who are left get a raise. Marshall said that he informed the person that the council would look at increases in the future.

Cauble Is Roby Lions Club Head For 1994

Kiefer Cauble was recently installed and will be leading the Roby Lions Club as the 1994-95 President.

Other officers are Zanna Anderson 1st Vice President; Don Pullig, 2nd Vice President; Albert Hataway, 3rd vice president.

The Secretary-Treasurer is Zana Branham. Mildred Parker serves as Tail Twister; Milton Peoples serves as Lion Tamer, Cecil King as Song Leader, Steve Patterson as Greeter and J.T. Palmer as Program Director.

The board of directors are George Price, Perry Thomson, Jimmy Price, Horace Curlee and J.T. Palmer.

The regular meetings of the Roby Lions Club are each Thursday at noon at the Silver Star Cafe. The regular meeting of the Board of Directors is each second Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. at the Silver Star Cafe.

The past five presidents have been Price in 1993; Perry Thomson in 1992; Jimmy Price - 1991; Horace Curlee - 1990 and Milton Peoples - 1989.

Amigos To Hold Benefit Barbecue For C. Hudnall

Fisher County friends of David & the late Christy Hudnall are going to be given the opportunity to take part in a Benefit Barbecue to help defray hospital expenses. The dinner is a project of the Amigos.

The Benefit Barbecue will be at the Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center on Saturday, July 30th from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Ladies are asked to bring a covered dish. Meat and beans and the trimmings are being furnished by the Amigos.

The benefit meal is by donation only.



BRING HOME PLAQUE: The three Rotan High School twirlers, after attending the ASU Band Camp at Angelo State University last week, came home with the Outstanding Twirling Line award. (L to r) Mandy Dycus, Sophomore; April Martin, Senior and Monica Gaspar, Freshman. Their sponsor is Donna Hargrove.

City Of Rotan Goes Another \$24,457 In Hole For June, '94

Some City of Rotan leaders, after hearing a passionate speech by City Secretary Harold Sanders on his opinion concerning the financial woes of the City of Rotan, apparently feel the bulk of the City of Rotan's financial woes can be pinned on attorney fees in the League of United Latin American Citizen's law suit on single member districts.

After 'borrowing' \$28,000 from the fire protection fund to pay everyday bills, after hearing a speech from Sanders at the June council meeting indicating that an immediate \$78,000 was needed to pay past due bills, pay for parts on broken down machinery and equipment, etc., after hearing Sanders last month say that the City of Rotan owed over \$38,000 to the Rotan Water Authority for four past due monthly water bills, the council has opted to go along with Harold Sanders request to "give me six months and if this is not turned around, I'll come back to you." Those comments were made by Sanders at the Rotan Council Meeting last week.

In six months, the City of Rotan should be hip deep in money. They will have just taken in a large hunk of tax dollars.

Sanders told the council members that the City of Rotan needed to formulate a budget and follow a budget. They are 'light years away' from following a budget now. They may have one, but it's only a paper item.

Sanders stated last Thursday night that he has attempted and will continue to cut expenses, has attempted to cut services "to get this turned around". "We may have to ask you to consider rate increases", Sanders told the council.

"I may have to ask you to borrow \$15,000 or \$20,000 for LULAC attorney fees", stated Sanders.

Mayor Marshall indicated that the City of Rotan ran \$4,000 a month in the red all of last year. He also mentioned an audit and budget.

Mayor Marshall indicated that the City of Rotan owed the Rotan Water Authority past due water bills amounting to some \$38,000 but stated that, "...they (the Rotan Water Authority) are kind enough to allow that." He concluded his comment about the past due water bill by saying thatthey (the Rotan Water Authority) are under us.

Sanders said that "Basically, everyone needs to take on a new positive attitude. We need to turn the negative into positive".

City Secretary Harold Sanders was upset that there was considerable negative criticism being leveled at the beautification of the downtown median. He said there were a lot of people knocking the project and that in his opinion was a bad situation.

In the month of June, 1994 the City of Rotan had income from all sources of \$60,264.47. Back out \$1,556.65 in fire protection funds that are supposed to be placed in a special account and the spendable June income drops to \$58,707.82.

For the same period, the City of Rotan had expenses (bills, payroll, etc.) of \$81,608.21. For the month of June 1994, income less expenses, the City of Rotan showed a loss of \$24,457.04.

Councilman Scotty Daniel asked if the City of Rotan was overdrafted at the bank. Sanders said no, there were no overdrafts. The last fiscal year audit it is not in yet, but basically we are paying our bills late. Sanders indicated that he had a stack of signed approved checks in his desk that were waiting on money in the bank before the approved checks were sent to the city suppliers.

Fisher County Ministerial Alliance WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Church of Christ- Roby
Darrell (Speedy) Hart

Mohammed Ali Vs. Jesus Christ

Do you remember March 8, 1971? Mohammed Ali fought Joe Frazier in a heavy weight title match. If I remember correctly, it was 15 rounds of rock'em, sock'em heavy weight boxing excitement. Before the fight, Ali did his usual bragging. "I am the greatest, I am pretty-- I am the king -- I can't be beat." "I should have been a postage stamp- that's the only way I'll ever be licked." "I am the greatest there ever was or will be.....!" Then, in front of a crowd of 20,000 plus people, Ali lost to Joe Frazier. Here is the thing to remember: Confidence is good -- but over confidence and haughty pride are sickening. Be careful of becoming too proud. Life is too short, too valuable and too hard to enjoy to mess it up by following wrong role models. Here are some words worth listening to: "Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4). "On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" (I Timothy 4:7-8). Selfish pride is no way to prepare oneself for the life to come. Mohammed Ali's words lasted only days. Jesus said His words will last forever. See Matthew 24:35! For years, I tried the ways of the world. I thought, like most people, if you can't lick'em, join'em. I tried to live -- fighting fire with fire. I'll admit, I wasn't happy, I couldn't rest, I couldn't find any peaceful moments. I was tired, full of fear and discouraged. But I was rescued! He who has ears let him hear --- "Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you" (James 4:10). "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of god, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety upon Him, because He cares for you" (I Peter 5:6-7). Ali's style vs. Jesus' style -- the choice is yours!! Think about your lifestyle, because the style you choose now will determine your eternity.

Little Zion Baptist Church Will Have New Minister On July 31st

The members of the Little Zion Baptist Church at Rotan will be holding installation services on Sunday, July 31st for a new minister - Rev. Mark A. Smith. Smith is a native of Fort Worth and was licensed into the ministry in June of 1978. He received a BS degree in 1987 from Arlington Baptist College and is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Mas-

ters of Divinity degree. He has pastored churches in Alaska and Texas and has served as Chaplain at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas and at Terrell State Hospital in Terrell, Texas. He is currently serving as the Unit Chaplain at Price Daniel Prison Unit in Snyder, Texas. He and his wife Shirley (Cheyenne) Smith have seven children.

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for a great idea. He thinks someone should come forward and begin a concrete finishing business and price re-working sidewalks and areas in front of Rotan businesses. Businessmen want their businesses to be attractive, want to take pride in the community and a service, according to Britches, would be well used. Bible - The family bible can be passed from generation to generation because it gets so little wear. Opportunity - This would be a better world if we let opportunity do all the knocking. Dogs - The noblest of all animals is the dog, and the noblest of all dogs is the hotdog. It feeds the hand that bites it.

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Anson Opra House Is The Site Of Christian Music Night On Saturday

The Anson Opera House is featuring Christian Music Night the fourth Saturday of every month. This ongoing ministry is sponsored by Hawley United Methodist Church with expenses being paid through donations and a concession stand. Three of the guests making their appearances in music and song are from Fisher County- Denise Messick of Rotan, Tim Gregg and Brothers also of

Rotan and Eli and Rachel Sepeda of Roby. James Crosthwaite of Hawley and a Hawley Baptist Quartet will also be on the program. Make your plans now and circle the fourth Saturdays for 1994 to be a part of the night of Christian Music. You are encouraged to attend July 23, 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.. Please go and support the hometown ministries.

Rotan Pool Closed Saturday The Rotan Pool Will Be Closed On Saturday Due To All The Activities Involving The Annual Rotan Days.

Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: - Did the City of Rotan have to supplement the grant money they received in order to facilitate the construction of the new sewer-waste system? If so, was this money called "in-kind" money and how much additional money will have to be spent?"

ANSWER: - "The sewer system improvements were done with a \$250,000 grant from the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The City of Rotan was required to contribute \$37,500 in cash or "in-kind" services (labor, street patching, sewer taps, etc.) A new lift-station will be completed at an approximate cost of \$6,000 to the City of Rotan, which will complete our \$37,500 part." *Mayor Jerry Marshall, Rotan Mayor, Rotan, Texas.*

If you have a question you would like to have answered, submit the question in writing to - News Question, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546. We will, if at all possible, attempt to secure a timely answer to your question. Please sign your News Question request, and include your phone number, we will not print your name with the question.

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The Message of the Butterfly



**Sunday
Acts**
16:11-15
**Monday
Romans**
12:9-21
**Tuesday
Romans**
13:8-14
**Wednesday
Romans**
14:1-12
**Thursday
Romans**
14:13-23
**Friday
Romans**
15:1-6
**Saturday
Romans**
15:7-13

Mr. Webster defines a butterfly as "any of numerous slender-bodied diurnal insects with large (usually) bright colored wings". But that definition is somewhat cold and doesn't tell us much about a butterfly. Don't blame Webster, though.

Who can describe the feeling of seeing, sometimes holding, a butterfly? It is a "thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Aside from its beauty, that must be experienced and not defined, the butterfly carries on its wings a deeper message, captured by Richard Bach in his book *Illusions*, "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the Master calls a butterfly."

The butterfly speaks to us of a world that often experiences its greatest growth through change, and of the fact that even while we crawl through life today, there shall be wings tomorrow.

The tragedies of today, the hardships of the moment, the tears of the hours, are but God re-forming us into new creatures with fresh wings of the morning.

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McCauley Baptist Church McCauley, Texas Rev. A.J. Smith Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.	First United Methodist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Wesley Holland Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m.	Church of Christ - Roby Darrell Hart S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night 7:30 p.m.	First United Methodist - Roby Rev. Steve Patterson S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m. Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. We. Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
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Calvary Baptist Church Rotan, Texas Rev. Gene Haynes S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.	Mission Bautista Calvario Roby, Texas Rev. Jim Lawless S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Eve. 5:30 - Worship 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.	First United Methodist Church McCauley, Texas Rev. Jeff Sedberry S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. 2nd Wednesday Fellowship 6:30 p.m.	Sylvester Baptist Church Sylvester, Texas Rev. Danny Martin S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

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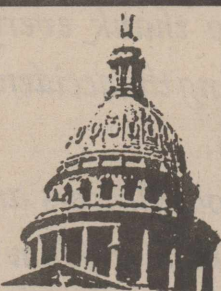
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State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
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AUSTIN — Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush, in a television interview last week, criticized the Texas Insurance Commission's fining of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. \$1.2 million for deceptive sales practices, but he later told The Associated Press he believed the case against the insurance company was handled fairly.

Gov. Ann Richards campaign reacted to Bush's statements, accusing Bush of "an outrageous conflict of interest" for criticizing the fine while serving as a paid board member of Tom Brown Inc., a Midland oil and gas company in which Met Life owns stock.

Bush said he did not know Met Life owned stock in the company, but according to the Richards campaign, Met Life has owned between 6.5 and 9.9 percent of Tom Brown Inc. since Bush has served on its board.

According to Securities and Exchange Commission documents, Bush earns \$12,000 a year from Tom Brown Inc.

The insurance commission or-

dered Met Life to make refunds totaling \$1.2 million to 76,000 policyholders in Texas.

Prison Medical Report Ordered

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice has ordered officials to give him a report on the condition of medical facilities in the Texas Criminal Justice System.

In his order, the Tyler-based judge said he had received more than 400 letters and legal pleadings in the past three months from prisoners who allege they have had problems with health care in the prisons.

"Although at this point these complaints are only allegations that have not been investigated, the unusual number of complaints troubles the court," Justice wrote.

Audit Rips Tire Shredders

Five tire-shredding plants have overbilled the state \$2.1 million, according to a preliminary audit by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Twenty-one plants in Texas process old tires for recycling under a state program funded by

the \$2 per new tire fee paid by consumers. Almost \$300 million in new tire fees is collected annually.

The five plants have until early August to reimburse the state or explain the discrepancies. Susan Potts, a lawyer for the Texas State Tire Recyclers Association, said she believes the company records will show the five plants do not owe money to the state.

More Felons to Get Probation

A new law goes into effect Sept. 1 that lowers penalties for dozens of property and drug offenses and doubles the amount of time most violent offenders will have to spend in prison before becoming eligible for parole.

State District Judge Larry Gist of Beaumont told the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, "It's going to be a tough year, but everyone I've talked to is committed to making this work."

According to a report in the *Houston Chronicle*, people convicted of a felony will have to be given probation, unless they use a weapon or have a prior aggravated offense. In that case, they will be sent to prison.

The new law's sponsor, state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, said the worst obstacle for an ex-convict is to find employment. He said that state agencies should set an example for private businesses by hiring ex-convicts who have been rehabilitated.

Dropout Rates Decline

The Texas public school dropout rate is half what it was six years ago, Texas Education Commissioner Lionel "Skip" Meno said last week.

Meno said the state dropout rate for seventh through 12th grades has fallen from 34 percent in the 1987-88 school year to 18 percent in the 1993 school year.

Meno attributed the improvement to legislation that reformed indifferent attitudes toward students who leave school before graduating.

Meno denied that recent announcements of good news about

public schools were linked to Gov. Ann Richards re-election campaign. "I have enough work to do to just be commissioner, let alone get involved in politics," he said.

Alternative Schools Proposed

Meanwhile, Meno offered suggestions for how the state Legislature should rewrite the education code to place "at-risk" students in alternative schools rather than face expulsion.

Unless the Legislature pays for the alternative schools, local school districts would have to foot the bill to keep violent or disruptive students in school but out of regular classrooms.

Lawmakers will consider Meno's plan, which met the approval of state teachers' groups, in the 1995 legislative session.

Officials for Texas State Teachers Association and Texas Federation of Teachers, however, called Meno's proposal inadequate for an across the board 5 percent raise in teachers' minimum pay, which could affect only 2,000 teachers statewide.

Ex-senator Released on Bond

Former state Sen. Tati Santi-esteban, an El Paso lawyer, was arrested last week after sheriff's deputies said they found about 2 ounces of marijuana in his briefcase during a routine search conducted as he entered the jail. Santiesteban, who was released after posting a \$1,500 bond, said he doesn't know how the marijuana got into his briefcase.

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ROTAN HOMECOMING 1994 THE LATEST.....

by Darlene Cleveland

Dozens of Rotan's finest cooks teamed up to help pay outstanding homecoming bills with proceeds from a bake sale. Now, because of luscious homemade cakes, pies, cookies and other calorie-laden goodies, Homecoming '94 can start out with a clean slate and a small balance at the bank. Everyone that participated is to be congratulated, including the out of town exes that sent donations just from reading about the organization's plight in the Advance.

Amy, Debbie and Harold Gruben are ready to begin work on the fabulous video to be shown at the homecoming banquet. This delightful show is slated to present still photos from each class that attended Rotan Schools. They need your help! Nell Crawford Ballew is coordinating the picture drive. Exes may mail pictures to Nell or they can be dropped off at the Hargrove Crop Insurance office. We hope that each class will have at least two to three pictures in this video.

A lot of hard work is going into updating the mailing list. Jessie Morrow and her crew are spending hours retrieving correct addresses and class rolls. Work is nearing completion and the updated roster should be ready in plenty of time to mail invitations....speaking of invitations, postage is the next hurdle! If you can bake for a bake sale during 'Rotan Days', please notify Betty Strickland. She did a great job heading the first sale, and we expect to have ample money to purchase stamps from this one, scheduled for July 23rd.

For a donation of one dollar, anyone can have an opportunity to be the winner of a beautiful hand made afghan that was made and donated by Bobbie McKinney. The drawing for this Indian Paint Brush design Afghan will be during the homecoming banquet.

Homecoming '94 is going to be one of the best reunions ever. Dozens of people are working to assure exes of a great time. If you can help, please call any of the names that have appeared in these Advance articles.

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Oil And Gas Compact Commission Sending Powerful Message Out

The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission sent powerful messages to Congress today urging action on key energy and environmental policy issues, according to Railroad Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers, the official representative from Texas. The IOGCC, meeting in Breckenridge, Colorado, represents the nation's 29 energy producing states.

"Not only did we let Washington decision-makers know how we feel, but for the first time, an IOGCC action plan backs up each resolution," said Nabers. IOGCC resolutions committee chair. Action followed the release of Texas Railroad Commission data one day earlier depicting the deepening decline of Texas oil production.

Three of the strongest resolutions adopted by the IOGCC were:

"Unfunded Federal Mandates"

Congress should curb unfunded federal mandates which cost state and local governments billions of dollars. "More and more," Nabers said, "the federal government mandates programs without giving states money to carry them out." The Congressional Budget Office estimates that these mandates cost state and local government in excess of \$12 billion between 1983-1990.

"Some of these mandates involve action that should be carried out," Nabers said. "However, without assistance from the federal government, states are hard pressed to comply."

"Refunding Federal Pollution Site Clean Up"

The IOGCC asked Congress and the EPA to make scientific evaluations when determining risk at a clean up site, to re-evaluate retroactive environ-

mental liability, and to find ways to lessen litigation costs in order to direct more funds to actual clean-up activities.

Texans have a major stake in whether or not Superfund, which determines liability for clean up of sites threatening public health or the environment, is reauthorized by Congress. There are currently 28 targeted sites in Texas, Nabers said.

"Lifting Alaskan Crude Oil Ban"

The IOGCC urged Congress to lift the ban on exporting Alaskan North Slope crude oil in order to add jobs, improve capital investment, and increase national energy production.

Under the resolution, legislation would require the exported oil to be transported on tankers built and operated by the United States.

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It seems like every teenager wants a learner's driving permit for his or her 16th birthday. What should go with that permit? Listing on the family auto policy. The moment the teenager gets behind the wheel, the insurance company covers the risk.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration wants to include safety information—including the results of government crash tests—on new-car window stickers, along with miles-per-gallon and price. The ratings, one star up to five, may appear by the 1995 model year.

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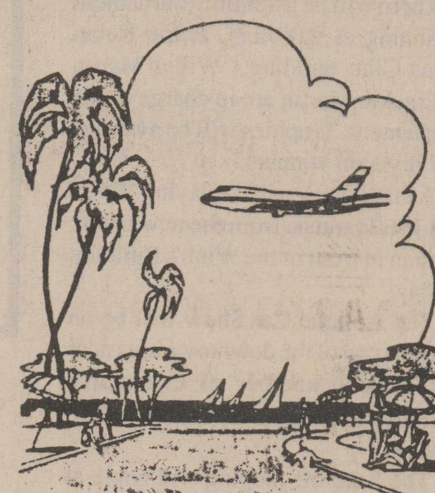
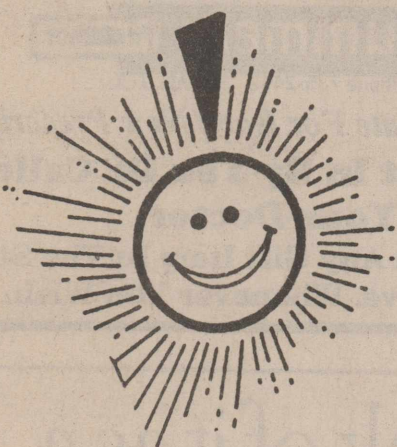
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50th Anniversary Of Fair & Rodeo Near, Queens Will Be In The Arena Spotlight

The 50th anniversary of the Fisher County Rodeo and Fair is reaching its final plans.

The Rodeo Queen contestants are gradually getting the girls to enter. There are still girls needed for the merchants to sponsor. The Rodeo Parade is on Saturday, August 13th at 3:30 p.m. The entrants will be judged starting at 12 noon, August 13. They will go directly to be in the parade from Midwest Electric; and horsemanship is not

a requirement, although if you so desire you can ride horseback in the parade. Blank entry forms can be picked up at The Newspaper Office; then mailed or can be picked up by Pansy Lou Hale-Box 52, Roby, Tx.; or Zana Beth Branham, Roby, or call 735-2600 or 776-2371; Gwen Helms, Rotan, Tx.-735-2573; Carlene Moore at 776-2832; Pat Hamric at 735-3370; Debbie Hogan at 735-2966; Betty Hargrove at 735-2837.

Julie Grisham, age 14, daughter of Jimmy and Jodie Grisham and granddaughter of Betty McCright and Margaret Grisham, will go to Houston this weekend to appear before a panel of judges representing the Elite Modeling Agency of New York City. Julie's picture was entered in the "1994 Look of the Year Model Search" which is sponsored by Matrix, First Model Agency of Houston, Elite, etc., by her aunt, Cindy Mims. She was one of fourteen girls chosen from approximately 300,000 entries from the state of Texas. One girl will be chosen in Houston and she will go to New York City as one of ten semi-finalists who will be chosen from entries from all over the United States. These ten girls will have a chance to win up to \$700,000

in modeling contracts. Cindy Crawford, one of today's top models, was discovered in this contest.

Governor Ann's Representative Will Be In Roby

Governor Ann Richards will have representatives in Roby on August 13 for the Parade and will be sending a documentation, signed and sealed by Gov. Richards and will be read during the crowning ceremony of the queen at the rodeo, Saturday, August 13 at 8:15 p.m. Her sponsor will be Senator Steve Carriker, Roby. Also, Larry Sanders, representing Democrat Bill Sims of Alpine; Congressman Charles Stenholm of Stamford and a representative from his Washington office; Miss Texas and other dignitaries will be in attendance and ride in the parade.

Rotan Mayor Votes Tie Breaker, OK's Keeping Fireworks In City

Rotan Mayor Jerry Marshall, with the opportunity to put to rest forever the issue of the firing of fireworks in the City Limits, end the ever-present threat of property being destroyed, grant a termination of the firing of fireworks which would have been backed by a majority of Rotan Volunteer Fire Department personnel and end future needless property and personal accidents within the City Limits due to fireworks, balked when he had a 2-2-1 vote come back to him last Thursday night at the Rotan City Council meeting.

Councilman Lonnie Starnes made the motion to ban all fireworks in the City Limits of Rotan, with the exception of the licensed display. That motion was seconded by Scotty Daniel. Starnes, using the safety factor as a basis for the motion, expressed concern that if the City of Rotan continues to permit fireworks in the City Limits additional homes could be destroyed. Councilman Scotty Daniel took another road. He felt the City of Rotan had a responsibility to ban the fireworks because some children were not being properly supervised by their parents with respect to the proper discharge of fireworks.

Councilman Larry Markham was on the other side. He felt too many rights of individuals were being taken away - this being just one more. He questioned the enforcement of a total ban ordinance. "We're (the Rotan City Council) a governing body not a parenting watch dog," stated Markham. Councilman Greg Rains listened intently, questioned past actions by the council with respect to the fireworks ordinance, then cast his vote against the ban.

Councilman Hank Day indicated before the vote that he intended on abstaining. He said he could see both sides of the issue and indicated that he would cast an abstention.

The vote to ban fireworks came back to Mayor Jerry Marshall two for (Starnes and Daniel), two against (Markham and Rains) and one abstaining (Day).

Mayor Marshall stated that under the circumstances he would cast his vote against the ban.

After all the discussion, and after allowing a motion and second and discussion and the vote and after breaking the tie vote, Mayor Marshall informed the council that another reason he voted the way he did on the total ban of fireworks was because the item on the agenda just read "Discuss fire work ordinance". The agenda item did not indicate, according to Marshall, that any action was going to be taken by the council.

The fireworks issue could re-surface again in the future.

Rotan, Aspermont and Anson do not have total bans within the City Limits. The limited, discharge of fireworks is permitted

Haskell, Hamlin, Roby and Sweetwater have total bans. It is against the law to shoot fireworks inside their city limits.



Julie Grisham

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bake-off.

The age limits for the Fun Run will be 5th graders through high school. A first prize of a \$50.00 savings bond from the First National Bank will be awarded.

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce will have a concession stand at the dance Saturday night selling hot dogs, nachos, cold drinks. It will be a family dance.

There will be a domino tournament beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Rotan Lions Club building. Willie Martin and Jackie Martin are in charge of the tournament. Trophies will be awarded to 8 division winners.

A disc jockey will be playing 1950's and 1960's music from the new center median in front of the Winn's Building all day.

The Antique Car Show will be on the East end of the downtown area near the Rotan Chamber of Commerce building, across from West Texas Utilities.

The bake-off judging will begin at 10:00 a.m.

The bean cookoff judging begins at 12:00 noon; chicken judging at 1:00 p.m.; rib judging at 2:00 p.m. and brisket judging at 3:00 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded at 4:00 p.m., for the contests.

There will be an .870 Remington pump shotgun, valued at \$250, given away by the Rotan Chamber of Commerce at 2:00 p.m. Tickets for the shotgun are \$1.00 each and are available from any Rotan Chamber member.

Between 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. there will be a street dance in the center of town with the Texas Hi Band of Fisher County performing.

There are a total of 31 booths at press time expected to be set up for Rotan Days.

In addition there will be a train ride, moon walk and buggy ride available.

People desiring additional information can contact Peggy Bilbo, President of the Rotan Chamber of Commerce.

Debby Hull is in charge of the booths, Hank Day and Joe Greer are in charge of the cook-off; Tammy Kelley and Sherry Rodgers are in charge of the car show.

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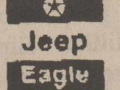
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Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: "As a tax - paying citizen, I want to know who pays for the utilities and use of the building for the day care center provided for teachers in Roby? I am assuming teachers pay for the care of their child, but who pays for electricity, gas, water, janitor, gloves, trashbags, disinfectant, etc., etc.?"

ANSWER: - "Concerning the 'Baby Lions Den' Day Care Center provided for teachers in Roby CISD. The teachers pay for the day care provided. The person who runs the Day Care Center is not a paid school employee and thus does not receive any compensation from Roby CISD. They pay \$25.00 per month for use of the building. They do their own cleaning and supply their own disinfectant, gloves, etc. Water and electricity are provided by the school. Employee day care centers are a growing trend in the work world. We have had numerous requests for information about our day care center. When implemented two (2) years ago, the Roby School Board felt this was a positive service which could be provided for teachers. It helps reduce employee absenteeism from work. When the working mothers came to me two years ago with the idea of a day care center, I advised them to seek legal advice. They retained an Abilene law firm, at their own expense, to work out the details and legality of the idea." *George Price, Superintendent, Roby CISD, Roby, Texas.*

If you have a question you would like to have answered, submit the question in writing to - News Question, P.O. Drawer A, Rotan, Texas 79546. We will, if at all possible, attempt to secure a timely answer to your question. Please sign your News Question request, and include your phone number, we will not print your name with the question.

Ann Richards Fisher County Steering Committee Is Named

The Steering Committee of Fisher County for the Ann Richards Re-election Campaign has been named. This committee is comprised of Fisher Countians who recognize the accomplishments of Ann Richards as Governor over the past three years are dedicated to her vision of a new Texas.

Steering Committee members include: Clarence and June Anderson, Steve and Kathy Carriker, William and Sue Cleveland, Melvin and Odessa Clements, Donald and Beverly Coker, Mickey and Karen Counts, Pratt Cox, W.A. and Faye Cross, Joe and Nae De Los Santos, Willie Jim and Pansy Lou Hale, Dr. Jerry Marshall, Louise Martinez, Foy and Dessie Mitchell, Frank and Marjorie Mitchell, Jessie Morrow, Inez Neves, Gene and Jewell Pack, Marian and Shelia Reed, Kathy

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Marshall Trim's Celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Trim celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Fisher County Senior Citizens monthly dance, Friday, July 15, 1994. Marshall Trim married Ruby Horton July 15, 1944 in Rotan, Texas. They made their home in Big Spring, Texas. The Trim's children hosted the recep-

tion. They are: Donnie and Patty Trim of San Angelo, Tx., and Gary and Emily Trim of Austin, Tx.

Marshall and Ruby also have two granddaughters, one grandson, one great grandson and three step grandsons.

Wedding Set For August 6, 1994

Don and Patsy Weems of Crosbyton, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, LaJeanna Weems of Crosbyton, to Melvin Minor of Ralls, Tx., son of Adolf and Maria Minor of Ralls, Tx. LaJeanna is the granddaughter of Jean and Lindie Stanford of Rotan and great granddaughter of Virgie and the late Lon Weems of Rotan.

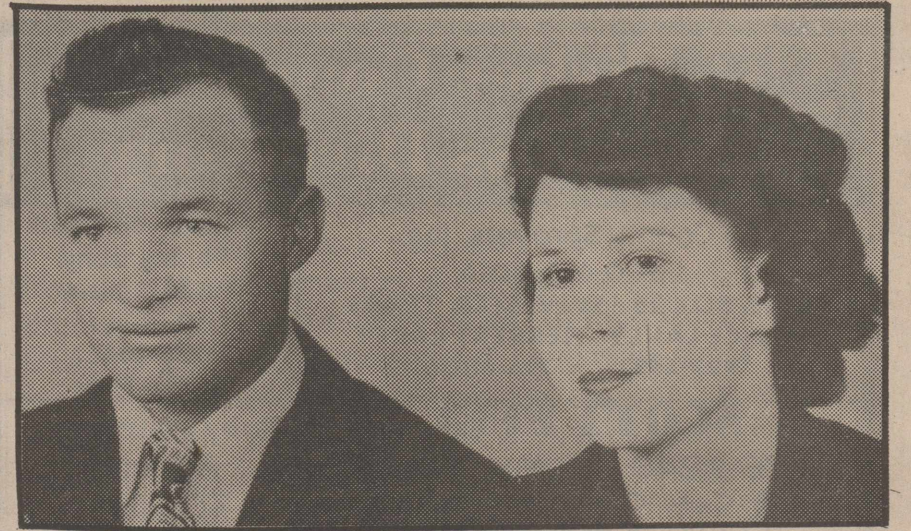
LaJeanna is a '93 graduate of Crosbyton High. She has attended Amarillo State College and is now employed by the Human Resource and Welfare Service of Crosbyton.

Melvin is a '91 graduate of Ralls High and is now employed as a T.A. in Lorenzo I.S.D.

The wedding date has been set for August 6, 1994.



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Agricultural News

County Agents Column

County Agents Column
by Richard Spencer

Strong demand, reduced stocks, and uncertainty of crop size highlight the cotton situation. This year's price rally stems largely from a sharp drop in foreign stocks and the prospects for increased exports.

Once again, the production, consumption and supply of cotton in China are the main driving forces moving the U.S. market. Their poor 1993 crop set the stage for the price rally.

Consumption in China has edged up to 20.7 million bales, while production dropped to 17.2 million in 1993/94.

As a result, the strength of the U.S. market for the rest of the year hinges largely upon the size of the U.S. and foreign crops and export shipments.

Early in the season, the market is mainly supply-driven and volatile until production becomes more clear. The resulting higher prices provide favorable pricing opportunities for producers.

Despite a higher ARP than last year, acreage may be three to four percent above the 13.44 million planted last year. The increase reflects the "flexing" of more acres into cotton. The crop is off to a good start across the Cotton Belt.

However, West Texas dryland needs timely rain to make a good crop, which hasn't happened. The South Texas and Coastal Bend crops are progressing well.

Given the higher price, it is also expected that foreign cotton producers will produce a larger crop than last year too. However, world production is projected to fall short of consumption for the third year in a row.

The U.S. crop will likely be in the range of 17.7 to 18.5 million bales, compared to 16.2 last year. This crop may be the largest since 17.98 million in 1926.

Demand is strong, around 17.5 to 18.0 million, with domestic use of 10.5 million bales and exports seven to 7.5

million. Thus, ending stocks may increase slightly to four million, up from 3.6 million projected from the 1993/94 crop. That suggests a tight stocks-to-use of 22 percent and a fairly strong market.

Assuming usage of 17.5 million bales, a 29.5 percent stocks-to-use target for the 1995/96 crop is 5.16 million bales. This points to a much lower ARP for next year than the 11 percent this season.

The discussion for setting the next ARP level gets under way soon for the preliminary announcement by Nov. 1. The tight stocks and strong prices indicate a much larger acreage worldwide for 1995/96 and a lower price a year from now.

The planted acreage report on June 30 is a benchmark for the supply expectations for the July 12 supply/demand estimates. The first production estimate based on field surveys will be Aug. 11.

The 1994/95 season has general characteristics of the 1990 season. In

1990, U.S. stocks-to-use was 14 percent and foreign 34 percent; while projections for 1994 are 22 percent stocks-to-use for U.S. and 33 percent foreign.

December 1990 futures were slightly above 75 cents in July that year, declined five cents by August, and then recovered to go off the board at 76.49. This year's price level for the rest of 1994 greatly depends on the crop size relative to 17.5 million bales expected usage.

Early season crop conditions favor a crop larger than projected usage.

Producer income will largely depend on market prices. The advance deficiency payment of 6.45 cents may be close to the final payment. No marketing load deficiency payments are expected.

With December futures reaching for new highs, it is a good time to make pricing decisions. No one sees the season's highest price until it is history. As a result, you're getting the highest price of the year is not a realistic target.

County Home Extension Agent News

by Beth Dannheim
Extension Home Economist
Are Vitamin and Mineral Pills For Me?

Over one-third of adults in the U.S. take nutrition supplements. However, studies show that the people who take vitamin and mineral supplements already have good diets, even without the pills. So, they are spending extra money for nothing.

Research suggests that the nutrient needs of older and younger adults differ. Older adults may need more vitamin D, vitamin B-12 and less vitamin A and folate than do younger adults.

Does anyone benefit from nutritional supplements?

Yes:

- (1) Women of child-bearing years may benefit from iron supplements.
- (2) Women who are pregnant or breast-feeding may need additional folacin, iron, and calcium.
- (3) People with very low calorie diets may benefit from supplements. This includes people on severe weight-loss diets and some older adults who don't eat much. These people might consider a multiple, one-a-day type of vitamin pill.
- (4) Vegetarians may not get enough vitamin B-12, iron and zinc from foods.
- (5) People with certain diseases or taking certain medications might need more than usual amounts of vitamins

and minerals. This is something to discuss with your physician and a Registered Dietitian.

What about calcium for older women?

If you don't drink 2 to 3 glasses of milk or eat the equivalent in other calcium-rich foods each day, then you might consider a calcium supplement.

Remember that the promises of vitamin and mineral sales people are often exaggerated, and nutritional supplements can be expensive. Usually it costs less to get vitamins and minerals from foods than from pills.

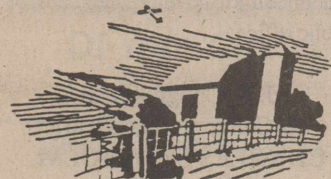
Can taking a supplement harm anyone?

The answer is yes. If you take more than 100% of the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA), then you might experience harmful side-effects. Some people who have taken too many supplements have become so ill they have been hospitalized.

For more information you can request the following free publication.

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Tract I: Being all that certain 16.89 acre tract of land in Section 8, Block 21 of the T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 398, Page 100 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 23 day of June, 1994 as the property of ROYCE DOYLE RASCO, Route 1, Box 105, Roby, Texas 79543, having heretofore filed a written answer and appeared; BILLIE L. RASCO, 1613 Josephine Street, Sweetwater, Texas 79556, having heretofore filed a written answer and appeared; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (IN REM ONLY), by virtue of the Deed of Trust by the Small Business Administration filed on August 29, 1979, of record in Volume 135, Page 370 of the Deed of Trust Records of Fisher County, Texas (Note from Royce Doyle Rasco and Billie Rasco, 1613 Josephine, Sweetwater, Texas 79556; \$70,400.00; FDLB 2694362009 LUB), said UNITED STATES OF AMERICA may be served by delivering a copy of the Citation and Petition to the Assistant United States Attorney for the Abilene Division of the Northern District of Texas and by mailing two (2) copies of the Citation and Petition by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, the Attorney General of the United States

of America, Tenth and Constitution, Washington, D.C. 20530, having been duly served with citation in the manner and for the length of time required by law, failed to file a written answer or appear and wholly made default; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,642.87 with interest from the 10th day of May, 1991 at 10 per cent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of SWEETWATER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

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Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY,
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By Patti J. Thompson, DEPUTY
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PUBLIC BID NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., July 25, 1994, by Region IX Education Service Center Business Office, 301 Loop 11, Wichita Falls, Texas 76305, for Technology items in accordance with the specifications and description of each item on the bid sheets. The envelope containing your bid should be plainly marked: Computer/Technology Bid-10:00 a.m., July 25, 1994. Bids will be awarded by the Bid Committee at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, July 28, 1994. The Vendor Selection Committee reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids, to award contracts for individuals items as they appear advantageous. For a copy of bid specifications or additional information contact Steve Simoneau, Region XIV ESC, at (915) 675-8662.

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Heat Related Illnesses A Hazard As Temperatures Climb To 100

As temperatures begin to creep above the century mark, the annual hazard of heat-related illnesses becomes a health concern throughout the nation.

Milton Rainwater, an area weather watcher for the National Weather Service, said that temperatures in the past week have hovered around and exceeded the 100-degree mark, moving as high as 104 late last week.

Health officials warn that elevated temperatures, particularly when combined with high humidity, cause about 200 deaths from heatstroke and thousands of cases of heat cramps or heat exhaustion in the United States each year.

Dr. Richard A. Beauchamp, medical consultant for the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Texas Department of Health, said, "High temperatures are physically tolerated by most people for short periods of time." However, some form of heat-related illness may occur when high temperatures accompany exertion or high humidity.

"In humid heat," he said, "the body's principal cooling mechanism (evaporation of perspiration from the skin) may be overworked, resulting in fluid losses of up to one liter per hour. If fluids and salts lost through perspiration are not soon replaced, dehydration and electrolyte imbalances can occur."

Dr. Beauchamp explained that dehydration slows perspiration, allowing an increase in body core temperature to

occur. The condition is called hyperthermia, or heat stress. Depending on the degree and duration of heat stress, heat exhaustion or even heatstroke may occur.

"Although prolonged heat stress can be fatal to anyone, persons older than 60 appear to have the highest risk for death from classic heatstroke. To a lesser extent, young children, persons with a history of alcoholism and persons using certain medications also are at increased risk of heatstroke," he said.

Persons at risk of heatstroke from exertion also include athletes, military personnel, obese persons and manual laborers. "Indeed, any unacclimated person involved in unusual exertion in a combination of high temperature and humidity risks exertional heatstroke." He added that males between ages 10 and 45 are three to eight times as likely to suffer exertional heatstroke as females in the same age range.

"To help avoid illness from heat stress during sultry summer weather," Dr. Beauchamp said, "people should limit strenuous physical activities, wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and drink two to five times their normal daily intake of water." Also, they should spend two or three hours per day in an air-conditioned building, or seek shade when outdoors. People with heart disease or respiratory problems, or those taking medications, should be alert to any signs of illness such as headache, nausea, dizziness, fatigue, rapid pulse, shortness of breath, disorientation, cold and clammy skin or hot and dry skin.

Adults should be conscious that children can quickly become dehydrated in hot, humid weather. They also need increased fluids and light clothing, and their parents should check frequently on their comfort. Also, children or pets should never be left unattended in parked cars or hot unventilated buildings.

Beauchamp said that keeping track of the local weather forecast can help the public learn if precautions are necessary on a particular day. Forecasters often refer to the "heat index" or "apparent temperature," a calculation of how hot the air may feel to humans. A heat index reading of 105 degrees or more, for example, is considered "very hot" and potentially dangerous, yet it can occur while the thermometer readings are still in the mid-80s if the relative humidity level is 95 percent or higher.

Roby School Kindergarten Resignation

Parents of children that will be 5 by September 1st and ready for kindergarten; and elementary students that have not been enrolled, please come by the Roby Elementary School. Parents should go by the school or contact Bill Fowler at 776-2224, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., before July 29th.

It is important to register students before school starts so that the administration can have an accurate count for classroom size and supplies.

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District 4-H Fashion Revue Meeting Thurs.

The District 4-H Fashion Revue will be conducted Thursday, July 21 in San Angelo. Participating from Fisher County will be Charity Murdoch, Terry Branch, Tara Carey, Sandy Kiser, Ashley Smith, and Katrina Rains. Coby Moore, Bryce Moore, Makala Herron, and Christy Willett will be attending Texas 4-H congress in Austin this week. They will have a first hand opportunity to learn about state government, tour government buildings, and participate

County Rodeo Queen Comm. Plans Meeting

The Fisher County Rodeo Queen Committee will meet Tuesday, July 26 at 8 p.m., at the Annex in Roby. Please try to attend.

Celebrate 40th Anniversary

The children of Cipriano and Guadalupe Almanza are pleased to announce the anniversary of 40 years of marriage. The couple were married July 24, 1954 in Rotan and have lived here most of their lives. They are the proud grandparents of 7 granddaughters and 5 grandsons.



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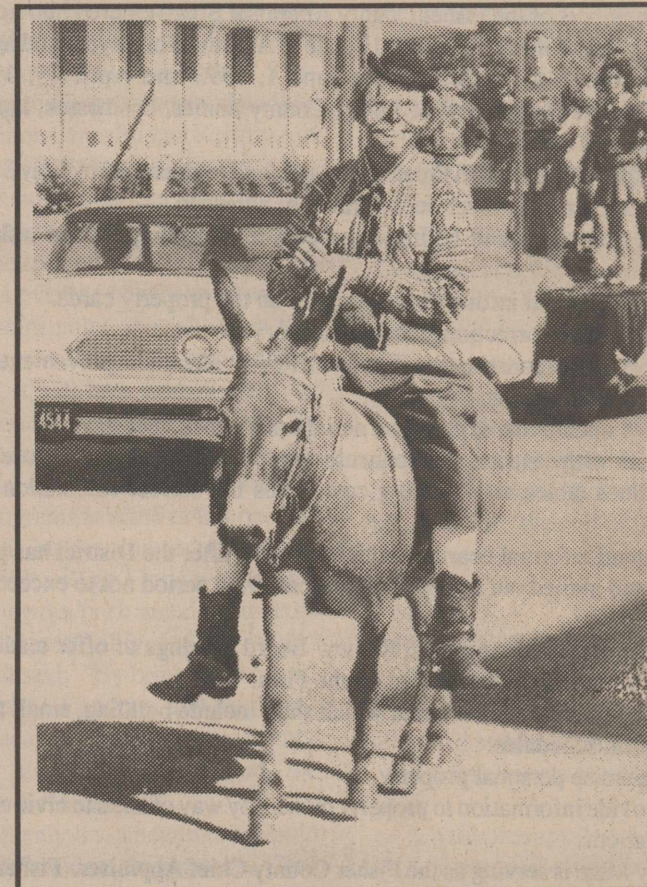
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All persons and organizations having occasion either to refer patients for admission or to recommend Rotan Nursing Center are advised to do so without regard to the patients race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, occupation or handicap or disability to include blindness or deafness. Patients needing post hospital follow-up care and rehabilitative care will be admitted to this facility provided their needs can be met either directly or in cooperation with community resources with which facility is affiliated, or has contracts. Patients suffering severe psychiatric

problems, alcoholism, drug addiction, tuberculosis, or other communicable diseases or those requiring skilled nursing care are not admitted unless approved by the patient care committee or the Texas Department of Health. Every patient will have to have a designated attending physician upon admission with a choice of an alternate. The policy of Rotan Nursing Center will be to make the entry process informative and pleasant for residents and families and to minimize their fears and anxiety.

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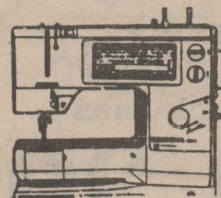
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Ag. Use Land Re-Evaluation Final Step

Fisher County Appraisal District Paying \$46,498 For The Re-Appraisal

The members of the Fisher County Appraisal Board entered into a contract with Greg Crawford of Texas Real Estate & Appraisal of Snyder and agreed to pay that firm \$46,498.00 between June 1, 1993 and April 15, 1995 for performing the re-appraisal of Fisher County homes, businesses, land, rural homes and ag. use land.

Crawford is expected to finish the ag. use land re-appraisal by May 31, 1995. In the agreement for services, Crawford agrees to -

1. All real estate will be inspected on site to accomplish the tasks listed below.

- *verify all information presently on the property cards.
- *make corrections where necessary.
- *obtain construction data on all new or altered improvements during the re-appraisal period.
- *update maps, plats and aerials as deemed necessary

2. Work with Districts staff to insure proper land (market and ag-use on rural land) values tables and building cost tables for correct calculation of new values.

3. Attend informal hearings with taxpayers, after the District has prepared printed and mailed out re-appraisal notices, for a period not to exceed twenty working days.

4. Attend formal Appraisal Review Board hearings to offer testimony in support of values recommended by the Firm.

5. Prepare Appraisal Manual which shall include building, small tract and agricultural schedules.

6. Appraise personal property.

7. Provide information to property owners by way of talks to civic clubs and organizations.

Betty Mize is serving as the Fisher County Chief Appraiser. Fisher County Appraisal District board members are: Jay Hendon, Chairman; Freddie Max Stuart, Gene Terry, Leo Long and Bill Day. Fisher County Appraisal Review Board members are: James Park, President; Ted Posey, Charles Thornton, Richard Gaona and Leon Gardner.

Bollworm Four Development Stages

by Red Chedester
Extension Entomologist

Bollworms and tobacco budworms pass through four developmental stages of growth which include the egg, larva or worm stage, pupa or resting stage and the adult moth. The adult bollworm is a robust moth with a wing span and body length of approximately 1.5 inches. Fore wings vary from light brown or tan to reddish-brown and are marked with dark areas near the tip and a dark spot usually near the center. The hind wing of the bollworm moth is white to light tan with an irregular dark band on the outer hind margin. The adult tobacco budworm is similar but with a slightly smaller wing span and body length of about 1.25 inches. The fore wing of the tobacco budworm usually is light olive green with three or four light-colored, oblique bands. In the larval stage, bollworms and tobacco budworms look alike. Their size varies from very small (1/16 inch) when hatched up to 1.5 inches long as the larva reaches maximum size.

Tobacco budworm larvae have a tooth-like projection on the inside surface of the mandibles and fine short hairs on the first, second and eighth abdominal projection (tubercle) which bear a single, prominent spine. If the projection and hairs are absent, this indicates a bollworm. A microscope or hand lens is necessary to observe these characteristics.

The larval color of both species varies from a uniform light green to shades of yellow, green or brown, usually with stripes running the length of the body. It is impossible to distinguish between the two species by coloration. Bollworm and tobacco budworm eggs are similar. When recently laid, they are whitish colored and approximately the size of a pin head. Eggs are hemispherical in shape, resembling an inverted cup, with ridges running along

the side from the top center to the point of attachment on the plant. They are usually deposited singly about the plant, and as they mature, usually with 2 to 5 days, they become tannish-brown. The darkening indicates the approaching hatch.

The bollworm and tobacco budworm overwinter in the pupal stage in the soil near host plants. They pupate in the upper 5 inches of the soil. With adult emergence in the early spring, they commonly complete several generations on hosts other than cotton. These alternate hosts include legumes, corn

and sorghum (bollworm only) or noncrop, native vegetation.

Moths enter cotton fields and feed on plant exudates (usually nectar). Eggs require 2 to 5 days to hatch. Larvae feed on fruiting forms for 14 to 18 days. Upon emergence as adults, moths spend 2 to 5 days feeding on nectar from nectaries before egg laying begins again. The complete life cycle may take 35 to 50 days depending on weather conditions.

The first indication of bollworm or tobacco budworm infestation may be newly deposited eggs in the terminal

area of cotton plants. Eggs usually are laid on the upper surface of tender foliage and other tender plant parts including bracts, blooms, small squares and bolls. Newly hatched larvae usually begin feeding on tender leaf surfaces and other tender vegetation before attacking fruiting forms. Smaller larvae feed on smaller fruiting forms and generally move progressively to larger fruiting forms as they grow.

Larvae tunnel into small squares and terminal buds leaving holes that range in size from very small to a diameter of a pencil. The entry site usually is at the base of fruit. In most cases, frass or excrement is seen at the feeding site. This frass is distinguishable from that of the boll weevil because it is slightly larger and is dark brown; boll weevil frass contains silk strands and is yellow or orange.

Feeding damages or destroys the squares, blooms and bolls. Injured squares flare and drop from plants usually with 3 to 5 days. Large larvae feed on bolls, squares and pollen in open flowers. They may even devour the contents of large bolls. Worm damaged bolls frequently are lost to boll rot even if not eaten completely. Larvae may "top" young plants by devouring the terminal. This often delays plant growth and may cause abnormal, non-productive growth.

Group Claims 19,000 Jobs Due

More than 19,000 jobs will be created or saved in rural areas this fiscal year through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Administration (RDA) Business and Industry Program, according to RDA Acting Administrator Wilbur T. Peer.

"The RDA Business and Industry program is helping to provide new jobs in rural areas by working with banks to make financing available to new or expanding businesses," Peer said. "Thousands of jobs are also being saved by helping companies that would have to go out of business without additional financing."

"The Administration is emphasizing the Business and Industry Program as part of its commitment to participate with the private sector to help create jobs and improve the rural economy," Peer said.

Nationally, RDA has invested \$114,942,250 for 81 loans this fiscal year, which began last October first. Nearly \$135 million remains available for the rest of the fiscal year which ends September 30, 1994.

In Texas, RDA has invested \$2,500,000 this year in rural areas to create and/or save 230 jobs.

Under RDA's Business and Industry Program, guaranteed loans are available for such purposes as the start-up or purchase of a business, working capital, conversion from one type of business to another, expansion, and modernization.

"The RDA guarantee helps small businesses find credit that otherwise may not be available. Banking regulations have been tightened over the past few years and some banks, especially small rural banks, may be hesitant to lend to emerging businesses," Peer said.

"Even smaller banks, however, can make loans with the RDA guarantee because the guarantee reduces their risk. And the guaranteed portion of the loan does not count against their reserves," he said. "In addition, banks can sell the guaranteed portion of the loan on the secondary market. Also, these loans help lenders fulfill their obligation to the community in accordance with the Community Reinvestment Act."

Companies of any size can apply for guarantees on loans of up to \$10 million.

Evers Family Announces Birth Of Coby Derek

Stephen and Lavone Evers proudly announce the birth of their son, Coby Derek, July 5, 1994, weighing 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 17 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are C.L. and Viola Evers of Roby and John and Nancy Melton of San Angelo. Coby Derek was welcomed home by his big sister, Chandra Lea Evers.

Hustling Around Hobbs

by Joy Walker....

Well I finally got a pretty good rain last Tuesday night or early Wednesday. When I woke up Wednesday there was water standing in the fields and I measured 1 1/2 inches. Some folks got much more than that, while others got a lot less. Anyway with a thunderstorm, high winds, but no hail, I got a good rain. It was just what the cotton needed, it is really growing and is so pretty, not to mention the pastures are greening up and my yard looks good.

Happy birthday to Mrs. Ricky (Peggy) Williams whose birthday is today, Monday, July 18th.

Louise Martinez went to Roby Tuesday and attended the Fisher County Extension Board meeting; they had lunch at the Annex. She has also been visiting in Rotan with Willie and Susie Barrera. Her brother-in-law, Willie, is steadily improving. We were pleased to have Terrell Hess at church on Sunday. He is the son of Bruce and Sherry Hess of Marshall, Missouri, and is here visiting with his grandparents James and Marguerite Nettleton.

We were also pleased to have Wilma and John Bullock at church on Sunday. They are moving from Monahan to Rotan and we want to welcome them. They are the parents of Diana Threatt.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Etheredge stayed all night Friday with David and Debra Etheredge and their family in Levelland. From there they went to Santa Rosa, New Mexico, Saturday and met Todd and Suzanne Etheredge and their family. The children Chase, Skyler and Samantha came home with their grandparents and are staying for two weeks. Roxie and Sam Etheredge visited with them all Sunday evening and Randy, Vicky and their family spent part of the day with them all Sunday.

It's been too hot again, and the forecasters don't give us much hope of it getting cooler this week. Maybe it will rain again, and the folks who didn't get enough moisture, will get some this next go round.

Kim Knipe from Snyder and Teresa Standlee and baby Caghan from Lubbock visited with the James Ratliffs last Monday and spent the night with them. Taren, daughter of the Tracy Knipes had been in Lubbock staying with Teresa, Jarod and the baby and Teresa was bringing her home. Blain and his dad, Tracy, were

in Colorado fishing.

Not too much news this week as everyone has been staying close to home trying to stay cool.

See you next Thursday.

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- 1963 - Don Randolph
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- 1967 - Wendell McWhirter
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Center F.C.E. Has Meeting In Home Of Fay Anderson

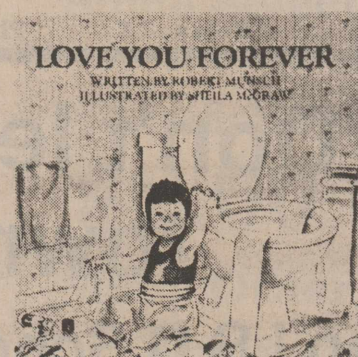
Center F.C.E. met July 12, 1994 in the home of Fay Anderson for its regular meeting. The president, Eilene Cave, called the meeting to order; Helen Thornburg directed the recreation. Roll call was answered by each member reading a short item relating to older people's health problems. Minutes were read and financial report given by Fay Anderson. Helen Thornburg was selected as the nominee for the delegate to the State Convention in Lubbock, September 13-15. The upcoming Fisher County Fair, August 11-13 was also discussed.

Lenora Waldon and Luella Waddell gave the program on "Living Longer and Liking It". Ten keys to living longer was named. Good nutrition and exercise were two of them.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess to Helen Thornburg, Voncille Driver, Audie Burk, Eilene Cave, Bernice Randolph, Forrest Price, Lenora Waldon and Luella Waddell.

The next meeting will be July 19 at 2:00 p.m. in the annex. It is a Heritage Day program with Mary Ella Brown showing her films of all the Texas Court-houses. Also antique displays. This will be co-hosted by the Rotan Club, and it will be an interesting and informative program. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Maberry Reunion Sunday

The annual Maberry Reunion will be Sunday, July 24, 1994 at the Rotan Community Center.

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Rotan Class Of 1954 Holds 40th Reunion, Another Set For 1999

June 25, 1994, the Rotan Class of 1954 celebrated their 40th year anniversary. Thirty-seven people gathered in Abilene to celebrate the occasion.

Honored guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Witherspoon and Mrs. Gladys Kingsfield of Rotan; Mrs. Margie (Chilcott) Lott and daughter of Aspermont; Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Toland of Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. Garvis Hinson of Fort Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. Leland Clifton and Mr. Joe Kennedy of Abilene.

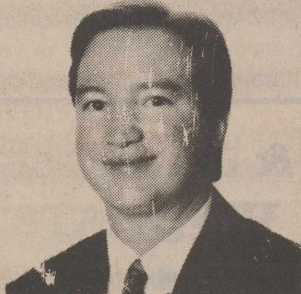
Class members and spouses attending were: Kerry and Rhonda (Hayes) Weems, Jolinda Hammitt Perryman,

Billy Harrell and Jan Sparks, Edward Velez, Roark and Alyce Barnes, Doyce and Betty Waddell, James Mann, Bill and Clarice (Higgins) Ray, Harold Hamlin, Sonny and Jimidene (Kingsfield) Tutt, Pansy (Martin) Thompson, Leon and Frances (Brittan) West, Harvey Strickland, Bill and Dorothy (Hancock) Kenner, Ted and Gloria Posey and Shirley (Bridges) Montgomery.

What a day! Between the stories and the laughter, the class agreed to celebrate their 45th anniversary the last Saturday in June, 1999.

TAX PLANNING

Written By
Gerald Rodgers, CPA



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Things Change- Including Tax Returns

After you finally send your tax return to the IRS, you probably don't want to think about it again. But there may be good reasons to consider filing an amended return.

Probably the most common reason for amending a return is to correct an error or omission on your original return. But you should also be aware of other reasons to amend.

If you suffer a loss in a federally-declared disaster area, you can amend last year's tax return and deduct this year's disaster loss. By doing so, you may be able to pick up an immediate tax refund. But note: Depending on your income and tax bracket in the year of the disaster, you might actually get a bigger tax break by waiting and taking the loss in the year it occurred.

If your business suffers an operating loss that exceeds your other income for the year, the excess loss can be carried back three years for a refund of taxes paid in those prior years.

From time to time, Congress makes retroactive changes to the tax laws. The IRS and the courts also periodically reinterpret tax rulings and cases. When these changes or reinterpretations occur, you may be able to recover some of the tax you've already paid. For example, Congress's retroactive reinstatement of certain deductions and credits in the 1993 Tax Act may qualify you for a refund.

In general, you must amend your tax return within three years after you filed your original return, or within two years after you made your tax payment to the IRS, whichever is later.

An amended return doesn't necessarily increase your chance of being audited. But you should assume that your amended return, as well as your original return, will be reviewed by a living, breathing person at the IRS. So amended returns should include all required attachments, and all calculations should be carefully checked for accuracy.

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Stenholm Excited Over Line Item Veto Legislation

Representative Charles Stenholm announced that on Thursday evening, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed his amendment granting the President expedited rescission authority, sometimes referred to as modified line item veto legislation.

The amendment that Stenholm offered was part of the Common Cents Budget Reform Act introduced by Stenholm along with Reps. Tim Penny (D-MN) and John Kasich (R-OH).

Despite opposition from the House leadership, as well as members of the pow-

erful Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees, the Stenholm amendment passed by a vote of 298-112. The remaining three provisions of the Common Cents Budget Reform Act -- reform of "baseline" budgeting, capturing spending cuts to reduce deficits, and limitations on emergency spending -- are expected to come to the House for a vote over the next several weeks.

Stenholm noted that although this amendment will not balance the budget by itself, it will be a valuable tool for cutting out questionable projects or special interest tax breaks that are folded into large, omnibus bills. "By forcing many programs to stand or fall on their individual merits, this expedited rescission bill will go a long way toward eliminating the 'pork spending' that the public is justifiably fed up with," Stenholm said. "By bringing accountability to the Congress and the President, it deals with the top three problems of our Nation: the deficit, the deficit, and the deficit."

The Stenholm amendment would allow the President to propose to Congress a list of spending cuts or special interest tax provisions for reconsideration. The House would be required to vote on the package, known as a rescission proposal, within ten days after the President submits the proposal. If a simple majority of the House supports

the package, the Senate would be required to vote on the package under the same expedited procedure. Funding for the programs in question would be held in the pipeline unless the spending cut bill was defeated by a majority in either House.

"This bill will improve the ability of Congress and the President to review questionable spending items without disturbing the Constitutional balance of power between the two branches," Stenholm said.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where the supporters of the bill are considering options for bringing the bill up before the end of the session.

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GENERAL LAW CITY OF ROTAN

Several months ago, a lawsuit was brought in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Abilene Division, styled League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Dist. 5 v. City of Rotan, United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Abilene Division, Civil Action No. 194-CV-0042C. The essence of the complaint is that the city's system of electing aldermen "at large" violates Section 2 of the Federal Voting Rights Act. The city has filed a formal answer in that lawsuit but has now come to an accommodation or settlement with the plaintiffs whereby the city will change its method of electing aldermen from at-large to a system of cumulative voting.

Cumulative voting is described as follows:

Under an at-large system, such as presently used in the City of Rotan, each voter within the city is permitted to vote one time for each of the seats that are to be filled. Cumulative voting involves a system in which voters may cast as many votes as there are seats to be filled, just as in the more typical multi-seat context. However, the one vote per candidate restriction is removed. While the voters may continue to vote in the old fashion (providing several candidates one vote each), they may also "aggregate" or "cumulate" their votes if they wish. For example, in a three seat race, voters may provide three different candidates with one vote each, or they may cast two votes for one candidate and one for a second candidate, or they may cast all three of their votes for a single candidate. This practice is referred to as "plumping". This system satisfies the basic "one-person-one-vote" rule in that every individual voter within the city is allocated an equal number of votes. Compared to the more traditional at-large system, however, cumulative voting allows each voter greater flexibility in expressing their preference among candidates. If a voter's preference for a particular candidate or candidates is more intense than that for any other, that intensity may be reflected in the vote. Winning candidates are determined by a simple plurality rule. The top vote recipients are elected to the number of seats being contested.

After the public hearing and considering the public input received, the City Council will pass a formal ordinance adopting the cumulative voting system and will then submit the ordinance adopting cumulative voting to the Attorney General of the United States under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act for preclearance. Upon receiving preclearance, the ordinance adopting the system of representation and the preclearance letter will be forwarded to the United States District Court and an agreed judgment will be entered in the above-referenced cause terminating that litigation.

The system of cumulative voting, if approved by the Attorney General, will be implemented in the municipal elections of May of 1995. No changes in the system of representation can be implemented, nor will be implemented until approved by the Attorney General of the United States under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.

All interested citizens of the General Law City of Rotan are encouraged to attend a public hearing and express their views on this important matter at the following date time and place:

Thursday, July 28, 1994
7:00 p.m.
Rotan Community Center
Jerry Marshall, Mayor
47:2tc

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LEY GENERAL CIUDAD DE ROTAN

Varios meses pasados, un pleito fue traído a La Corte Distrita de Los Estados Unidos para La Distrita del Oeste de Tejas, Division de Abilene, nombrado Liga de Unidos Latino Americanos Ciudadanos (LULAC) Dist. 5 contra La ciudad de Rotan. Corte Distrita de Los Estados Unidos, Distrito Norteno de Tejas, Division, Accion Civil Numero 194-CV-0042C. La esencia de la queja es que el sistema de la ciudad de elegir concejales "at large" (a-lo-suelto) esta en violacion de seccion 2 del Acto Federal de Derechos de Votar. La ciudad ha registrado una respuesta formal en ese pleito, pero ahora viene a un arreglo o un favor con los demandantes por donde la ciudad cambiara los modos de elegir concejales de a-lo-suelto a un sistema de votar acumulativo.

Votacion Acumulativa se describe como sigue:

En un sistema a-lo-suelto, como usado en la ciudad de Rotan, cada votante de la ciudad esta permitido votar una vez por cada una de los puestos que se deben llenar. Votacion acumulativa es un sistema en cual los votantes pueden votar por todas las puestos que se van a llenar asi como en el mas tipico contexto de muchos puestos. Sin embargo, la restriccion de un voto por candidato se quita. Mientras que los votantes pueden seguir votando como siempre (teniendo varios candidatos con un voto cada uno), tambien pueden "agregar" or "cumular" sus votos si desean. Por ejemplo, en una competicion de tres puestos, votantes pueden dar a tres candidatos diferentes un voto a cada uno, o pueden dar dos votos a un candidato y un voto para otro candidato, or pueden dar sus tres votos para un solo candidato. Esta practica se refiere a "plumping". Este sistema es satisfeco para la regla basica de "one-person-one-vote" (una-persona-un-voto) en que cada votante de la ciudad tiene igual numero de votos. Comparado al mas tradicional sistema a-lo-suelto (at-large), sin embargo, votacion acumulativa permite a cada votante mas flexibilidad en expresando su preferencia entre los candidatos. Si la preferencia del votante por un candidato particular o candidatos en mas que por otro, eso se refleja en el voto. Los candidatos que ganen se determinan por una pluralidad sencilla. Los candidatos que ganen se determinan por una pluralidad sencilla. Los candidatos que ganen mas votos son elegidos al numero de puestos contestados.

Despues de la junta publica y considerando lo que se discute, el Concilio de la ciudad pasara una ley formal adoptando el sistema de votacion acumulativo y luego presentara la ley adoptando votacion acumulativa a la General Fiscal (Attorney General) de los Estados Unidos por Seccion 5 del Acto de Derecheos de Votacion para despacho. En recibiendo despacho, la ley adoptando el sistema de representacion y la carta de pre-despacho se manaran a la Corte Distrita de Los Estados Unidos y un opinion de acuerdo sera entrado en la causa mencionada terminando ese litigio.

El sistema de votacion cumulativo, si aprobado por la General Fiscal (Attorney General), sera utilizado en las elecciones municipales de mayo de 1995. Ningun cambio en el sistema de representacion se puede utilizar, ni sera utilizado hasta aprobado por la General Fiscal de los Estados Unidos debajo de Seccion 5 del Acto de Derechos de Votacion.

Todos Ciudadanos interesados en la ley General de la ciudad de Rotan estan animados a asistir a la junta publica y expresar sus pensamientos en este asunto importante en la fecha, tiempo, y lugar siguiente.

FECHA: 28 de julio de 1994
HORA: 7:00 p.m.
LUGAR: El Centro de Comunidad de la Ciudad de Rotan.
Jerry Marshall, Alcalde Mayor
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HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of July 12 - 18, 1994 were as follows:

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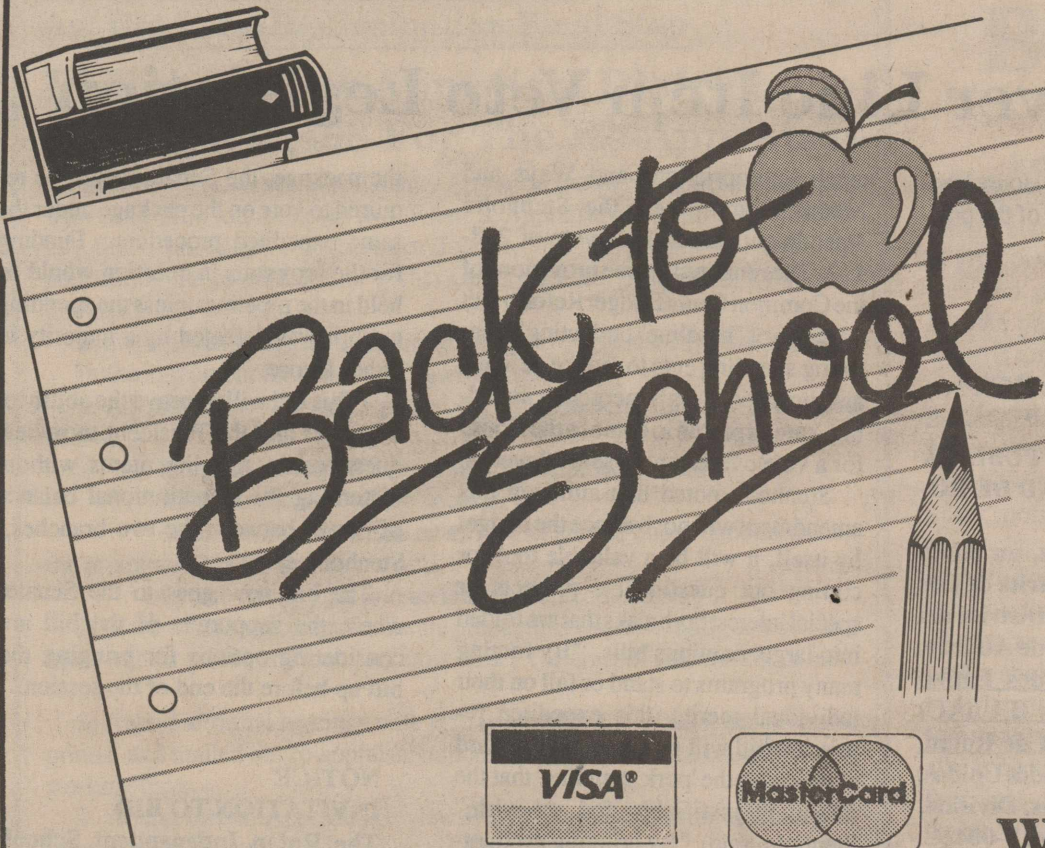
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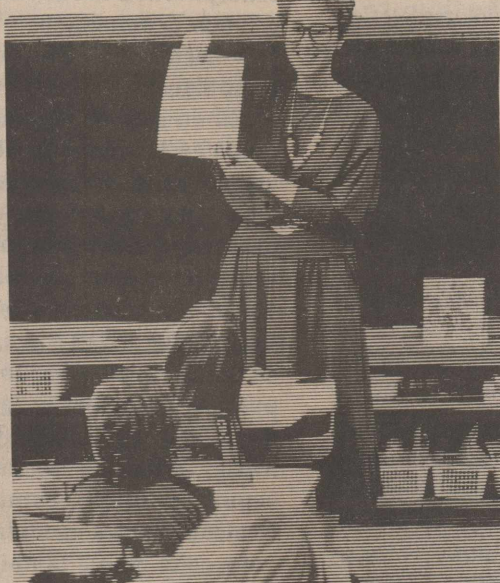


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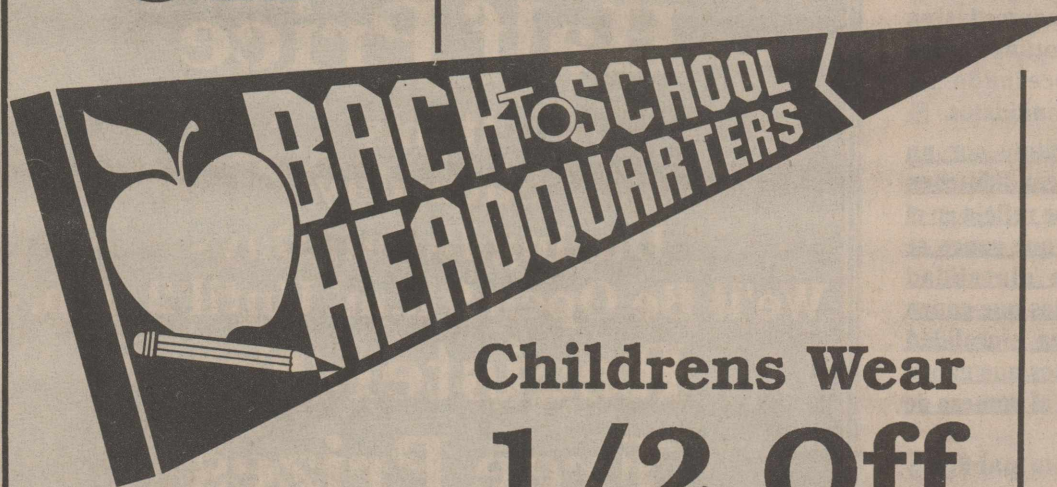
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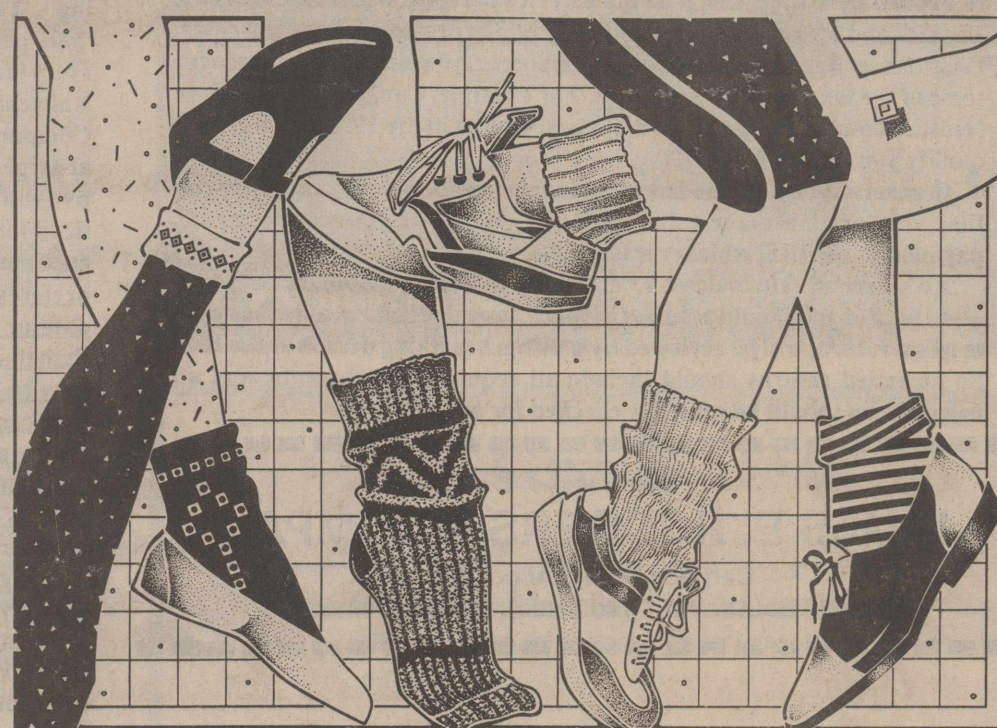


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