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New 'Financial Operating Statement' Introduced

Rotan City Has \$5,836 Loss For September

The members of the Rotan City Council finally all got together last week for a meeting, it was their third attempt. Mayor Jerry Marshall, in making an opening address to the council, indicated that he intended to stay with the regular meeting date of the second Monday of the month in the future for all meetings. Marshall announced that the November meeting would be held on Tuesday, November 14th.

Operating Statement Look

Councilmen were given their first look at a requested operating statement (income compared with expenses) as prepared by City Secretary Harold Sanders. The statement, to be given to the council on a quarterly basis in the future, covered the period September 1995, the final month of the City of Rotan's fiscal year.

The Report Showed....

The report reflected income in three categories. (1.) \$52,275.06 from water, sewer, garbage, fire protection, water surcharge and miscellaneous; (2.) \$6,261.78 from comp-troller - State Tax; (3.) \$1,511.52 from Fisher County tax. Total income amounted to \$60,048.36. Funds not available to be spent in the general fund - \$1,369.64 fire protection fund and \$3,391.64 water service surcharge. After subtracting the fire and water amounts the city was left with general operating funds for the month of September 1995 of \$55,287.08.

September Expenses

Expenses for September were \$38,862.55 in monthly bills to suppliers; \$16,383.24 in payroll expenses; \$425.00 for administration fees to Fire Chief, Fire Marshal, Fire Department and City Attorney. The City of Rotan had direct expenses attributed to the prison work program (start-up costs) of \$3,480.94 and had a Water Authority payment of \$1,971.52. Total expenses for the month of September were \$61,123.25. Income amounted to \$55,287.08 with expenses amounting to \$61,123.25 leaving a net loss for the month of September of \$5,836.17.

Two Other New Reports

Sanders also gave councilmen two other new reports. (1.) a report on the balance in the City of Rotan 'Water Emergency Fund'. Balance in this account was \$16,730.46. (2.) A report indicating that the balance in the City of Rotan 'Fire Protection Fund' was \$38,340.40.

Fire Department Coming

Mayor Jerry Marshall made the council aware that a representative of the Rotan Fire Department had requested to be on the agenda for November. Marshall anticipated that the department representative would be requesting funds from the Rotan City Council for a fire department

communications system and possibly the replacement of hoses and other equipment.

Service Charges Questioned

Councilman Adolfo Medrano, Jack Cadenhead and Scotty Daniel each asked questions concerning service charges added to bills by merchants on the September bill list. Sanders was to check into the cause of the service charges and get back to the full council in November. Approximately six merchants added a service charge on September bills to the City of Rotan.

Caterpillar Engine Failed

Mayor Marshall warned councilmen that the Caterpillar used at the dump ground (after only about 30 months) needed a new engine. Marshall anticipated that the engine would be approximately \$10,000. Councilman Medrano and Cadenhead questioned if a regular maintenance program was in place on the equipment and planned on discussing the need for the engine with Rodney Denton in November.

The Mayor Said....

Mayor Marshall said that the driver of the Caterpillar was responsible for the daily maintenance. "He is sup-

posed to clean and check every day. They (maintainer drivers) were told when the equipment was purchased that they either maintain the dozer or we might get a new driver, maybe."

What Caused Failure?

Councilmen were anxious to get a report from Denton on what caused the engine to fail so quickly.

EMP Approved

Councilmen approved an Emergency Management Plan ordinance and resolution.

Commendation Coming

Sanders informed the council that

insurance investigators at the scene of the recent fire had indicated that they intended to write a letter of commendation to the fire department for the way they handled fighting the fire.

Lions Building Report

Mayor Marshall reported to the council that the Lion's Club building received a lot of smoke and water damage. He felt that there was approximately \$9,000 in damages to carpet, linoleum, insulation and ceiling tiles.

COG Annual Meeting

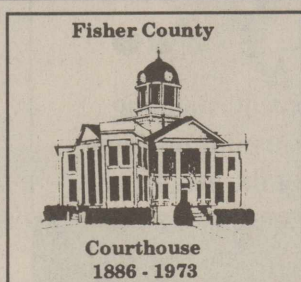
Mayor Marshall informed the

council of a November 13th "Council Of Government" Annual Meeting in Abilene. He indicated that the City of Rotan would pay the fee for any councilman and their spouse to attend.

Meeting Report

In final action the City Council listened to a report from Adolfo Medrano on a planned "Community Prayer Service" and on a meeting he and other councilmen attended in Abilene concerning economic development.

The meeting lasted an hour and ten minutes.



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DA's Office Calls Fire Arson

District Attorney Frank Conard of Sweetwater stated earlier this week that the downtown fire of October 17th, that destroyed three business buildings and killed Rotan civilian Louis Eaton, was arson.

Fire Started By Arsonist

Conard said earlier in the week that, "I have seen sufficient information from investigators in this case to indicate arson and sufficient information to determine that the fire was started by an individual or individuals."

It is now the responsibility of District Attorney Conard and his investigating teams to exhaust all leads in determining who intentionally started the fire. His investigation is in full swing.

Bring Person To Justice

"We basically know how the fire started, even without the complete laboratory tests being conducted by the State Fire Marshal's Office, now we will begin concentrating all our efforts on apprehending and bringing to justice the person or persons responsible for intentionally starting this fire", said Conard.

Arson/Murder

Buck Is High Bidder On Two County Vehicles

Robert Buck was the successful high bidder on a 1985 Dodge van and a 1978 Dodge van, sold last Monday morning by the Fisher County Commissioners during a special meeting. Buck's bid of \$301 for the 78 model and \$475 for the 85 model were accepted.

There were two others bidding. John Davis of Roby and Virgil Weems of Rotan.

The court appointed Voncel Walker as Election Judge for the Longworth precinct. Bettie Rivers, in making the announcement, indicated that Walker may not be able to serve in the election judge capacity for the November election.

Conard indicated that because an individual was killed in the fire the entire incident becomes arson/murder. "Had the person who died been a fireman or law enforcement officer, then it would have been capital murder, carrying a penalty of death or a life sentence."

Since the individual who died was not in the above category, the person or persons causing the fire stand to be tried for arson/murder which carries a prison sentence range of from 5 years to 99 years or life.

No Names Are Released

Conard would not release the names of any person or persons under investigation as possible suspects in the arson case. "This is a joint investigation between the Fisher County Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's office and the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office", stated Conard. He indicated that Kenneth Crow, investigator from the District Attorney's Office, was seeking, on

Frank Conard indicated that information he has indicates an accelerant was used to start the fire.

Conard's behalf, information from anyone in Fisher County who may have noticed anything suspicious or unusual before, during or after the fire of October 17th. If anyone has any information they can get in contact with Sheriff Gene Pack, Investigator Kenneth Crow at the DA's office or District Attorney Frank Conard. Conard indicated that individuals supplying information can request that their names be kept anonymous.

Frank Conard indicated that information from the Texas State Fire Marshal's Office indicated that an accelerant was used to start the fire and that a 'pour pattern' was noticeably

Early Voting Continues Until Friday In Constitution Amendment Election

Early voting for approval or rejection of 14 amendments to the Texas Constitution continues until Friday, November 3rd.

Early voting is from 8 a.m., to 5 p.m. in the Fisher County Clerk's Office in the Fisher County Courthouse annex in Roby.

The election will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday, November 7.

Four of the amendments on November's ballot deal with bonded debt: Numbers 7 and 8 propose financing veteran's housing and student loans; number 9 would reduce the authorized debt for the supercon-

ducting super collider and Number 10 would redirect existing bond revenue to rural economic development programs.

The first six amendments on the ballot propose new categories to be added to the list of existing property tax exemptions.

Number 12 proposes abolishing county constables in three counties while Number 11 would abolish the office of state treasurer. Number 13 involves reporting requirements for companies doing business in South Africa and Number 14 concerns protection from the forced sale of homestead property.

evident to fire investigators.

Who Had Reasons....?

"We will be concentrating on who had reasons to set the fire; who would benefit from starting a fire and who may stand to materially benefit from the effects of a fire. We intend to pursue all possibilities in this case.", commented Conard.

When a person intentionally starts a fire that is arson. When arson involves a death then arson/murder enters into the case. "We are investigating all leads and will do all within our power to bring to justice the person or person responsible for intentionally starting this Rotan fire that was so tragic to so many and that resulted in the death of Louis Eaton," concluded Conard.

Fire Marshal Coming Back

Don Turk, Deputy State Fire Marshal assigned to the Duncanville, Texas office and lead investigator as to the cause of the fire, indicated last Tuesday morning that, "We're still waiting on results of the tests that were sent off by the investigating team and I don't know when they will be back".

Turk indicated last Tuesday morning that he intended on being in Rotan or Fisher County later in the week for a news conference involving District Attorney Frank Conard; Sheriff Gene Pack and himself. The news conference may be at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 1st.

Some Positive Lab Results

Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack,

in a telephone interview Tuesday morning, indicated that he had been in touch with Don Turk, Deputy State Fire Marshal, and Turk informed him that three items came back from the State Fire Testing Laboratory as 'positive'. "That means that three items came back carrying a designation of 'medium-range petroleum products' such as lighter fluid or paint thinner, or some other petroleum based product", commented Conard. He indicated that Turk was to have a full report later in the week.

Arson Extremely Costly

Arsonists destroyed \$2.5 billion in insured property, including buildings and motor vehicles, in 1993, according to information released from the Insurance Information Institute in Austin.

In addition, 506 civilians were killed in arson fires in 1993.

Vandalism is the leading cause of arson. Only about 14 percent of arson suspects are said to be motivated by a desire to defraud.

Insurers have an interest in preventing and detecting arson because the cost of arson claims pushes up costs to insurance buyers. Insurers will not pay a claim if a fire can be proved to have been deliberately set by a claimant or someone acting on his or her behalf in an attempt to defraud the insurer. However, many arson fires, such as those set by vandals or for revenge, are not fraud and result in legitimate claims, according to information from the Insurance Information Institute.

Editor's Column

By Kimball G. Pease

BOOT CAMP: Scott Nowlin, son of Jim and Mop Nowlin of Rotan, reported for basic training at Camp Pendleton, San Diego, California three weeks ago. He'll be there until December 22nd then home for a 10 day leave. He reports back to Camp Pendleton after New Year for a month long advanced infantry training course then is scheduled to go to a 50 week school in Tennessee. He's slotted to be a 'electro optical ordinance technician'. Once schooled he'll be installing computers for guidance systems on missiles and fighter jets.

MEMORIAL FUND: A fund has been opened for Louis Eaton at the First National Bank of Rotan by some Eaton relatives. Some Rotan Firemen have also coordinated the direct payment of contributions to Weathersbee Funeral Home for funeral expenses for Eaton.

MY ERROR: In the article last week concerning the Rotan Economic Development Corporation, I listed the members and one was Greg Rains. Not so. Rains is on the Rotan City Council - should have been Greg Pruitt. That error didn't draw near the attention that 'gorilla' and 'guerrilla' did. I make no excuses for 'gorilla' - I thought ther was only one variety.

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Mayor Marshall To Be Tapped To Lead WCTCOG

Rotan Mayor Jerry Marshall will have his name brought before the annual meeting of the West Central Texas Council of Governments, headquartered in Abilene, for the position of President when the organization meets on November 13th.

Marshall will head a slate of nominees, selected by the nominating committee, to fill offices for 1996. All officers take office on January 1.

Marshall is currently serving as the second-vice president of the W.C.T.C.O.G.

Circle D Convenience Store Newest Roby Business, Now Open

Doyle and Mary Conners of Estancia, New Mexico have opened Circle D Marketing Convenience Store in Roby, located on the Corner of Highway 180 and 70.

Mr. Conners indicated the business would be expanding in the future to include serving fresh cooked barbeque and also has plans of opening a laundry which will be located east of the building.

Circle D Convenience Store is currently serving hamburgers, cheeseburgers, barbeque sandwiches, with a full line of breakfast fast foods. Broasted Chicken and Bro-Tisserie

Chicken. Texas Lotto tickets are also available.

Conners expressed appreciation to the people of Fisher County for making them feel so welcome and indicated plans of adding diesel fuel to a full line of self-serve gasoline with six pumps. "A Grand Opening is planned in the near future with lots of surprises in store for our valued customers," indicated Conners. The store motto is "A clean atmosphere and friendly service."

Circle D employs eight employees and is open from 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., seven days a week.

Fisher County VOTING LOCATIONS

Constitution Amendment Election

Tuesday, November 7, 1995
Polls Open 7 A.M. To 7 P.M.

The below locations will be used for Fisher County Residents to vote in the Constitution Amendment Election.

Box	Location	Judge
1	Roby - Court House Annex	Inez Neves
2	Rotan - Fire Hall	Betty Carter
4	Roby - Community Center	J. T. Palmer
5	Rotan - City Library	J.A. McClain
6	McCauley - Methodist Church	Sue Smith
10	Rotan - Community Center	Melvin Clements
12	Rotan - Learning Resource Ctr.	Anna Mae Fleming
13	Hobbs - School Complex	Louise Martinez
17	Capitola - Community Center	Glen Webb
18	Longworth - Community Center	Betty Stringer
22	Sylvester - Community Center	Jackie Gardner
E.Vote	Court House	Mildred Parker

The Future Of All Hospitals Uncertain -

One In Four Texans Do Not Have Health Insurance

EDITOR'S NOTE: The below copyrighted story appeared in the Dallas Morning News on Monday, October 23rd, 1995. Permission to reprint the article was obtained from Rod Richardson, Editor, Associated Press, Dallas, Texas.

LUBBOCK -- University Medical Center opened in 1978 as a destination for sick indigent patients and a teaching hospital for the Texas Tech School of Medicine.

Now with an estimated \$100 million in reserve, the county's 365-bed hospital could find itself leased to a private health-care provider. The board governing the center intends to solicit proposals.

The Amarillo Hospital District, meanwhile, voted last month to sign a nonbinding letter of intent to pursue the sale or lease of Northwest T Texas Hospital. Negotiations are expected to wrap up by January.

These concurrent moves in two West Texas cities illustrate the pinch for taxpayer-funded hospitals trying to survive amid rising costs and competition.

"The future of all hospitals is uncertain, (but) public hospitals have some added challenges," said University Medical Center president and chief executive officer Jim Courtney.

"Typically they are the hospitals that provide most of the unsponsored care, the completely unfunded care. That's a pretty big load," said Mr. Courtney, who also serves as chairman of the Texas Association of Public and Non-Profit Hospitals.

Data from the Texas Hospital Association show 393 hospitals in the state two years ago. The public owned 157 of those facilities, including 119 public hospitals in rural areas, according to the organization in Austin.

Jim Houdek, senior vice president of health care economics for the association, said the industry's emerging emphasis on outpatient treatment has helped lead public hospitals back to a role focusing on the indigent rather than on patients able to pay.

Mr. Houdek and other observers say that cuts in Medicare and Medicaid could contribute to a whittled-down number of public hospitals in the future.

"Those that are sitting next to or near large urban tertiary care hospitals have a dilemma," Mr. Houdek said. "Is there a continuing role for them, and what is it?"

Public hospitals should evaluate how their missions stack up against the marketplace outlook, the observers said. If necessary, get out.

"It would be irresponsible for the board of a public hospital to ignore the opportunity to no longer provide the brick and mortar, if indeed that was going to be a burden to the community," Mr. Houdek said.

A study by an Illinois consulting firm valued Lubbock's University Medical Center at \$40.7 million but predicted a depreciation. The study recommended a lease or merger for the debt-free hospital.

The Amarillo City Commission still must approve the sale or lease of Northwest Hospital to Universal Health Services.

Joshua Nemzoff, a Nashville, Tenn., negotiator of the Amarillo deal, said Universal would agree to care for qualified indigent patients in exchange for a reduced purchase price. He linked the Amarillo and Lubbock situations.

"These are two public districts....that have made a decision that perhaps they don't need to be in the hospital business anymore," Mr. Nemzoff said.

Some public hospitals across the country "are realizing, very accurately so, that they can take care of the indigent population by acting more as an insurer or a provider," he said.

But Dr. Ron Anderson, president and chief executive officer of Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, urged public hospitals not to change governance prematurely.

Dr. Anderson pointed to the role taxpayer-funded facilities play in medical research and education.

"Somebody has to train the next generation of doctors, and I can tell you the for-profit HMOs don't want to pay for that," he said.

Back in Lubbock, where University Medical Center provides about \$12 million annually in indigent care, Mr. Courtney emphasized that leasing the hospital would not necessarily

relieve the county of its charitable obligations.

About one in four Texans has no health coverage, Mr. Courtney said

of what he called a tremendous "pent-up demand" for care.

"I'm honestly not sure where all that would go," he said. "Obviously,

the public hospitals are shouldering a great deal of that demand."

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The responsibility is as awesome as the privilege is sacred. Because, as someone put it, "Bad people are often elected by good people who don't vote."

The Apostle Paul, Christian to the core, was extremely proud of his Roman citizenship. Said he: "I am a citizen of no mean city" (Acts 21:39). Later he would use his Roman citizenship for protection (Acts 22:25).

When the Rev. Dr. Dwight L. Moody was chided for his involvement in politics he declared, "I am a citizen of two worlds. My home is heaven, but I vote in Cook County, Illinois!"

And God, speaking through his preacher Jeremiah, reminded the people: "Seed you the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare" (Jeremiah 29:7).

Vote this election day, November 7.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Psalm 8	Genesis 41:1-36	Genesis 41:37-57	Genesis 47:13-26	Leviticus 25:1-7	Deuteronomy 11:8-32	Psalm 136

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Fisher County Memories Picture From The Past



PICTURE FROM THE PAST: The above photograph of Rotan Junior High Students, taken back in about 1981. (l to r) Jackie (Martinez) Martin; Penny (Yanez) Thomas, Tina (Mendoza) Soliz, Jenna (Thornton) Hayes, Evette (Gruben) Burk. Jackie, Trina and Jenna all live in Rotan; Penny lives in Oklahoma and Evette lives in Flower Mound.

Readers are invited to submit any old photograph for publication. Please identify as much as possible. Photos will be run space-available and will be returned unharmed.



WHAT BIRD? THIS BIRD? Rotan Yellowhammer Mascot Marla Phares comes up for air and also takes time to yell for the Hammers. This Yellowhammer bird has to have a break too. Kim Pease photo.

Editor's Column - Continued From Page 1

REMINDER: The Roby Volunteer Fire Department was one of three departments to respond to the Rotan fire a few weeks ago. One fireman from Roby, Todd Donham, had to be taken to the Fisher County Hospital after getting too hot at the fire. He, like Jeff Anderle and Charlie Cleveland, returned to the fire after getting medical attention. All of Rotan appreciates the efforts of the firemen at Roby, Hamlin and Anson. Roby is having their Turkey Shoot on Sunday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Cottonwood RV Park. For those who are hungry, the department will have a concession stand open at Noon serving red beans, chili, corn bread and Santa Fe stew.

PASTOR TO BE HONORED: Rev. Huron Polnac, former pastor of the First Baptist Church in Rotan, will be recognized for 63 years in the ministry on Sunday, November 5th. The ceremony will begin at 10:30 a.m., at the New Hope Baptist Church 9-miles North of Ranger, Texas on State Road 717. Those unable to attend can write Rev. & Mrs. (Jo) Huron Polnac, 814 Sinclair, Ranger, Texas 76470.

CLOSER TO HOME: David and Connie Hargrove of Rotan got some good news last week. Son Clay and his new wife are both going to work for the funeral homes at Hamlin and Anson. Larry Adams, former minister of the First United Methodist Church at Hamlin, and now a funeral director has an interest in both funeral homes. Clay has been working at the funeral home at Crosbyton, Ralls and Lorenzo.

WORTH REPEATING: Chandra Mathis writes a column titled "Off The Record" in the Stamford American. In a recent issue she was relaying how fast a story circulated through town. The story was gossip. Gossip is a disease that most small towns residents are exposed to everyday. The one sure fire cure is to - "zip your lip," according to Mathis. She penned the following -

"G" is for the great tales we heard today.
"O" is for the others we told those tales to.
"S" is for the secrets we promised not to tell.
"S" is for the secrets we went ahead and told someone anyway.
"I" is for insisting that person not tell.
"P" is for the entire population that knows the secret by the end of the day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY; November 2 to November 8. Nov. 2nd - Frances Bavousett, Marie Ammons, Opal Jones, Brandi Harris, Karmine Castor, Ester Guerra; 3rd - Juan Melena, Kathie Daniel, Beth Faught, Edith Lankford, Charlie Horton, Dutch Parks, Charles Meek; 4th - Monica Martin, Lee Scott Smith Glenna Gene Moore; 5th - Ila Burk, Andrea Martin; 6th - Eustolia Miranda, Baldemar Frausto, Evelyn Nowlin, Milton Teague, Joel Walker, Jean Penaluna, Lance Evans, Efgrain Espinoza; 7th - Roy Adams, Vera Mann, Aaron Greene, Kyle Mooney, Pas Caswell; 8th - Debby Burnes, Valene Kiker, Barbara Martin, Sonia DeLaCruz, LaTisha Salazar.

FINALLY: Ol' Whittle Britches from his Shinnery Ridge Ranch at Rough Creek is going to vote on November 7th. But he said he was only going to vote for one of the amendments. "I'm in favor of abolishing the office of State Treasurer," he said, so he's going to vote in favor Amendment 10. He said he'll let the rest of Fisher County decide on the other amendments.

Human Nature - Have you noticed that it's much easier to forgive an enemy after you get even with him?

Cigarettes - Now there's a group called Smokers Anonymous. When you feel the strong urge to smoke, you dial a number and hear a lot of coughing.

Gossip - The best thing to do behind a person's back pat

Liquor - Drinking liquor is legal, but some people seem to think it's compulsory.

Natalie Berryman Second In Abilene Beauty Pageant

Natalie Dale Berryman, daughter of Angie and Jim Berryman, competed in the Shriners' Big Country Baby Pageant at Fairway Oaks Country Club in Abilene, recently.

Natalie placed second in her age group for beauty and received a red ribbon and diploma.

The diploma was for scoring 100% in health division, and the trophy was for winning second place for royalty in her age group.

She is the granddaughter of Bill and Barbara Brzezinski of Roby and Kay and James Berryman.



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Fisher County
Commissioners Court
9:00 a.m., Monday,
November 13
Commissioner's Room

Rotan School Board
7:30 p.m., Monday,
November 13
Rotan School Cafeteria

Roby School Board
7:30 p.m. Tuesday,
November 13
Home Economics Room

Fisher County Appraisal
District Board Meeting
No Meeting Scheduled
For November

Rotan City Council
7:00 p.m., Tuesday
November 14
Rotan City Hall

Rotan Water Authority
Board Of Directors
11:00 a.m., Wednesday
November 15
Rotan City Hall

Rotan Economic
Development
Board Of Directors
3:00 p.m. Wednesday,
November 15
Rotan City Hall

Hospital Board
6:30 p.m., Monday
November 20
Hospital Dining Room

Cecille Terry And Tyson Terry Livestock Winners

The Pan American Livestock Exposition at the State Fair of Texas hosted the Red Angus Show on October 20, in Dallas. The judge for this event, in which breeders from Texas and Tennessee competed for top honors, was Jary Douglas, Miami, Oklahoma.

Reserve Grand Champion Female was awarded to Panhandle Sandy owned by Cecille Terry, Roby, Texas. Panhandle Sandy also received the Champion Senior Female honor.

Other female winners included: Reserve Champion Heifer Calf, ATT Rose, Tyson Terry, Roby, Texas; Reserve Champion Junior Heifer, Pie First Lady, Tyson Terry, Roby, Texas.

Legal Notice

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The Pastor's Column

By Rev. Larry Holder
First United Methodist Church
Rotan, Texas



Haggai 1:6 (NRSV) - *You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and you that earn wages earn wages to put them into a bag with holes.*

God had given the Jews an assignment to complete the temple in Jerusalem when they returned from captivity, but the people put other priorities first because they had not given God first place in their lives. Their work was not fruitful or productive and their material possessions did not satisfy. They were more concerned with themselves than with what God wanted. Where are your priorities at today? Who is on first in your life? Has God given you an assignment that you haven't completed yet? Set your heart right and do it. Get your priorities straight.

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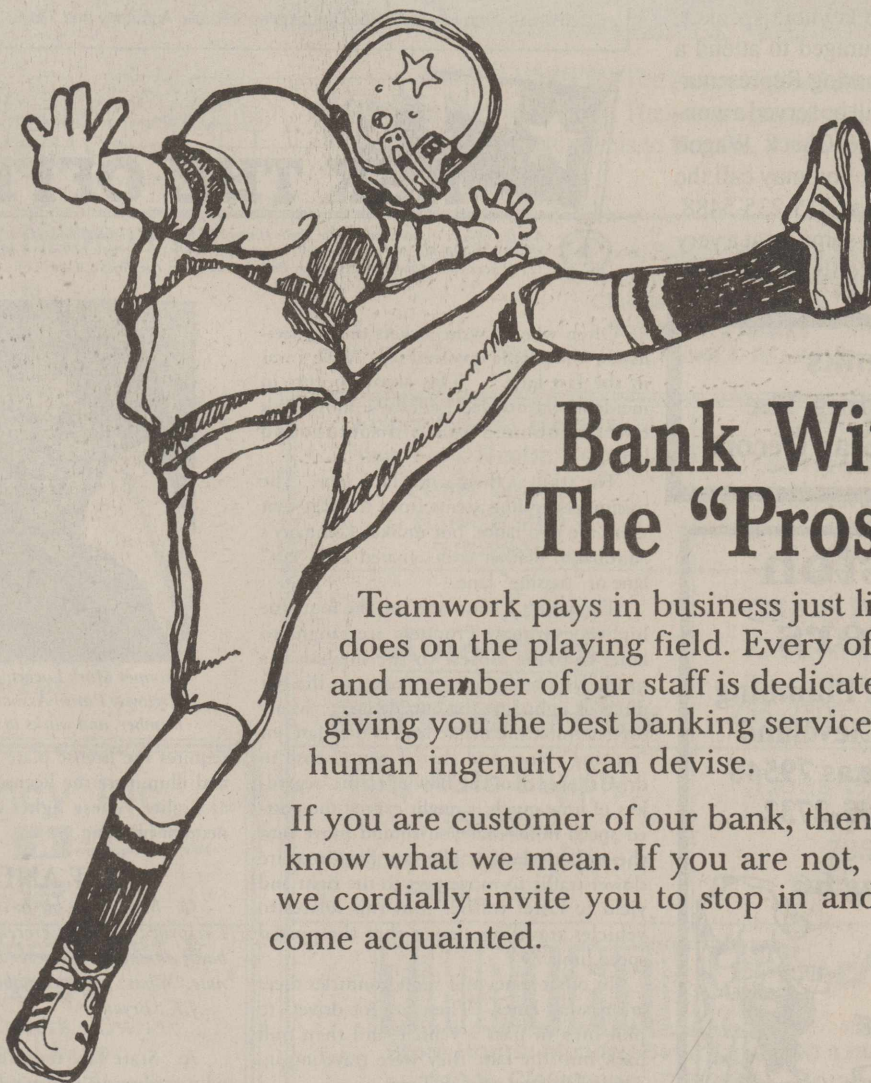
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Sarah Beth Cady Becomes Bride Of Lane Carlton Landes

Sarah Beth Cady became the bride of Lane Carlton Landes in a garden ceremony at the home of her parents, Dennis and Susan Cady of Ryan, Oklahoma, on Saturday evening,

Stenholm Introduces Budget Alternative

Congressman Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford) and his colleagues in the Conservative Coalition today introduced a budget alternative to the Republican 1996 budget plan. The House is expected to consider this legislation next week.

"Earlier this year, the House fulfilled the will of the American people and passed a constitutional balanced budget amendment," said Stenholm. "The Coalition has crafted a package which puts us on a glidepath toward a balanced budget by 2002 in a fairer and more equitable fashion.

- The Coalition budget:
- * Accrues \$150 billion less in debt over the next seven years than the Republican budget package;
 - * Strengthens Medicare, while cutting \$105 billion less than the Republican budget package;
 - * Cuts \$80 billion less from Medicaid;
 - * Incorporates welfare reform provisions that save more than \$62 billion over seven years;
 - * Cuts agriculture programs by nearly \$10 billion less than the Republican plan; no subsidy programs are abolished;
 - * Does not threaten the availability of student loans, believing such measures are short-sighted.

"In meeting after meeting with constituents, I have been told that the Congress needs to put the nation's fiscal house in order before considering a tax cut," noted Stenholm. "My constituents understand that budget cuts are inevitable, but they also believe such cuts should be done fairly and across the board, and they understand that a tax cut at this point in time will make the cuts especially devastating to rural America."

Rep. Counts To Be Honored At Banquet

The Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce/State and Federal Committee would like to announce that on Thursday, November 2, 1995, a reception at 6:30 p.m. and a banquet at 7:00 p.m., honoring State Representative David Counts, will be held. This appreciation banquet will be held at the Nolan County Coliseum Annex. Speaker of the House, James E. "Pete" Laney will be the keynote speaker. Everyone is encouraged to attend a great banquet honoring Representative Counts and will be served a wonderful meal by the Chuck Wagon Gang. For tickets, you may call the Chamber Offices at 915-235-5488, or stop by and pick some up at a very reasonable price of only \$10.00 each.

September 30. Parents of the groom are Larry and Beverly Landes of Rotan, Texas.

The double-ring ceremony was performed by the bride's father beneath a white lattice-work gazebo. The gazebo and lattice-work foreground were entwined with ivy, red bougainvillea and white tulle, and accented by heart-shaped wreaths

wrapped in red mini-lites. Trees were hung with white mini-lites. Asparagus ferns and garden flowers completed the setting. The symbolic lighting of the unity candle by the couple, assisted by their mothers, echoed the ceremony's message that God expects marriage to last a lifetime.

The bride wore a white satin gown which featured a sleeveless Empire

bodice and chapel-length train. Her veil of bridal illusion was scattered with lace medallions and attached to a Juliet cap covered with white roses. She carried a colonial bouquet of white roses and calla lilies interspersed with English ivy, and adorned with white satin streamers tied in love knots.

The bride's maid of honor, Claire Channing of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, wore a black floral, tea-length silk dress which laced up the back. She carried a single calla lily. Bridesmaids, dressed identically to the maid of honor, were Robin Ford, Erin McRay, Jennifer Cash, Kimberlee Cady, sister-in-law of the bride, and Leticia Reyes and Leanne Landes, sisters of the groom.

The ringbearers were Zane and Zach Reyes of Rotan, nephews of the groom. Attending the guest register was Amy Pender and Rebel James, both of Abilene.

Bradley Simmons of Dayton, Texas, cousin of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen Jorge Montoya, Kirk Kennedy, Greg Garcia, David and Michael Cady, brothers of the bride, and George Reyes, brother-in-law of the groom. Ushers were Mark Cash and Jeremy Mebane of Abilene. All were dressed in black formal attire with the groom wearing a white jacket.

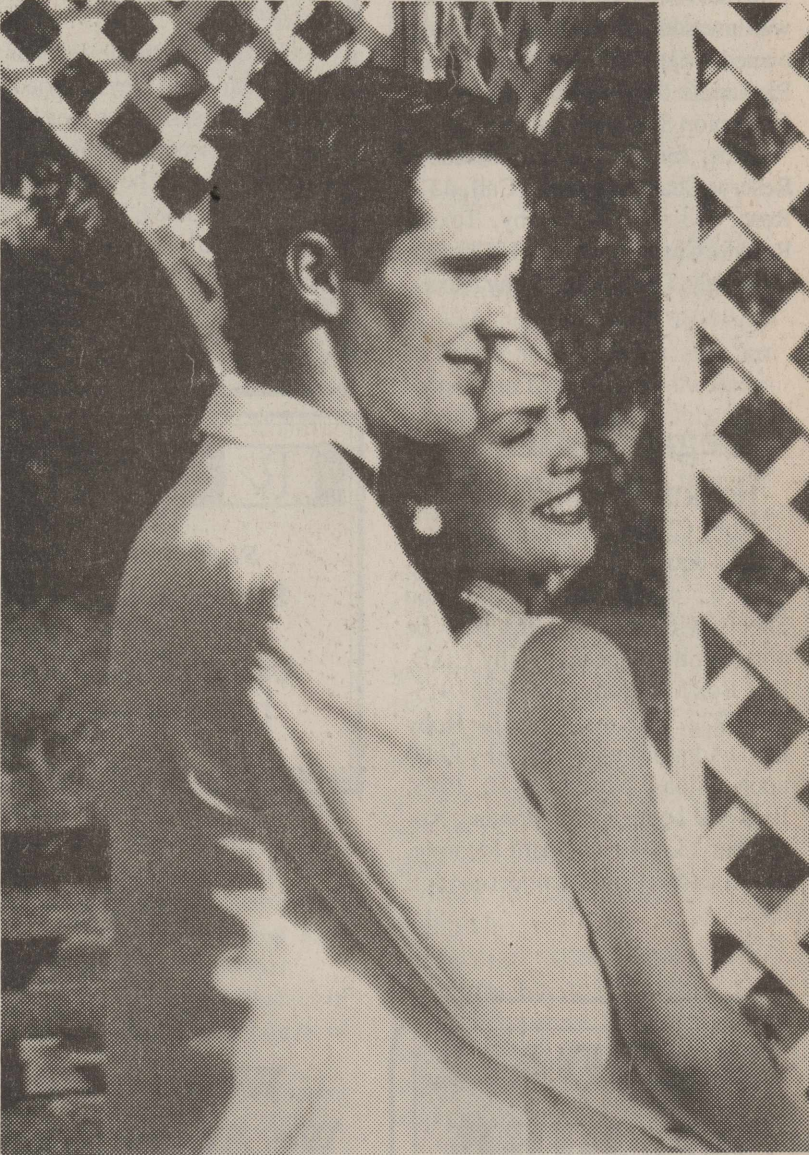
The bride's mother was dressed in maize cotton adorned with gold-embroidered cutwork. The mother of the groom chose a black sheath dress with off-white braid scrollwork encircling the neck line and cut-out back.

Joining in the celebration were the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cady of Scottsville, Kansas, and the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Loys Landes of Rotan, Texas.

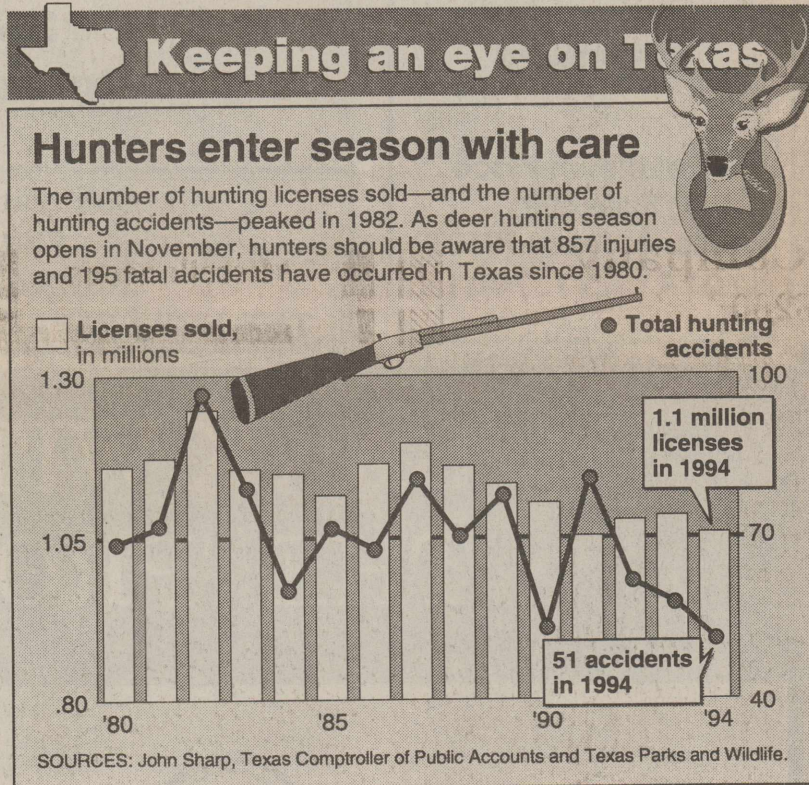
A white wedding tent on the Cady lawn was the scene of a reception held immediately following the ceremony. Kim Goodnight and Elizabeth Burns served the all white, four-tiered wedding cake which was decorated with fresh flowers. Rachel Hall and Jeanine Brewer ladeled pink punch from a crystal punchbowl. Heidi Johnson and Holly Johnson

served tea and coffee. The groom's chocolate cake, decorated with strawberries was served by Lori Krackau and Traci King, cousins of the groom. Attending the buffet were Doris Pilgreen, Ethel Anthony, Sally Garrett and Kerri Williams.

Following a wedding trip to the Cayman Islands, the couple will be at home in Midland, Texas.



Mr. & Mrs. Lane Carlton Landes
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ASK THE OFFICER

Ask the Officer is sponsored by the Texas Highway Patrol Association and seeks to answer questions on law enforcement, public safety and other concerns involving the welfare of Texas citizens. You can write Ask the Officer care of the Texas Highway Patrol Association, 610 Brazos, Fourth Floor, Austin, Texas 78701.

Often when I write tickets during accidents, the people involved say, "Well, I was in the fast lane." This always occurs in incidents on divided highways, those with two northbound and two southbound lanes.

The truth is there's no "fast" lane. The misunderstanding stems from the fact that there are two lanes, but unlike Germany's Autobahn, neither is designated as a "fast" lane or "passing" lane.

There isn't a "fast lane" on the four lane highway either. Troopers are taught to label the lane closest to the median the inside lane and the lane closest to the bar ditch or right lane the outside lane. Many drivers think the inside lane is the "fast" or "passing" lane, and that if you choose to drive slower than the flow of traffic—regardless of how much it might exceed the posted speed limit—that you should move into the outside lane. The law does require slower traffic to move over to the right and yield to faster traffic. But this relates to vehicles traveling slower than the posted speed limit.

In other states and some countries there are passing lanes. These are for drivers to pull into to pass a vehicle and then pull back into the lane they were traveling in. These don't yet exist in Texas.

So there isn't a "fast" or "passing" lane. Just remember to slow down, obey the speed limits, and be both cautious and courteous. We all have to share the road.

LEGAL LIGHTS

Q: Is it legal to have those lights on top of cars? What about other lights on cars?
C.M., Freestone

A: Lights on top of vehicles are in violation of state laws with the exception of emergency vehicles. Other additional lights on vehicles can't be mounted any lower than 12-in. or higher than 42-in. from the surface of the roadway. The lights on top of vehicles were manufactured for off-road use. The number of additional lights are also restricted by law. The lights around license plates are regulated by law. It



Trooper Mark Lockridge is a Texas Highway Patrol Association board member, and works in Waxahachie.

requires the license plate lamp to be white and illuminate the license plate for 50 feet at night. These lights can't be colored, neon or blinking.

HIT AND RUN

Q: My car got hit in the grocery store lot. I returned with my groceries to find my car badly damaged. Whoever hit it didn't leave a note. What's supposed to be done?
J.K., Bryan

A: State law requires that the driver who strikes an unattended vehicle either locate its owner or leave a note in a visible location on the car. The note should include the owner of the striking vehicle's name and address and a description of the accident. You should contact the police and your insurance company. The officer may be able to locate the vehicle who struck yours.

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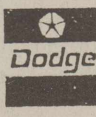
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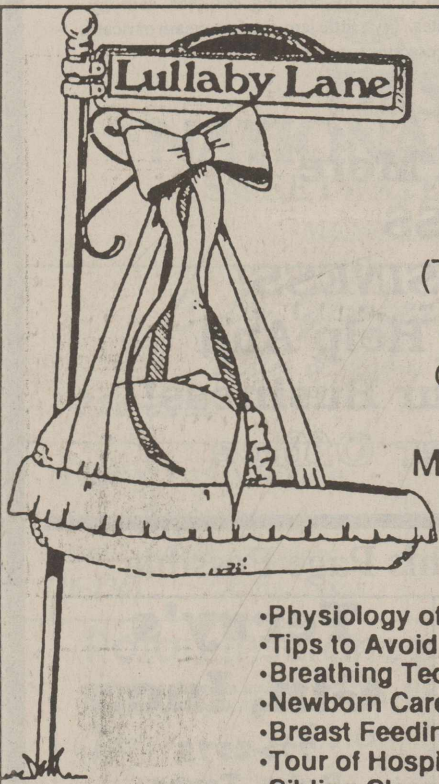
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Nov. 6-10, 1995**
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The Fisher County Commissioner's Court has recognized that some problems exist with the way the Fisher County Commissioner's Precincts were constructed many years ago. In an effort to correct those problems, the Commissioners' Court has researched the issues involved, while also seeking the advice and counsel of a tri-ethnic committee of Fisher County citizens. The committee has met on several occasions and has now made its recommendation, which the Fisher County Commissioner's Court wishes to present to all of the citizens of Fisher County at a public hearing.

State and Federal law require the commissioners to consider many factors before reaching any decision. The Texas Constitution requires County Commissioner Precincts to be contiguous. The United States Constitution requires the precincts be balanced to provide for one-person, one-vote; the Commissioners' Court must use the 1990 U.S. Census Department survey to determine that balance. The United States Constitution also requires the Court to consider its equal protection provisions. The Civil Rights Act and Voting Rights Act, together with recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions must also be taken into consideration.

After receiving community input at this public hearing, together with the recommendation of the tri-ethnic committee and the advice of counsel, the Fisher County Commissioner's Court will decide on a redistricting plan to submit to the United States Department of Justice for approval. No change in the existing precinct lines can be made without Justice Department approval.

As a citizen of Fisher County, your input is important to the Fisher County Commissioners' Court. Several proposed redistricting plans are displayed in the District Courtroom at the Courthouse in Roby. You are welcome to review those during regular courthouse hours. Please do not remove or mark on any of the maps or plans. For additional information please contact County Judge Marshal Bennett's office at 776-2151 or the Harger Law Office at (915) 235-9502.

8:30c

EXAMEN DE TESTIGOS
PUBLICO
LUNES, EL SEIS DE
NOVIEMBRE, 1995

7:00 P.M.
CUARTO DE CORTE
DISTRITO DEL CONDADO DE
FISHER

CASA DE CORTE DEL
CONDADO DE FISHER
ROBY, TEXAS

La Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Fisher ha reconocido que algunos problemas existen con el modo en que los distritos de los Comisionados ha investigado los problemas, mientras tambien solicitando el consejo del comite tri-etnico de ciudadanos del Condado de Fisher. El comite se ha juntado en varias ocasiones y ahora ha hecho su recomendacion, cual la Corte de Comisionados del Condado de Fisher desea a presentar a todos los ciudadanos del Condado de Fisher en un examen de testigos publico.

La ley federal y del estado requiere a los comisionados que consideran muchos puntos antes de llegar a una decision. La Constitucion de Tejas requiere que los distritos de los Comisionados del Condado que sean contiguos. La Constitucion de los Estados Unidos requiere que los distritos sean balanceados iguales para hacer provision para una persona, un voto; La Corte de los Comisionados tiene que usar el estudio del Departamento de Censo de 1990 para determinar es equilibrio. La Constitucion de los Estados Unidos tambien requiere que la Corte considere las provisiones para

proteccion igual. El Acto de Derechos Civiles y el Acto de Derechos de Votacion, juntos con la reciente decision de la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos tambien deben ser considerados.

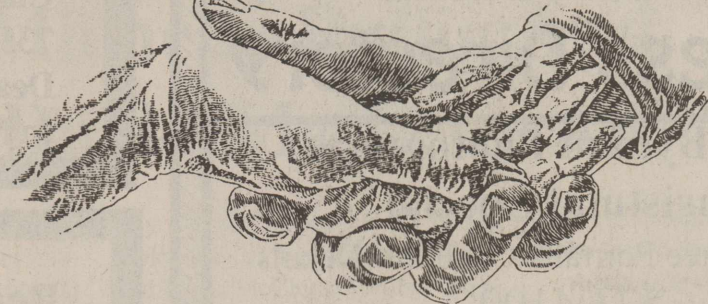
Despues de recibir sugerencias al caso de la comunidad en este examen de testigos publico, junto con la recomendacion del comite tri-etnico

y el consejo de abogado consultor, la Corte de los Comisionados del Condado de Fisher decidieran en un plan de re-distritacion a someter al Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos para aprobacion. Ningun cambio en lineas de distritos en existencia se puede hacer sin la aprobacion del Departamento de Justicia.

Como ciudadanos del Condado de Fisher, sus sugerencias al caso son importantes a la Corte de los Comisionados. Algunos planes de re-distritacion propuestas estan en exhibicion en la Corte Distrita en la Casa de Corte en Roby. Estan bienvenidos a repasar esos durante horas regulares de la Casa de Corte. Favor de no quitar o marcar en los mapas o planes. Para informacion adicional, favor de llamar al Juez del Condado, Marshal Bennett en su oficina al 776-2151 o la oficina de ley de Harger al (915) 235-9502.

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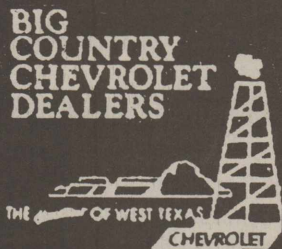
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Fisher County

Agricultural News

County Agent Ag. Column

By Richard Spencer

by Richard Spencer

Plants familiar to most of us have been in the news of late. But this time it has had nothing to do with contributing to supermarket consumer prices or their part in groundwater pollution.

One in fact, Indian mustard, could become the weapon of choice in neutralizing most poisonously polluted soils, even those found near the sites of old nuclear accidents.

In another notable development, NASA has completed the first step in a series of tests to create oxygen in an airless environment using wheat exudates, without which there can be no permanent moon communities much less trips to Mars and beyond.

Imagine that! Wheat and Indian mustard...the next wonder plants maybe.

A little two-year-old company called Phytotech is testing the use of plants to leach toxic heavy metals from the soil. The young New Jersey firm has employed Indian mustard to leach radioactive strontium and cesium from soil that was so heavily contaminated by the Chernobyl nuclear reactor accident disaster

that crops grown in it are poisonous. Appropriately, the new firm and its technology has been conceived by a Russian-born, U.S. educated biologist, Ilya Raskin, at Rutgers University.

Using plants to clean up pollution is a technique called phytoremediation, which Raskin is convinced have the properties to remove heavy metals, a contaminate which defeats bacteria and other microorganisms that do such an excellent job with oil and chemicals. Some polluted sites contain both, he knew.

The Russian scientist said he got the idea of using plants for such a cleanup task while reading scientific papers from the 1930's and 1940's in his native land which described how mining companies prospected for minerals by looking at plants. "Some plants have a high capability of accumulating metals from the soil," thus providing clues to what lies below the surface.

But not any old plant would do. Raskin needed one farmers could grow on a major

scale and moreover it had to be able to take up the metals through its roots and move them through the stem to its leaves where both could be combined and destroyed. After screening "hundreds of plants" from the Brassicaceae family (which includes mustard, broccoli, cabbage and rape, as all Valley Farmers know) the search finally led to Brassica juncea, the Indian mustard plant, grown throughout the world for its oilseed.

Although most any old Indian mustard plant could absorb up to 50 times as much lead as corn, they weren't all the same, Raskin noted. So further lab screening of 100 more strains led eventually to one with a particular affinity for leaching out not only lead but cadmium, chromium, nickel, zinc and copper. A virtual Borgia's Feast of the principal metals contaminants.

The biologist's work indicated that one mustard planting could absorb as much as two metric tons of lead per hectare (2 1/2 acres) or six tons a year if three plantings are possible.

The economics of phytoremediation

("phyto" being Greek for plant) are still being mulled but Raskin and his colleagues think the process could clean up an acre of soil to a depth of 20 inches for \$60,000 to \$100,000 compared to a bill of around \$400,000 for digging up the same volume of soil and hauling to a hazardous waste site.

Now a private company after being spun off by Rutgers University, Phytotech is reacting to every chance it sees to test phytoremediation in the field, usually at a nominal cost. Thus, it is growing a test plot of Indian mustard within a half mile of the Cyemobyl atomic reactor site. In England a test plot of mustard is extracting cadmium from tailings of a lead mine dating back to Roman times.

Its biggest challenge through is right back home in New Jersey where its phytoremediation technique is being employed to see if it can clean up cancer-causing chromium ore from a dismantled smelter which has been distributed as landfill to 180 sites throughout the state.

County Extension Agent F.C.S. Column

By Beth Dannheim

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MORE IDEAS ON REDUCING BLOOD
CHOLESTEROL

Be An Informed Shopper
Watch out for these foods that are often high in fat. Read the food label!

Turkey and chicken luncheon meats, sausages, franks; ground turkey or chicken; t.v. dinners; tuna packed in oil; tuna salad; frozen yogurt; sherbet; "light" ice cream; non-dairy creamer and whipped topping; flavored coffees; cookies, crackers; cheese; salad dressing; mayonnaise-based salads (tuna, chicken, shrimp, potato, macaroni and coleslaw); tartar sauce; oriental noodle soup; cream soups; cheese and cream sauces; butter, margarine, vegetable oils.

FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS
Fast food meals are more popular than ever. But, most fast foods are very high in fat. Be selective about what you eat and visit fast food restaurants only on occasion.

Tough still high in fat, the following fast food items have no more than 15 grams of fat and get no more than 40 percent of their calories from fat:

Burger King- regular hamburger, b/k broiler, chicken sandwich, chunky chicken

salad; side salad.

Jack in the Box: regular hamburger, chicken fajita pita.

Long John Silver's: 2-3 piece fish lemon crumb (baked), rice, small salad; chicken light herb (baked), rice, small salad, roll.

McDonald's: McLean Deluxe, regular hamburger, chunky chicken salad, egg McMuffin, Hotcakes with butter and syrup, English muffin with butter.

Wendy's: Grilled chicken filet; grilled chicken sandwich; regular chili; plain, baked

potato.

Taco Bell: bean burrito, chicken burrito, tostada.

Snack Ideas:

If you love potato chips, try pretzels as a crunchy, low-fat alternative.

Need a quick and satisfying snack in the afternoon? Try a bagel. They're low in fat in high in energy-boosting complex carbohydrates. Try a little jam, fat-free cream or ricotta cheese as a topping.

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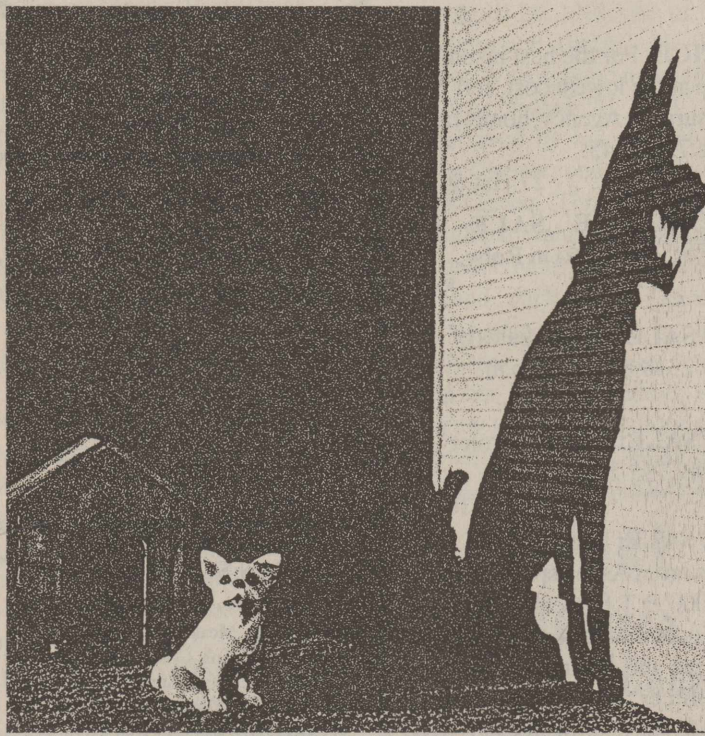
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Roby Lions Down Tough Knox City Squad, Brace The Den For 'Big Shoot Out' In Munday, Friday

The Roby Lions remained undefeated and in a first place tie in District 9A by defeating Knox City, 14-10, last Friday night in Roby. Roby, 7-0-1 and 3-0 in district play, is tied with Munday, also 3-0. They play this Friday night in a game which should determine the 9-A championship.

The Roby defense was tough most of the night, limiting Lance Deaver, Knox City's excellent running back, to 110 yards on 23 carries, his second-lowest game this year. Knox City was held to 171 total yards, all on the ground. More importantly, the Lions held twice on two Greyhound drives deep into Roby territory in the second half. One resulted in a 29-yard field goal by Duane Toliver, the other saw Deaver's fourth-and-two plunge come up about 8 inches short of a first down at the Lion 10 yard line.

However, the game started with Knox City ripping through the Lion defense. Using a no-huddle offense, Knox City went 61 yards in 10 plays with Deaver scoring on a one-yard run. Toliver's extra point put Knox City ahead, 7-0, early in the first period.

Roby came right back with a 12-play drive of their own, senior quarterback Michael Brown scoring on a 13 yard option keep behind excellent blocks by Billy Floyd, Edward

Marquez, Ronnie Andrews, and James Arnwine. Shea Feagan's extra point kick tied the score at 7-7.

The Lions held Knox City, who punted to Roby as the second quarter began. The Lions moved quickly into Greyhound territory, the big play a 29 yard pass from Brown to James Arnwine. However, Brown's run to the Knox City 2 yard line was wiped out by a holding penalty, and the drive ended when Brown was sacked on 4th down back at the Greyhound 25 yard line.

The Lions again forced a Greyhound punt, and then came one of the game's bigger plays. Michael Brown faked the power play to his left, then ran the bootleg keep to his right with Jeremy Stidham and Edward Marquez leading the way. Knox City's secondary overpursued, and Brown cut back down the middle and sprinted 61 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Feagan's kick upped the Lion's lead to 14-7 with a little less than three minutes to play in the first half.

Knox City again was forced to punt, and Roby got to the Greyhound 32 before time ran out.

The second half saw Roby's offense sputter and mis-fire and force the Lion defense to play well. Knox City, playing their best game of the year according to Greyhound head coach Robert Wills, frustrated the

Lions with stunts, while moving the ball on two long drives.

However, as previously mentioned, the Lion defense rose to the occasion on both Greyhound drives. Big plays by Keith Hardin, Billy Floyd, Lonnie Green, Kevin Christian, and Shea Feagan helped contain the Greyhound attack as did the steady play at Steven Estes, Jeremy Stidham, Donnie Barrera, Patrick Buckner, Casey Terry, James Arnwine, and Kelly Heflin.

On Knox City's last drive, Keith Hardin had a huge play on first down when he sacked the Knox City quarterback and forced a fumble out-of-bounds for a two yard loss. Then, on fourth down, Lonnie Green, Billy Floyd, Keith Hardin, and several of their defensive buddies held Deaver on his tough plunge into Roby's left defensive side.

There was still 4:33 to play, but the Lion offense finally did their job, picking up four straight first downs to kill the clock and Knox City's hopes for an upset.

The Lions travel to Munday next Friday night for a 7:30 p.m. contest. The Moguls are 7-1 on the season and 3-0 in district play. A win by Roby makes them district champs, while a loss forces them to await the outcome of the Munday - Knox City game the last week of the season-provided Knox City beats Paducah this week. If Knox City wins out and

Knox-City, and Munday all having 4-1 records in district, a tie-breaker system would determine who actually goes into the playoffs.

Game at a glance:

Roby	Knox City
First downs- 18	46-171
Rushes/yards- 48-273	46-171
Passing yards- 34	0
Passes- 9-2-0	3-0-0
Punts- 4-31.3	5-30
Fumbles/lost- 1-0	1-0
Penalties/yards- 5-35	8-51

Individual rushing: Kelly Heflin 16-132, Michael Brown 21-125 (2 TD's), Kevin Christian 6-15, Ronnie Andrews 5-1.

Passing: Michael Brown 2-8-0, 34 yards; Kelly Heflin 1-0-0.

Receiving: James Arnwine 1-29; Kelly Heflin 1-5.

Tackles: (total solo and assists): Kevin Christian 18, Billy Floyd 17, Keith Hardin 14, Shea Feagan 11, Jeremy Stidham 10, Donnie Barrera 8, Lonnie Green 7, Kelly Heflin 7, James Arnwine 4, Casey Terry 4, Patrick Buckner 4, Steven Estes 3,

Justin Smith 2, Adrian Castor 1, Ronnie Andrews 1, Michael Brown 1.

Big Hits: Billy Floyd 4, Steven Estes 2, Kevin Christian 2, Keith Hardin 1, Lonnie Green 1.

Big Play: (defense) Lonnie Green 1, Keith Hardin 1, Kevin Christian 1.

Broken up/tipped pass: Lonnie Green 1, James Arnwine 1.

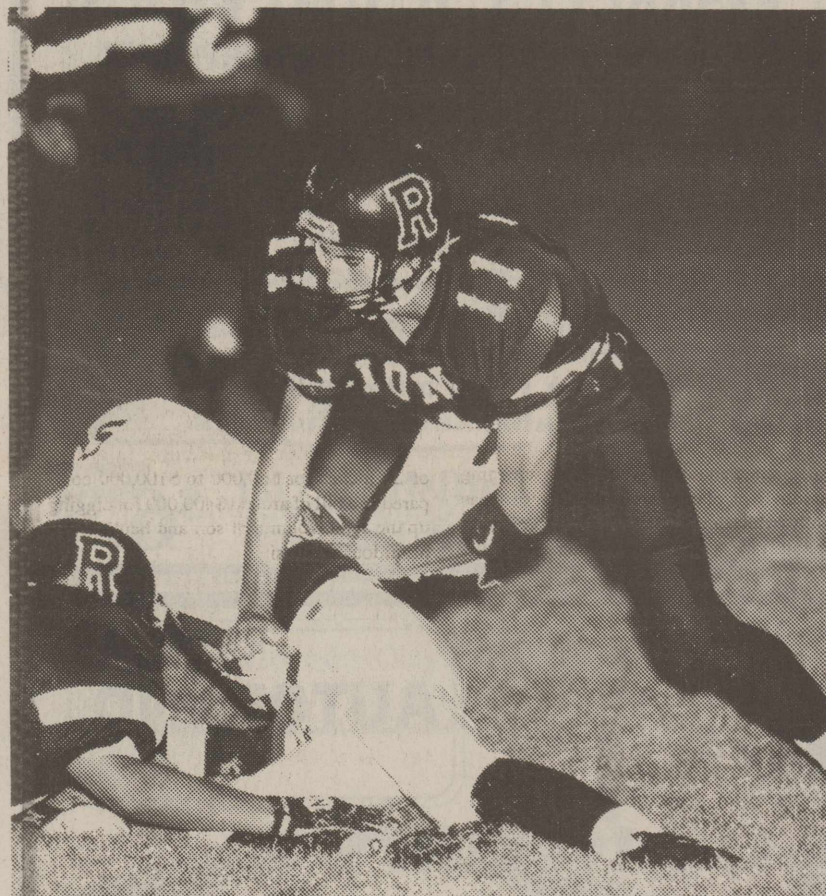
Caused fumble: Keith Hardin 1.

Sacks: Keith Hardin 1.

Quarterback pressure: Lonnie Green 1, Keith Hardin 1.



ADDING ON THE POINT: Shea Feagan, #55, Roby kicker, tacks on a point after one of the Roby touchdowns last Friday night. Roby takes on Munday this Friday at Munday. Holding is Michael Brown. Kennedy Photo



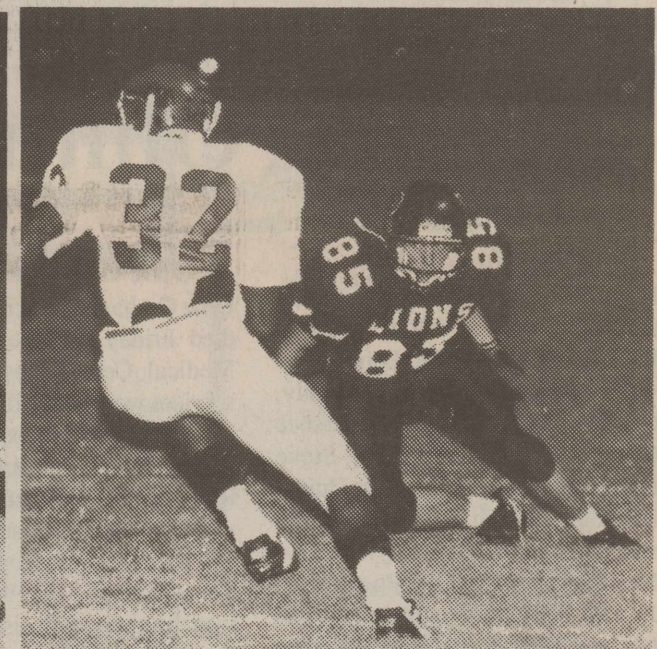
FIGHTING OFF A BLOCKER: Casey Terry, #11, fights off a Knox City blocker in action last week. Kennedy Photo.



HUNT IS ON: Kelly Heflin, #22, Roby defensive player had 7 tackles last week and gained 132 yards in 16 carries on offense. Kennedy Photo



ROBY PLAYERS: (left) Kevin Christian, #48, gets by a Knox City tackler last Friday night. (Right) T.J. Flanagan, #85, zeros in to stop a ballcarrier. Kennedy Photo



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Mr. & Mrs. Michael David Matheny

Monica Michelle Pullig And Michael David Matheny Are Wed

Monica Michelle Pullig of Roby and Michael David Matheny of Lubbock were united in marriage at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, September 16, 1995, in the First United Methodist Church in Roby. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pullig of Roby. Rev. and Mrs. Mike Matheny of Jacksboro are the groom's parents.

Guests were registered by Meggan Herron, cousin of the bride, of Sylvester.

Rev. Ron Bates, uncle of the groom, of Idabelle, Oklahoma officiated the double-ring ceremony. The altar was decorated with a heart-shaped arch and two heart-shaped candelabras entwined with greenery, cream-colored flowers, and decorative cream-colored bows. Two baskets of cream and burgundy flowers were also used.

Wes Pullig, brother of the bride, of Roby and Billy Easter of Jacksboro ushered guests.

Pam Osuna of Roby played appropriate musical selections on the organ as the guests were seated. She also played the processional and recessional. Vocal selections were presented by Greg McKinney of Lubbock and Mandy Matheny, sister of the groom, of Jacksboro.

Jennifer Vinson of Ft. Worth was her sister's matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Makala Herron, cousin of the bride, of Sylvester, and Marissa Mesquita of Garland.

Jayson Murphy of Colorado Springs, Colorado, served as best man. Groomsmen were Charles Witt of Abilene and Scott Cromie of Amarillo.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the Roby Commu-

nity Center. Serving at the bride's table were Carolyn Atkinson of Roby and Tanya McClure of Roby. Serving at the groom's table were Allison Shafer of Conroe and Suzanne Singer of Sugarland.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Roby High School and attended Texas Tech University. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Frenship High School and is employed by The

Merry-Go-Round. The couple will make their home in Lubbock.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. C.D. Herron of Sylvester and Mrs. W.O. Stephens of Roby.

Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Harris Matheny of Tennessee and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Berry of Lubbock.

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Obituaries

Mayme Shelton

Mayme Shelton, 87, longtime Rotan and Roby resident died Tuesday at Fisher County Hospital. Funeral services were at 10 a.m., Monday, October 30, 1995 at Weathersbee Funeral Chapel with Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in the Roby Cemetery.

Mrs. Shelton was born in Post, Texas, July 10, 1908, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Anderson. She graduated from Post High School.

In 1925 she married Hooper Shelton at Lamesa. They made their home in Roby and Rotan where they were active in the publishing of the Rotan Advance and Roby Star Record. Mrs. Shelton also operated a photography studio and assisted her husband in writing several historical books. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and a member of the Fisher County Historical Commission and the Roby Chapter of the Easter Star.

Mr. Shelton died November 29, 1993. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law- Claude R. and Gloria Shelton of Florham Park, New Jersey; a granddaughter- Bliss Kasir of White Lake, Minnesota; and a niece, Dolores Loyd of La Habra, California; and a sister-in-law, Empress Signor of Lubbock.

The family lists the Fisher County Hospital as a favorite charity.

Genaro Moreno

Genaro Moreno, 49, of Roby, died Thursday morning in the Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater. Services were at 2 p.m., Sunday in Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan with Rev. Steve Patterson officiating. Burial was in the Roby Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home. Mr. Moreno was born June 16, 1946 in Kingsville, Texas and was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Manuel D. Moreno. He was an employee of the U.S. Postal Service and he moved to Roby 6 years ago from Los Angeles. He was a Catholic and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He had served in the Marines during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include: 2 daughters- Cindy Kitchens, Anchorage, Alaska, Marcie Moreno, Houston; 1 sister- Rosalinda Gonzales, Roby; 4 grandchildren.

Ollie Graham Chester

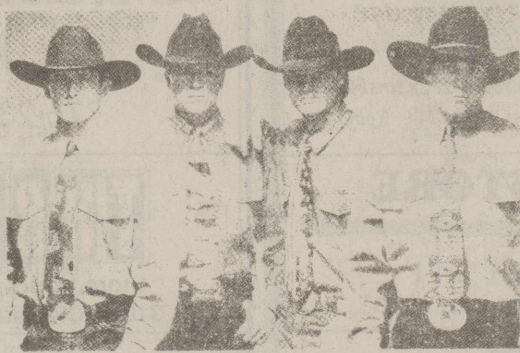
Ollie Graham Chester, 89, of Odessa died Friday, October 27, 1995 at Medical Center Hospital. Funeral services were held Monday, October 30, 1995 in the chapel of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors with Rev. Robert Berry, officiating. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Gardens. He was born in Hopkins County, Texas on April 28, 1906, one of fifteen brothers and sisters. He and Nannie Lee Walker were married in Rotan, Texas on June 20, 1933.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Nan Chester; one son, Wayne Chester of Odessa. Three daughters- Carol Medlock, Frances Howard and her husband, Clyde; Dixie Voss and her husband, Jack all of Odessa; Hidaddy is also survived by five grandchildren- Sherri Voss, Jenny Clay and her husband, Eddie; and was PecPaw to Nicole Medlock and Jeffrey Medlock both of Odessa, and

Stefanie Medlock of San Antonio; four great-grandchildren- Jack Motes and his wife, Angel, Jason Motes, Christopher Clay, all of Odessa; two brothers- Jim Chester of Seattle, WA and Burt Chester of Snyder; two sisters- Alvis McArthur and Virginia Woodson of Rotan and numerous nieces and nephews.

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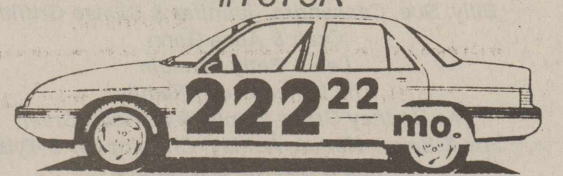


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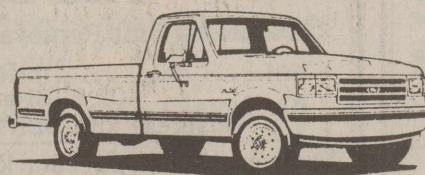


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Rotan Yellowhammers Take It On The Chin, Stamford Has Field Day, Hamlin Pipers Are Next

by Matt Ryan

As Mr. Hardy said to Mr. Laurel, "this is another fine mess you've gotten me into." Well fans it was a sort of mess last Friday night at H. Govan field as Stamford came to town and gave us what for. They were a class team this time as they didn't try to run up the score. They had the 2nd and 3rd squads in there the 2nd half and I tip my hat to them. It wasn't like last year so I guess someone took charge. In all fairness to our lads they did the best they could, but it wasn't to be. You know fans, it's tough to have a long season especially when you're losing. The boys are tired and I can imagine the frustration they must feel, but I would say this to them, "I think they have done us a great job considering their inexperience and facing larger foes than we can hope to defend against, but at the same time they go out every Friday night and give it their best shot. You can't ask for anymore than that. I for one are proud of them, the fans are proud of them and so is the city of Rotan.

Stamford wore blue/white and we were black and blue. We lost Rusty Goodwin in the game with the same re-occurring ankle problem. We all hope that it's not serious and that he will be back soon. I was happy to see Kris Rogers at the game even though he wasn't suited out. He is recovering from an injury suffered in the Anson game. "Welcome back Kris. To go into the play-by-play of this game would be to talk exclusively about Stamford so I will give the first half only as that was where all the damage was done anyway.

Stamford won the toss and elected to take the wind and kick. The ball was booted around and finally recovered on our 4 yd. line where after 2 plays, Jeremy Carr could not find the handle and the ball was fumbled in our end zone for a Stamford safety and they led 2-0. James Flores kicked it O/B on the Bulldogs 46 and 5 plays later Stamford found our end zone for a TD with 10:00 min. left in the 1st. PAT was good and the score read 9-0. We did manage a spirited comeback but it came to a halt on the Stamford 27. This was to be the frustration I mentioned earlier, as throughout the night we could move against them only to see us come up short.

It took Stamford just 6 more plays to again push across another TD with 7:04 left and the PAT was good. Bulldogs 16 and Rotan 0 still in the 1st. Again we mishandled the KO and found ourselves back on our 2 with 1/10 where we had to eventually kick it away from our 6. The Bulldogs took possession on our 34 and with 5:34 left in the 1st #10 Eric

Strand the Stamford quarterback threw a 34 yard pass to #16 Paul McClendon for another Bulldog score. PAT good and Stamford led 23-0. And once more we couldn't handle the KO and found ourselves on our 8 this time with 1/10. This was a nightmare for the Hammers all night long, with dropped passes, fumbles and mistakes that plagued us. At any rate we couldn't do anything with the ball and we panted to our 43 from our end zone. This time we held, as Zack Morris made two great sacks of their quarterback and they had to kick to us. A fair catch by Larry Daniel had us on our 23 the best field position we had so far. However the 1st quarter ended with Stamford firmly in control of this game, and they were not to be denied. We managed to get into Bulldog territory but a Goodwin pass was intercepted and returned to our 5, but brother, did the Hammers put up one whale of a defense and stopped them in their tracks as the "Dogs" fumbled on 4th and goal though they recovered it we took over on our 2.

Then disaster struck. After that great goal line stand a Goodwin pass

was intercepted by #22 Clarence Whitfield of Stamford for an 8 yard runback and score. PAT was good and we were on the short end of a 30-0 score. As if it wasn't bad enough we lost Rusty on the next series of plays and Stoney Carrillo came in and took over the quarterback duties. On a pitchout that went sour Clarence Whitfield again came up with the ball on our 22, where again Stamford scored in just 6 plays with 6:08 left in the half. The PAT was good and it now read 37-0 and that was the way the half ended. We weren't as bad as all that it was just that we couldn't get going. We did manage to show signs of offensive capabilities, but something or someone always seemed to miss out. We did get into the end zone with 6 seconds left in the half but a holding penalty took it away from us. They did manage one more TD in the 3rd but that was all of the scoring for the rest of the night, thank goodness, but we were a tired bunch of boys, they didn't quit and that's a sign of future greatness, when you learn to lose you can justly appreciate winning--which you boys will, to be

sure.

I would like to take this opportunity to single out some of the unsung heroes of the game, who each and every Friday night win-lose-or draw, give their all for the boys, the fans and their school. They are the "cheerleaders", Brandi Murphree, (head), Jennifer Rains, Laura Blackwelder, Katie Cade, Tember Palmer, Tracy Posey, Brooke McCall, Holly Hunsaker, and Laurie Pittard cheerleader sponsor, the band sponsored by Penny Brister drum major, Christina Morin, the twirlers, April Martin, Monica Gaspar, and Mandy Dycus. Last but by no means least, our Mascot, Barbara Pheras whose Yellowhammer costume gets a lot of attention. Remember these kids perform for us in all kinds of weather and I know that all of us appreciate their efforts. If I have left anyone out (I probably have) my deepest apologies and I will rectify it if possible.

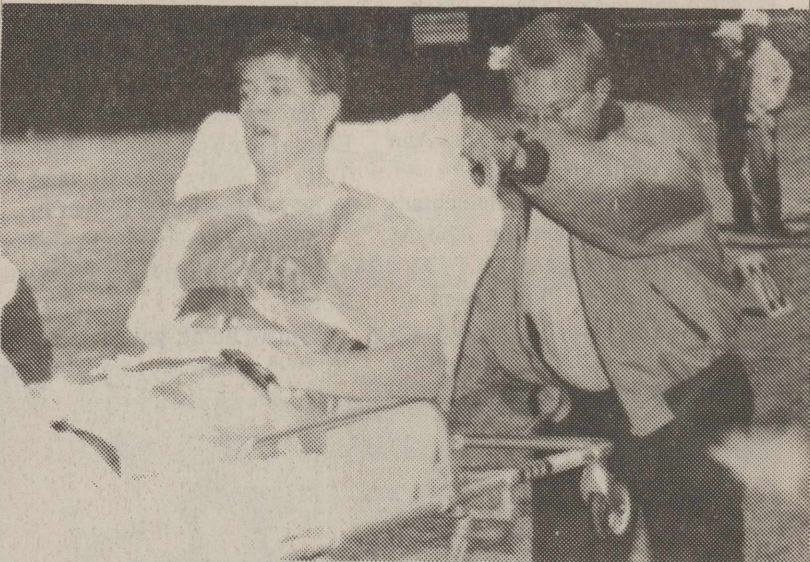
Back to the game my LULLA-PALLUZA Award goes this week to all the above kiddoes for their sterling performances for the fans every Friday night.

on out and support our Hammers.

Stats as available:			Punts- 5/36	6/30
Rotan	Stamford		Fumbles/lost -	5 lost 3
1st downs- 10	18		Penalties Yrds.-	5/50 6/70
Rushing yds.- 24/38	41/		That's a 30 for this week, see you in Hamlin.	
220				
Passing yrd.- 143	116			
Comp/Att/Intr.- 7/33/4	7/13/			



FLIPPIN PIGSKIN: Rusty Goodwin tosses one of the thirty-three passes that went airborne last Friday night. Advance Photo.



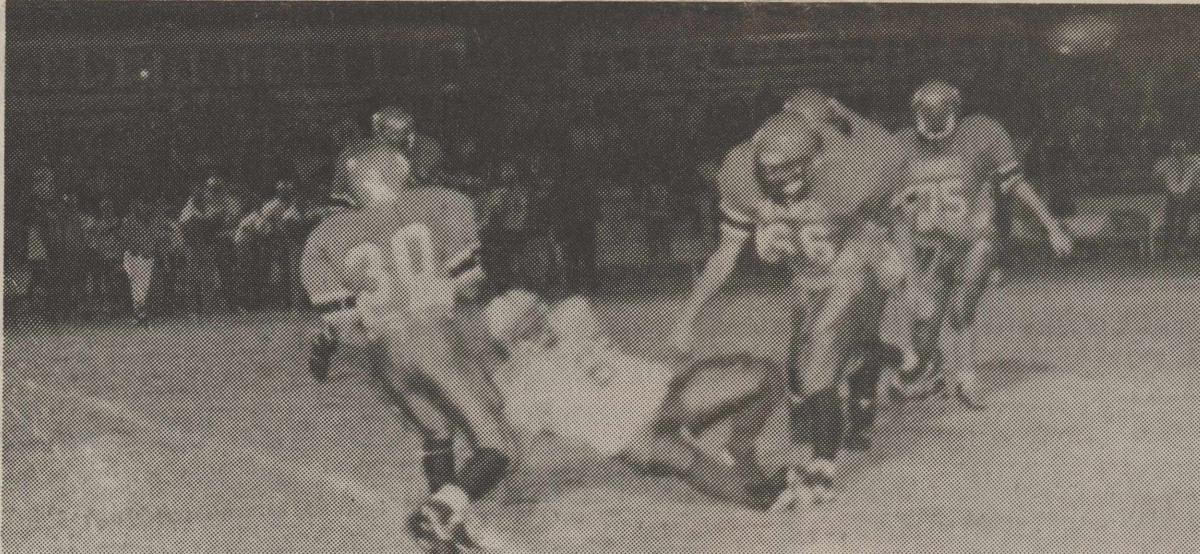
CARRIED OUT ON STRETCHER: Rotan EMT Stephen Stephens wheels Rusty Goodwin out after a 'wreck' on field last Friday night. Goodwin injured an ankle. Advance Photo



DOWN UNDER: The Rotan Yellowhammers were up against big boys last week. The picture doesn't get any brighter this week when Rotan travels to Hamlin. Advance Photo



ROTAN CRASH: The Stamford Bulldogs came to town last week and took home a win. Above, a host of Yellowhammers try to stop a stamford ballcarrier. (L to r) #9 - Joey Lujan, #30 Stoney Carrillo; #55 - James Flores; #1 - Clinton Williams and #87 - JayBen Alls. Advance Photo



KNOCKING DOWN A BULLDOG: (L to R) - Stoney Carrillo; #66 - Zach Morris; # 75 - C.W. Robertson. Advance Photo

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Mike and JoAnn Terry of Roby, proudly announce the engagement of their son, Jeremy Shay Terry to Shannon Lynn Cox, daughter of the late Audie Cox and Randy and Ross Ann Isbell, of Arlington.

The bride-elect is an elementary education major attending Abilene Christian University.

The prospective bridegroom attends Abilene Christian University and graduates in December with a

B.A. in Agricultural Business. He is presently employed by First National Bank of Sweetwater-Roby.

Jeremy is the grandson of Mrs. Emma Faye Terry and the late Kismet Terry of Roby and Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Gatewood of Sylvester.

Shannon is the granddaughter of the late John and Clara Doggett of Rotan.

The wedding will be December 16, 1995 at the Roby Church of Christ.

College/Technical Program In Abilene On Nov. 13th

Junior and senior students of high schools in the Big Country who are planning to pursue a higher education and the parents of these students will have an opportunity to meet and talk with representatives from various colleges, universities, and vocational training schools at a college/technical school program at Abilene High School on Monday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from forty institutions have been in-

vited. In addition, representatives from the Air Force, Army, Marine, and Navy ROTC programs and a representative to discuss financial aid will participate in the program.

The evening program will begin in the auditorium where Michael Conley, President of the Abilene High School Student Council, will preside. Mr. Royce Curtis, Principal of Abilene High School, will welcome the students and parents. Following the general meeting in the auditorium, each student and parent will have an opportunity to attend three discussion groups of thirty minutes each to obtain information about three different schools in which they are interested. College representatives will discuss entrance requirements, application procedures, estimated yearly cost, courses of study, types of housing available, financial aid, and other topics of concern to students and parents.

Hospital Has Sept. Loss From Oper. Of \$34,825

The Fisher County Hospital, for the sixth straight month, showed a net loss from operations after tax revenue was factored in to the financial information. The September loss amounted to \$34,825. The year to date figure reflects a gain from operations of \$193,501.

The total year to date loss from operations amounts to \$497,322. Offsetting that figure is tax revenue of \$690,823 leaving the year to date gain from operations, after tax revenue is figured in, of \$193,501.

September in-patient revenue was \$74,793 in September. Outpatient revenue was \$203,460; dispo share was \$9,335; contractuals \$52,576; other revenue of \$1,135 - for total revenue in September 1995 of \$236,147.

Expenses - \$128,872 for salaries; \$9,432 for FICA; \$35,826 for Department Expenses; \$34,401 for contract labor and \$69,240 for general expenses - leaving September 1995 total expenses at \$277,771.

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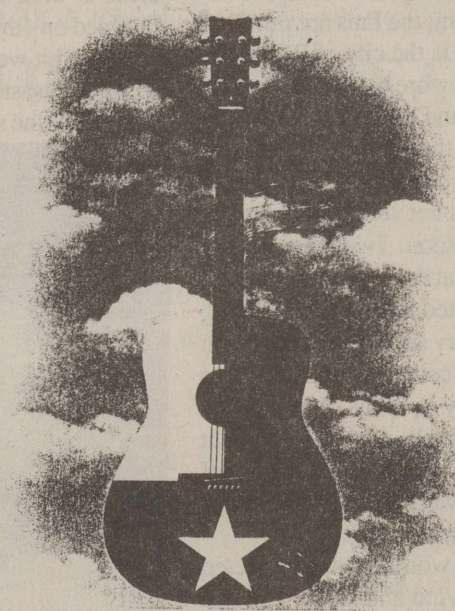
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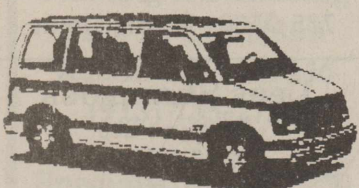


WITH THE HELP OF THE 'SNIFF DOG': Investigator Don Turk of the Texas Fire Marshal's office, called in the 'sniff dog' last week as part of his investigation. District Attorney Frank Conard indicated last Tuesday that the fire was started by an arsonist.

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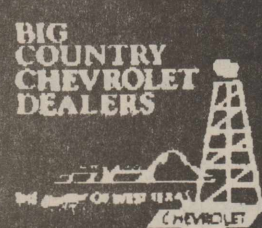
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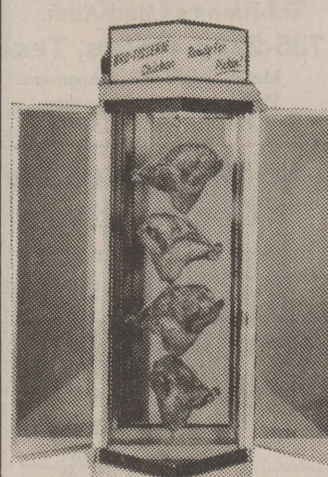
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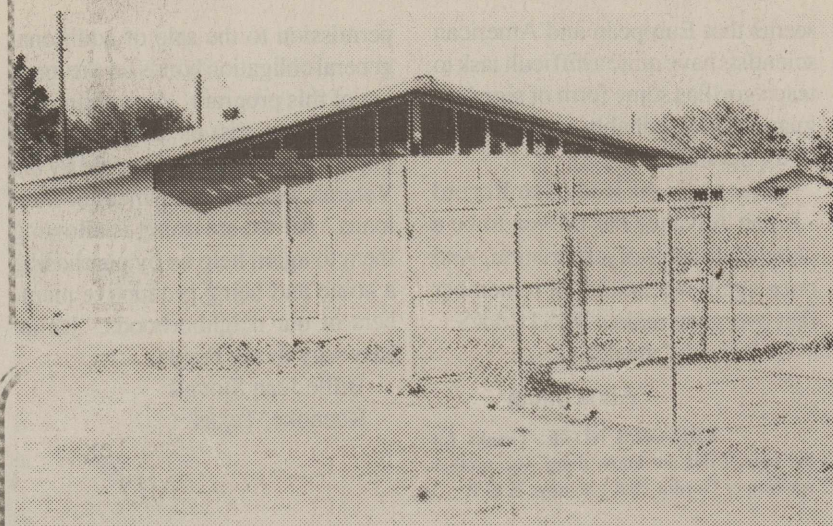
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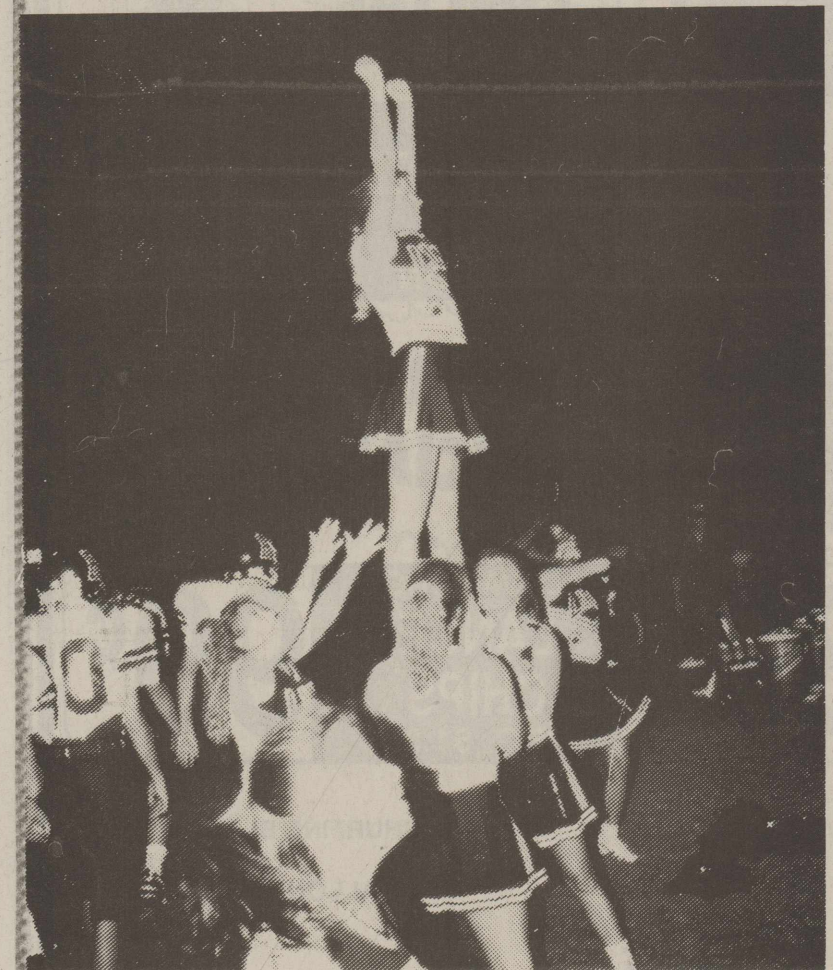
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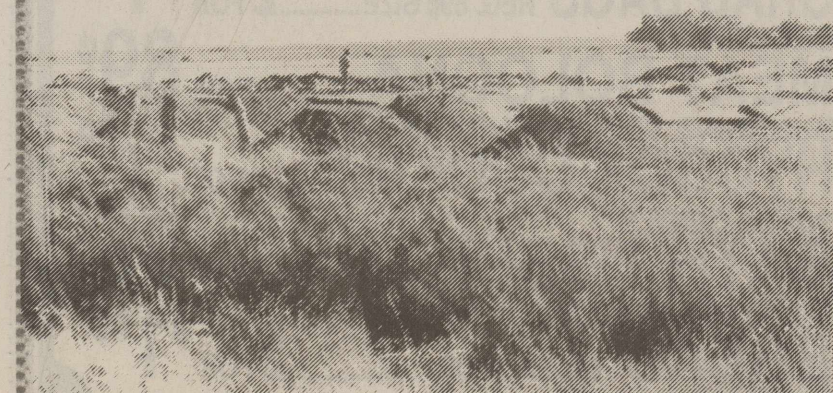
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Construction on new nursing home facility next to Fisher County Hospital.

58th Edition Of Texas Almanac Now Available

Texas Gov. George Bush, saying that "the 'Texas Almanac' was part of every press kit on the campaign tour," accepted the very first copy of the 1996-97 'Texas Almanac' on Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 'Almanac' editor Mary Ramos at the state capital in Austin. Ramos was in Austin to kick-off a statewide media tour to introduce the 58th edition of the 'Almanac', which will be arriving in bookstores within the next two weeks.

The 'Almanac', published by 'The Dallas Morning News' and commonly referred to as "The Encyclopedia of Texas", bears the stamp of Ramos' distinctive and lively personality. Nowhere is this more evident than in the cover feature, an in-depth look at the captivating history, evolution and influence of Texas music. Spotlights Buddy Holly, Willie Nelson, Roy Orbison and other musical legends, the feature is unrivaled in its fascinating detail on the performers and their influence on modern music not only in Texas and the United States but

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of September 24 - 30, 1995 were as follows:

ADMITTED:

Brenda Sheehan- Rotan; John T. Neves- Roby; June Martin- Rotan; Arnie Nix- Snyder; Saragosa DeLeon- Rotan; B.C. Carriker- Roby.

DISMISSED:

J.P. Cyphers- Rotan; Brenda Sheehan- Rotan; Nora Burns- Snyder; June Martin- Rotan; Arnie Nix- Snyder; Saragosa DeLeon- Rotan.

Fisher County RV Club Holds Meeting

The Fisher County RV Club met October 19-22 at Lazy Days RV Park at Hitchcock. Friday the group went on a tour at NASA. Saturday they went to Galveston Island to the Moody Gardens, The Strand, rode the ferry to Port Bolivar. Dr. Callan led the group on a tour of the medical complex by "C-B" radio. Saturday night there was a "pot luck" dinner.

Sunday morning there was coffee and doughnuts then a devotional. Those attending: Jim and Amaleta McCright, J.T. and Louise Mahaffey, Glenn and Violet Upshaw, Willie and Chris Martin, Carroll and Wanda Murphree, Maurice and Ruth Callan, Melvin and Odessa Clements, Rex and Sybil Fields, Joe and Nelda Swafford, Carlton and Dorothy Burrow, Loren and Karen Gardner, Chad, Roxann and Garrett Gardner, Ashley and Riley Branch.

The next meeting will be November 9-10-11 at Henderson for the Syrup Festival.

Roby Jr. High Defeats Knox City Greyhounds

The Roby Junior High football team traveled to O'Brien to face the tough Knox City Greyhounds last Thursday the 26th. The defense held Knox City scoreless for four quarters, while scoring 20 points and defeating the Greyhounds. Scoring went as follows:

1st score: Jason Amador on a reverse around left end, extra point was good by Wes Pullig on a sweep over left end.

2nd score: Wes Pullig ran an option to right for 25 yards, extra point failed.

3rd score: Salvador Hernandez caught a 20 yard reception from Wes Pullig, extra point failed.

Final score "A" team 20-0. The "B" team was 6-0 with Terrell Hess catching a dump pass from Jeremy Brewer for the score. The next game will be at home against the "mighty Moguls" this Thursday.

around the world. Ramos, who leads the team that writes, edits, researches and photographs for the 650-plus page 'Almanac', is well aware of the importance of the 'Almanac' as an essential resource of information about the state, yet is also aware of the importance of capturing Texas' "anything-is-possible" spirit.

The 1996-97 edition includes such

diverse features as a new Texas State Profile; an insider's look at the Texas Lottery; details on each of Texas' 254 counties; information on state archaeological discoveries and scientific progress; lists of Pulitzer Prize winners; descriptions of ethnic festivals across the state; data on foreign companies with operations in Texas (and vice versa), and much more.

One new feature sure to be invaluable is a historic timeline listing the most important events of Texas history against the background of national and world history.

The 'Texas Almanac' will retail in bookstores - \$12.95 for the paperback edition. Copies are available from the Newspaper Office, Rotan, Texas.

Fisher County Round - Up

By Joy Walker
735-2840

by Joy Walker.....

Well we had a beautiful week of good weather, warm and sunny, although maybe a trifle windy, but all in all, just right for working in the fields. Most are spraying their cotton to defoliate, not waiting for an early frost, which maybe we will get this coming weekend, but you never can be sure, so most farmers are spraying and are eager to get their cotton out.

Happy birthday to Kathie Daniel, whose birthday is Friday, November 3rd. Also to Frances Bavousett whose birthday will be Thursday, November 2nd; Frances is a student at A&M University. Also happy birthday to Dutch Parks whose birthday is also Friday, November 3rd.

James and Dianne Ratliff attended the Memorial Service which was held in Rotan on Sunday afternoon. There was a nice piece about the Memorial on KTXS Sunday night, and there was a real good crowd in attendance.

Betty (Miers) Mauldin postponed her surgery, or the doctors did, and will be having it in November.

Donnie Kiker graduated last Sunday from Austin College in San Angelo with a degree in Massage Therapy.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Mayme Shelton who passed away last week. Services were held Monday in Rotan at the Weathersbee Funeral Chapel, with burial in the Roby Cemetery.

Dutch and Norma Lou Parks met Larry and Susan Parks in Big Spring Saturday evening and enjoyed eating supper with them. It was Larry's birthday, so happy birthday to him.

We are glad to hear that Marguerite Nettleton's mother, Katherine, got to come home from the hospital in Sweetwater last Tuesday and is now doing very well. Marguerite spent a few days with her after she got out of the hospital.

Cody Etheredge, son of Randy and Vickie Etheredge, sang a special for us on Sunday at Hobbs. Pam Osuna also played and sang a very beautiful song.

We were pleased to have Lila Guinn back at church with us on Sunday; she is doing really well after her knee surgery. Monday and Tuesday of this week, Mark Gordon will be going back to the hospital in Lub-

bock for some reconstructive surgery on his face which was badly broken up when he had the wreck. He got to come home from the hospital earlier in the week and is doing okay although he is in a wheelchair and is waiting for his broken bones to heal. We hope that Mark will continue to improve and be well soon.

Not too much news this week, as everyone seems to be doing fairly well, except for colds and allergies and this weather we have been having seems to be making everyone's hayfever and allergies worse. Don't worry though, it will freeze soon.

Hope all the little kids had a good time Halloween, know some were really looking forward to dressing up.

See you next week.

THANK YOU

We wish to express our appreciation to the fire department and all the men of the town who so courageously fought the fire in the Rotan business district. They did a splendid job in containing the fire, and saving Family Dollar and Whites True Value.

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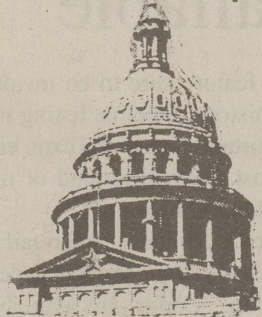
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HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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AUSTIN — Attorney General Dan Morales said he wants to “train an army of Texas consumers” in the technique of consumer self-defense.

While in Houston last week, Morales unveiled plans for a new education program, which he announced as part of National Consumer Protection Week.

The program for community groups will feature instructors, videos, brochures and other publications. The videos deal with telemarketing and direct mail fraud, automobile purchase and repair and credit issues such as debt collection, credit reporting agencies and mortgage companies.

Copies of program materials will be available in two or three weeks. The program is funded by a \$160,000 court settlement against a national company that sold extended warranties it failed to honor, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division filed 253 lawsuits in 1994 resulting in \$10 million in restitution to consumers and about \$3 million in fines, attorneys' fees and state investigative costs.

A state survey reveals that direct mail advertising services and telemarketing companies receive the most complaints from consumers, followed by debt collection agencies, used motor vehicle dealers, long-distance service companies and general automotive repair shops.

John Wayne And Kathy Helms Parents Of Daughter

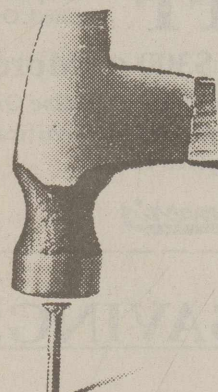
John Wayne and Kathy Helms of Round Rock announce the birth of their eight-pound, nine-ounce daughter named Kate Elizabeth, on October 9 in Austin.

Proud grandparents are Wayne and Rosemary Frederick of Lafayette, LA. and Wayne and Pat Helms of Rotan and great grandparents are Carl and Aladean Gruben of Rotan.

Ashley Nicole Hyer Announces Arrival Of Her New Sister

Ashley Nicole Hyer of Rotan is proud to announce the arrival of her sister, Lucy Elizabeth, at 3:08 p.m. on October 19th. Lucy weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs.

Parents are Neil and Patricia Hyer of Rotan. Paternal grandparents are Neil and Mary Ann Hyer of Andrews. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Twylla Hicks of Comanche.



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Chapman Seeks Gramm's Seat

U.S. Rep. Jim Chapman, D-Sulphur Springs, launched his campaign for the seat occupied by Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, who is running for president.

“One of the reasons I am running for the Senate is so Texans will know that there are Democrats who are out there who want to represent them, the average Texan.”

Speaking from the steps of the state Capitol, Chapman said he would try to build a more centrist attitude in the Democratic Party.

“I think you will see that those who seek public office and those still in office who are Democrats regain that centrist compass and move a centrist agenda forward,” he said, showing concern over a strengthening Republican Party and its more conservative orientation.

A former district attorney, Chapman, 50, took office in 1985 as representative of the state's 1st Congressional District, which includes 19 counties in Northeast Texas.

Other Democrats who have announced in the race for Gramm's seat are Houston lawyer John Odam and Dallas-area teacher Victor Morales of Hunt County. Also reported to be considering a run are Dallas businessman Richard Fisher, who lost in his 1994 bid for the Senate seat won by Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison, and state Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock.

Candidates may file for the November 1996 election beginning Dec. 3. The Democratic primary is March 12.

New TDCJ Director Named

The Texas Board of Criminal Justice named Wayne Scott, who was considered the frontrunner for the position, as the executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Like his predecessor James A. “Andy” Collins, Scott began as a prison guard and worked his way up through a series of administrative positions. He will be in control of the agency's \$2.3 billion-a-year budget.

He will take office Dec. 1, replacing Collins, who announced his resignation in September to

start a prison management firm in Louisiana. Collins said he will remain with the agency as a consultant until Feb. 1.

Scott, 44, was selected from a field of seven qualified applicants. He worked for the past 18 months as director of the institutional division of the TDCJ, overseeing the incarceration of 132,000 inmates.

As executive director, he also will be responsible for the agencies that supervise about 500,000 parolees and probationers and 34,000 workers.

His salary will increase from \$110,000, at present, to \$120,000 a year.

Last Term for Wilson

U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin, announced the term he is serving would be his last.

The former lumberyard manager, who first sought public office in 1959 as a state representative, said, “it's time,” giving a reason for his decision.

Wilson, 62, served three terms in the Texas House, two in the Texas Senate, and was elected to 12 consecutive terms as representative of the state's 2nd Congressional District.

“There are three ways to leave Congress,” he said in an Associated Press report. “You can be carried out — that doesn't have much appeal to me. You can be defeated — I haven't had that experience and don't want it. Or you can decide it's time, and get on with a new life with no regrets, and spectacular memories. That's what I'm going to do.”

Wilson said he is interested in entering the private sector as a consultant, and mentioned interests in oil and gas operations in south-central Asian countries.

Unemployment Declines

The beginning of school is credited for pushing down the unemployment rate in September.

The unemployment rate for Texas fell to 5.9 percent in September from 6.4 percent in August, according to figures released by the Texas Employment Commission.

Bryan-College Station had the lowest unemployment rate in the state, 3.1 percent, for September.

Letter's To The Editor - The Readers Always Write

Dear Editor:

I am one of many in this area who have listened and read intently for every word of information concerning Tommy Hargrove since his kidnapping by the “gorillas”.

Your article concerning this subject in the October 26th edition of the Roby Star Record - Rotan Advance gave more information than I ever expected to learn about “gorillas”.

These facts are in the order they appeared in your article:

1. Paragraph 2: Gorillas wear clothes (fatigues), steal cars, rob people, and carry weapons, which I assume to mean guns, not sticks.

2. Paragraph 3: These gorillas live in the Andes Mountains of Columbia at 9,000 feet altitude. My World Book Encyclopedia says that gorillas live in Africa.

3. Paragraph 6: These gorillas have an identity, “Narco”, and they are 14 to 19 year old children. This must be a recently discovered genus of the ape family; my encyclopedia states that the female is an adult at about age 7, and the male is an adult at about age 10.

4. Paragraph 21: Gorillas gave Tommy rice and beans to eat. This would logically be the food that the gorillas eat, and one would assume that the food is cooked. Compton's Encyclopedia says the gorillas in Africa eat bamboo shoots, wild celery, and other tender plants. Seems that these Columbian gorillas are a couple of steps ahead of their “cousins” in Africa.

6. Paragraph 22: Gorillas in Columbia communicate in Spanish. These NARCO gorillas are indeed an advanced genus of the ape family. It

seems that European and American scientists have quite a difficult task to teach gorillas some form of sign language. They probably never thought to try Spanish.

Once again the Roby Star Record - Rotan Advance has proven to be a delightful source of information. And once again we should all remember that everyone makes MISTEAKS.

A “weakly” reader,

Alton Smith

EDITOR'S NOTE: Thanks for the note. I did not know there was another spelling of Gorilla - but I do now. K.G.P.

A Letter to the Editor:

On November 7, we Texans have a real and practical way to say thanks to our Veterans for their gift of service to us. Proposition 5 will allow the Veteran's Land Board to continue to make low interest home and home improvement loans to these very deserving men and women by giving

permission to the sale of additional general obligation bonds for the funding of this program. A program that doesn't even cost us taxpayers anything. These bonds are repaid by the Veteran with the repayment of their loans. All we are doing is allowing them to again help us by purchasing a home and being productive members of our neighborhoods. It's an easy way to say thanks.

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Rotan Residents Attend Special Recognition And Prayer Service

Some 250 people attended a "Special Recognition And Prayer Service" last Sunday afternoon, organized to honor Louis Eaton who was killed at the October 17th fire that destroyed three downtown buildings. Also recognized were the members of the community who assisted in various ways at the town tragedy.

Organized by Adolfo Medrano, a member of the Rotan City Council,

he praised Louis Eaton, calling him an American hero, for giving of himself in service to others. "He was a true volunteer. The Louis Eaton family deserves a special thank you. I heard the fire whistle but rolled over and went back to sleep, Louis got up and volunteered to help, as he always did. He was special", stated Medrano.

Mayor Jerry Marshall, stating that he was extremely proud of Rotan and

the way that they came together, after the fire, commented that "some of the greatest people in Texas and maybe in the world live right here in Rotan."

When Mayor Marshall began ticking off a list of organizations and individuals who needed thanking, the crowd gave a standing ovation to the Rotan Volunteer Fire Department.

Rotan Fire Marshal Perry Thomson said, "Sometimes when we are getting our equipment ready or getting ready for training I wonder if

anyone cares, but when an emergency takes place, you rise up." Thomson concluded by saying "Louis Eaton had a calling, he was a volunteer." Thomson was very complimentary of the rookies in the department and alluded to the sad year the fire department had with the loss of both Archie Neeley and Jerry Dycus. "The fire department will rise up to meet the needs of the community," concluded Thomson.

Brenda Hicks, owner of Home-town Cleaners, although not able to be present, expressed her appreciation through Adolfo Medrano to the community.

Jana Morales, addressed the crowd on behalf of the Morales Family and Casa Morales. She said, "With God's help we hope we can rebuild and continue to serve our community."

Hank Day, representing the H.L. Davis & Co. family, expressed sympathy to the Eaton family and indicated that there were "no plans of

what we are going to do."

A total of seven clergy from Rotan participated in a prayer. There were John Lowrie, Cross Roads Baptist Church; Gene Haynes, Calvary Baptist Church; Johnny Guzman, Emmanuel Baptist Church; Barry Day, Church of Christ; Larry Holder, First United Methodist; Joe Vernon, First Baptist and Father Reyes, St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

The final act was the presentation of an American flag to Bessie Eaton, mother of Louis Eaton, by Adolfo Medrano.



YELLOWHAMMER BAND MEMBER: Stacy Morrow is a member of the Rotan Yellowhammer Band and belts out the music at a recent half-time show at Yellowhammer Stadium. Kim Pease photo.

Roby Lion Talk

By Mike Christian
Head Football Coach & A.D.



District Title May Be Decided Friday Night

We've had several "big" games this year, but the biggest may be this Friday night when we travel to Munday to take on the Moguls. If we win we are undisputed district champs, even with a loss to Aspermont. However, a loss to Munday forces us to beat Aspermont on the last Friday night of the season, then wait for the results of Saturday's Munday-Knox City battle. While we are probably in the playoffs there is a chance that we could lose out on a tie-breaker system if us, Munday, and Knox City end up in a three-way tie as tri-champs. While there are several possibilities, we need to "take care of business" this Friday night.

Munday has their best team since the Collier brothers led the Moguls to the 1A state championship in 1990. They have excellent speed in the backfield, and their backs are big. Gerald Taylor is 6-2, 215, and Jonathan Reagans is 6-0, 180 and both can fly. Their season record is 7-1 and they are 3-0 in district. Their quarterback is 6'4", 185 lbs. with good speed and ability. Last year, he threw for 166 yards against us.

Munday has switched to the Wishbone this year and runs the ball most of the time. They use different sets and motion to give defenses problems, but the biggest problem is tackling those big backs.

Our defense was pretty good against Knox City, but not great, which pretty well sums up last Friday night's game. Both our offense and defense must improve if we are to beat the Moguls.

A bunch of guys played well last Friday, but Keith Hardin really made some big plays from his defensive tackle spot. This was especially significant, for Keith had not been able to work out all week due to a knee injury. At the present time, our only other "walking wounded" is Casey Terry, who has a deep shoulder bruise.

Our bunch has a chance to "make history by winning two district championships in a row. To win, we must play hard and play smart.

I am proud of the Lions and thankful for the opportunity to coach them. I am also proud of the hard work of our assistant coaches. We have had a good year and we have the chance to make it a GREAT YEAR! I hope you Lion supporters are as excited as we are.

We appreciate your support. We will certainly need it. Please make the trip to Munday and loudly and proudly support our Roby Lions.

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4-H Food Show

The 4-H food show will be held Saturday, November 4 in the Fisher County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m.

Juniors (age 8-11) will be judged at 10:00 intermediates (age 12-13) will be judged at 10:30 and seniors (age 14-18) will be judged at 11:00. An Awards presentation will be conducted following the judging.

The food show is the climax of the foods and nutrition project in which in which the 4-H'ers learn basic nutrition, food preparation, food safety and practice communication skills.

The winners in each of the divisions will compete in district competition, November 18 in San Angelo.

The 4-H food show is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The public is encouraged to attend the awards presentation.

Theatre on the Brazos

Theatre on the Brazos will hold its regular stated meeting on Thursday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Theatre Building. All theatre members are urged to attend as there are important business items to discuss.

Turkey Dinner

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will be having their annual "turkey dinner", served with all the trimmings and home baked desserts, will be served Sunday, November 5th from 11 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This is a fund raiser for the Center. Adult plates-\$5.00; Children under 12-\$3.00 a plate.

Sylvester UMC Bazaar and Bake Sale

The Sylvester UMC will have a Bazaar and bake sale on December 9 from 8-5 p.m. at Sylvester UMC. Brisket lunches will be served- take-outs or eat-in.

Donations of any kind for this bazaar by individuals or businesses would be greatly appreciated. Or to donate call 915-993-4473 or 915-576-3859 or send to: P.O. Box 432, Hamlin, Texas, 79520.

THANK YOU

The members of Family Dollar wish to thank the Fire Department, Sheriff's Department and everyone involved in helping with the clean up last week. We are sorry for the loss of our towns other three businesses and especially for the loss of Louis.

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Imken Farm Named "Farm of the Year"
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EDITOR'S NOTE: Glen Imken was notified last Friday that he was the first runner-up for the title of "Farm of the Year". A Maryland farmer took the top award. Imken indicated that early in the 1930's his grandfather, Fred Imken, at that time a resident of Longworth, was named Texas Master Farmer. That award was also sponsored by the Progressive Farmer.

An area farm was named a "Farm of the Year" finalist in a national competition sponsored by *Progressive Farmer*/Rural Sportsman magazine and Remington Arms Company.

The farm owned by Glenn Imken of Sweetwater is one of two finalists in the "Upland Game Management" category of the Wildlife Stewardship Farm Awards Program. Imken grows cotton as a cash crop on the 176-acre farm but also manages his property

intensively for quail, wild turkeys and doves.

The Wildlife Stewardship Farm™ Awards Program was created by *Progressive Farmer* / Rural Sportsman magazine and Remington Arms Co. to identify farms where lands and lakes are managed to benefit wildlife and made available, on some basis, for public use.

In naming the Imken farm as a finalist, Rural Sportsman editor J. Wayne Fears praised the farm's extensive use of plantings to benefit upland game. "By planting both native and non-native species, Imken is providing the food and cover needed to increase upland game populations," Fears noted.

Ask The Question.....

QUESTION: "What is the nepotism law with regard to cities?"

ANSWER: "The Texas nepotism statute, Article 5996a, V.A.T.S., forbids the city council from hiring any person who is related to a councilmember within the second degree by affinity or within the third degree by consanguinity. This prohibition does not apply to relatives who were continuously employed by the city for (1) at least 30 days if the councilmember is appointed; (2.) at least six months if the councilmember is elected at an election other than the general election for state and county offices; or (3.) at least one year, if the councilmember is elected at the general election for state and county offices. When a person is allowed to continue employment with the city because the person has been continuously employed for the requisite period of time, the city council member who is related shall not participate in the deliberation or voting on matters concerning employment if such action applies only to the particular person and is not taken with respect to a bona fide class or category of employees. - *Texas Municipal League, Austin, 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.

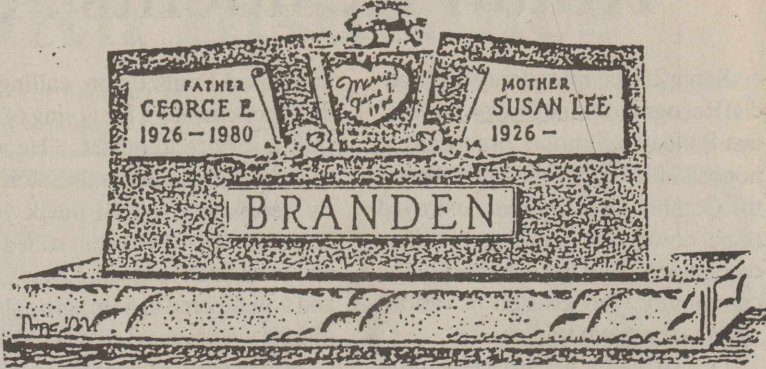
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VOTER'S GUIDE TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
TO BE CONSIDERED ON NOVEMBER 7, 1995



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NUMBER	SUMMARY	ARGUMENTS FOR	ARGUMENTS AGAINST
1	Authorizes the Texas Education Board to issue \$300 million in bonds to finance student loans. The amendment would increase the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's bonding authority from \$660 million to \$960 million.	Could provide state loans to finance students' education with a program that is self-supporting. Bonds must be repaid by students so that no revenue is taken from the General Revenue Fund. This amendment attempts to extend the life of a program that currently makes loans available to approximately 20,000 students a year.	If approved, this amendment would authorize the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds (G.O. bonds). These bonds add to the state debt, and voters are not informed of the state's total bond indebtedness when they approve them. Also, the state is ultimately responsible for G.O. bonds if a student defaults payment.
2	Authorizes the Texas Legislature to exempt The Grand Lodge of Texas, a charitable organization, from property taxes. Some of their 916 lodges in Texas have been declared historical landmarks, which caused property values and property taxes to increase dramatically.	Would free up funds from The Grand Lodge of Texas to spend on other state charities. According to the Senate Research Center, the Masonic Fraternity spends more than \$80 million annually on charity in Texas.	Considering the fact that there are 916 lodges in Texas, local governments would lose approximately \$1 million from property tax revenues. Also, this unfairly allows only one type of charitable organization to be exempt from property taxes.
3	Authorizes the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority to use \$200 million of the \$500 million in bonds already authorized as part of the state's Farm and Ranch Land Finance Program. The \$200 million would be used to guarantee loans to purchase farm and ranch land.	Would allow the Texas Department of Agriculture to provide farmers and ranchers with a more flexible finance program without having to authorize state debt. The program would use money that has already been authorized for agricultural use.	Although the \$500 million for the state's Farm and Ranch Land Finance Program was authorized in 1985, it was never implemented. This proposal could continue a dangerous trend: taking money saved and spending it to expand an already existing program. Also, the state is ultimately liable for G.O. bonds.
4	Authorizes Texas homeowners to refinance their homes to pay off a tax debt owed to the Internal Revenue Service or, in the case of a divorce, to purchase a spouse's equity in the home.	Would bring the Texas Constitution in line with federal law. Also expands homeowners' rights to allow borrowing against home equity. Texas is the only state that does not allow homeowners to use home equity as collateral.	Would remove the protections from a forced sale of a homestead and could result in people losing homes against their will.
5	Authorizes the Texas Land Board to issue an additional \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance low-interest home loans for qualified Texas veterans.	Could help those who have served their country and state in the armed forces to secure a loan for a house. Voters already have approved \$1.5 billion in bonding authority for this program.	Only benefits one segment of the population at the expense of all taxpayers. If participants in the program default on their loans, the state is ultimately responsible for the debt.
6	Exempts the surviving spouse of a senior citizen (if the surviving spouse is at least 55 years old) from property tax on a residence homestead.	Provides tax relief from ad valorem taxes for the spouse of an elderly citizen.	Only benefits one segment of the population at the expense of all other citizens who will have to compensate for lost tax revenue.
7	Reduces the total bonding authority already granted for expenses related to the construction of the Superconducting Super Collider from \$500 million to \$250 million.	Could help reduce the state debt, and therefore, enable the state to achieve a higher bond rating. The United State Congress has eliminated funding for the Super Collider, so there is not need for further financing from the state.	Could prevent bonds from being issued to promote physics research at universities and other laboratories. The money was allocated for scientific research and since the federal government stopped the program, not the state, the money remains available.
8	Establishes provisions within the Texas Constitution to abolish the office of constable in three counties: Mills, Reagan and Roberts County. The amendment also would transfer the duties of the constable in these three counties to the county sheriff.	Could help these small counties streamline their governments and increase savings.	Would remove authority from voters to elect county officials.
9	Removes sanctions which prohibit the investment of money from the Texas Growth Fund in businesses with ties to South Africa.	Would remove sanctions, implemented in 1987, no longer necessary to protest South African apartheid government, which is now democratic.	Since the South African government is still volatile, money invested there would be at risk.
10	Abolishes the state treasurer's office, effective Sept. 1, 1996.	Will downsize government by preventing the duplication of many functions performed by both the Treasurer and the Comptroller's offices.	Would give management control over state revenues to one office and eliminate the checks and balances system. Mergers among state agencies have not always resulted in the desired financial savings. They can result in larger, less responsive bureaucracies.
11	Authorizes a landowner whose property was receiving an agricultural valuation to retain that valuation if the use of the land is changed from agriculture to active wildlife management.	Would protect the rights of property owners and would help preserve wildlife and endangered species by providing economically feasible ways to restore and protect natural habitats.	This amendment could give landowners unfair tax breaks. It eliminates the use of previously productive land.
12	Authorizes the Texas Legislature, by general law, to exempt income-producing personal property and mineral interests from property taxes, if the property has a value insufficient to recover the administrative costs incurred in collecting taxes.	Would create a more efficient tax-collection policy.	Could provide a tax loophole for some personal property.
13	Authorizes local governments, at their discretion, to exempt commercial shrimp and fishing boats from property taxes.	Will assist communities dependent on the fishing industry to promote the local economy.	Would assist a special interest group by reducing tax revenue at the expense of the entire population.
14	Would raise the constitutionally designated property-tax exemptions for disabled veterans and their spouses and children.	Would bring tax relief to those who have served this country in the armed forces and their families.	Would assist a special interest group by reducing tax revenues at the expense of the entire population.

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