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Rotan School Votes To Drop Automobile Tax, Hires Teacher

The members of the Rotan School voted to drop the personal property tax, sold the unreliable Yellowhammer bus, purchased two new busses and hired a business/computer teacher

My Idea Of Real Baseball.... By Kris (Price) Givens

As much as I love baseball, I have never cared one whit about major league ball. The players could have stayed on strike forever, as far as I'm concerned.

My idea of baseball is Little League. That's where real entertainment is on the field. This is baseball in its purest form.

Last year was T-ball for us. We lived in Girvin. Several times a week would find us in McCamey on a brand new field. It was an area that had been scraped off. What was left was a big bald spot of caliche. Caliche is a very dry, white dirt. It has a wonderful "slide" quality and can choke up the best of us.

Caliche is also loaded with rocks. It was rocks that got my outfielder in trouble a few times. Some serious rock fights went on to break the boredom of playing in the outfield. Since outfield in T-ball is outer space to a 5-year-old, my very sociable son also spent time visiting with spectators on the fence.

It's fun to watch a T-ball game. The entire team chases the runner, whether they have the ball or not. There was the boy who threw the ball at the girl since he couldn't run fast enough to tag her. My son was on second waiting to run, just standing there, and fell off, for no apparent reason.

There always seems to be way too many runners on the bases, all piling up, not sure about which base they should retreat to.

The kids had a tendency to sling the bat behind them when they hit. That problem was taken care of, only to have them slowly set the bat down on the ground before running. Oh, well, at least the umpire's shins were safer.

There was a time or two when the game was halted for a potty break. Someone always picked his nose, another battled something in his britches and the whole team acted like they had swallowed some Mexican jumping beans. Watching those precious boys and girls play is infinitely better than any World Series.

This year we live in San Angelo, and the season has all the promise of last year's. At our first scrimmage, my son was on third - inspecting the bottom of the base. Both teams constantly jumped and down.

The batting machine was intimidating. It was fun watching my boy move a foot away from home plate and forward two feet to hit the ball. He was carefully put back in place by the coach, and when he connected with the ball it sounded great.

That night at home I had to tell him over and over how far the ball went and where. "After all, Mom, I couldn't look, I had to run!"

It's fair. There are no million-dollar players, just a bunch of kids having the time of their life. For my son, it means actually getting to play on grass. For me, I get to watch my son have fun, I get a lot of laughs and it's free. Besides, when was the last time you saw major league teammates argue over who gets to play third base?

Kristi is the daughter of George and Jan Price of Roby, Texas.

in action last Monday night.

Board members, acting on a recommendation of Superintendent Wes Hays, voted 5-2 to do away with the personal property tax effective with the 1995 taxing year.

Hays stated, "Very few districts tax automobiles and personal property. This could be a time to drop the personal property tax. I have no problem with dropping it."

The board discussed dropping the tax last month. Betty Mize, Fisher County Chief Appraiser, was present for that meeting. She was also present last Monday night.

The vote to drop the personal property tax was 5 - 2. Voting in favor of

Board Members Voted To Sell The Eagle 'Yellowhammer' bus after determining it was unreliable and a financial drain.

the motion to drop the tax - Clay Helms, Ralph Riddle, Norvelle Kennedy, David Hudnall and Vick Burk. Voting against the motion - Sheila Murphree and Betty Strayhorn.

Board members voted to accept the high bid from Ramblin Fever Coach Conventions, Jonesville, Wisconsin for the sale of the Yellowhammer Eagle bus. The bus has been unreliable and a maintenance drain financially since it was purchased. The board accepted the bid of \$26,500.

Immediately following the sale of the Eagle, the board voted to purchase two new yellow busses. The purchased a 72-passenger Carpenter body - Navistar chassis at \$45,994 and a 19 passenger Thomas boyd GMC chassis for \$32,692. The vote on purchasing the busses was 6 - 1. Helms, Riddle, Kennedy, Hednall, Burk and Murphree voted in favor of the purchase. Strayhorn voted against the purchase.

Board members canvassed the election and accepted the following totals - Vick Burk - 244; Clay Helms 262 and Marcus Gonzalez 246.

The board reviewed budget amendments and were presented a report from Superintendent Hays outlining an \$11,500 state grant for a T-Star Satellite communications system.

The board discussed delegates to the September 30th TASA/TASB joint annual convention in Houston.

Board members reviewed a contract and possible partnership agreement with Jayton - Girard School District. Rotan is in hopes Jayton will consider Rotan to purchase excess WADA units for the 1995-96 school

year.

Under the consent agenda items, the board

*Engaged Rodgers & Company to do the 1994-95 school financial audit

*Approved participation in ten Region 14 Service Center programs.

*Filed a Superintendents Financial Report.

*Filed the May 1, 1995 enrollment report.

Board member Betty Strayhorn wanted consideration given to local gifted/talented programs vs. paid programs from Region 14.

Superintendent Hays indicated that there would be a walk through of the new construction at the school on June 11th. The board is to meet on June 18th to accept the substantially completed structure.

Superintendent Hays advised that
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Two Returned To County Hospital Board

Fisher County voters returned two incumbent Fisher County Hospital Board members to new two-year terms last Saturday.

CleDon Coffman received 332 votes and Freddy Rasberry received 289 votes.

Scorpio Island Raided, Two Are Arrested

On Friday, May 5th officers of the Fisher County Sheriff's Department, and the Alcohol Beverage Commission raided an establishment in the southwest section of Rotan "Scorpio Island" and confiscated a large amount of whiskey and beer.

Two individuals were arrested. Donnie Powell, age 46 of Rotan and Denise Daniel, age 31 of Rotan. Powell was charged with 'possession of alcohol with intent to sell' and Daniel was charged with 'illegal sale of alcohol'.

Both were jailed and were released after bond was posted.

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Commissioners May Sell Land South Side Courthouse Square

Commissioners received an inquiry about the possibility of selling some land on the South side of the Courthouse square. Commissioners are debating on whether to take bids on the lots they own - former home of the

Rotan Man Is Arrested For Marijuana

A 65-year old Rotan resident, Cruz Martinez, was arrested for possession of marijuana on Thursday, May 4th, according to Fisher County Sheriff Gene Pack.

Pack indicated that Martinez's home on North Cleveland was raided by Fisher County Sheriff's Department personnel, Inter-Local Narcotics Task Force personnel and members of the Alcohol Beverage Commission of Abilene after a search warrant was secured.

The law enforcement personnel arrested Martinez and placed him in jail. He was released on bond.

Voter Turnout Light In Two Races At Roby

The voter turnout at two uncontested races in Roby was extremely light last Saturday.

In the race of two incumbents for two seats on the Roby School Board, Lance McWilliams received 28 votes and Vance Lakey captured 27 votes.

In the City race, all three incumbents were re-elected. Mayor Cecil King received 20 votes; Archie Rivers 20 and Milton Peeples 21.

Roby Hotel and Roby Hardware Store. Some interest has been expressed by a person who may be purchasing the old Henry's Quick Stop building.

In other action, commissioners listened to a report by Beth Martin concerning the Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center. Beth was filling in for Maggie Briggs. In the report Martin indicated that approximately \$600 had been raised at the Amigo Benefit Meal but that \$3,000 was still needed to purchase the vehicle. She also reported to commissioners on the results

Five Elected To Rotan Council For Four Years

Two hundred and fifty-five Rotan voters proved that cumulative voting, as it was designed, worked as they cast ballots in the election of five councilmen from a field of eight.

Rotan voters gave 221 votes to Mario Quintanilla pushing him into the top spot in number of votes received. Second position went to Jack Cadenhead with 206 votes. Incumbent Scotty Daniel finished third with 174 and Incumbent Greg Rains finished fifth with 146 votes. The final council seat went to Adolfo Medrano.

Others in their order of finish - 6th - Ella Raye Helms with 136; 7th - Larry Markham with 131 and 8th - John Morgan with 119.

There were 255 casting ballots in the Rotan City election. Mayor Jerry Marshall received 178 votes.

The mayor and recently elected councilmen will serve for four years.

of a 19-county audit by the Texas Department on Aging.

Mary Williamson gave the treasurer's report. She indicated that an due to an oversight some 12 - 15 months ago, Marie Crowley was not paid for longevity. Commissioners instructed Williamson to pay the back longevity pay to Crowley.

Oscar Dickerson appeared on behalf of a client in an effort to straighten out an easement/ownership dispute of some land that was in the old North Roby original town site. Commission-

Foursquare Gospel Church Revival Begins

The members of the Rotan Foursquare Gospel Church of Rotan will conduct a revival beginning Sunday, May 14th and continuing through Wednesday, May 17th, according to Rev. Bob Kennedy.

Troy Drake will be the evangelist. Sunday services are at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Incumbents Returned To Water Board

Three incumbents were returned to three positions on the Rotan Water Authority board.

Those re-elected and their vote count -

Larry Callan - 234; John Gray - 225 and Mac Weathersbee - 249.

ers, hearing that a new home was going to be purchased, decided to give the 15 feet of land in dispute to the homeowner.

Commissioners are to meet on June 16th at 8:00 p.m. for a special meeting concerning the explanation of insurance benefits.

In final action, Bettie Rivers requested and was granted possession of a key to the main courthouse.

Rotan Teachers, Employees Are Honored For Years Of Service

Teachers and employees of the Rotan Independent School District were honored last Monday night and presented plaques and service pins by Superintendent Wes Hays. The ceremony took place prior to the regular board meeting.

Teachers and employees honored have 654 years of combined service to education and 494 combined years of service to the Rotan ISD.

Seventy-five percent of the total years of service in education have been in Rotan.



30 YEAR PIN: Verna Mae Pittman, Rotan Junior High Teacher, was one of 37 Rotan teachers and employees honored last Monday night with service pins and plaques. Verna Mae Pittman has been teaching for 30 years, all at Rotan ISD.

ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT			
Name	Total Years Experience as of 5/31/95	Total years Rotan ISD Experience as of 5/31/95	
Early, Mickey	20	5	5 year pin
Harris, Dorothy	18	5	(14)
Porter, Pat	23	5	
Tandy, Nina	5	5	
Threatt, Dee	7	5	
Greenlee, Cecilia	15	6	
Miranda, Lydia	6	6	
Miranda, Frank	7	7	
Romero, Luis	7	7	
Burnes, Debby	14	8	
Cade, Lisa	2	8	
Mullins, Dee Ann	12	8	
Jensen, Milton	24	9	
Park, Patti	9	9	
Nowlin, Evelyn	10	10	10 year pin
Cabrera, Lupe	22	11	(9)
Early, Connie	19	11	
Schroyer, Peggy	15	11	
Mercer, Deborah	13	13	
Williams, Peggy	23	13	
Branch, Sue	19	14	
Medrano, Aida	14	14	
Myers, Laura	14	14	
Hargrove, Connie	21	15	15 year pin
Hargrove, David	23	15	(7)
Marshall, Mary Ann	27	15	
Fanez, America	15	15	
Fryar, Cynthia	16	16	
Posey, Ted	27	18	
Stinson, Joy	19	19	
Wilfong, Betty	20	20	
Nowlin, Aurora	23	23	20 year pin
Soliz, Dorothy	23	23	(4)
Cox, Patsy	24	24	
Hamric, Pat	39	28	25 year pin
Goodwin, D.L.	29	29	(2)
Pittman, Verna Mae	30	30	30 year pin
			(1)
654 years of total combined service		494 years combined service to Rotan ISD	

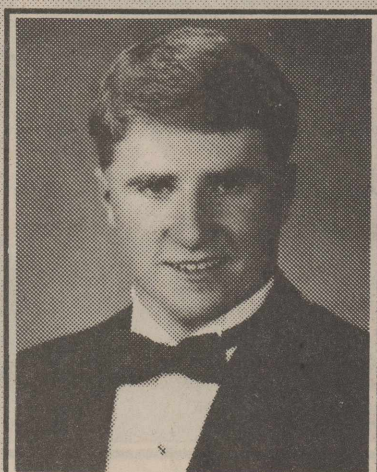
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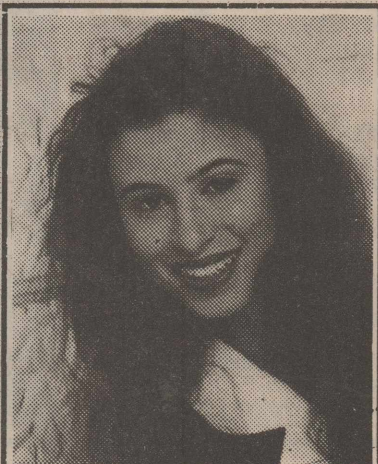
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Son Of
Freddy & Irma Carreon
GPA - 8.5333

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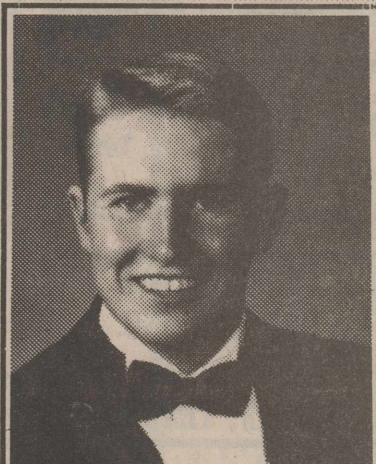
Roby High School
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Bob & Kay Moore
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GPA - 8.4761

Salutatorian



Roby High School
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Son Of
Bob & Kay Moore
GPA - 4.68

Boll Weevil Management With Uniform Cotton Planting Date

by Louis D. Chedester
Extension Agent- Entomologist

Uniform Planting - Cultural Boll Weevil Management

The boll weevil is the primary cotton pest in the Texas Rolling Plains, and uniform planting is a basic part of boll weevil management. By delaying planting until after mid-May, cotton will produce the first one-third grown squares during the last week of June or early July. Squares smaller than one-

Notice

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of FISHER County on the 4th day of May, 1995 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROTAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT vs. ANGELA K. MCMANUS Cause #4516 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of JUNE, 1995 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said FISHER County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain .005208 Mineral Interest in the Diedrich-Wolff Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 20048, out of Section 104, Block 1, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 162, Page 600 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

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Tract IV: Being all that certain .002604 Mineral Interest in the Pearce Holland -A- Tract 2, Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 1375, out of Section 103, Block 1, & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 174, Page 297 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

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GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 4 day of May, 1995.

Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY,
TEXAS

By Patti J. Thompson, Deputy
37:3tc

third grown will not support the developing boll weevil larva. Delaying planting allows most overwintered boll weevils to emerge from overwintering habitat, and only those emerging within two weeks of the development of the first one-third grown squares have a reasonable chance of depositing their eggs.

Boll weevils overwinter in the adult stage. Those weevils that are able to feed on squares and bolls during the fall develop fat reserves and are known as diapausing weevils. These weevils crawl under ground litter to overwin-

ter. Broadleaf litter provides better quality overwintering weevil habitat; mesquite and grasses provide poorer quality habitat. Overwintered weevils leave poor-quality habitat earlier, reducing their chances of surviving until one-third grown squares are present. Where cotton is planted after mid-May, fields that are most likely to be infested by overwintered weevils are within one-half mile of better quality overwintering habitat.

The best time to plant cotton to avoid boll weevils, cotton aphids, and thrips would be from mid-May through

the first week of June. By planting during this three-week period, the cotton fruiting period would be shortened by one to three weeks, and the first one-third grown squares would be present in late June, forcing development of the first boll weevil generation during the first three weeks of July, the hottest time of the year. The first weevil generation produced at this time is often no larger than the overwintered generation. Hot, dry conditions during July produce a high level of boll weevil larval mortality in the squares.

This past winter was again mild, and large numbers of boll weevils are likely to survive. However, the hot, dry conditions last summer caused the cotton to mature early, reducing to a low level the numbers of squares and small bolls available to boll weevils for the development of fat reserves for overwintering. Boll weevils are expected to survive the winter in large numbers, but not at the levels seen last year. In much of the Rolling Plains, record numbers of boll weevils were captured in the spring of 1994.

Boll weevils that survive the winter can be controlled with from one to

three insecticidal applications in late June. The need for early-season boll weevil control can be based on the numbers captured in boll weevil pheromone traps or on field inspections. In cotton planted in mid-May, insecticidal control measures are suggested when four boll weevils are found per 100 feet of row or when 1.4 boll weevils are found per 100 plants. However, in cotton planted earlier, boll weevils are more likely to cause excessive crop damage. In cotton planted

around May 1, insecticidal control measures are suggested when there are two boll weevils per 100 feet of row or 0.7 boll weevils per 100 plants. Since early-planted cotton could be producing one-third grown squares by mid-June and, at that time, overwintered boll weevils could still be emerging, additional insecticidal applications may be needed. These additional applications should be based on field inspection starting about three days after the initial application.

Autumn Daniel District Winner Of Stenholm Letter Write Contest

Autumn Daniel, an eighth grade student at Roby Junior High School, has been named the district winner for the 17th Congressional District of RespecTeen Speak for Yourself letter writing contest. She wrote to Rep. Charles Stenholm on the increasing problem of violence in schools. She earned a certificate and a \$50 savings bond for her efforts. The certificate states that in recognition of the insight and concern shown regarding the issues and problems facing today's youth,

this certificate is presented to Autumn Daniel as a district winner in the 1995 "Speak for Yourself" contest.

Autumn is a student in Mrs. Pam Osuna's 8th grade U. S. History class. She is the fourth student from RJHS to capture top honors in the 17th district in the past four years. She is the daughter of Gary and Kathie Daniel and sister to Alison.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of May 2 - 8, 1995 were as follows:

ADMITTED:

Carl Murff- Roby; Ceslie Daniel- Rotan; Jancee Pease- Rotan; Afron E. Hudnall- Rotan; Jennie Floyd- Snyder; Sandra Chapman- Rotan; Johnnie J. Brown- Rotan; Mozella Cooper- Rotan; Lee Scott Smith- Rotan; Tommy Harbin- Rotan; Loraine Edgar- Albany.

DISMISSED:

Raymond Rains- Rotan; Opal Pursley- Sylvester; Jancee Pease- Rotan; Afron E. Hudnall- Rotan; Ceslie Daniel- Rotan; Sandra Chapman- Rotan; Johnnie J. Brown- Rotan; Carl Murff- Roby; Lee Scott Smith- Rotan; Jennie Floyd- Snyder.

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As we became young children, you were perfection personified ... the queen of our world. A kiss erased the pain of a skinned knee or hurt feelings. Shelter was your arms.

During the teen years, your queenly crown tilted precariously. You became our "critic." "Your room is a pigsty!" ... "That phone must be glued to your ear!" What's happened to Mom?

However, college gave us a new perspective as you again became our rescuer. Goodies and loving letters (with enclosed check) proved your crown was on straight. Thank goodness!

Finally, we launched lives of our own. You became our confidant and advisor as we began jobs and raised families. Again we were babes in a new world, and you were there.

Mom, life has come full circle. You played many roles with little rehearsal, but you were always right on cue. Today, you take center stage. Congratulations ... and Happy Mother's Day!

*"This Is
Your Life"*

Sunday
Luke
8:1-3

Monday
Luke
8:4-15

Tuesday
Luke
4:38-44

Wednesday
Luke
5:1-11

Thursday
Luke
5:12-16

Friday
Luke
5:17-26

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Luke
27:32

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Bill Allowing Texans To Carry Hand Gun Rejected By Senate



AUSTIN — A bill allowing Texans to carry handguns passed on a voice vote in the Texas House last week but was rejected by the Texas Senate on a 23-8 vote.

Rejection was based on a provision in the House bill requiring a statewide nonbinding referendum on the issue in November — two months after the bill would take effect.

Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, offered a motion to add the referendum provision, appealing to senators to hear the voters of Texas on the issue. "To not let the people express their opinion on this is ridiculous. If you trust the people, let them express themselves," Leedom said.

But the bill's author, Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, called Leedom's motion "silly." He said it would be a "cruel hoax" on voters if they rejected the right-to-carry law and then found that their vote did not count. "You do not have arbitrary popular votes on fundamental elements of the U.S. and Texas constitutions," Patterson added.

Senators voted down two other motions to modify the bill: Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, moved to prohibit the carrying of handguns in hospitals; and Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston,

moved to increase handgun safety training from 15 hours to 30 hours. But Patterson said the cost of extra instruction "makes this a rich man's privilege."

Differences in the House and Senate versions of the measure will have to be hammered out by a joint conference committee.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, who is on the conference committee, wants to delay the effective date of the right-to-carry bill until after a referendum is held.

The bill would allow Texans to carry concealed handguns if they obtain a permit which requires that they be a legal resident for six months, at least 21 years old, have no felony conviction, no chemical dependency or mental illness.

A four-year permit would cost \$140.

Bush Signs Emissions Bill

Gov. George W. Bush signed into law a measure that would resume last year's vehicle emissions testing procedures in regions of the state with poor air quality.

The bill, approved by the Senate 28-3, eliminates a centralized program that took effect in January. It also gives Bush the power to negotiate further testing changes with federal regulators.

Meanwhile, the company commissioned to inspect Texas vehicles until a centralized emissions testing program was scrapped, has sued the state for more than \$150 million.

In a lawsuit filed in Travis County state court, Tejas Testing Technology alleges the state breached a seven-year contract to test vehicles in Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth and Beaumont-Port Arthur.

Tejas officials claim that program changes have brought them close to defaulting on loans they took out to buy \$137 million worth of testing equipment and land required for the testing centers.

Child-care Reform Delayed

Under a bill passed by the Senate

last week, stricter standards for child-care centers would be further delayed to allow for a new cost-benefit study.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, sought the delay after complaints that the new rules would drive up the cost of child care.

The Texas Board of Protective and Regulatory Services last year voted to increase minimum standards for licensed child-care facilities. New regulations on staff-child ratios, group sizes and square footage were to take effect June 1, 1997.

West's bill would push the date back to Sept. 1, 1997, and require the agency to hire an outside firm to conduct a study of the rules' impact.

Bush Signs HIV Test Bill

Gov. Bush last week signed a bill to allow marketing of home-testing kits for the virus that causes AIDS.

If the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves of the sale of the home-test collection kit, Texans could send a small blood sample to a laboratory and receive confidential results and counseling via a toll-free telephone number.

Other Highlights

■ The Texas Senate has approved a bill allowing cities to create special enterprise zones to pay for new sports complexes. The measure was backed by the Dallas Cowboys, Mavericks and Stars, the Houston Oilers and Rockets and the San Antonio Spurs.

■ A Senate-passed bill that would allow imprisoned child molesters to undergo voluntary castration was approved 5-2 by the House Corrections Committee. The controversial bill now goes to the full House for debate.

■ Approximately 92 percent of the 183,737 high school seniors have passed all sections of the tests (TAAS) required for graduation, Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses announced. Moses said that's about the same as last year's results.

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there could be a program whereby prisoners from the Snyder prison would do labor on the school campus as part of their retraining program. This is being looked into by the City of Rotan as well as Rotan Schools.

The board went into closed session from approximately 15 minutes at 8:45 p.m. When the board re-convened into open session they voted to hire Dirk Dykstra as the new Business/Computer Teacher for Rotan High School.

Dykstra is currently teaching at Loraine. He is a native of Wisconsin and previously taught at St. Mary's School in Taylor, Texas.

Wes Hays made the board aware of three individuals who achieved high scores on test administered under the Duke University program. HJ Jacob Price is to be recognized for his high scores at TCU in May. Others scoring high were Byron Kennedy and Rebecca Velez.

Board members approved the bills and re-organized the board.

The new officers for the coming year are Vick Burk - President. Clay Helms - Vice President; Sheila Murphree - Secretary and Betty Strayhorn - Assistant Secretary.

Following the election of officers David Hudnall thanked the members of the district for the opportunity to serve and expressed his appreciation to the board as a whole for what they were doing by serving on the board. Hudnall was the only incumbent who was not returned to the board for an additional term.

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By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of FISHER County on the 4th day of May, 1995 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. BOBBIE NICHOLS; Cause #4489 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of June, 1995 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said FISHER County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all those certain Lots 38 and 39 in Block 4 of the Glasscock

Addition to the Town of McCaulley, Texas, and being more particularly described in those certain Deeds of record in Volume 136, Page 403 and Volume 399, Page 102 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4 day of May, 1995 as the property of BOBBIE NICHOLS FORMERLY KNOWN AS BOBBIE JEAN KIRBY, Box 243, McCaulley, Texas 79543; JIMMY NICHOLS, Box 243, McCaulley, Texas 79543; W. W. WALKER, if living; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$2,088.21 with interest from the 31st day of March, 1995 at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 4 day of May, 1995.

Gene Pack SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY, TEXAS

BY Patti J. Thompson, Deputy
37:3tc

NOTICE OF SHERIFFS SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF FISHER

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32ND Judicial District Court of FISHER County on the 4th day of May, 1995 by the Clerk thereof, in the case of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VS. M. A. PREWITT HEIRS; Cause #4497 and to me, as SHERIFF directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 6th day of JUNE, 1995 which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the NORTH door of the Courthouse of said FISHER County, in the City of Roby, Texas, the following described property, to wit:

Tract I: Being all that certain .003767 Mineral Interest in the Round Top (P.P.) Unit Tract No. 25, Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 4240, out of Section 80, Block 1, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 85, Page 372 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

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Tract III: Being all that certain .003766 Mineral Interest in the Frank Steel Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 3070, out of Section 72, Block 1, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 85, Page 337 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract IV: Being all that certain .003767 Mineral Interest in the Round Top (Canyon Sand) Unit, Tract No. 9, Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 409, out of Sections 80 and 81, Block 1, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 85, Page 372 of the Deed Records of Fisher County, Texas.

Tract V: Being all that certain .003767 Mineral Interest in the Round Top (Canyon Sand) Unit, Tract No. 8, Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease No. 4408, out of Section 80, Block 1, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Fisher County, Texas, and being more particularly described in that certain Deed of record in Volume 85, Page 372 of the Deed Records of

Fisher County, Texas.

Levied on the 4 day of May, 1995 as the property of M. A. PREWITT HEIRS, by serving Ann N. Burnette as Trustee, 319 Clements Ave, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; The unknown heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives of the respective ESTATES OF MARCUS ALLEN PREWITT ALSO KNOWN AS M. A. PREWITT, JENNIE E. PREWITT, H. REID PREWITT, ANNA K. AATHERINE MONTJOY, and THOMAS J. EVANS, each deceased; ELLA REID McCORD, if living; JULIA VANCE CHENAULT, if living; MRS. LEWIS GREENE, if living; HENRY R. PREWITT, JR., if living; ROBERT WINN PREWITT, if living; J. W. MONTJOY, if living; JOHN MONTJOY, if living; ALLEN P. JACKSON, if living; MARSHALL DeSHIELDS, JR., if living; JOSEPH SHANNON JACKSON, if living; DIXIE EVANS, if living; MRS. ROBERT WHITTAKER, if living; FLORENCE RAY BELL, if living; ALLEN PREWITT EVANS, if living; VANCE R. EVANS, if living; to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1,710.55 with interest from the 31st day of March, 1995

at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit in favor of ROBY CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, ET AL.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 4 day of May, 1995.

Gene Pack
SHERIFF FISHER COUNTY,
TEXAS

By Patti J. Thompson, Deputy
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Konnett Mays Entered In Two Track Events

Konnett Mays of Roby is finishing final practice sessions in preparation for entering the triple jump and 100 meter dash at Austin this weekend. She will be competing in the triple jump on Friday at 4:30 p.m. and will be entered in the 100 meter dash on Saturday at Noon.



Konnett Mays

Legal

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that application has been made to the Comptroller of the Currency, Director for Bank Analysis, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard, Dallas, Texas, 75201-3394, for consent to merge Citizens State Bank, Roby, Texas into First National Bank, Sweetwater, Texas.

It is contemplated that all offices of the above-named banks will continue to operate.

This notice is published pursuant to 12U.S.C. 1828 (c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Part 5 of the regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency. This notice will appear six times at approximately weekly intervals over a 30-day period beginning May 4, 1995 and ending June 8, 1995.

Any person desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice to: Deputy Comptroller, Comptroller of the Currency, 1600 Lincoln Plaza, 500 North Akard, Dallas, Texas, 75201-3394. The public file is available for inspection in that office during regular business hours.

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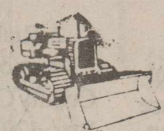
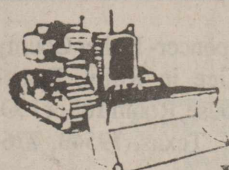
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Garage Sales

GARAGE SALE: May 8th only, Friday, 805 East 6th St., Rotan.
 37:1tp

GARAGE SALE: Jack McClure residence, Saturday, May 13th from 9:00 - 12:00. Swing set, mattress & box spring, miscellaneous. Two blocks east off Highway 70, Roby.
 37:1tc

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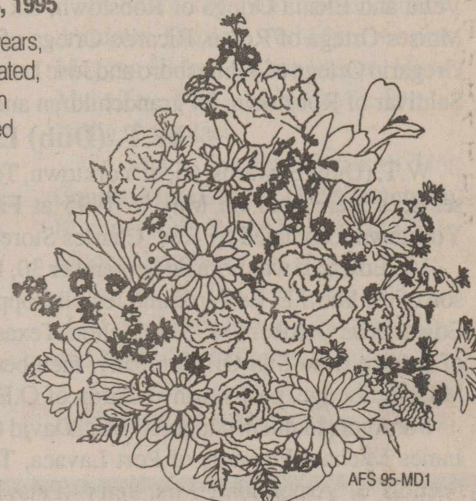
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FOR SALE: Video Business-Roby (915) 993-4420.
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BID NOTICE: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 301 E. Lee, Rotan, Texas 79546 is accepting bids for 3 roofs, Parish Hall Rectory at 301 E. Lee Rotan and St. Mary's Catholic Church, Jackson and Swenson St., Aspermorit. All Bidders must have proof of insurance. Call (915) 735-2512, (915) 735-2698 or (915) 735-3051 for details. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Bids must be turned in by June 1, 1995.
 37:2tc

Accepting Sealed Bids On Vehicle

Fisher County is accepting sealed bids on the sale of a 1988 'Gimmy' GMC - 4 Wheel Drive, 2-tone beige, runs good. Submit bids to Fisher County Judge Marshal Bennett, C/O Fisher County Court House, Roby, Texas 79543. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 12th. Commissioners reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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ROTAN SCHOOL MENU

May 15-19, 1995

MONDAY: Bean Chalupa, Buttered Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Chilled Fruit.
TUESDAY: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Fried Okra, Hot Rolls, Banana Pudding.
WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers/Cheese, Hamburger Salad, French Fries, Oatmeal Cookies.
THURSDAY: Crispy Tacos, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Cornbread.
FRIDAY: Sandwiches, Lettuce Leaf, Sliced Tomatoes, Pickle Spears, Potato Chips, Fresh Fruit, Cookies.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU

May 15-19, 1995

MONDAY: Beef Casserole, French Fries, Salad, Fruit, Hot Rolls, Milk.
TUESDAY: Fried Chicken, Gravy, Cream Potatoes, Green Beans, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Burrito, French Fries, Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookie, Bread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Tacos, Refried Beans, Salad, Jello w/Fruit, Bread, Milk.
FRIDAY: Hamburger w/Cheese, Chips, Burger Salad, Brownie, Fruit, Bun, Milk.

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OBITUARIES

Narciso Ortega

Narciso Ortega, 77, of Rotan, died Wednesday at Fisher County Hospital. Rosary was at 7:30 p.m., Friday, at Weathersbee Funeral Chapel and funeral was at 10 a.m., Saturday, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Renaldo Reyes officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Mr. Ortega was born October 15, 1917 at Mercedes, Texas, the son of Narciso and Luisgarda Ortega. He moved to Rotan 30 years ago from Mercedes and was a farm laborer. He was a member of the Catholic Church and the widow of Maria Montez Ortega, who died January 17, 1987.

He is preceded in death by a son, Narciso Ortega Jr. in 1972.

He is survived by: Six daughters- Gracelia Frausto of Rotan, Sandra Ortega of California, Lucy Olguin of Sweetwater, Juanie Pachee of Whitesboro, Alicia Velia and Elenia Ortega of Robstown; six sons- Narciso Ortega of Hamlin, Moises Ortega of Rotan, Ricardo Ortega of Rotan, Vicente Ortega of Rotan, Gregario Ortega of Whitesboro and Jose Luis Ortega of Florida; a sister, Reyna Saldívar of Robstown; 24 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

W.T. (Dub) Edwards

W.T. (Dub) Edwards, 65, of Yorktown, Texas, died May 7, 1995. Memorial services were held on May 9, 1995 at First United Methodist Church in Yorktown, officiated by Rev. Charles Storey and Dink Norrell.

Mr. Edwards was born on September 30, 1929 at Fisher County. He was the son of the late S.E. Edwards and Jewell Coppedge. He married Patsy Creswell Edwards on October 5, 1951 in Belton, Texas. He retired in 1990 with 30 years of service from Sun Oil Company, member First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, past worthy Matron of O.E.S. in Snyder, Texas.

Survivors include: daughter- Mrs. David (Vicki) Norrell of Yorktown; son- James Michael Edwards of Port Lavaca, Texas; sisters- Mrs. E. B. (Billie) Nichols of Aspermont, Mrs. Jerry (Patsy) Helms of Rotan; Mrs. Shelby (Carolyn) Farrington of Farmerville, LA; brothers- Stanley Edwards of Farmerville, LA, Sammy Edwards of Farmerville, LA; 7 grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Bill DuPriest, Harold Rector, Hugh Fairly, Mert Creswell, Wayne Arrington, Randall Matthews. Honorary pallbearers were: Wade Cupp, Clayton Edwards, Kurt Norrell, David Norrell, Jr.

Eula Bell Ragg

Eula Bell Ragg, 83, of Rotan, died May 3, 1995 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Services were held on Friday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral home with Rev. Joe Vernon, officiating. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery in Odessa, Texas.

She was born August 30, 1911 in Texas. She married Tom Ragg in 1954 in New Mexico. He died in 1975. Mrs. Ragg had been a resident of Rotan for the past 15 years or so having moved there from Odessa. She and her husband ran a restaurant in Odessa for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rotan.

She was preceded in death by a son, Don Allen in 1990 and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include: 1 brother- Clovis Strickland of Naturita, CO; 1 sister- Stella Jones of Snyder, Tx.; 5 grandchildren; niece- Donna Farley of Snyder Tx.; nephew- Rodney Summers of Snyder, Tx., nephew- Royce Summers of Snyder, Tx..

Richard Schick

Richard Douglas Schick, 88, died April 21, 1995. Funeral services were at Buell Chapel in Springfield with burial at Springfield Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Schick was born March 1, 1907 in Rotan, Texas. He married Elma Wallace on October 16, 1931, in Springfield. Schick, who had lived in Springfield since 1930, was a member of the First Baptist Church in Eugene. A farmer all his life, Schick enjoyed horticulture, gardening, flowers, family history, accordion music and whistling.

In addition to his wife, survivors include: a son- Gerald of Junction City; two daughters- Dorothy Cole of Tucson, Ariz., and Linda Wells of Eugene; three sisters- Carrie Allen and Dorothy Schick, both of Rotan, Texas, and Iola Cady of El Paso, Texas; eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

THANK YOU

Saturday, the 6th was clean up day at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Trees were pulled and trimmed, grass cut and weeds pulled. It looks wonderful!!! Thanks go out to:

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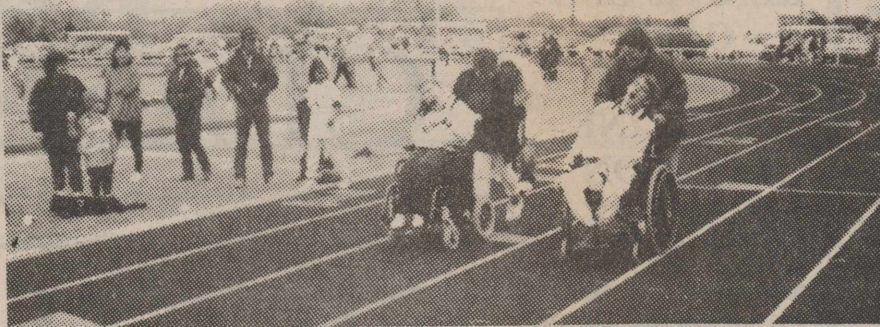
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TRACK MEET: There were two students in special education at Rotan School who participated in a Tri County Education Cooperative track meet at Hamlin last week. (l to r) In the wheel chair race division Jennifer Holloway, Junior, finished first in the 25 yard and second in the 50 yard while Brian Snow, senior, finished first in the 50 yard and second in the 25 yard event.



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Agricultural News

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

County Agents Report

by Richard Spencer

The county received up to 2" rain over the weekend. There was some damage to wheat from wind and hail. There should be enough moisture to plant cotton now.

The single most important item in a preventative medicine program for horses is internal parasite control.

By establishing a good parasite control program in conjunction with your veterinarian, including deworming and pasture management, damage from parasite infections in horses can be minimized.

A parasite control program should focus on eliminating parasites already existing in the horse and controlling the environment through effective

management so that the horse will be reinfected with fewer parasites.

A veterinarian can set up a deworming program tailored to the needs of any horse. Such factors as the environment, health of the horse, and parasites naturally found in your area must be considered in devising a treatment that will insure that the medication is continually effective. Also, a veterinarian can advise on how medication should be administered and on the correct dosage.

An effective deworming program will call for treatments at two-to-four month intervals because of continuous reinfection pressure. Programs should be designed to have major effectiveness against large and small strongyles, pinworms, roundworms and bots.

Allflex USA, Inc. has been granted FCC approval for their Defended Structure Portal Antenna which provides for the automatic reading of Allflex's Electronic Identification Eartags as an animal passes through the antenna's field.

Allflex says the advancement represented by the product is a critical step in providing "handsfree" livestock management through the integration of electronic identification and weighing systems with the management software of livestock programs across all species groups.

The most immediate application for the antenna, Allflex says, is in the dairy and feedlot management areas.

Angus and Angus-based cattle command price premiums over other types

of cattle, according to a market research project completed by Cattle-Fax of Denver, Colo. The research shows that Angus-based steer calves averaging about 500 pounds sell for a premium of up to \$2.81 per hundredweight over other breeds and crosses. Feeder steers weighing 750 pounds or so were found to command \$1.56 per hundredweight more than non-black cattle. Angus-based replacement females commanded premiums ranging up to \$51 per head, the research shows.

The study was based upon interviews by Cattle-Fax analysts with 115 individuals representing auction markets, order buyers and others closely involved in the commercial cattle trade. It was commissioned and paid for by the American Angus Association.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

County Agents Report

by Beth Dannheim

Problems:

Problems- seemingly insoluble, irritating, and aggravating are the birthplace of new ideas.

Duncan Hines was a printing salesman who had a hard time finding decent places to eat while he was traveling his territory. Realizing others had

the same problem, he started sending out Christmas cards to his friends who were on the road, recommending good places to eat. The demand for them became so great that recommending good food for travelers became his career. In the years before he died, his lodging and restaurant guides sold millions of copies. Even today, his name is perpetuated on supermarket

shelves in a whole line of prepared baking mixes.

J.D. Dole realized in 1932 that he had a major problem. He had more pineapples growing than he could sell in conventional ways. He had to find new ways to sell them. His solution was making pineapple juice and getting people to drink it.

William G. Fargo, one of the

founders of Wells, Fargo & Company, who subsequently became president of the American Express Company, took a European trip in 1891 and became furious at the time it took to have his letter of credit cleared at every stop. The result: Travelers Cheques.

Source: Leadership- With a Human Touch

County Entomologist Report

By Red Chedester

Extension Agent- Entomologist
by Louis D. Chedester

Fisher, Jones, Taylor Counties IPM Program
Acreage sign-up for the F-J-T IPM

scouting program which began on April 24 will continue through May 22. If you are interested in having your dryland cotton fields scouted this season, you can enroll your fields at the

following locations:

1. Louis D. Chedester- Entomology office, Fisher County Courthouse in Roby, Room 109 or P.O. Box 27, Roby, Tx. 79543, 776-2706.

2. Richard Spencer- Fisher County Extension Office in Roby, Fisher County Courthouse, Room 108 or P.O. Box 429, Roby, Texas, 79543, 776-2171.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASS: The Early Childhood class from Roby and two first grade students attended the annual John McGaughey Track and Field Day. This event was held on April 27th in Hamlin. It was a day of learning, competition, and fun. Front row: (l to r) Dolores Williams, Zane Morris, Kamie Terry, Brock Terry, Tresley Terry, Kyle Terry, Josh Green, Erica Melena. Middle row: (l to r) Kim Williams, Jon Foil, Michael Rosson, Aaron Head, Belen Sepeda, Tyler Stevenson, Daniel Boyd. Back row: (l to r) Marcie Gonzalez, Mary Mahaffey, Joe Becker, Norma Parks, Myra Payne, Celia De Los Santos.

450 Youth Compete In District 4-H Round-Up At Angelo State Univ.

Over 450 youth from 9-19 years old competed in the district 4-H Round-Up at Angelo State University Saturday. Competition was divided among 4-H contests. The annual Round-Up is designed to test skills of youth from the 23

counties which comprise the district.

To qualify for state competition, a team or individual had to place first or second in the senior division for youth age 14-19, juniors age 9-13 don't compete beyond the district level.

Winners from Fisher County were: Sr. Fabric and Fashion Design: Christy Willett, 3rd place

Sr. Fashion Revue: Katrina Rains, 1st place; Christy Willett, 2nd place; Kasey Greene, 2nd place; Kelly McWilliams, 3rd place.

Jr. Family Life: Sarah Boyd, Sahala Hardin, Ashley Smith, and Kyle McWilliams; 2nd place.

Sr. Family Life: Billy Floyd, J.D. Hearn, Mandy Taylor, Misty Taylor; 1st place.

Jr. Farm and Ranch Economics: Lyndi Stuart, Shane Stuart, 3rd place. Sr. Food & Nutrition Educational

Activity: Jaycee Carey and Amber Kelly, 1st place.

Sr. Promote 4-H: Kasey Greene and Christy Willett, 1st place.

Jr. Safety & Accident Prevention: Klay McWilliams and Brandon Sherwitz, 3rd place.

Jr. Share The Fun: Karen Carriker, Autumn Daniel, Ashley Douglas, Meggan Herron, Lance Moore, Mindy Mahaffey, Misty Mahaffey & Wesley Pulling, 2nd place.

Sr. Share The Fun (Drama): Matt Counts, Mike Counts, Chad Dannheim, Michael Hull, Bryce Moore, and Coby Moore; 1st place.

Sr. Share The Fun (Vocal): Erin Hart, Makala Herron, Kendra Kiser, and Kelly McWilliams, 1st place.

State 4-H Round-Up will be held June 6-10 at A&M in College Station.

Meeting For Roby 7 & 8 Grade Parents

A meeting will be held for parents of all current Roby 7th graders at 6:30 p.m. and 8th graders at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16th in the Roby Auditorium. This purpose of this meeting will be to plan student's course of study for the 1995-1996 school year. Mr. Daniel from Roby HS will be available to help 8th students plan for entering high school next year and 7th graders who will be able to take high school courses for credit in 8th grade next year. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents.

Rotan F.C.E. Meets In Anderson Home

The Rotan F.C.E. met May 4, in the home of June Anderson. A Mother's Day luncheon was enjoyed by all.

There were 8 members and visitors present. June served lunch to: June Anderson, Leonora Cleveland, Ardell Floyd, Wanda Floyd, Beatrice Hargrove, Jenny Lane, Oma Long, Effie Murphy, and two visitors, Billy Louise Coffman and Mary Boydston. The ladies played chicken foot and 42 for recreation. The next meeting, May 18, is undecided.

Title I Parents Meeting At Roby May 19

Roby CISD will hold a TITLE 1 Parents meeting after school, May 19th. This meeting is required to allow all Roby CISD parents join in the process of submitting a TITLE 1 plan to the state. Some exciting changes are happening at Roby Schools since qualifying for the whole school program. Please attend the meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library on Thursday, May 19th.

Carroll Matthews Receives Caller-Times Jefferson Volunteer Award

by Ron George
Corpus Christi Caller-Times
Carroll Matthews carries a sense of family obligation into her civic activity, and since 1976 has built a volunteer resume as long as her arm, but she's no drudge in the trenches.

"She's a real pleasure to be around," said architect John Wright, who sat eight years with Matthews on the non-profit board of Heart of Corpus Christi Inc. "She makes being a volunteer that much better."

Matthews is one of 10 people chosen to receive the Caller-Times Jefferson Volunteer Award. The newspaper asked readers to nominate volunteers who have made significant contributions to the community. The nominations were part of a national program sponsored locally by the Caller-Times. Wright said Matthews personifies so many of the area's committed volunteers.

"When you're doing things for nothing, you seem to get more done than when you're getting paid for it," Wright said. "Everybody's in it together."

The idea that we're all in this together permeated Matthews' childhood in Rotan, on the rolling plains of West Texas 60 miles northeast of Abilene, where her mother was on the school board for more than a decade.

There are lots of volunteers in a small town of 3,000; otherwise, nothing gets done. Matthews said she took some sense of that away from her 18 years in Rotan.

"I learned that it's important to contribute in some ways to the community you live in," she said.

Matthews grew up among self-sufficient friends. "I am very lucky that I had the same group of friends from the time I was born who are still my good friends today. We had a good group. We made our town fun. Went to the movies. Spent a lot of time riding around."

A branch of the Brazos River runs near Rotan, she said.

"We considered that our beach," Matthews said of the bonfires and picnics the young folks of Rotan threw on the banks of the Brazos. "It was all very wholesome, a great place to grow up."

She left Rotan, population 3,000, to attend the University of Texas at Austin, with a student body 13 times as large.

Matthews graduated with a degree in journalism in 1971, went straight into public relations with the UT Alumni Association, then joined a Dallas travel agency.

She met and married Thomas M. "Tim" Matthews in 1976, a graduate of Southern Methodist University, and a Corpus Christi native.

Matthews says her volunteer work is about two parts recreation and one part family obligation.

The distaff side of Matthews' family tree are Merrimans, a Corpus Christi pioneer family, including Caller-Times founder Eli Merriman, and Tim's grandfather, banker George Merriman.

"The family had done a lot for the community from when it was a very, very small town," Matthews said. "It just seemed important that, if I was going to live here, that I should contribute in some positive way."

So, ever since, Matthews has had her sleeves rolled to her elbows with the Junior League, Families in Action, Bayfest, Heart of Corpus Christi and the W.B. Ray High School PTA.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Carroll (Patton) Matthews is the daughter of Betty and the late Jack Patton. Carroll graduated from Rotan High School. Betty Patton now makes Sweetwater her home.

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Round - Up

By Joy Walker - 735-2840

It seems like every time it got stormy around these parts, we got some hail. Friday morning early was the worst, as it was really big, but it didn't last too long, thank goodness. Sunday when it

hailed again, it was little but it covered the ground. With severe thunderstorms most folks got rain along with the hail, and 2 inches seems to be average for around here. I measured 2 inches in all

at the house, but sure had some strong winds and it was really bad looking Sunday afternoon. Dallas got such severe thunderstorms with so much hail, and so much destruction, and some loss of life. Windle Cave has been back in the hospital in Lubbock again this past week, with some more heart problems. he is now back home, and we hope that he will begin to recover very quickly.

Bro. Ruben Osuna brought our messages Sunday at Hobbs, and his wife, Pam, sang a beautiful special which we really enjoyed.

Louise Martinez attended the salad luncheon Monday at noon at the Lions Club building in Rotan. She said there were lots of folks there, and it was a big success. Saturday Louise went to Snyder and ate lunch with Tachi and Steve Warren.

Grace and Milton Doyle's son and wife, the Curtis Doyles, from Dallas were here this weekend visiting.

Charles Dannheim is back in the hospital in Abilene with some heart problems; he may be there for a few days. Please remember him and Beth in your prayers.

Horace Mitchell's son Lee David, from Lubbock, visited this weekend.

Paige Terry, Chad's wife, was in a bad car wreck Monday morning near Sundown. She was injured and as a result, her baby was born by Cesarean section, a little boy, weighing 3 lbs. 2 ozs. We hope that they will both be okay.

Camila Galan, sister to Marcos and Benito Medrano passed away Saturday in Lubbock. The funeral was held Tuesday in Earth, Texas. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Marcos and Benito and the remainder of the family.

Jerry Dycus is back in the hospital at Houston, and we hope to hear that he is feeling better.

Maudie Randolph is in the hospital in Abilene and isn't doing at all well. Keep Maudie in your prayers. Beverly Landes, her daughter, has been staying with her.

George and Jan Price went to Weatherford, Saturday where Penny Arnold and son, Alex, from Waxahachie, met them. Sarah, who

had been staying with her grandparents went home with Penny and Alex. In Weatherford the Prices ran into Minette Etheredge and her daughter, Tandra, and they visited for a short while. Minette is Brad Etheredge's wife, and is Bill and Sally Etheredge's daughter-in-law. She used to teach school at Roby.

Alison Daniel, daughter of Gary and Kathie Daniel, spent Friday night and Saturday with the Dutch Parks. The Daniels went to San Angelo with Autumn who was in one of the Share the Fun competitions. Congratulations to all of the 4-H'ers who did so well at San Angelo; a number of them will now advance to State.

Have just heard that the roof of Carye's apartment was blown off during a storm that hit Grapevine late Sunday. She has leaks everywhere, no electricity, and has had to move out until the roof can be put back on. She said it was really scary, and was a tornado, not a straight wind, as it totally destroyed a fire station that was right across from her apartment.

We are sure proud of the good rains, but hope that we don't get any more of the bad storms that accompanied them. Know the farmers will have to get busy as soon as the ground dries; it's very wet out our way, with lots of water still standing in the fields. Of course, the sand is blowing today (Monday) but we expect that right after a good rain. See you next week.

Texas House Of Representatives Votes Education Reform Package

The Texas House of Representatives voted to approve the state's education reform package. The measure which rewrites the state education code passed after lengthy debate by the House late Saturday night.

"Folks are going to like what we've done," said State Representative David Counts (D-Knox City). "They may not like every part of it, but I think they are going to be pleased with the overall product. Essentially we have the codes down to about half the size they were when we started. That spells more local control and flexibility for our West Texas schools."

Early on Counts had expressed concerns over initial Home Rule proposals but now feels more comfortable with the measure. "We have been able to implement some simple, basic standards to provide home rule to our dis-

tricts while maintaining accountability to local taxpayers. I have confidence that communities can provide for and decide what is best for our local districts."

Counts specifically worked for amendments such as the 22 to 1 classroom ratio. "Limiting class size is something that has been shown to work and it needed to stay in the codes. Without it you might save a little money, but ultimately it is a hindrance to teachers trying to teach and students trying to learn." The House's version of the code revision also adopted other features such as an open process to encourage parental involvement.

The Knox City legislator also worked to keep off amendments that would have provided state vouchers for students wanting to attend private schools. "People have the right to decide where they want to go to school, but it is not the responsibility of the taxpayers to foot the bill." The legislation would however, allow for the creation of charter schools under Home Rule with the approval of local districts.

Counts noted that the bill also works to eliminate many of the current unfunded mandates present in the education codes. "Hopefully by eliminating many of these unfunded mandates and unnecessary restrictions, educators will not have as many hurdles to cross and will be able to put more focus on educating our young people."

Counts said the measure was especially significant because, "For the first time in the history of the state of Texas, there is an education code which spells out the mission of education in Texas, and lays out our goals and the objectives to get there."



HONORS: Kurt Gibson, son of Dale (former Hobbs Superintendent) and Annetta Gibson, was named Valedictorian at Booker High School for 1995.



Neves Gets Corsage Of \$100 Bills

Dixie Neves, manager of the Rotan Dairy Queen, has received a "corsage" made of ten \$100 bills, representing her high achievement of Richeson company goals including enhancement of sales and profitability, along with community service in running a restaurant welcoming to local residents.

Neves has been manager of the Rotan Dairy Queen for seven years, having worked in the Richeson chain since she was a teen-ager. During the period of her employment, Neves has had three children, and continues to combine her career with motherhood.

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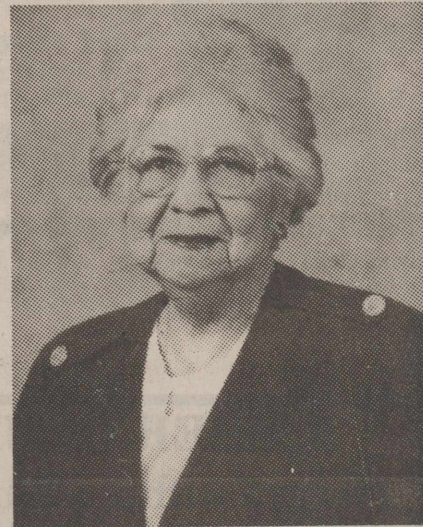
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GREETINGS:
You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable 32nd Judicial District Court of Fisher County, Texas, at the courthouse in Roby, Fisher County, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock a.m., on the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the issuance of this citation, same being the 3rd day of July, 1995, to Plaintiff's Original Petition filed in this Court on the 8th day of May, 1995, in this cause numbered #5330 on the docket of this Court and styled **HIGHLAND PETROLEUM COMPANY vs. BOBBY JOE TERRELL, JAMES D. TERRELL, HELEN TERRELL MORSE, PEGGY JOYCE TERRELL EBERS, GARY TERRELL, TAMARA TERRELL GALLMAN, ROBERT DRAKE TERRELL, BRITTON ANDREW TERRELL, BUZZY LEE TERRELL, JOHN DALE KNICKERBOCKER, DANNY R. WILLIAMS, ALISA WILLIAMS ASHTON, MITZIE CAROLYN TERRELL RALSTON, MARGARET TERRELL GARNETT, et al and the unknown heirs and legal representatives of each of the above-named people if any of them be deceased and persons claiming any title or interest in minerals under deeds theretofore given to any of the above-named persons, and the persons to whom the citation is directed.**

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:

Legal Notice

A suit for the appointment of a receiver under the provisions of Section 64.091 of Vernon's Annotated Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code to execute an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease on the interests of the Defendants in the following described land in Fisher County, Texas, to-wit:

The East 140 acres of the West 240 acres of the North one-half (N/2) of Section 181, Block One, B.B.B. & C. Railway Company Survey, Fisher County, Texas

Plaintiff's petition alleges that it owns an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease on approximately ninety percent (90%) of the oil, gas and minerals under the above-described land and that it and its associates taken together own Oil, Gas and Mineral Leases covering more than ninety percent (90%) of the oil, gas and minerals under the above-described lands, that Bobbie Joe Terrell owns .4392156 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that James D. Terrell owns .4392156 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Helen Terrell Morse owns .4329156 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Peggy Joyce Terrell Ebers owns .6588235 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Gary Terrell owns .2196078 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Tamara Terrell Gallman owns .2196078 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Robert Drake Terrell owns .1098039 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Britton Andrew Terrell owns .1098039 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Buzzy Lee Terrell owns .1098039 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that John Dale Knickerbocker owns .1098039 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Danny R. Williams owns .1464052 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Alisa Williams Ashton owns .1464052 percent of the minerals under the above-described

land; that Mitzi Carolyn Terrell Ralston owns .2196078 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that Margaret Terrell Garnett owns .4392156 percent of the minerals under the above-described land; that the Plaintiff will suffer substantial damage or injury unless an Oil, Gas or Mineral Lease is made covering the interest of the Defendants in said land. Plaintiff further alleges that the Defendants are non-residents of the State of Texas or are persons who have not paid or rendered taxes for at least five (5) years successively next preceding the filing of this suit, and that such Defendants have not paid taxes on said mineral interests or rendered the same for taxes within the same five (5) year prior.

If this citation is not served within

ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall properly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

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Bettie Hargrove
District Clerk, in and for Fisher County, Texas
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Game Night and Pot Luck Supper

The Fisher County Senior Citizens will sponsor Game Night on Thursday, May 11th with a pot luck meal. All senior citizens and their guests are encouraged to come and join in the fun.

D.A.R.E. Fund Raiser

D.A.R.E. fund raiser dance will be Friday, May 12 from 8 to midnight at the Rotan Community Center. Admission charge will be \$2.00 per person- 5th grade thru 12th grade.

Roby CISD Migrant Program

The Migrant Program of Roby CISD will hold a PAC (Parents Advisory Council) meeting on Monday, May 15 at 3:45 p.m. in the elementary school library. All parents that have children enrolled or involved in this program are urged to attend.

Questions regarding this program may be answered during this time. Refreshments will be served at this meeting. Everyone is welcome. Please call 776-2224 for further information.

Fisher County RV Club

The Fisher County R.V. Club will meet May 18-19-20 at Loop 289 RV Park, Lubbock, Texas.

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Mother's Day activities for St. Joseph's Catholic Church include: 1st Communion Services and after Mass a covered dish luncheon honoring the Communicants and for Mother's Day. Bring your favorite side dish or desert, the meat will be furnished.

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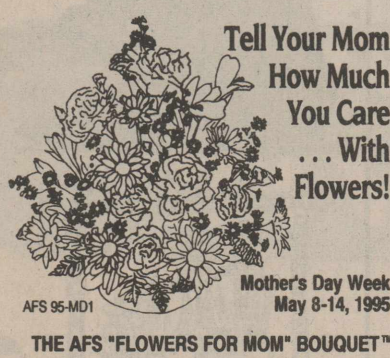
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Tribute To Bennie LeBleu, M.D.

Tribute to a Missionary

One of my family has died. I didn't even get to go to the funeral, for you see I was on a personal retreat with God and didn't even know about Bennie's death until it was too late. I feel sad. Sad for myself, sad for the other members of our "family", the other members of our mission team to Guatemala last November. I feel sad, and I hurt and I cry with you Francis LeBleu and the rest of your family, your husband will be missed by all.

Of course, no one could imagine or foresee when Bennie LeBleu agreed to join our Volunteer in Missions team last year that within the year he would be gone. "Do not lay up stores and treasures here on earth...." Now, last month, a heart attack, days on a ventilator, then death. But on that trip, Bennie was ALIVE! We all were! We all felt more alive than ever before. Our spirits soared as we ministered to those in need in Guatemala.

Bennie was one of two physicians on our team. He and Bill Gollaher ran

our medical "clinic". Bennie's smile I remember was contagious. That little grin always seemed to be there, and when you saw it you couldn't help but smile too.

I remember Bennie telling of a young pregnant Quiche Mayan girl who came to the clinic. She was very afraid and worried. This was her first child and the doctor she had seen had told her the child was due that day. But she was afraid something was wrong! She feared the baby was dead, or something was wrong with her. This was to be the baby's birthday, but the baby wouldn't come!! This little Mayan girl wanted the American doctor to help her, to help her baby! Please, please do something, she asked very sincerely!!

Bennie of course, calmly asked her to lie down on the "obstetrics table" in the clinic. A make shift affair consisting of a wooden door with the seat of a chair under each corner. This was covered with a couple of blankets. Being such a low height, Bennie had to bend way over to examine the patients.

Though Bennie knew no Spanish (let alone Quiche), speaking through his interpreter he quietly reassured her and gently began his examination.

Sometimes it was just easier to kneel down on the floor. A few sheets were placed over the windows of the Sunday School room for "privacy".

Though Bennie knew no Spanish (let alone Quiche), speaking through his interpreter he quietly reassured her and gently began his examination.

Praise God, in this case there was no problem with the pregnancy. Bennie took the stethoscope which he had brought along and listening to the girl's abdomen heard a strong regular heartbeat. He assured the young woman that everything was all right, the baby was just not ready to come yet!

No, no the girl insisted-- something was wrong, her doctor had said the baby would come today, today! Please help me, please do something!! Even repeated assurances that the baby was

alright would not calm, would not satisfy the young woman. She was sure something was dreadfully wrong. She feared her baby was dead inside her.

Dr. Bennie calmed her down, and then gently leaned down and placed the earpieces of the stethoscope into her ears. Then he gently placed the other end of the stethoscope over his heart. The girl listened. That's my heartbeat he explained. Next he placed the head of the stethoscope on the chest of the young mother and explained, "that's your heart." Then slowly, gently, he placed the head of the stethoscope on her abdomen.

Suddenly, the young mother's eyes flew open! Wide-eyed she shrieked as a big smile spread across her face! She could hear the strong beat of her baby!! She cried, Bennie cried, we all cried

when we heard the story, Dr. Bennie had in a very real way given the assurance of new life to this young woman. If that's not a miracle-- you tell me what is???

Yet, now he's gone. Why?? We cannot understand, right now we can only miss and hurt. No, we can do more than miss Bennie, we can remember.

I will remember Bennie LeBleu. I will remember him as a doctor who gave of his skill to the poor in Central America. I can remember him as one who shared of his faith in God, and I will remember him as a friend and as a brother in Christ. He gave of himself. I give thanks to God that God allowed our paths to cross, even though only for a short while.

This is a tribute to Bennie LeBleu, M.D.; physician, healer, lover of God, and yes---Missionary.

Dr. Phil Plunk
District VIM Coordinator- Abilene District

"Congratulations Rotan"

Together we have made a historical milestone in Rotan. For the first time in the history of Rotan two Hispanics have won two seats on the City Council. My family and I would like to thank all the voters and supporters who made this occasion possible. I pledge to do my very best as your Councilman. Again, thank you and God bless you Rotan.

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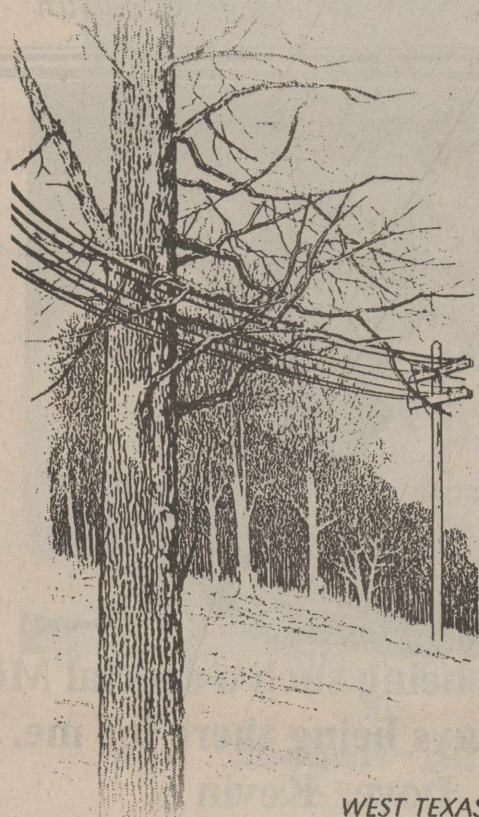
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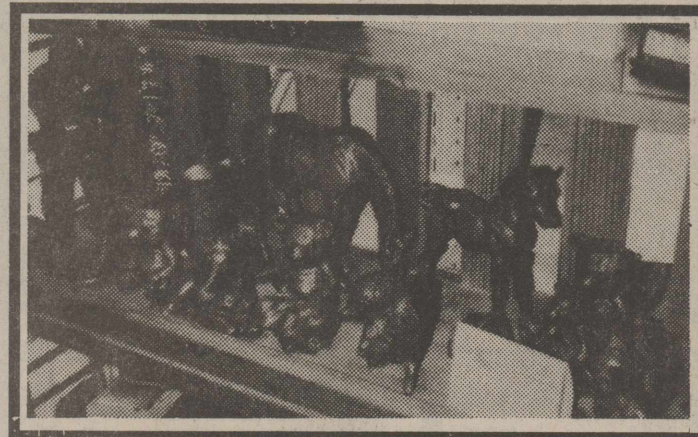
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Capital Punishment: The Income Tax

Every April, Americans are reminded that there are two forms of government in their country — the short form and the long form. And whether we file the long form or the short form, few of us are truly happy with the federal income tax system.

There are two proposals for tax reform currently before the 104th Congress: the consumption tax and the flat tax. I am going to discuss the flat tax in this column and will outline the consumption tax proposal later.

The flat tax plan proposed by U.S. Rep. Dick Armey of Texas would allow every taxpayer in the country to file on a form the size of a postcard. Rep. Armey proposes that all income be taxed at a single rate — 20 percent for the first three years and 17 percent thereafter. Not only would this simplify the tax process enormously, but it would eliminate some of the most egregious features of the current system: the Swiss cheese-like arrangement of loopholes which benefit some at the expense of others, the double and often triple taxation of certain kinds of income, and the high overall rate of federal taxation.

No one is happy with the present system's intricate set of loopholes. A flat tax would eliminate loopholes entirely. The philosophy behind this idea is one of elemental fairness: Everyone should be treated the same, rather than the government making arbitrary decisions about who must surrender more of what they earn, and who has to surrender less.

Most advocates of this plan want to retain only one real deduction in addition to the personal allowance: the allowance given parents for their children. Under Rep. Armey's proposal, the individual deduction would be \$13,000, or \$26,000 per couple.

In exchange for that, all other deductions would be erased, including the home mortgage interest deduction and the charitable contribution deduction. The current double taxation of savings and investment income would be abolished. Right now, some people pay federal tax on their salaries and still manage to save something for a rainy day. But their wealth is taxed again when it earns interest. If they invest their savings in a business, the business's income is taxed, and then they are taxed once again on the income they derive from it.

The result of this system is that Americans save less than citizens in any other industrialized democracy. Less investment funds are available to create new business, and new jobs. Under the flat tax plan, income would be taxed only once, at its source.

The flat tax proposal would reduce the current high rate of taxation. As a result, the government would have less money to spend. If that rate were set at 17 percent, for instance, federal revenue would shrink by about \$40 billion a year from what is currently collected. So any flat tax proposal, to be realistic, would have to contain caps on government spending as well.

I still have not made up my mind if this is the best way to improve our federal income tax system, but I think the flat tax is an interesting idea in principle. This and other tax reform proposals deserve to be thoroughly debated before Congress enacts them. The American people deserve to know exactly what they'll be getting in exchange for the present system.

But right now the reward for energy, enterprise and thrift in America is — higher taxes. This has to change.

1994 Successful Year For Veterans Land Board

Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced today that 1994 was the most successful year in the history of the Veterans Land Board (VLB). The agency made more than \$354 million in low-interest home, land and home improvement loans to Texas veterans setting new loan productivity records for the second straight year.

"Texas has the best package of veterans' benefits in the nation," said Mauro who chairs the VLB. "The continued demand for VLB loans in a year that saw interest rates rise six times is ample proof of the popularity of these programs with the real estate community and Texas' 1.7 million veterans."

"We made more than \$354 million in loans to 9,388 veterans in 1994," Mauro said. "That's a 130 percent increase over 1993, also a record year, when we did \$154 million in total loans. These figures prove that Texas veterans know that a VLB loan is far and away the best deal in today's market for someone looking for land or affordable housing."

Mauro said the continued demand for VLB loans has made it necessary to seek additional bonding authority in the form of a constitutional amendment in 1995. He has asked the Legislature to place an amendment on the November ballot seeking voter approval for an additional \$500 million in bonding authority for the housing program.

"Right now we have \$265 million left to make home loans which should get us through 1996," Mauro said. "But we're going to need additional bonding authority if the home loan program is to continue to meet the needs of Texas veterans."

Mauro said the VLB programs are completely self-supporting and don't cost taxpayers a penny. The programs are funded by the sale of general obligation bonds. The bonds are repaid from the mortgage payments and the administration of the program is financed through a small fee charged on each loan.

Providing special benefits to Texas veterans is part of a Texas tradition that goes back to the Republic of Texas when those who fought for Texas independence were paid with land grants for their service.

This tradition was once again continued in 1946 when Texas voters created the Texas Veterans Land Board to administer a low-interest land loan program as a way to say thanks to those Texans who fought in World War II.

In 1983 the program was expanded to include a housing assistance program and in 1986 the home improvement program was added.

The last time the VLB sought additional bonding authority was in November, 1993 when voters approved the issuance of \$500 million in bonds for the housing program and \$250 million for the land program.

Mauro said he was confident that voters would continue to support the VLB programs but that he intended to work to make sure that voters understood that the amendment is not a tax increase.

"Texas veterans want and deserve these programs," Mauro said. "It would be a shame if today's veterans returning home from Haiti or South Korea were unable to use these outstanding programs because voter apathy or misinformation ended funding."

In 1994, to satisfy increasing demand, the VLB began offering two ways to buy land through the popular program. Veterans could use tax exempt bonds to borrow \$20,000 at 7.64 to buy a minimum of 5 acres. Or they could pay a slightly higher rate - currently 9.25 percent - and borrow up to \$40,000 using taxable bonds.

The decision to raise the ceiling on a land loan from \$20,000 to \$40,000 was made when veterans found they could no longer find affordable land near urban areas where the majority of Texas veterans now live.

Mauro said all Texans actually benefit from the veterans loan programs because of their positive impact on the local economy.

"Economists have called the VLB loan programs the best government economic development program in Texas," Mauro said. "They estimate that each VLB dollar loaned produces a ripple effect of six additional dollars in the economy."

"The \$2.2 billion we've loaned since

the program began translates into \$13.2 billion in associated economic activity through the creation of new jobs in real estate, construction, and the building trades," he said.

The first veterans land loan was made in 1949. Since his election in 1982, Mauro has streamlined the program and worked to make certain that all loans are processed in 90 days or less.

He has also waged an aggressive information campaign to make sure that Texas veterans are informed about their special state benefits.

The result has been that the VLB has made more than 65 percent of its total loan value - some \$1.4 billion - during his term in office.

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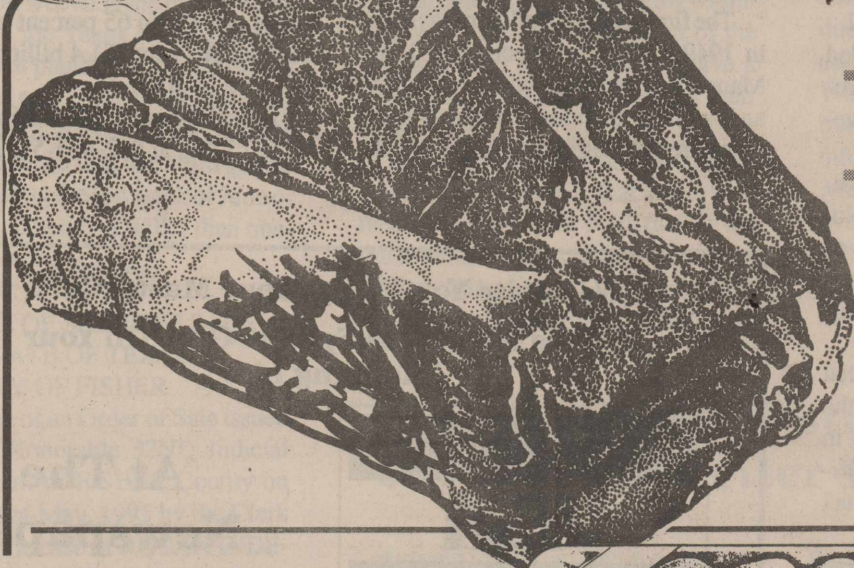
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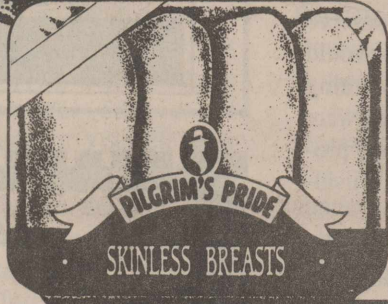
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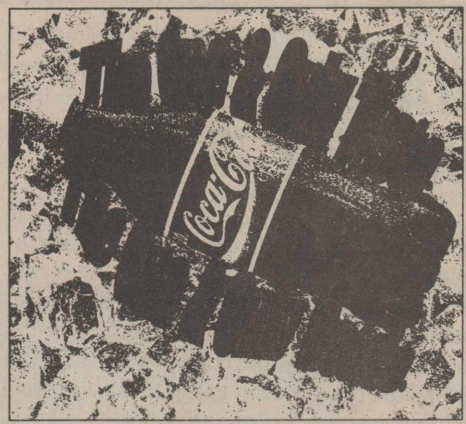
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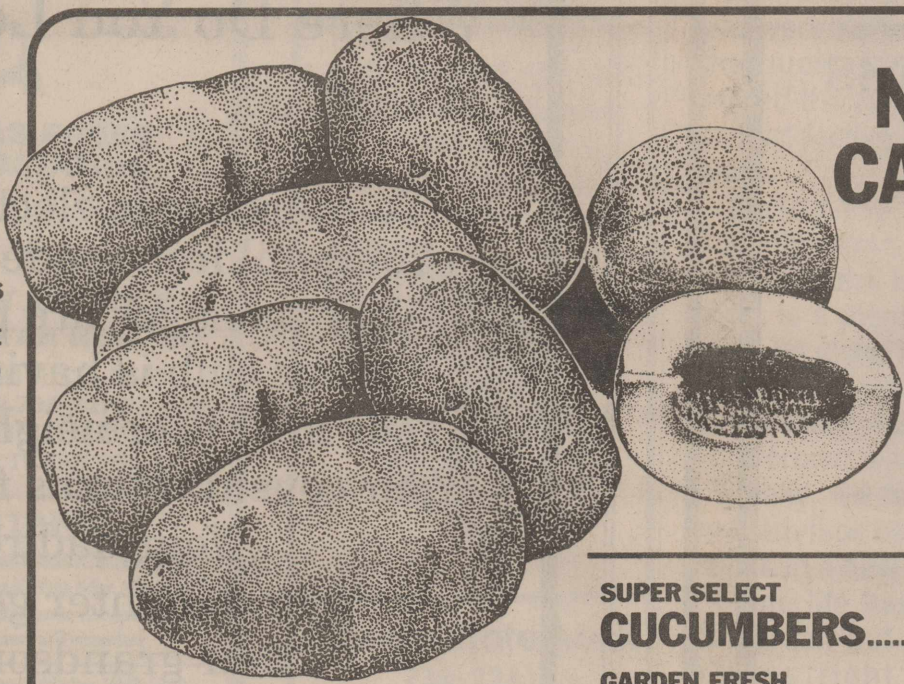
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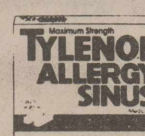
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