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Rotan School Re-Hires All Principals

The Rotan School Board members voted unanimously to extend the contract of the three building principals by a year during the regular February meeting of the board last Friday night. Board members also were presented an oral report from High School Principal Mickey Early concerning the actions of the Financial Advisory Committee.

The Financial Advisory Committee is expected to make its full and final report to the board in March. Early gave the following advance information concerning the direction the committee is heading with respect to recommendations on spending or investing excess funds. According to Early, the committee is looking at construction and techni-

cal equipment as priority items. The construction would involve a new high school science lab at a cost of approximately \$150,000; construction of a junior high science lab at a cost of \$100,000 and some form of an elementary wing at an approximate cost of \$100,000. In the area of technical equipment, the committee was leaning toward recommend-

ing the purchase of technical equipment for all three campuses at a total cost of \$300,000.

All board members were present with the exception of Betty Strayhorn. There were approximately twenty-five visitors present.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Ted Posey, former teacher/coach appeared before the board in the open forum section of the meeting to show support for Coach Steve Warren. He was cut short and not permitted to give his statement of support by Board President Vick Burk. Burk did indicate that he would note that Posey did appear in support of Coach Warren.

Dr. Nolan Kinsey presented his report to the board. In his report, he noted that -

- The recent action by the Abilene School Board to stop complying with unfunded state mandates.

- An expression of appreciation to the board for postponing the February meeting due to his (Kinsey's) health condition.

- A report that 51 applications had

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Kim's Korner
By Kim Pease

NEWS STORY: Saw a news story in the Haskell Free Press about a woman from Coleman who lost \$400 in a Haskell restaurant. Annie Herrera, a waitress at Rodriguez Inn, in Haskell found an envelope with \$400 in it and handed it over to her boss. The lady losing the money called back to the restaurant and was thrilled to find out that the money had been turned in. Nice to know that Annie Herrera lives the kind of life that lets her 'do the right thing'. Congratulations to Annie, her boss for hiring her and the Rodriguez Inn for being lucky enough to hold on to such a valuable employee.

LANDFILL CLOSING: Also read in the Haskell Free Press where Haskell is closing their landfill. They cite that after months of maneuvering to keep it open they have decided that the cost of continuing the operation is prohibitive. They don't know exactly what they are going to do, but they are not going to be in the landfill business anymore. I wonder if there isn't something that Rotan isn't seeing in this big race to see who's landfill survives. Seems like Abilene, Snyder and Rotan are the only landfills open in this part of the world. Either the Rotan 'City Fathers' are awfully right or awfully wrong. Rotan is currently taking in trash for Hamlin and a private 'rural' picker-upper in Scurry County. Rotan's people feel that they have made the right choice in trying to keep the local landfill open. They may reconsider after looking closely at City of Rotan finances over the next few months. The City of Rotan is about to get in a dollar crunch along with many other rural cities. Roby excluded, they have about \$900,000 on deposit drawing interest. Will be an interesting study - costs to the City of Rotan for providing the services versus income from the service provided. Will keep you posted.

CHAMBER SPEAKER: George W. Bush, Republican candidate for governor and owner of the Texas Ranger Baseball Club, was the speaker for the annual Albany Chamber banquet. The philosophy of the Albany Chamber is that the chamber does not get involved in many projects that do not 'make the cash registers ring' of Albany businesses. One of the things that Bush said to the group at the banquet was that everyone should be held accountable for his or her behavior. I agree. I just hope the baseball fans of Texas don't hold Bush's feet to the fire on that statement, at the end of the baseball season.

JOE COMING HOME: The name Joe McMeans may not mean much to folks outside the Big Country - but to Red Raider fans and folks around Jayton he's pretty special. Joe McMeans is coming back to the Big Country after living in California. Joe will manage the Home State Bank of Rochester - Stamford Branch. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1986 after lettering four years on the Red Raider football team. He and his wife Tracy of Wheeler, Texas have two children.

NEWS ON BRITCHES: He hasn't agreed to do anything. He's stubborn and irritable and doesn't return calls and has probably been cooped up too long in that Ranch house in Rough Creek - sniffing mesquite smoke to be of any real journalistic value to anyone. Anyhow, speaking to me, through Janece, he indicated that he hasn't budgeted on the \$15.00 a week for gas he needs to bring his writings to the office on a weekly basis. I haven't budgeted either, \$15.00 is a lot of money - even to a Rough Creek writer.

He did tell Janece that he's about ready to get out of the house. Everything he's been hearing lately in the area of news is bad, bad, bad. Every commentator, every reporter, every TV anchorperson, everyone you visit with has a bad case of 'gloom and doom'. Whistle Britches told Janece. Here are a few of the com-

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County Will Trek To Polls For March 8th Election

Fisher County residents will have the opportunity to go to the polls on Tuesday, March 8th to elect a new Fisher County Treasurer and Justice of the Peace, Precinct #1. The race for Treasurer to replace retiring Ilene Hale is between Marty Williamson and Marie Henry. Albert Hataway is challenging incumbent Geneva Chandler for the Justice of the Peace position.

Other uncontested candidates on the local level running are Bettie Rivers for Fisher County Clerk; Bettie J. Hargrove

for District Clerk and Marshal Bennett for Fisher County Judge.

Steve Carriker is unopposed for State Senator District 30 as is David Counts for State Representative District 70.

For a complete rundown on candidates for all races please refer to the sample ballot found on page 8 of this weeks paper.

The voting location chart for the Tuesday, March 8th election is found on page 9.

Peggy Bilbo Will Serve As Rotan Chamber President

Peggy Bilbo, an employee of the First National Bank of Rotan, and one of the holdover directors of the Rotan Chamber of Commerce, will be serving as the new Rotan Chamber of Commerce President for 1994.

Other officers are Harold Sanders, Rotan City Secretary, vice president; Chuy Muniz, National Gypsum employee, Vice President and Sherrie Rodgers, West Texas Utility employee, Secretary.

Other newly appointed directors are Kelli Cleveland, owner of Girl Friday; Debbie Hull, Assistant Fisher County Hospital Administrator; Ella Rae Lovejoy, Fisher County Hospital Administrator; Jackie Martin, employee of Black Investments; and Nolan Kinsey, Rotan

Superintendent of Schools. Sanders and Muniz are newly appointed directors.

Holdover directors are: Juanita Richardson, Rotan School Teacher; Rosemary Carrillo, employee of Summers Pharmacy; Tammie Kelley, employee of Rotan Insurance Agency; Jaye Niece Clements, an employee of Joey Greer, CPA and Loyd Greene, an employee of Higginbotham - Bartlett Lumber Company. Bilbo and Rodgers are holdover directors.

The retiring directors are Hank Day, Patti Morrow, Ben Martinez, Lisa Nowlin and Sue Shipp.

The 1994 Rotan Chamber of Commerce recognition banquet is set for Saturday, March 26th.



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: The Roby Lions walked away with the Bi-District Championship defeating Highland for the title last Friday night. The Lions will take on Sterling City, Tuesday, March 1st for the Area Championship. In the above photo Chad Dannheim goes up for a lay-up shot as Randy Gregg guards and looks on.

Rotan Superintendent Nolan Kinsey Disagrees With His Evaluation By Board

The Rotan school is not now and never has been guilty of half doing things. They study hard, play hard, practice hard, fight hard and disagree hard. The disagreement point was driven home with force last Friday night when Dr. Nolan Kinsey, Rotan School Superintendent, outright told the board that as board members they were way off-base in their evaluation of his performance as Superintendent of Schools.

The Rotan School Board did take a new approach to the Superintendent evaluation process this year. Dr. Vick Burk mailed each board member a copy of a Texas Association of School Boards stock Superintendent Evaluation Form. The full Rotan School board discussed several aspects of Dr. Nolan Kinsey's evaluation at the January meeting. Board members were given a blank copy of the evaluation form prior to the meeting. Board members filled out the form and Dr. Vick Burk, Rotan School Board President, after each area was discussed at the meeting in January, calculated the evaluation figures, averaged them and completed Dr. Kinsey's evaluation. The computation was completed by Burk over the weekend and on Monday, while Kinsey was not in the office, the sealed envelope containing the evaluation was

left at the administrative office. Kinsey claims he was not familiar with the evaluation form, knew nothing of the actual written evaluation being conducted and further didn't appreciate the final form just being left in the office without being personally delivered to him and reviewed.

In years past, Kinsey was evaluated based on how well he performed according to his job description.

Almost without exception, the Superintendent found fault with the entire evaluation process as conducted by the board. He didn't feel he rated the marks he received and did not feel his performance over the past year came close to being anything but outstanding. He cited instance after instance, in his opinion, to the board where he felt he was not receiving adequate recognition for projects and areas of improvement that he orchestrated.

Dr. Kinsey took the opportunity last Friday night to tell the general public attending the meeting and to let the board know that he (Kinsey) felt he had been dealt an improper, unfair hand with the evaluation. Kinsey asked that the portion of the meeting dealing with the review of the evaluation be an open session item. The discussion in open

session was clearly uncomfortable for the board, who for years have been accustomed to discussing all aspects of personnel matters in closed session.

Kinsey took the opportunity to hold the board and general public captive, while he methodically asked tough pointed questions and systematically reviewed supporting letters and documents for his benefit.

Kinsey objected to -

- The way the entire evaluation came about.

- Not being personally hand delivered the finished evaluation document.
- Not having input on the evaluation form used.

- The arbitrary and capricious way the board failed to address his actual performance.

- Not being consulted in the form selection process.

- That numerous areas where he was down-graded lacked proper documentation.

The board apparently rated Dr. Kinsey down in numerous evaluation areas. Kinsey did not speak specifically about evaluation grades, but did allude at times to a less than top numerical ranking.

The board, primarily through Dr. Vick Burk, President, attempted to give some

specifics to demanding questions by Dr. Kinsey as to 'who, when, why, what, names, dates, places'. Burk was able to give specifics in numerous instances, but almost without exception all specifics were refuted by Dr. Kinsey.

Kinsey indicated he wanted to review individual evaluation sheets filled out by board members and wanted specific supporting documentation concerning all areas where he was given less than a top rank.

Dr. Kinsey did not want the board to judge him on what someone said about him or the way someone said he was performing his duties. He wanted any evaluation of his performance to be based on facts with documentation to back up each rank in each category. He explained to the board the process evaluators follow in conducting teacher evaluations. Those evaluations are done solely on what transpires in the classroom on the day of the evaluation.

Kinsey's final statement was that he was the one charged with running the system. He was the one trained with the degree and charged with the responsibility of seeing that everything gets done

properly. He said he wanted to be kept informed. He re-pledged his support to the board but cautioned that he did not intend to continue to "...walk on egg shells" as he had done the past year with the board.

"If I am not allowed to administer the school, then we're headed down a rough road", stated Kinsey.

His final parting statement was, "I disagree with the whole (evaluation) thing."

Dr. Burk, following the hour and a half spent on Kinsey's evaluation review and consideration, indicated that he intended to seek advice of council on the matter. He and other board members were caught flat-footed and were not prepared to discuss specifics last Friday night. Although Burk was able to recall instance after instance that he and other board members felt were reasons to give less than perfect scores on the evaluation form. At the end of the meeting, Burk said he intended to visit with Judy Underwood, Rotan School Attorney, when she meets with the board concerning the LULAC suit.

That meeting was to take place last Tuesday night.

Fisher County Ministerial Alliance
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Do You Need Some Repairs?



Psalms 139
Recently I read a story about a man who was driving his Model T Ford down an old country road. The next thing he knew his car died. He began doing everything he knew to do in order to get it running. Despite all of his efforts nothing worked, he was still stuck.

Finally frustrated to tears he was about to give up when a large car came down the road and stopped. A man got out in fancy clothes and asked if he could help. The car owner, with a flicker of hope, listed

everything he had done and told how none of it worked. While he was talking, the stranger began turning screws here and working with this and that like he knew what he was doing. After a few moments the stranger said, "Crank her up."

Excitedly the frustrated car owner tried to start the car. As he heard the sweet sound of the motor cranking a huge smile of relief came on his grease stained face.

The car owner went to shake the stranger's hand. The stranger introduced himself as Henry Ford. Ford was the one who had made the car so he knew exactly what to do.

We have a creator who knows exactly what we need to get our lives started right. Psalms 139 is a wonderful statement of that fact.

"For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are thy works, and my soul knows it very well." (Psalms 139:13-14)

Not only does God know our most inward parts and thoughts because he made us, He can find us no matter where we are or what we are doing.

"Where can I go from Thy Spirit? or where can I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Thy hand will lead me." (Psalms 139:7-10)

Many people believe that they are fooling God and keeping thoughts from Him. They are the fools, not only because they are mistaken, but also because they are missing out on an incredible resource. God can help in times when you are so frustrated that you are going to give up. God can be there at the times you need Him most if you will just acknowledge His presence and trust in Him. Just like the car creator knew exactly what to do, God, our creator, knows exactly what to do if we just give Him the chance.

Happy Birthday

March 3rd through March 9th - 3rd - Kathy Stamm, G.B. Sutton, 4th - Bessie Bryant, Lindsey Cave, Mary Hamlin, Tommy Harbin; 5th - Justin McCall, Yvonne Reeves; 6th - Frances Pyburn, Beverly Rister, Jo Clark, Era Boen; 7th - R.J. Lewis, Laverne Starnes, Lorena Armstrong, Lane Landes, Zed Randolph Doris Tidwell, Ricky Williams; 8th - Bryant Terry, Audry Hudnall, Jeff Perales, Gladys Kelley, Clifford Fowlkes, 9th - Joshua Williamson, Greg Pope, Lauren Ann Park, Lois Teague, Michael Almanza.

Kim's Corner

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ments Janece could decipher from her hen scratching. According to Britches "Crime is bad, jails aren't big enough to hold all the crooks, the stock market is going to crash, all small town businesses are going broke, important women are backing Lorena Bobbit for a government job, big Eastern Sea Board industries are laying off thousands of workers, California is sucking the United States dry on funds with this earthquake rebuilding mess, the homeless are at the brink of marching on Washington, D.C., airlines are charging more and more for tickets to go closer and closer to home, television evangelism is boring, Tonya Harding needs to be introduced to three good books - a Bible, a cook book and a first aid book and finally the Ol' Buzzard said something about Santa Clause not leaving him what he ordered."

COMMISSIONER GETS NAILED: A Winkler County Commissioner was placed on probation, ordered to pay \$750 to the district attorney's crime victim's assistance fund and instructed to perform 100 hours of community service over the next six months after pleading guilty to diverting county owned paving and patching substance (pre-mix) from Winkler County to privately owned property for use of private individuals. The charges stemmed from letting members of the VFW Post use buckets of pre-mix to fill potholes in the VFW parking lot. Wonder if any of the Fisher County Commissioners would divert some paving material to the City of Rotan? Probably not. We're not talking about normal sized pot holes in Rotan - we're talking about craters and getting bigger every day.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES: It is feast or famine. Either we are inundated with little girls selling cookies or we can't buy a box. Seems this year we can't buy a box. What do boy scouts sell?

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NEWS BRIEFS

Benefit BBQ

There will be a Fisher County BBQ on Saturday, March 5th, starting at 5:00 p.m., at the Senior Citizens Center. Dine in/Carry out. All proceeds go to Fisher County to purchase equipment to fight rural fires.

Women's Health Issues Series

In conjunction with National Month, the Fisher Co. Extension Service is offering a free mail out series on Women's Diet and Health Issues. Topics will include Weight Management Preventing Heart Disease, Preventing Breast Cancer, and the Role of Nutrition in Osteoporosis. If you would like to receive this free series, call the Extension Office at 776-2171.

The series will begin March 7.

Sagerton 24th Annual Show

Tickets for the Sagerton 24th annual song and comedy show will go on sale on Wednesday, March 9, at 8 a.m.

The 1994 edition of the Hee Haw will be on March 24-26 at the Sagerton Community Center.

For more information, call 817-997-2688.

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Once upon a time a boy
absentmindedly wandered
deep into a woods. As the
sun sank behind the tall
trees, the boy panicked, hav-
ing no sense of direction in
the blackness, not knowing
what waited ahead.
Disheartened, he began to
lose hope until suddenly he
remembered...

It was there all the
time...on his keychain...
the small glowing compass
his father had given him for
such a time as this. As he had
not used it, it was nearly for-
gotten. What a disaster that
could have been!

Our Heavenly Father has
given us the light of His word
to guide us as we wander
through the maze of our
lives. Make it an unforget-
table part of your life as you
worship each Sabbath. God
knows what lies ahead. He is
ready to help us find our
way. God has been there all
the time.

There all the time

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalms 4	Psalms 5	Philippians 1:1-11	Colossians 4:2-5	2 Samuel 7:18-29	2 Kings 19:1-19	Jeremiah 32:16-35

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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Foursquare Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Robert Kennedy
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

Cross Roads Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. John Lowrie
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Night Worship Service 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.

Church Of The Nazarene
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Rev. Shawn M. Fouts
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S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Adult Choir 5:20 p.m.-Worship 6:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Sunday 4:45 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Youth Power Hour Wed. 8:00 p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

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Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Wesley Holland
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morn. Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Church of Christ - Roby
Darrell Hart
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist - Roby
Rev. Ron Kelly
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 10:50 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
We. Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Church of Christ-Rotan
Dan Morris
S.S. 9:45 - Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Night Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Night 7:00 p.m.
Ladies Bible Class - Wed. 9:30 a.m.

New Life Fellowship
Rev. David Cummings
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.
905 E. 6th Rotan, Texas

First Baptist Church - Rotan
Rev. Joe Vernon
S.S. 9:45 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Johnny Guzman
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Rotan, Texas
Rev. Gene Haynes
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Worship 7:00 p.m.

Mission Bautista Calvario
Roby, Texas
S.S. 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Eve. 5:30 - Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
McCauley, Texas
Rev. Jeff Sedberry
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
2nd Wednesday Fellowship 6:30 p.m.

Sylvester Baptist Church
Sylvester, Texas
Rev. Danny Martin
S.S. 10:00 a.m. - Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Service 7:00 p.m.





State Capital Highlights

By Lyndell Williams
Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Criminal justice, welfare and education will dominate the Texas House committees' study assignments before lawmakers convene in regular session in January.

New legislation may be pushed next session on the basis of the studies, which were announced last week by House Speaker Pete Laney.

Crime issues will be studied by four committees:

- The Corrections Committee tasks will include monitoring construction of prison facilities and making recommendations on the building program's adequacy and effectiveness; and studying the effects of inmate job training.

- County Affairs will study the opportunities and impediments to using inmate labor at jails, along with the chance for counties to work together to build and operate juvenile boot camps.

- Criminal Jurisprudence will review laws and procedures related to the death penalty and study the problem of parental kidnapping and

Rural Carrier Association Registrations

The Rural Carrier Associate examination will be open to the general public February 28 through March 4, 1994, for the Abilene Area eligibility register.

Offices included in the Abilene AER are Abilene, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Blackwell, Clyde, Colorado City, Hamlin, Haskell, Hawley, Hermleigh, Knox City, Lawn, Loraine, Lueders, McCaulley, Merkel, O'Brien, Roby, Roscoe, Rotan, Rule, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Tuscola, and Winters, Texas.

Individuals interested in applying to take the examination may complete one Application/Admission Card, at one of the postal locations listed above.

No applications will be accepted before or after the above dates.

adoption abuse.

- Judicial Affairs will study the feasibility of alternative punishment programs for juveniles.

Meanwhile, the Public Education Committee will examine ways to improve school safety and discipline, along with studying the way Texas selects state-paid textbooks.

The Human Services Committee

will study the state's welfare system, with an emphasis on possible programs to remove Texans from Aid to Families with Dependent Children through training and employment programs.

Other committee assignments include:

- State Affairs will consider revisions to the Open Records Act in light of the number of information files now maintained on computers.

- Ways and Means will study the new franchise tax system to determine how it has shifted the tax burden among different types of businesses.

Education Reform Plans

Gov. Ann Richards and her Republican challenger, George W. Bush, both have public education reform plans they say will give communities more local control.

In a speech in Fort Worth to the Texas School Alliance, Bush said his plan cuts out oversight by the Texas Education Agency and calls for the establishment of "home rule education districts," which would give local communities more say and accountability for the quality and content of public education.

Under his plan, Bush said, school districts would set their own policies while retaining the state's system of student evaluation and still be subject to the state's education financing framework.

Richards' spokesman Chuck McDonald said the only thing new about Bush's plan is its name: home rule, and that the plan seeks to do what the Richards administration has been working on for the last

three years.

Richards' outline for "charter schools" lets businesses, school boards and administrators, teachers and parents work together to develop programs that fit the needs of their communities, she said recently.

Bush campaign manager Brian Berry criticized the Richards plan, indicating it would not provide much regulatory relief.

TEA spokeswoman Della May Moore said the agency also wants more freedom for school districts, but not at the cost of lowering student achievement.

Perot on Health Care

Dallas billionaire Ross Perot has challenged surgeons to take health care out of the hands of politicians by developing their own plan and using his organization, United We Stand, America, to promote it.

Perot unveiled his proposal before about 400 doctors attending a Dallas meeting of the American College of Surgeons.

"Mobilize and energize every doctor in the United States to support this program and make sure every American understands it," Perot said. "You have the trust of the American people because you've earned it. Congress has no trust."

"All I want to know is where

to sign up," said Dr. Harold C. Urschel, a Dallas surgeon and president of the North Texas chapter of the national surgeons' group.

New Bridge at Laredo?

Gov. Richards says President Clinton has promised to support construction of a new international bridge in Laredo.

She said the proposed fourth international bridge would be built on Laredo's northwest side and connect with Loop 20.

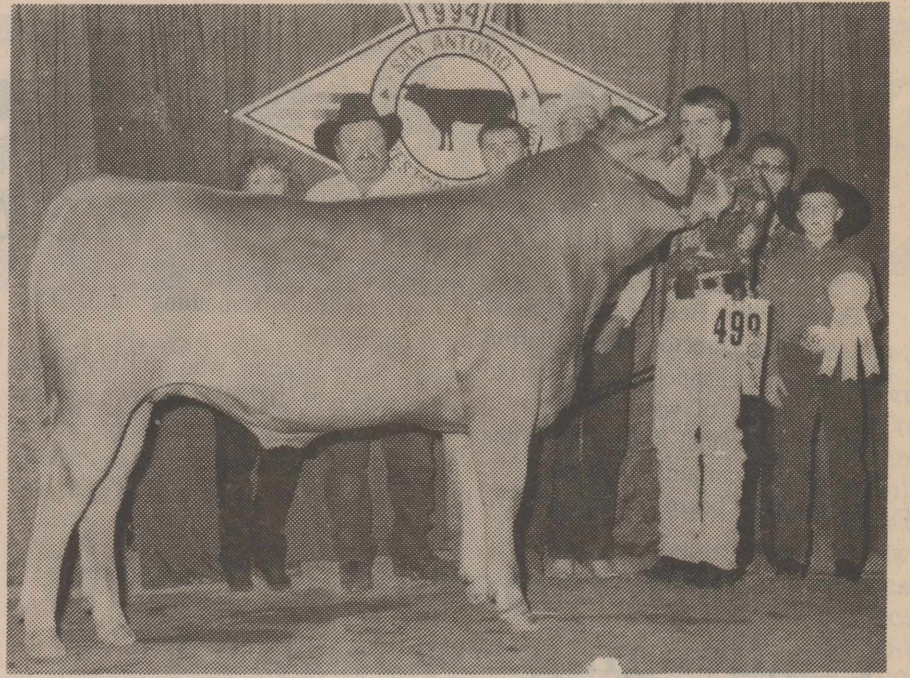
"Except for some paperwork, that bridge is going to be a reality," Richards said.

South Texas officials have been lobbying for another bridge to alleviate traffic congestion.

Other Highlights

- The Texas Veterans Land Board has reduced home loan interest rates to the lowest since the program began in 1983. The rates were set last week at 5.65 percent on 15-year loans, and 5.95 percent on 20 to 30-year loans.

- TU Electric has asked state regulators for a re-hearing because the company says a recent 8.7 percent rate hike is not enough. On Jan. 18, the Public Utility Commission granted TU Electric an overall revenue increase of \$453.4 million, or 8.7 percent. The company had sought an increase of \$760 million, or 15.3 percent.



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Former Rotan Football Coach Steve Warren Fights To Get Warning Letter Removed From Files

Former Rotan Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Steve Warren went through channels and pressed to have a 'notice of warning' removed from his personnel folder and in the process at attempting to be fair, the regular school board meeting last Fri-

day night into something similar to a court room.

Steve Warren, who quit his job as Head Football Coach after two seasons just recently to take a defensive job at Abilene High, was present to give the board his side of what happened. Dr.

Nolan Kinsey, Rotan Superintendent, presented his side of the events leading up to the 'notice of warning' and Dr. Vick Burk, Rotan School Board President, acted in the capacity of the Judge, laying down the rules and swearing the board to make their decision based solely on the information presented.

At the very end, after about an hour of information presented by Kinsey and Warren, Dr. Nolan Kinsey indicated that he failed to see where the board had a vote on anything. He was of the opinion that the action taken was clearly within the guidelines of an administrative decision and that the board in their official capacity could not "substitute its judgement for the judgement of the Superintendent." The action Kinsey was making reference, in insisting that the call was no longer the boards, was an addendum to Steve Warren's personnel folder where the "letter of warning" was made a part of Warren's evaluation.

Steve Warren had two parents approach him concerning one of the athletic programs within the school. War-

ren was approached in confidence by the parents and the parents were told by Warren that their names would not be mentioned concerning the incident. Warren told the board last Friday that "I told the parents that their names would not be mentioned and I was not going to break their confidence", commented Warren. Warren informed the board that he "handled" the problem.

Dr. Nolan Kinsey, in learning of the incident, indicated that he asked Warren who the parents were that had approached him. Warren was informed by Kinsey that unless he revealed the names that he would be issued a 'letter of warning' for deliberately refusing to provide the requested (names) information.

Warren did not then, nor has he indicated that he will in the future, provide the names to Superintendent Kinsey. Warren is of the opinion that the action taken was unwarranted and that he, acting in his capacity as athletic director, had to have the trust of the parents. He said that revealing the names after indicating that he would

not would be a direct violation of that trust.

Kinsey indicated that Warren was not entitled to withhold information from a superior. Warren said that he felt Kinsey knew of the incident, knew of the situation, just didn't know the names of the two making the initial inquiry.

Kinsey contends that Warren did not follow proper procedure in asking for an appeal. Kinsey asked for the names and in Kinsey's opinion Warren disregarded an administrative directive in refusing to supply the names.

Warren, bound by his word to the parents, has yet to release the names.

What started out as a hearing, in the end turned out to be nothing more than an airing of complaints by both Warren and Kinsey. Kinsey told the board that they didn't really have anything to vote on, in acting on the appeal of Warren.

Dr. Vick Burk said that he would seek the advice of council with respect to the incident and have additional in-

formation to release relative to the incident next week.

Rotan Hammers Face Seven Challenging Pre District Opponents In New Alignment

The Rotan Yellowhammer football fans will be able to see seven different teams face the Hammers in 1994 before the five district games take place.

Rotan's 1994 schedule begins on August 19th with a scrimmage with the Knox City Greyhounds, the next week Rotan scrimmages Merkel.

Rotan opens the 1994 season with a pre-district game at home against Ralls, then travels to Coahoma, returning to Rotan on September 16th for a home game with Jim Ned.

Rotan travels to Munday on September 23rd, then travels to Cisco on September 30th for the final pre-district game.

District play begins on October 7th

FCE Club Holds Meeting Hears Of Home Health

The FCE Club met for its regular meeting on February 22, 1994 at the Annex with Vonille Driver as hostess.

The president, Eilene Cave called the meeting to order, recreation was by Helen Thornburg and the roll call, minutes and treasurers report was given by Fay Anderson, the secretary.

A money making project was discussed and was tabled until a later date. District meeting and State meeting dates and locations were given.

The directors of Home Health for Fisher County, Joy Parker, was the guest speaker. She stated that recovering from illness or injury in the comfort of your own home is possible through home health care. This is a service regardless of age or financial status. It was a very informative program.

Other guests besides Joy Parker were: Elsie Rogers, Juanita Moore and Merry Fuller

Refreshments were served to the above and members Lenora Waldon, Forrest Price, Fay Anderson, Bernice Randolph, Helen Thornburg, Eilene Cave and Luella Waddell.

On March 8, the next program will be in the Annex- the subject- "A Guide to Daily Food Choices"- time will be 2:00 p.m.

with Hawley at Rotan followed by a home game with Anson on October 14th.

Rotan travels to Stamford on October 21st, hosts Hamlin on October 28th and finishes out the regular season schedule on November 4th with Haskell.

LULAC Meeting Set for Monday At Comm. Center

A Rotan League of United Latin American Citizen meeting is scheduled for Monday night, March 7th at 7:00 p.m., according to Ruben Garza, local LULAC contact person.

The meeting will be attended by representatives of the LULAC state organization.

The purpose of the meeting is to recruit members for the local Rotan chapter and to give area individuals attending the last meeting to turn in membership applications.

Judge Rules S. Tex. School Violated Open Meeting Act

A judge ruled that a South Texas school district violated the Texas Open Meetings Act by not keeping a certified agenda of a closed meeting in which it discussed a teacher's contract. District Judge Joe E. Kelly voided the action of the Cuero Independent School District in rescinding a contract extension of teacher Jimmy Brown.

The board previously voted to extend his contract. The court also awarded Brown \$4,500 in attorney fees.

Brown's attorney, John Griffin, Jr., of Victoria, considered the ruling significant for several reasons. One, he said, is necessity of keeping a certified agenda or tape of a closed session so that if any question arose, a court could determine any violation of the Open Records Act.

Under the personnel exception of the Texas Open Meeting Act, Griffin said, the individual who may be discussed at an executive session has the right to be present, or to ask for an open meeting.

Brown no longer is employed by the school district. Griffin said Brown and the district had agreed to a settlement of the case.

Roby Lions Defeat Highland For Bi-District And Everyone Scores

The Roby Lions defeated Highland 77-53 for the bi-district championship and the right to meet Sterling City last Tuesday night for area.

In the Highland contest every players broke into the scoring.

Leaders were Jason Osuna who scored 16 and Chad Dannheim who scored 15.

Others scoring were Brian Osuna 7, Randy Gregg 2, Niels Kramwinkle 4, Ralph Amador 3, Coby Moore 9, Jason Gruben 3, Mike Counts 2, Robert Onofre 5, Shea Feagan 3 and Lonnie Green 8.

Roby outscored Highland 17-5 at the end of the first quarter and led by a score of 41-16 at halftime.

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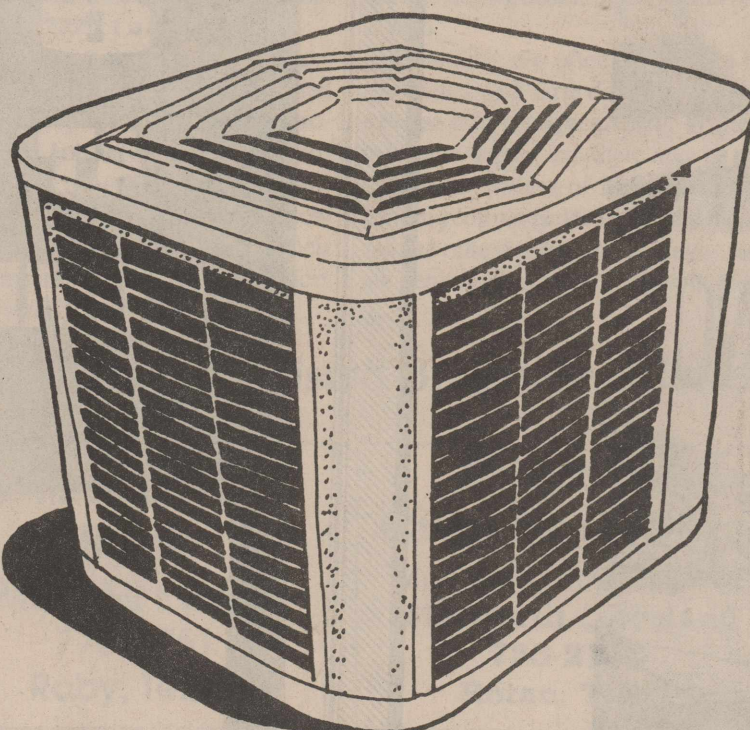


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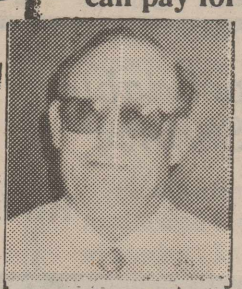


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March 7-11, 1994

MONDAY: Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni & Cheese, Blackeyed Peas, Rosy Applesauce, Hot Rolls.
TUESDAY: Lasagna, Buttered Corn, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Corn Meal Twist.
WEDNESDAY: Sliced Ham, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Pudding.
THURSDAY: Frito Pie, Seasoned Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Cornbread, Spice Cake.
FRIDAY: Chalupas, Buttered Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Chilled Peaches.

ROBY SCHOOL MENU

March 7-11, 1994

MONDAY: Tuna Sandwich, French Fries, Pork & Beans, Vanilla Pudding, Bread, Milk.
TUESDAY: Turkey & Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Peanut Cluster, Bread, Milk.
WEDNESDAY: Burrito, French Fries, Salad, Fruit, Bread, Milk.
THURSDAY: Frito Pie, Ranch Style Beans, Salad, Cake w/Chocolate Icing, Bread, Milk.
FRIDAY: Hamburger w/Cheese, Chips, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles, Brownie, Fruit, Bun, Milk.

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been received for Head Football Coach. Kinsey indicated that the applications would be weeded down and interviews would begin very soon.

• The baseball field was ready for play. That a future item to consider may be the installation of a permanent concession stand and rest rooms. Until then there would be a temporary concession stand and restrooms would be used at the football field.

• Academic UIL events would take place on the Rotan campus this year. Events are scheduled for March 22, 25 & 29.

• The walk-ways had been completed on campus.

• Mrs. Pat Hamric was to be congratulated on the work done with the gifted and talented program.

• A new school bus had been ordered.

• The \$844,930.00 from Jayton had been received. The total net gain to Rotan would be \$416,000.

• A special board meeting would be Tuesday, March 1 at which time the LULAC suit would be discussed with the school attorney. Also that the insurance company had been contacted and funds have been recuperated that were paid to a local attorney in the Shelly suit.

• Lionel "Skip" Meno's recommendation that all Texas Public Schools celebrate African Public History Week would be followed in Rotan.

• Trustee election dates were reviewed and deadlines for the May 7th election.

• The March board meeting would be conducted on Thursday, March 10th.

• All cheerleader and twirler uniforms from 1993-94 had been paid for with the exception of two. Plans were underway to collect the funds on the outstanding two.

Board member Clay Helms indicated that he would like to see a letter sent to Jayton, possibly signed by all board members expressing thanks for the funds.

Dr. Vick Burk inquired about the shot put and discus practice areas. They were removed when the baseball field was built. Kinsey indicated that they would be put back.

The board voted, at the recommendation of Dr. Kinsey, that the driver's education fees be left at \$100.

The board voted to hire Key City Electric in Abilene for a fee of \$2,510 to install old football field light poles at the tennis courts. All agreed that the installation would not be perfect but would be a lot better than the lighting now in place.

Dr. Nolan Kinsey briefly updated the board on the LULAC single-member district suit. He indicated that a demographics map was being studied but that additional information would be available to board members when they met with Attorney Judy Underwood.

The next item was the for the board to hear the appeal of Steve Warren, former Head Football Coach and Athletic Director, relative to a Notice of Warning that was issued to him for disobeying an administrative direct order to reveal names of parents questioning a facet of the athletic program. Warren did not

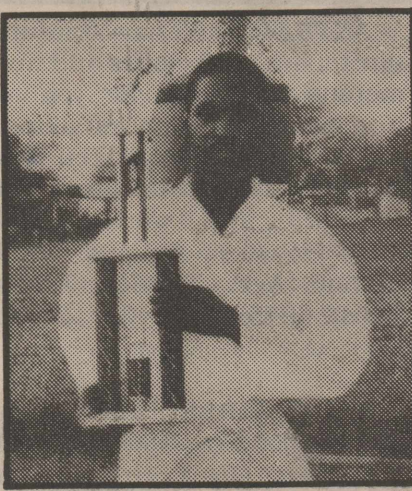
and has not revealed the names and received a warning in his personnel folder. See the related story on this item on page 4 of this weeks paper.

The board hired Erma Lee Daniel of Rotan to teach the dyslexia unit. She was hired for the remainder of the school year.

The board accepted the resignation of Steve Warren with regret.

The next item was the review and consideration of Superintendent Nolan Kinsey's evaluation. Kinsey disagreed with the evaluation he received from the board in January. The board, using a new evaluation form, apparently rated Kinsey lower than he (Kinsey) felt was just and fair. Kinsey wanted clarification and substantiated documentation on the rankings. The board, after hearing Kinsey's side of the matter, agreed to seek the advise of council on the matter. See the related story on this item on page 1 of this weeks paper.

In final action, the board approved the designation of Coach Bobby Richardson as a teacher with administrative duties. He will be assuming a lot of the administrative duties for Jim Cain, while Cain is recuperating from treatments on his lungs. Richardson will receive \$2,500 above his current salary for performing the duties.



Wayne Williams Wins Yellow Belt Championship

Wayne Williams, janitor at Rotan Junior High, and a student of Alcala's Tae Kwon Do Studios, competed in the 8th Annual West Texas Taekwondo championships in Snyder. Wayne came home with a first place trophy in Men's Yellow Belt Heavyweight Sparring Division. Wayne defeated three much heavier opponents to win his title. He can now go on to the State Tournament held in Fort Worth. This is the second year Wayne has competed in Snyder and both years he won first place trophies.

Jim Mattox Names Hendon As Coordinator

U.S. Senate candidate Jim Mattox recently announced the Honorable Jay R. Hendon, County Commissioner, Precinct 3, as his Fisher County Campaign Coordinator.

"Jay is joining a group of hundreds of Texans across the state who are teaming up to reclaim their communities and wage the fight for a safe, healthy and economically prosperous environment for our children and our children's children," Mattox said.

"I love people and I love Texas," Mattox said, "but as most folks know by now, I'm not one to shy away from a fight, especially when the fight is for our children, our older citizens who have already paid their dues, or our working families who pay most of the taxes that support this great country of ours and who are struggling to keep a roof over their heads and educate their kids."

Mattox is heavily leading his opponents in all polls that have been conducted in this race, including a poll done for one of his opponents.

Mattox served as Texas Attorney General from 1983-1990 where he earned national acclaim and numerous awards for his strong actions in child support enforcement; law enforcement; consumer and environmental protection; insurance reform; the rights of women, minorities and crime victims; and for turning the Office into a money-making operation for the state's taxpayers.

For three terms (1977-1982), Mattox represented Dallas County's 5th District in the U.S. Congress and also served two terms in the state legislature from 1973-1976.

Fisher County Agricultural News

County Agents Column

By Richard Spencer

Lindy Patton and Woody Anderson did a good job in explaining the Boll Weevil Eradication Program during a meeting last week.

The program is a very different approach but has worked in several states. Farmers are very interested in the program and there are a lot of things to hash out. When voting time comes I predict it will pass. We have to get the weevil under control if we continue to raise cotton in this area.

Despite charges to the contrary by some environmentalists, a national survey conducted recently by Doane Marketing Research, Inc. indicates that a majority of farmers are genuinely concerned about protecting the environment. What's more, they're doing something about it.

More than three-fourths of the 7,000-plus respondents said they had made

environmentally friendly changes in their farming operations in recent years. The changes involved a wide range of practices, but tillage, crop rotation, and pesticide application rates topped the list.

At least a third of the respondents had made changes in fertilizer application rates, drug administration and withdrawal times, and traditional soil-conservation practices such as contouring, terracing, and use of waterways.

USDA has proposed a rule to revise Conservation Reserve Program regulations. The revision will allow limited and periodic non-emergency haying and grazing of CRP grasslands that will provide better maintenance of the cover crop and better conditions for wildlife. There are more than 300,000 existing CRP contracts nationwide, comprising more than 36 million acres.

County Home Extension Agent News

By Beth Dannheim

The National Nutrition Month Eat Right America campaign is set for March.

The campaign is designed to provide the public with basic nutrition knowledge needed to make informed food choices and develop sound eating habits.

The 1994 theme is "Nutrition Fuels Fitness". Diet is one of several risk factors for developing chronic conditions such as heart disease, obesity, osteoporosis or some cancers. Because it is unknown precisely which people will benefit most from specific dietary changes, the Dietary Guidelines are

today's best general advice to help you and your family choose a healthy diet.

To reduce your health risks, check your weight and shape. If you are too fat or too thin, you are more likely to develop health problems. Either refer to a weight chart or check with your physician or dietitian to see if you are at a healthy weight. Another check is to compare your waist measurement to be a greater health risk than hips measuring more than the waist.

Check your blood pressure. In the United States, one in three adults has high blood pressure. Normal blood pressure for adults; systolic less than

140 mmHg (millimeters of mercury) and diastolic less than 85 mmHg (millimeters of mercury). No way exists to predict who might develop high blood pressure. Diets high in salt can increase blood pressure, as can obesity, heredity, and excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages.

Another wise move is to check your blood cholesterol as it indicates the amount of cholesterol in the blood. A desirable blood cholesterol level is below 200 mg/dl (milligrams per deciliter). Risk of heart disease is increased by a high blood cholesterol level associated with a diet that is high in saturated

fatty acids, total fat, and cholesterol. Heart disease risk is also increased by high blood pressure, cigarette smoking, obesity, physical inactivity, diabetes, age, being a male, and family history of heart disease.

Think before you drink alcohol. Some people should not drink alcohol at all: Pregnant women, children, adolescents, people taking certain medications or people whose activities require attention or skill, and individuals who cannot keep their drinking moderate.

\$455 Million Due Cotton Producers

Eligible upland cotton producers will receive approximately \$455 million in final deficiency payments for the 1993 crop of upland cotton, according to Grant Buntrock, executive vice president of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation.

Deficiency payments are required when the national average market price received by producers during the cal-

endar year, which includes the first five months of the marketing year, is below the established target price.

The payment rate is based on the difference between the target price and the higher of the calendar year national average market price or the base quality price support loan rate. The 1993 calendar year national average market price is 54.3 cents per pound which is higher than the 52.35 cents per pound

base quality loan rate. The deficiency payment rate for the 1993 crop is 18.6 cents per pound -- the difference between the target price of 72.9 cents per pound and the calendar year price.

Advance payments totaling 10.275 cents per pound were made earlier to eligible producers requesting the advance payment. The estimated payment rate (20.55 cents per pound), on which the advance payment was based,

will be used in making payments to producers who designated acreage as Conserving Use acreage. The final payment for planted acreage will be 8.325 cents per pound.

The final deficiency payments will be made in cash through county offices of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

A Look At Agricultural Chemicals

The following paper was written by Professor J.J. McLean, Faculty of Applied Science, Swinburne University of Technology. It will examine the assessment of agricultural chemicals and whether residues are associated with any risk to consumers of agricultural products.

Risk is defined as the probability that a particular adverse event may occur during a specified period of time. In this discussion the adverse event is a deleterious effect on the health of consumers and the time period is a lifetime of consumption of treated produce.

Regulatory authorities take very seriously the matter of risk associated with consumption of agriculture produce since consumers usually do not have control over the intake of chemicals in food because they do not know what compounds are present or their concentration. Therefore consumers cannot weigh risk against benefit.

It is an interesting exercise to examine the public perception of risk. The results of a survey by Upton (1982) who examined the perception of risk associated with activities causing death. It shows that two groups, the League of Women Voters and college students perceived that pesticides were ranked in the top ten causes of death and the business and professional club members also believed pesticides were of significant risk at number 15. Actual rating of pesticides was 28 in the top 30 events causing death. Actual death rate is zero.

Pesticides are often claimed to be associated with birth defects and other adverse effects on pregnancy. While it is acknowledged that there may be unexplained clusters of birth defects in certain geographic localities, the medical and other health care professionals are generally unaware of the true incidence of adverse pregnancy outcomes in humans.

Pesticides are often viewed as unfavorable agents by the general public. This situation is made worse when allegations of risk or hazards associated with pesticide use are published, while efforts to refute such allegations are largely ignored.

The situation is further exacerbated by statements such as "the chronic symptoms of organophosphate poisoning are sore throat, runny nose, tremor, aches and pains in the limbs and stomach upsets" (Bartle 1991). This list of general symptoms is similar to those frequently associated with a number of natural infections in humans and require the qualification that adequate laboratory identification of the pesticide in body fluids is required. Modern analytical techniques are now capable of positively identifying minute traces of pesticides.

The normal diet contains a large number of naturally occurring pesticides that are produced by plants to defend themselves against attacks by insects, fungi and predators, including humans. When plants are damaged, they may respond by increasing the levels of pesticides in their tissues. It has been estimated that the intake of man made pesticides is only 0.1 mg/day, while the levels of naturally occurring pesticides are 15,000 times higher at 1500 mg/day. Fifty two of these naturally occurring pesticides have been tested for carcinogenicity in at least one rodent species and 52% were positive. When the mold toxins were tested at high doses in rodents, 11/16 were carcinogenic (Ames and Gold 1990). Humans have been consuming these plant pesticides for centuries and fortunately have adapted to dealing with low doses without ill effects.

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DATE	MEET	SITE	TEAMS
Mar. 05	Bearcat Relays	Ballinger	JHG, JHB, VG, VB
Mar. 11	Junior Piper Relays	Hamlin	JHG, JHB
Mar. 12	Tiger Relays	Anson	VG, VB
Mar. 19	Spring Break	Open	-----
Mar. 26	Baird Relays	Baird	VG, VB
Mar. 31	Piper Relays	Hamlin	VG, VB
Mar. 31	Roscoe Junior High	Roscoe	JHG, JHB
Apr. 09	Blackland-Divide Relays	Roscoe	VG, VB
Apr. 14-15	District 7-AA Track Meet	Hamlin	JHG, JHB, VG, VB
Apr. 29-30	Region I-AA Track Meet	Abilene	VG, VB
May 13-14	State Track Meet	Austin	VG, VB

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Marshal Bennett
County Judge
5:2c

Roby Lions Open Regular Season With Santo, Play Host If Unknowns

The Roby Lions face an exciting season in 1994 as new members of District 5-A.

The season begins for Roby around

Theatre On The Brazos
Cast Named For Play

Theatre on the Brazos is preparing for "The Curious Savage", under the direction of Dewayne Underhill.

Thirty-Two Make
Law Class In
County Seat

A total of 32 law enforcement officers were in Roby last Tuesday for a one day required course in "Family Violence", according to Sheriff Gene Pack.

The course, sponsored by the Fisher County Sheriff's Department was one required by the State of Texas and was taught by Officer Kim Vickers of the Abilene Police Department.

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August 19th with a scrimmage with the Breckenridge J.V. followed by a scrimmage with Aspermont.

Cast members are: Lu Dana Baker, Jim Gruben, Jaye Neice Clements, Jeff Posey, Pat Boone, Hunter Helms, David Hargrove, Jerry Boone, Shannon Boone, Beth Martin, Lynda Kenner, and Evonne Teague.

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Regular season play will begin for Roby on September 2nd in a pre-district game with Santo. The site of the Roby - Santo game will be a neutral site probably at either Albany or Baird.

The Lions will play Cross Plains on September 9th, Bronte on September 16th, Robert Lee on September 23 and

Throckmorton on September 30th.

District play begins on October 7th with a game at home with Crowell. On October 14th Roby travels to Paducah, travels to Knox City on October 21st and hosts Munday and Aspermont on October 28th and November 4th respectively to end the regular season.

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FOOD FOR FISHER COUNTY FOOD PANTRY: Pictured left to right: Ron Kelley, Clay Hargrove and Dana Eaton display some of the food that was gathered by the Rotan School and the Fisher County Hospital employees. The hospital employees accepted the challenge from the Rotan School District and finished ahead in the challenge of collecting the most food.



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES LOAD FOOD: EMT Bobby Davis is pictured above with other hospital employees gathering food to be given to the Fisher County Food Pantry.

F.C. Pantry Coordinator Ron Kelley Pleased With Food Drive

No sooner had Yvonne Overton, nurse and coordinator of Fisher County Hospital's portion of the recent Rotan School District and Hospital District food collection drive for the Fisher County Food Pantry, heard the news that the Hospital employees had finished ahead in the challenge she was hearing cries of "wait until next year" from the Rotan District Offices. The challenge ended on Valentine's Day.

In commenting on the unique kick-off Pantry Coordinator Ron Kelley was very pleased with the results. The contributions will provide staples for at least two months for the local agency, according to Kelley. Since last summer the number of people served has risen from 12 to 49, Kelley reported as

he provided further information. The reasons for the rise have been for two important economic problems. Several people who bring families to Fisher County for the ginning season were served until they could relocate. The lack of a crop cut eliminated their normal employment. Also, several retired people who live on the bare minimum of social security and can get only limited or no food stamps have been identified. Kelley is hopeful that two other agencies in the county will do as the Hospital District and Rotan School did and have a similar drive or drives during April of this year. Also, financial contributions to the pantry can be made to the pantry bank account at Citizens State Bank in Roby.

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1973 - Charles Russell

1974 - Charles Russell

1975 - Fred Boone

1976 - Don Mullins

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1981 - Robert Damron

1982 - Robert Damron

1983 - John Smith

1984 - Richard Gorman

1985 - Richard Gorman

1986 - Richard Gorman

1987 - Weldon Nelms

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- Active in civic affairs, Judge Arnot has been involved in numerous community projects including the Board of Trustees of Hardin-Simmons University and Deacon of the First Baptist Church, Abilene.
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Written By
James E. Rodgers, CPA



EMPLOYING HOUSEHOLD WORKERS CREATES TAX LIABILITY

Though Congress talked a good deal about changing the tax rules affecting domestic workers, there still has been no change in the requirements that got so many politicians in hot water last year.

If you employ household workers, you should be aware of the tax requirements governing their wages. If you pay \$50 or more per quarter to anyone for performing services in your home, you are required to pay FICA (social security and Medicare) taxes of 15.3% on the wages. You should require the worker to pay half the taxes (7.65%), but if you don't withhold the employee's share from his or her wages, you are still responsible for the total 15.3%. You may also be liable for other payroll taxes, such as federal and state unemployment tax.

If the services are not provided at your home or if the provider is an independent contractor, you are not considered an employer and are not subject to these requirements. If you engage an agency or service who provides workers to perform services for you (and the agency hires, fires, and pays the workers), it is generally the agency's responsibility to take care of payroll taxes.

Some household workers resist any tax withholding or reporting to the IRS because they want their take-home pay to be higher. However, when the worker applies for unemployment or social security benefits, your failure to comply with the law may come to light. You could be held responsible for back taxes, plus interest and penalties.

Congress may get around to dealing with this issue in 1994, but there's no guarantee. In the meantime, if you need details on the requirements or assistance with the tax filings, please contact our office.

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KINDERGARTEN- "Sunshine Friends": Kyle Martin, Justin McCall, Morgan Morrow, Jessica Muskevitch, Falisha Ortiz, Jessica Smith, Jacob Cox, Hunter Helms, Ashley Hyer, Celeste Morin.

1ST GRADE: Marcos Basquez, Cody Etheredge, Ashley Howard, Tiffany Rivers, J. W. Chick, Carissa Holloway, Kera Martin.

2ND GRADE: Jordan Cox, Zachary Greenlee, Zachary Reyes, Holly Simmons, Shelia Garza, Kristopher Messick, Ralph Riddel, Colter Williams.

3RD GRADE: Jessica Chick, Sunny Helms, Cyrena Morin, Jodi Granado, Lauren Kennedy.

4TH GRADE: Jennifer Clawson, Robert Helms, Paige Nowlin, Rebecca Duke, Heather Martinez.

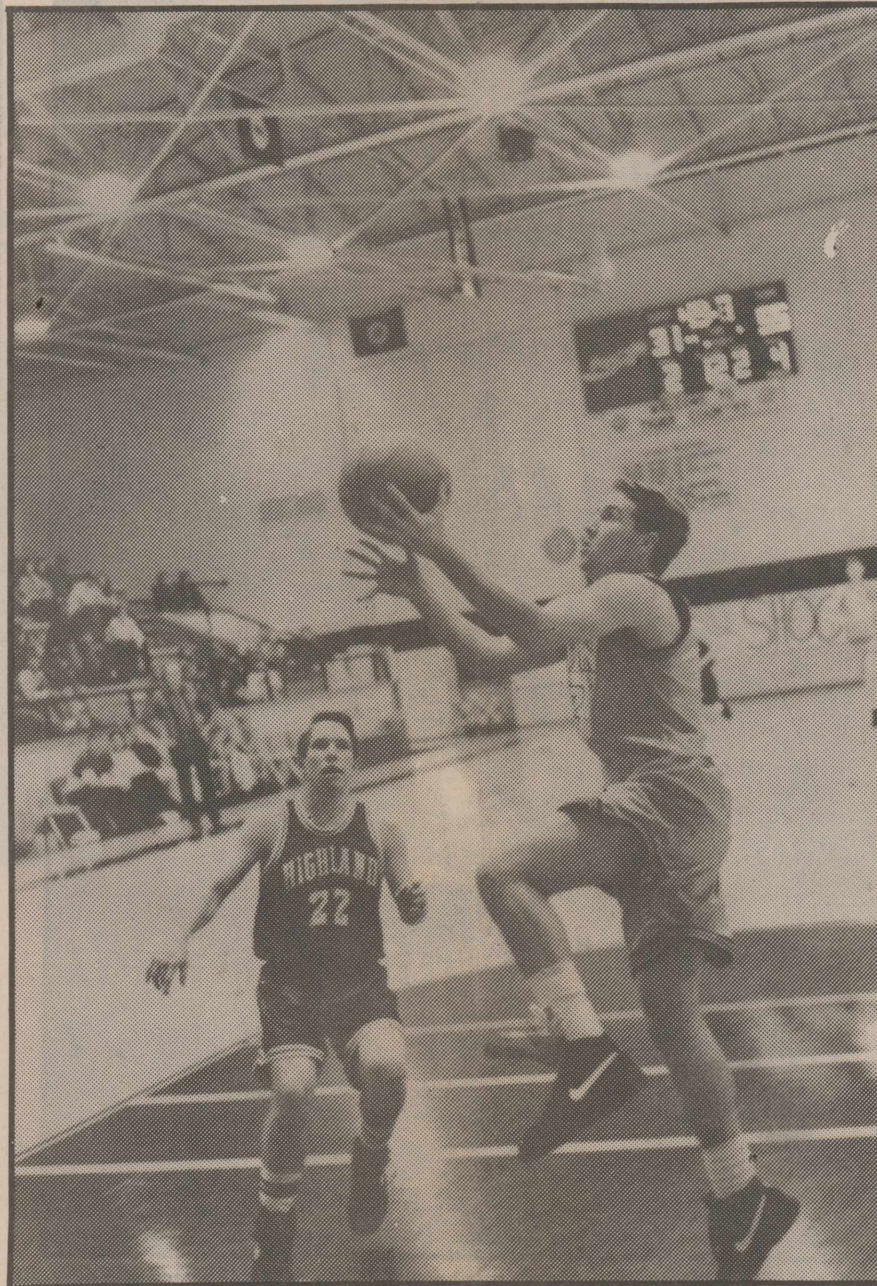
"A/B"

1ST GRADE: Roxanne Amador, Gene Messick, LaTisha Reese, Bryan Saucedo, Shawna Hooser, Blanca Ramon, Sallie Riddel.

2ND GRADE: Tara Blair, Eric Gonzalez, Mallory Stanford, Stevie

Jump Rope For Heart

Students in grades K-5 at Roby Elementary participated in the American Heart Association Jump Rope For Heart contest on February 14, 1994. Students collected contributions totaling \$1,122.65 to fund further research in the areas of heart disease and stroke. A special thank-you to Fisher County residents who supported these youngsters in their heart drive.



UP FOR TWO POINTS: Coby Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore of Roby, put up a two pointer against Highland in the bi-district game. Moore scored 9 points in the game.

Methodists At Rotan Planning Fish Fry, Mar. 24

The members of the First United Methodist Church 'Methodist Men's' group is sponsoring a fish fry on Thursday night, March 24th and the entire community is invited, according to Ward Hayes, Methodist Men's President.

The feed will take place in the Fellowship Hall and feeding begins at 6:00 p.m.

The funds raised will be used in the church building fund sanctuary carpet project.

Catfish and all the trimmings will be served, according to Hayes.

Fisher County Grand Jury Indicts L. Ray

The Fisher County Grand Jury returned a single indictment this month, according to Gene Pack, Fisher County Sheriff.

The Grand Jury indicted Louis Ray, age 18, of Rotan for aggravated assault. The assault indictment stems from an incident involving an altercation with a woman. Ray is reported to have placed a hand gun to the woman's head and threatening her.

Honor Roll

ROTAN JR. HIGH
4TH SIX WEEKS
HONOR ROLL
All "A"

5TH GRADE: None

6TH GRADE: Lacy Callan, Crystal Early, Ruth Ann Riddel, Becky Velez.

7TH GRADE: Shelley Burk, Guy Duke, Sarah Greenlee, Daniel Markham, Brooke McCall, Bradey Murphree.

8TH GRADE: None.
"A/B"

5TH GRADE: Ashley Garza, Lauren Helms, Rosanna Muniz, Monica Reyes, Misty Starr.

6TH GRADE: Byron Kennedy, Dayme Mullins, Tara Nowlin.

7TH GRADE: Andrea Miranda, Stacy Morrow, Nikki James.

8TH GRADE: Jeffery Anderle.

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Question Of The Week.....

QUESTION: How much money was spent by Fisher County in 1993 buying back comp. time of employees?

ANSWER: "Fisher County complies with the Fair Labor Standards For Local Governments. County employees are paid every two weeks, earning 80 hours of regular time. A portion of these employees are employed by the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Office is open 24-hours a day including holidays. An employee who works holidays or spends extra time working an emergency, earns comp time and takes comp time as it becomes available. These hours are signed and documented on time cards by the Sheriff and approved by the Auditor and Commissioner's Court. Occasionally, an employee is unable to take comp time and is paid instead. The penalty for non-compliance to this law is punishable by a \$10,000.00 fine, court costs and payment of all due comp time. In 1993 the comp. time paid by Fisher County included: salaries \$4,534.63, social security \$346.90, retirement \$317.43 for a grand total of \$5,198.96."

Pat Neeper, Fisher County Auditor, Roby, Texas.

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

Honor Roll

ROBY ELEMENTARY FOURTH SIX WEEKS HONOR ROLL

All "A"

THIRD GRADE: Leslie Bolton, Jacob Foil, Kandra Lakey, Cody Polk, Lyndi Stuart, Bryant Terry, Cecil Terry, Toby Terry, Josh Williamson.

FOURTH GRADE: April Campa, Danelle Evans, Bryan Kenyon, Klay McWilliams.

FIFTH GRADE: Brittany Carey, Curt Douglass, Jennifer Griffith, Jeremy Griffith, Melissa Griffith, Kristy Kitchens, Juan Leyva, Perla Sanches, Teryn Terry, Tyson Terry.

SIXTH GRADE: Karen Carriker, Cassandra Griffith, Sahala Hardin, Leticia Leyva, Ericka Maberry, Ashley Smith.

"A/B"

THIRD GRADE: Kristyn Evans, Nikki Mays, Gregory Melton, Anita Neves, Jessica Salinas.

FOURTH GRADE: Candas Boyd, Tara Carey, Stephanie Carriker, Irene Gonzales, Benita Vanderpool.

FIFTH GRADE: Sheila Bailey, Misty Caswell, Megan Harwell, Sandy Kiser, Justin Lands, Laura Melena, Lance Moore.

SIXTH GRADE: Stacy Barrera, Arthur Cadena, Ike Crill, Paul Egly, Adam Gomez, Alicia Ortega, Vicente Ortiz, Wesley Pullig, Nikki Reed, Clinton Smith, Julie Terry.

**ROBY JR. HIGH
FOURTH SIX WEEKS
HONOR ROLL**

All "A"

SEVENTH GRADE: Kristi Bond, Amanda Johnson.

EIGHTH GRADE: Jaycee Carey, Latrice Moffett.

"A/B"

SEVENTH GRADE: Wesley Arnold, Sarah Boyd, June Campa, Denise Caswell, Autumn Daniel, Ashley Douglass, Tony Flanagan, Meggan Herron, Rosa Sanches, Cassie Terry, Chasity Valenzuela.

EIGHTH GRADE: Candice Brown, Billy Floyd, Sonya Gaona, Wendy Harwell, J.D. Hearn, Amber Kelly, Brandon Maberry, Mandy Taylor, Misty Taylor, Ty West.

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HONOR ROLL**

All "A"

FRESHMEN: Makala Herron. **SOPHOMORE:** Shawna McKee, Amanda Moore.

JUNIOR: Erin Hart, Kendra Kiser, Bryce Moore, Coby Moore.

SENIOR: Ralph Amador, Randy Gregg, Niels Kramwinkel, Tanya McClure, Heidi Mims, Brian Osuna, Monica Pullig.

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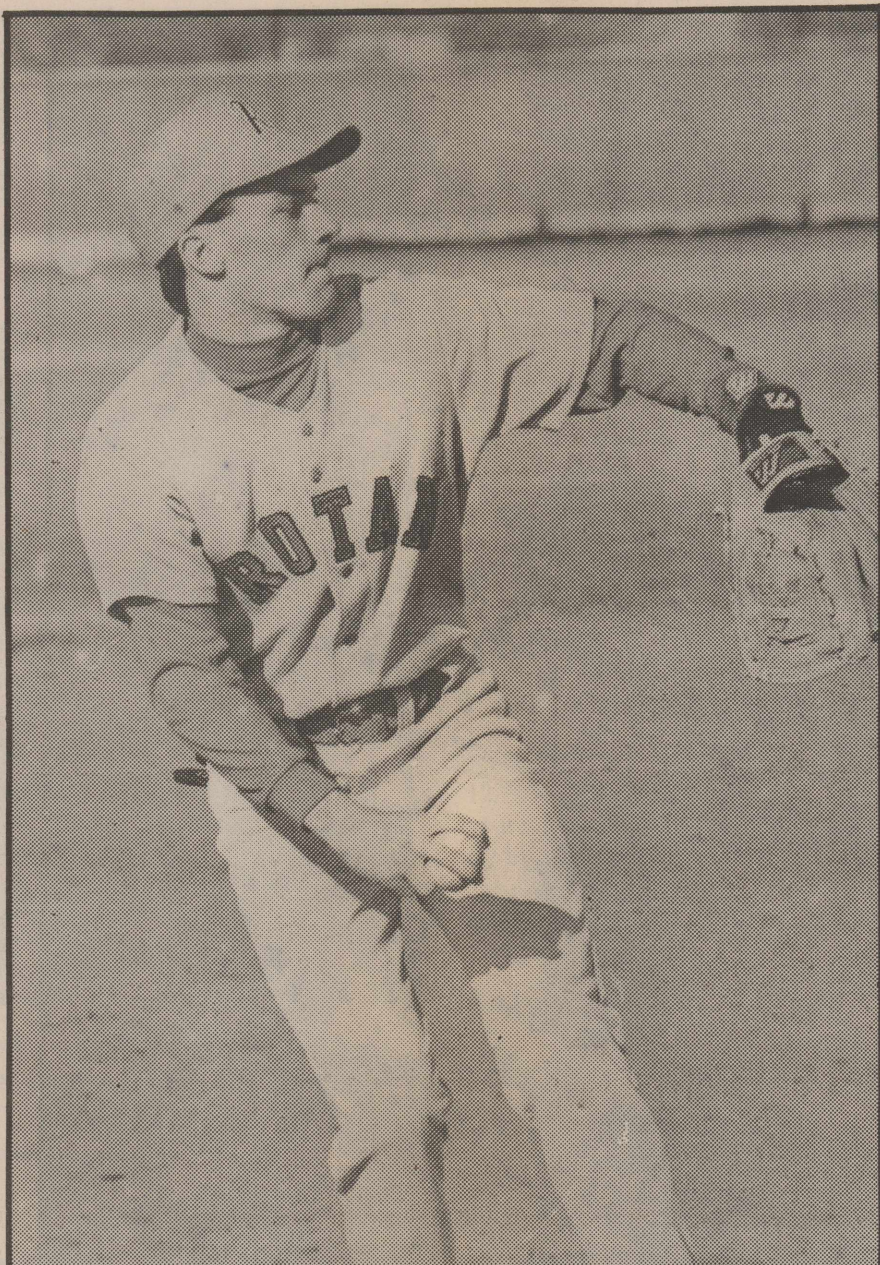
FRESHMEN: Shea Feagan, Robert Onofre, Erika Ramirez, Ashley Scott, Rebecca Stearns, Jacob Whitaker.

SOPHOMORE: Michael Brown, Brandy Griffith, Crissy Hamm, Kelly Heflin, Carissa Kiser, Kelly McWilliams, Janet Moffett, JoEllen St. Clair, Leslie Stephens, Jeremy Stidham, Lanette Teague.

JUNIOR: Chad Dannheim, Brian Dickson, Casey Johnson, Laura Mize, Jason Osuna, Karen Stearns.

SENIOR: Carolyn Atkinson,

Moses Campa, Anita Floyd, Lori Hearn, Eliot Mize, Alfred Rivas, Blake Stephens.



PLAY BALL: Rotan Yellowhammer baseball players Matt Mercer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Mercer, wings a hot third base grounder to first in a recent game.

Hammer-ball Squad Is Winning

The Rotan Yellowhammer baseball team picked up right where they left off at the close of the season last year. They are winning.

The Hammers successfully defended their title as champions at the Hawley Baseball Tournament last week.

In the first game, Rotan defeated Jim Ned 2-1; defeated Hamlin 10-4 and in the championship game defeated Stamford 13-2.

In the Jim Ned game, Michael Montez, Rotan starting pitcher, threw for five innings, giving up only 5 hits, one unearned run, walking 3 and striking out 2. Matt Mercer had two hits in the Jim Ned win.

In the Hamlin victory, Adam Yanez started and worked 1.3 innings. he gave up 2 hits, 2 walks striking out 2. Steve Warren relieved Yanez. Adam Yanez had 2 hits while Temple Daniel, Michael Montez, Jay Carreon and Steve Warren

each had a hit.

Against Stamford, Rotan won 13-2. Jay Carreon started for the Hammers and worked four innings. He only gave up 3 hits, 2 runs while striking out 8. Temple Daniel and Matt Mercer each had two hits in the win. Michael Montez recorded two steals.

The full varsity team consists of Lee Yanez, Mitchell Montez, Michael Montez, Adam Yanez, Steve Warren, Jay Carreon, Cristo Simmons, Rusty Goodwin, Val Morin, Brandon Rains, Temple Daniel, Matt Mercer and Michael Cantu.

Managers are Chris Boone, Buffy Shipp and Jody Price.

Rotan was 18-3 last year, their maiden year for baseball, and won the district championship.

Junior varsity players are Anthony Smith, Ray Yanez, Mikeal Harrison,

Russell Price, Charlie Yanez, Dominique Yanez, C.W. Robertson, David Nowlin, C.J. Davis, Joe Sepeda and Ruben Martinez.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all the members of my family and friends for the flowers, cards, phone calls and especially your prayers while I was in the hospital. To the doctors and nurses at the Fisher County Hospital a special thanks.

May God bless you all.
Louis Yanez & Family

Fisher County VOTING LOCATIONS

Democratic Party - First General Primary
Tuesday, March 8, 1994
Polls Open 7 A.M. To 7 P.M.

The below locations will be used for Fisher County Residents to vote in the Democratic Primary

Box	Location	Judge
1	Roby - Court House Annex	Margie Mitchell
2	Rotan - Fire Hall	Betty Carter
4	Roby - Community Center	J. T. Palmer
5	Rotan - City Library	J.A. McClain
6	McCaulley - 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	Glenn Webb
18	Longworth - Community Center	Mary Hennington
22	Sylvester - Community Center	Jackie Gardner
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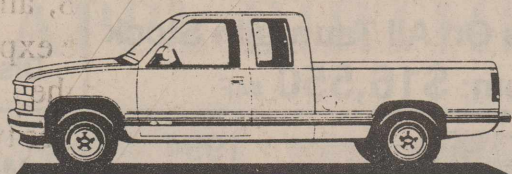
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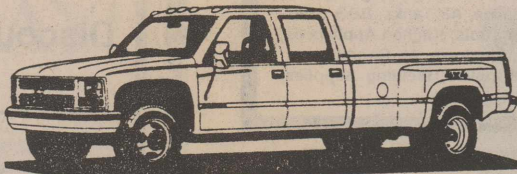
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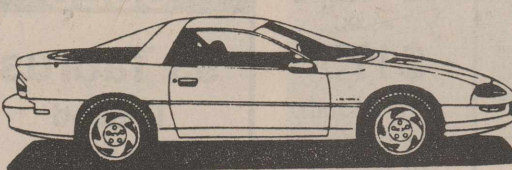
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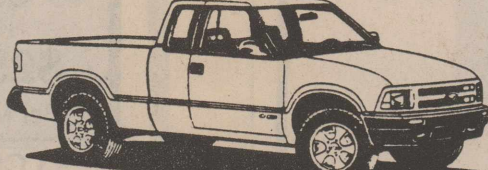
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OBITUARIES

Maria Soliz

Maria Soliz, 86, of Rotan, died in the Fisher County Hospital Saturday afternoon. Rosary was at 7 p.m., Monday in Weathersbee Chapel and Mass was at 10 a.m., Tuesday, in the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Rev. Austin Kittredge officiating. Burial was in the Hobbs Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Mrs. Soliz was born Nov. 8, 1907 in Mexico and came to Texas when she was 3 1/2 months old. She moved to Fisher County in 1916 from San Antonio. She married Martin Soliz in 1922 in Fisher County. He passed away Jan. 11, 1929. Mrs. Soliz was a homemaker and a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include: 1 son: Martin Soliz of Rotan; 2 daughters: Clita (Mrs. Al) Herrera, Sweetwater, Juanita Roa, Rotan; 1 sister: Jovita Ortega, Eagle Pass; 6 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren.

Brad Ramby

Brad Ramby, 35, of Snyder, died at 1 a.m., Saturday in Cogdell Medical Center. Graveside services were at 3 p.m., Sunday in the Rotan Cemetery with Rev. Joe Vernon officiating with arrangements by Weathersbee Funeral Home of Rotan.

Mr. Ramby was born October 1, 1958 in Seminole. He lived in Rotan for several years where he attended schools. He moved to Snyder 6 years ago from Midland. He was an oilfield worker and a member of the Avenue D. Baptist Church.

Survivors include: 1 son: Charlie Ramby, Big Spring; 2 daughters: Rebecca Ramby, Ballinger, Amy Ramby, Snyder; Mother: Joyce Ramby, Snyder; Grandmother: Mina Denton, Snyder; 1 brother: David Ramby, Baton Rouge, LA; 3 sisters: RaNon Caraway, Midland, Rhoda Shannon, Snyder, Kim Pirtle, Midland; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Ed Ramby, October 17, 1993.

Vernon Byrd Warren

Vernon Byrd Warren was born January 15, 1911 in Lexington, Lee County, Texas, to Willie Carroll and Lula Ellen Warren. He was a life-long resident of Mills County, having moved there with his family when was six months old. Mr. Warren lived in Fisher County and the Rotan area as a young man.

He passed away February 3, 1994 at Hillview Manor Nursing Home in Goldthwaite at the age of 83.

He was preceded in death by five brothers: Charley and Bill Warren of Mullin, Doug and Ben Warren of Goldthwaite, and John Warren of Crane; two sisters, Mrs. Jewel Curbo of Goldthwaite and Mrs. Ann Seaton of Rotan.

Survivors are one sister, Mrs. Louella Warren Keating of Goldthwaite; one sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruby Runnels Warren of Mullin; eleven nieces, twelve nephews and a host of friends.

The funeral was held Feb. 6, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. at the Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Dayton House officiating. Burial was in the Duren Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Robert Smith, Richard Smith, Lewis Sims, Bob Davis and nephews Ray Warren and Raymond Spinks.

Doris Pettit

Doris Pettit, 76, of Fort Worth and former Rotan resident died Monday morning at Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas in Fort Worth. Funeral services were at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 1994, at Weathersbee Chapel in Rotan with Rev. Joe Vernon officiating. Burial was in the Belvieu Cemetery.

Mrs. Pettit was born October 21, 1917 at Sulphur Bluff. She was the daughter of Oliver and Lilly Dale Glaze. She moved to Rotan in 1935 and married Hazel Pettit there on January 11, 1936. He died June 19, 1986 and Mrs. Pettit moved to Fort Worth at that time. She has made her home in Fort Worth since.

She was a homemaker and a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

She is preceded in death by a brother and a sister.

She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Crite of Fort Worth; three grandchildren, Mike Barker of Sweetwater, Sherrie Crite of Fort Worth and Vicky Tatro of Fort Worth; and two great grandchildren, Trey Tatro and Christopher Tatro, both of Fort Worth.

T.S.T.C. Inductions Are Conducted In Sweetwater

Induction ceremonies were held February 24th at the Texas State Technical College Sweetwater campus for 12 new members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Alpha Chi Upsilon Chapter.

Phi Theta Kappa is an International Honor Society for two year colleges and was founded in 1918. The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage high academic achievement among associate degree students by providing opportunities for leadership and intellectual development. Membership is restricted to those students who have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.7, completed at least two full quarters of study, and be of good moral character. Student members of the honor society will have an opportunity to receive scholarships and to participate in honors programs.

Guest speaker for the ceremonies was Dr. Mary Hood, Regional Director, Texas and New Mexico, for Phi Theta Kappa who spoke on the four hallmarks of the honor society: scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship, and encouraged the new members

to volunteer their time with community and service based organizations. New chapter officers were installed following the induction ceremonies.

The following local student was received into the Alpha Chi Upsilon Chapter:

Angelina Berryman, Roby.

Texas State Technical College main campus is located in Sweetwater with extension centers in Abilene, Brownwood, and Breckenridge.

by Joy Walker.....

Last Monday may have been a holiday for some but Mother Nature obviously didn't take the day off. Thick fog blanketed Abilene and the Big Country for most of the day, and if the fog didn't dampen thoughts of getting out and enjoying the holiday, the thunderstorm that blew into the area Monday evening definitely did. The fast moving storm which brought with it thunder and lightning, dumped almost an inch of rain in some areas, but out this way I measured about 1/2 inch of moisture, although it seemed like it rained much more than that.

Happy birthday to James Nettleton whose birthday was Wednesday, March 2nd, and to Cassie Gordon, daughter of Mark Gordon, whose birthday is Saturday, March 5th.

Visiting with the James Ratliffs on Sunday and joining them for lunch was the Cross Roads preacher and his wife,

Lady Ends One Month Of Celebration

Feliz cumpleaños: Petra Rodriguez helped end a month of celebrations with her own 90th birthday last Monday.

She and her family came to Texas when her father, a General who rode with Pancho Villa during the revolution, was killed.

She remembers climbing on the roofs of houses during the revolution and watching the gunfire and gunpowder from exploding cannons.

Today, Petra finds herself surrounded by loving family members, with daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters around her.

She says her faith and Christian beliefs are the most important things in her life and she considers herself lucky to have shared them with her husband, who died in the mid-'60s.

Petra Rodriguez is the mother of Ike Rodriguez and Lydia Yanez, both of Rotan.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted and dismissed to the Fisher County Hospital during the week of February 22 - 28, 1994 were as follows:

ADMITTED:

Brenda York- Albany; Theresa Stahl- Rotan; Joanna Chavira- Roby; Perfecto Flores- Rotan; Sheree Knox- Rotan; Annie Bruce- Roby; Tommy Harbin- Rotan; Anita Macias- Rotan; Hubert Bennett- Roby; J.R. Tankersley- Rotan.

DISMISSED:

Juanita Neves- Roby; Haylie Hills- Roby; Theresa Stahl- Rotan; Carolyn Simmons- Roby; Brenda York- Albany; Mary Ozuna- Rotan; Brenda York- Albany; Joanna Chavira- Roby; Sheree Knox- Roby; Annie Bruce- Roby; Vera Mann- Rotan.

Hustling Around Hobbs

John and Kristy Lowrie and Carol and Harold Roberts. In May, James and Dianne are going to be grandparents again, for the 5th time. Teresa and Jarod Standlee from Lubbock are going to be new parents for the first time. Teresa is doing fine.

Visiting with Norma Lou and Dutch Parks Saturday afternoon and Sunday was Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown and Nathan from Lubbock. They also attended worship services at Hobbs Baptist Church Sunday morning. Dutch has been feeling under the weather this past week, with a head cold or whatever it is we are all suffering from. We hope that he will soon feel very much better.

Louise Martinez visited with Susie and Willie Barrera on Sunday. Mary Ozuna is back in Fisher County Hospital; she got to come home Friday but had to go back early Saturday morning. We hope Mary will soon be feeling much better. Louise went to Abilene Saturday and attended a reception given by Congressman Charles Stenholm for candidate for Senator, Mike Andrews. It was held at the Embassy Suites.

The J.W. Etheredges went to the basketball game at Snyder Friday night; Roby boys played Highland and Roby won. They will now play Sterling City Tuesday night in Abilene. Cody Etheredge went to the game with his grandparents and he spent the night with them after the game. Mrs. J.W.

Letter To Editor

Letter To The Editor:

As a member of the Seniors Coalition, I want you to know that most Seniors do not favor the Clinton Health Care Plan.

Under the Clinton plan, senior citizens will surely face drastic cuts in Medicare coverage, lose their right to choose their own doctors, face long waiting lines, and possibly be denied life-saving medical treatment.

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Etheredge and Mr. and Mrs. James Sherrill from Sweetwater took their mother, Mrs. Lealon Wilburn, to Abilene for the day on Sunday. They all helped her celebrate her birthday which is today, Monday, February 28th. Happy birthday to Mrs. Wilburn.

The weather has been so very cool and windy, and Friday and Saturday

were just terrible, so cold and so much wind. Now today the forecasters are predicting thunderstorms which hopefully will bring us some much needed moisture. Lots of farmers are busy in the fields, but it is getting very dry, and everyone would feel much better if only it would come a good rain.

See you next Thursday.

The family of
Willie Mc Turner
would like you to come help celebrate
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We will be at the
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TO THE VOTERS OF FISHER COUNTY

Please go to the polls Tuesday, March 8, and vote for Marie Henry for County Treasurer. I have over five years of in-office experience and I am capable of handling the duties and responsibilities that go with the office of County Treasurer.

Fisher County has an annual budget of over two million dollars and the treasurer's office and auditor's office handles all of this money at one time or another. We are charged with budgeting, receiving, recording, managing, disbursing and accounting for all funds that belong to Fisher County. These funds are your tax dollars at work. All reports that we prepare for the IRS, Social Security Administration, Texas Employment Commission, and other governmental agencies must be correct or Fisher County is subject to being fined. Our records are balanced to the penny every month in the treasurer's office, with the auditor's accounts, on computer with both depository banks.

I currently serve as Lay Representative of the Fisher County Library Board. I am a former member of the Roby School Board and served as the board's C.E.D. #11 representative before vacating my seat about one year ago. I am presently not blood-related to anyone employed by Fisher County. I owe allegiance only to the voters of Fisher County, and if elected, I will serve to the best of my abilities. I can't promise to lower your taxes or cut spending because the treasurer's office has no jurisdiction in those matters. But I do promise to be honest and law-abiding in the performance of my duties. Truth isn't always easy, but it is the only way to be honorable.

When you vote on March 8, please remember that Marie Henry is the experienced and qualified candidate for County Treasurer. I want this job and I need this job and I will keep your tax money working for Fisher County.

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WHEREAS at no time in the history of the Lone Star State has there been a greater need for a strong, well-supported system of public education than today; and

WHEREAS the future of Texas' stability and economic growth depends on a strong, well-supported public school system to develop a competent work force as our state prepares for the next century; and

WHEREAS strong community support is essential for this effort to achieve excellence and equity for all students in the state; and

WHEREAS for more than 40 years the state has observed Texas Public Schools Week; and

WHEREAS the Long-Range Plan of the State Board of Education for Texas Public School Education 1991-1995 calls on parents and other community members to become partners in the improvement of the state's schools; and

WHEREAS the State Board of Education wishes to continue this special observance by encouraging parents, friends, and citizens to visit their public schools, to recognize the importance of education, to become more active in supporting school programs, and to commend those who have dedicated their careers to public education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education set aside the week of February 28 to March 4 for the forty-third annual observance of TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK; and be it further

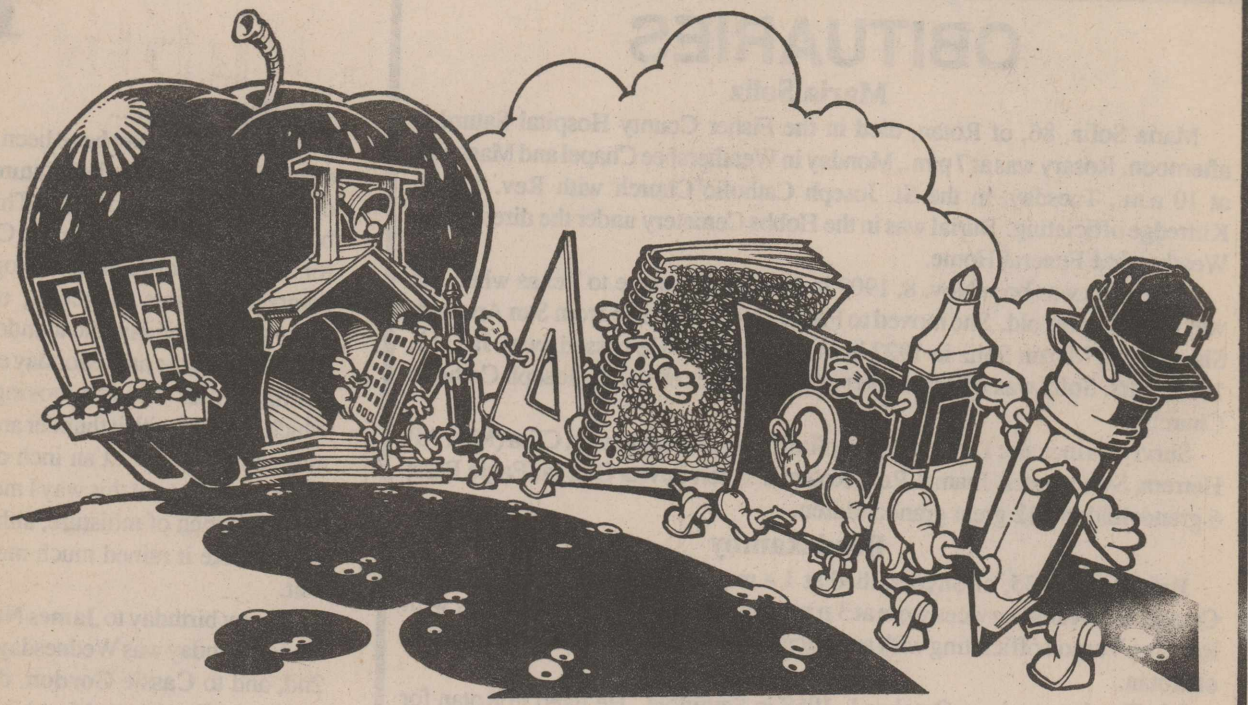
RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education urge all Texans to support their local public schools; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be included in the permanent records of the State Board of Education.

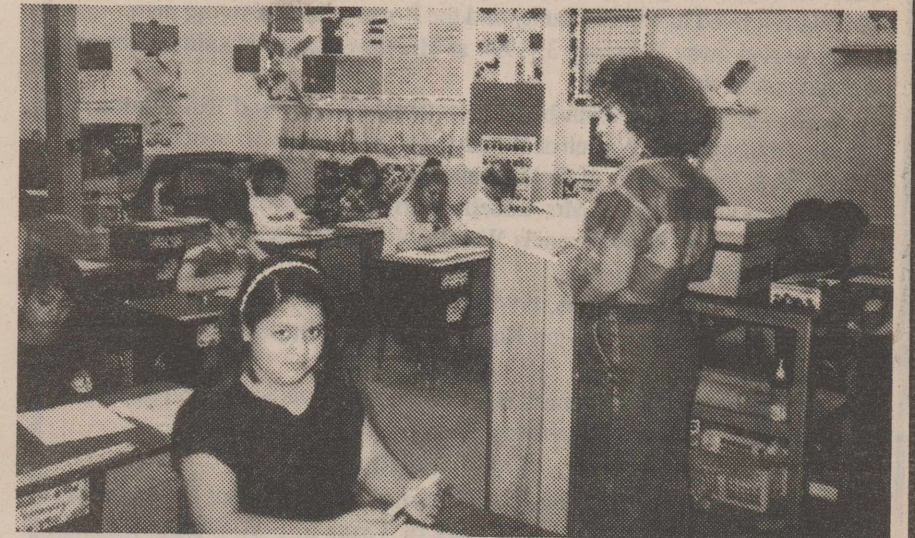
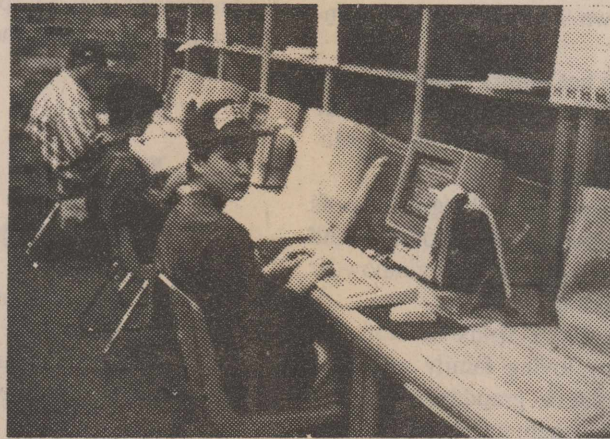
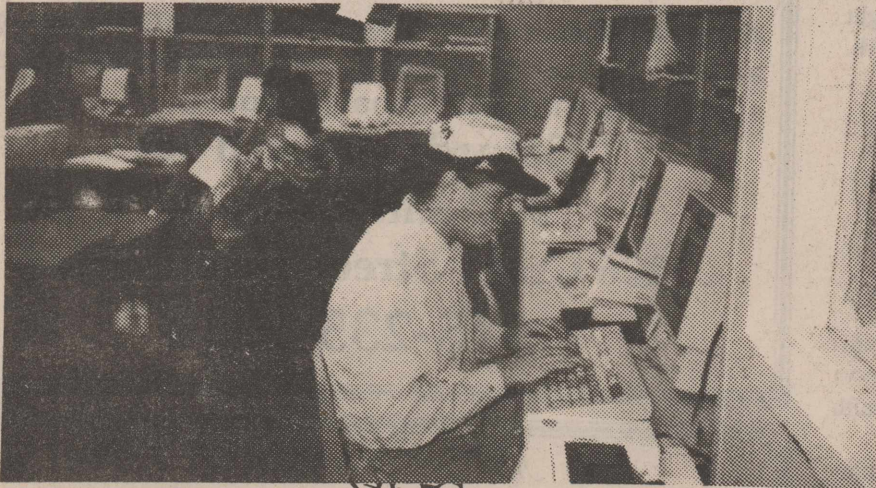
WITNESS our signatures this 11th day of February, nineteen hundred ninety-four, in Austin, Texas.

Carolyn Crawford
Carolyn Hamed Crawford, Chairman

Mary Helen Berlenga
Mary Helen Berlenga, Secretary



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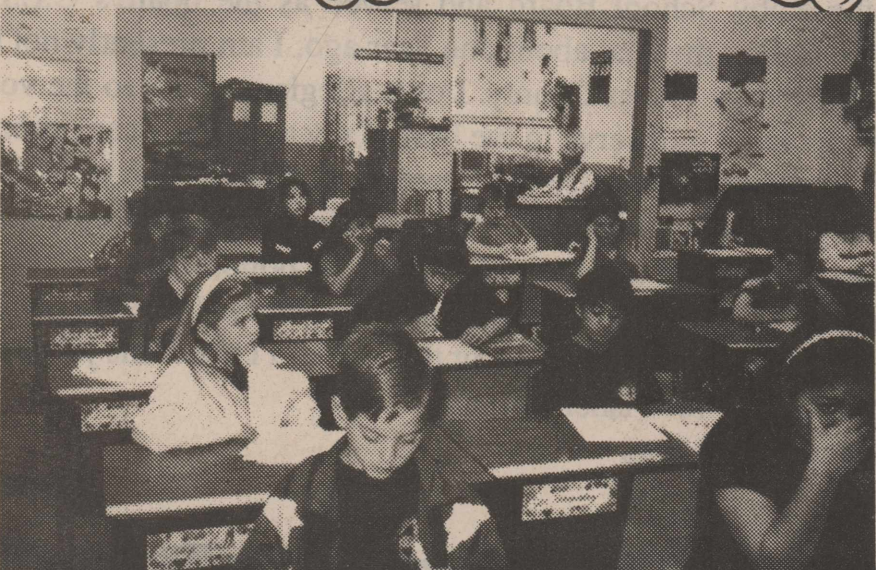
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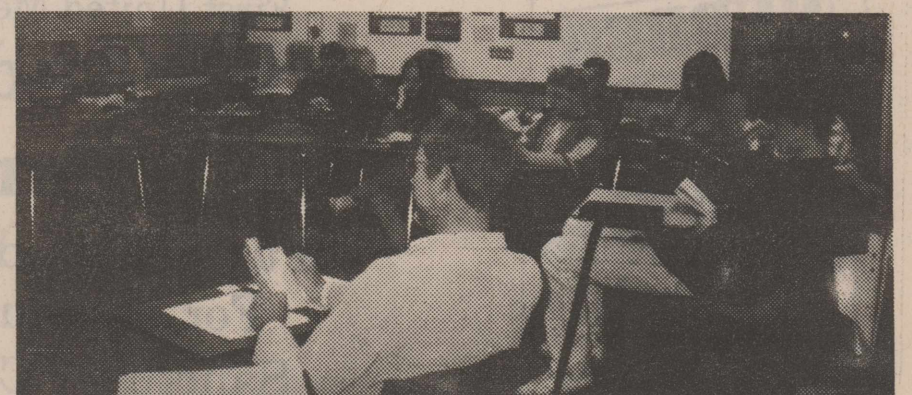
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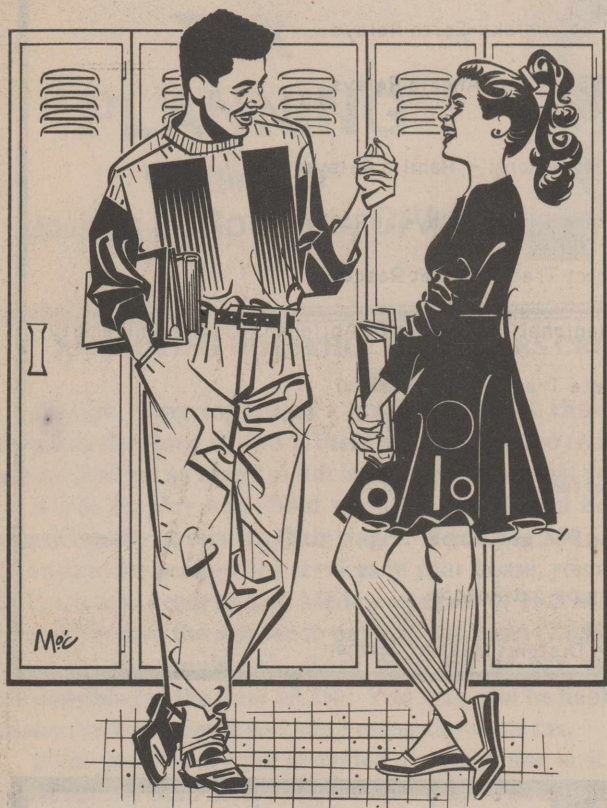
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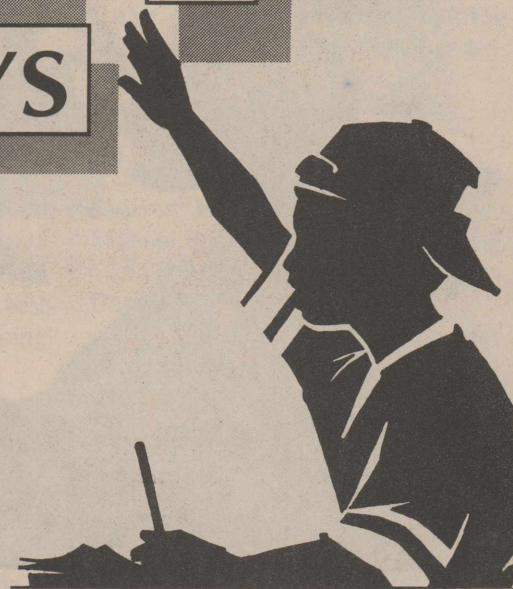




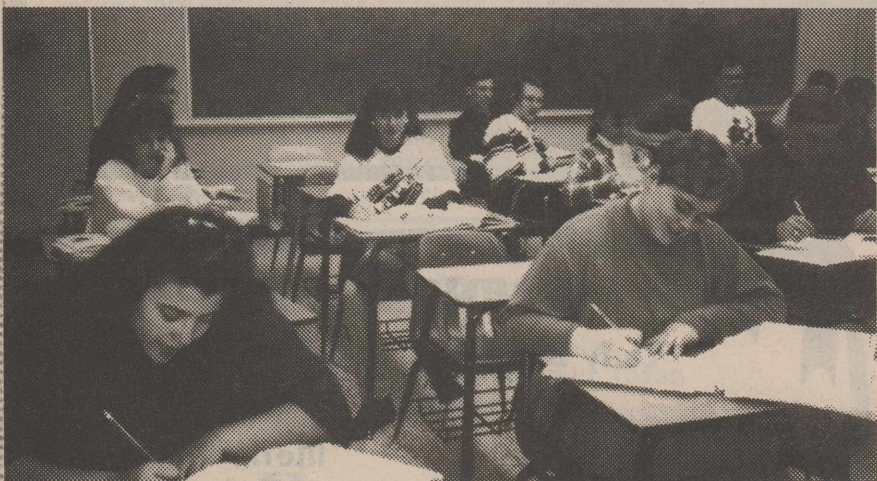
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SCHOOL DAYS



Texas Public Schools Week Feb. 28-March 4th



Community support for Texas public schools continues to be a critical component of our efforts to achieve excellence and equity for all students.

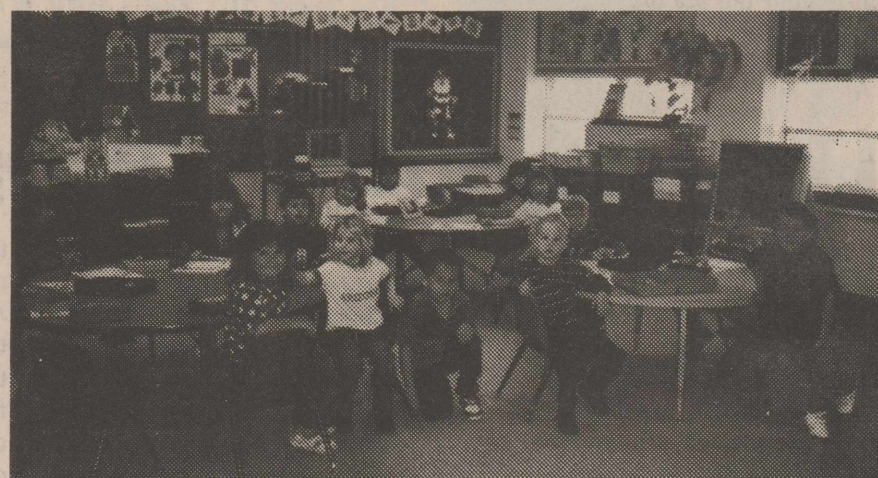
Texas Public Schools Week, February 28 through March 4, offers an excellent opportunity to encourage parents and community members to take a first-hand look at your schools and to celebrate your successes. I encourage you to make a special effort to spotlight your schools during this time. The State Board of Education has joined in this observance by adopting a resolution

recognizing Texas Public Schools Week and urging all Texans to support their public schools.

For more information regarding Texas Public Schools Week, contact the Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) in Austin at (512) 474-9107.

Sincerely,

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GETS THE FATHER SON TALK ON THE MOUND: Rotan baseball pitcher Jay Carreon gets a soothing pep talk from Coach Bobby Richardson during a recent game. Rotan just won the Hawley tournament and is looking at defending their district title this season.

Four At Rotan Will Be In Reg. Spelling Bee

Four Rotan High School students will be participating in the 1994 Big Country Regional Citizen Bee Competition in Abilene on March 5, 1994. The competition is coordinated by Representative Bob Hunter. It is an academic competition challenging our area's finest high school students' knowledge of American History, Economics, Geography, Government and Current Events. The four students representing Rotan High School are Mark Marshall, Matt Mercer, Joe Gonzalez, and alternate Chris Boone. The competition will be held in Amy Graves Ryan Recital Hall on the campus of McMurry University, beginning at 12:00 noon. Please come and show your support for your favorite Big Country high school students as we showcase their outstanding academic achievements in this challenging and exciting competition!

Sponsors accompanying the group are Dana Eaton and Mario Heredia.

Rotan Chamber Banquet Is Set March 26th

The Rotan Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held March 26, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the Rotan School Cafeteria. There will be musical entertainment, a guest speaker, and presentation of awards. Tickets for this annual dinner event will be \$10 and they can be purchased by calling or going by: H. L. Davis & Co- 735-2591; West Texas Utilities- 735-2241; 1st National Bank of Rotan- 735-2224.

Nominations are now being accepted for the awards presented each year at the banquet. The awards include Citizen of the Year; Pioneer Family of the Year; Outstanding Business; Senior Citizen of the Year; or any person who you feel deserves recognition. Nominations should be submitted in writing and tell who is being nominated and what for. And the reason you feel they deserve recognition, as well as a brief biography if known. Submit nominations to: Rotan Chamber of Commerce Nominations Committee, P.O. Box 275, Rotan, Texas 79546. All nominations need to be submitted by March 11.

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March 25-26 (BOYS) - San Angelo Relays
March 25-26 (GIRLS) -

March 31 (Thurs. afternoon) - Hamlin Relays

April 9 - Blackland-Divide Relays at Roscoe

April 15 - District Track Meet at Roscoe

April 29-30 - Regional Track Meet at Abilene Christian University

May 13-14 - State Track Meet at Austin

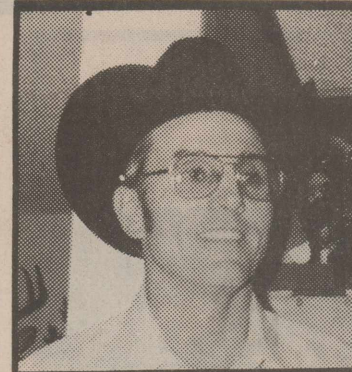
Junior High

March 11 (Fri. afternoon) - at Baird

March 24 (Thurs.) - at Roscoe

March 31 (Thurs.) - at Roscoe

April 8 (Fri.) - District Meet at Gorman



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PLEASE HELP ELECT ALBERT HATAWAY

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David Counts Recognized

The Texas Chamber of Commerce is recognizing the contribution of state Rep. David Counts in encouraging job creation and economic growth by helping to enact legislation aimed at bolstering the state's business climate.

Counts was among a group of state officials honored with the Chamber's "Friend of Business Award" for their work during the 1993 legislative session. The award, presented Feb. 9th by the Chamber's Board of Directors during their Annual Conference in Austin, recognizes lawmakers who have been instrumental in strengthening Texas' economic environment by actively supporting pro-jobs legislation.

"A great deal of the credit for the successes that the business community enjoyed during the 1993 legislative session goes to key leaders like Representative Counts," said Bruce Gibson, Chamber president and CEO. "David Counts was instrumental in making sure that the needs of the business community were so favorably represented in the Texas Capitol."

Said Bob Lane, chairman of the Chamber's Board of Directors: "These

'Friends of Business' did a remarkable job of keeping the pro-jobs and pro-business legislation on track. Because of them, our business climate has been enhanced and our job-creating powers have been energized."

Counts expressed appreciation for the honor and said he values the progress that has resulted from a working alliance with the Chamber.

"I feel it is important for the Legislature to be responsive to the needs of our business community," Counts said. "Many of the issues we face today can mean life or death, especially for our small businesses in Texas. The revenue and jobs they provide are not only the basis of our economy in Texas, but also serve as the backbone of our communities."

Among the Chamber-supported, pro-business, initiatives enacted during last year's legislative session were:

- * Several legal reform measures designed to strengthen the fairness, predictability and balance of the state's legal system. Included in this legislative package is a products liability reform bill that will protect injured parties' right to recovery, but will end many current abuses of the system.

- Another measure, the "Alfaro" legislation, gives Texas judges more discretion to dismiss lawsuits brought by foreign residents against companies doing business here when the injuries occurred elsewhere.

- * An intrastate trucking reform bill that will help control in-state trucking rates, bringing them more closely in line with interstate rates.

- * A health care initiative aimed at relieving small businesses of the burdensome state mandates that previously had been included in all health care plans.

- * Creation of the Smart Jobs Program, a customized job-training program that teaches skills needed by the employees of new or expanding businesses, primarily those in high-skill industries.

- * Establishment of the Texas Council on Workforce and Economic Competitiveness, which is charged with developing a strategic plan and performance measures for a variety of programs on workforce development.

YOUR VOTE & SUPPORT APPRECIATED

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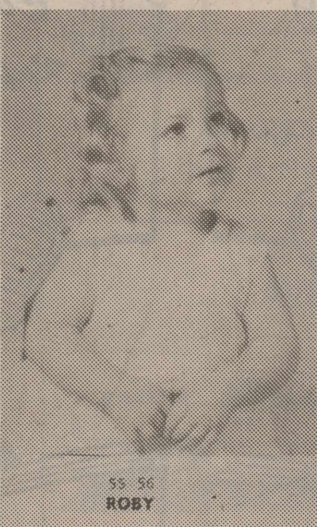
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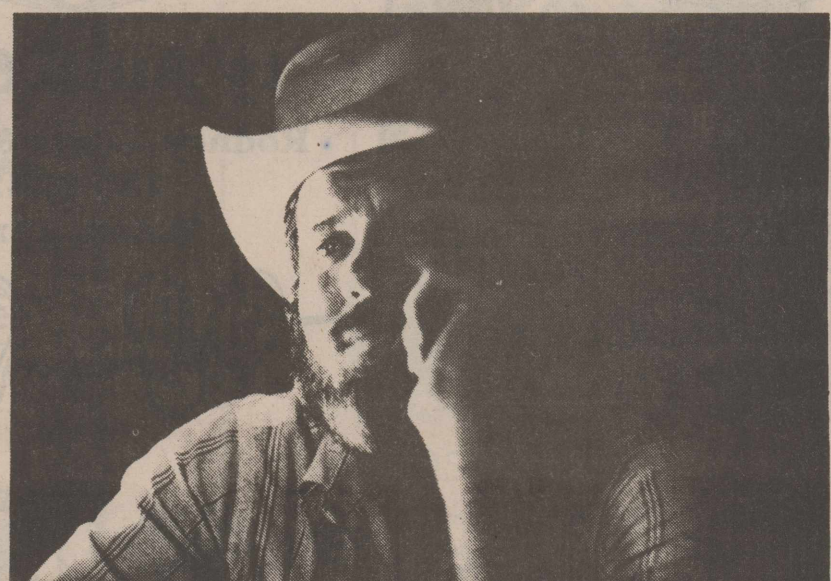
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