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A Look  
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Tribune Passes  
33rd Milestone

"This issue is a milestone for the Matador Tribune. It has been in continuous operation almost a third of century under one management.

The Tribune Publishing Co. was organized January 14, 1934 with Howard Hamilton and Douglas Meador as owners. On March 14, 1934, the Tribune purchased the Motley County News from Grover C. Mitchell."

5 Teachers Honored  
at Roaring Springs

"In appreciation for a total of 112 years service on the faculty of Roaring Springs school system, five teachers were honored in a ceremony yesterday afternoon. Each of the teachers received an engraved plaque from Superintendent Glen Sanders.

The five teachers honored were Bill Peacock (9 years), Mrs. Inez Sloan (12 years), Mrs. Alvin Stearns (21 years), Miss Freda Keahey (33 years), and Mrs. Lem Miller (37 years)."

Around  
Town

News Briefs of  
Area Events

## Chamber Board to meet

The Motley County Chamber Board will meet Thursday, March 9, for their monthly meeting. They will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Boardroom.

Anyone having any business to bring to the Chamber, please attend this meeting. All new suggestions to help promote and improve the economy of Motley County are welcome.

## Motley County Spring Break March 13-17

Spring Break for Motley County students and staff will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, 2000, and buses will run at that time.

Classes will resume at the regular time on Monday, March 20.

## Lions set annual show for April 25

The Matador Lions Club Board of Directors have set the date for the Annual Lions Show for April 25, 2000.

Admission to the Show will be \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students and no charge for kids under school age.

Lions Club members have begun a fund raising campaign with the sale of tickets for \$25 each. The grand prize will be \$2,000, 2nd prize is \$1,000, 3rd prize is \$500, 4th prize is \$100 with three other prizes of \$50 each. And only 300 tickets will be sold. The ticket is also good for a one-person entry to the show and you need not be present to win.

Please contact a Lions Club member if you would like to purchase a ticket.

Admission to the Show need not be purchased in advance.

## Burlesons' honored with Family Land Heritage Certificate

Third, fourth and fifth generation descendants of I.E. Van Martin were in attendance at Austin in January to receive the "Family Land Heritage Certificate" from Susan Combs, head of the Texas Department of Agriculture. The land has been in the family for 100 years.

I.E. Van Martin, father of Onie Harriet Martin, settled in the early 1890's in Motley County, establishing a homestead on land 12 miles north of Matador in 1899, in the White Star Community. Onie Harriet Martin married J.C. "Doc" Burleson of Briscoe County, and they continued the farming and ranching operations from "Headquarters," the name they gave the homestead. Their only child, W.E. Burleson, was born and raised on this land. He married Mollie Barton, daughter of W.B. and Ella Barton, neighbors of the Burlesons. W.E. and Mollie established their home on "top of the Caprock" in

Floyd County. Third generation children born to Mollie and W.E. were Stanley "Teen" and Marisue Burleson Potts.

At the death of J.C. "Doc" and Onie Martin Burleson, the land was inherited by Stanley "Teen" Burleson. "Headquarters", 1899-1999, continues to be farmed and ranched by Stanley.

Fourth generation descendants of I.E. Van Martin in attendance and accepting the certificate with their father, Stanley, were Carria Burleson Jones and Beverly Burleson Brock of Levelland. Their children, fifth generation descendants in attendance for the ceremony were Tye, Caycee and Cyanne Jones, Kolt, Kwait and Klay Brock. Others in attendance for the ceremony were Lou Burleson, Kirk Brock, Steve Jones, and J.V. Johnson of Austin, whose grandfather, Van Martin, was a nephew of I.E. Van Martin.

## Candidates have until March 22 to file for May election

Those wishing to file for a place on a local office, to be decided in the May 6th elections, may do so until 5:00 p.m., March 22.

Local elections will include places on the Roaring Springs City Council, Matador City Council, Motley County School Board, and the Motley County Hospital Board.

The Roaring Springs City Council will have two Council places up for election, currently held by Gary Smith and Lisa Simpson, and the Mayor's seat, now held by Joey Thacker. As of 2:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, Vince Taylor and Gary Simpson have filed for places on the Council. No one has filed for the Mayor's position.

The Matador City Council will have two council terms expiring, currently held by Shane Jones and Don Warren, and the Mayor's position,

now held by Gary Lancaster. Gary Lancaster has filed for re-election as Mayor and Rodney Williams has also filed for Mayor. Don Warren and Fred Parson have filed for places on the Council.

The Motley County School Board will have three places up for election, currently held by Larry Clifton, Ben Grundy and J.D. Russell. Those filing have been Douglas Campbell, Coy Franks, Bobby Williams, Marisue Potts, J.D. Russell and Pat Smith.

The Motley County Hospital Board will have three places, now held by Dianne Washington, Ronnie Vandiver and Charles Keith. No one has filed for these positions.

Those wishing to file may do so at the City offices for City Council, the Superintendent's office for School Board, or with Betty Stevens at the school for Hospital Board.

## American Legion promotes "Get Out The Vote ~ 2000!"

Fleming Post 337, The American Legion, is promoting GET OUT THE VOTE ~ 2000 in an effort to encourage all citizens of Motley County to vote in the upcoming elections this year.

The American Legion believes every election is important. As citizens of this great nation, it is our duty and responsibility to exercise this right by casting our ballots on Election Day and to encourage others to do likewise. The recent small percentages of eligible voters who actu-

ally vote in primary and general elections is a threat to our democratic form of government. Voting is essential if America is to remain strong and free. If you vote, encourage others to vote. If you are a non-voter, it's time to accept your responsibility. For our representative democracy to work well, your voice and vote are needed.

Let's make sure that Motley County has one of the highest voting records in the State of Texas - vote in the Primary Election on March 14!

## Mother Nature refuses to close umbrella

by Earlyne Jameson

Mother Nature refused to remove her umbrella overhead that kept Motley County from receiving needed moisture in January and February. She sent her share of gusting winds and dust storms.

Mrs. Tommie Cruse, NWSV of Flomot officially registered only a trace of moisture in January and just 0.20 total rain in February. Jim Stockton of Whiteflat reported 0.19 in January and 0.45 total rain in February. Hail was reported Feb. 24 with no

property or crop damage.

Buzz Thacker, NWSV of Roaring Springs recorded 0.12 for January and .41 in February.

Kelly Meyer, NWSV of Matador, recorded 0.8 for January and 0.22 in February.

Betty Simpson, NWSV of Northfield recorded 0.04 in January and 0.18 in February.

The first week of March, Mrs. Cruse registered 0.72; Mr. Stockton 0.45; Mr. Thacker 0.62; Mr. Meyer 0.43 and Mrs. Simpson, 0.17 of moisture.



Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs honors Beverly Brock, Stanley Burleson, and Carria Jones of Burleson Drag A Ranch in Motley County. This ranch has been operated by the family for 100 years or more and was inducted into the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program at a recent ceremony in Austin.

## 60th Annual Junior Livestock Show to be held Saturday

The 60th Annual Motley County Junior Livestock Show will be held Saturday, March 11, at the Motley County Livestock Show Barn. The Livestock Show is sponsored each year by local volunteers to provide an opportunity for 4-H and FFA members to exhibit their livestock projects. By caring for and feeding their livestock throughout the feeding period, youth have the opportunity to learn responsibilities and increase their knowledge of the livestock industry.

During this year's show, there will be 9 steers, 50 hogs, 11 lambs, 22 rabbits and pens of heifers exhibited. Anyone living in Motley County, owning land in Motley County, or youth eligible for the Junior Livestock Show may show heifers. In addition, a Pee Wee Swine Showmanship Show will be held for youth under the age of 9 years and not in the third grade.

This year's judge for the market classes will be Vance Christie, Howard Junior College Livestock

Judging Coach, and for the heifers and showmanship is Daniel Jenkins, Ag Science Instructor at Silverton High School.

This year's events begin with breakfast being served to exhibitors, donors, and local residents from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the Livestock Show Barn. The breakfast will be prepared by local volunteers and is sponsored by Pay-N-Save Grocery in Matador.

All animals must be weighed and in place by 8:30 a.m. The pee-wee showmanship starts at 9:45 a.m., followed by the swine show at 10:00 a.m. The lamb show begins at 11:30 a.m., preceded by the rabbits at 12:30 p.m. and heifers at 1:00 p.m. The steer show begins at 2:00 p.m., followed by the premium auction at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend the Show and Youth Premium Auction to help support the youth of Motley County. At this year's auction we will also be auctioning items donated by businesses and supporters of the Motley County Junior Livestock

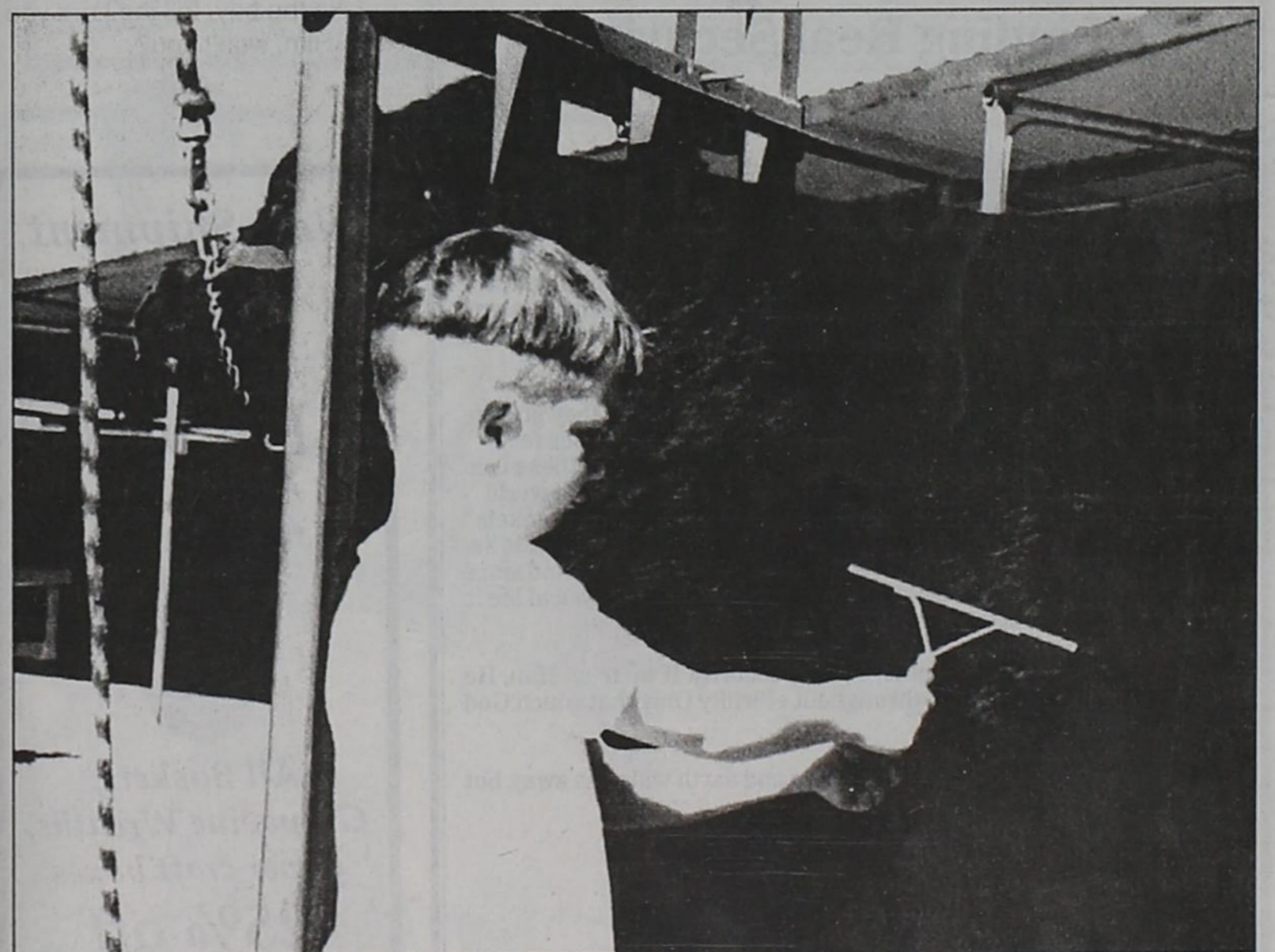
Show. If anyone is interested in making donations of items or money they should contact one of the directors

or the Motley County Extension office by calling (806) 347-2733. Directors for this year's Show are Craig Turner, Bruce Lefevre, Tommy Gleghorn, J.D. Russell, Mark Seigler and David Stafford.

There will be a concession stand open throughout the Stock Show.

Donations of \$1.00 are being accepted for a drawing of a \$500.00 gift certificate from Thacker Jewelry in Roaring Springs. The proceeds from the fund raiser will benefit the Premium Auction. Anyone interested in the gift certificates may contact a Motley County 4-H or FFA member and/or a director of the Motley County Junior Livestock Show Association.

Motley County Extension Agent, Lonnie Jenschke stated, "We look forward to seeing everyone at the show and auction on Saturday."



GETTING READY FOR THE SHOW - Five-year-old Garrett Jenschke was helping his dad, County Agent, Lonnie Jenschke, get 4-H member, Todd Thomas', calf ready for the Stock Show when this picture was taken. The 60th Annual Junior Livestock Show will be held this Saturday.



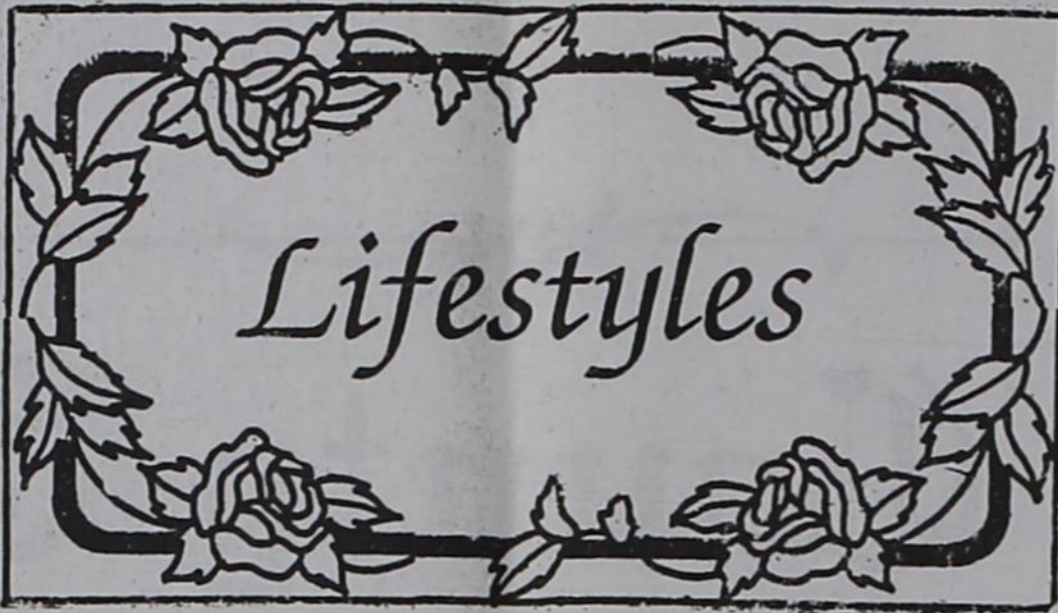
It's about time for Spring cleaning. We all like to clean out the winter dust and stale, and move things around in our homes, rearrange things a bit. Add some Spring flowers and make our homes beautiful. It makes us and our homes feel fresh and renewed for Spring. I think that must be what God has been doing this week, with this tremendous wind we have been experiencing. I think He must be Spring cleaning. Most of the South Plains area has been rearranged with this wind. The dirt has certainly been moved around. I think most of the Caprock's dirt is now a part of Motley County. And who knows where Motley County dirt has flown. I bet there's some in Memphis. I really don't enjoy wind. I really don't know anyone who does. But when I think of it like that, as God's Spring cleaning, I can tolerate it. The blowing wind that rearranges the objects in our yards and blows the dust around, is much the same as the winds that blow through our lives sometimes. We all go through times

when everything seems to be going just fine, and a wind will blow through and rearrange things. I think it's all part of God molding us into what He wants us to be. Don't you? His work blows through our lives, sometimes as a strong wind and sometimes as a gentle breeze, making us into something beautiful in His eyes.

**Something Beautiful**

Here I am, dear God  
Your child  
A member of Your Family  
Asking You  
To make something beautiful  
Of my life.  
Yet, even as I ask  
I am convinced  
That the one beautiful thing  
About a child of God  
Is You, Jesus Christ.  
So, dear Lord  
As You saturate me with Yourself  
My life will be beautiful.

— Ruth Harms Calkin



**Pivots & Divots**

by Geneva

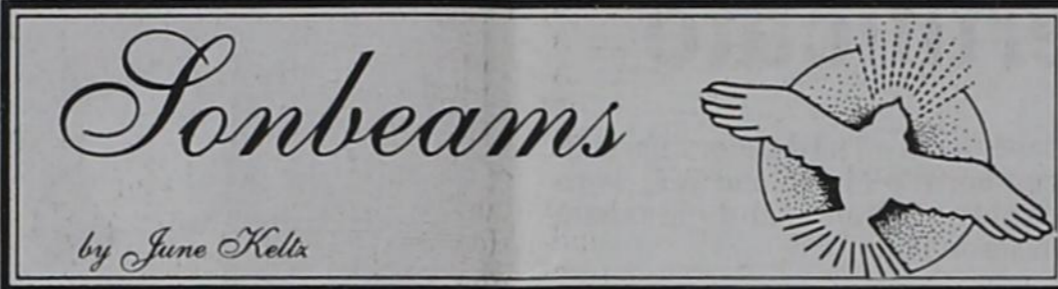


**ATTENTION ROARING SPRINGS LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION!!**  
There will be a covered dish luncheon in the home of Mary Helen Wason, Thursday, March 16 at 11:30 a.m. If weather permits, play will follow at 1:30 p.m.

Please come and join us. We welcome all the previous and new members we can get.

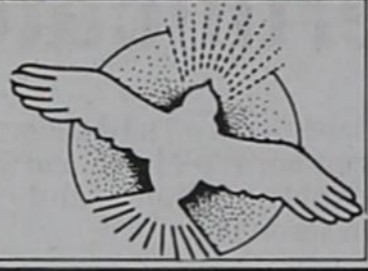
The dues are \$15 yearly and you have to be a member of the Roaring Springs Ranch Club to join.

Let's get out and play golf and make 2000 a successful and fun year!



**Sonbeams**

by June Kella



A tall lanky teenager, who lived in the country, was spending the night in town with her little 4 ft. 11 grandmother, in order to attend a school party. The winter night was unbearable cold and the old house was heated by a single wooden stove that graced the parlor. Dying embers had little effect on heating bedrooms located down the hall and around the corner.

Entering the frigid room, wisdom dictated to the teen not to remove anything but her dress and shoes, slip quickly into her flannel gown and burrow down deep into the feather mattress. Could she obtain enough warmth to help her shivering body find sleep? As she reluctantly slipped into bed in a totally dark surrounding, she was startled by the shifting of a body next to her's. It was little Granny maneuvering her way, into an unoccupied icy space, giving one whom she loved a place of comfort, heated by her own body. The teen's feet stretched far beyond the preheated area but the sweet Christlike granny whispered an invitation to the

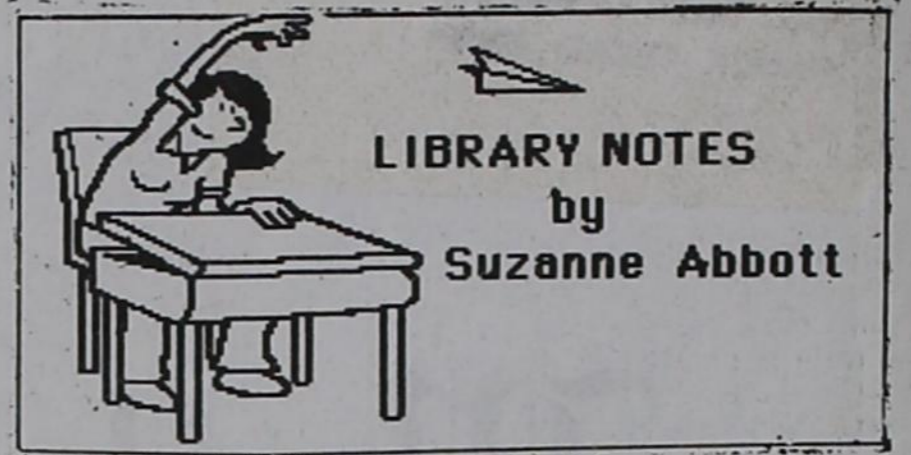
granddaughter to place her chilled feet between her own aged, but warm, legs.

In our "Golden Years" we may forget how to conjugate a verb and how to find the square root of a number, but who among us can soon forget the selfless, unconditional love of a precious grandparent?

This is an analogy, although of far less proportion, of what our Father God did for all mankind. He moved out of a place of perfection into a cold world of pain, rejection and sorrow. He willingly became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ, not considering the discomfort and humiliation because His heart's desire was to save lost souls. He yielded His physical body to be nailed to a cruel cross. He shed His blood for our sins, was bruised for our iniquities, died, arose from His tomb and is now seated at God's right hand interceding for us. His prayer is that we will believe and accept His vicarious acts of love and that after we believe our faith will not fail.

While I greatly appreciate and love my granny for her demonstration of love, I am far more indebted to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for pouring out His very life for me and all others.

II Cor. 5:21 - "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."



Our new outdoor book return has a design flaw. A small, light weight book sometimes tends to get stuck and keeps the drop door from opening. If you can't open the box to drop in your books, just tug on it several times really hard and it will probably go on and open. I don't know why this happens.

New books in the library include several nonfiction books. We have Ron Rozelle's *Into that Good Night*, a story about Alzheimer's Disease. This book is a large print book as is *The Lighthouse Stevensons* by Bella Bathurst. This book is the story of the many lighthouses that the Stevenson family of Scotland built over the centuries. Robert Louis Stevenson was of this family, and one of the lighthouses featured in his *Treasure Island* is one that the Stevenson family constructed.

Three new books deal with Texas animals: *The Bats of Texas* by David J. Schmidly, *On Bobwhites* by Fred S. Guthery, and *The Marine Mammals of the Gulf of Mexico*. These three animal books are illustrated and are easy to read.

Another new book that we received last week is *Texas Range Plants* by Stephan L. Hatch and Jennifer Pluhar. This book has drawings illustrating the various plants as well as information about the plants, where they grow, conditions they need, etc. For those of you who are interested in hunting leases, *Wildlife Stewardship and Recreation on Private Lands* provides a wealth of information. It even gives sample lease agreements.

Other new books will be arriving soon and you are sure to find some that appeal to your interest.

**Note of Thanks**

To our friends and relatives, thank you for all the prayers, flowers and contributions for our dear Wes Hall. For all the ladies who prepared the food and the ladies who served the lunch at the Church of Christ. Thank you to Seigler Funeral Home for their generosity. May God bless you all.

Elizabeth Hall  
Jerry and Linda Alsup  
Cora Hall

We would like to give our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who expressed words of concern and sympathy, for the flowers, the food brought to our homes, and the delicious lunch served at the First Baptist Church in Roaring Springs. A special thank you to those who have lifted us up in prayer. We appreciate the love and kindness shown to our family at the loss of our loved one. May God's blessings shower upon you in your time of need.

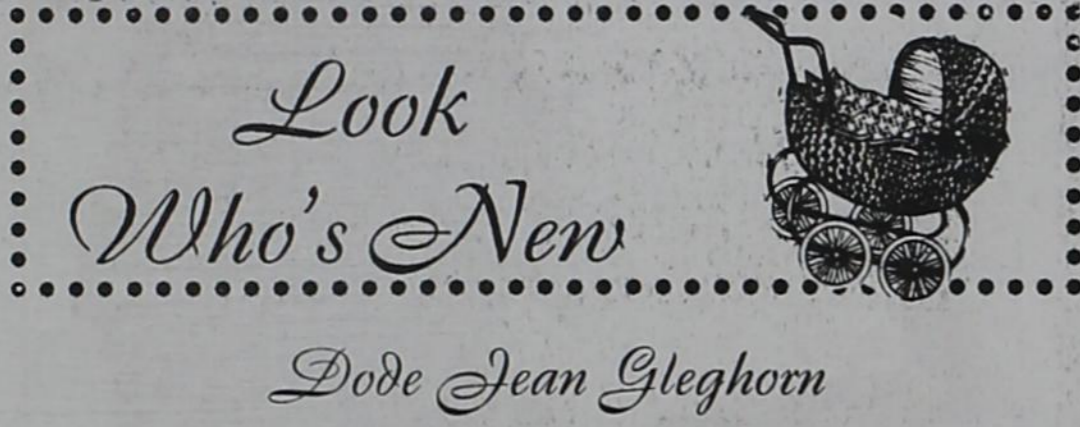
The family of Elwanda Carson

Dear family and friends,

We would like to thank everyone for the many acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one. The phone calls, cards, memorials, food and beautiful flowers were appreciated so very much.

A special thank you to Delores and Hubert Price for opening their home for the family. Each kindness will always be remembered.

The family of Margaret Stephens  
Herb and Donna Stephens  
Cheryl Ward  
Roy and Joanie Stephens



Chloe Kay Gleghorn would like to announce the arrival of her new baby sister, Dode Jean Gleghorn. Dode was born February 15, 2000 at 8:23 p.m. at University Medical Center in Lubbock. She weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents of the girls are Tommy

and Kim Gleghorn of Matador. Grandparents are Donna Darden of Lubbock and Wayne and Linda Gleghorn of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Cleo Parker of Lamesa, Pearl Gleghorn of Lubbock, and Marge Helm of Lubbock.



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**Finding Real Security**  
People today are terribly security-conscious. We seem to have an insatiable desire to have the future guaranteed for us. And so we buy insurance policies and saving bonds, and invest in retirement plans and Social Security and burial policies, and on and on.  
These are all fine as far as they go. The only trouble is, none of them goes far enough. For one thing, none of these is a sure thing. With our national and world economic situation what it is, all of our material "security blankets" are subject to failure. For another thing, these measures provide security only for our physical lives - nothing for the spiritual. And since we live on after death into eternity, to provide only for physical life is to provide only for a tiny fraction of our total lives.  
Only God can give complete, eternal security. If we trust Him, He will provide for us now and throughout eternity. Only that which God secures is really secure.  
Jesus, the Son of God, said, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."  
So, if you want security, listen to Jesus.  
**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**  
Michael G. Crowley, Sr.  
Radio Programs K-96 FM  
Bible Study - 10 a.m. Worship - 9 a.m.

**SEEDS FROM THE SOWER**  
Michael A. Guido  
Metter, Georgia

A small boy knelt at his mother's knee and offered his evening prayer. When he had finished, he continued to speak softly while on his knees.  
"What did you ask for?" wondered his mother.  
"Nothing," he answered. "I just told the Lord that I loved Him."  
God loves you. He loves you just as you are. There's no one whom He loves more than He loves you.  
His love is the greatest thing He can give you. For He is love. And love is the greatest thing you can give to God. For it will give yourself, and all that you are and have.  
Like the boy, tell the Lord you love Him, won't you?

**New Shipment of Spring Flowers 25% off**  
All Baskets, Grapevine Wreaths, paper craft boxes 25% off  
**Matador Variety**

**Mangold Memorial is Proud to Announce their New Arrivals !!**  
**Khena Lane McAllister**, daughter of Cammie and Daryl McAllister of Kress, was born February 3, 2000 at 7:15 a.m. She weighed 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Larry and Deelane Buske of Kress and Andy and Sharon McAllister of Plainview.  
**Alexandra and Alexis Espinosa**, twin daughters of Elias and Annette Espinosa of Ralls, were born February 3, 2000. Alexandra was born at 8:50 a.m. She weighed 5 pounds 5 1/2 ounces and Alexis was born at 8:51 a.m. She weighed 4 pounds 14 ounces. Grandparents are Ascension and Oronia Espinosa of Hale Center and Demetrio and Gomecinda Hinojosa of Ralls.  
**Sawyer Grace Medlin**, daughter of Kelley and Renee Medlin of Lockney, was born February 5, 2000 at 3:37. She weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces. Grandparents are Bobby Flippo of Mulvane, KS., Gene and Debbie Bass of Plainview, Lloyd Medlin of Plainview, and Karon Medlin of Weatherford.  
**Haley Cheyanne Crawford**, daughter of Scott and Erica Crawford of Plainview, was born February 5, 2000. She weighed 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Alfred and Jane Martinez of Lockney and Dennis and Debbie Crawford of Plainview.  
**Viviana Noemi Gonzales**, daughter of Martin Luis and Maria DeJesus Gonzales of Plainview, was born February 12, 2000 at 6:40 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces. Grandparents are Lorenzo Elia and Molinar Ordenez of Cuabutomor and Manuela Alvarado of Plainview.  
**Alberto Flores Alaniz**, son of Serafin and Evelia Alaniz of Flomot, was born February 14, 2000 at 2:20 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces. Grandparents are Serafin Alaniz and Norma Esquivel of Mexico and Angel and Graciela Flores of Flomot.  
**Bryce Keegan Reese**, son of Steve and Sherri Reese of Plainview, was born February 16, 2000 at 4:39 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces. Grandparents are Truman and Sherry Reese of Plainview and Bobby and Thresa Lamb of Tulia.  
**Victor Andres Aguirre Jr.**, son of Victor and April Aguirre of Floydada, was born February 17, 2000 at 6:47 p.m. He weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces. Grandparents are Artemio and Selia Diaz of Floydada and Andres and Victoria Aguirre of Rio Grande City.  
**Dustin Jered Ramirez**, son of Rocky and Estelle Ramirez of Silverton, was born February 23, 2000 at 11:08 a.m. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Epifanio Garza of Missioie and Mr. and Mrs. Esther Ramirez of Silverton.  
**W.J. MANGOLD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
320 North Main, Lockney (806) 652-3373

## Motley County to have Girls' State candidate

At their February 28 meeting, members of Fleming Unit 337 of the American Legion Auxiliary voted to accept Rachelle Renfro as their delegate to Girls State 2000, with Denise Shannon as the alternate.

The purpose of the American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State is to educate our young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. Its purpose is to awaken within the youth of our nation a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is most vitally needed to protect and preserve our American institutions and our American democracy. It is a mythical 51st State where, for a period, the citizens of Girls State organize their own city, county, and state governments. They choose their own officials in accordance with regular election procedures. They learn the duties of the various city, county and

state offices. They introduce and debate their own bills in a legislature. Justice is administered by their own law enforcement agencies and courts. In Girls State, the young citizens "learn by doing."

Both girls were recommended for this prestigious event by the staff of Motley County Independent School District. This year's Girls State will take place June 13-22 at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin, Texas, and the total cost of the program is funded by members of the Auxiliary Unit.

Mark your calendars NOW for the Auxiliary Easter Bake Sale, which will be held Saturday, April 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in front of the Motley County Library. All proceeds will go toward sending the delegate to Girls State, and what a wonderful way to let our young girls know how much support they have from the citizens of Motley County.

## Two Motley County Powerlifters advance to State competition

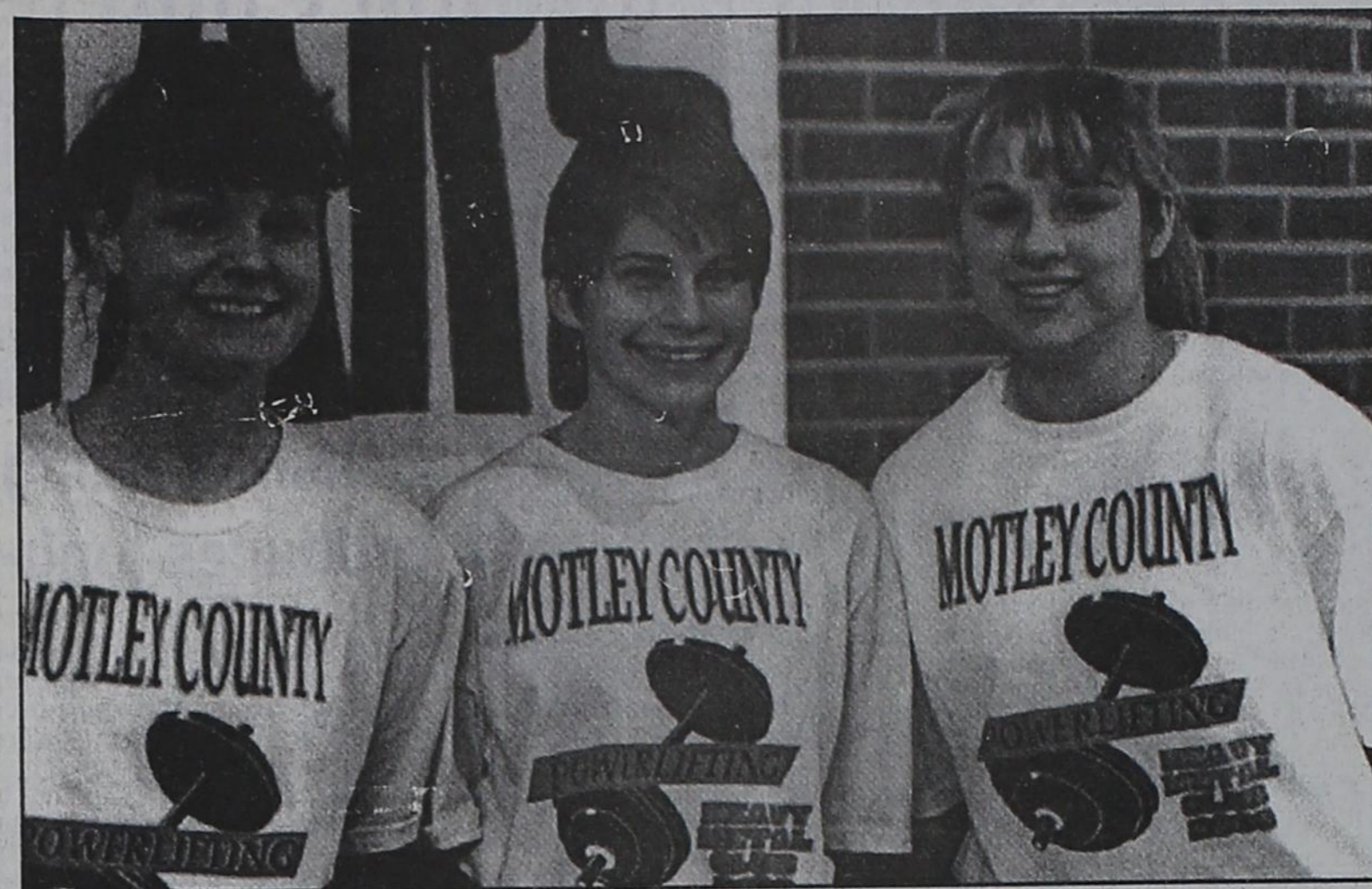
Two Motley County Powerlifters qualified to advance to the State Powerlifting meet when they competed at Regional Saturday, March 4. Brenda Gillespie and Rabecca Morris will compete in the State Powerlifting Meet in Killeen on March 24.

Three Motley County girls gave their best effort at Regional. Only the top ten lifters in each weight class are allowed to compete at Regional, regardless of school classification.

To qualify for the State Meet, a lifter had to either finish in the top three of her weight class or be the top lifter by school classification. If none of the top three lifters in the weight class was from a 1A school, then the top girl from a 1A school would qualify. The competition within each weight class was intense. Every girl was doing her best to successfully qualify for the State Meet.

Brenda Gillespie competed in the 97 pound weight class which had competitors from all school classifications except 5A. After the first two lifting categories were completed, she was tied for third with a girl from another 1A school. Brenda did an excellent job in the dead lift, the third lifting category. She placed third in her weight class and was the top 1A lifter as well. She qualified for the State Meet and should be complimented for her effort.

Rabecca Morris and Ashley Stevens competed in the 132 pound weight class which had competitors from 1A, 2A and 4A schools. The top three girls were from 4A and 2A schools. The competition between the four 1A lifters was fierce as they tried to earn the remaining qualifying position. Rabecca and two other lifters tied for fourth. The tie breaking procedure in powerlifting is based on the girl's weight at the time



**POWERLIFTERS** — Ashley Stevens, Brenda Gillespie and Rabecca Morris at the Regional Powerlifting Meet held last Saturday at Colorado City. Brenda and Rabecca qualified to compete in the State Meet to be held in Killeen, March 24.

of the weigh-in. Due to this procedure, Rabecca ended up being sixth. However, she and the other 1A girl who were tied both qualify for the State Meet based upon this tie.

Ashley tied for fifth based on the total amount of weight lifted. However, by the time the tie-breaking process was completed, she was in eighth place. Ashley was only ten pounds behind the three girls who tied for fourth. Both Ashley and

Rabecca did a terrific job of competing and should be complimented for their efforts.

Coach Copeland stated that he

was very proud of the three girls for the effort that they gave Saturday in Colorado City.

The totals for each girl follows:

NAME	SQUAT	BENCH	DEADLIFT	TOTAL
Brenda Gillespie	180	70	200	450
Rabecca Morris	225	110	245	580
Ashley Stevens	235	100	235	570

### Mary Had A Little Lamb

— Author unknown

Mary had a little Lamb, his fleece was white as snow.  
And everywhere that Mary went, the Lamb was sure to go.  
He followed her to school each day, when it wasn't against the rules.  
He made the children laugh and play, to see the Lamb at school.  
The rules changed one day, against the law it became  
To bring the Lamb of God to school, or even speak His name.  
Everyday got worse and worse, and days turned into years.  
Instead of hearing children laugh and play, you heard them crying tears.  
What must we do to stop the crime that's in our schools today?  
Let the Lam come back to school, and teach our kids to pray!

## Motley County 4-H Fashion Show scheduled

Motley County 4-H Clothing Project members will participate in the county fashion show on Tuesday, March 21, according to Janie Campbell, Fashion Show Chairman.

Garments may be either of their own construction or purchased outfits. If purchased, the members use their consumer decision making skills to make the best selection for price, construction of garment, suitability of fabric to event and style. The young people must also know the

type of care involved in their purchase. They must also make comparisons of price ranges and how it fits into their wardrobes. In the sewing division, they may use any fabric suitable to their pattern and use of the garment, but they do have the opportunity to compete for additional awards at the District level when using cotton or wool fabrics.

The style show is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Motley County School. The public is invited.

## Girl Scouts celebrate 88th anniversary this month

Girl Scouts across the South Plains and around the country will mark the 88th anniversary of their organization's founding during Girl Scout Week, celebrated this year from March 11th through the 17th. Throughout nine decades, the Girl Scouts have remained true to founder Juliette Gordon Low's vision: helping girls grow strong. Now, with over 3.6 million members nationwide, Girl Scouting is giving more girls than ever the opportunities they need to grow strong in mind, body and spirit.

The Girl Scouts of Caprock Council will dedicate the first Girl Scout Week of the new millennium to activities that reflect the strength and vitality of the contemporary Girl Scout program while honoring the Girl Scout heritage.

"As we enter the 21st century, the timeless values of Girl Scouting are as true today as they were in 1912 - courage, strength, service and leadership" said Lynn Buxkemper, interim Executive Director of Caprock Council. "As we celebrate the anniversary of the Girl Scouts' founding, we renew our commitment to helping today's young women become tomorrow's leaders."

Girl Scouting has produced numerous leaders throughout its eighty-eight year history. Two-thirds of the current female members of

Congress are Girl Scout alumnae. Additionally, two-thirds of women professionals polled in a recent Louis Harris study reported that they were once Girl Scouts. The study also showed that the Girl Scout organization had a positive impact on most adult women's lives including their ability to work with others and make friends, to develop moral values and self-confidence and to serve as volunteers.

Some well-known Girl Scout alumnae are Sandra Day O'Connor, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Actresses Candace Bergen and Carrie Fisher, television personality Martha Stewart, model Cheryl Tiegs and Olympic Speed Skater Bonnie Blair.

Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committee adults, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives: strong values, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together.

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# Motley County Extension Agent attends Texas Human Nutrition Conference

Mozelle Montano, Extension Agent in Motley, Foard and Throckmorton counties, recently returned from the Texas A&M Human Nutrition Conference in College Station. Nationally recognized scientists and medical specialists from throughout the nation were on hand for presentations in the field of Obesity and Diabetes.

Since 55% of our nation's population are overweight, with 22% clinically obese, the subject is a timely one. Our diets have increased over 500 calories a day over the last 50 years, which not only shows how it affects our adult population, but an indicator of how it is affecting our youth. Less than 10% of our population engages in physical activity. About the only results apparent in low-fat diet education and application is the fact that people eat more, because it is low-fat.

The more you gain, the higher the risk of diabetes. Texas is the unfortunate owner of a county that has

the highest rate of diabetes in the nation. While we have always heard that diabetes is an inherited disease, it is becoming more and more apparent that weight is a greater controlling factor in preventing the disease. As a state, we have one of the highest rates of diabetes in the country. It is especially high in the Rolling Plains area. As our percentage of obesity rises, the larger base (weight) increases the likelihood of increasing the cases of diabetes. The prevalence of obesity among US children is approximately 25-30 percent and has increased at an accelerated rate in the last several years. Obesity arises because of a mis-match between energy intake and energy expenditure, but the exact mechanism and etiological factors are unknown. The main driving force has been extensive sociological and environmental shifts that have reduced physical activity and increased availability of food. Although the immediate health implications of childhood obesity

have not been extensively examined, obesity in childhood is associated with obesity in adulthood, which in turn is associated with increased risk for cardiovascular disease, non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus and some forms of cancer. The mechanism through which obesity affects disease risk may be disposition of intra-abdominal, or visceral, adipose tissue. As we all well know, our waistline and stomach are the most diffi-

cult to control as we gain, and certainly one of the most dangerous places for weight gain.

One fact that seemed especially relevant to me was that you can't metabolize glucose (sugar) in lean muscle tissue. That is why we emphasize low body fat percentage so much.

Other topics in the presentation included "Drug Treatment of Obesity for the New Millennium."

## Sensible eating plan, not fad diet, produces long-term weight loss

What do hula hoops, bell-bottom pants and pet rocks have in common? They are fads — short-lived customs, styles, objects or activities with no staying power.

Diets also can fall in and out of favor. They initially look appealing and might promise rapid results, but most are difficult to maintain because they are so restrictive.

"As with any fad, these diets are only short-term solutions to the problems of weight control and obesity," said Dr. Mark A. Gilger, a gastroenterologist and nutrition specialist at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

"Most fad diets, such as the cabbage soup diet, overemphasize a particular food or food group," he said. "This violates one of the tenets of good nutrition — eating a balanced diet."

Gilger said the concept that some type of superfood exists is yet another myth.

"Misleading claims have been further perpetuated on the Internet where anyone, regardless of nutrition or medical credentials, can make unproven health claims," he said.

Fad diets are typically monotonous and restrictive, which violates a second principle of good nutrition — eating should be enjoyable.

"By taking the fun out of eating, the diet becomes boring and is usually impossible to stay on for any length of time," Gilger said.

Another problem with fad diets is that they typically claim dramatic and rapid weight loss. Most are based on a principle of low carbohydrates, high protein and low to normal fat. According to Gilger, who is also an associate professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, such diets have the potential for dire consequences and are best performed under the careful guidance of an experienced dietitian-and-physician team.

Perhaps the greatest shortcoming of fad diets is the lack of any behavioral modifications, exercise or life-style changes.

"Losing excess weight and keeping it off requires a change in life-style," said Gilger, noting that although there is no defined research, girls in early adolescence seem most susceptible to fad diets.

"Parents can set a good example by eating and serving moderate-calorie, well-balanced meals, engaging in regular exercise and scheduling at least one meal a day as a family," he said. "Talk to your teens and be willing to call a fad diet just that — a fad — with no real lasting effect."

Gilger added that while a balanced, appropriate weight-control program combined with exercise and behavioral therapy may not lead to rapid rewards, it does lead to a lifetime of better health.

### HOW YOU COMPLAIN CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In this day of automated telephone systems finding a person to voice your concerns to can be highly agitating and frustrating. But how you complain about a product or service can be very relative to the outcome. Most companies are most understanding and helpful, but they can be defensive and self-protective because many people do take advantage of them in just wanting money back.

When you complain about a product or service, be sure to do it the right way. To register a complaint:

Describe clearly your current problem or complaint. Use facts like dates, costs and problem.

State exactly what you want the company or agency to do to make things right.

Print (don't write) your complaint legibly. Better yet, use a typewriter or computer if you have one.

Use standard paper (8 1/2 x 11), preferably white. Colored paper often does not photocopy well. Since several people or departments may be involved in handling your complaint, your letter and other documents may be photocopied several times.

Use a pen with dark ink (blue or black) and medium point so that the letter will be legible when copied.

Include copies (not the originals) of all related documents, purchase receipts, service receipts, past cor-

respondence with service agencies and the manufacturer.

Date your letter and other documents. If phoning, note dates on your copies of documents and person with whom you spoke. Large companies have many customer service representatives, who handle dozens of calls everyday. They may need a memory juggle to recall your particular case.

Provide your daytime phone number.

Re-read your letter several times before sending. Put yourself in the reader's shoes. Your letter is not the place to vent your anger; only state the facts and what you would like as a resolution to the problem.

Be polite and remain calm. Customer relations personnel with a company or agency may be instructed NOT to deal with rude or offensive customers.

Once your claim is in process: Don't delay providing any additional information that is requested.

Follow the exact directions for procedures and filling out forms.

Let the company know immediately of any new developments, such as, the product was repaired or is working, or a new problem has developed.

Good luck in taking care of your gift and purchase problems. Remember the old adage: you attract more flies with honey than vinegar; in this case, the flies being getting the result you want in answer to your problem.

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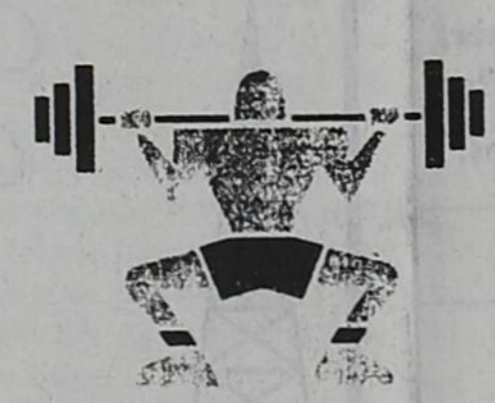
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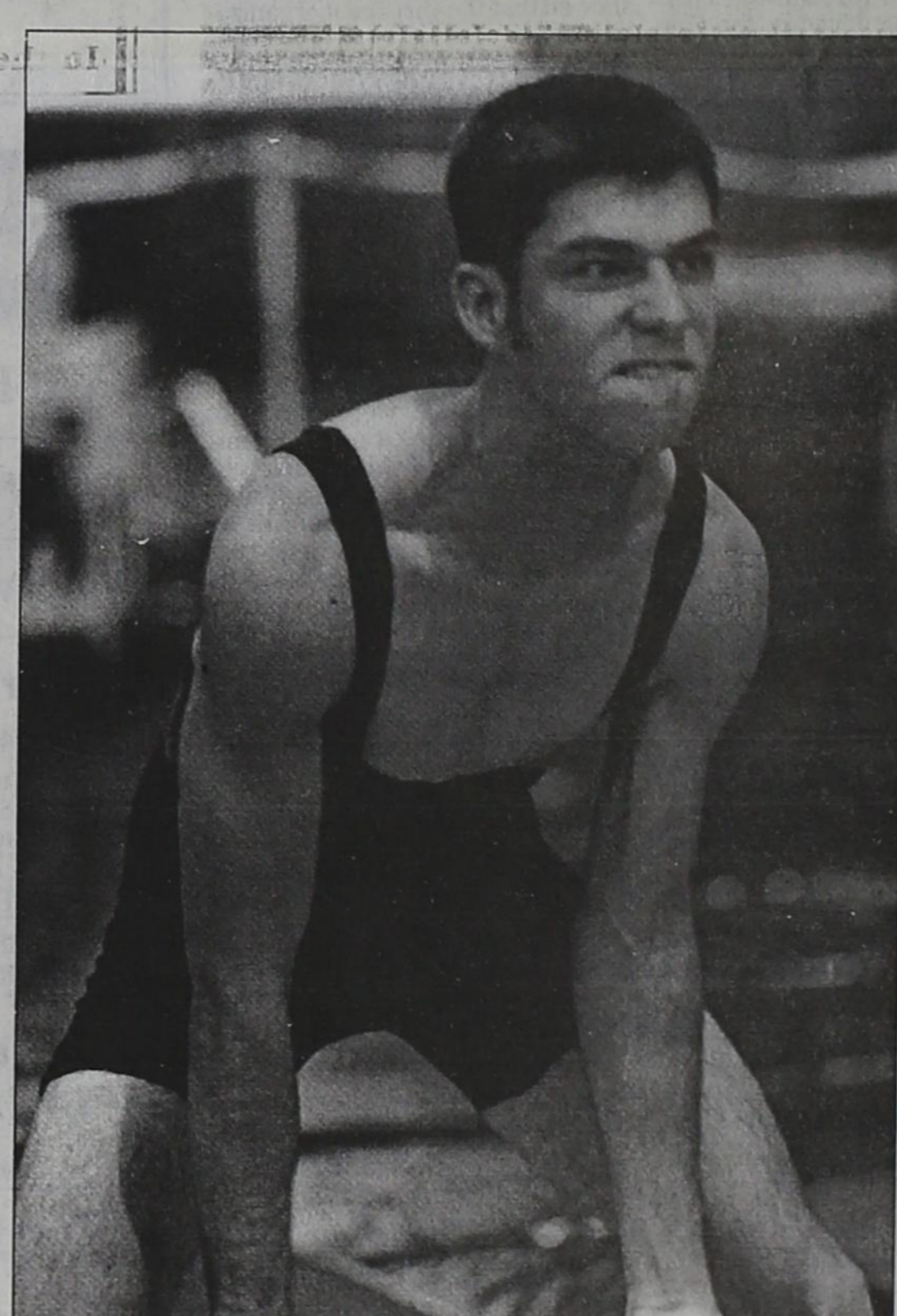


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# Script writer special guest at Library program

By Marisue Potts



Montie Goodin, daughter of the foster son of Charles and Molly Goodnight, wrote the script for the story of Molly Goodnight.

Cozily sandwiched among the 97 guests at the library and museum's story-telling presentation of Molly Goodnight's life on Sunday afternoon, March 5, was script writer Montie Goodin and her husband Emery from Claude. They were in Matador to see and hear the third performance of "My Molly" by Lorelee Cooley, storyteller, and Don Minkley, balladeer.

A stellar performance it was, performed under the challenging "theatre in the round" concept, utilizing the conference room and the children's library area. Mrs. Cooley was animated, entertaining and spell-binding in her characterization of the first lady of the Panhandle, Mrs. Charles Goodnight.

Ranging from the Texas Revolution's "Will you Come to the Bower?" to the 100 year-old "Have You Ever Been to Texas in the Spring?" to the more modern "Cattle Call," Minkley's yodeling renditions of historical ballads facilitated scene changes and time lapses in a most interesting way. The talented guitarist,

former Motley County Agent Ray Minkley.

Now retired and living on a portion of the Goodnight ranch, script writer Goodin began her own story telling experience as a teacher in the Claude school system. She collected family stories that stemmed from those who loved both Mollie and Uncle Charlie. Using her family information and a talent for "writing conversations," a skill honed from spinning tales to children, she worked with her local museum at Claude in developing the program. In fact, the museum receives a percentage of each performing fee.

"My Molly" offers a very personal side of the couple, softening the hard edges so long associated with the legendary crusty Colonel Goodnight, hard hitting and hard talking. Goodin's perspective comes from her father, Cleo Hubbard, who as a child came to live with his mother Ella at the Goodnights'.

The Colonel took to the little boy and helped the two women raise the

boy, teaching him everything about cattle and buffalo production and their cross-breeding program. Hubbard eventually became foreman of the Y Bar Goodnight Ranch. Although the Goodnights established a college and an orphanage at Goodnight, Texas, Hubbard was the only child they actually helped raise.

Cooley's presentation of the Goodin script left the audience hoping for, wishing for, wanting more. Besides a finished script on the life of Goodnight himself, Goodin is currently working on a hush-hush project that promises to be just as entertaining.

In the meantime, she invites everyone to come to Claude, visit the Charles Goodnight Hall at the museum, and attend the Gem Theatre on the third Saturday of each month. Live entertainment on the historic stage might range from the Harrington String Quartet to the Light Crust Dough Boys. Something for both Molly and Charlie fans!

a busy ag teacher at Claude, will be remembered locally as the brother to



Storyspinner, Lorelee Cooley, lights a coal oil lamp to set the stage for her story telling of Molly Goodnight.



Lorelee Cooley and guitarist Don Minkley entertained a capacity crowd at the Motley County Library Sunday afternoon.

**Thank you, Suzanne**

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# School safety and response urged during storm season

Looking at summaries of severe storms in Texas (tornadoes, hail storms and wind storms), it is easy to see that they take place most often in the months of March, April and May, between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m. That places the maximum threat just at the end of the school day, and into the after-school activities.

Fortunately, most school buildings are well-constructed, and a thorough survey will almost always identify plenty of good shelter areas. But, that still leaves three difficult problem areas to deal with:

1. When weather warnings are issued near the end of the school day, many schools have to contend with parents arriving to pick up their children and take them home. Clearly this is a very dangerous practice, since children are much safer in a school building than they are driving home in an automobile.

2. On the outside, bands, pep squads, athletic teams and other school-oriented groups are frequently involved in afternoon or evening practices or games at a considerable distance from a good shelter. Here one of the greatest threats is lightning. It doesn't take a severe

thunderstorm. Furthermore, the lightning can strike several miles from its parent storm, and can be carried a considerable distance along wet ground. So, outdoor groups need to pay extra attention to the lightning threat and allow plenty of time to move to a safe indoor location. If a large audience is watching the outdoor event, it will take more time to move people to safety.

3. Finally, one of the greatest dangers is faced by the bus driver. This individual must travel through threatening weather in an extremely high-profile vehicle, and be prepared to deal with the severe weather. At the same time, he or she has to maintain control of as many as 50 to 70 student riders.

If confronted by a tornado, the safest action is to evacuate students into a nearby well-built building, if possible. If no such shelter is available, the driver should stop the bus, and have the students "duck and cover" in a low area away from the vehicle to minimize the chance of being hit by flying debris. Since many tornado storms also bring heavy rain and flash flooding, everyone must stay alert to the danger of flash flooding and lightning. In many tornado

situations, drivers will be faced with only poor choices for shelter, but training can help them recognize key signs of impending severe weather and help them make the best safety decisions.

Training is the best option in improving outdoor safety. Coaching staffs, band instructors and group advisors can be given basic weather safety training in an hour's time that will provide them with a much better understanding of the problem and ability to react quickly and more effectively to the threat. Maintenance

and custodial personnel often work outside the building. They can be given basic spotter training that will offer the school an "extra set of eyes" to follow developing severe weather.

Once the staff is trained, schools need to keep and monitor for reliable source of weather information, and that should include NOAA Weather Radio. New weather radios are now available that can be 'customized'. This limits radio alarms to just the county in which the school is located. Up to 14 additional counties may be added if desired.

# El Nino has ancient history of its own

For the first time, a team of government and university scientists has found a high-resolution, 15,000-year record of rain-induced erosion in sediment layers of an Ecuadorian lake that indicates El Nino-like climate fluctuations became more common about 5,000 years ago.

Writing in a recent issue of *Science*, the researchers found that a core sample of layers of sediment deposited during severe storms in Lake Pallacocha in southwestern Ecuador closely correlates with El Ninos that are known to have occurred over the past 200 years.

"The full sediment record indicates that 15,000 years ago severe El Nino-like storms occurred at least about every 15 years, and that they have since occurred with progressively increasing frequency. Over the past 5,000 years, storms from El Nino-like climate fluctuations have occurred about every two to eight and one-half years, possibly due to enhanced trade winds," said the study's lead author, Donald T. Rodbell of Union College, Schenectady, NY.

The authors point out that there are proxy records of prehistoric El Ninos in a variety of natural archives, including corals, ice cores, tree rings, flood deposits, beach ridges, archeological middens and soils. But high-resolution records in corals and ice

cores are limited to the past 2,000 years, while longer records are not continuous.

Sea surface temperatures near this part of Ecuador are among the first to warm in the region during the onset of an El Nino, when rainfall greatly increases. Since extreme El Nino-driven storms are known to deposit organic and inorganic debris in coastal basins, the scientist analyzed a 9.2 meter-long core of sedimentary rock obtained in June, 1993 from Lake Pallacocha, which is about 75 kilometers from the Pacific Ocean. These layers of sediment, known as clastic laminae, are made up of fragments of vegetation that were washed into the lake from the surrounding landscape during torrential rain storms.

The sediment record from 1800 to 1976 AD reveals a close match between the layers of clastic laminae and moderate to severe El Nino. Of the 17 El Ninos that occurred in this time period, 11 correlate within two years of major layers of clastic laminae, and one is within three years. The other five severe El Ninos during this period occurred within two years of relatively minor layers of clastic sediment. The eight severe El Ninos of the past 100 years correlate precisely with clastic laminae in the core.

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- Ticker
- Male offspring
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- Fencing swords
- Slacken
- Gain
- Gift
- Edible mollusk
- Perform
- Indian mulberry
- Seethe
- Secondhand garments (slang)
- Andy's TV partner
- Split pulse
- Norse god
- Marvels
- Eats away
- Contend for
- Jewish month
- Silk veil (eccl.)
- Burn, as with liquid
- Walks through water
- God of war
- Female sheep

DOWN

- Theme
- Madison Square Garden
- American author
- Half ems
- Leather thong
- Russian city
- African river
- Film star's double
- Cries, as a cat
- Lauds
- Ohio city (poss.)
- Youths
- Escape (slang)
- Fearless
- Cry of pain
- Ports
- U.S. patriotic song
- May's nickname
- Travels
- Shun
- Vexes
- Observes
- Eskers
- Valley (poet.)
- Be in debt
- Untrained

## Severe Weather Safety Tips

### Before the storm....

- have a plan for you and your family
- know what to do and where to go
- practice your plan
- own a NOAA Weather Radio with battery backup power and a warning alarm
- listen to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for storm information

### If a warning is issued for your area, or if threatening weather approaches....

- move to your building's pre-designated shelter (such as a basement)
- if underground shelter is unavailable, move to an interior room on the lowest floor
- avoid windows and outer walls
- get out of vehicles
- abandon mobile homes (even if tied down, they offer little protection from tornadoes)

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# It's a long way from Matador to Iowa

By Marisue Potts

When high school senior Penny Mars showed her Grand Champion winning steer at the 1991 Motley County Stock Show, little did she know her interest in animals would lead her from Matador all the way to Iowa.

A high school ag class under Jim Cooper provided the incentive to study animal science at West Texas University (now West Texas A & M at Canyon.) Her interest at the time was in horses, but when she graduated a friend interested her in looking at the job opportunities provided by corporate hog operations.

Penny's first job with hogs was in the Texas Panhandle, a cattleman's stronghold where hog breeding on a mega-scale is somewhat controversial. But, Penny saw nothing unusual with her work with Texas Farms at the Perryton facility.

In 1999, the Japanese owned operation employed 370 people at seven different sites and fed out 29,500 hogs. Its parent company, Nippon Meat Packers, Inc., is the largest importer of pork in Japan.

There at "Texas" Farms she was responsible for the care, well-being, and breeding of 1500 sows. A typical day with "the girls" would include

feeding, checking their physical condition and treating them if necessary, breeding, moving and sorting them, breeding and feeding them again.

Her job is always full of challenges and surprises, such as the time a sow in the new gestation barn had her babies in the holding area. "Babies were running around everywhere, and I was screaming like crazy," she said.

The little bit of blonde dynamite went on to a bigger operation at Guyton, OK, one run by well-known cattle feeder Paul Hitch. There she was house mother in a 2400 sow unit to a thousand more "girls" than she had before. In the gestation barn her charges eagerly waited for a ration of ground corn, wheat, fat additives, vitamins, and laxatives. (Yes, it smells like money.)

Determined and ambitious, the young woman has recently taken a job as a general assistant with a hog operation near Sibley, Iowa. "Up here," she said in a telephone interview, "it's a lot different. Hog farming is more accepted. Everybody has an 'acreage' on which they run hogs. Raising hogs is a way of life for these people."

Her new job at Wakefield Pork deals more with the breeding end than farrowing. She works with the boar studs, collects semen and delivers it to other facilities. In addition to other duties, she examines male pigs for scrotal ruptures, and when she finds them, she sews them up. This particular line of hogs require more attention because of internal rup-

tures, she explained.

Today she sees a future for hogs holding steady and a future for those who want a job in a mega hog operation. "I would encourage others, if they will go into it with an open mind. They must be trained on the job, because no college can teach them what they need to know. It requires patience, and lots of it."



## ISSUE UPDATE

with *Mac Thornberry*

### Washington Should Not Penalize the Social Security Benefits of Seniors Who Want to Work

If we make a list of everything government does that lacks common sense, it would take a lot of time and paper.

But there are some policies that just don't make sense and are flat wrong -- like penalizing a group of people in America for holding down jobs and being productive members of society. Yet, it's happening everyday with our senior citizens.

Today, the law limits how much seniors can earn before their Social Security benefits are reduced. Any senior between 65 and 70 who makes more than \$17,000 loses \$1 of Social Security benefits for every \$3 he or she earns. This earnings limit was enacted during the Great Depression to encourage older people to leave the workforce so jobs would become available for younger workers.

But a lot has changed since then. In 1935, the average woman

lived until the age of 63. Today, a woman's life expectancy is 79. People are living longer and more productive lives. We should not penalize seniors who want to work. They are healthier and happier, and the rest of us benefit from their experience and knowledge. It also helps us all to have them working and paying taxes.

Congress passed legislation a few years ago that will gradually raise the earnings limit over several years. That was a start, but we need to repeal the limit completely. I've been pushing for its repeal since my very first day in Congress and, this week, the House will vote on a bill to do just that.

Repealing the Social Security earnings limit recognizes not only the value of work to America's seniors, but also the value of working seniors to America. It will put a little bit more common sense back into government.

For more information on this or any other issue before Congress, please write Mac Thornberry at 131 Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20515, or through his website at [www.house.gov/thornberry/](http://www.house.gov/thornberry/)

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.

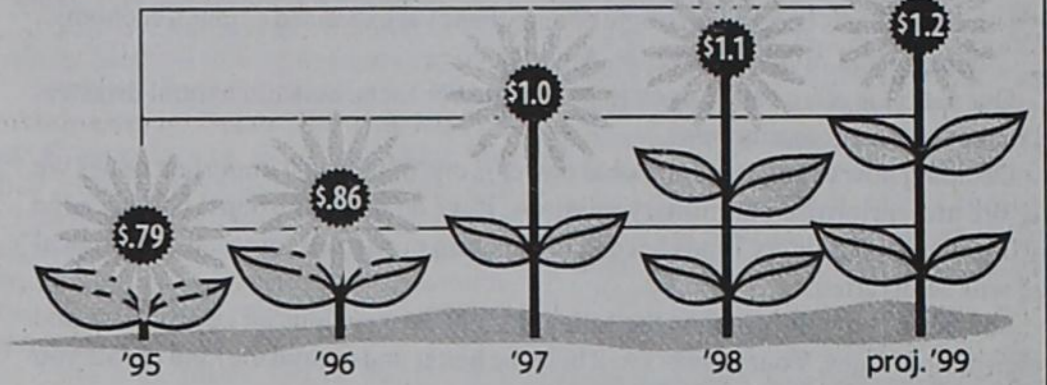
—Oscar Wilde

## Keeping an Eye on Texas

### Texas nursery sales bloom

Texas' nursery industry is a billion-dollar business, and sales continue to climb. Nursery is the one commodity that has grown every year since 1995, even during the droughts of 1996 and 1998, when most other agricultural commodities suffered.

Texas nursery sales (in billions)



SOURCE: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)), and Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

## Web Watch

(NAPS)—You can find useful heart-health information at the American Heart Association at [www.amhrt.org](http://www.amhrt.org) or the American Dietetic Association at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org).

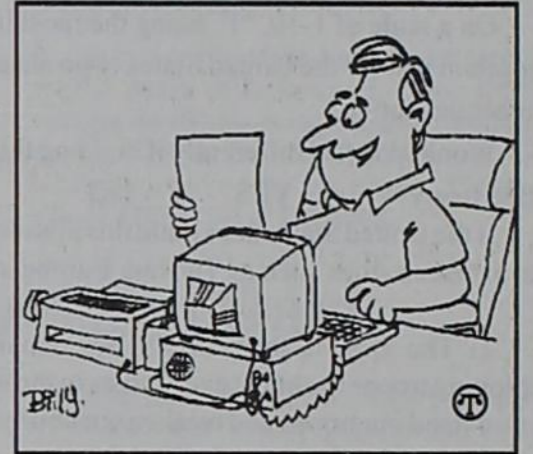
To learn about viewing live coverage of the America's Cup championship, see [www.americascup.org](http://www.americascup.org).

For information on deepwater activities, new technologies that have been introduced to the Gulf of Mexico and the importance of the Minerals Management Service responsibilities, check out the web site at [www.mms.gov](http://www.mms.gov).

Matt Luke, an outfielder with the Milwaukee Brewers, is hoping to hit a home run for children with a national fund-raising campaign that will benefit Children's Hospitals around the country. To help, select from the more than 1,000 candies and custom gift baskets offered at [candybarrel.com](http://candybarrel.com).

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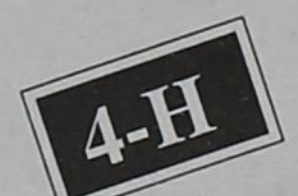
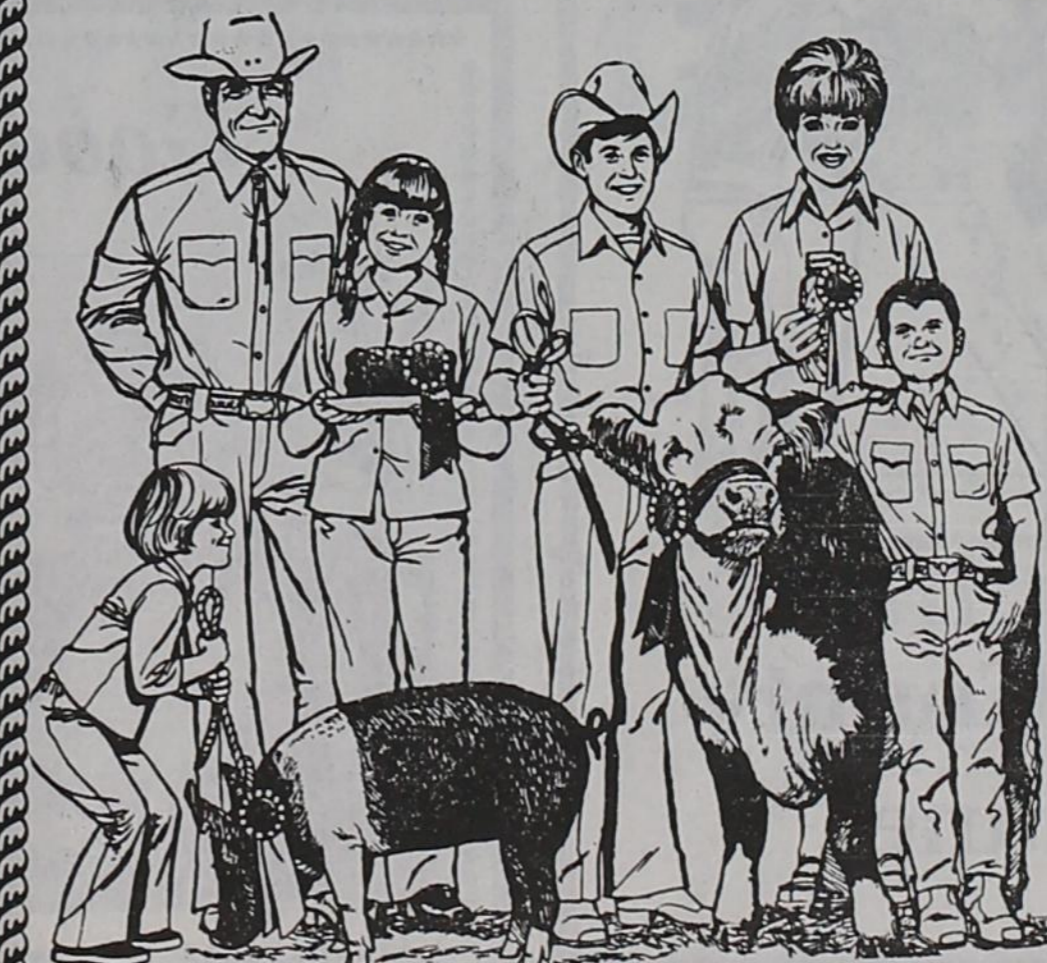


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Deciding how to best use our global power is one of the most important issues we face. We must prioritize our military missions. If we do not, our troops' combat edge may be dulled and military funds needed to maintain our armed forces' technological edge will be diverted.

So I hope you will complete the following survey questions on key military and foreign policy issues. Your answers will help me better understand the kind of role you believe America should shoulder in the world.

As always, I am grateful for this newspaper's help in printing this survey.

1) This year Congress passed the National Missile Defense Act, a law that makes it the policy of this country to deploy a network of missile interceptors able to shoot down enemy ballistic missiles. More than two dozen countries have ballistic missile technology and nations like Iran and North Korea are building missiles with longer and longer ranges. Some may soon be able to strike the U.S. with missiles that can carry nuclear, chemical and biological warheads.

The U.S. has been prohibited from building a shield against such threats because of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty signed with the Soviet Union which intentionally left both nations vulnerable to each other's nuclear arsenal. But the Cold War is over and new threats are growing.

On a scale of 1-10, "1" being the most important and "10" being the least, how important is it for the United States to go ahead and build a missile defense system to protect the nation?

Would you feel differently if building this system forced us to withdraw from the ABM treaty?  YES  NO.

If the United States does build this missile defense system, should we share it with our overseas allies such as Taiwan, Europe and Japan?  YES  NO

2) The U.S. is the world's last remaining superpower. We are capable of deploying troops to almost every crisis in the world. But if we are not careful, we could over-extend our troops and weaken our ability to respond to the big crises that demand a superpower's attention.

Please rank the importance of the following regions, with "10" being the most important and "1" being the least important region:

EUROPE - Our 50-year involvement in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and our historic ties to Western Europe.

ASIA - Our long-standing treaties with allies Japan and South Korea, our special commitment to Taiwan and the rise of a more powerful China.

RUSSIA - Helping Russia's transition from communism to democracy and a free market and trying to contain the proliferation of its nuclear arsenal.

LATIN AMERICA - Anti-drug assistance to Mexico and Columbia and ensuring the security of the Panama Canal.

MIDDLE EAST - Our long-time commitment to Arab-Israeli peace and our protection of Persian Gulf oil supplies.

3) The U.S. has deployed troops to humanitarian crises in countries like Somalia, Haiti, Kosovo and Bosnia which do not directly threaten our national security interests. Our leadership on these missions is expected by other nations and has temporarily stopped civil wars. But it has come at a cost, diminishing our military readiness. Recently, for example, two Army divisions were declared unfit for combat partly because of their peacekeeping duties.

Which is most important (you may choose more than one):  
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4) In your opinion, what is the most important foreign or national security matter now facing the United States?

Please clip this survey from the newspaper and mail it to me at 284 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. I always look forward to hearing from you.

**Working for the Census**

By John Cornyn, Attorney General of Texas

*Q: I have heard that people are being hired to work for the Census. The news report mentioned the Office of the Attorney General. Why is the Census so important to the state and why are they hiring?*

A: The Office of the Attorney General is closely involved in Texas' Census 2000 efforts because it is estimated that nearly 500,000 Texans were not counted during the 1990 Census. This undercount cost the state tens of millions of dollars in federal funding per year. The Census helps communities and the State of Texas obtain funding and information for planning schools, hospitals, roads and more. Furthermore, being counted ensures you equal representation in government.

To obtain a complete count, the Census Office is looking for several thousands of part-time workers to help obtain a complete count of Texas residents.

With the Texas unemployment rate so low, the Census office is having a hard time finding enough people to work. As a result, they are offering good pay for the jobs - anywhere from \$8.00 to \$15.00 an hour plus mileage for those working in rural areas.

Most work can be done in the evenings and on weekends - perfect for people who already have jobs but want to earn some extra money.

**How do I apply?**

The U.S. Census bureau is opening field offices in cities throughout the state. These offices will handle the hiring of part-time employees. To find the one nearest you, call (888) 325-7733. Information on these local offices is also available on the Census Web site at [www.Census.gov](http://www.Census.gov).

All applicants are required to take an employment test to gauge necessary

skills. Sample questions are available on the Census Web site. To find out when employment tests are being given in your area, contact the Census Bureau or your local Census office.

In addition, applicants are required to provide employment verification records - social security card, passport, driver's license, resident alien card, etc. - when they take the employment test. All veterans applying for jobs are required to provide additional documentation. Contact the Census Bureau or visit their Web site for further details on necessary documentation.

**What will I be doing?**

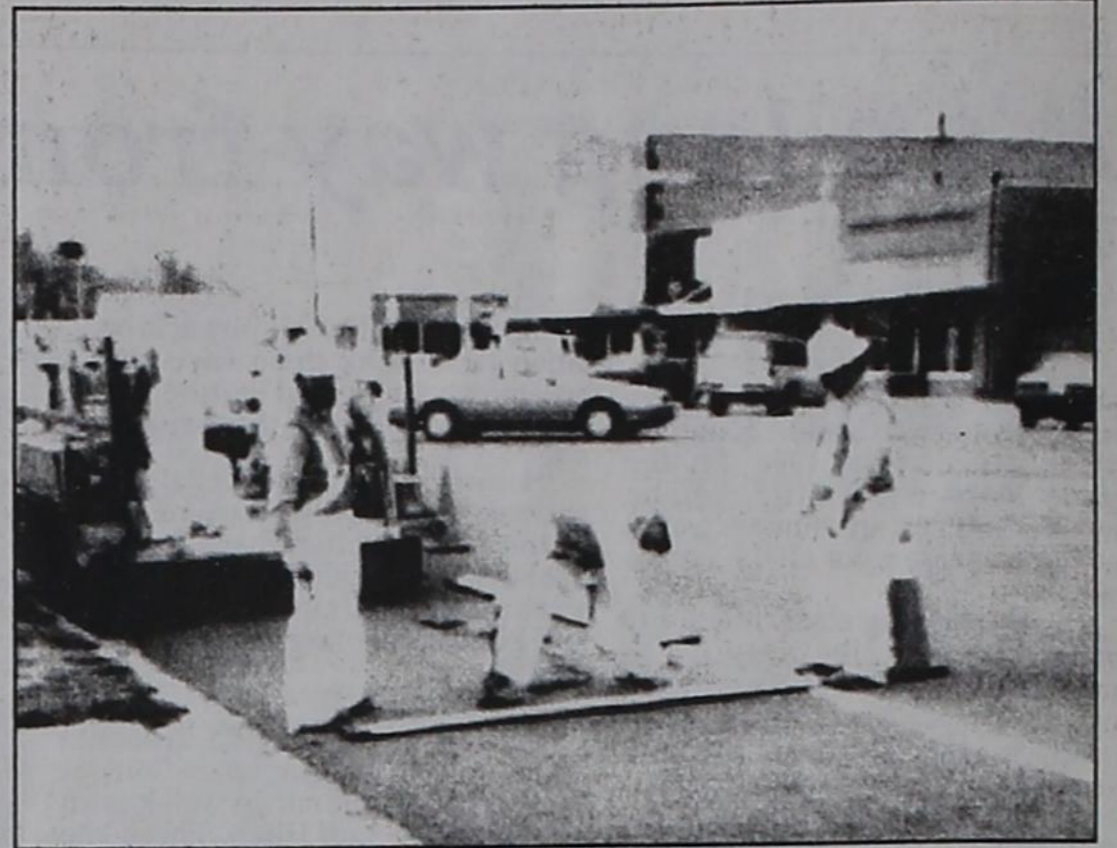
Some employees will be walking through neighborhoods and rural areas to verify and update address listings. Others will be dropping off Census forms at homes and talking to the residents about the importance of completing the form. Finally, some people will be conducting interviews with people who have not returned their forms or who live in certain specified areas.

The Census Bureau is especially interested in hiring bi-lingual employees to help conduct interviews and provide assistance to non-English speaking residents. If you are bi-lingual, your services are especially important to help ensure that all Texas receives a complete count.

**Working together**

The Office of the Attorney General is committed to working with Governor George W. Bush and Secretary of State Elton Bomer to ensure that Texas receives a complete count in 2000.

But to do this, we need the help of all Texans. It takes people to count people. If you are looking for a part-time job, consider working for the Census.



**NEW STRIPES** — Local TxDOT employees, Billy Osborn, Terry Simpson and David Blanco painted new parking stripes in downtown Matador on Monday and Tuesday.

**Financial Tips**

(NU) - Experts say we are our own worst enemies, holding ourselves back from happiness and a sense of self-worth. Now there's a way you can build self-esteem and develop a clear plan for success. It's called TrueYou.com, and it's the only place where you can spend just three minutes a day and change your life forever.

In response to today's changing business climate, certified public accountants (CPA's) are expanding beyond tax and audit work to provide technology advice to con-

sumers, business clients and employers. To read their top 10 technology issues for the year 2000, visit [www.TopTenTechs.com](http://www.TopTenTechs.com).

Although some people look forward to shopping, it's not without its problems. Depending on the time of day, finding parking and battling crowds are two shopping traditions one can do without. Now, thanks to [Mall.com](http://Mall.com) ([www.mall.com](http://www.mall.com)), these worries are history. At this site, a user can shop from the country's best stores without leaving home.



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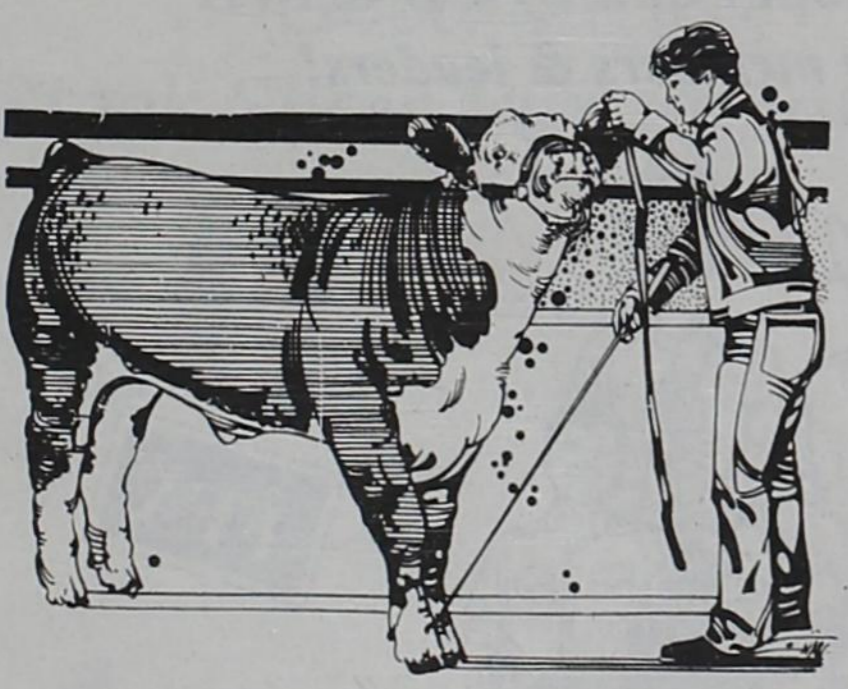
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# Social Security publication focuses on women's rights

by Mary Jane Shanes  
Social Security Manager  
Plainview, Texas

March is Women's History Month, and one way women might celebrate is to review their Social Security protection. To help women understand their benefits under the Social Security program, we are encouraging them to get our booklet, *Social Security: What Every Woman Should Know*.

If you are a woman, you will find that the booklet shows how Social Security protection affects you as a worker, wife, mother, widow - all the roles you may be required to play. The same benefits are payable to men, but they are less likely to qualify for them because of their earnings and

the likelihood of having a higher benefit on their own earnings records. For example:

- A woman may have a choice of retirement benefits on her own record or that of her spouse. She gets the larger of the two, not both.

- Workers can retire as early as age 62 and receive reduced benefits. However, a widow may qualify for benefit on the record of her deceased spouse as early as age 60.

- Survivors benefits are paid to women with children under age 18 in their care (or 19 if still in school, or at any age if the child is disabled before age 22).

- A woman may collect Social Security disability benefits as a disabled worker at any age. Widows who become disabled at age 50 may col-

lect disability benefits on the record of their deceased spouse.

- While age 65 is the earliest age people can retire and collect full benefits today, people born after 1938 will have their full retirement age gradually increased to age 67 by 2022.

Women should realize that their financial future is in their hands, and this booklet supplies information that will help them make the right decisions. For a copy, they may call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, or visit our website, [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

# Texas Peanut Producers to hold election May 1

The Texas Producers Board will hold its biennial election on May 1, 2000. The election is for directors to fill three positions whose terms have expired. Any person living within the following counties who is engaged in the business of producing, or causing to be produced, peanuts for commercial purposes, is eligible to vote in his district, including owners of farms and their tenants and share croppers, if such person is subject to paying the assessment collected on peanuts within the following counties:

**DISTRICT II:** Counties in this district include: Martin, Dawson, Terry, Hockley, Lamb, Castro, Randall, Potter, Moore, Sherman, Hansford, Hutchinson, Carson, Armstrong, Briscoe, Floyd, Crosby, Garza, Hale, Lubbock, Lynn, Borden, Howard, Mitchell, Scurry, Kent, Dickens, Motley, Hall, Donley, Gray, Roberts, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, Collingsworth, Childress, Cottle, King, Stonewall, Fisher, Nolan, Midland, Glasscock and Sterling.

**DISTRICT III:** Counties in this district include: Jones, Haskell, Knox, Foard, Hardeman, Wilbarger, Baylor, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Stephens, Young, Archer, Wichita, Clay, Jack, Palo Pinto, Erath, Bosque, Somerville, Hood, Parker, Wise, Montague, Cooke, Denton, Tarrant, Johnson, Hill, McLennan, Limestone, Freestone, Navaro, Ellis, Dallas, Collin, Grayson, Fannin, Hunt, Rockwall, Kaufman, Henderson,

Anderson, Leon, Houston, Trinity, Angelina, Cherokee, Smith, Van Zandt, Rains, Wood, Hopkins, Delta, Lamar, Red River, Franklin, Titus, Morris, Camp, Upshaw, Gregg, Rusk, Nacogdoches, San Augustine, Sabine, Shelby, Panola, Harrison, Marion, Cass and Bowie.

**DISTRICT IV:** Counties in this district include: Maverick, Zavalla, Frio, Medina, Bexar, Guadalupe, Gonzales, Lavaca, Dewitt, Wilson, Atascosa, Karnes, Goliad, Victoria, Jackson, Calhoun, Refugio, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, LaSalle, Dimmitt, Webb, Duval, Jim Wells, Nueces, San Patricio, Kleberg, Kennedy, Brooks, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Starr, Hidalgo, Willacy and Cameron.

**DISTRICT V:** Counties in this district include: Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Bailey, Cochran, Yoakum, Gaines, Andrews, Loving, Winkler and Ector.

Any person qualifying to vote in the election may place his name in nomination for directorship on the Texas Peanut Producers Board from that district by application to the above organization, signed by the applicant and at least ten other persons eligible to vote in the election. The Texas Peanut Producers Board must receive such application by APRIL 1, 2000.

Ballots will be mailed out on April 5, 2000. A person who does not receive a ballot may call the Texas Peanut Producers Board's office at 254-734-2853.

Ballots must be postmarked no later than MAY 1, 2000 to be valid.

# Estate Planning Seminar set to be held in Lubbock

**COLLEGE STATION** -- A two-day seminar designed to help Texans reduce their estate taxes and make effective estate planning decisions will be offered March 22-23 in Lubbock.

"The goal of our Farm and Ranch Estate Planning Seminars is to help rural Texans make wise estate planning decisions by providing a wealth of information on tax and estate planning matters," said Dr. Wayne A. Hayenga, Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist-manager. "It is useful for married couples, spouses, potential estate executors, trustees and those who want to make estate settlement less burdensome for their loved ones."

The Lubbock seminar will be held at the Best Western Regency hotel (6624 Interstate 27). It is one of four offered across Texas in March and April.

Other seminar dates and locations are: March 29-30, at the Texas Society of Certified Public Accounts Training Facility in Fort Worth; April 13-14, at the Brazos Center in Bryan; and April 20-21, at the Thompson Conference Center in Austin. Program topics will include:

- Basic Estate Planning Devices such as wills, living trusts, estate tax deferral, gifts and property titles.
- Treating Beneficiaries Fairly.
- Estate Planning Tools for Agriculture; focusing on use of corporations and partnerships, special farm land valuation, family-owned business exclusion, and rules for deferring estate tax payments.
- The Role of Life Insurance in Estate Planning, and Tax Valuation Rules.

Hayenga is an attorney as well as an Extension economist. He works extensively with farmers, ranchers and family-owned firms in financial, business and estate tax planning.

The seminars run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Registration costs \$100 per person and includes printed materials, refreshments and lunch each day. Registration and other information is available by calling Hayenga or Sharon Wehring-Forster at (979) 845-2226. Their fax line is (979) 847-9374.

This year the statewide seminars are sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with *Progressive Farmer* magazine.

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**NOTICE OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION, REPUBLICAN PARTY**  
(AVISO DE ELECCION PRIMARIA GENERAL, PARTIDO REPUBLICAN)

To the Registered Voters of the County of Motley, Texas:  
(A los votantes registrados del Condado de Motley, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 14, 2000, for voting in a general primary election for the Republican Party to nominate Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county and precinct officers; and for the purpose of electing county and precinct chairman.

(Por lo presente se da aviso que los sitios de votación designados abajo estarán abiertos de las 7 de la mañana a las 7 de la noche el día 14 de marzo de 2000, para poder votar en una elección primaria general del partido Republican para nombrar a los miembros del Congreso, los miembros de la Legislatura, y los oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto; y con el propósito de elegir al presidente del condado y del precinto.)

**LOCATIONS OF POLLING PLACES (UBICACIONES DE LOS SITIOS DE VOTACION)**

*Precinct No.(s) (*Núm. de Precinto)	Location (Ubicación)
Voting Precincts #1, #3, #4, #5, & #6	Luther Green's Residence
Voting Precinct #2	Flomot Community Center

\* If precincts have been combined to form one consolidated precinct, list all precinct numbers that will be voting at the consolidated location. (Si se han combinado precintos para establecer un precinto consolidado, incluya todos los números de precinto cuyos votantes estarán votando en el sitio del precinto consolidado.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Motley County Courthouse  
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en: Motley County Courthouse)

(location) (sitio)  
Recommended but not required

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on February 28, 2000 (date)  
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(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Lucretia Campbell, County Clerk  
(Name of Early Voting Clerk) (Nombre del Secretario de la Votación Adelantada)

P.O. Box 66  
(Address) (Dirección)

Matador, TX 79244  
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Signature of County Chair (Firma del Presidente del Condado)

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Voting Precinct #2	Flomot Community Center
Voting Precinct #3	Northfield Community Center
Voting Precinct #4	Roaring Springs Depot
Voting Precinct #5	4H Building
Voting Precinct #6	Motley County Courthouse

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Signature of County Chair (Firma del Presidente del Condado)



# Farm and Ranch news



## Farmers urged to look at water as commodity

COLLEGE STATION -- Texas farmers and ranchers will have unprecedented opportunities to chart their future in the next 50 years in light of predicted water shortages, a Texas Agricultural Extension Service agricultural engineer said.

Texas is expected to fall short in meeting water demands: some say by the year 2050, the state's water demand will be 20.95 million acre-feet, enough water to cover the entire state of New Hampshire to a depth of one foot.

"Existing supplies will not meet the demand," said Dr. Bruce Lesikar of College Station.

It is expected that the shortfall will not be met through more efficient agricultural, landscaping and household practices, waste water reuse, development of new resources, or reducing the amount used on irrigated crops.

Already, irrigated agriculture use is predicted to drop to 5 million acre-feet of water from the current 11.1 million acre-feet of water. Still,

Lesikar predicted, about 17 percent of the irrigation demand will go unmet.

"Our water path is not really charted," Lesikar said. "We have the opportunity to change how our water picture looks in the future, either by increasing the amount of water that we use for the irrigation of crop land or turf grass areas and using more potable water resources for meeting other demands."

Lesikar urged farmers to consider water as a commodity.

"When we start considering water as a commodity, we will be looking at what is the best use of the water resource," he said. "It may be more profitable for the farmer to actually sell the water to other sectors than it is for him to use the water to grow an agricultural crop."

For instance, urban water consumers pay from \$1 to \$2 per 1,000 gallons of water in the first part of their water usage; then \$2 to \$4 per 1,000 gallons as they get up into higher water usage and rate structures.

That could increase to \$4 to \$6 per 1,000 gallons as water becomes more precious and alternative technologies are needed to treat the water to drinking water quality, he said.

If a farmer purchased his water for 65 cents per gallon and he grew a crop that required 2 acre-feet of water, or 650,000 gallons, to grow, his water cost would be \$422 per acre. On the other hand, the farmer could sell the water to the municipality, resulting in a profit of \$422.

The city could then transport the water, pay for the pipeline to bring it to the city and sell the water and still recover their infrastructure costs, he said.

The farmer could then use that land to grow dryland crops or could sell just a portion of his water and irrigate a smaller section of land, and still have an annual income coming from the sale of the water.

Lesikar warned, "If you sell the right to the water, you get a one-time sale to the city. So it would be better to lease your water or sell it on an annual basis rather than selling the right to the water."

Not everyone will have the option to sell water; however, farmers near major cities may wish to consider this.

Water deficits also may be met through new technologies being developed for water treatment, allow-

ing the use of saline groundwater resources or the Gulf of Mexico as supplies. There also may be a shift in the types of crops being produced from those that use more water to those that use less.

Farmers have been switching to more efficient means of irrigation over the last two decades, said Dr. Guy Fipps of College Station, Extension agricultural engineer.

"One change we're seeing is the abandonment of furrow irrigation and a switch to center pivot irrigation," Fipps said. Long used on the Texas High Plains, the more-efficient center pivot method is being adapted widely in Southwest Texas. These types of systems put the water where the crop needs it, either on the surface of the ground or under the surface.

Lesikar added, "With irrigation scheduling, we can calculate what the water demand is for that crop production."

Texas reached its peak of irrigated acreage in 1974 with 8.4 million acres, Fipps said. In 1997, the total irrigated acreage in the state was 5.1 million acres, about 13 percent of the total. The drop was largely due to more efficient irrigation technology, higher input costs and volatile crop prices.

### COW POKES

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### By Ace Reid



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## News from the County Agent

by Lonnie Jenschke, Motley County Agent

### WATERSHED STUDY FOR THE WICHITA RIVER UNDERWAY

In its last session, the Texas Legislature provided appropriations through the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board for feasibility studies on the effects of brush management and the related economic aspects.

The Wichita River, upstream of Lake Kemp, is one of the eight watersheds involved in the feasibility study.

This is a cooperative, ecosystem level project that involves the Red River Authority, Foard County, Cottle, Upper Pease, King, Duck Creek, Wilbarger, Miller-Brazos, and Wichita-Brazos Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES), Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX), U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The goal of the project is to increase the stream flow and water availability of the Wichita River into Lake Kemp for use as a supply of industrial, municipal and other water. The first stage of the project, now

in progress, is a planning assessment and feasibility study.

The objectives of this study are to:

- Qualify changes in water yield associated with removal and management of brush (by type/density categories) in the Wichita Watershed upstream of Lake Kemp;

- Prioritize areas within this watershed relative to their estimated contribution to stream flow and accounting for the effect of brush management on other ecosystem services;

- Estimate cost sharing required to provide economic incentive for landowner participation in a brush management program.

In addition to the technical aspects of this project, there will be an educational component that informs landowners and the general public about this study. An Information Exchange Meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Benjamin, Texas. All rangeland owners and others interested in the project are invited to attend. The program will consist of a brief presentation explaining the purpose and procedures of the project and a question and answer session.

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### PCG FINALIZES ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKERS

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. is proud to announce the speakers for the organization's 43rd Annual Meeting, Thursday, April 6, 2000 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. The PCG Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association Trade Show and Convention April 6-7 in Lubbock.

The PCG meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and start the program promptly at 9:00 a.m. in Room 107 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Agenda items include remarks from outgoing PCG President Don Langston of Lubbock, reports from PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett, Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn of Tulia.

Featured speakers at the event are the following:

J. Berry Worsham, III, CEO of Cotton Incorporated in Carey, North

Carolina. Worsham will discuss CI's research and promotion activities on behalf of cotton producers.

August (Gus) Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, United States Department of Agriculture in Washington, DC. Schumacher will discuss the Department's views on Ag policy and where the US may be headed in the future.

Dr. Mark Lange, Director of Economic Services for the National Cotton Council in Memphis, TN. Lange will discuss cotton price and production outlooks for the 2000 crop year and reflect on how recent market activity may have changed projections made earlier in the year.

All producers and interested industry members are invited to attend. The PCG Board of Directors will convene for its regular quarterly Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Room 108-109 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.



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