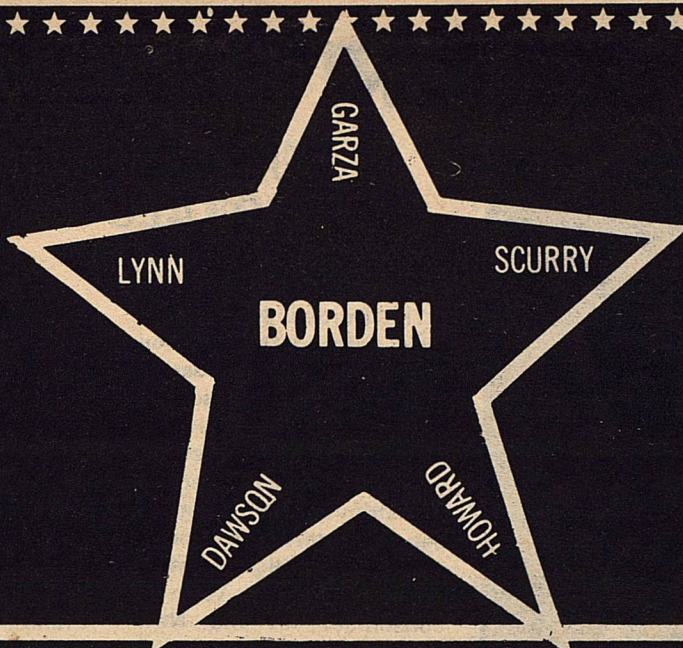


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## Cheese and butter to be distributed

Borden County has received its February allocation of free cheese and butter. This cheese and butter will be distributed Monday, February 14 at the county extension office (county agent) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon. There is a limited supply and it will be given out on a first come first serve basis.

Persons eligible to receive the free cheese and butter are persons over 55 years of age, unemployed, handicapped, welfare recipients, food stamp recipients, and low income families (same as school free lunch program).

This cheese and butter program will be offered monthly and notice will be given in the newspaper.



## Scurry County show scheduled Feb. 17-19

A schedule of events was released Monday for the 39th Annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show planned in Snyder for February 17-19 in the annex building of the Scurry County Coliseum.

County youth involved in 4-H activities and members of the Future Farmers of America Chapters in Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira are now busy preparing their respective show animals.

All livestock is expected to be in place by 3 p.m. Wednesday, February 16. Judging for swine will begin at 4 p.m. Thursday, February 17 and for lambs and steers at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Friday respectively.

The auction sale for all animals will then be Saturday, February 19 beginning at 1 p.m.

Officers and directors for the livestock show are: Eddie Eicke, president; Weldon Beck, vice president; Milton Stephens, secretary-treasurer; John

Ward and Jimmy Roemisch, directors.

Show superintendents are Charles Church, calves; Bob Robinson, hogs; and Bob Traylor, sheep.

Technical advisors to the board of directors include: Billy E. Roach, county agent; Billy Bob McMullan and Randy Gillum, Snyder agriculture teachers; Richard Smith, Hermleigh agriculture teacher; and Richard Long, Ira agriculture teacher.

## Stock show planned

The Directors of the Junior Livestock Association met January 19, and appointed committees for the Livestock Show for Borden County, which will be February 24, 25, and 26.

Letters have been mailed to members informing them of their role in the stock show.

## Visitors ride into county

Fran and Marilyn Tripoli were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Price recently in Gail. The couple is touring the U.S. on bicycles. It takes the very adventurous spirit of a young couple to quit a good job in computer programming with a telephone company to undertake a trip such as this.

They discussed the joys of seeing the different parts of the country and also some tragedies as the floods in Alabama and Mississippi in December. It was on this leg of the trip they took many detours around the flooded areas. At this time they had to purchase a new tent after the one they were using developed leaks, soaking their sleeping bags, food stuffs and clothing. The couple spent Christmas with friends in Dallas where their families had sent gifts for them. They were delayed leaving Dallas by heavy fog and freezing rain. With all of

the delays they are behind their original schedule. They are taking the southern route to California to visit Fran's brother in Los Angeles. They hope to be in California in a month unless the weather holds them up or some other unforeseen event comes up. The most bothersome thing they have to contend with is the wind. It whistles through their helmets and is very annoying and also burns their faces and hands. They were glad they came through this part of the country during this time of year instead of summer when the rattlesnakes and other creatures are out in abundance.

The Price family enjoyed their visit so much and talking to them about their adventures was very exciting. They received a letter from them dated January 30 stating they were in Deming, New Mexico and expressed their thanks to the people in Gail

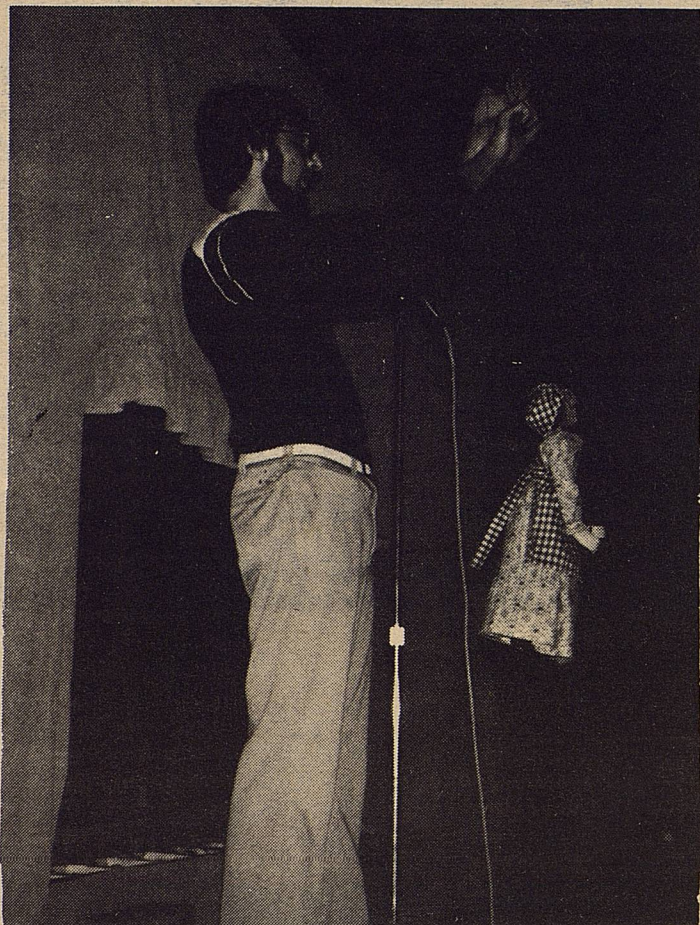
for being so friendly and helpful and lifting their spirits.

The following is an article written by Fran Tripoli about their trip:

We started August 2, 1982 from Brewster, New York (about 50 miles north of New York City). Trying to visit all 48 continental states by bicycle. We started out along the Great Lakes during the summer then came south to Florida. Following the southern route out to California for the scenery. So far we have gone 5700 miles and hit 20 states. The entire trip should take us about 18 months. We've had only two flat tires so far, and have worn out 3 sets. Our biggest problem is broken spokes, we have broken 15. We carry our tent and sleeping bags to camp out whenever we can, but we never turn down an invitation into someone's house and a home cooked meal.

# BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

## JUNIOR HIGH SEASON TOTALS



### JACK IN THE BEANSTALK PRESENTED

Students enjoyed an original version of the old tale of Jack and the Beanstalk in the school auditorium last week. The tinkling of the little harp, Jack's heroic rescue of the hen that lays golden eggs, the beanstalk that grows before your very eyes was presented by the Elsenpeter Marionettes (string puppets).

Assisting the marionette



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presentation were Cody Newton, Keith Williams, Doug Love and Kevin Telchik, all seniors as Borden High School.



### BORDEN VS GREENWOOD

For a while it looked as though the Lady Coyotes might pull one of the big upsets of the district by knocking off leader Greenwood, but freethrows by the Rangerettes and poor field goal shooting by Borden spelled out a 35-21 defeat. Borden trailed by only 2 at the end of the first quarter 6-4, and by 8 at half, 18-10. But second and third

The Borden Junior High boys finished their season last week by defeating Grady 37-22. Their season record of 8-6 is the best season record in at least five years. They finished second in district with a 5-3 record behind undefeated Sands. Probably the high point of the season was winning consolation at the New Home Tournament with only five players. An overtime loss to Meadow, and victories over Smyer and Anton were very exciting. The team averaged over 28 points per game while their opponents averaged just over 25 points per game. The Junior

### COYOTES LOSE ANOTHER CLOSE ONE

The Borden County Coyote boys jumped out to a 12-6 first quarter lead and led at halftime 22-20, but an ice cold third quarter let the Sands Mustangs pull ahead and then hold on for a 43-38 win Saturday night. The Mustangs outscored the Coyotes 13-3 in the third quarter and managed to hold back a Coyote fourth quarter rally. Sammy Williams provided the spark for the rally as he stole the ball four times and drew three charging fouls.

Mark Rice led the scoring for Borden with 12, Keith Martin added 10, Kevin Telchik 8, Doug Love 4, Sammy Williams 2, and Charles LaRue 2.

The Coyotes are now 11-11 on the season with one game left. They are 1-6 in district.

shots by the visiting team began to fall and a questionable last second shot took the Rangerettes away from a 10-10 tie at one time. Kelly Williams led in scoring with 7 points followed by Roxie Wolf with 6. Also scoring were Shana Bradshaw, Shana Vaughn, Tanya Hollis, and Teri Billington with 2 points each.

Coyotes shot 25 percent from the free throw line hitting 59 of 233 attempts.

Mickey Burkett led the Coyote scoring with 140 points for a 10 point per game average. Matthew Massingill averaged 6.7 points per game, Brice Key 5.6, Michael Murphy 4.1, John Stephens 3.0, Will Phinizy .7 and Randall Hollis .3.

Matthew Massingill was the leading free throw percentage shooter hitting 10 of 28 for 36 percent. Michael Murphy had the most attempts hitting 16-60 for 27 percent.

The most points scored in one game this season was

45 against Smyer, which also had the least of any opponent with 6. Forsan scored the most against the Coyotes as they scored 50 and the least the Coyotes scored was 15 against Grady.

All the players did a good job this season and really worked hard. The following is a list of players:

- Mickey Burkett
- John Stephens
- Michael Murphy
- Brice Key
- Matthew Massingill
- Gerry Smith
- David Holmes
- Monty Floyd
- Will Phinizy
- Randall Hollis
- Richie Anderson

### COYOTES LOSE SQUEAKER

The last 16 minutes of Tuesday nights' game between the Greenwood Rangers and the Borden Coyotes must have seemed like a nightmare to the number three ranked team in the state. The Coyotes outscored the Rangers 23-17 in the last half and almost pulled off one of the biggest upsets of the season. The Coyotes trailed by only 33-36 with 19 seconds left, but Greenwood connected on 4 free throws to bring the final margin to 33-40.

After scoring only two points in the first quarter,

Borden outscored the talented and tall Rangers the last three quarters. Keith Martin led Coyote scorers with 11 and Mark Rice had 10. Kevin Telchik added 8, Doug Love and Keith Williams 2 each. The Coyote's tenacious defense was the key to the game as they time and again controlled the inside against a much bigger Greenwood team.

Borden is now 11-10 on the season with two games remaining. The Coyotes travel to Ackerly Friday and then host Grady in the season finals.

### BORDEN VS SANDS

Borden traveled to Sands Saturday night for a make-up game and were handed a 56-35 defeat at the hands of the Mustang girls. Borden led most of the first quarter until Sands pulled ahead at the end to lead 11-9. In the second quarter, Sands outscored the Lady Coyotes 14-4 with most of the points coming from the free throw line. Early foul trouble by the Coyotes also spelled trouble

for Borden as they more than doubled Sands fouls, digging themselves further and further in a hole. Roxie Wolf led Borden in scoring as she hit on 10 of 14 from the field and 2 of 2 free throws for 22 points. She was followed by Kelly Williams with 9 points and Shana Bradshaw and Shana Vaughn with 2 each. Last game for the Coyotes is Tuesday night against Grady. Game time is 6:30

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# BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL NEWS

## Career Opportunities

### Wanted: Electronic Systems Technicians

More and more bright young Americans who are plugged into today's job market are exploring the career opportunities in consumer electronics.

Building a high performance future for yourself in electronics takes work, but the rewards in income, security and prestige in the field make those efforts worthwhile.

The experts at the Electronic Industries Association, the national industrial organization of electronics manufacturers in the United States, give this advice:

To start preparing yourself now, you will need to take training programs which develop logical thinking, orderly procedures and good study habits.

Specifically, you should sign up for Math, Basic Electricity and Basic Electronics—as well as courses in the language and use of calculators and computers. Technical courses are valuable because they develop manual dexterity and machine tool know-how.

The experts also point out that electronics is much more than a "subject" to take, pass and then forget. It is a profession requiring positive individuals who like what they're doing—and take pride in doing it well. That is why for most technicians, electronics is much more than a job—it is also an after hours hobby.



There is a wide variety of interesting, solid jobs waiting for qualified electronic systems technicians.

After class, you might consider participating in your school science or radio clubs, or try your hand at building electronic kits.

As an Electronic Systems Technician, you would be expected to apply technical-logical skills to widely varying problems of operation, maintenance, and repair of electronic apparatus. The same talents and knowledge can also lead to many interesting solid jobs in manufacturing, design, technical writing, marketing and advertising.

In general, the salary of a service technician ranges from just under seven dollars per hour to well over twelve dollars per hour.

A free booklet on career opportunities in consumer electronics is available by writing to: Electronic Industries Association, Dept. N, 2001 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

## STUDENTS TO BE TESTED

The Borden County Independent School District, in compliance with Texas Education Agency directives, will test all students currently enrolled in the 3rd, 5th, and 9th grades. The date for testing is set for February 15th.

The Texas Assessment of Basic Skills is a series of three subject area tests. The subjects are: reading, writing (composition), and mathematics. The testing program was mandated under Senate Bill 350 and passed by the 66th Texas Legislature in 1979. Approximately 500,000 Texas students will take the tests in an effort to pinpoint specific areas for improvement in both curriculum and instruction.

## Valentine Ideas A Timely Thought

The Valentine season has been a time for gift-giving since the days of the Romans. It's said that the idea for Valentine's Day originated with the Roman festival of *Lupercalia*, which honored lovers. Young men and women exchanged gifts during the festival, forming partnerships that often resulted in marriage.

The custom of giving gifts for Valentine's Day became popular in modern times in England. A favorite gift for a young gentleman to give his lady in the 1700s might have been a pair of lovely gloves. During the time of the Civil War in the U.S., Valentine's Day was compared by one writer as a festival second in importance only to Christmas.

"The best mirror is a friend's eye."  
Gaelic Proverb

## SCHOOL MENU

February 14-18, 1983

	Lunch	Breakfast
Monday	Corn Dogs & Cheese Pork & Beans Fruit Milk Salad Bar	Toast & Honey Fruit Milk
Tuesday	Green Enchilada Casserole Mexican Bean Salad Jello with Fruit Milk Salad Bar	Biscuits Sausage Fruit Milk
Wednesday	Chicken Bits Mashed Potatoes English Peas Hot Rolls Milk	Cinnamon Toast Fruit Milk
Thursday	Fish Sticks Pinto Beans Spinach Hush Puppies Cake Milk Salad Bar	Biscuits Honey Fruit Juice Milk
Friday	Hamburgers French Fries Lettuce-Tomatoes-Pickles Fruit Milk Salad Bar	Cereal Fruit Milk

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6	7 4-H Meeting 9:18 - 9:48	8 5:00 p.m. H.S. Basketball Boys & Girls Grady - Here	9	10	11	12
13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 End Six Weeks	25 Borden County Stock Show	26
27	28 WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY					



It was once believed that St. Valentine's Day is the day birds find their mates.



The term "on the nose" originated in radio from a sign made by directors putting a finger alongside the nose to indicate that a program was running precisely on schedule.

## Public Notice

In order to implement prior orders of the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No. 3957, notice is hereby given of Southwestern Bell's proposal to implement a new schedule of intrastate long distance rates, effective April 1, 1983, unless otherwise determined by the Commission.

It is expected that the proposed rate schedule will not increase the company's net intrastate revenues, but rather, the increased rates will offset increased settlements paid to certain other telephone companies.

A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas, and is available for inspection in each of the company's public business offices in Texas.

### Notice to Customers of Other Telephone Companies

Changes in intrastate long distance rates would also affect customers of other telephone companies because such companies provide intrastate long distance service in accordance with rates specified in Southwestern Bell's tariffs.

## Aviso Público

Southwestern Bell, con el objeto de cumplir con el decreto previo del Public Utility Commission (Comisión de Servicios Públicos) del Estado de Texas, Acta No. 3957, por la presente hace saber su intención de establecer un nuevo arancel de tarifas para servicio intraestatal de larga distancia, con vigencia a partir del 1o de abril de 1983, a menos que la Comisión haga otra determinación.

Se espera que el nuevo arancel de tarifas que Southwestern Bell se propone establecer no aumentará sus ingresos netos intrastatales, sino que servirá para compensar el aumento de los ajustes que se les paga a algunas otras compañías de teléfono.

Una copia completa del nuevo arancel de tarifas se ha archivado en las oficinas del Public Utility Commission (Comisión de Servicios Públicos) en Austin, Texas, y esta disponible para inspección pública en todas nuestras oficinas en el Estado de Texas.

### Aviso a los Clientes de Otras Compañías de Teléfono

Cambios en las tarifas para servicio intraestatal de larga distancia también afectarían a clientes de otras compañías de teléfono porque dichas compañías proveen servicio intraestatal de larga distancia en conformidad a tarifas especificadas por Southwestern Bell.



# Southwestern Bell

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF BORDEN

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is herewith given that proposals will be considered from Banks and Banking Corporations desiring to serve as depository for public funds and county public school funds of Borden County, Texas. Such proposals will be considered Monday, February 14, 1983 at 10:00 a. m., and the Commissioners' Court of Borden County may at its discretion reject any and all bids or proposals submitted.

Applications submitted should be in accordance with Article 2545, Vernons' Civil Statutes, and it is desired that same stipulate per cent interest to be paid on time deposits and rate of interest Borden County would pay on borrowed funds for ordinary operating expenses and borrowed funds for equipment purchases.

Depository Bank would be expected to furnish printed checks and deposit slips for all accounts.

Van L. York  
County Judge  
Borden County

## ENERGIZERS

### How To Start The Day Right

Do you sometimes feel as if your body wakes up long after the rest of you? After six to eight hours at rest, your body needs energizing. One way to get that energy flowing is through exercising. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- If you live close enough to your office, try walking to work. Besides exercise, you'll get a chance to think about the day ahead and enjoy the fresh air.



- Work up a routine of quick exercises. Bookstores can give you suggestions. Try a cassette tape or record for a more regimented approach.

In addition, a little pampering can help you start the day right.

- Wake up to your favorite music.

- Treat yourself to a special coffeemaker, such as the GE Brew Starter™ drip coffeemaker. Its built-in clock and timer can be set the night before to start brewing coffee even while you're still in bed. There's nothing like waking up to the aroma of freshly brewed coffee.

- If the day is drab, make a point of wearing a bright sweater or colorful tie. It can brighten your spirits, as well as those around you.

## LOCAL NEWS

Orville (Babe) Brewer has moved into his mobile home in Gail. He had been staying with his daughter, Sarah Sharp and her family, because of illness.

Barbara Baker of Midland has finished a week of microfilming the records in the County Clerk's office for her business in Midland.

We heard that Pat Porter was the main speaker at a meeting in Grand Falls recently.

The new dump ground for Gail is open. It is on Willow Valley road about a half mile farther South and on the other side of the road from the old dump ground. The same rules still apply; No shooting or Dumping of Dead Animals or Animal Skins.

We were sorry to hear about the death of Frieda Poston's brother in Elk City, Oklahoma. Bert Hall had lived in Elk City all his life and passed away after a lengthy illness on January 21st, 1983. Frieda was unable to go to the funeral because of the bad snow storm. Our sympathy goes out to her.

The weather has been bad lately as we all know. Two trucks turned over because of the ice on the roads just West of the mountain last Friday morning. One driver was transported to the hospital in Snyder by the Borden County Ambulance.

Mardes Clayton was transferred last week from the hospital in Lamesa to St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Lunch was served at the Courthouse last Monday. It was in honor of the ones who were celebrating January birthdays.

The birthday girls are Lisa Ludecke, Dorothy Browne, and Frances Bennett.

It is nice to see Sue Jane Mays back at work in the schoolhouse after her leave of absence. Maybe someday she will bring Julie to see everyone.

We understand that Oscar Telchik was in the hospital for tests.

The icy weather last week caused several people to fall. Heard that Lorene Jones broke an arm, the others only complained of bumps and bruises.

## LAUGHTER RELIEVES STRESS

A chuckle or an out-and-laugh can help refuse fears and relieve stress.

A moderate amount of tension or stress promotes laughter. Laughter can be an effective coping mechanism. Making light of a bad situation is harder for persons who in general lack a sense of humor.

One of the classic ways of thinking about humor is the ability to laugh at one's own faults or laugh in the midst of hard times. Some people seem to do this better than others.

The ability to joke in the face of extremely stressful situations--an impending divorce or unemployment--is healthy. Laughter can free an individual from carrying negative emotional baggage.

If there's something you can't joke about, it has got you. If you can joke about it, you've got it. Humor can be

a way of controlling your life.

The relationship between stress and humor is not linear. Increased stress does not necessarily equate to increased laughter.

A moderate amount of stress can promote laughter, but at some point, as the tension gets higher and higher, it gets more difficult to get in the right frame of mind to laugh. The tension just gets to be too much.

Under some extremely stressful circumstances humor cannot be used effectively. Crying, on the other hand, may help defuse a problem.

Laughter and crying are certainly considered opposite emotional poles, but both are adaptive coping mechanisms which relate to whatever pent up problems a person might have. Both are effective ways of dealing with things.



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Drug traffickers are robbing our kids of their future. Over 17,000 Texas high school seniors are daily drug users . . . an alarming statistic that merely scratches the surface.

Kids from age twelve to seventeen are the victims. Their innocence earns these criminals easy money. Now is the time to shut down this business in Texas. It won't be easy. Dealers are just the bottom of the drug dealing pyramid. These pushers get their drugs from the kingpins . . . those at the top of the network . . . the drug traffickers.

Drug dealing to minors is a hideous crime and those criminals must be stopped. A joint effort by law enforcement and concerned citizens is necessary in declaring war on drug traffickers.

There are no absolute answers but a major step has been taken. A statewide anti-

crime hotline is answered 24-hours a day. This hotline is designed to aid law enforcement in a crackdown on drug traffickers.

For the month of February, the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council is focusing its statewide "Crime of the Month" on drug trafficking. Any citizen having information about major drug trafficking is asked to call Texas Crime Stoppers at 1-800-252-TIPS. Cash rewards are available for information leading to the arrest and indictment of criminals. Citizens do not have to reveal their names, just their information, and they will be given a unique code number for identification purposes.

Call 1-800-252-TIPS today with any information on major drug trafficking in Texas. Help stop this growing menace to young people of our state.

### WHY-JURIDY?

The English language contains about 490,000 words, plus another 300,000 technical terms, the most in any language. Experts report that the average individual does not use more than 60,000 of those words.

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An important list of words has recently been published. It's a new dictionary to improve business communications skills. Called *The Dictionary of Business and Credit Terms*, it's used mainly by people in sales, retailing and marketing. It includes terms in a variety of fields including accounting, banking, credit, management, retailing and sales. For further information, contact the publisher: National Association of Credit Management, 475 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016.

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In written English, the most frequently used words are, in order: the, of, and, to, a, in, that, is, I, it, for and as. The most used in conversation is I. The commonest letter is "e" and the commonest initial letter is "T."



The eyes of an owl cannot move in their sockets so the bird must turn its head from side to side to see.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 25, 1983, Texas Electric Service Company, a subsidiary of Texas Utilities Company, in accordance with procedures established in PUC Docket No. 4224, filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas a request for approval of certain payments to affiliates. Such payments will be reflected in the Company's fuel cost factor for all classes of customers during the billing quarter April through June 1983.

A public hearing concerning this request will be held at the offices of the Public Utility Commission, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas, March 7, 1983 at 9:00 a.m.

Payments to Texas Utilities Generating Company for which approval is requested are in accordance with the following prices:

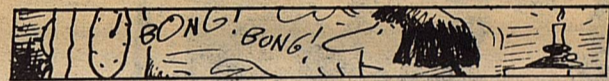
Big Brown	\$0.673215 per one million Btu
Martin Lake	\$1.047895 per one million Btu
Monticello 1, 2	\$0.733081 per one million Btu
Monticello 3	\$0.803260 per one million Btu

Payments to Texas Utilities Fuel Company for which approval is sought are in accordance with the following price:

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A copy of the request is on file with the Public Utility Commission.

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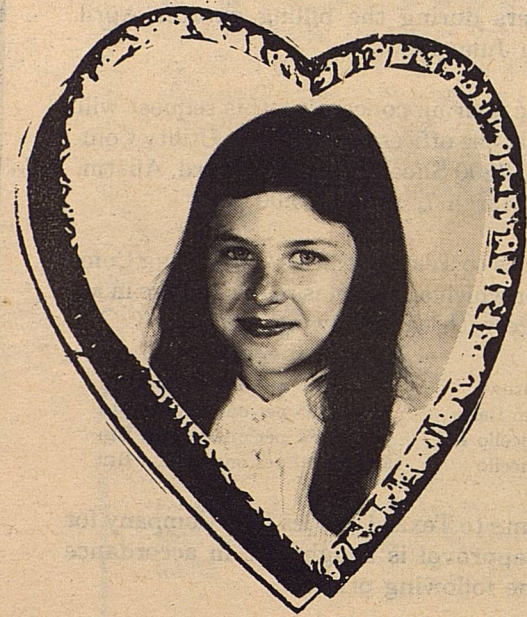


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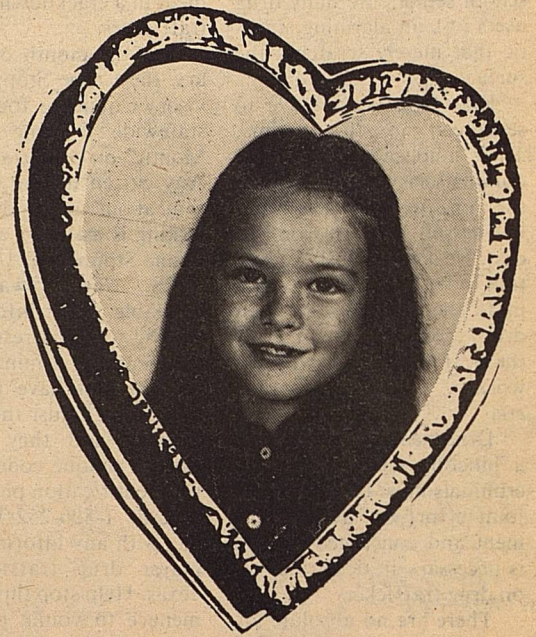
# Everybody Is Somebody's Valentine



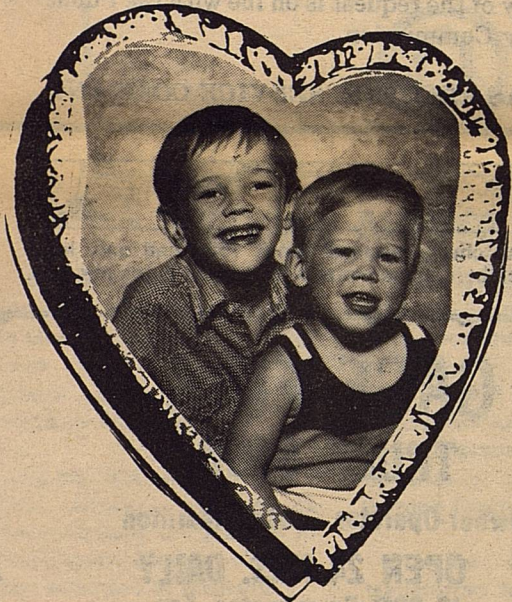
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Kelly Ogden



Justin & Cory Cox

## What Is A Valentine

A Valentine is someone you like to have near... Someone to share things with...

Like drinking an ice cream soda... Or reading a favorite story...

Or growing freckles in the sun. A Valentine is someone who makes good times even better...

Who cheers you up when you're sad...

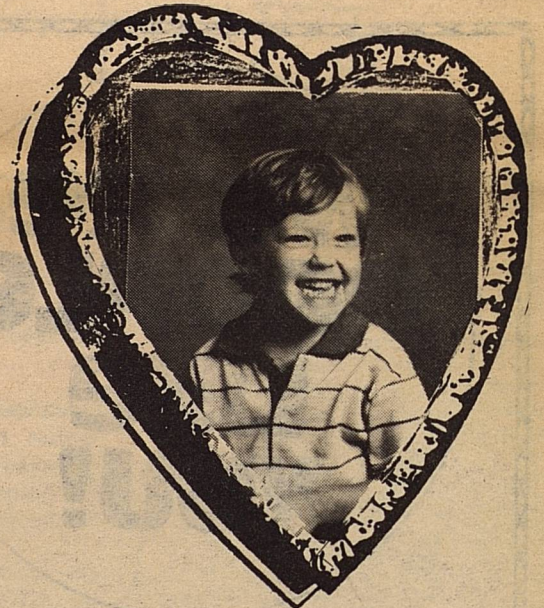
Who's always around when you need a friend...

Who likes you just the way you are, faults and all!

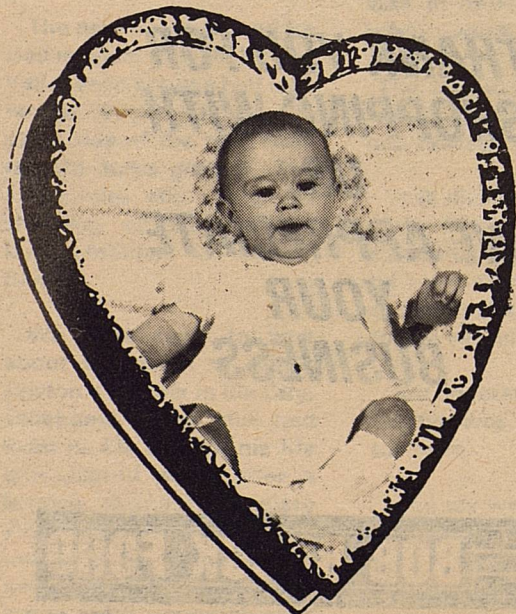
A Valentine is someone who's nice to remember...

Someone you like ever so much...

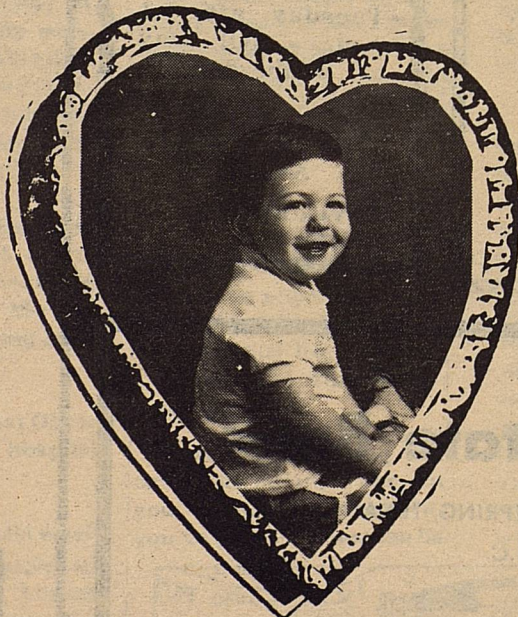
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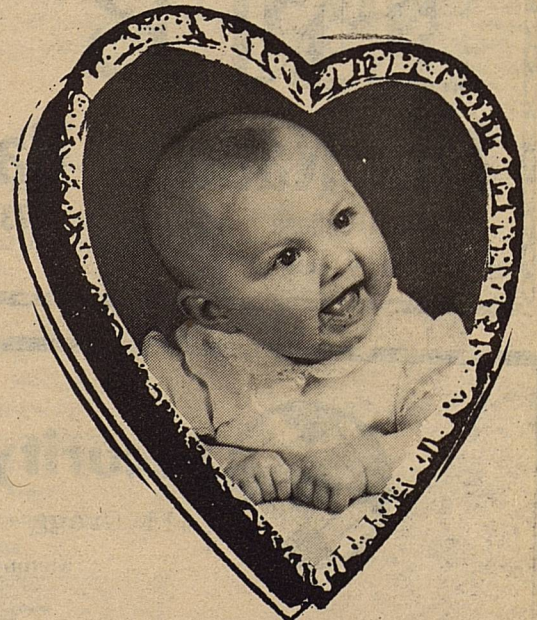
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Guess which freshman

## Your County Agent Says by Alan Day

To Borden County Cotton Producers

The annual Borden County Cotton Production meeting will be held Tuesday, February 15th in the Borden County School Conference Room beginning at 7:00 p.m. Door prizes (donated by area implement dealers and gins) will be given away.

Subjects that will be discussed during the meeting include:

Payment-in-Kind--Gary Condra, Extension Economist

Cotton Weed Control and Production Practices--James Supak, Extension Cotton Specialist

FCIC participation

Plains Cotton Growers Report--Tommy Fondren, PCG President

Lamesa Classing Office Report--Don Lewallen, Manager

There will be a lengthy discussion on PIK participation and decisions along with the other topics. PCG will hold its election following the general meeting.

Make your plans to attend on February 15th. The topics to be discussed are of real importance to you in 1983.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice To Building Contractors  
State Project MC-8-Z-12  
Gail, Borden County, Texas

Sealed proposals for construction of a Shop and Storage Building at the Gail Maintenance Site located on State Highway 180, will be received in the office of Mr. Roger G. Welsch, District Engineer, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Old Anson Rd. & U.S. 83 (P.O. Box 150), Abilene, Texas 79604, until 10:30 a.m., local time, Thursday, February 10, 1983, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications for this project will be furnished without charge to any prime Contractor desiring to submit a bid. No pre-qualification is required.

Mailed requests for plans should be addressed to State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, File D-18B, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans may also be secured locally from State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, District Headquarters, Old Anson Road & U.S. 83 (P.O. Box 150), Abilene, Texas 79604, or may be picked up in person at the SDHPT Annex Building, La Costa Business Center, Room 208, 6400 U.S. Hwy. 290 East, Austin, Texas.

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The estimated over-all construction cost for this proposed contract is \$70,000.00.



The first real word in the average American dictionary is aa. It is the name for a spongy kind of lava.



### Can You Trust Clothing Care Labels?

Do the labels on your clothes leave you wondering how to clean them? You are not alone. Even professional drycleaners do not depend on care labels totally in determining the best method of cleaning a garment.

The International Fabricare Institute's (IFI) research center in Silver Spring, Maryland, takes calls daily from cleaners who receive garments labeled 'dryclean only' but suspect that standard drycleaning methods won't be satisfactory.

Often the drycleaners are right. The Institute's researchers often test-clean items tagged 'professionally dryclean only' and find synthetics that shrink or laminates that stiffen and peel. Or they find colors that change, fade, and bleed.

The problem lies not with drycleaning itself but with some clothing manufacturers who give little attention to how the fabrics and trims they use will withstand maintenance. Some manufacturers attach care labels to their clothes without testing the cleaning method the label recommends. Still others produce clothes the IFI lab finds difficult to clean by any means.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) requires manufacturers to attach labels telling consumers how to care for clothes. These labels, in combination with the information offered on some hang tags that come with new clothing,

should guide you in the care of your new purchases! But some common sense and some conversations with your drycleaners will bring the best of care.

Some rules to remember will make sure your clothes are cared for well:

1. Keep care labels attached to clothes. Some may be large, but the information on them is necessary to avoid damaging the clothes. If you take a multi-piece outfit to the cleaners, take all the pieces along--not all pieces are labeled and all should be cleaned together to keep them matching.
2. Keep the hang tags that came attached to the clothes at the time of purchase. Clothingmakers sometimes are reluctant to put complete information elsewhere. Show these instructions to the cleaners.
3. If you sew your own clothes, ask for care labels when buying the fabric. The manufacturer is required to provide tags you can sew into the outfit you are creating.
4. If, after following instructions, your clothes are damaged, return them with the sales receipt to the store's buyer. The store should refund your money and can return the outfit to the manufacturer for credit. Clothing-makers besieged with returns may, in the future, label their clothes more accurately.

"Feel the dignity of a child. Do not feel superior to him, for you are not."  
Robert Henri



We've all heard that old saying, "There are two things in life you can be sure of--death and taxes," and this year, Congress has given that adage new meaning. While the federal government will cut income taxes by ten percent on July 1, 1983, that same day it will begin withholding ten percent of your interest and dividend income.

According to some financial experts, this new tax law is tantamount to giving the federal government interest free loans at the taxpayers' expense. Although most Americans--75 percent--will have these funds returned to them as part of their annual tax refunds, the government will have free use of those funds during the interim. Experts at the American Bankers Association (ABA) estimate that withholding at source will cost savers and investors as much as \$1.5 billion in lost re-investment opportunities and compounding on earnings.

Those over age 65 and some low-income individuals may qualify for exemption status, depending on the amount of taxes they paid the previous year. However, they will have the added headache of filling out more government forms



one for each savings or investment account.

Those experienced in financial matters believe this issue would be better handled through requirements in the new tax package calling for improved record-keeping by the IRS and increased reporting of interest payments by financial institutions.

According to the IRS, there is a compliance rate of 96.7 percent where such reporting is already required. This means that these financial gymnastics are to be performed to recover only three percent of unpaid taxes!

What do you think? If you would like to tell your lawmakers how you feel about advancing the government ten percent of the earnings from your savings and investments, write to them at the U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515, and the U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.



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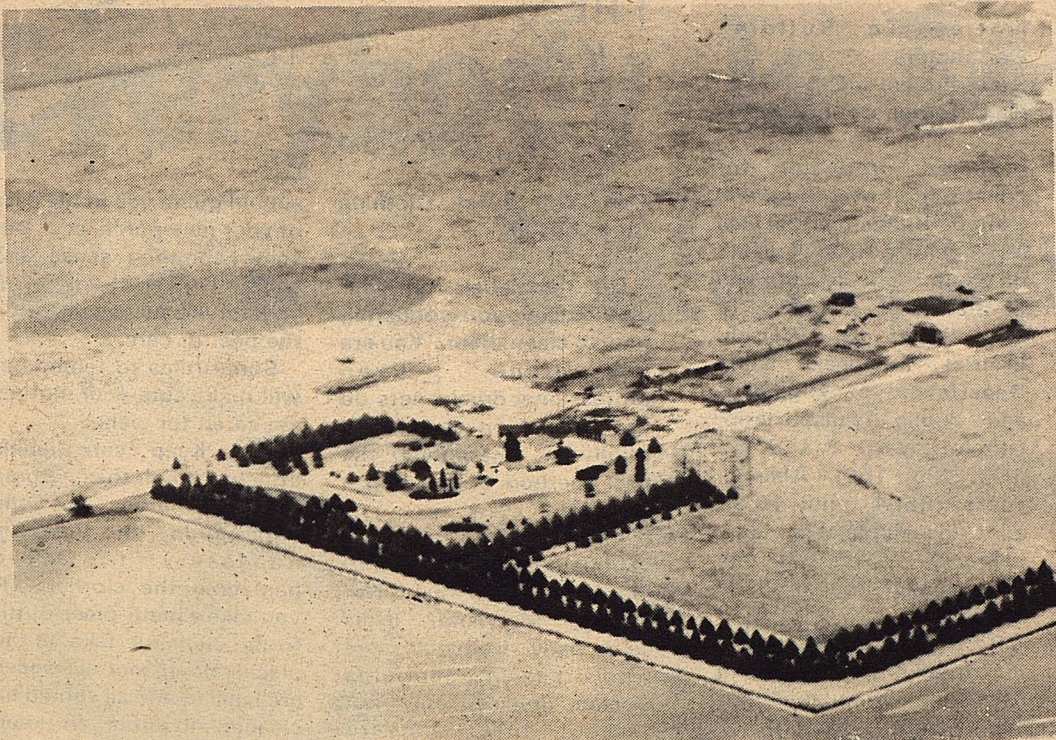
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**CHANGING THE FACE OF WEST TEXAS: AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE CHARLES BRILLHART RANCH NEAR SPEARMAN SHOWS 3-ROW WINDBREAKS WHICH ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE TEXAS FOREST SERVICE IN THE PANHANDLE. WIDER SPACING ALLOWS FOR GROWTH AND EASY MAINTENANCE (BOTTOM).**

Windbreak Tree Seedlings Still Available For West Texas

Some species have been sold out, but it is not too late for West Texans to purchase several varieties of windbreak tree seedlings from the Texas Forest Service.

The Service's West Texas Nursery in Lubbock still has three varieties of conifers and five types of hardwood seedlings available for the 1982-1983 planting season, which ends in late March.

According to Bob Fewin, silviculturist at Lubbock, the conifer species still available are Austrian pine, ponderosa pine and redcedar. These 6 to 12-inch pine and cedar

seedlings are grown in individual cells, 30 cells to the Styrofoam container. A minimum order is 30, or in multiples of 30, for \$30 per 30 trees plus sales tax. The containers are 12 inches wide by 14 inches long, by 8 inches deep, and several containers can be easily transported in the back seat of a car or pickup cab.

The hardwood seedling species still available include: green ash, honeylocust (thornless), native plum, Russian olive and mulberry. The hardwoods are sold in minimum lots of 100 for \$25 (plus sales tax and shipping costs).

The West Texas Nursery grows windbreak seedlings

for a 60-county High Plains and Panhandle area, north of Big Spring and west of Wichita Falls.

Fewin said the hardwoods may be shipped, but the containers in which the conifer seedlings are grown are not designed for shipping and these should be picked up at one of four distribution points, each of which will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on day of distribution.

Planters in a 12-county area surrounding Knox County may pick up their orders at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) Vegetable Research Center at Munday, Texas on March 1.

Residents of a 16-county South Plains area around Big Spring can pick up their seedlings at the USDA Experiment Station on Interstate 20 at Big Spring on March 3.

On March 8, planter in a 20-county Panhandle area around Amarillo can pick up their seedlings at the Soil Conservation Service office at 1416 West 8th Street in Amarillo, and on March 10, resident applicants from the 24 counties surrounding Lubbock can receive their conifer seedlings at the TAES Experiment Station on FM Road 1294 in Lubbock.

The hardwood species are bare root seedlings, Fewin said, and can be shipped by normal freight methods.

West Texans interested in planting trees for homestead, feedlot, field or wildlife windbreaks, should write for seedling applications: West Texas Nursery, Texas Forest Service, Rt. 3, Box 216, Lubbock, Texas 79401, or call 806-746-5801.



## The Consumer Alert

by Jim Mattox  
Attorney General

AUSTIN—The phrase, "Sign your name on the dotted line," detail is included in the contract.

can sound quite inviting after you've waited for credit approval on a loan or time purchase.

That may be the flattering sign that you're a "good credit risk." But it is not wise to rush into any contract.

If you read any installment contract carefully, you should find a statement in bold type, cautioning: "Notice to Buyer—Do not sign this agreement before you read it, or if it contains blank spaces." The statement also puts you on notice that you are entitled to a copy of the agreement.

In order to meet state and federal requirements on credit agreements, the contract must tell you the difference between cash price and credit price, less down payment and/or trade-in; list any additional charges, such as credit insurance premiums, and spell out the total number of payments to be made by you, as well as the amount of each monthly or weekly payment due.

If you already have insurance that would cover your note amount or the secured property if anything happened to you, or, if you have an insurance agent with whom you would prefer to deal, let the creditor know. He cannot require you to buy the policy he may offer.

Be certain the agreement contains the name, as well as the address, of the lender or creditor; the correct date on which you made the note, and the date for final payment. And, if the creditor is taking a lien or other security on your property, make sure that that

If you are negotiating a home improvement, ask to see the "certificate of satisfaction," which the seller must furnish you. But heed the warning that you should not sign the certificate of satisfaction until the work has been completed, and until you know that you are satisfied with it.

That may seem like a lot of detail. But it is not complicated. Just remember to read carefully every section leading to a space for your signature. And be certain you understand it to your own satisfaction.

Most merchants or lending institution officials will be more than happy to answer any questions. In fact, some are exceedingly scrupulous about not allowing you to sign until they believe there is no room for misunderstanding.

Take advantage of the occasion to review the obligation you're accepting. Now that it is all there in black and white, do you honestly believe that the amount and the frequency of payments will not work too much of a hardship on the family budget?

Sometimes, my Consumer Protection Division investigators have looked into complaints of overcharge, only to discover that the interest and payment plans are legal, but hasty consumers had not noticed what a strain the obligation would be until they started paying it out.

If you do have any complaints or questions concerning credit contract rights, do not hesitate to contact a local consumer protection enforcement agency, or the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

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