

FOURTH GRADE CHORUS MEMBERS PRESENT PROGRAM RECENTLY.

Local Dog Returns Home After Three Month Separation

ticle appeared in Hays, Kansas daily newspaper, written by Alan Wilds about Plains' residents Helen and Murrell Thompson and their little dog,

Toto learned there's no place like home, but this time it was Krissee's

For Krissee, a seven-year-old Fox Terrier, going home took more than three months. She spent the last several weeks living in a graveyard, braving his leg, a friend from Nebraska made freezing temperatures and risking her life crossing busy streets.

rell and Helen Thompson of Plains, their friend their room at Days Inn. Texas, was reunited with her owners Thursday (Feb. 20).

"She is so excited to be here with us," said a smiling Helen as she held Krissee. "I just can't remember when she has been so excited."

Krissee wasn't the only one in good spirits. The Thompsons had been through quite an ordeal themselves before they were reunited with their pet.

On Oct. 31, the Thompsons and Krissee were on their way to Nebraska for pheasant hunting season. A brief stop in Hays turned into a long one

(Editor's Note: The following ar- when the city was paralyzed by snowstorm at Halloween.

Before he knew it, Murrell was hospitalized at the Hays Medical Center with a broken leg he suffered after a slip on the icy sidewalks. While in the hospital, he suffered a heart attack as

What began as a weekend trip was turning into a nightmare for the Thompsons and it was getting worse.

On the day Murrell had surgery on the trip to Hays to visit him. Because Helen was spending all her time at the Krissee, the beloved pet of Mur- hospital with Murrell, they offered

> Things may have worked out fine if Krissee wouldn't have decided to go

> "He opened the door to the room and scoot, out she went," said Murrell.

> That was the last the Thompsons would see of Krissee for three months. They returned to Texas on Nov. 10.

> Helen said she sent letters and contacted the humane society on several occasions.

> Finally, the Thompsons received a phone call from Days Inn managers Paul and Stephanie Stevens, who had



KRISSEE

themselves seen Krissee on two differ-

her in a graveyard.

"People were telling us they could see her, but nobody could get close enough to catch her," Helen said. "I felt if I could get close enough to call her she would come running and she did."

Of course, that was after the Thompsons made a return trip to Hays. "She came running just as fast as

she could," Murrell said.

"She's just fine," Helen said, ... Continued to Page 6

Fourth Grade Choir Performs Recently

Fourth grade students of Plains Elementary School presented a program March 5, entitled "Only Love is" Spoken Here". Words and music were by Carmino Ravosa. Directors were Mrs. Cynthia Blair, Mrs. Kelley Clay, Mrs. Estelle McAdams and Mrs. Diane

Greeting was given by Chris Willis. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Christina Eppler.

Students serving as speakers throughout the program included Jessie Mendias, Jessica Shorter, Vincent Torrez, Leticia Canon, Kristen Gray, Rusting Knight, Melissa Lopez, Mida Villarreal, Chris Leggett, Jeremy Humphries and Joshua Bell.

Also Colt Winn, Candaca Bowers, Angie Longoria, Jason Swann, Kelton Mason, Linda Castillo, Isaac Gonzales, Fermin Luna, Stanley Caballero and

Song presentations included "Only Love is Spoken Here", "Let's Sing About You", featuring Patrick McGinty and Laura Morales; "I Like The Way That I Look", featuring Anne Palmer, Krystle Blundell and Jessica Flores; "Be Good to Yourself", with the audience participating the second time through featuring Wendy Hernandez; and "Thank You For Saying Thank You".

"I Like You" was sung by Staci Tuggle and Joshua Clay. Also "Love Makes the World Go Round" featuring Velvet Canada was sung; and "Have A Good Day" featuring Nichole Newsom, Laura Martinez and Erica Dominguez. Encore presentation was "Go, My Son".

There were 49 fourth grade chorus Krissee had been living under the members participating in the program. Flowers and decorations were provided by Renaissance Flowers and Gifts.

Support Group **Meeting Slated**

Clara Williams Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. March 31 in the parlor of First Baptist Church. The group counsels with persons fighting cancer and other serious illnesses and with persons who have lost loved ones.

All interested persons are invited.

Area Cotton Farmers Invited To Attend Cotton Conference

Area cotton farmers will have the able to hear timely, research-based in- Halfmann, TDA. formation concerning cotton production, they will also be able to receive and exhibit visitation from 12 until pesticide license requirements.

in cotton production. New technology and proven techniques will be disciency, marketing and many more.

Local agri-businesses are invited to set up a booth for a \$50 fee which will go toward paying for the noon meal and other expenses. Businesses that are interested in participating should contact the County Extension office, telephone 915-758-2241.

The conference will get underway at 8 a.m. with registration and exhibit visitation until 8:30 a.m. Welcome and introductions will be given from 8:30 until 8:45 a.m.

Cotton Physiology will be discussed by Dr. Kater Hake, from 8:45 a.m. until 9:30 a.m., touching on plant growth and boll maturity.

At 9:30, Dr. James Supak will talk about cotton varieties and production techniques with topics such as Variety Selection, Growth Regulators and Harvest Aid Chemicals.

From 10:15 until 10:30 a.m., a break will be taken and beginning at 10:30 a.m., Irrigation Techniques and Chemigation will be discussed by Leon New.

Chemical Laws and Regulations opportunity to attend the Gaines will be discussed between 11 and 12 County Cotton Conference which will a.m., including complaint procedures be held March 24 at the Civic Building explained by Bill Rogers, TDA; and in Seminole. Not only will farmers be Re-Entry on Treated Fields by Ronnie

> The meeting will recess for lunch Cotton, both dryland and irrigated, will

1:30 until 2 p.m. on Insect Manageduction including varieties, water effi- bollworm control and management concepts.

> Dr. Paul Bauman will talk about Weed Control in Cotton from 2 until 2:30 p.m. explaining the control of problem weeds and herbicides of the

> After a break from 2:30 until 2:45 p.m., Dr. Wayne Keeling will have the floor to talk about Conservation Tillage until 3:30 p.m. He will discuss management, weed control and eco-

> The program will conclude with an address by Dr. Carl Anderson on Cotton Market Situation from 3:30 until 4 p.m. He will tell about current market situation and marketing strate-

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five credit hours of CEU's toward their 12:45 p.m. and then Fertilizer Needs of The conference will offer pro- be discussed by Charles Stichler from grams from highly qualified specialists 12:45 until 1:30 p.m. cussed in various areas of cotton pro- ment, with emphasis on aphid and

Dr. James Leser will speak from



It's Like A Whole Other Country.

Farmers Union To Meet March 24

Yoakum County Farmers Union will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 for a Dutch Treat luncheon at Johnnie's Restaurant. Special guest speaker will be State Representative Jim Rudd.

Anyone seeking additional information may call Ty Earl Powell at 456-3171 or Linda Lowrey, 456-7474.

The 1992 District Farmers Union Banquet will be Saturday at PCCA, 3301 E. 50th, Lubbock at 7 p.m. The catered barbecue meal is \$7.50, payable at the door. Congressman Bill Sarpalius will be the featured speaker.



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Diabetics Can Modify Recipes

Learning to modify recipes for its own juice or water. sugar and fiber is important, especially for those who are diabetic.

Sugar comes in many forms including white sugar, honey, corn syrup, molasses and maple syrup. The in moderation, but their use is not necgeneral function of sugar in a recipe is that it: 1) provides flavor and volume; 2) Improves texture; 3) Increases tenderness and browning in baked goods; baked. Saccharin or acetasulfame-K 4) Acts as a preservative in jams, jellies and pickles; and 5) Acts as food for yeast.

Fiber is found in whole grain breads and cereals; dry beans and peas; nuts and seeds; and fruits and vegetables, especially those with edible skins or seeds.

After identifying the ingredient(s) in the recipe you want to modify, you can: 1) Eliminate it completely; 2) Reduce the amount; or 3) Substitute a more nutritionally acceptable ingredi-

To choose the best approach, it's helpful to have a general idea of the function of the ingredient and what will happen if you modify it.

To decrease sugar, try reducing sugar by one-quarter to one-third in baked goods and desserts. This works best with quick breads, cookies, pie fillings, custards, puddings and fruit crisps. It may be less desirable for some cakes. Do not decrease the small amount of sugar in plain yeast breads because it provides food for the yeast and promotes rising.

Decrease or eliminate sugar when canning or freezing fruits or buy unsweetened fruit and fruit canned in Extension Agent-HE at 456-2263.

Increase the amount of cinnamon or vanilla in a recipe to enhance the impression of sweetness.

Non-sugar sweeteners can be used essary to decrease sugar in the diet. Aspartame (Equal or Nutra Sweet) will not work in products that are cooked or can be used in hot and cold foods but may leave a bitter aftertaste. Neither product can provide the volume or structure that sugar does, so rather than substituting, it's best to choose recipes especially tested for use with nonsugar sweetners.

To increase fiber, choose whole grain instead of highly refined products. For example, choose whole wheat flour and bread, bulgur, brown rice, oatmeal, whole cornmeal and barley.

Whole wheat flour can usually be substituted for up to one-half of the allpurpose refined flour. For example, if a recipe calls for two cups of all-purpose flour, try one cup of all-purpose and one cup of whole wheat flour. When completely substituting whole wheat for white flour, use 7/8 cup whole wheat flour for one cup of white flour.

Add extra fruits and vegetables to recipes and include the peel when appropriate; and add fruits to muffins, pancakes, salads, and desserts, and add vegetables to quiche casseroles and salads.

For more information or questions concerning recipe modifications, contact Joan Chandler, Yoakum County

Ruth Taylor Spins Mohair For Tsa Mo Ga Club Members Tsa Mo Ga Study Club members

were entertained recently with demonstrations of mohair spinning by Ruth Taylor, member of Mohair Council of America.

Mrs. Taylor explained the process of dying spun mohair and showed samples of yarn that she has spun and dyed using natural dyes. She reported that she boiled leaves and flowers to make a tea in which she soaks the mohair for 30 to 45 minutes. She also has dyed mohair with Kool-Aid and is experimenting with red clay as a dye.

Angora goats, which the Taylors raise, are sheared to obtain the mohair. Mrs. Taylor stated that she spins almost exclusively the hair of six months old kids.

Mrs. Taylor demonstrated her art with a small spinning wheel that feeds the mohair through at a rate of about two inches per rotation of the wheel. As the wheel spins, the hair is twisted into thread.

She displayed rugs, caps and sweaters she has knitted from threads she has spun.

During the business session, members were reminded to pay their dues as soon as possible. Members were also encouraged to donate canned or baked goods or craft items to be sold as a fund raiser at the GFWC District Convention in Lubbock March 20-21.

A committee was appointed to seek repair estimates on the clubhouse

Hostesses Wilma Powell and Ann Graham served St. Patrick's sandwiches, green chips, green mints and green punch to 19 members.

Next meeting is March 23.

Shower To Fete Mrs. Sherry Powell

Mrs. Sherry Powell will be complimented with a layette courtesy Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. in the home of Jo Ann Barron, 202 First Street.

Friends and relatives are invited. Gift selections have been made at Jerri's Boutique.

Between 35 and 40 The American Cancer Society advises women to have a baseline mammogram (X ray of the breast) between the ages of 35 and 40 to be used as a source of comparison with future mammograms.

The Rose of Sharon appears in September, when few other shrubs are



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Cowgirls Finish Third

Plains High School's Cowgirls were personal bests. finished in third place in their own with 116 points. Springlake-Earth placed second with 94 while the Cowgirls amassed 70 points.

Top performer for the Cowgirls was Ogla Ramirez with a win in the 3200 meter run and the 1600 meter run. Her times of 13:02.34 and 6:-1.70

The 1600 meter relay team of Jen-Relays Saturday. Sudan won the meet nifer Cowart, Shandy Willett, Rhonda Cowart and Amy Crutcher took first place with a 4:25.59 performance.

Also scoring were Kemi Cobb, Eleven other teams participated in third in 100 meter hurdles, 17.99; Betsy Blair, fifth in 1600 meter run with 6:39.25 and the 800 meter relay of Kemi Cobb, Jennifer Cowart, Crutcher and Willett. Their time was 1:56.36.



STORY TELLER DALE BULA visits four year olds up through sixth grade

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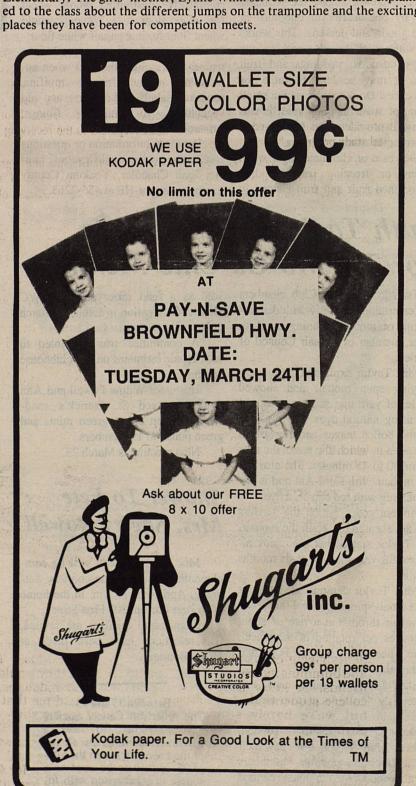
MARCH 26, 1992 Date

Time 6:30 P.M.

Place PLAINS SCHOOL CAFETERIA



GYMNASTICS SKILLS SHARED - Ashlee Winn and Shyloh Winn demonstrated their talents in gymnastics to the third grade classes at Plains Elementary. The girls' mother, Lynne Winn served as narrator and explained to the class about the different jumps on the trampoline and the exciting



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South Plains College Regents Adopt Graduate Guarantee Policy

In a bold move to stand behind its committment to quality education, South Plains College Board of Regents has adopted a graduate guarantee policy which will virtually grant a warranty on the associate degrees and certificates the college awards to its graduates beginning with the Class of 1992.

Regents accepted a proposal presented by Dr. Orlo Sundre, vice president for academic affairs March 12, which will allow academic transfer students to take tuition-free alternate courses for those credit courses which are not accepted by a receiving university.

Graduates of the college's vocational, technical and occupational programs will have the option of taking up to 12 tuition-free credit hours of additional skill training, should an employer judge the graduate to be lacking in technical job skills which are expected competencies for the program.

"We are willing to stand by what we do," said Dr. Sundre. "This policy confirms our responsibility and accountability to our students and to area employers.

"We have no reservations about recommending and implementing this policy because South Plains College has a quality educational program which is supported by excellent guidance and counseling and developmental study programs."

The policy has been modeled after a program which was developed by the Dallas County Community College District and adopted by its trustees in September, 1991. The graduate guarantee program supports a joint initiative of the Texas Higher Education

Coordinating Board and the Texas Department of Commerce to attract new business enterprises to Texas.

The Texas Department of Commerce is promoting a toll-free hotline any business enterprise coming to Texas may call to learn about training and retraining opportunities at community and technical colleges around the state. The campaign is centered around the theme, "Texas Guarantees Its Products".

The Coordinating Board has asked all of the state's 49 community college districts to consider adopting a guarantee.

"Not only does this policy affirm that South Plains College has an outstanding faculty who provide quality educational services, it also provides an incentive for us to continue to provide the highest quality education and training we can provide with the resources we have," said Dr. Sundre.

Under the provisions of the policy, students receiving an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree have up to one-year after receiving their degree from South Plains College to lodge a credit transfer dispute. If certain requirements are met and course denial from the receiving institution is not resolved, SPC will allow the student to take tuition-free alternate courses, semester hour for semester hour, which are acceptable to the receiving institution.

Vocational-technical graduates who receive an Associate of Applied Science degree or certificate of proficiency and who are judged by an employer to be lacking in technical skills that are taught as part of the specific degree program have 90 days after

a little too hot.

Thank the Lord for good ol' mom and dad!

Seriously though, I have come to a decision that maybe I need to watch my nickels and dimes and try not to use the credit card as much, something other college students are discovering as well.

Terry Lopez

on staff at THE PLAINSMAN PRESS SPC NEWSPAPER

Recession? Where is a Recession?

Ask a student this question and it probably really doesn't phase them. It will phase their parents.

I was recently talking to a group of friends and the question came up — who are the second poorest people on earth? I said, college students. Who are the number one poorest? The homeless. Says a lot

I find it extremely amusing when I go to a fast food restaurant or any place in town and notice all of the college students giving cashiers pennies and bumming money off of their friends. I know that many college students do have jobs but we're barely surviving, paying bills and trying to keep a social life.

I find myself asking my parents to help with the credit card bill or cover a check that's

The same group of friends that I was talking with earlier recalled a game they played when they were kids. They would tell what they would eat or do for a million dollars.

One friend told me that she remembered saying she would go to school naked for a million dollars. I asked her if she would do it for \$100. She said that right now, she'd do it for \$5.

Recession. Gotta love it!

their initial date of employment to seek additional tuition-free training under the guarantee. Students who meet the conditions of the guarantee can take up to 12 semester hours of credit.

The guarantee spells out specific conditions graduates must meet if transfer credit is denied or employers finds themselves underskilled, Dr. Sundre added.

The policy goes into effect this spring when South Plains College is expected to graduate more than 600 students with degrees and certificates May 8.



What's Cooking at School?



BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Toast, oatmeal, grape juice and milk.

TUESDAY - Toast, donuts, apple juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Toast, scrambled

eggs, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY - Waffles, syrup,

THURSDAY - Waffles, syrup butter, tomato juice and milk.

FRIDAY - Toast, cereal, pineapple juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken nuggets w/catsup, French fries w/catsup, crackers, combination salad, spiced applesauce cake and milk.

TUESDAY - Pizza, corn, tossed salad, hot rolls, butter, peanut butter, honey and milk.

WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, pickles, onion rings, potato chips, fruit, coconut cookies and milk.

THURSDAY - Mexican casserole, pinto beans, cabbage slaw, cornbread, peach cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY - Salisbury steak w/gravy, green beans, carrot/pineapple salad, hot rolls, Jell-O and milk.

SCHOOL EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 - High School Tennis Tournament at Plainview; Boys Track Meet at Springlake/Earth

MONDAY - Jr. High Tennis - Denver City - Here - 4 p.m.

TUESDAY - Anderson Grain - School Cafeteria - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY - Jr. High 3 Team Track Meet - Plains; John Deere Meeting - School Cafeteria - 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - Tennis - Levelland Tournament - High School - There; Track - Angelo Relays - High School Boys - There

SATURDAY - Tennis - Hart Tournament - Jr. High - There - TBA; Track - Roughneck Relays - Sundown - High School Girls - There; Tennis -Levelland Tournament continues; Track - Angelo Relays continue

Mrs. Doyle Seaton Gives Program

Mrs. Doyle Seaton, vice president, presented a video program, "Perennial Gardening," for members and guests of Plains Dirt Gardeners Garden Club Monday.

Plans were made for the plant and miscellaneous sale to be held Friday, April 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the clubroom of the old courthouse.

Refreshments were served by Mmes. Alred Pippin and J.M. Dearing

Next meeting of the club will be April 20 in the clubroom for a program on "New Dimensions in Floral Design."

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adding Krissee had lost a little weight during her adventure.

Krissee had already had a bath and been through a couple of bowls of dog food by about 3 p.m. Thursday.

"She's really been making the rounds around town from what I heard," Murrell said, laughing. How she kept from getting run over is amazing".

Krissee's saga has a happy ending, but the Thompsons said they emerged from the ordeal with some new found friendships.

"Everyone we met here became a friend to us," he said. "We were never treated so well in all our lives."

The Thompsons give the majority of the credit to Krissee's rescue to the Stevens.

Both Helen and Murrell plan to return to Hays quite often and also keep a tighter grip on Krissee when she is in sight of an open door.

Plains Ambulance Reduces Rates

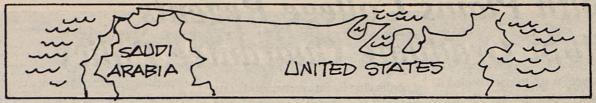
In a recent meeting of the Plains City Council, action was taken to reduce rates for pre-hospital emergency care provided by Plains Ambulance Service. The new rates are in line with the "normal and customary charges" allowed by Medicare and will be effective immediately.

Plains Ambulance Service is a volunteer organization dedicated to providing basic and advanced life support treatment to the ill and/or injured in Plains and the surrounding area. The Ambulance Service answers forty to sixty emergency calls each year and is presently staffed by nine Emergency Medical Attendants and two paramedics. Additional training is presently being taken by emergency personnel for advance certification.

In addition to the trained personnel, Plains Ambulance Service has two well equipped ambulances, as well as a mutual aid agreement with the Denver City Ambulance Service, so that quality emergency care can be provided at all times. Support for the Ambulance Service also comes from Yoakum County who just voted to purchase a Physio-Control Lifepak 10 cardiac monitor/defibrillator for advance treatment of patients suffering with cardiac distress.

Anyone wanting to become a part of the Plains Ambulance Service can learn of the training requirements and opportunities by contacting any member of the organization.

SHOP AT HOME!!



Saudi Arabia measures 839,996 square miles, making it about a third the size of the U.S.



CPC Recalls Wind-Up Infant Swings

Century Products Company, nationwide (model numbers: 12-319, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is voluntarily recalling its 1991 model wind-up infant swings with the "Whisper-Wind" motor. Century has received 31 reports of injuries to consumers involving these swings. Most injuries were to consumers who were attempting to open the motor housing or repair swings that had stopped working.

If the plastic cover over the swing motor is removed, the powerful, coiled wind-up spring will unwind rapidly and forcefully and may cause serious requiring immediate medical treat- swing or remove the motor housing

The recall applies to approxi- step-by-step instructions are received. mately 181,000 Century "Whisperduring 1991. The five swing models involved were sold for about \$30-\$80

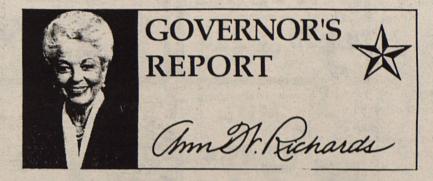
Macedonia, Ohio in cooperation with 12-329, 12-344, 12-345, and 12-349). codes 9101 through 9112. The date date code on your swing is smaller is available at 1-800-638-8270. than 9101 or larger than 9112, or a circular label reading "New Improved Swing" is affixed to the motor, your swing is not affected by this recall.

Century will provide a free replacement motor to all owners or affected models. Consumers should call 1-800-446-1366 to arrange for the free injury. Injuries reported to the firm in- replacement. Century and CPSC warn clude puncture wounds and lacerations consumers not to try to disassemble the until the new motor and complete,

The U.S. Consumer Product Wind" infant swings manufactured Safety Commission is announcing the recall as part of its mission to protect the public.

To report an unsafe consumer product or a product related injury, Recalled units bear manufacturing date consumers may call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's codes are located on a white label on toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. A the bottom of the swing seat. If the teletypewriter for the hearing impaired





Bringing jobs to Texas

Team Texas won the gold medal in economic development in Arlington last month.

While General Motors was forced to make painstaking cuts in its operations, the Arlington plant emerged a winner. Not only will the Texas GM plant remain open, it will expand its operations in the coming year. The net result could be more than a thousand new jobs for Texas.

During the crucial decision-making process, Texans rallied to keep our Arlington plant open.

At stake was far more than just the 3,800 jobs provided by the Arlington GM plant. Statewide, the auto plant pumps about \$816 million into our economy and means at least 7,849 jobs.

In order to be successful, we had to rely on those traits that are the watchwords of the New Texas: teamwork, innovation, efficiency and inclusion.

Our success truly was a team effort. Plant management and an unparalleled workforce, city, county and state officials all pulled together to keep those good GM cars rolling off the assembly line.

Made in Texas by Texans. Arlington Mayor Richard Greene was unrelenting in forming a coalition that told the Arlington story to GM. Plant manager Art Hester and the United Auto Workers, represented by Dave Perdue and Carl Tillery put together a plan that displayed Texas workers as the most productive in the world.

The workers at GM Arlington went the extra mile to prove their commitment to keeping the plant productive and profitable.

From the state level, Cathy Bonner at the Texas Department of Commerce helped forge an innovative, non-traditional plan to keep GM in Texas. We came up with a plan to show how government, industry and labor can work together to sell American cars.

We did not create a plan to compete with another state. We crafted a win-win strategy. Our plan is good for Texas and good for GM. Our focus was on showing GM how Texas can be a partner in its competition in the international marketplace.

What we accomplished in Arlington must not be forgotten. In fact, it should be cited as a textbook example of how government should respond in times of crisis.

The Arlington experience underscored something that most Texans have long suspected: Texas workers are second to none.

Not only are our citizens the best workers in the world, corporate America is eager to hear about what we have to offer. As governor of this state, I have the unique opportunity to make our sales pitch to business léaders across the country.

For that reason, I will spend the final two weeks of March on an economic development tour of the United States. Along with the Department of Commerce, I am going to take the Texas message to corporate America.

From New York to California, I'll be meeting with representatives of manufacturing, high tech, biomedical, energy and communications firms.

As the first woman governor Texas has had in more than 50 years, I have inherited a certain national notoriety. While all that attention has been a headache at times, it is a blessing when it comes to promoting Texas.

And I intend to take full advantage of that notoriety to sell Texas. As we proved in Arlington, we have much to sell. What we can bring to Texas is jobs.

Lone Star Events

By Sara Cambron, Commerce **Communications Specialist**

Wildflower Trails and Tours

April 1-26-Wildflower Fields on Tour, Eagle Lake, call (409) 234-7353. April 1-30—Bluebonnet Backroads Tour, Colorado, call (409) 732-8385. Lanes & Byways Wildflower Celebration, Dewitt, call (512) 275-5622.

Fayette County Wildflower Trails, Fayette, call (409) 968-5756. Bluebonnet Trails, Washington, call (409) 836-3695

Spring Trails, Winnsboro, call (903) 342-3666.

33rd Garden Gate Wildlife Trail, Yoakum, call (512) 293-6455 or (512).

April 4-May 10-National Wildflower Research Center, Austin. Brilliant colors and scents surround you in the meadows and reconstructed prairies of the Wildflower Research Center. Demonstration landscaping shows how to use native plants, shrubs and flowers. The center is open extended hours on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in addition to its regular hours of Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m, during this season. April 11-12 mark the Wildflower Days Festival that includes botanist-guided wildflower walks, native plant and seed sales, lectures, a gardening information booth and wildflower gifts. Children's activities. live music and refreshments will also be available. The cost is free, but the center suggests a \$2 per vehicle donation. Contact Elizabeth Carmack, National Wildflower Research Center. 2600 FM 973 North, Austin, 78725. (512) 929-3600.

April 23-26-22nd Annual Wildflower Trails of Texas, Hughes Springs. Travel to the northeast corner of the Lone Star State for a wildflower extravaganza first celebrated in 1970. This region is home to the largest variety of wildflowers-more than a thousand—in the state. Fun runs, bicycle races, volleyball tournaments, golf, tennis and a parade complete with bands, beauty queens and Shriners, are only some of the events planned for this gala event that draws visitors from all over the country. The Passion Play is a must-see. The arts and crafts show and homemade cooking at the country store are sure to satisfy the tastes of young and old alike. All activities surround Chalebyeate Spring Park. Contact George Fite, Wildflower Trails of Texas, P.O. Box 805, Hughes Springs, 75656. (903) 639-7510.

Festivals, Exhibits and Events

April 3-Sept. 26—Mesquite Championship Rodeo, Mesquite.

April 10-12-45th Strawberry Festival & Rodeo, Poteet.

April 11-12—Depot Museum Quilt Show, Henderson.

April 18—47th Easter Fires Pageant, Fredericksburg.

April 18-26-101st Fiesta San Antonio, San Antonio.

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