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Cowboy Poet Baxter Black To Be In Amarillo Aug. 21

Amarillo will be the hottest place in the five-state area when Old West Days take the city by storm in August. Just one day after Garth Brooks rocks the city during a vivacious country concert. The American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum and Civic Amarillo present "An Evening With Baxter Black," a benefit dinner and performance by America's best-selling cowboy poet.

Made possible by the Big Texan Steak House and Coors of Amarillo, this special performance will be held Friday, August 21, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. The evening will include a cash bar reception, dinner catered by The Big Texan, opening entertainment by The Big Texan Opry and entertainment by Baxter, who has taken the art of rhyme one step further using his lunatic wit and animated delivery.

Kris Miller, Civic Center Manager and Director of Civic Amarillo, said, "We are excited about the opportunity to work with the Heritage Center and Baxter on this event. Civic Amarillo has tried for many years to secure a date with Baxter because of his notoriety and the popularity of our cowboy poets at Old West Days."

Baxter's talents have been enjoyed by millions at banquets and concert appearances and through network television. He is a nationally syndicated columnist and regular guest on "The Tonight Show." Although his subject matter is strongly agricultural, Baxter's humor and insight carry universal appeal. People Magazine called him "an American original," and The Denver Post referred to Baxter as "Will Roger's weird grandson." Johnny Carson may have possessed the best grasp of the Baxter Black phenomenon when he amusingly remarked, "It's just a tragedy Keats didn't live to hear this."

In addition to his books, including the favorite "Croutons On a Cow Pie," Baxter recently has released his Emmy award-winning videotape featuring 10 of his favorite poems acted out "cowboy MTV" style.

Baxter grew up in the livestock business near Las Cruces, New Mex-

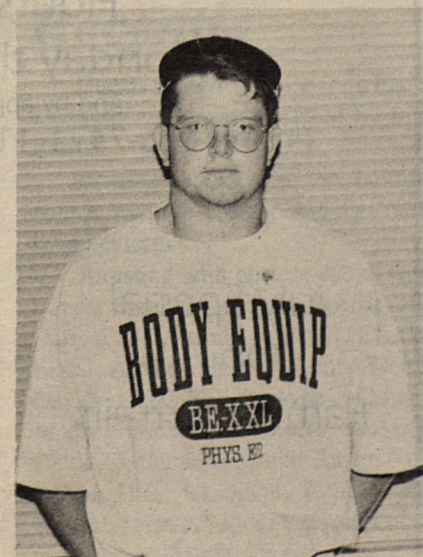
ico. He became a veterinarian, dispensing his medicine and practicing his humorous songs and poems on countless cowboys who worked with him on ranches and feedlots around the Mountain West.

Before long, Baxter was spending as much time entertaining as he was doctoring livestock. Choosing the cleaner of the two options, Baxter hung up his plastic sleeve and jumped head-first into show business. He hasn't treated a case of foot rot since.

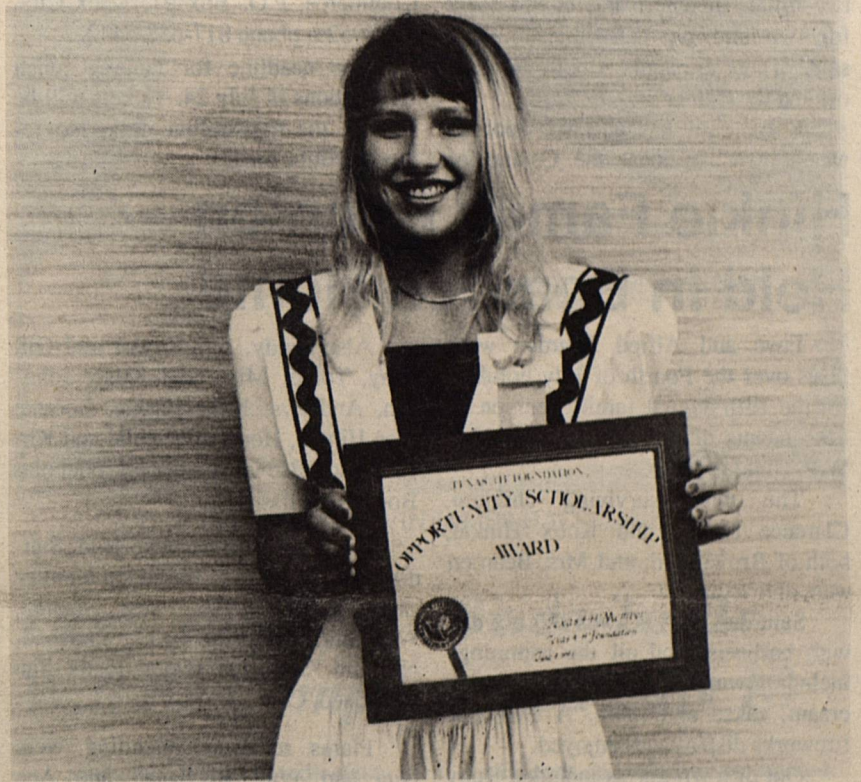
Tickets for "An Evening With Baxter Black," are \$25 per person. Proceeds will benefit Civic Amarillo and the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum, a showcase of the history and modern activities of the world's most popular breed of horse. Tickets go on sale Saturday, August 1 at the Civic Center Box Office, (806) 378-3096. Cash, Visa, MasterCard and checks are accepted.

A major tourist attraction in Amarillo, the Heritage Center will participate in several Old West Days activities. Live horse demonstrations are scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. in the museum's outdoor arena on the following dates during the city's Western celebration: August 21-22 and August 28-29.

For more information about the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum, call (806) 376-5181.



JASON SAN FILIPPO



RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP - Jo Lena Powell, daughter of Linda and Ty Earl Powell, is the recipient of a \$10,000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Scholarship, presented in a recent ceremony at the annual 4-H Roundup at Texas A & M University. She plans to study biochemistry at Texas A & M University this fall.

Jason San Filippo Attends Citizenship Seminar

Jason San Filippo, junior at Plains High School, recently attended the Texas Farm Bureau's 30th Annual Citizenship Seminar in Waco. He is the son of Melinda San Filippo.

Sponsored by Yoakum County Farm Bureau, Jason was one of approximately 400 high school juniors and seniors from 156 counties across Texas. Purpose of the event was to provide students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Rickey Bearden, county Farm Bureau president.

A group of 20 Russian students from Ukhta, part of an orphanage's folk song and dance ensemble, spent one day intermingling with the students and participating in various seminars. The troupe ended their visit with a performance for the students.

Speakers included Jack Jackson of Fort Worth, president of Jackson Associates; Robert McBurney of Baylor University; Howard Phillips of Wash-

ington DC of the Conservative Caucus; Basilio Bachor, Polish immigrant who spoke on "Living the American Dream"; Vernie Glasson, Texas Farm Bureau executive director and Michael Broome of Charlotte, NC, motivational speaker, who spoke on "You and America - Two Great Champions".

UMY Carwash Set Thursday

Youth of First United Methodist Church will sponsor a car wash Thursday, July 23 at the local car wash, operated by Billie O'Neal, across for the Dairy Queen.

The sponsoring group, junior high and high school youth, will contribute their proceeds to the church fellowship hall building fund.

Cars will be washed from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 5 p.m. with an hour off for lunch. There is no set charge. The youth will work for donations. They solicit your dirty cars.

Plant Materials Field Day Set For Aug. 6 In Knox City

A field day and tour will be held at the USDA Soil Conservation Plant Materials Center near Knox City Aug. 6.

Mario Avila, SCS District Conservationist, said guided tours are planned through the Center starting at 8:30 a.m. Tours will run continuously until lunch, then again until approximately 3 p.m.

Several selections of plants are being grown at the Center that were not being evaluated during the last field day in 1989.

"To get to the Center, go north of Knox City on State Highway 6 about two miles, then turn left at FM 1292 for two and one-half miles," Avila said. "There are signs at both the turn-off and the Center".

Knox City has a 3,200 foot all weather runway near the Center for

those wanting to fly to the field day in private or chartered planes. Transportation from the airport to the Center will be furnished by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce.

Grass seed dealers, seed growers, conservation district directors, research workers, wildlife enthusiasts, livestock producers, and others interested in the search for better plants are invited to attend. The Center serves both Texas and Oklahoma.

Lunch will be served by the Knox City Chamber of Commerce on a pre-paid basis. For more information contact Doris Crownover, Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 91, Knox City, TX 79529, phone 817-658-3442.

The deadline for making lunch reservations is July 24. Tickets will be held at the registration desk. No refunds will be made.

Hinkle Family Reunion Held In Bearden Home

Faye and Alfred Bearden were hosts over the Fourth of July holidays for the fifth annual family reunion of descendants of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Hinkle.

The three surviving children, Clarence Hinkle and Knox Hinkle, both of Brownfield; and Mrs. Bearden were able to attend.

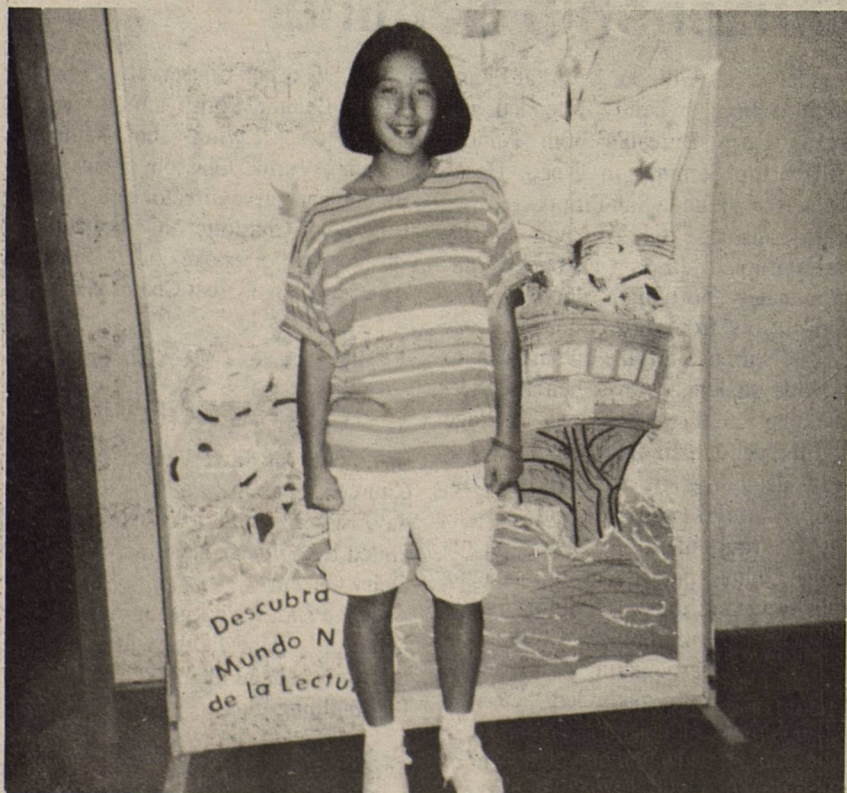
Saturday, July 4, was the big day with barbecue and all the trimmings including watermelons, homemade ice cream, cakes and more. A two-hour fireworks display was enjoyed.

Out of town guests included Ruby Taylor and Juanita and Albert Drachenberg of Smyer; Peggy Kapler and Traci, Gary, Julie and Sandy Winston, Lubbock; Lori, Lance, Morgan, Chase, Megan and Clayton Williams and Mary Hinkle, Denver City; Ida Hinkle and Dale Miller, Brownfield; and Dortha Day, Meadow.

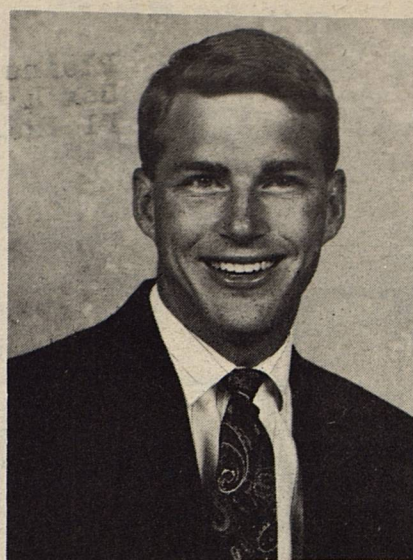
Also Cindy, Jim, Taylor and Gill Gray, Tokio; Misty and Kristy Johnson, Andrews; Mike Hinkle, Boerne; Jean Hinkle, Houston; Lucille and Kirt Kirkland, Brownwood; and Nicholas Bowers, Dallas.

From out of state were Bod, Sandra, Melody, Brad, Malinda, Jennifer and Kim Hinkle; Leta Faust, Tacoma, Wa.; Shirley and Jim Paulk, Carlsbad, NM and Karen and Wayne Paulk, San Francisco, Ca.

Plains residents attending were Nita and Walt Buchanan and Ace Williams and friend, Jay (of Lubbock); Debra, Joel, Michelle and Cassie Lowe; Donna, Tim, Candace and Kelly Bowers; Kathy, Danny, Joshua, Jared and Joanie Bell; Pat and Don Hinkle; Ruth Murphree; Faye Nelms; Karen, Guy, Todd and Kimber Williams; Dan Partin and Krystle Blundell.



GOLD MEDAL WINNER in the US Junior Olympics 1992 was Maysia Li Adams, granddaughter of Bill and Marguerite Adams of Denver City. The young miss of Greer, SC competed in the Karate Tae Kwon Do Championships.



SHANE McMINN



KAREN McMINN

Karen & Shane McMinn Earn Degrees From Tech

Karen and Shane McMinn received bachelor of science degrees from Texas Tech University in recent commencement exercises. The couple were married last month and have made their home in Clute.

Mrs. McMinn, the former Karen Cobb, earned a degree in physical education. She has been employed with Brazosport ISD as a teacher/coach.

McMinn's degree was in electrical engineering. Graduating cum laude with an over-all grade point average of 3.68, he is employed with Amoco Chemical of Alvin.

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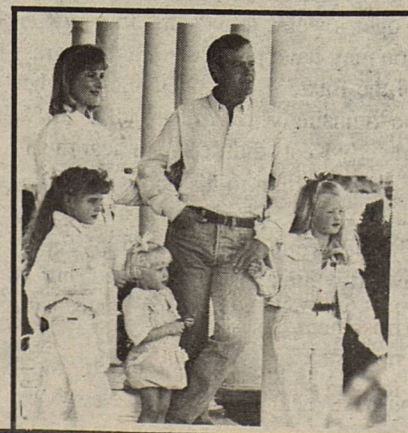
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Miss Gonzales, Mr. Halfmann Exchange Wedding Vows

Wedding vows were solemnized June 13 in Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo for Miss Anna Bertha Gonzales and Kevin James Halfmann.

Officiating was the Rev. Serran Braun.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Hermian Gonzales. The groom is son of Mr. and Mrs. James Halfmann of Winters.

Mary Ann Gonzales, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Karen McMinn of Clute, Amy Yonker of Las Cruces, NM, Sara Moreno of Lubbock and Dolly Gonzales.

Gary Halfmann of Abilene was best man. Groomsmen were Herman Gonzales Jr., Henry Gonzales of Lubbock and Del Van Cox of San Angelo.

Gregory Gonzales was ring bearer. Guests were seated by Rene Villegas and Bryan Green.

The bride is a 1988 graduate of Plains High School. She received a bachelor of arts degree from Angelo State University.

A 1987 graduate of Winters High School, the groom graduated from An-

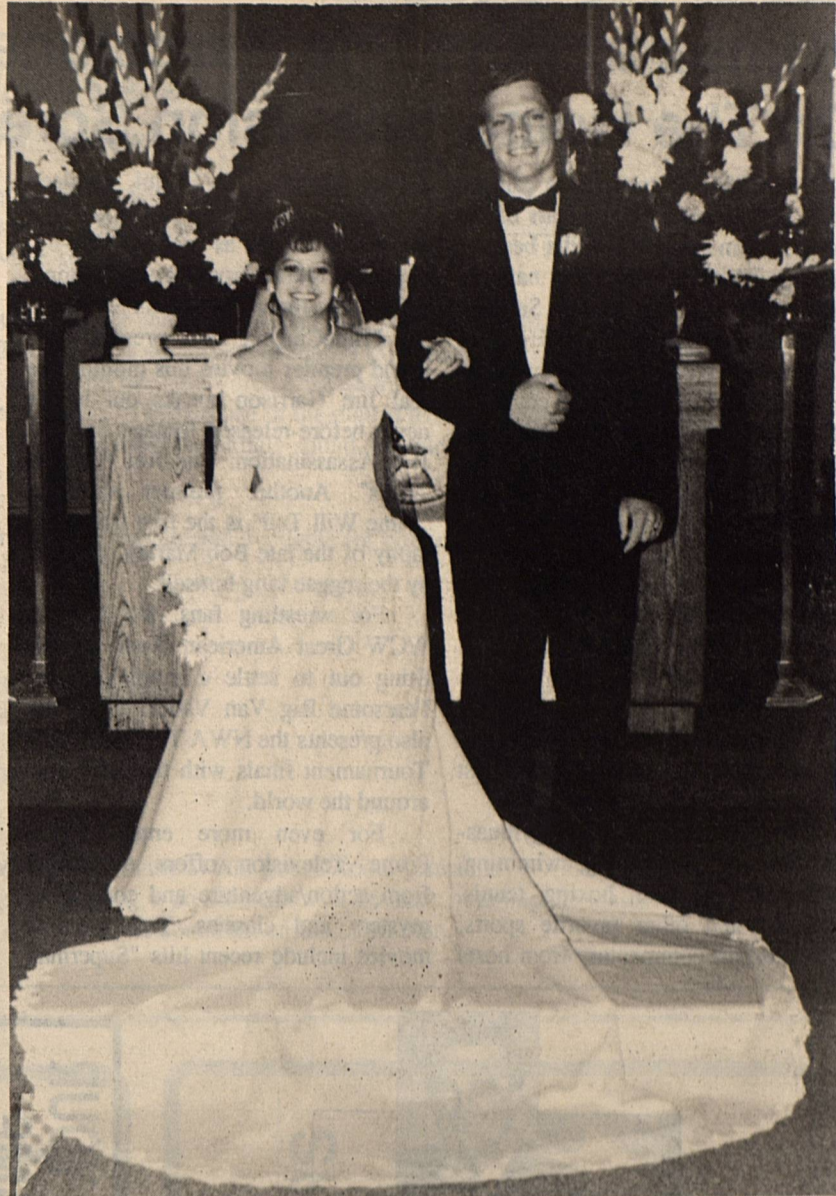
gelo State with a bachelor of science degree.

The couple will teach and coach in Mexia Independent School District. They are at home in Mexia after a wedding trip to New Orleans.



**Look
Who's
New**

Johnna and Bobby Summers would like to announce the arrival of a daughter born at 9:01 p.m. July 2 in Plano Medical Center in Plano. The little miss has been named Alexis Anne. She weighed seven pounds four ounces and measured 20 inches long. Grandparents are Barbara and Johnnie Brown and Bob and Linda Summers of Alphretta, Ga. Great-grandparents are Mrs. Rose Hash of Sherman and Clyde and Martha Johnson and Helen Summers, all of Bellefonte, Pa.



MR. & MRS. KEVIN JAMES HALFMANN

Lynn McElroy's Bride-To-Be Will Be Complimented July 18

Michelle White, bride-elect of Lynn McElroy, will be complimented with a bridal shower Saturday, July 18 in the home of Mrs. Vaughn Culwell at 1007 2nd Street. Calling hours are 2 to 3 p.m.

Friends and relatives are invited. Gift selections may be found at Jerri's Boutique, Renaissance Flowers & Gifts in Plains and Nelson's Pharmacy in Brownfield.



HONORED GUESTS at the home of Jim and Jo Ann Barron recently were Glenda Hobbs, mother of the honoree; Tana Hobbs, honoree; and Lorene Ellison, honoree's maternal grandmother.

Pre-Nuptial Shower Held For Tana Hobbs Recently

Miss Tana Hobbs, bride-elect of Daniel Romero, was feted recently with a pre-nuptial courtesy in the home of Jo Ann and Jim Barron.

Honored guests were the honoree's mother and grandmother.

Appointed in gold and crystal, the party table was laid with a white Battenburg lace cloth and centered with a silk arrangement of burgundy, blue and white in a gold bowl. A portrait of the couple completed the decor.

Paula McMinn presided at the refreshment table, serving sausage balls, mini muffins, fresh fruit and dip, coffee and punch.

Guests shared "Advice for a happy marriage" with prayer offered by Mrs. Barron.

Hostesses presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner and the party table centerpiece.

Assisting with hostess duties were Mes. Stanley Ashburn, Bo Stevens, Dan Wall, Darrell Lowrey, Charley Ellis, Archie Harris, Kent Welch, David McGill, Dwayne Canada, Mackey McWhirter, Larry McMinn, David Guetersloh, Milton Bayer, Tom Willis, H.B. Moreland, Debbie Garland, Jo Redman, Jodi Peterson, Louise Goehry and Dolores Davis.

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The Triplecast features gymnastics, track and field, diving, swimming, basketball, volleyball, boxing, tennis, equestrian and other favorite sports. There's expert commentary from hosts

Ahmad Rashad, Don Criqui, Kathleen Sullivan, Gayle Gardner, Chris Evert and Chick Hearn as well as play-by-play descriptions from former Olympic stars Bruce Jenner and Frank Shorter.

PrimeCinema also presents two world premier movies this month. The real Jim Garrison speaks out in the never-before-released footage of "The JFK Assassination: The Jim Garrison Tapes". Another premier showing, "Time Will Tell" is the first true biography of the late Bob Marley, narrated by the reggae king himself.

For wrestling fans, the July 12 WCW Great American Bash '92 has Sting out to settle a score with the Fearsome Big Van Vader. The show also presents the NWA Tag Team Title Tournament finals with the best from around the world.

For even more entertainment, Prime Television offers everything from action/adventure and comedy to mystery and classics. This month's movies include recent hits "Superman

IV: The Quest for Peace" with Christopher Reeve, "Wise Guys" starring Danny DeVito and Joe Piscopo,

Charles Bronson in "Death Wish" and Mariel Hemingway in "Creator". Other

favorites like "The Shaggy Dog" with Fred MacMurray, the Rock Hudson/Dorris Day classic "That Touch of Mink" and "Perry Mason: Case of the Lady in the Lake" are also July features.

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Summer Readers Conduct Experiments

Simple science experiments were conducted Wednesday by boys and girls participating in the summer reading club at Yoakum County Library.

Movie of the day was "Arthur, the Kid".

Attending were Liz Ramirez, Tommie and Grady McNabb, Evan Cain, Chuck Harville, Anthony Loya, Connie Lee and Rose Marie Loya, Blake Parrish and Ashley and Charla Vantine.

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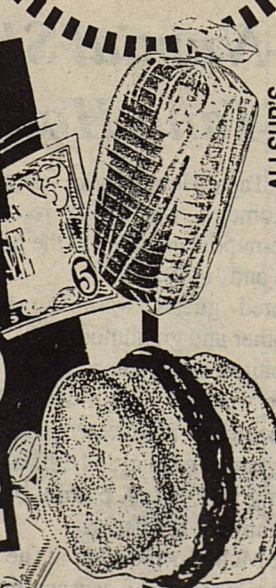
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Draft Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Available For Review

In anticipation of increased environmental legislation governing municipal solid waste landfills, the 71st Texas Legislature, via Senate Bill 1519, mandated the creation of regional solid waste management plans. These plans are being undertaken throughout the state to assist localities in the continued provision of solid waste services.

Since October 1990, the South Plains Solid Waste Management Task Force and HDR Engineering, Inc., have been working on the development of a regional solid waste management plan. The Task Force is comprised primarily of 30 local officials representing governmental entities from throughout the South Plains. Also, serving on the Task Force are a number of private solid waste service providers and individuals who represent concerned citizen groups. The purpose of the plan is to devise regional approaches for the management of solid waste throughout the South Plains which are environmentally sound, technically feasible, economically viable and politically acceptable.

The Draft South Plains Regional Solid Waste Management Plan is now complete and available for public review and comment. The Plan can be viewed at the following location

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On Wednesday, July 22, 1992, at 6:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held in the SPAG Board Room located at 1323 58th Street, in Lubbock to discuss the Draft Plan. During this hearing, a presentation will be made outlining the major provisions of the Draft Plan. The public will then be given an opportunity to comment on the Draft Plan.

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Texas Classrooms: Are they the Money Machines of the Future?

A Dispatch from the University World by Jack Maquire - retired director of The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures at San Antonio

Do college and university classrooms and laboratories hold the secret to the future prosperity of Texas?

An increasing number of the state's elected leaders think so after taking a close look at California's Silicon Valley and the satellite communities around Boston. Virtually all of the hundreds of thousands of new high tech jobs that have been created there resulted from the work of researchers at Stanford University in California, and Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in New England.

The same thing is happening in Texas on a smaller scale. Money invested in academic research is returning handsome dividends in communities like Austin, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and others. New knowledge evolving from educational researchers pays off by causing new companies to start up, thus creating new jobs and producing new dollars for the local and state economy.

Can it happen here in a big way? Can research in medicine, science, engineering and other areas produce ideas that will result in new businesses to replace oil as the major fuel of Texas economy?

State officials are willing to try. Governor Ann Richards, Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock and Gib Lewis, speaker of the House of Representatives, say that spending money to buy research today will be a sound investment in Texas' economic future.

"The key to the next 20 years is going to be found...through a vastly improved educational system," Governor Richards says.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock is even more emphatic.

"Today and tomorrow in Texas depends on human resources. The answer and the challenge are as obvious as the chicken-or-the-egg question: education or economic expansion?"

"Fortunately, we know that education comes first, and...we have turned a new and important page by providing commitment, vision and resources."

Speaker Lewis sees the investment in educational research as more than a boost for the economy.

"Education is the key to everything we hope our state can become: more and better jobs, a lower crime rate and less demand for government-supported programs".

These statements are not wishful thinking. Leaders in both government and education aren't standing still in the competition for both research funds and the brainpower required to carry it out.

To build the kind of high-tech economies here that are still growing in California and Massachusetts, three things are necessary: adequate financial support combined with top-quality faculty and top-quality students. Fortunately, Texas already is getting both of the latter ingredients and indications are that funding won't be difficult, either.

Texas has become a magnet for superior faculty because five universities in the state rank among the top 100 in the U.S. in funding for research and development. Texas A&M ranks 8th nationally in research spending; UT-Austin, 15th; Houston's Baylor College of Medicine, 28th; U.T.'s M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, 58th, and U.T.'s Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, 63rd.

Assimilating world class faculties is enabling Texas to keep its brightest students within the state and attract many from other areas. National Merit Scholars - high school graduates considered the cream of the academic crop - are favoring Texas colleges and universities in ever increasing numbers. Of the top five schools in the country enrolling the most scholars this year, three are in Texas!

Harvard was first with 292 National Merit winners, but Houston's Rice University with 248 was a close second. The University of Texas at Austin was third in the nation with 210. California's Stanford University, with 159, eked out fourth place over Texas A & M University. The Aggies were fifth with 154.

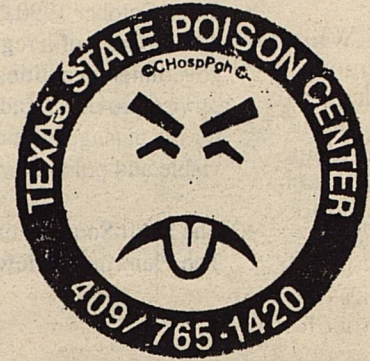
Two other Texas schools were among the top 100 in enrolling National Merit Scholars. The University of Houston was 21st with 70 and Baylor University 35th with 47.

Most say they chose to enroll in the Texas institutions because of their growing reputation as centers for research. Good students know that research is the base on which all new knowledge rests. This excites a generation interested in breakthroughs in science and business that will enhance the environment, revolutionize transportation, discover new frontiers in medicine and otherwise contribute to a better lifestyle and a stable economy.

With both the federal and state governments facing deficits, however, is it worth funneling more money into education in general and research in particular? John Sharp, comptroller of the state's tax monies, says a resounding "Yes".

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But you can fight heart and blood vessel diseases. And win.

The American Heart Association has fought on the front line to provide over \$1 billion for research since 1949. Some of that research has helped scientists to learn more about risk factors for heart disease and stroke.

Three of the major risk factors for heart disease can't be changed. These are:

- **Age** — The older you get, the more likely you are to develop heart disease.
- **Sex** — More men have heart disease and develop it earlier than women, but women narrow the gap after menopause.
- **Heredity** — You're more likely to develop heart disease if your close blood relatives had it. Race is also a consideration. Blacks have high blood pressure more often than whites. Consequently, African-Americans have a greater risk of heart disease.

You can control these major risk factors:

- **Smoking** — It's the most preventable cause of death from heart attack. And it's

never too late to stop smoking. Your risk of heart disease rapidly drops when you quit.

- **High blood pressure** — The cause is unknown in most cases, but you can often control it by eating a healthful diet, exercising regularly and limiting how much sodium you use. Your doctor may also suggest that you take medicine.
- **High blood cholesterol** — The fat-like substance is a normal part of your body's cells. The higher your blood cholesterol level, the more likely that fats and cholesterol will build up in your artery walls. You can help lower your level by reducing cholesterol, total fat and saturated fatty acids in your diet. You may also need to lose weight and take cholesterol-lowering drugs.

Diabetes, obesity, physical inactivity and perhaps stress are also factors that contribute to heart disease.

Most of the risk factors for stroke are the same as those for heart disease. Prior stroke and asymptomatic carotid bruit (an abnormal sound heard when a doctor listens to arteries in the neck) are other risk factors for stroke that can't be changed. And blacks have a much greater risk than whites of disability and death from stroke. Risk factors that you may be able to change include heart disease, high red blood cell count and transient ischemic attacks (TIAs), which occur when blood supply to the brain is blocked temporarily.

Remember, somebody died of heart and blood vessel diseases in the last few seconds. But it doesn't have to be this way. Fight back with education and prevention.

Chicken Salad Casserole

2 Tbsp.	Vegetable oil spray* acceptable**	1/4 cup	fresh bread crumbs (1/2 slice bread)
	margarine	1 Tbsp.	grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 lb.	fresh mushrooms, sliced	1/4 cup	light, reduced-calorie mayonnaise
1/2 cup	diced green bell pepper	2 tsp.	fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup	diced red bell pepper	1/2 tsp.	thyme
1/2 cup	chopped onion	1 dash	white pepper
1/2 cup	slivered water chestnuts	2 cups	diced cooked chicken

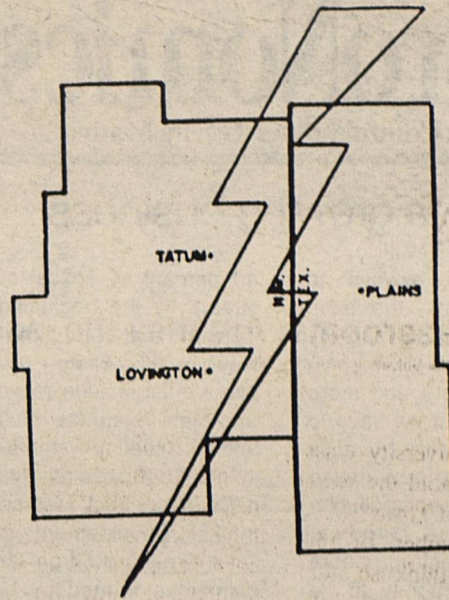
Preheat oven to 375° F.

Lightly spray an 8 x 8-inch pan with vegetable oil.

In a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, melt margarine. Add mushrooms, bell peppers, onion and water chestnuts. Cover and cook 7 to 9 minutes. Uncover and continue cooking over high heat until juices evaporate. Set aside.

In a small bowl, combine bread crumbs and grated Parmesan cheese. Set aside. In a large bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, thyme and white pepper. Add chicken and vegetable mixture. Stir to mix well. Spoon into prepared pan. Sprinkle bread crumb mixture evenly on top. Bake 20 minutes.

Makes 6 servings.



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EnviroNomics

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Recycling—a growing business

From quiet rural byways to bustling urban centers, the business of recycling is growing by leaps and bounds in Texas.

It's growing as more and more people understand that we have to reduce our waste stream because landfills are filling up and being closed by tougher anti-pollution rules. More and more corporate managers and entrepreneurs understand there is money to be made from trash.

The way is being led by thousands of concerned individuals who collect recyclable materials and by the business community. The Texas General Land Office has helped set up 10 corporate recycling councils around the state, involving more than 700 businesses.

These businesses are not acting solely from a sense of civic duty. They are increasing their profits, and that's a message that needs to be broadcast loud and clear.

The businesses are collecting quality waste paper, aluminum cans and bottles for resale. Some are changing their manufacturing processes to cut waste that otherwise would go into a landfill.

For example, Miller Brewing Co. in Fort Worth is saving thousands of dollars in landfill tipping fees and making a considerable amount of money. Miller is selling organic residues from its brewing process to be used as cattle feed and composting material.

The councils are helping to close the economic loop by encouraging businesses not only to collect recyclable materials but to buy products made from these materials. The growth in the number and variety of these products is astounding.

Recent recycling exhibitions co-sponsored by the land office and local councils in Houston and San Antonio attest to the fact that recycling is on the threshold of becoming a full-fledged industry here in Texas—a profitable, job-creating industry.

Who would have ever thought in our throw-away society that shredded plastic soda bottles could be recycled into carpeting for office buildings? Or that old cardboard boxes could be transformed into pencils?

Two more exhibitions are slated this year—Corpus Christi this

September to coincide with the fall Adcpt-A-Beach cleanup, and Austin in November. The Austin event, co-sponsored with the LBJ School of Public Affairs, will focus on purchasing requirements by state government agencies to fulfill the mandate of Senate Bill 1340.

Passed in the 1991 legislative session, the statute requires state purchasing officials to give preferential treatment to products made from recycled materials. The bill sets as a goal the recycling of

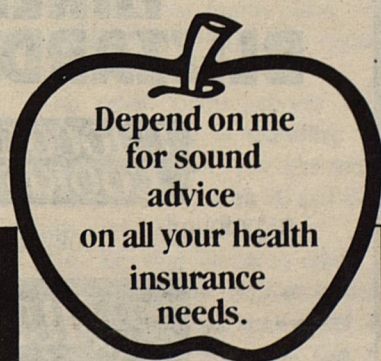
40 percent of Texas' solid waste stream by the beginning of 1994. Toward that end, regional and local solid waste management plans must include recycling goals and state agencies must separate and collect all recyclable waste.

SB 1340 also directs the land office to conduct a comprehensive market development study and seek direct input from an advisory committee formed by both public and private sector entities interested in promoting recycling.

Other exciting activities are happening which clearly indicate that creative thinking on reducing the waste stream is being carried to fruition. For example:

- Texas A&M, has set up a comprehensive recycling program that is a model for institutions of higher learning.
- A dairy farmer near Stephenville has started a project that aims at recycling potentially polluting barnyard wastes by using them as a profitable composting material.
- Champion Paper Co. is building a state-of-the-art de-inking plant near Houston that daily will recycle hundreds of tons of old newspapers, magazines and other reusable paper.
- A plastic recycling plant in Junction is mixing plastic chips with cedar sawdust to make doors and window frames of extraordinary durability.

Many problems remain on the recycling horizon, but I'm convinced that the value of linking environmental improvement to economic opportunity will overcome them.



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Jack Cleveland Services Held In Brownfield Chapel

Services were conducted July 4 in Memorial Chapel of Brownfield Funeral Home for Jack Cleveland, 71, of Brownfield. Officiating was the Rev. J.L. Bass, retired Baptist minister.

Burial was in Terry County Memorial Cemetery under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Mr. Cleveland died July 3 in Brownfield Regional Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

He was born Aug. 8, 1920 in Yoakum County. He graduated from Lubbock High School and Texas A & M University. He served in the US Army in the South Pacific in World War II. He was a county agent in Alice and owned and operated Phillips 66 distributors ship, loan offices and investments.

Survivors include two brothers, Wayne of Canadian and G.W. of Plains; and three sisters, Neweta Loyde of Seminole, Frances Williams of Santa Paula, Ca. and Fatina Fite of Edgewood.

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