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## Calendar



### Wild Horse Prairie Days Schedule of Events

#### Fri., June 4

9 a.m.: Ranch Horse competition, first round  
5 p.m.: Parade, downtown Haskell  
8 p.m.: Ranch Rodeo, Haskell Co. Arena  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Dance, Civic Center

#### Sat., June 5

All day: BBQ Cookoff, RV Park  
8 a.m.: Ranch Team Roping  
10 a.m. to 12 noon: Children's Stick Horse Rodeo, Show Barn  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Cowboy Poetry & Entertainment, Civic Center  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Chuck Wagon Dinner, Fairgrounds  
1 p.m.: Ranch Horse Competition, Haskell Co. Arena  
8 p.m.: Ranch Rodeo, Haskell Co. Arena  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.: Dance, Civic Center

#### Sun., June 6

10 a.m. to 12 noon: Cowboy Church Service, Civic Center



FIRING UP FOR THE FEED—Chuck wagon food and fixin's will be found in abundance at the Fourth Annual Chuck Wagon Feed to

be served Saturday, June 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Haskell County Fair and Rodeo Grounds.

## Parade to kickoff Wild Horse Prairie Days events

Kicking off the full week-end of events planned during Haskell's Fourth Annual Wild Horse Prairie Days celebration, the Wild Horse Prairie Days Parade will begin at 5:00 p.m., Fri., June 4.

Grand Marshal for the parade will be State Representative Rick Hardcastle of Vernon, who will be riding in his own ranch wagon.

The parade will begin at Ave. B and go west on North 1st (Highway 380), turn right at the red light, turn left at North 2nd, turn left at North Ave. G, turn left on North 1st, and end back where it started.

Loutina White, Parade Coordinator, said entries for the parade continue to come in and she expects even more before the start of the parade on Friday.

Three \$100,000 prizes will be awarded to winning participants and all parade participants will receive a Rodeo ticket. First, second and third place trophies will be awarded to the riding clubs. Winners will be announced during Friday's Rodeo.

Loutina White may be contacted at (940) 864-3507.

## 1898 medallion holds 'witness' to working cowboy

by Mary Kaigler

The lore and the legends of working cowboys and their ranch competitions are both a real and

romantic part of the heritage of this part of Texas.

Although Haskell's Annual Wild Horse Prairie Days

Celebration is only in its fourth year, it nevertheless has roots in a local tradition going back over a hundred years; back at least to 1898, when the city hosted the third reunion of the newly formed Texas Cow-Boys Association. One Haskell native has tangible proof of this.

Western history buff, farmer and merchant Rick Phemister, who literally "covers" the western aspect of the Big Country from heads to tails, has come into the possession of a medallion awarded to a contender at that 3rd Annual Texas Cow-Boys Reunion held in Haskell, July 28-29, 1898.

From the front page of the July 30, 1898 edition of *The Haskell Free Press* comes this report of that phenomenal celebration.

"For two or three days before the opening day a steady stream of wagons and buggies poured into Haskell from every point of the compass until the hundreds of tents and camps of every description gave the surrounding appearance of some great mining camp. Besides these, the whole force of the three Haskell livery stables and that of the stables of Albany, Abilene and Seymour were employed in bringing passengers from these three railroad points."

"When opening day arrived, the town hadn't standing room left. The number of visitors was variously estimated at from 8,000 to 15,000, but the estimate which we adopted and which we believe is a fair one places the number at 10,000." the newspaper account continued about the events unfolding at what the headlines proudly proclaimed as, "The Great Reunion of the Texas Cow-Boys Association, A Grand Success in Point of Amusement and Performance from Start to Finish."

Eloquently describing the third annual Texas Cow-Boys Reunion, the 1898 *Free Press* writer said, "Perhaps its counterpart has never been witnessed anywhere else in the world. Interspersed with hundreds of sun-bronzed cowboys and ranch men were score upon score of the youth and beauty and fashion of the fair sex of Western Texas." Continuing, the article made the statement that, "No country upon the face of the globe can boast of prettier, sweeter, and

more lovable women than those whose cheeks are caressed by the health-giving breezes of Western Texas. And of all West Texas, the breezes of Haskell County are purest and her women most lovely. Such at least is the loudly proclaimed verdict of the knights of the lariat and spur, and we are inclined to concur in the verdict."

As the Cow-Boys Association meeting in the court house, Judge J. H. Glasgow, secretary of the Association, paid a glowing tribute to Haskell, "The Queen of the Western Prairies," and to her "wholesouled people for their generosity in providing so splendid an entertainment." Before the 1898 Association meeting was ended, Haskell was voted to host the fourth annual Reunion in 1899, winning the vote over Abilene, Quanah and Seymour.

Rick Phemister says he is excited about owning the piece of memorabilia and tangible "witness" of this early cowboy gathering in Haskell. The story of how he came to have the piece makes one wish to hear "the rest of the story." However, little is known.

Rick first heard of its existence from his mother, Doris Jean

McMeans, with whom he owns and operates Heads or Tails Western Wear in Haskell. A man from Gorman showed it to her at a Western Show in Snyder. Later, at the Texas Cowboy Reunion in Stamford, July, 1998, the same man came by and showed it to him. The ironic coincidence of the fact that it was exactly 100 years old that day was not lost on Rick. He wanted to own it.

After trying unsuccessfully to buy it, Rick was able to swap the man some things for it, under the specified terms that Rick had to keep it and never, ever sell it.

Intrigued by the questions of what, where and who, all that Rick learned is that the man had found it in his cow lot. His guess is that some cowboy lost it out of his shirt pocket while doing chores before putting it away, soon after winning it during the 1898 Cow-Boys Reunion in Haskell.

Darkened by age, (and no doubt by a century of cow lot environment) the small copper medallion has two small rings at the top, possibly meant for threading on a ribbon or chain or

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## Auction

The Church of God will hold an auction Sat., June 5 at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Proceeds will benefit the church.

## Erika Sanders Memorial Scholarship

The Class of 1999 has established a memorial scholarship fund in memory of Erika Sanders. To donate to the fund, contact the superintendent's office at Rule High School 997-2521.

## Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be in Haskell at the old City Hall annex, 305 N. 1st, Thurs., June 3 at 9:30 a.m.

## Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet June 7 at the First National Bank Community Room at 7 p.m. Wayne Dunnam will present a program with film or pictures of Haskell.

## Lodge meeting

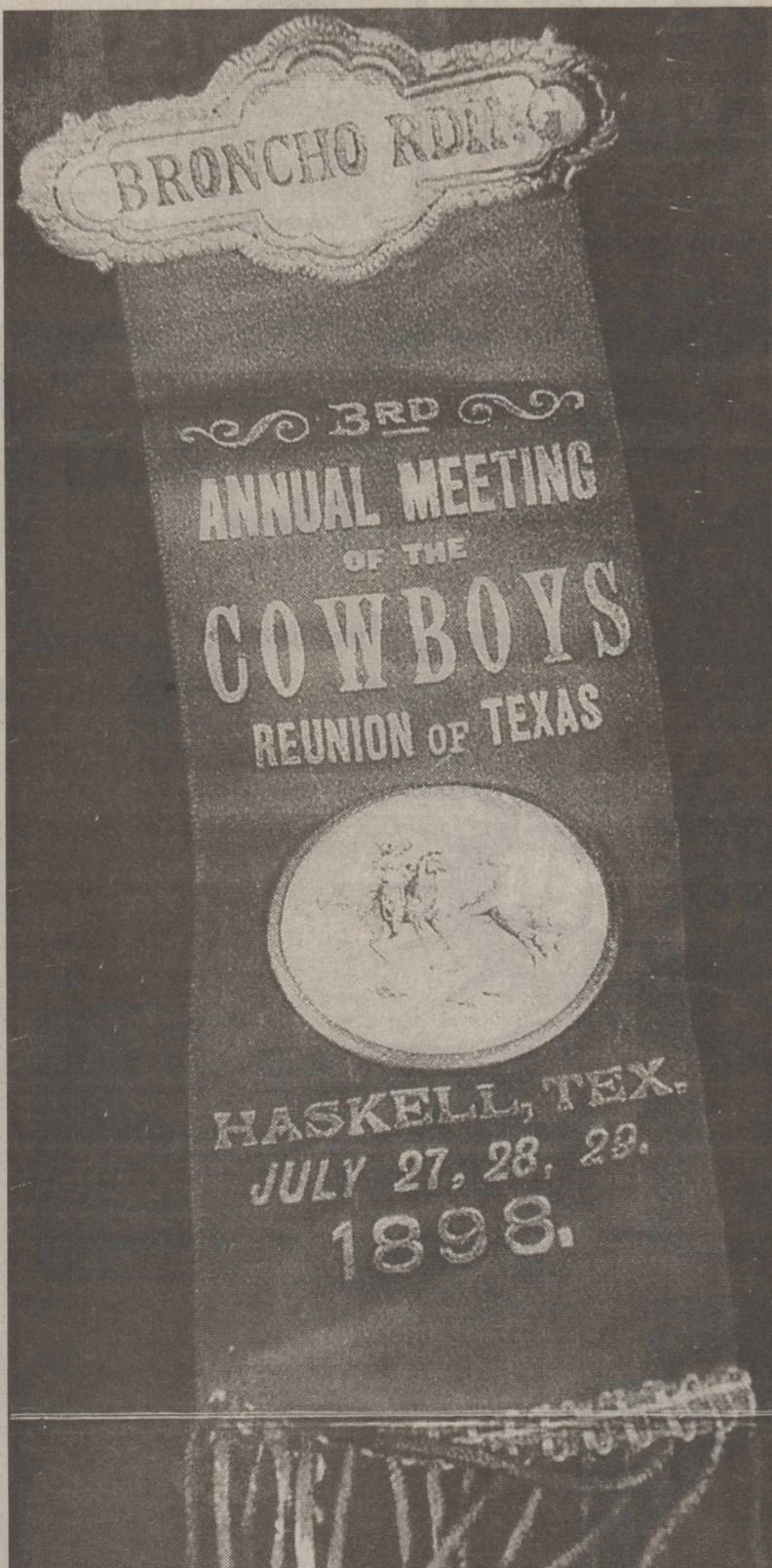
The Sons of Hermann Lodge meeting will be held Sun., June 6 at the Irby Hall. The meeting begins at 3 p.m. The ladies will treat the men with a Father's Day meal.

## Fund established

A fund has been established for Georgia E. Sheppard of Haskell at First National Bank of Haskell. Sheppard suffers with terminal cancer and needs help with medical expenses.

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WINNING RIBBON—Earned for Bronco Riding by an unknown cowboy at the Third Annual meeting of the Cowboys Reunion of Texas, held in Haskell, July 27-29, 1898, this red ribbon testifies to a century of Western heritage to be found in Haskell County.



LOST AND FOUND—A silent witness to the 1898 third Annual Cowboys Reunion in Haskell has surfaced after spending 100 years lost in a cow lot near Gorman. Rick Phemister is the owner.

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## 1898 medallion

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pin. In raised letter inside the six points of a star, circled by a decorative ring of embossed laurel leaves, it reads, 3rd. Ann. Cow-Boys Reunion, July 27-29, Haskell, Tex., 1898. In the center of the star is an engraved cowboy on a bucking horse.

After acquiring the medallion, Rick found printed in a book, a colored picture of a red ribbon, trimmed with gold fringe, that was awarded for Bronco Riding at that same 3rd. Annual Texas Cow-Boys

Association Reunion in Haskell. This picture and the "witness" to the past that come into Rick Phemister's hands exactly 100 years after it was given to an unknown cowboy, are a priceless reminder to him of the wealth of history and heritage there is embodied in the Annual Wild Horse Prairie Days Celebration beginning here this week; a time when once again the "knights of the lariat and spur" will gather in to rodeo and ride.

## Lamb and goat sale set June 12

According to event co-chairman Charlie Palmer, the 10th annual Club Lamb/Meat Goat Sale has already received a number of pledges of outstanding club lambs and meat goats from throughout Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The event is scheduled Sat., June 12, 7:30 p.m. at the Wylie FFA Showbarn, Abilene. Revenues from the sale go directly into treatment services at the Rehab Center. Over 17,000 persons received care at the Rehab Center last year.

Other event chairmen are John Helmer of Merkel, Gaines Price of Roscoe and Wade Stephens of

Cross Plains. Meat goat chairman is Jennifer Morris from Colorado City.

Lambs and goats are donated for young people to raise as show animals. Only lambs and goats bought at the sale will be eligible for the Rehab Jackpot Show, Dec. 11 at the Dorthea Griffin Arena at Taylor County Expo Center.

The co-chairmen invite you to come out for beans and cornbread at the chuck wagon before the sale. For additional information, contact Danny Isbell at the Rehab Center in Abilene at 915-793-3509 or Dee Lackey at the Rehab Center in San Angelo, 915-223-6311.



**RODEO STATION**—On Sat., June 5, the Haskell Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a special pictorial postal cancellation commemorating the Wild Horse Prairie Days. Haskell Postmaster Benny Harris, center, and Tommy Waldrip, right, are pictured presenting Abe Turner, director of the Haskell Chamber of Commerce, with a plaque of the special cancellation. Haskell postal personnel will be at the Rodeo Station on the rodeo grounds from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. June 5, to assist anyone wishing to receive the special cancellation on any card or letter bearing postage. All outgoing mail received that day will receive the special cancellation. It includes the Wild Horse Prairie Days logo and brand, and is marked Rodeo Station, Haskell, Tx 79521 and June 5, 1999.



REP. RICK HARDCASTLE

## Hardcastle to be Grand Marshal

State Representative Rick Hardcastle, riding in his own wagon, will be the Grand Marshal of the Wild Horse Prairie Days parade and of the colorful Grand Entry at the Rodeo both Fri. and Sat. nights.

In making the announcement, Fred Hernandez, Chamber of Commerce president, said, "Representative Hardcastle has gained the respect of his fellow legislators and has been helpful to Haskell and Haskell County," adding that Hardcastle and Kenny Thompson shared the expense of twenty Texas flags to display at the Rodeo.

State Representative, Rick Hardcastle has called Vernon home all his life. In Vernon he has run a successful business, served his community and raised his family.

Currently, Hardcastle and his father, Harold, operate the Rolling H Cattle Company, which they established four years ago. A previous owner of a successful aerial spraying and fertilizer company in Vernon, he sold the business to Terra International.

Hardcastle's involvement in the agriculture industry goes beyond running his own business. He served as president of the Texas Agriculture Aviation Association, and sits as a member of its Board of Directors. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Agricultural Aviation Association and the National Agricultural Aviation Research and Education Foundation of which he is also president.

Hardcastle works with the Wilbarger County Livestock Show and the Wilbarger County 4-H Club, of which he served as president. He is currently a member of the Board.

Much of Hardcastle's time is dedicated to community activities. Serving as both the second vice-president and a board member of the Boys and Girls Club of Vernon, he belongs to the Executive Board of the Wilbarger County 4-H Club, and is a former Boy Scout Leader.

Now age forty-three, he graduated from Vernon High School in 1974 and attended Vernon Regional Junior College and Tarleton State University. Married twenty years to the former Nancy Zeissel of Munday, they have two children, Christie, a freshman at Texas Tech this fall, and Cayce, an eight grader at Vernon Middle School. The Hardcastle family belongs to the Holy Faith Catholic Church.



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## Students receive prizes

Haskell Consolidated Independent School District students who maintained a record of perfect attendance during the second semester recently found their diligence rewarded with prizes.

Those receiving TVs were Jacklyn Kilgore, Sydney Brueggeman, Lori McDermott, Heath Livingston, and Rosalinda Gonzales.

CD players were won by Shayne McKenzie, Heath Livingston, Michael Lindsay, Becky Howeth, Amanda Perry, Mandy Adams, and Melody Kennedy.

Dr. Peppers were presented to Conrad Palacios, Josh Stocks, Eric Brown, Katy McDaniel, Ross Bullinger, and Krystal Kluth.

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MR. AND MRS. J. N. CORNELIUS

## Couple celebrates 50th anniversary

Oleta and J. N. Cornelius will be honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an informal reception Sun., June 6 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church of Rule. The honorees and their three sons, Paul of Irving, Richard of Corpus Christi, and Tommy of McCamey will be welcoming their friends at the reception.

The couple met in Velma, Okla. during the 1948 oil boom in Stephens and Carter counties. They were married in Henrietta June 4, 1949. They lived in Velma, Lindsey and Enid, Okla. and also Joy and Aqua Dulce, Tex. before moving to Rule where they have resided for the past 39 years.

J. N. was employed by Skelly, Getty and Texaco Oil Company, retiring in 1986 after 36 years of service. He served two terms as a councilman for the City of Rule. J. N. is a member of the Rule Masonic Lodge #954, serving as Worship Master a number of times and is a dual member of the Fort Griffin Masonic Lodge #489 in Throckmorton. A 32nd degree KCCH of Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory, J. N. served as District Deputy Grand Master of the 91st District in 1983 and 1991, as

Worthy Patron a number of times in the Rule Chapter #989, Order of the Eastern Star and is a dual member of Throckmorton Chapter #500. He received the Golden Trowel award for service in masonry in 1998. He participates in the Haskell ISD BUDDIES Program. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, golfing and gardening.

Oleta retired from the Rule Independent School District following 21 years of service. She is a member of the Rule Chapter #989, Order of the Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron a number of times, a dual member of the Haskell Chapter #982 and served at Deputy Grand Matron in

1991. One of six women honored by the former Rule Philadelphian Club in 1988, recognized along with six others for community service by the City of Rule in 1977 and was Haskell Fair Champion Adult Exhibitor in 1988, 1989 and 1991. She is a member of the Haskell Progressive Study Club, a member of the Haskell Hospital Auxiliary and participates in the Haskell ISD BUDDIES Program. A former correspondent for the Twin Cities News and Haskell Free Press newspapers, she is the area correspondent for the Abilene Reporter News. Her hobbies are bridge, reading, traveling and gardening.

J. N. and Oleta are both members of the First United Methodist Church of Rule where they have served in numerous offices.

## Hospital

### Admissions

Pauline Ross, Rule  
Imogene Freshour, Haskell  
Lennie Williams, Haskell

### Dismissals

Juanita Posey, Edna Grubbs,  
Tom Lobos, Tamarie Bishop,  
Georgia Sheppard

## Child car seat training program saves lives

Despite her own injuries, the frightened mother brought her car to a halt in a shower of broken glass and crumpled metal, then turned to her child in the back seat. The wide-eyed toddler stared back, without even a scratch. Fortunately, just days earlier, staff from the Safe Riders Program had reinstalled his safety seat securely and correctly in the family auto.

"People hear about our check-up clinics and drive up to have us check their car safety seats," said Susan Warren, director of Safe Riders, a statewide traffic safety program at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "Manufacturer instructions often are so difficult to understand that most people don't install child safety seats properly. It can take our trained staff up to a half hour to wrestle them into place."

When correctly secured in the back seat, safety seats reduce the risk of death from traffic crashes by 71 percent for infants and by 54 percent for toddlers. "We know this program can protect children from serious injury or death," Warren said. "Many people tell us about children surviving car crashes just a few days after we install their seats correctly."

Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children, taking more than 2,658 lives of children under age 15 nationally and seriously injuring another 300,000 children each year. In 1997 in Texas, 250 children under age 15 died in crashes. Warren said that research shows 87 percent of

child safety seats in Texas are not installed correctly, placing children at risk in auto accidents.

"With some 300 different car models and at least 75 different styles of car safety seats, it's no wonder that so many are not installed as they should be," she said. From four to six Safe Riders car seat clinics are held each month around the state.

Here are some suggestions from Safe Riders for checking your child's safety seat:

- Make sure the auto's safety belt holds the car seat securely. If you can rock the child's seat forward or from side to side more than 1 inch, the seat is not installed correctly.

- Most seats need a harness clip, which should rest on the child's chest, even with his or her underarms. Make sure harness straps are not torn or frayed.

- The straps should fit snugly, allowing no more than one finger between the straps and the child's body.

- Read your car owner's manual for special installation instructions.

- If you don't have your car seat instructions or have questions, call the TDH Safe Riders Program toll free at 1-800-252-8255 for a copy. You also may call the car seat maker for advice.

Besides ensuring proper installation at check-up clinics, Safe Riders staff members also collect hazardous seats that have been in a car crash, are more than five to seven years old or have been recalled by manufacturers. "Drivers

get a new seat right there," Warren said. "We replace about 25 seats at each clinic."

These car seats are funded by the National SAFE KIDS Campaign, a non-profit injury prevention organization. Safe Riders Program funds come from a federal grant provided by the Texas Department of Transportation. Throughout the year, trainers and a mascot, "Buckle Bear," visit elementary schools across Texas to teach children about using seat belts properly. A recent federal rule established a standard anchoring system for new cars and light trucks by the end of this year. "That's great," Warren

said, "but it takes at least 20 years to get a car model off the road, so we'll be checking car seats for a long time."

The Safe Riders Program also emphasizes bicycle helmet and older adult traffic safety. Last year, the bicycle helmet program

distributed about 10,000 helmets to Texas children through community groups, churches, hospitals and child care centers. The older adult traffic safety program holds regional Ride Safe/Walk Safe and Safe Communities workshops that focus on aging and driving as well as bicycle and pedestrian safety.

## Students in the News

Ronnie Bailey has completed 30 hours of Bible theology at Vision Christian Bible College in Abilene with a 3.8 grade point average out of a possible 4.0.

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Two Haskell area students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List for the Spring semester at the University.

Those listed include Tonya N. Burson, a Psychology major and Mary Kay Watson, a Biology major, both from Haskell.

To be eligible for the Dean's

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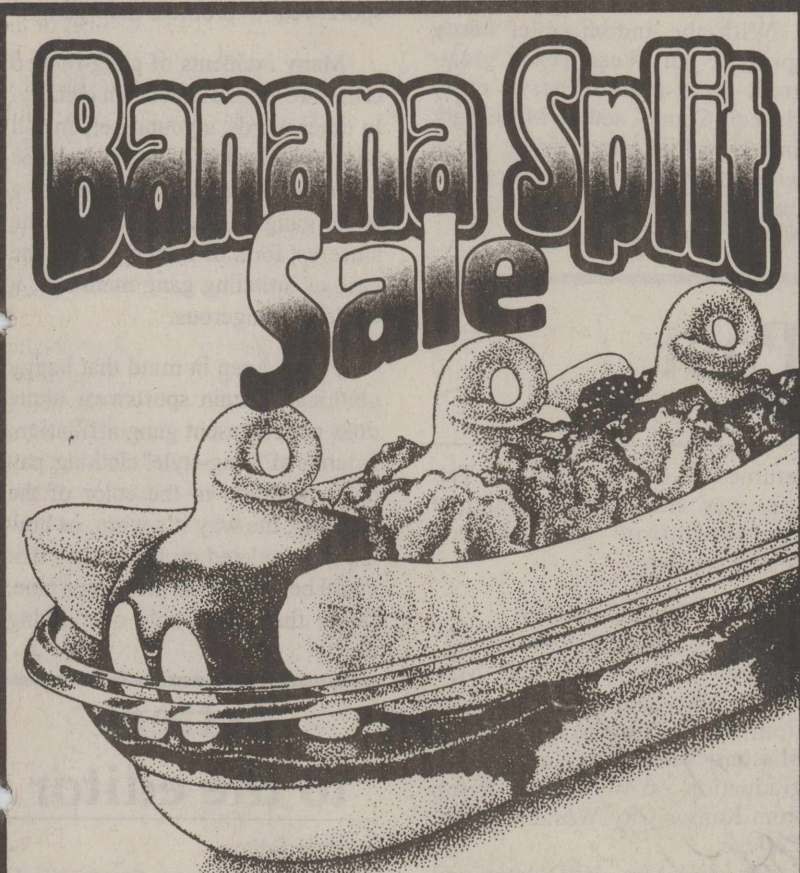
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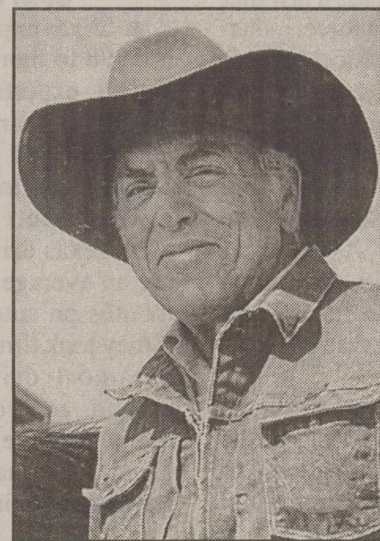


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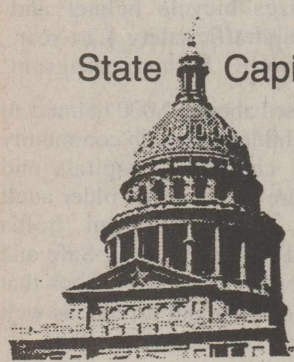
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# OPINION

State Capital



## HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — The Texas House last week tentatively approved a bill containing Gov. George W. Bush's legislative priorities for this session: teacher pay increases, a school property tax cut, more money for education and an end to social promotions.

Rep. Paul Sadler, chairman of the House Public Education Committee, said teachers deserve a pay increase.

"First and foremost," he said, "Senate Bill 4 recognizes the efforts of our teaching profession over the last decade in improving our classroom performance and improving our student performance student by student, classroom by classroom, campus by campus throughout the state."

The bill would set aside \$1.7 billion from the state budget to give each teacher a \$3,000 pay increase, spend \$1.2 billion to create some property tax relief and earmark \$900 million for third-through ninth-grade education.

Efforts to attach an amendment allowing tax-supported vouchers for private schools was abandoned by Republicans concerned with preserving tax-cutting provisions. Meanwhile last week, several proposed business-tax cuts surfaced in the Senate. One bill calls for about \$180 million in corporate tax credits for:

- research and development expenses;
- tax credits for creating jobs in counties with high unemployment and low wages;
- capital investment tax credits; and
- credits for investing in employees' child care.

### Pollution Plan's Future in Doubt

Late last week, in the waning days of the 1999 Texas Legislature, it still was unclear whether Gov. Bush's smog-reduction legislation would come to a vote.

Bush's idea is to pass a law that would encourage, not force, industrial plants that produce "grandfathered" emissions to clean up.

Those plants include refineries, smelters and chemical plants in operation or under construction before 1971. Grandfathered plants release about 900,000 tons of emissions into Texas skies each year, according to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

But, like so many other bills as the session draws to a close, the measure may be amended "to death" or expire due to procedural

guidelines.

### Lottery Enhancing Bill Teeters

The House and Senate last week approved a bill by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, that would undo a cut in state lottery prize money that went into effect two years ago.

But, anti-gambling Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, added an amendment to cut the lottery's advertising budget by \$1 million for each 1 percent increase in the prize payout. That prompted Wilson to say he'd rather kill his bill than cut the advertising.

"I don't want to take the ox out of the ditch and cut one of its legs off and expect to still be able to plow with it," Wilson said.

Lottery sales have decreased since the payout was reduced in 1997 from \$3.76 billion to an expected \$2.9 billion this year.

### Toys Settlement Reached

Attorney General John Cornyn last week announced a \$50 million antitrust national settlement with Toys "R" Us, the nation's leading toy retailer, and toy manufacturers Mattel and The Little Tykes Company.

Texas, along with 43 other states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia, charged that Toys "R" Us orchestrated illegal agreements with toy manufacturers to restrict the supply of popular toys.

Texas' share of the settlement will provide \$2.3 million worth of toys for thousands of needy Texas children.

### New Austin Airport Opens

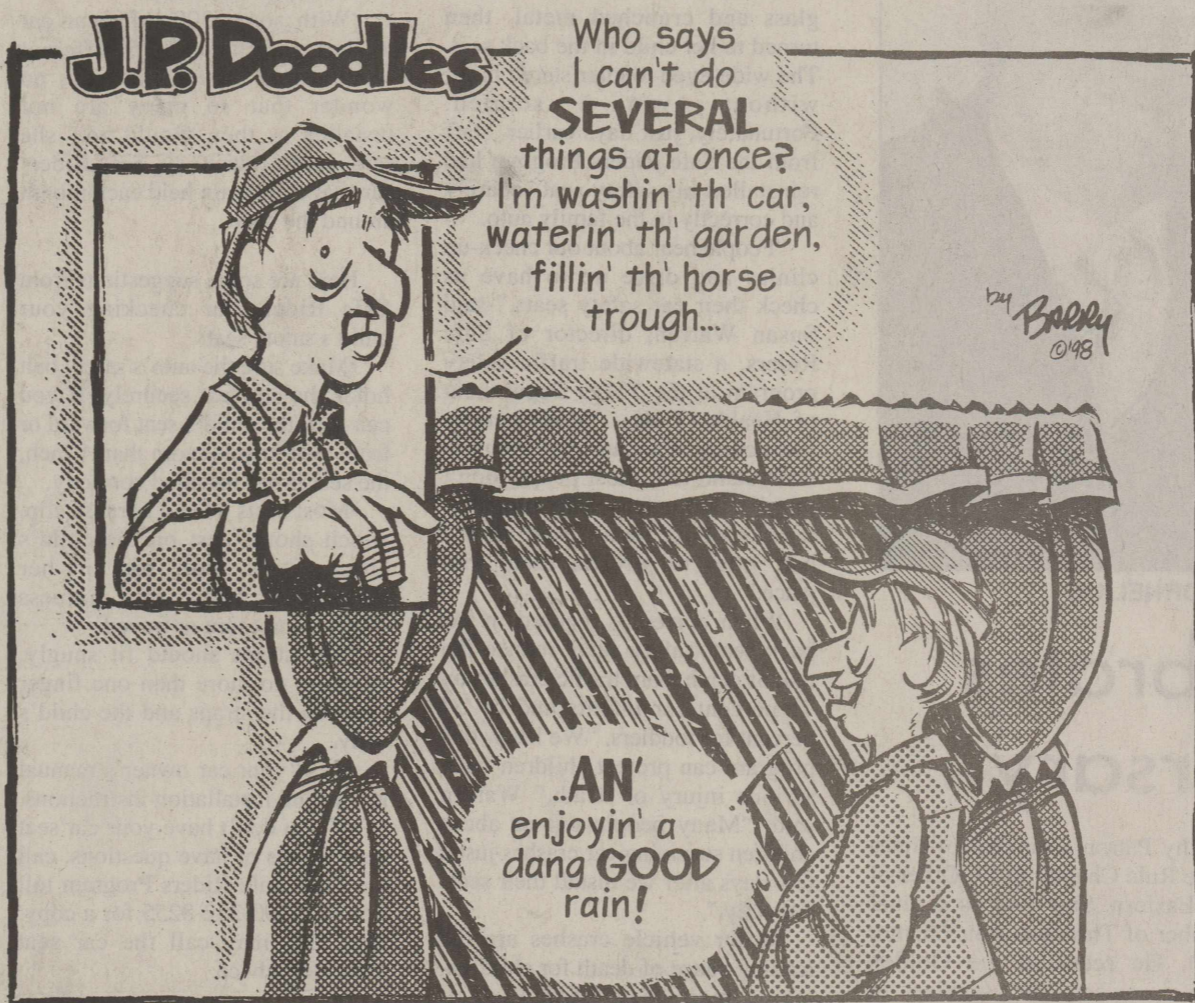
Austin-Bergstrom International Airport, boasting a 12,250-foot runway and a 600,000 square-foot passenger terminal with 25 gates, opened May 23.

Built on the site of a former U.S. Air Force base, Austin-Bergstrom International replaces Robert Mueller Airport.

### Other Highlights

■ Texas exports rose 3 percent in 1998 to more \$87 billion even as U.S. exports fell by 1 percent during the year, according to a report released last week by the Texas Department of Economic Development.

■ Texas drivers could be saving an average of \$689 every six months on automobile insurance if they took time to compare rates, but most drivers don't shop around, according to a May 26 news release by Progressive County Mutual, Texas' fastest-growing auto insurer.



## From The Inside Out

By Mary Kaigler

It isn't often that any one has the unlikely opportunity to actually see a house that was built by their great-great-grandfather. And certainly, it's even more unlikely that anyone will ever have the opportunity, during one short drive around a small town, to see two different houses built by two different great-great-grandfathers.

Yet, that was the surprising experience enjoyed last Friday by visitor Kassia Frost of Portland, Oregon, during her short visit to Haskell.

As the second of eight children of Khaki (Homesley) Frost and the late Larry Frost, Kassia is the granddaughter of Haskell native, Eloise (Koonce) Homesley of Haskell and my brother Jack Homesley of Dallas. Although she grew up, went to school and lived in a wide variety of places around the nation and state (and even Perth, Australia), the young lady had never before been to Haskell, Texas; a place that she has now found out figures largely in her family's history.

This week, after sharing a sample of the local Tex-Mex cuisine at Rodriguez Inn, we took her for a tour of everything "local" including a drive-by viewing of the two houses built by two of her maternal great-great-grandfathers.

The first one, located on a corner lot across from Haskell

Elementary School, was built around 1900 by Mose E. Park, early settler and farmer who built several houses in the county, and who also served as Haskell County Sheriff and Tax Collector from 1906 through 1908. (This was the house where his daughter Lela (Park) Kaigler raised her seven children, including my husband, Tom Kaigler.)

Mose Park was also the father of Emma (Park) Pinkerton, who married Tom Pinkerton, their daughter, Marylee (Pinkerton) Koonce married Wayne Koonce. Their daughter, Eloise (Koonce) Homesley, is Kassia's maternal grandmother.

The other house on Friday's "tour de jour", located west of town off the Rule Highway, was built by early-day farmer and prosperous landowner, John Pinkerton, for whom the early Haskell County community of Pinkerton was named after he gave the land for establishing much of the town. (Unfortunately, when plans for the railroad to come through there failed to materialize, the town gradually died, leaving only the Pinkerton cemetery to mark the place today.)

"Uncle John" Pinkerton, as he was called by many, was the father of Tom Pinkerton, who was the father of Marylee (Pinkerton) Koonce, who was the mother of Eloise (Koonce) Homesley. Eloise is the mother of Khaki (Homesley)

Frost, the mother of Kassia Frost.

And if you are not already dizzy from all of this genealogy, I will add that Kassia is not only Tom's and my great-niece, she is also our fourth cousin and is a second and fifth cousin to our daughter. No, I'm not going to run up and down the family tree to attempt to clarify that statement for fear that one or the other of us may find that we are our own grandpa.

Kassia seemed to take all of this in stride. She had interrupted her training for a cross-country bicycle marathon in Oregon, to come to Texas to attend her sister Amelie Benedikt's graduation and see her receive her Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Texas. When she returns to Portland she will continue the regimen of physical training.

By the time she left Haskell this week, Kassia was the proud owner of a fine-looking Heads or Tails cowboy hat and a special pair of boots that had belonged to her young aunt, the late Nanci Homesley Hallmark. The treasured hat and boots were gifts from her "Gran" Eloise.

With the indomitable, hardy spirit of her West Texas great-great-grandfathers, early Haskell County settler Mose Park and John Pinkerton, riding along with her, Kassia Frost of Portland just may win that cross-country bicycle marathon.

## From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

### 10 Years Ago June 1, 1989

Kerry Kemp, a 1979 graduate of Haskell High School, graduated from Texas Tech University School of Law with a doctor of jurisprudence.

Dusty Meeks signed a letter of intent to attend Midwestern State University where he will compete in both basketball and track.

Shane Hadaway, a finance major and Kay Fischer, a health and physical ed major, are on the 3.50 to 4.00 honor roll at Angelo State University.

Shawn Brue has taken over duties as youth minister of the First United Methodist Church.

### 20 Years Ago May 31, 1979

Three Haskell County 4-Hers will participate in state contests on the campus of Texas A&M University. The 4-Hers are Kay Campbell, Sonja Tidrow and Mikeana Wilcox.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Cadenhead showed slides of their trip to Hawaii at the W.O.O. meeting of the First Baptist Church.

The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carothers held their family reunion at the Quality Inn in Abilene. Mr. and Mrs. Carothers were early day settlers of Haskell County. They came to Haskell

County in 1887.

### 30 Years Ago May 29, 1969

Jackie Young, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jackie H. Young and Paula Middleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gentry Middleton, are recipients of the American Legion Awards.

The Weinert H. D. Club met in the Community Center with the president, Mrs. Glenn Caddell presiding. Sue Hager, 4-H district winner gave a talk on the cost of a college education.

Denise Roberson has been chosen as Drum Major of Haskell High School Indian Band for the 1969-70 school year. Selected as twirlers were Lynda Lane, Bonnie Adkins, Karen Felker, Linda Hartsfield and Lugene Lane.

### 40 Years Ago May 28, 1959

George Neely, Robert Wheatley, Mrs. S. Hassen, Mrs. Elma Guest, Mrs. H. Cofield, Mrs. Stanley Furrh, Mrs. Opal Dotson, Mrs. Viars Felker and Mrs. R. A. Lane attended the American Fashion Association's Fall and Back-to-School Market in Dallas.

The Haskell High School graduating class along with their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McCollum, Mrs. Brooks Middleton and Coach Overton

returned from New Orleans. The trip was made via Oklahoma Transportation on an air conditioned bus.

### 50 Years Ago June 2, 1949

Mrs. Giles Kemp and Mrs. Willie Mae Fouts went by plane from Wichita Falls to Kansas City, Missouri where they attended the graduation of William J. Kemp from Kansas City Western Dental College.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Oates and daughter, Betty, visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Oates in Austin and attended graduation exercises of Texas University. Mrs. Dan Oates was a member of the graduating class.

### 90 Years June 5, 1909

Misses Norma Cobb and Lillian Chancellor visited friends at Stamford.

Gus Grusedorf says he has 150 acres of cotton and 50 acres of feed up to a good stand. He says this is about 15 days earlier than last year.

Last week the whistle at F. T. Sanders gin announced the closing of the ginning season at his plant. The local gins here have ginned nearly 6,000 bales of cotton from the crop of 1908.

## Ask the AG

By John Cornyn  
Attorney General

The Juvenile Crime Intervention division of the Office of the Attorney General travels throughout the state talking to parents, teachers and law enforcement officials about the dangers of gangs in their communities. By offering these information sessions, we hope to not only prevent any more of our youth from joining gangs, but also to stem the growth of these organizations. The following are questions that staff members are commonly asked at these training sessions.

**Q: I am worried about my kid getting involved in gangs. How can I tell? And what can I do?**

A: There are many indicators of gang activity, such as a change in type of clothes, tattoos and changes in activities and attitudes. However, the best way to find out if your child is involved in a gang is by asking. Many children become involved in gangs to find a sense of family or belonging. Having a strong, open relationship with your child can be one of the best ways to prevent gang involvement.

Some indicators of gang membership may include pagers, bandanas, truancy, poor school performance, unexplained income, or frequent contact with the police. Children in gangs may wear clothing that is dominated by one color, or altered on one side of the body. Gang graffiti may also turn up on a child's shoes, notebooks, backpacks or jewelry. Just one of these warning signs may not mean anything, but if there is a consistent pattern, parents and teachers should be concerned.

If you are concerned about your child's possible gang involvement, talk to his or her teachers, school administrators and, most importantly, your child.

**Q: My kid wants to wear certain kinds of baggy pants and sports jackets and things like that. I think it makes him look like he is in a gang. Should I let him do this? We fight about it all the time. Am I being too strict?**

A: Absolutely not. Even if your child is not in a gang, giving the appearance of a membership in a gang can be dangerous. As a parent, it's important for you to communicate to your kids that gangs have been known to wear baggy clothing or use the logos or numbers of commercial sportswear to promote their gang.

Many incidents of gang-related crime are cases of mistaken identity. In other words, a young person can be at greater risk of harm just because he or she looks like a member of a street gang. Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but in the case of imitating gang members, it could be dangerous.

Please keep in mind that baggy clothing or team sportswear alone does not represent gang affiliation. In terms of "gang-style" clothing, pay close attention to the color of the clothing, the way it's worn, or how it's manipulated on the body - that could be what gives the gang a clue, rather than the article of clothing itself.

## Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and friends who attended Field Day '99. I hope that each of you enjoyed the day as much as the students and I did. I would also like to thank everyone who helped make Field Day run so smoothly and "stress-free."

I would especially like to thank Coach Flippin for letting us borrow the water coolers and spray paint marker, Haskell National Bank for donating water cups for everyone, Dave Miller for having the street cleaned and for all of the Haskell Elementary staff members who helped run the events of the day. I appreciate everyone and look forward to Field Day again next year.

Tiffany Thomas  
Elementary P. E. teacher  
Haskell

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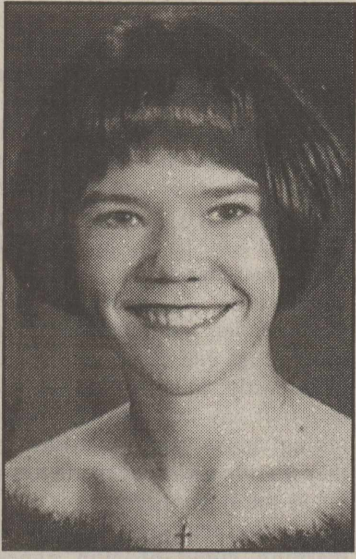
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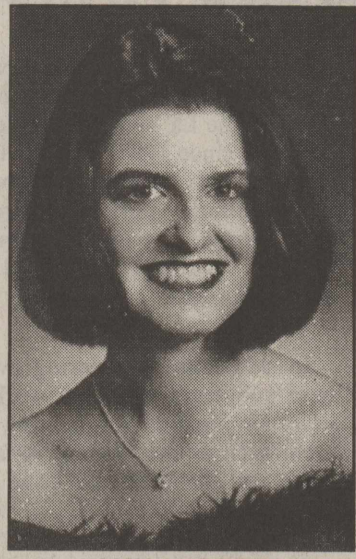
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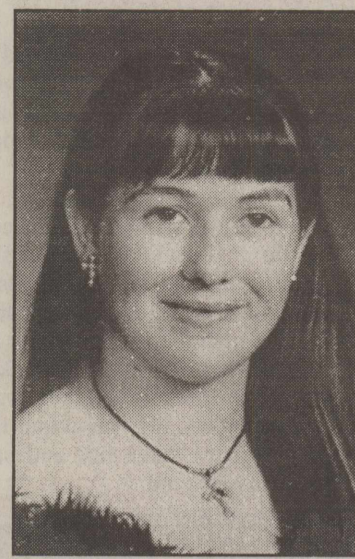
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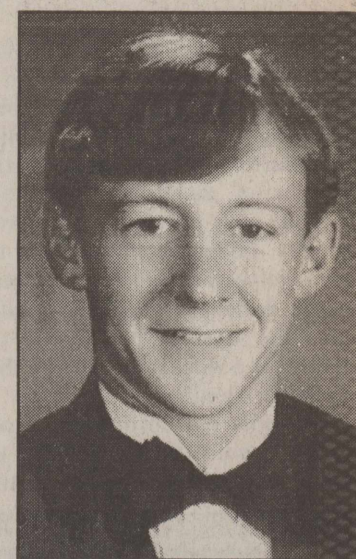
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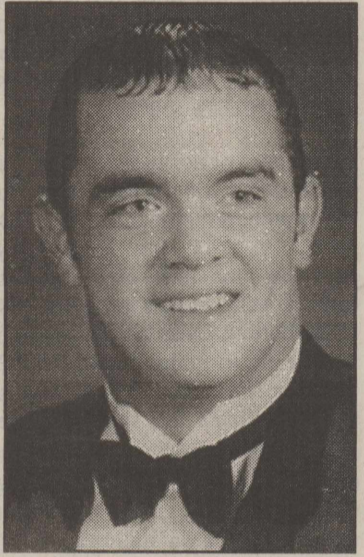
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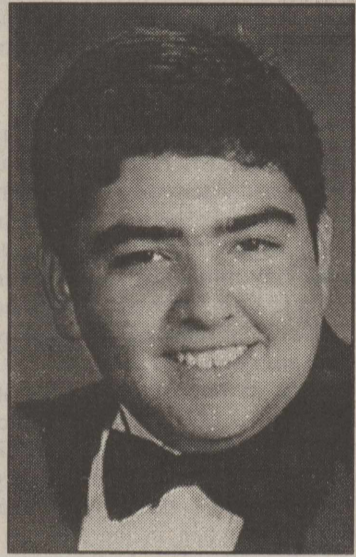
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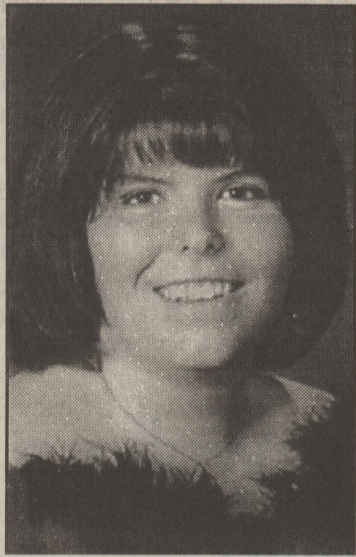
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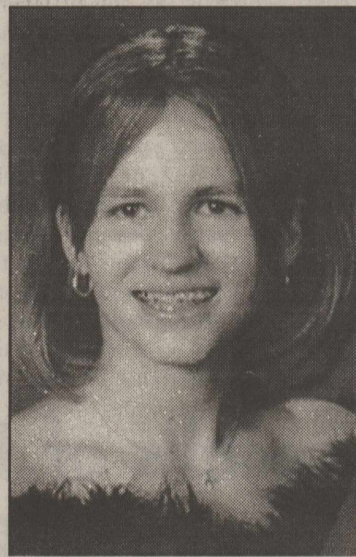
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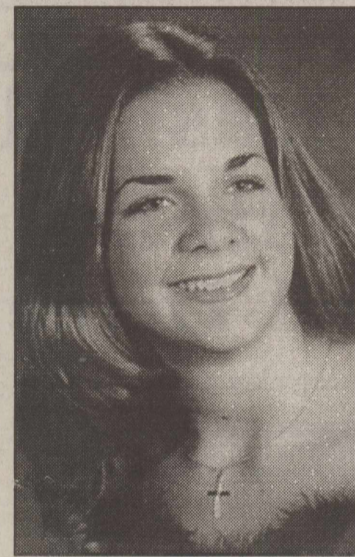
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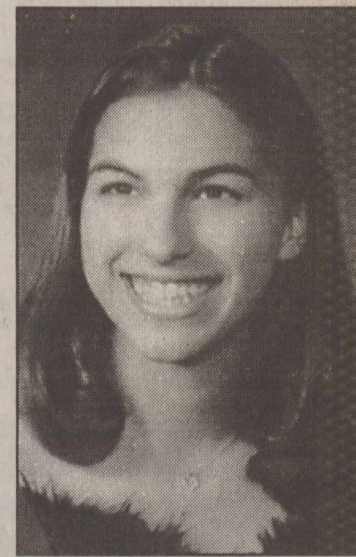
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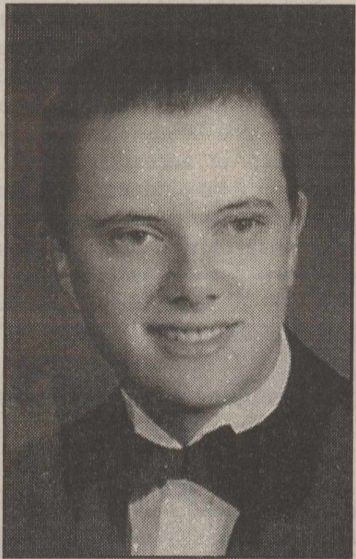
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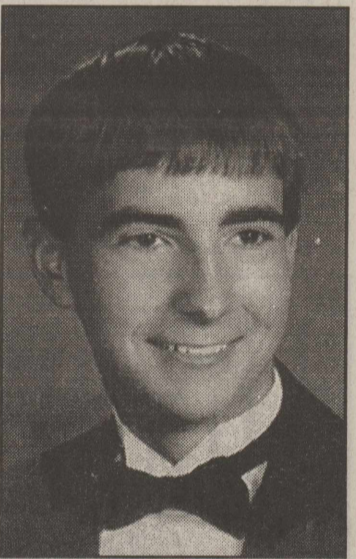
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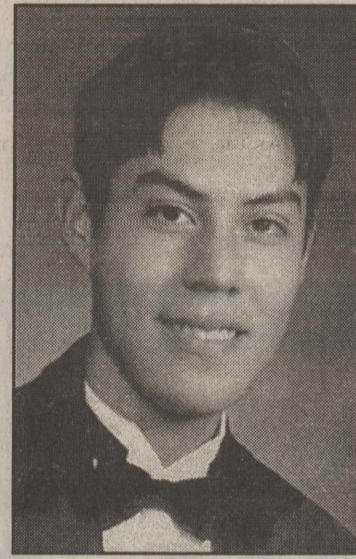
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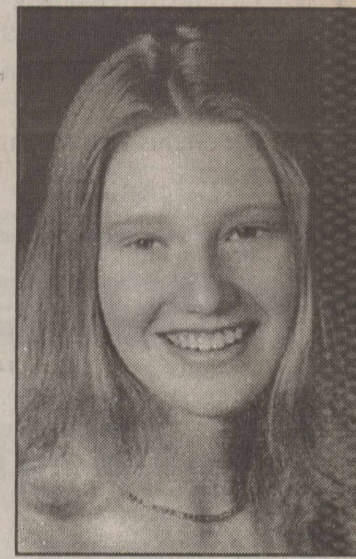
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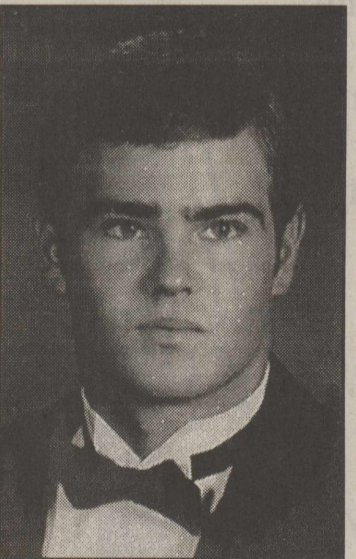
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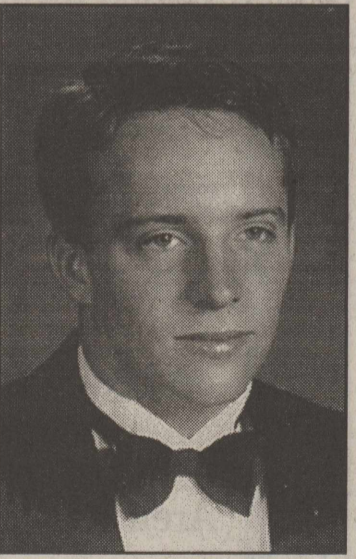
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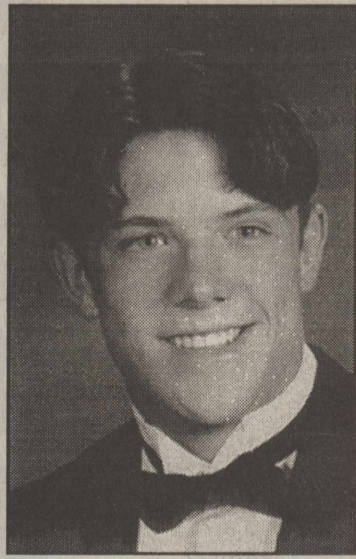
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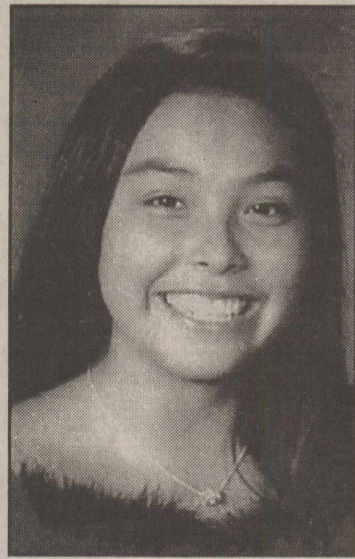
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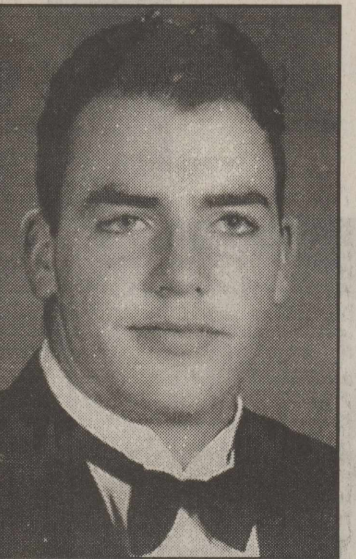
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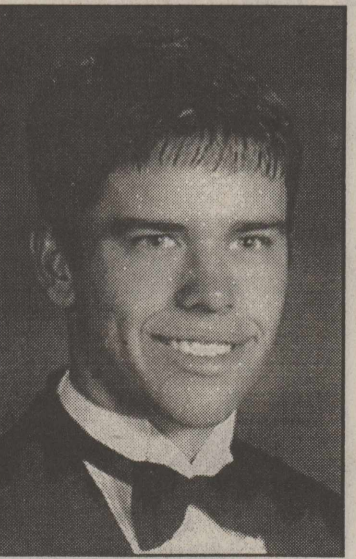
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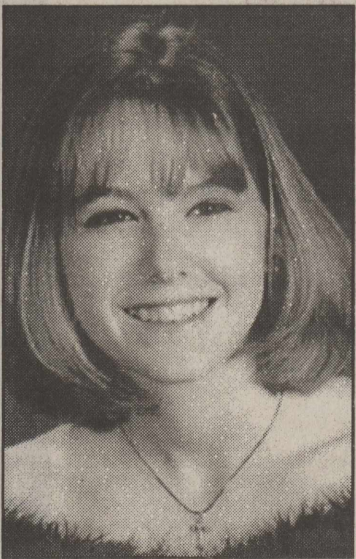
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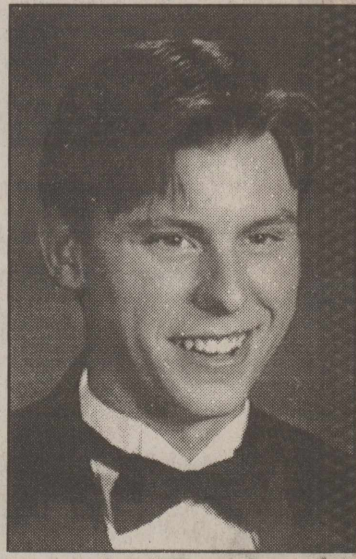
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## Brown bag lunches can help save money

by Lou Gilly  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
Whether you carry it in a thermos or a plain brown bag, bringing lunch to work is gaining popularity across the country. Extension nutritionist Michelle Ledoux says brown bagging saves money. Ledoux estimates that the average person spends from five to seven dollars for each meal eaten out. She says if a person eats out five days a week, that is more than \$100 per month.

Another reason bringing lunch makes sense is that by packing the food themselves, they are getting

what they want. Ledoux says the most important priority should be food safety. It is important to wash your hands, wash the fruits and vegetables and wash the container before each use.

Next, it is important to determine if you will have access to a refrigerator. Ledoux says using a brown bag will limit the kinds of food that can be brought. Foods that don't need to be kept cool are peanut butter and jelly, rice cakes, nuts, snack crackers and most fruits and vegetables. It is important that hot foods are eaten hot and cold foods are kept cold.

## Hodgin named editor of The University Daily



WAYNE HODGIN

Wayne Hodgin, a senior journalism and English major at Texas Tech University, has been named 1999-2000 editor of *The University Daily*.

The 1994 graduate of Haskell High School is the son of Lonnie and Sara Hodgin, and the grandson of the late J. C. and Sue Yeary, and Fred and Winnie Hodgin, all of Haskell.

The first two years of his four year involvement with the *University Daily* he was a member of the production department, and the third and fourth years was on the editorial staff. During the last year he has been the managing editor.

In addition to working in the editorial department of the

publication, Hodgin has also served as a reporter and has been copy editor for the *La Ventura*, the Tech yearbook, since 1997. For the last three summers he has also served on the editorial staff of *Amigos!* New Student and Freshman Directory. Last year he served as editor of *Amigos!*.

In addition to working with these publications, he has worked on other various publication at Tech, such as the Student Affairs Guide and the Welcome Issue for *The University Daily*.

Hodgin said working within the different areas of student publications has helped him prepare for the role of UD editor.

"I feel this is the next step for me," Hodgin said. "I've looked forward to this position since I came on the UD staff my freshman year."

Lewis Held, associate professor of biological sciences and Student Publications Committee chairman for 1999-2000, said Hodgin's enthusiasm for the newspaper will be a tremendous asset to help him next year.

"His esprit de corp is most impressive," Held said. "That's needed in any organization but especially in the news organization, where people involved devote more hours than anyone could ask of an employee."

## Skin cancer easily prevented

The most common form of cancer is also one of the most easily prevented. Skin cancer, in all its forms, will impact about 1 million Americans this year, and will account for half of all cancers diagnosed. About 44,200 of those diagnosed with skin cancer will have malignant melanoma, the deadliest skin cancer. But about 80 percent of skin cancers could be prevented through limiting exposure to the sun's harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays. By protecting yourself and your family, you can keep from getting burned by skin cancer.

The physicians of Texas Medical Association urge you to take some simple steps to protect your skin and to educate yourself on the signs of skin cancer so you might detect any abnormalities early. Minimize your risk and avoid becoming one of the many who will face skin cancer this year and in the future.

Everyone is at risk for skin cancer, regardless of skin color. People with fair skin that burns easily, blonde or red hair, a family history of skin cancer or a large number of moles are at greater risk, but all people need to guard themselves against skin's No. 1 enemy—damaging UV rays.

UV rays are the same rays that cause sunburn. And most of us know that when we're out in the sun for long periods of time, we're being exposed to damaging rays. But every minute of sun exposure can add up to greater skin cancer risk—even if you're just walking from your house to your car.

"It's so important that people reduce their UV exposure as much as possible," said San Antonio dermatologist Dr. David Madorsky. "People don't think they need protection when in the sun for a short time. But they do—the damage is cumulative."

Minimizing UV ray exposure doesn't mean hiding indoors. It just means facing the sunshine armed with sunscreen.

Dr. Madorsky recommends daily use of sunscreen that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 and not using it just on sunny days. UV rays still come through when the skies are cloudy. And wearing sunscreen is necessary even if you'll only be outdoors for a few minutes. If you'll be swimming or otherwise active outside, use

waterproof sunscreen and reapply it frequently.

When basking in the sun for a longer period of time, sunscreen isn't enough to protect your skin. Clothing that covers your skin, such as hats and long-sleeved shirts, will afford you the greatest protection. Also, avoid the sun from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., when its rays are strongest.

Certain antibiotics, pain medications, antidepressants and other drugs can cause you to burn more easily, so be sure to ask your doctor if any medications you are taking cause sun sensitivity. If they do, it's a wise decision to stay out of the sun entirely.

It's also important to know the warning signs of skin cancer. Though most skin cancers are benign, they still need to be treated. And malignant melanoma, a less common but much more serious form of skin cancer, can be fatal if not caught early. Look for spots on your skin or a mole that is changing in size, shape or color, or a new growth or lump. Check your entire body periodically for any changes in the skin. Use a mirror to help you see your back and be sure to check the soles of your feet, your palms, your elbows and the spaces between your toes.

When checking moles or birthmarks on your skin for melanoma, remember the "ABCD" rule. "A" is for asymmetry, meaning one half of a mole or mark doesn't match the other. "B" is for border, meaning the edges of a mole are irregular or ragged. "C" is for color, meaning the color of the mark isn't the same all over and may have differing shades of brown or black or areas of red, blue or white. "D" is for diameter, meaning the area is larger than 6 millimeters, about the size of a pencil eraser. If you see these changes or notice anything unusual, report it to your doctor as soon as possible.

Of course, prevention still is the best defense against skin cancer and even if you've been a sun worshipper who didn't use sunscreen in the past, you can still change your ways and save your skin from further damage.

"Limit your sun exposure as much as you can and you'll limit your risk," Dr. Madorsky said. "It's never too late."

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2nd Go: 1. Raymond Hollabaugh, Stamford 2. Jim Bob Mayes, Manor 3. Carl Hopkins, Throckmorton

3rd Go: Billy Morrow, Hamlin 2. Don Eddleman, Stephenville 3. Raymond Hollabaugh, Stamford

Short-Go: 1. Jim Bob Mayes,

Manor 2. Don Ed Eddleman, Stephenville 3. Fred Hernandez, Haskell

Average: 1. Don Ed Eddleman, Stephenville 2. Fred Hernandez, Haskell 3. Todd Spitzer, Stamford 4. Paul Ivy, Albany.

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# Mild weather causes increase in biting flies

by Brandon Anderson  
Haskell Co. Extension Agent  
The mild winter of 1998-99 has provided Texas livestock owners in many areas of the state with abundant insects, specifically biting flies, that attack cattle and other farm animals in the spring. Spring weather conditions have been favorable for the development of horn flies, stable flies and horse flies, reports Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Hoelscher stated, "Many livestock owners are finding these spring populations to greatly exceed established economic thresholds and are causing animals to bunch together to reduce fly annoyance. All biting flies suck blood from their hosts and reduce the thrift and vigor of the farm animals."

The stable fly is making a strong presence in many areas with 20 to 45 flies being found on individual animals.

"The stable fly is a strong feeder and causes significant stress to animals when populations are high," reported Hoelscher.

Animals infested with the stable fly will stomp their feet frequently and try all possible means to physically dislodge these vicious blood feeding flies. The immature larvae develop in decaying organic matter around feed bunks or under round hay bales.

The horn fly is the most common biting fly in Texas. These flies rest on the back and belly area of the animal. The horn fly is about half the size of a common house fly. Hoelscher reported abundant populations of horn flies in many areas this spring. Each adult fly will consume about a half drop of blood from animals each day. The treatment threshold for this pest is approximately 200 to 250 horn flies per animal. A visual estimate to check fly numbers can be used to determine if animal treatments will be required.

Field checks conducted the first week of April found some animals with 1,200 to 1,500 horn flies per animal. The numbers of flies greatly exceed the treatment threshold and required treatment, stated the Extension specialist.

The mild winter weather and warm spring temperatures have resulted in the emergence of early populations of horse flies.

"These strong blood feeders not only take blood from the host but also are capable of transmitting diseases to horses and cattle," said Hoelscher.

Horse flies are robust flyers and can travel long distances in search of a host. These flies are occasional feeders and leave the animal often and are difficult to control with insecticides. Retreatments of animals, especially horses, with a pyrethroid insecticide, will be

required for horse fly control. Rainfall received this spring has helped the survival of the semi-aquatic larval stage of this pest.

Livestock owners will want to carefully choose the proper insecticide and application method to complement other veterinary practices to be conducted when animals are being worked in a holding pen. A variety of insecticide formulations are available including sprays, dusts, ready-to-use pour-ons, dips, dust bags, impregnated ear tags and injectable products.

The pour-on formulations have become popular because of their ease of use and dose safety factors. One just has to open the container and pour the prescribed dose directly on the animal's shoulders and back line.

Insecticide ear tags continue to be a popular treatment for horn flies because of the long residual control provided and the ease of application. Choose a treatment scheme that works well into your herd management plan and offers long term economic control.

In general, three types of insecticide are in popular use for livestock pest control. These insecticides include the organophosphate compounds, synthetic pyrethroids and avermectin formulations. Your local county Extension agent, veterinarian, feed store operator or chemical company representative can help you choose a specific product in the marketplace for use in your operation. The avermectin materials have a broad spectrum pest activity and can be used to control both internal and external pests. The pyrethroid and organophosphate compounds will provide excellent biting fly control. Retreatment of animals may be required if high pest numbers continue to emerge. Some of the common examples of the pyrethroid insecticides for livestock are permethrin, cyfluthrin, lambda cyhalothrin and fenvalerate. The organophosphate insecticides are represented by such materials as diazinon, coumaphos (CoRal), ethion, primiphos methyl, chlorpyrifos and phosmet. The avermectin compounds are represented by Ivomec, Epernix, Dectomax and Cydectin.

The Haskell County Extension Office has a free publication to assist with livestock pest control problems. Extension publication B-1306, Managing External Parasites of Texas Livestock and Poultry, is available at your local county office or on the Texas A&M University, Department of Entomology Web site on the Internet at <http://entowww.tamu.edu>. Remember to read label directions on the product selected for use on your animals.

# Advice for staying healthy in hot weather

According to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), last year was a record scorcher with more than 140 heat-related deaths recorded in Texas through October.

Most often, the elderly, the very young, people with other illness or those without access to air conditioning are the victims of intense, prolonged heat. The combination of high temperatures and high humidity can cause a person's natural cooling system, or perspiration, to work overtime. Dehydration and heat illness can result if a person does not replace the fluids and salts lost during perspiration.

Symptoms of a heat illness include profuse sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches. If fluids are not replaced quickly, heat stroke can follow,

causing extremely high body temperatures, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness and, eventually, death. For severe symptoms get medical help immediately.

People can take precautions against that illness. Joe Stone, director of the TDH Emergency Preparedness Division, said, "Using common sense to stay cool is the most important protection you have."

The most efficient way to combat heat is to stay in air-conditioned areas, either at home or in a public place. If air conditioning is not available, pull the shades over the windows and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool rooms. But in high temperatures and humidity, turn off

the fans or aim them through a window to blow out the hot air.

Children can especially become dehydrated. They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light, loose clothes. Check on them often, especially if they are playing outside in high temperatures.

Other heat precautions include:

- \*Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather.
- \*Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar.
- \*Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or late in the day.
- \*Take frequent breaks when working.
- \*Wear sun block, hats and light, loose-fitting clothes.
- \*Stay indoors and in air conditioning as much as possible.

\*Eat more frequently but be sure meals are well balanced and light.

\*Avoid over dressing babies in heavy clothing or wrapping them in warm blankets.

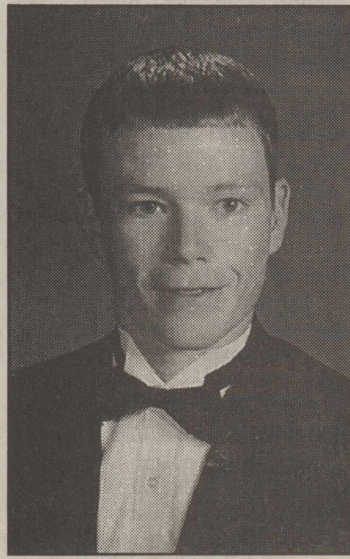
\*Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or may need help.

\*Check with a doctor about the effects of the sun and heat exposure when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

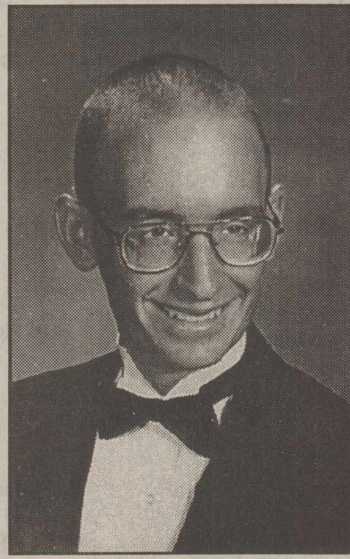
\*At first sign of heat illness--dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps--move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

\*Pay attention to pets also. Be sure they have plenty of water and do not close them up in parked cars or hot buildings.

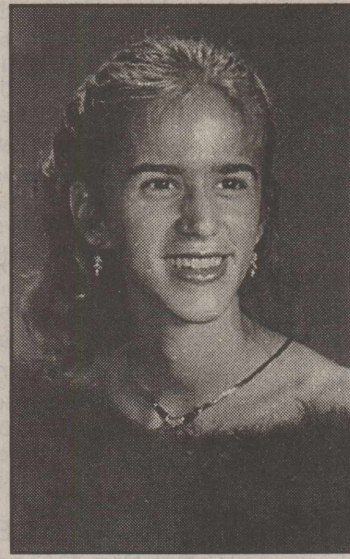
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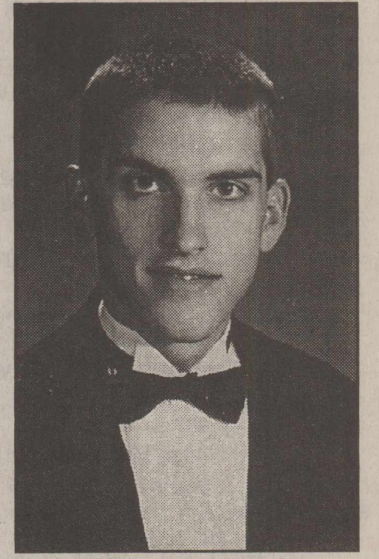
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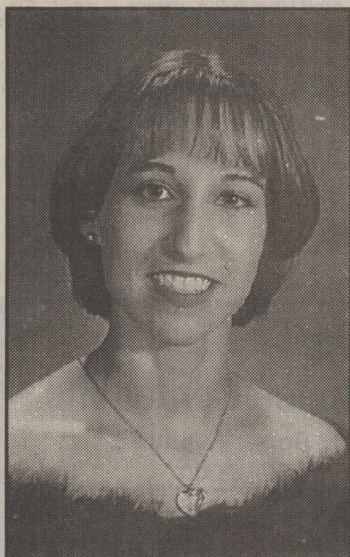
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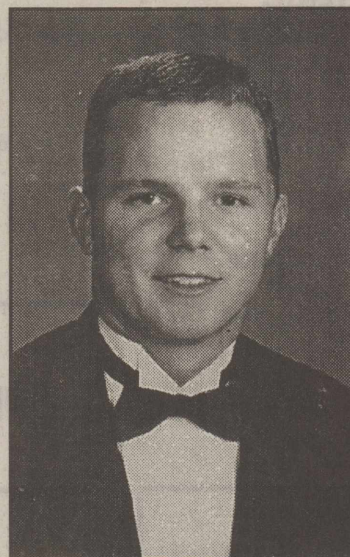
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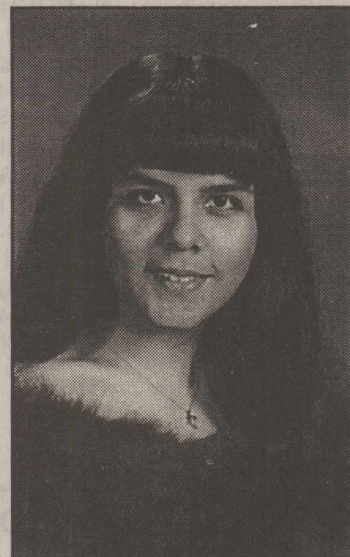
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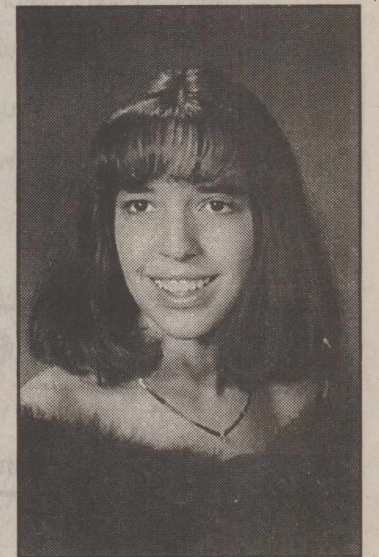
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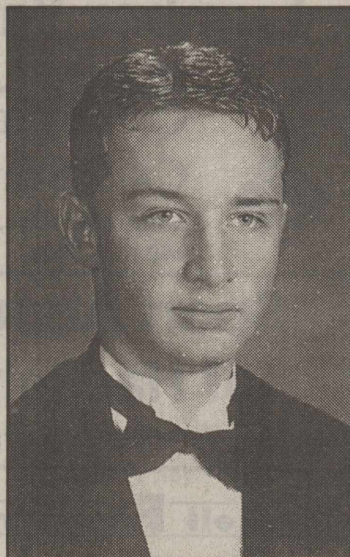
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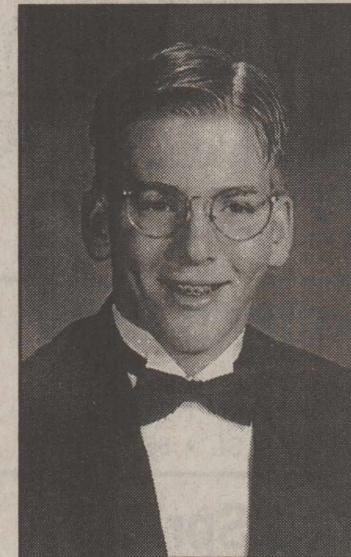
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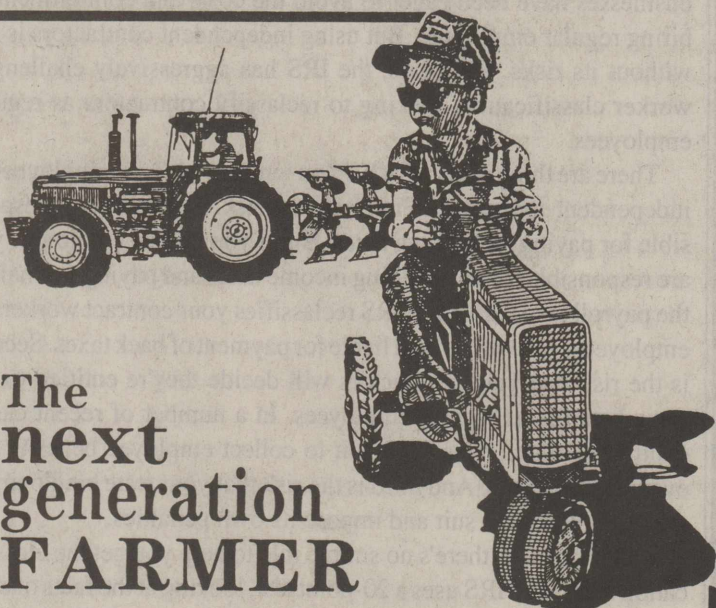
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**Monday, June 7**  
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1:00 p.m. China painting  
**Wednesday, June 9**  
11:00 a.m. Blood pressure check  
Outreach Health Services  
Lunch-Hamburger steak, onion gravy, blackeyed peas, cabbage slaw, fruit cobbler, bread, milk, tea or coffee

**Friday, June 11**  
Lunch-Pinto beans with ham, parslid potatoes, turnip greens, onions, banana pudding, corn bread, milk, tea or coffee  
Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.  
All over 60 are invited to come and eat. Call 864-3875 for transportation to the center or for home delivered lunches for the sick or disabled.

## Food for thought

"Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18

"Grow in grace"-not in one grace only, but in all grace. Grow in that root-grace, faith. Believe the promises more firmly than you have done.

Let faith increase in fulness, constancy, simplicity. Grow also in love. Ask that your love may become extended, more intense, more practical, influencing every thought, word and deed.

Grow likewise in humility. Seek to lie very low and know more of your own nothingness. As you grow downward in humility, seek also to grow upward-having nearer approaches to God in prayer and more intimate fellowship with Jesus.

May God the Holy Spirit enable you to "grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour." He who grows not in the knowledge of Jesus, refuses to be blessed. To know him is "life eternal," and to advance in the knowledge of him is to increase in happiness.

He who does not long to know

more of Christ, knows nothing of him yet. Whoever hath sipped this wine will thirst for more, for although Christ doth satisfy, yet it is such a satisfaction, that the appetite is not cloyed, but whetted. If you know the love of Jesus-as the hart panteth for the waterbrooks, so will you pant after deeper draughts of his love.

If you do not desire to know him better, then you love him not, for love always cries, "Nearer, nearer." Absence from Christ is hell; but the presence of Jesus is heaven. Rest not then content without an increasing acquaintance with Jesus.

Seek to know more of him in his divine nature, in his human relationship, in his finished work, in his death, in his resurrection, in his present glorious intercession and in his future royal advent. Abide hard by the Cross and search the mystery of his wounds. An increase of love to Jesus and a more perfect apprehension of his love to us is one of the best tests of growth in grace.

## This Week's Devotional Message:

### SUMMER BRINGS US CLOSER TO GOD'S CREATION



The sun has reached the zenith in the sky,  
And casts no noonday shadow from up high;  
But warms with gentle breezes through the air  
A world of life that's teeming everywhere.  
The grass and trees attain their deepest green,  
While lazy streams reflect the summer scene:  
A season meant for living out of doors;  
And time to take a holiday from chores,  
But never from your faith; for on vacation,  
You'll learn first hand the beauty of Creation.  
So, in the Church to which your faith has bound you,  
Give thanks to God, who made this world around you.

### ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

**HASKELL**  
**East Side Baptist Church**  
David Page, pastor  
Sun. 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
600 N. 1st East, Haskell  
**Christian Church**  
Dusty Garrison, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
107 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**Church of God**  
Eric Clark, pastor • 864-2021  
Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
East Hwy 380, Haskell  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
Gary Bruns, pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30  
Hwy 380 East, Haskell  
**Iglesia Bautista El Calvario**  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
607 S. 7th, Haskell  
**First United Methodist Church**  
Shane Brue, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
201 N. Ave. F, Haskell  
**First Assembly of God**  
Rev. J.C. Amburn  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**St. George Catholic Church**  
Father Michael Melcher  
Sat. Mass 7:15 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.  
901 N. 16th, Haskell  
**Church of Christ**  
Dale Huff, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 10:30 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
510 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
Luther S. Hollowell, II, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
306 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**Trinity Baptist Church**  
Rev. Kenneth Blair  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.  
401 S. Ave. D, Haskell  
**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
John Lewis, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
908 N. Ave. A, Haskell

**Greater Independent Baptist Church**  
Rev. Camellia Wade, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.  
301 N. 3rd St., Haskell  
**New Covenant Foursquare**  
Freddy Perez, pastor  
Bilingual Services  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**Mission Revival Center**  
Rev. William Hodge  
Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Tues. 6 p.m.  
1600 N. Ave. B, Haskell  
**First Baptist Church**  
Jim Turner, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
301 N. Ave. E, Haskell  
**Church in the Park**  
Rev. Tim and Suzann Townsend  
Sun. Morn. 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gazebo or Pavillion

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Rev. James Patterson  
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**Weinert Foursquare Church**  
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Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.  
West on Main Street, Rochester  
**First Baptist Church**  
Ed Buerkle, pastor  
Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7:00 p.m.  
500 Main, Rochester  
**Union Chapel Baptist Church**  
Rev. Clarence Walker  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**Faith Chapel of Rochester**  
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Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.  
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**First United Methodist Church**  
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Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
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**Sagerton Methodist Church**  
Daniel Ramey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.  
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Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
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**RULE**  
**First Baptist Church**  
Scott Hensley, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
1001 Union Ave., Rule

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Dale Turner Jr., pastor  
First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.  
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**Church of Christ**  
John Greeson, minister  
Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
811 Union, Rule

**First United Methodist Church**  
Daniel Ramey, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:50 a.m., 6 p.m.  
1000 Union Ave., Rule

**New Life Baptist Mission**  
Jesus Herrera  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
Elm Street-Hwy 380 E, Rule  
**Sweet Home Baptist Church**  
Matt Herrington, pastor  
Sun. Morn. 10:00 a., 11:00 a., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.  
Gladstone Ave., Rule

**West Bethal Baptist Church**  
Rev. Robert Sweet  
Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
300 Sunny Ave., Rule

## Students in the News

Wesley Lefevre has been named a recipient of a \$500 Lloyd and Madelyn Scholarship to Vernon Regional Junior College for the 1999-2000 school year.

Wesley is a 1999 graduate of Paint Creek High School. He played football, basketball and competed in powerlifting. He was a member of the National Honor Society and FFA.

The scholarship was established as an endowed scholarship by Mr. and Mrs. Osborne in 1991. Preference is given to Osborne, Inc. employees. The Osbornes have been long-time benefactors of the College.

The interest earned from the investment of the principal amount in the endowment is awarded annually with a minimum scholarship award being \$500. Scholarship recipients are selected by the VRJC Scholarship

Committee in April each year. VRJC awards approximately 105 scholarships of \$500 annually. Scholarship applications are available at the Office of Financial Aid at VRJC or call (940) 552-6291 ext. 2206.

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Jennifer Lehmann has been named a recipient of a \$500 L. E. Key Memorial Scholarship to Vernon Regional Junior College for the 1999-2000 school year.

Jennifer is a 1998 graduate of Rule High School. She was a student at VRJC during 98-99 and maintained a GPA of 3.5. She graduated salutatorian at Rule High School. She received the citizenship award, Army scholar/athlete award and named Most Athletic Girl and was Miss RHS runner-up. She plans to major in physical therapy.

The scholarship was bequeathed to VRJC in 1994 by Mrs. Ella Mae McConnell in memory of her late husband L. E. Key. Scholarship recipients are selected by the VRJC Scholarship Committee in April each year. VRJC awards approximately 105 scholarships of \$500 annually. Scholarship applications are available at the Office of Financial Aid at VRJC or call (940) 552-6291 ext. 2206.

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Written By  
**Gerald Rodgers, CPA**



### BEWARE OF WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION

In recent years, more and more people have chosen to work as independent contractors. Individuals like the flexibility to work in different companies and to have more control over their time. And businesses have been eager to avoid the costs and commitment of hiring regular employees. But using independent contractors is not without its risks. For years, the IRS has aggressively challenged worker classification, seeking to reclassify contractors as regular employees.

There are three areas of risk if you wrongly classify employees as independent contractors. First is the tax risk. A contractor is responsible for paying all his own taxes. But if you hire an employee, you are responsible for withholding income taxes and paying one half of the payroll taxes. So if the IRS reclassifies your contract workers as employees, you will be held liable for payment of back taxes. Second is the risk that your contractors will decide they're entitled to the same benefits as regular employees. In a number of recent cases, contract workers have filed suit to collect employee benefits and even stock options. And third is the risk that your state employment agency will follow suit and impose its own penalties.

Unfortunately, there's no simple rule to help you get the classification right. The IRS uses a 20-point test, looking at the facts of each case. In general, though, the more control the company has over how, when, and where a worker does his job, the more likely he is to be considered an employee. Red flags include employing contractors for long periods, requiring them to work regular hours, or providing their tools and equipment. The risks of misclassification are significant, so if in doubt, seek expert opinion. For any assistance you need in this area, give us a call.

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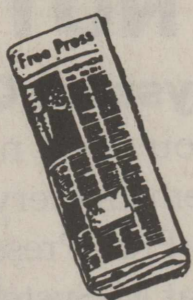
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# Krooked River Ranch named 1999 Lone Star Land Steward

by Mary Kaigler

Sometimes we who live here where space is wide and horizon flat and unencumbered, begin to sense that big cities and urban sprawl are setting the pace and speaking for the whole state in determining the future of Texas' environment. However, although 80 percent of Texans do now live in urban areas, the fact is that more than 97 percent of Texas land is privately owned. And, contrary to what many may believe, the battle to save Texas' environment is not being fought in the Legislature or in the courtroom. It's being fought and won at the local level, on Texas' farms and ranches.

Being aware of this, Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) believes it is important to recognize and honor private landowners who have done extraordinary things to protect water resources, plant and wildlife habitat. Andrew Sansom, executive director for TPW said, "The stewardship role of the private landowner is little known and seldom appreciated. They are literally on the front lines of maintaining our state's ecological resources. We owe them a heartfelt thank you."

One Rolling Plains ranch, the Krooked River Ranch of Haskell, Shackelford and Throckmorton Counties, has been named one of 10 regional winners of the 1999

Lone Star Land Steward Awards presented annually by Texas Parks and Wildlife, recognizing the private landowners and managers who have demonstrated exemplary attention to maintaining and enhancing the Texas ecological landscape.

Krooked River Ranch, along with nine other regional winners, a corporate winner, and a wildlife management association or cooperative, was honored Mon., June 1, at a reception in Austin sponsored by the Federal Land Bank Association of Texas. One of those winners will be named the most outstanding Lone Star Steward in the state for 1999.

Composed of 41,993 acres east of Haskell and Stamford, located along the scenic Clear Fork of the Brazos River, Krooked River Ranch is owned by the Hendrick Home for Children Trust and is operated by Roy and Becky Wilson, Krooked River Outfitters.

During the last twelve years the Wilsons have built a national reputation in the outfitting and guiding business. Managed livestock grazing is the key habitat management tool utilized by the Wilsons on Krooked River. Also, the ranch focuses on wildlife enhancement as an economic enterprise for educational purposes. Since the 1993 inception of the

Bobwhite Brigade, a nationally renowned youth conservation camp, the Wilsons and their staff have dedicated themselves to educating the youth of Texas about conservation, land ethics and leadership, by hosting these camps at their facility.

Along with Krooked River Ranch's use of rest and rotation as grazing tools to improve the overall productivity of their ranch and livestock, they conduct a long term coyote suppression program to achieve increased deer fawn survival and have instituted a restrictive harvest system to perpetuate deer buck quality of antler size, age and field-dressed body weights. They have achieved a long term financial goal for wildlife program through quail, deer, duck, goose, dove, hog and turkey hunting. Currently the

Wilsons are planning for the initiation of a nature tourism program for the ranch (and cooperating ranches) using a formal plan that has been specifically prepared for them. They annually host guests at the Clear Fork Range Camp; assist with Disability Resources fund-raising efforts; the Quail Unlimited, Inc. fund-raising efforts; and youth doe hunts for the Hendrick Home.

Through the diversified use of its natural resources, the Krooked River Ranch, as operated by Roy and Becky Wilson, is not only successfully meeting the needs of their own economy, but also the state's need for maintaining a healthy ecological balance in the preservation of native plants and wildlife. They should be recognized for that and we congratulate them for it.

## Spirit Wind '99 singers to present concert June 12

Spirit Wind '99, the Northwest Texas United Methodist Youth Choir, is beginning its summer tour, with concerts booked at thirteen Methodist churches throughout the region, including the First United Methodist in Haskell, Tues., June 8.

The choir will also sing at the morning ceremony at the Northwest Texas Annual Conference in Amarillo, June 4.

A select group of over 160 United Methodist senior high school youth from West Texas and Panhandle communities, Spirit Wind '99 represents 45 conference congregations of all sizes. Under the direction of Bert Bostic, Minister of Programs and Music for St. Luke's Methodist Church in Midland, and assisted by Jon Johnson, Fine Arts Department Chairperson at South Plains College in Levelland, Spirit Wind '99 continues in its 21st year to present concerts of sacred music

representative of all styles and periods. Well known for its excellence the choir has traveled in concert nationally and internationally, and in 2000 will travel with members of the Midland/Odessa Symphony to New Zealand, where musicians will perform a special commissioned program by Nicholas White, the Assistant Organist and Choir Master at the National Cathedral in Washington, D. C.

True to its name, Spirit Wind refreshes and rejuvenates audiences as these young people from Texas sing inspirational music from across the ages and throughout the world as offerings and testaments of loving faith.

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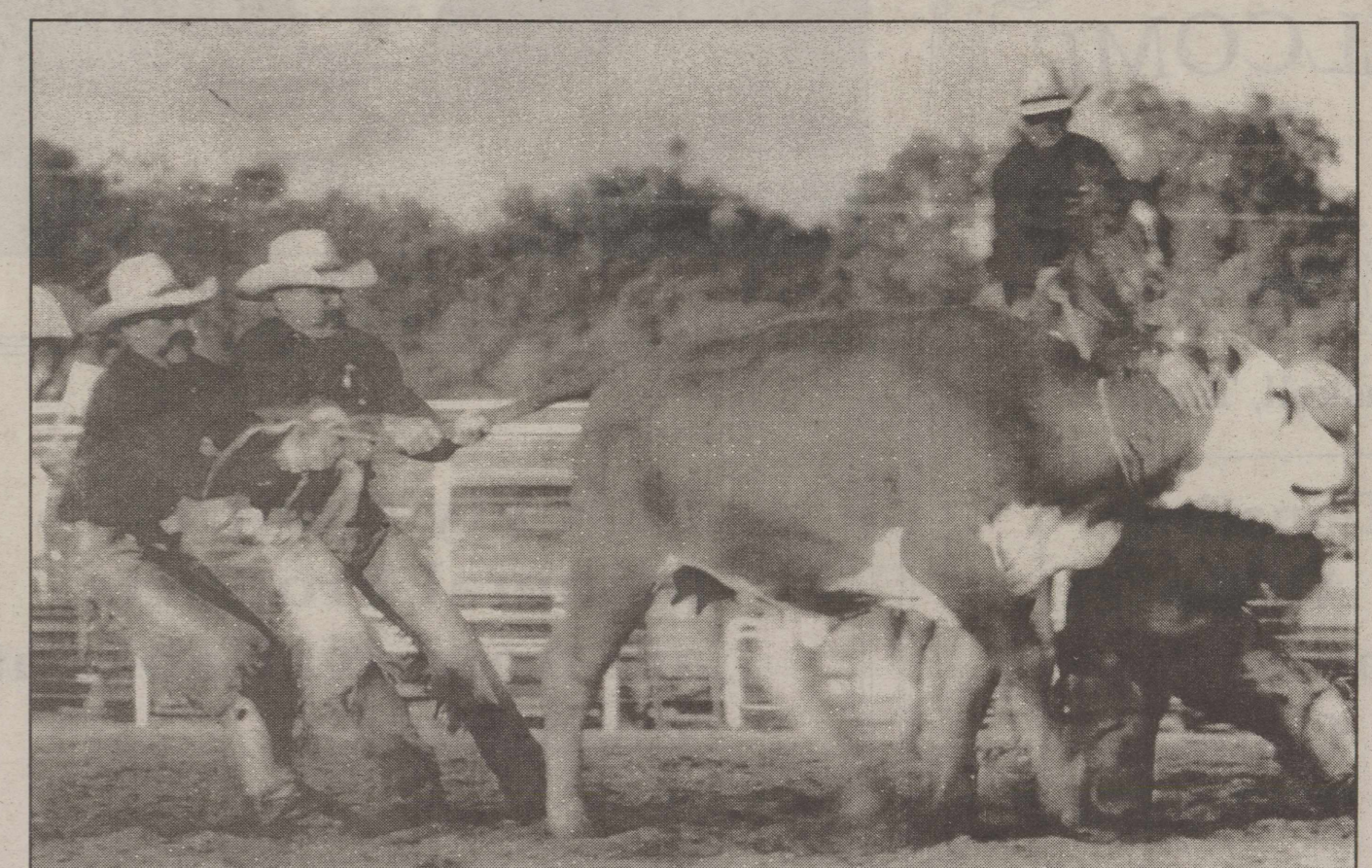
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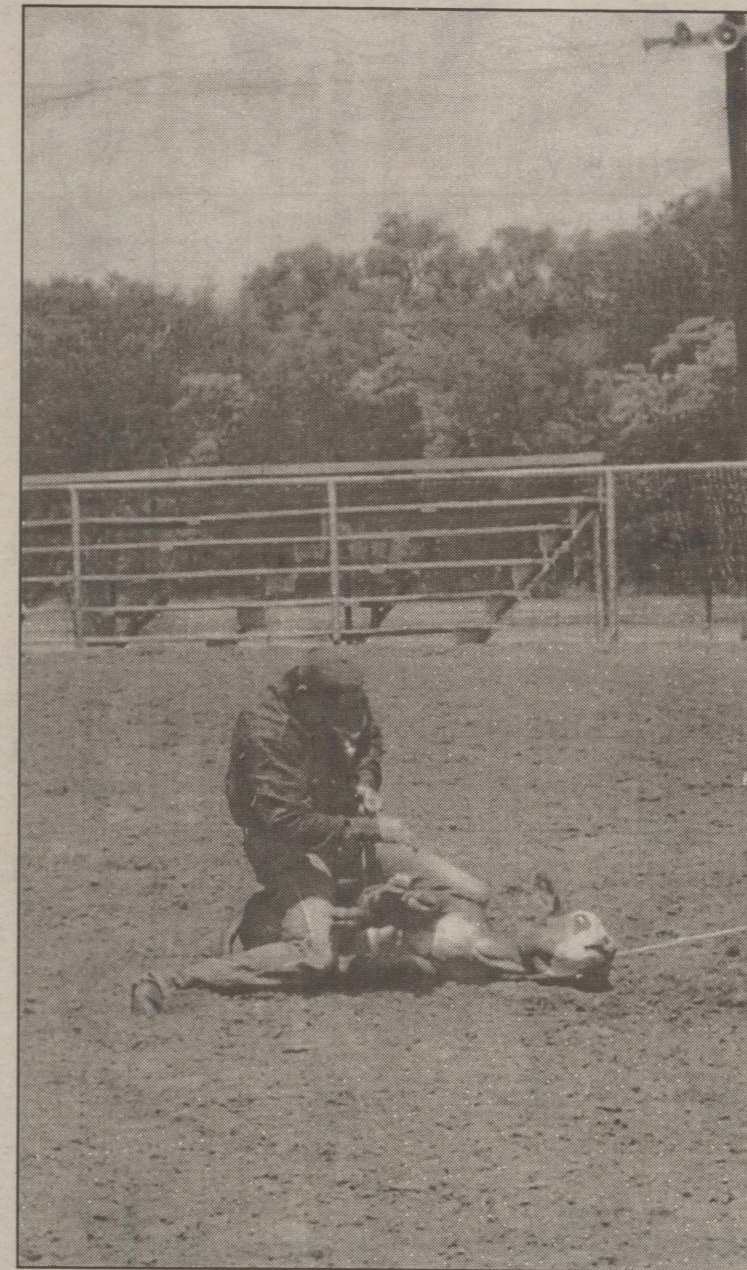
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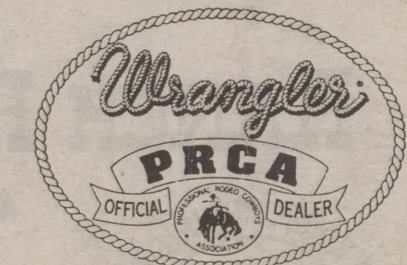
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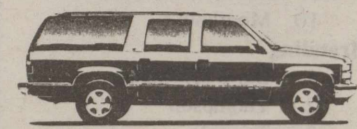
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The original ranch house was built in 1894. Operated as the Colbert Hereford Ranch in the 1920's, the ranch was well known for high quality registered Hereford cattle with a "heart." At that time the Colbert Ranch ran from near Sagerton on the west to the Clear Fork of the Brazos on the east.

An aerial photo taken in the early 1930's shows five barns on the ranch, one of which was said to have had a sale ring in the middle, fifty stalls and a loft used as a dance floor.

In 1936, the ranch became known as Brown

and Davis. R.A. Brown Sr. and Barney Davis, Throckmorton County ranchers, operated as a partnership and continued to run registered Hereford cattle. Davis and his son, Matt, operated the ranch from 1958 until 1987.

Brown and Bellah, a partnership between Rob Brown and Jody Bellah, began leasing the ranch at that time. In 1992, Jody purchased the ranch and continues to operate it as Brown and Bellah.

The ranch maintains wheat and stock cattle on 3,500 acres of land.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Jody Bellah, Leland Terry, Chad Gibson, Tony Martinez Jr. and Matt Bellah.

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The TLC Ranch, located in Haskell and Throckmorton Counties, maintains a cow/calf operation producing feeder calves and yearlings, with the majority of each year's crop retained for stocker yearlings to be pastured on the ranch's wheat land.

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Ranch Rodeo team members are George Self, Rick Ward, Todd McCartney, Rob A. Brown and Babe Horton.

## Triangle Ranch

The Triangle Ranches of Texas, founded in 1920 by Tom Burnett—son of Capt. Burk Burnett, was originally part of the 6666 ranch. The owners of the ranch are Desert Properties of Texas.

The 130,000 acre ranch, located between the

N. Wichita and Pease rivers in Cottle, Foard and Hardeman Counties is primarily a cow/calf, yearling and wheat operation.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Frank Wright, Jim Slover, Clint Bergvall, Bruce Slover and Morris Timmons.

## Spikebox Ranch

The Spike Box Ranch, located at Benjamin, maintains a cow and yearling operation on 100,000 acres.

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### FRIDAY, JUNE 4 Grand Entry at 8:00 p.m.

- Wild Cow Milking**
1. Bar S (Stewart)
  2. Clark
  3. Pitchfork
  4. Beggs
  5. Lyles
  6. SMS
  7. Spike Box
  8. Guitar
  9. R. A. Brown
  10. JY Masterson

- Sorting**
1. Pitchfork
  2. Beggs
  3. Lyles
  4. SMS
  5. Spike Box
  6. Guitar
  7. R. A. Brown
  8. JY Masterson
  9. Bar S (Stewart)
  10. Clark

- Doctoring**
1. Lyles
  2. SMS
  3. Spike Box
  4. Guitar

5. R. A. Brown
6. JY Masterson
7. Bar S (Stewart)
8. Clark
9. Pitchfork
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- Branding**
1. Spike Box
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  3. R. A. Brown
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  8. Beggs
  9. Lyles
  10. SMS

- Mugging**
1. R. A. Brown
  2. JY Masterson
  3. Bar S (Stewart)
  4. Clark
  5. Pitchfork
  6. Beggs
  7. Lyles
  8. SMS
  9. Spike Box
  10. Guitar

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 5 Grand Entry at 8:00 p.m.

- Wild Cow Milking**
1. 6666
  2. Nail
  3. Brown and Bellah
  4. Moorhouse
  5. TLC
  6. Tongue River
  7. Bar S (Springer)
  8. Thompson
  9. Triangle
  10. W. T. Waggoner

- Sorting**
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  3. TLC
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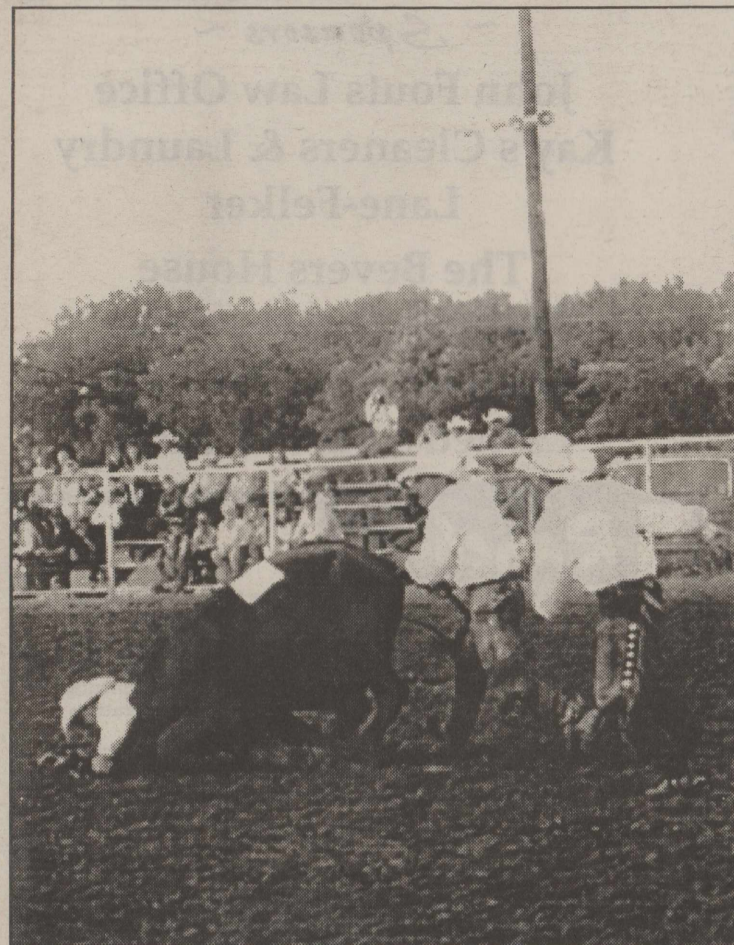
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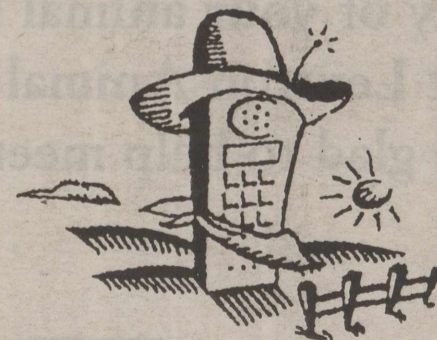
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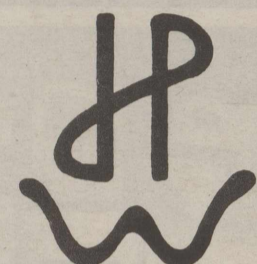
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9:00 a.m. Ranch Horse Competition, First Round  
5:30 p.m. Parade  
8:00 p.m. Rodeo  
9 p.m.-1 a.m. Dance



### SATURDAY, JUNE 5

9:00 a.m. Ranch Team Roping  
10:00 a.m. Children's Stick Horse Rodeo and Pig Chase  
12:00 Noon Chuckwagon Feed  
2:00 p.m. Finals for Ranch Horse Competition  
8:00 p.m. Rodeo  
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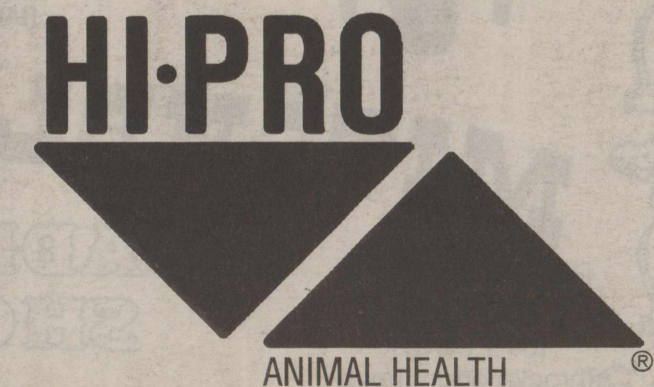
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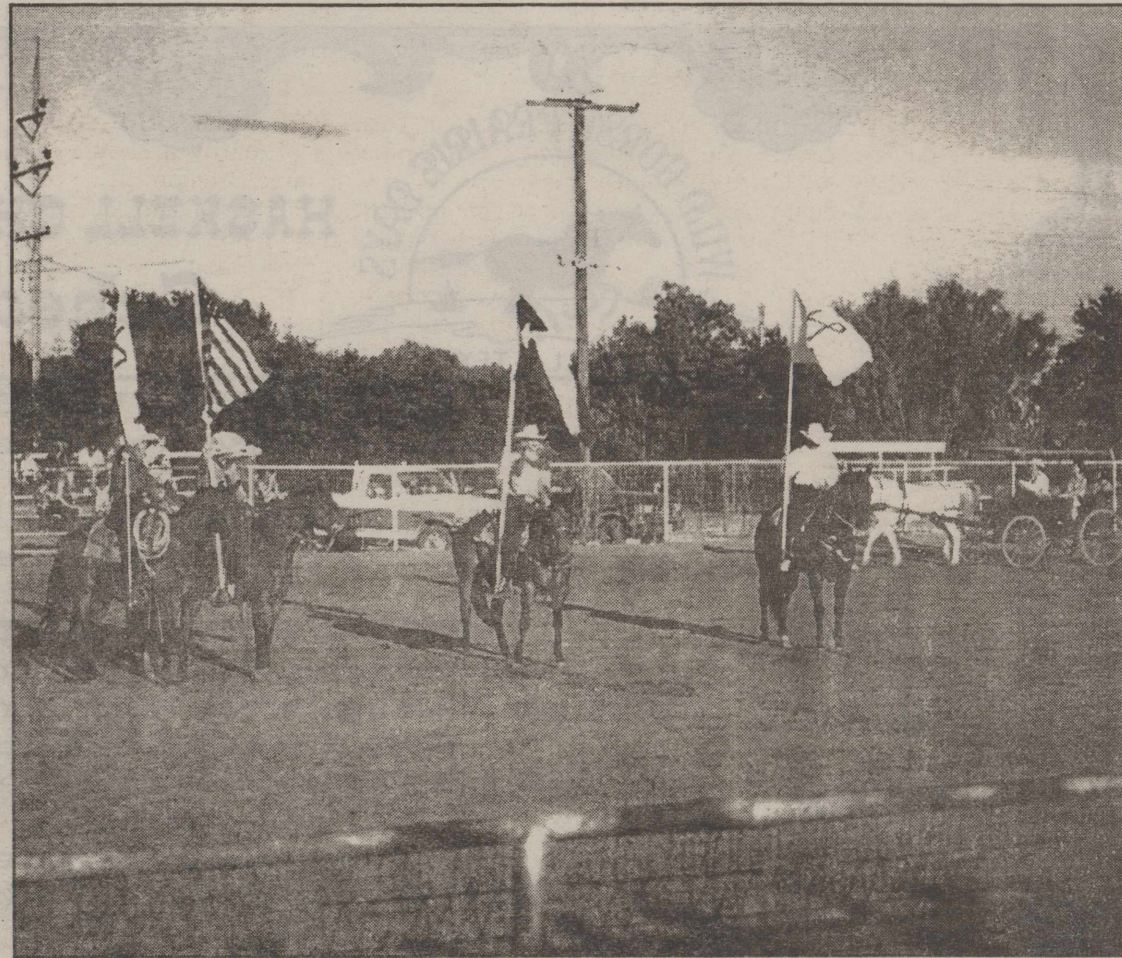


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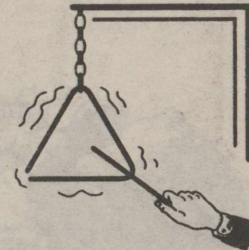
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Phil Guitar and Bill Flowers operate ranches at Stamford and Throckmorton. Phil's wife Jane is also from a Hamlin ranching family. Her family owns the Martin and Y6 Ranches, plus numerous farms in that area. The Guitars maintain a cow-calf operation, plus yearlings in the winter and feedlot cattle in the Panhandle. The Hardy Grissom Ranch located east of Abilene is owned by Anita Guitar and has always been noted for outstanding Hereford cattle.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Billy Lamb, Lloyd Meek, Jimbo Humphreys, Phil Guitar and Hegan Lamb.

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Civil War. He later gave his sons the land to develop and as a result, the Swenson Brothers ranch was born.

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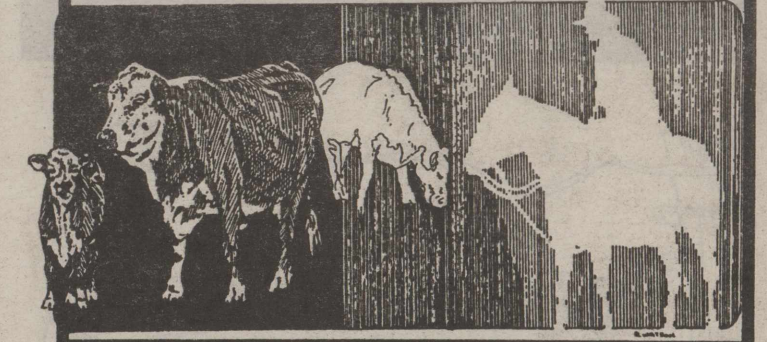
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The 6666 Ranch, one of the most famous brands in America, covers 350,000 acres of land located in King and Carson Counties. It is owned by Anne Windfohr Marion.

Legend has it that Capt. Samuel Burk Burnett, better know as Capt. Burk, won the property in a poker game. In reality he bought it and a small herd of cattle, which already carried the brand, in the 1870's. From that time on, Burk set out and amassed in the name of the 6666's one of the largest cattle empires in the

state of Texas. Burk died in 1922.

The ranch is primarily a Hereford cattle operation with some Brangus crossbreds and continues to uphold the standards of quality and performance the founders established years ago. Ranch cowboys brand about 6,000 calves each spring and raise about 70 colts a year on the King County ranch.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Mike Seago, Monte Hollar, Cody Cochran, Bubba Wither and Butch Gass.

## J Masterson-JY Ranch

The J-Y Ranch was established in 1898 in King County by R. B. Masterson. Today, the ranch consists of 30,000 acres in King County. The ranch also operates 5,000 acres in Haskell County.

The ranch is primarily a commercial cow-calf operation, but quarter horses are also raised.

The Ranch Rodeo team members are Robert Masterson, Bill Masterson, Ralph Mote, Ronnie Patterson and Clifton Brandon.

## L Lyles Ranch

The Lyles Ranch, established in September of 1950, is owned by Louis Lyles.

The 15,300 acre ranch is located eight miles west of Benjamin. The ranch maintains a

Brangus cow/calf, and wheat operation with some farming.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Tomy Lyles, Tammy Lyles, Dwayne Daniels, Tyler Collins and Robert Estrada.

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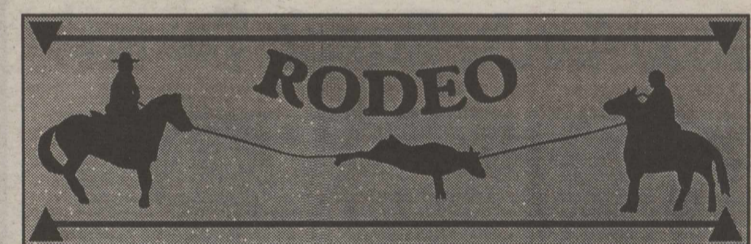
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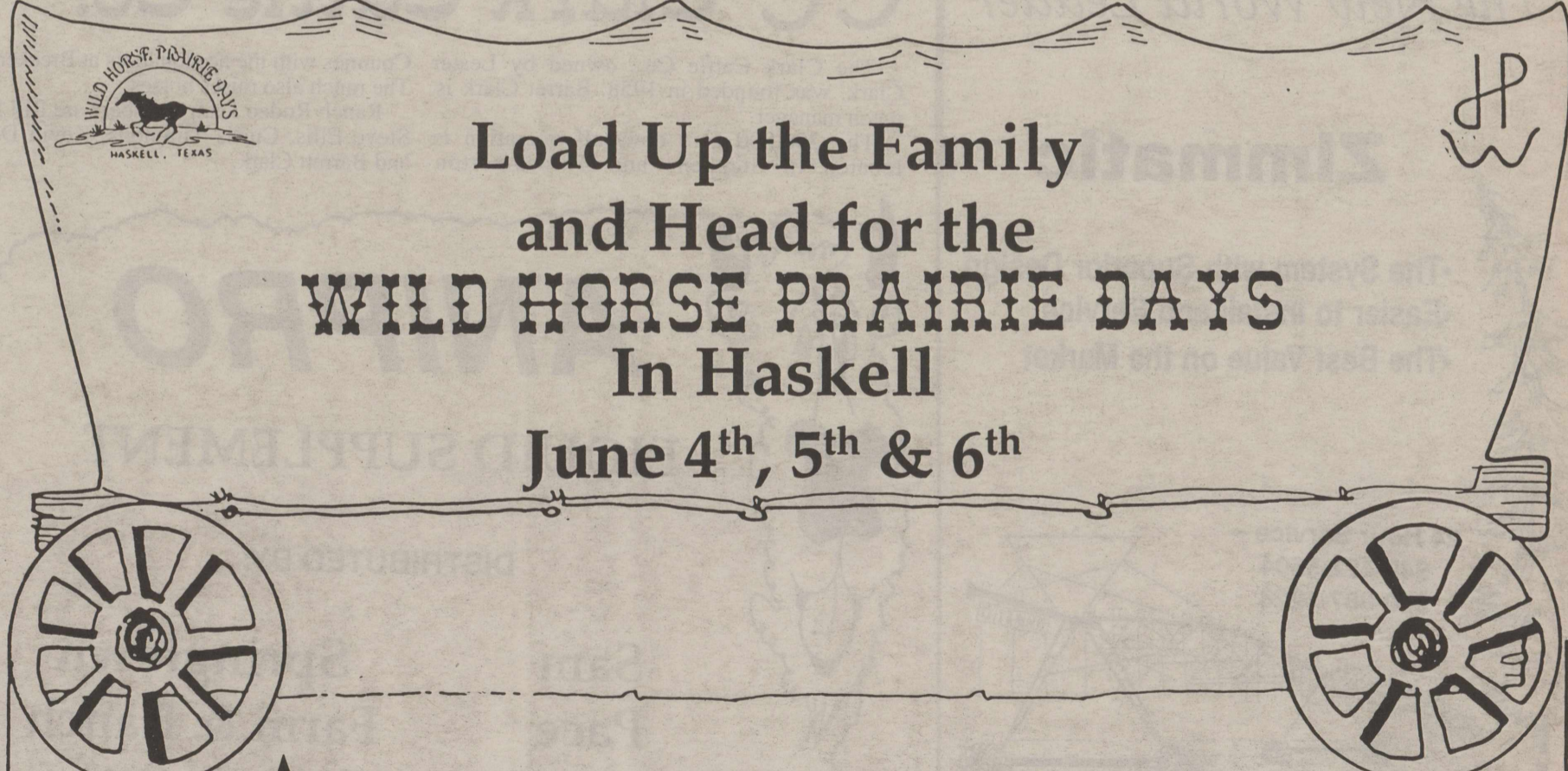
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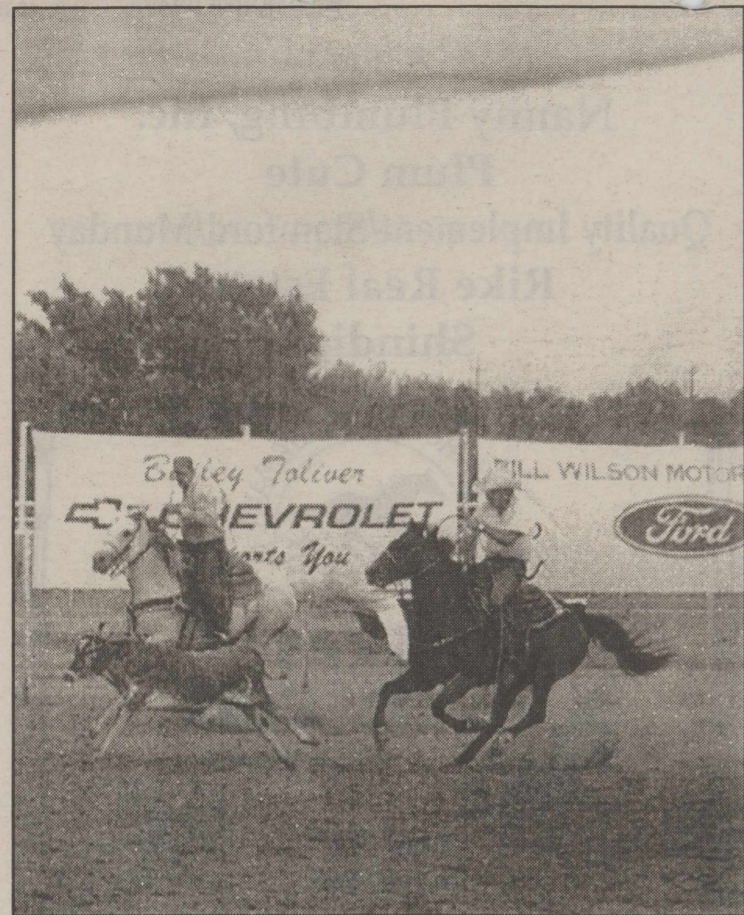
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The ranch sold to Lester Clark of Breckenridge in 1993. He then leased it in 1994 to Millard Morris of DeRidder, Louisiana, who purchased the ranch in 1997. With full intentions of keeping the ranching traditions

alive, the Tongue River Ranch is home to working cowboys and their families.

Ranch manager is Larry Abbott who has worked on the ranch for six years. This past year, the ranch has seen some much needed improvements and changes beginning with a spacious cookhouse, a 30-stall mare barn fully equipped with vet room, tack rooms and a large office, a 150-foot round pen and a lighted arena. In addition, the ranch has 60 mares from some of the best bloodlines in the county.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Larry Abbott, Monty Jones, Wes Abbott, Byron Fields and Pancho Manzanaras.

# £ Beggs Ranch

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In 1963 the Atarque Ranch at Fence Lake, N.M. was purchased and the Cattle Company operated this ranch until it was sold in 1978. The Beggs Cattle Company is now under management of the fourth generation. It is a commercial cattle operation and raises quarter horses for use on the ranches.


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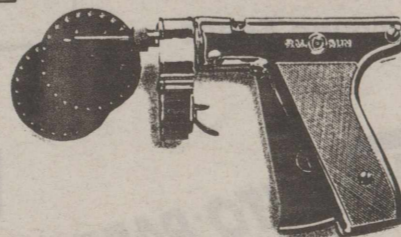
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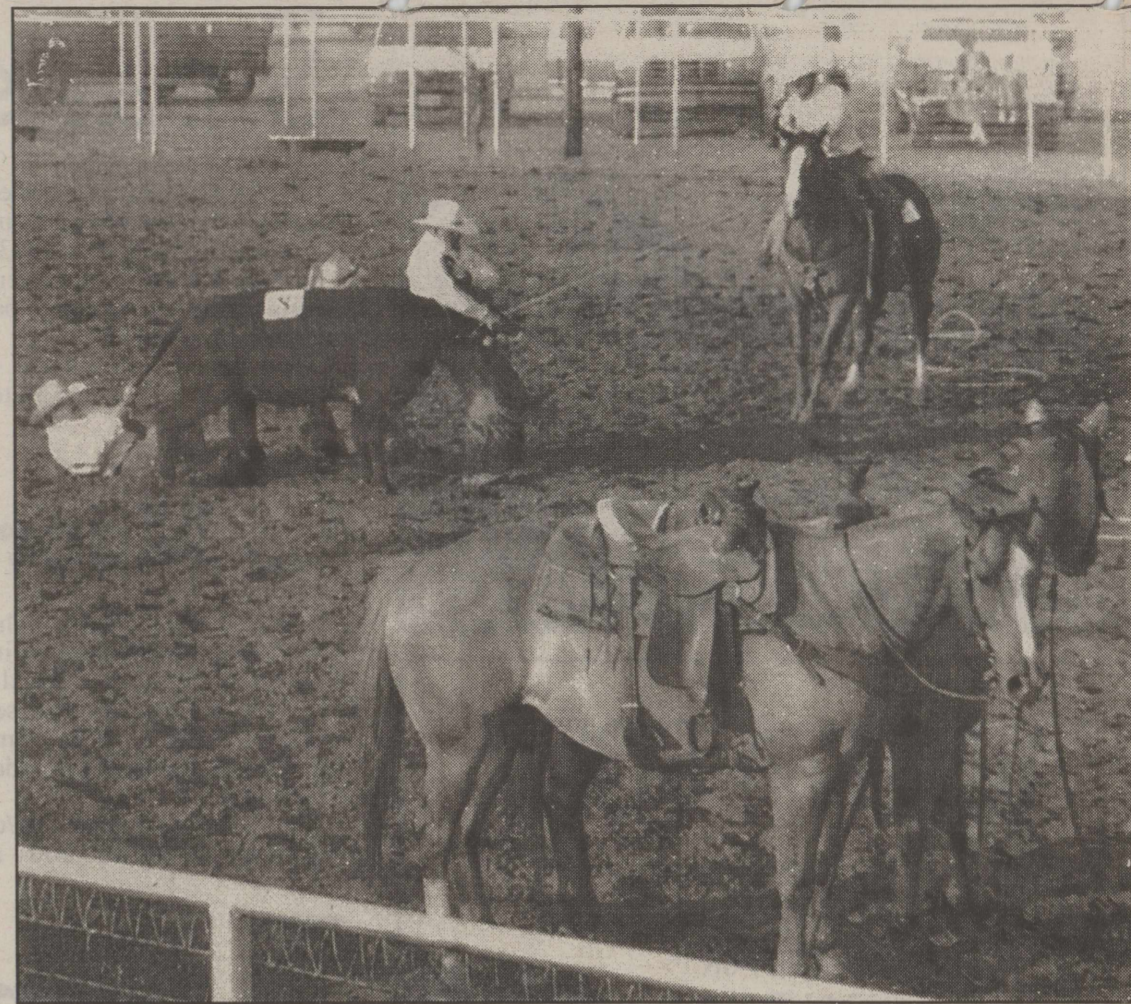
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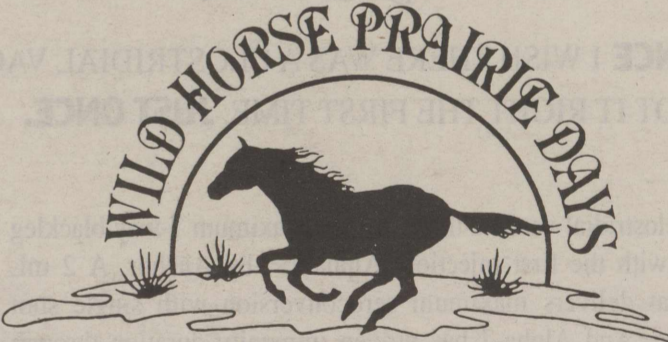
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The Bar S Ranch, owned by Mrs. W.A. Springer, Glenn Springer and Linda Springer Rice, was recognized in 1993 as a Family Land Heritage Ranch for over a century on continuous ownership and operation as a family agriculture enterprise.

The ranch, established in 1890, covers 27,000 acres in King and Stonewall Counties

with the headquarters located 17 miles southwest of Guthrie. Hereford cattle and quarter horses are the main operations of the ranch.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Glenn Springer, Cody Springer, Tim Jones, Kelly Thompson and Carla Springer.

# Moorhouse Ranch Co.

Four brothers, Tom, John, Bob and Ed Moorhouse, are all partners in the Moorhouse Ranch Co. which is located near Benjamin. Their father Togo Moorhouse leased the land originally settled by his family in 1927. He later bought the land and added to the original holdings.

The ranch maintains cow/calf and yearling operations on the 100,000+ acres. They also

raise all of the horses that they ride and produce a yearly wheat crop.

The ranch has a graveside dating back to 1888 that is the burial place of Mrs. Walter Blaine and infant.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Tom Moorhouse, Joe Leathers, Bubba Smith and Cotton Leathers.

# Thompson Ranch

The Thompson Ranches, founded in 1953, covers 55,000 acres located in Childress, Hardeman and Knox Counties and is owned by Larry Thompson.

The Thompson family's interest in ranching and farming began in the early 1900's in Cottle Co. Until the last 20 years, the emphasis was mostly on farming while running a few head of

cattle as a sideline. Today, cattle production has become the major endeavor of the operation. With the family having sons, it is looking forward to many more years in the ranching industry.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Tyler Thompson, Trey Thompson, Todd Thompson, Jason Bowman and Riley Carver.

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# Nail Ranch

The Nail Ranch is owned by Ronnie Nail, Larry Nail, Jeremy Nail and Jamie Nail and is under management of Dub Sims, who was raised in the Paint Creek area. George Peacock is the on spot manager and has been for 33 years.

Ranch Rodeo team members are George

Peacock, Johnny Stewart, Jamie Nail, Bud Lowery and Smokey Eppler.

The Nail Ranch, founded in 1893, covers approximately 64,000 acres, located northwest of Albany on Highway 283. The ranch maintains a cow-calf operation.

# -S Bar S Ranch/Stewart

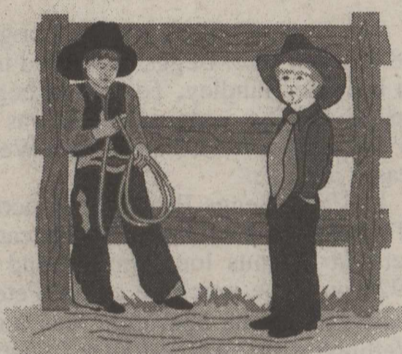
The Bar -S Ranch, owned by Ronnie Stewart, Danny Stewart, Mike Stewart and Mark Stewart was founded in 1990.

The ranch maintains cross-bred cattle and a 5,000 acre wheat operation on 12,000 acres

located in Shackelford and Throckmorton Counties.

Ranch Rodeo team members are Mark Stewart, Mike Stewart, Jay Hart, Jeff Flowers and Stoney Jones.

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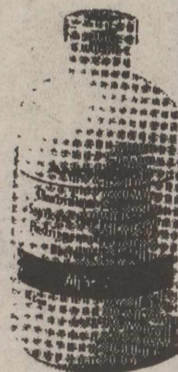
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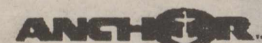
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