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Calendar

Office closed

The Haskell Free Press office will be closed Thurs., July 13.

Society to meet

The Haskell County Historical & Genealogical Society will meet Mon., July 10 in Haskell City Hall at 7 p.m.

Summer harvest set July 8

Students from area churches will be going door to door throughout the city of Haskell Sat., July 8 showing the love of Jesus Christ to people by prying for them and their needs.

Summer lunches

Haskell CISD will serve summer food service meals at the Haskell Elementary School cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, Monday through Friday through July 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Those ages 1-18 years of age will eat free. Adults may eat for \$2.50 per plate.

Story time

Haskell Co. Library will hold four school age story times, in cooperation with the Haskell CISD summer program, on July 13 and July 20 at 9:30 a.m. The theme is 'Reading-Sport of Champions.' For more information, call 864-2747.

Burn ban issued

A burn ban is in effect for Haskell County. The use of combustible materials in an outdoor environment by any person is prohibited. Combustible materials specifically include, but are not limited to, fireworks, camp fires, welding and any other pyrotechnic material, which in the manner or means of its use could result in a wildfire. The ban will continue until conditions warrant otherwise, stated Haskell County Judge David C. Davis. A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this order commits a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Storm sirens

The City of Haskell will test the storm sirens at noon on Fridays.

Rochester anniversary

Rochester exes are asked to email both physical and email addresses to Sandra Fry at sfryrochester@yahoo.com. Pictures for a presentation for the Rochester 100th anniversary and homecoming weekend to be held Oct. 13-14 are also needed.

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PLACE SECOND—The Haskell Dragons placed second in the Quad-County Minor League baseball tournament held in Stamford June 22-26. Team members are back row, l-r, Jonah Caddell (LF), Mykal Abila (C, 3B, P), Austin Alsbrook (RF & CF), Kade Colley (1B, 3B, C, P), Hayden Leach (RF), Travon Dessivia (CF). Front row, Pryce Stewart (1B, 2B), Ryan Pace (C, 1B), Dylan Hanson (P, 1B, 3B), Seth McCormick (SS). Not pictured are Joseph Blackstock, Richard Rodriguez, Frankie Masias, Jonathan Primm, Bobby De Los Santos. The team is coached by Craig McCormick, Lance Hanson and Patrick Pace.

Dragons place second

The Haskell Dragons, first place winners in the north zone of the Quad-County baseball organization, advanced to the Quad-County Minor League Tournament held in Stamford June 22-26 and placed second.

In game one, the Dragons defeated the Stamford Twins by a score of 13-8. Game two was won by the Dragons, who handed the undefeated Anson Storm team their first loss of the season, with a score of 6-4.

The Dragons were able to lasso the Stamford Longhorns in game 3 by a score of 7-6.

In the championship game, the Dragons faced the Anson Storm in a double elimination situation. After a thrilling catch by Dragon's center fielder Travon Dessivia in the third, tying the game in the bottom of the sixth, and having the game winning run being called out at home plate for the third out, the game went into an extra inning.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Dragons game-tying run was called out at home plate for the third out, giving the Storm a 6-5 win. Each team had one loss in the tournament forcing a second game with the Anson team defeating the Dragons on Monday night with a championship win of 11-1.

Kade Colley of the Haskell Dragons was named Outstanding Defensive Player of the tournament.

The Dragons finished the season with a 10-3 overall record.

Singing school starts July 9

The 41st Annual Haskell Singing School, hosted by the Haskell Church of Christ, will be held July 9-14 at the local church facility.

Approximately 150 youth, ages ten years and up, and adults from several states, are expected to attend. The theme of this year's event will be "Famous One."

Most of the students will stay with host families who provide lodging

and meals, but local students can stay in their own homes, and their expense will be a minimal cost of \$30.00, which covers materials and five noon meals.

Six outstanding instructors from around the country will teach students skills in reading music, voice, song writing, harmony, song leading and worship.

Classes will be conducted, based

on musical ability, from 8:45 a.m. until 3:45 p.m., with a break until 7:00 p.m.

An area-wide Summer Youth Program will be hosted at 6:30 p.m. on Tues., July 11, and a closing acapella singing program, open to the public, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Fri., July 14.

For information, or to register, call the church office at 864-3101.

Commissioners open bids at special called meeting

In a special called meeting held July 29 by the Haskell Commissioners' Court the following bids were accepted or rejected:

The bid of \$15,200 for the backhoe and \$3,000 for the trailer from Triple H Ranch Haus was accepted.

The bid of \$5,252 for the 15 foot Bush Hog shredder from G T

Enterprises was accepted.

The bid of \$12,725 for the 5088 Case International tractor from Dalton Johnson was accepted.

The bid of \$10,040 for the guardrail was accepted.

The bid of \$855 for the White truck from Steve McGuire was rejected.

Culberson to serve 17 years for drug charges

The punishment phase of the trial styled "State of Texas vs. Jerry Lee Culberson," concluded June 28 in the 39th Judicial District for Haskell County. Culberson was convicted by a Haskell County jury of possession of over 14 grams of cocaine on May 17, 2006, and faced punishment of two years to twenty years in the Texas Penitentiary for his involvement in the crime.

The Honorable Charles Chapman, after hearing the evidence, sentenced the defendant to seventeen years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

District Attorney, Mike Fouts, stated that this sentence will enforce that individuals involved with illegal drugs will face severe consequences if caught in Haskell County.

Anchor residents enjoy holiday

Residents and visitors at The Anchor at Lake Stamford enjoyed 4th of July activities Sat., July 1 at the park.

The annual golf cart parade was led by Sheriff David Halliburton and wife, Claire. Thirteen entries, including eleven adult entries and two children's entries, paraded up and down the lake's residential area and camping sites.

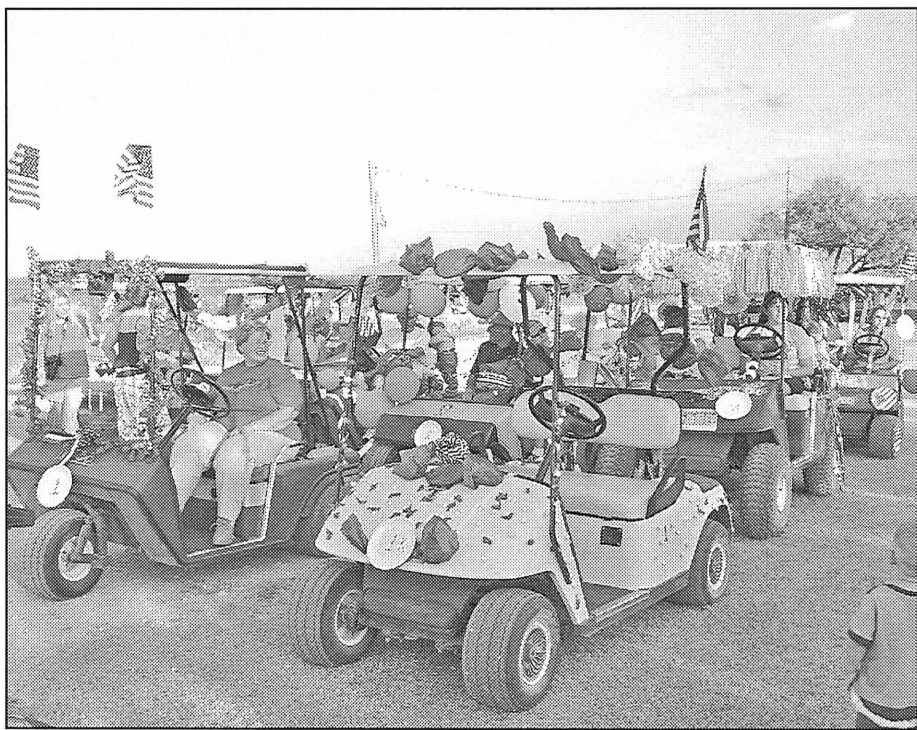
The red, white and blue colors highlighted the entries for the parade.

Winners in the kids' division were first place, Ethan Griffith of Munday and, Taylor Griner and Jayton

Roberts, both of Lubbock.

In the adult division, Dorothy McKinley of The Anchor, Lake Stamford took first place honors. Jamie Griner of Lubbock won second place. Third place entry was by Amanda Weaver of Roby. Carla Baker of Lubbock took the fourth place prize.

Snowcones, food, camping, fishing and boating were many of the activities enjoyed by those at the lakeside marina. A fireworks show held on the waterfront closed the day's activities.



GOLF CART PARADE—13 entries participated in the annual golf cart parade held at The Anchor on Lake Stamford Sat., July 1. Red, white and blue was the star colors for the parade held in celebration of July 4th. The lake was a bustle with campers, boaters, fishermen during the holiday weekend. The evening was topped off with a lakeside fireworks show. Lake residents held a fund-raiser to help purchase and built a roof over the lake's storm cellar.

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Obituaries

Joannah B. Gordy Smith



JOANNAH B. GORDY SMITH
 Memorial services for Joannah B. Gordy Smith, 85, of Lubbock were held Thurs., June 29 at LakeRidge United Methodist Church in Lubbock with Rev. Bill Couch officiating. Interment was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Smith died Sat., June 24. Born Dec. 27, 1920 in Weinert, she was the daughter of Joseph Sanderson Gordy, Sr. and Vada Beatrice (Gladish) Gordy. She attended Weinert High School and Texas women's College. She lived in Denton, Seminole, Seagraves and moved to Lubbock from Washington State in 1950. She met Glenn W. Smith and they were married Aug. 3, 1951 in Clovis, New Mexico. He preceded her in death Nov. 5, 2002. She was a homemaker and prior to her retirement worked for Bailey Ford Tractor. She was involved in many committees including LakeRidge UMC Financial Committee and Worship Committee, a long with Communion Coordinator and Shoe Box Ministries of LakeRidge. She was a charter member of LakeRidge UMC since 1989.

Survivors include three sons, Anthony and his significant other,

Arlene Adams of Hollywood, California, Timothy of Saudi Arabia and Christopher and his significant other, Gerald Bergman of Lubbock; two daughters, Stephanie Palmire and husband, Johnny of San Antonio and Michelle Smith of Lubbock; four brothers, Robert of Cartersville, Georgia, Joseph (Junior) of Greeley, Colorado, Deward of Odessa and Bill of Carlsbad, New Mexico; two sisters, Evelyn Branham of Beeville and Maxine Barton of Midland; 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to LakeRidge UMC Foundation Class; Shoebox Ministries at LakeRidge UMC, 4701 82nd, Lubbock, Texas 79424; American Cancer Society, 3411 74th, Lubbock, Texas 79423 and Vista Care Hospice, 1010 Slide, Lubbock, Texas 79416.

Online condolences may be sent at www.whitefuneralhome.com
 PD. NOTICE

Facts about sweeteners

To sweeten or not to sweeten—for those contemplating limiting their sugar intake, that is the real question.

Sugar is a favorite food. According to a federal study "Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals," the average American consumed about 20 teaspoons of sugar a day during the mid-1990s. About 60 percent of that sugar was from corn sweeteners (often found in sodas and other drinks) and 40 percent from table sugar and other sweeteners such as honey, said the Sugar Association.

Although loved, sugar isn't a good source of nutrients. That's why sugar is one of the first foods to be limited when dietary changes are made, said Texas Cooperative Extension experts.

Still, that sweet flavor is hard to give up. Sugar substitutes and artificial sweeteners can be alternatives to sugar, but that leads to the second question: Are they safe?

"Eating sweeteners is safe as long

as you do not eat too much of them," said Dr. Mary Bielamowicz, Extension nutrition specialist.

"There are currently five low-calorie (non-nutritive) sweeteners approved for use in the U.S.," said Dr. Carol Rice, Extension health specialist. "Extensive scientific research has demonstrated the safety of these five sugar substitutes."

These sweeteners are:

- Acesulfame-K (often marketed as SweetOne, Sunette, Sweet and Safe, and Ace-K).
- Aspartame (NutraSweet, Equal).
- Neotame.
- Saccharin (Sweet 'N Low, Sugar Twin, Necta Sweet).
- Sucralose (Splenda).

Although three other low-calorie sweeteners—alittle, cyclamate and steviol glycosides—are available in other countries, they are not legal in the U.S.

"The only U.S.-approved sugar substitute that requires a label for safety is aspartame," Bielamowicz said. That's because this ingredient contains phenylalanine, an amino acid that is dangerous for individuals with phenylketonuria, or PKU, a rare—and hereditary—metabolic condition, she added.

"People with PKU know they have it since babies are tested for this shortly after birth," Rice said.

For everybody else, consuming sugar substitutes in reasonable

amounts shouldn't be a problem, she said.

"Claims of adverse behavioral, neurological, carcinogenic, allergic and other adverse effects have been made against sugar substitutes, particularly aspartame," Bielamowicz said. "These claims are often highly circulated through e-mail and Internet sites, but they have not been supported by scientific research. In fact, numerous studies have been conducted that have found aspartame to be safe, and these claims to be unfounded."

However, some factors might limit a sugar substitute's usefulness in some situations, Rice said. Some sweeteners break down under high heat and cannot be used in cooking. Some are so much sweeter than ordinary sugar that they must be used in small amounts.

For more information about each sweetener's characteristics and uses, download a free copy of the April 2006 Health Hints Newsletter on sugar substitutes, said Janet Pollard, Extension associate for health. For a copy, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to "Health."

And don't forget, the experts advised, before making any dietary changes, seek the guidance of a medical professional and/or nutrition expert.

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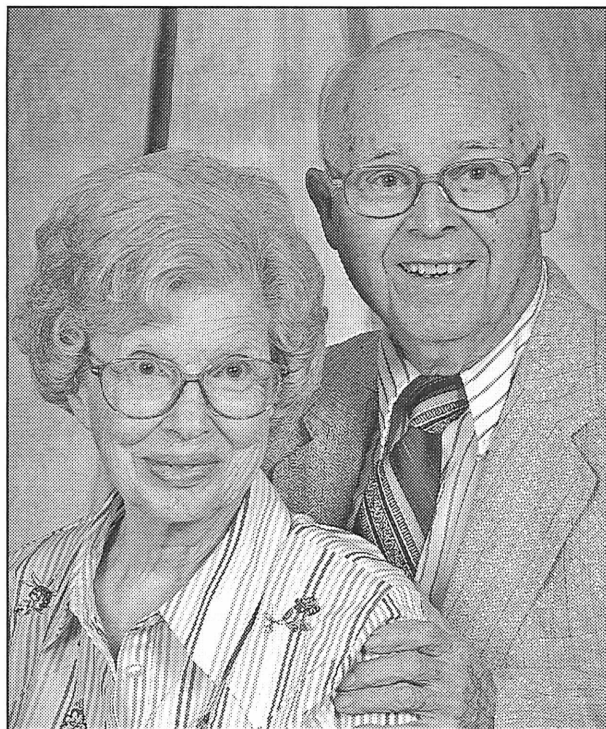
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MR. AND MRS. GEORGE FOUTS

Couple celebrates 65th anniversary

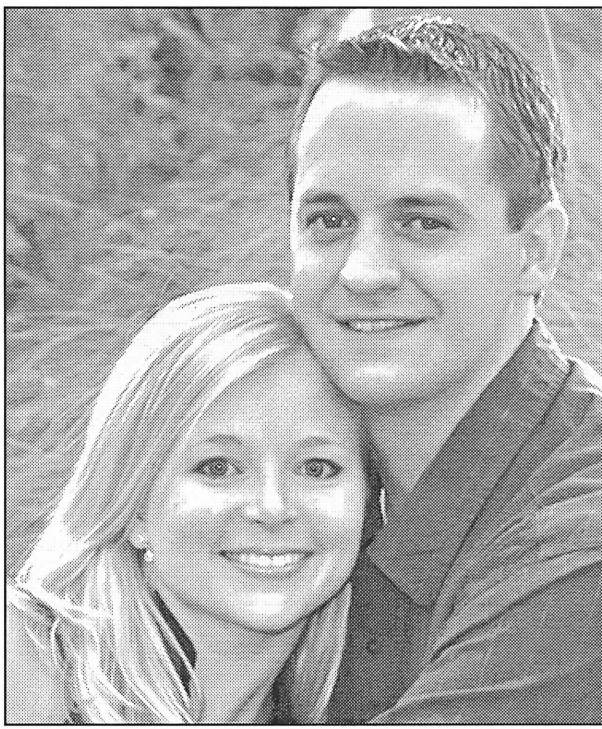
Mr. and Mrs. George Fouts of Haskell celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with their children June 25 at Peacock's Mesquite Grill in Anson.

Both were born in Haskell, George on Dec. 14, 1917 and Helen on Aug. 8, 1919. They graduated from Haskell High School and after attending college, were married in the First Christian Church of Haskell on June 22, 1941. He served in Europe in World War II and returned to Haskell in 1946 to go into partnership with his dad at Fouts Dry Goods. He

retired in 1983. She was a homemaker and teacher, retiring in 1975 after teaching ten years at Haskell Elementary School.

Both are active in the First Baptist and First Christian Churches of Haskell and in many family, civic and school activities.

The couple has three children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fouts of Oak Hill, Virginia, Betsy McManamon, and Mr. and Mrs. John Fouts, all of Haskell. They have seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.



JESSICA HALE - MATT PACE

Hale, Pace to wed July 9

Billy and Trish Hale and Danny and Debbie Burkhalter announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jessica Dawn Hale, to David Matthew Pace, son of Patrick and Carmel Pace and Ted and Brenda Evans.

A 1996 graduate of Haskell High School, Hale is employed by Aurora Medical Center in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Pace graduated from Rule High School in 1996 and is a systems administrator for the Colorado Association of Realtors.

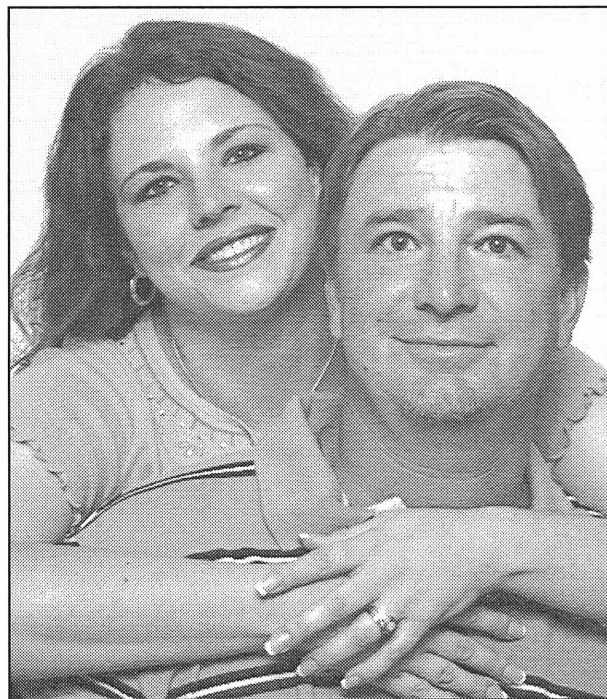
Serving in the wedding party are Sara Coleman, maid of honor, and

Sarah Tschar and Heidi Handal, bridesmaids.

Jeremiah Hale, brother of the bride, will serve as best man. Joseph Dawn Hale, to David Matthew Pace, brother of the groom, will serve as groomsmen. Stephen Pace, brother of the groom, will serve as usher and Ryan Pace, brother of the groom, will be ring bearer.

The couple plan to be married July 9 in Copper, Colorado with Loren Steinbeck officiating.

They plan to honeymoon in Sandals Whitehouse, Jamaica.



SARA BATES - MARTY DECKER

Bates, Decker plan September wedding

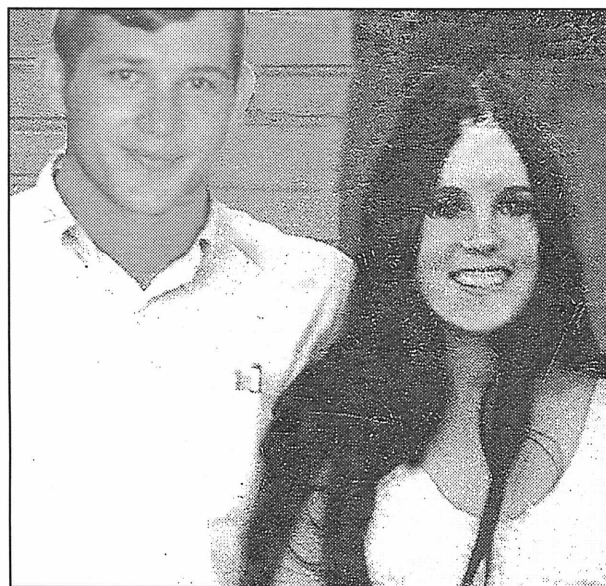
Sid and Kathy Parker of Haskell announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sara Parker Bates to James Marty Decker, son of Sammy and Beverly Decker of Haskell.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Haskell High School and attended business college. She is employed by

Texas Department of Health and Human Services.

The prospective bridegroom is a 1988 graduate of Haskell High School and is a Master Electrician with Decker Electric of Haskell.

The couple plans to be married Sept. 9 at the First Christian Church in Haskell.



MR. AND MRS. RONNIE NAIL

Couple to celebrate 36th anniversary

Ronnie and Debi Nail of Haskell will celebrate their 36th wedding anniversary Tues., July 11.

The couple has a son, James, who lives in Lubbock with his wife, Debi,

and three children Brittany, Jared and Josh.

He is employed by Bailey Toliver Ford-Mercury-Chevrolet. She is self-employed.

Rochester church to close doors after 100 years of service

One hundred years ago, in 1906, the Methodist Church was established in Rochester.

Sun., July 9, at 2:00 p.m., after being an important part of the life of many community families through the years, it will close its doors as a congregation in a bittersweet event marked by a special service and reception.

In a move made necessary by changing population relocations and shifts in the Rochester population during the last two years, the members recently voted to

discontinue operating as a local church group. The members will now be welcomed a part of the First United Methodist Church of Haskell.

The United Methodist Northwest Texas Conference District Superintendent, Rev. Ava Berry, of Abilene, said the district is exploring the possibility of maintaining the building and property as a future retreat center or training events facility for the region.

Ava Berry will preside over the service, along with several other pastors who have served Rochester.

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Supreme Court finds fault with 1 Texas district

AUSTIN—Most of the Texas Legislature's contested 2003 redrawing of congressional district boundaries did not violate the Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 28.

However, the majority of the high court found the map of Congressional District 23 in violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

District 23 cut into Laredo, a Hispanic and Democratic stronghold, to the advantage of Republican U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla.

U.S. District Judge John T. Ward, Eastern District of Texas, on June 29 ordered proposed boundary lines must be delivered by July 14 and July 21 is the deadline for responses to the proposals. Oral arguments are scheduled for Aug. 3 in Austin.

Ward is one third of a three-judge panel that will redraw the district. The redrawing may change the shape of as many as three other adjacent or nearby congressional districts.

Recently resigned U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, who was House majority leader at the time, played a role in forcing the redraw between decennial censuses.

In 2003, most Democratic state lawmakers regarded the timing as illegal at worst and unusual or unprecedented at best, but Republicans argued that the Legislature should replace the previous court-drawn map with one drawn by the Legislature, in accordance with the state constitution.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court adopted the latter mindset. Texas and other states might interpret this to mean a voting map can be challenged at any time, and there's no need to postpone the redrawing until a new U.S. Census is taken.

Before boundaries were redrawn, Democrats held a 17-15 seat edge over Republicans. The new boundaries resulted in a 21-11 seat advantage for Republicans.

The League of United Latin American Citizens and others brought the lawsuit challenging the 2003 redistricting. The lawsuit named as defendants Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick,

Secretary of State Roger Williams and other high-ranking state officials, all of whom are Republican.

Perry called the court's ruling "a clear victory for our state."

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said, "The Court made clear that the Texas Legislature was fully within its constitutional authority when it adopted a congressional plan that more fairly represents the demonstrated preferences of Texas voters."

Chris Bell, the Houston Democrat challenging Perry for governor, commented, "The Supreme Court's decision clearly shows that Rick Perry and Tom DeLay's actions were blatant violations of the Voting Rights Act and politically motivated power grabs against the Hispanic voting population in South Texas."

AG: TxDOT may install cameras
The Texas Department of Transportation may install cameras on state highway rights-of-way to monitor compliance with traffic control signals, Attorney General Abbott ruled June 23.

TxDOT also may permit local authorities to install camera equipment in connection with traffic-control signals on state highway rights-of-way for the same purpose, Abbott ruled.

Lottery agency names chief
Lottery Commissioners on June 28 named Anthony J. SADBERRY executive director of the Texas Lottery.

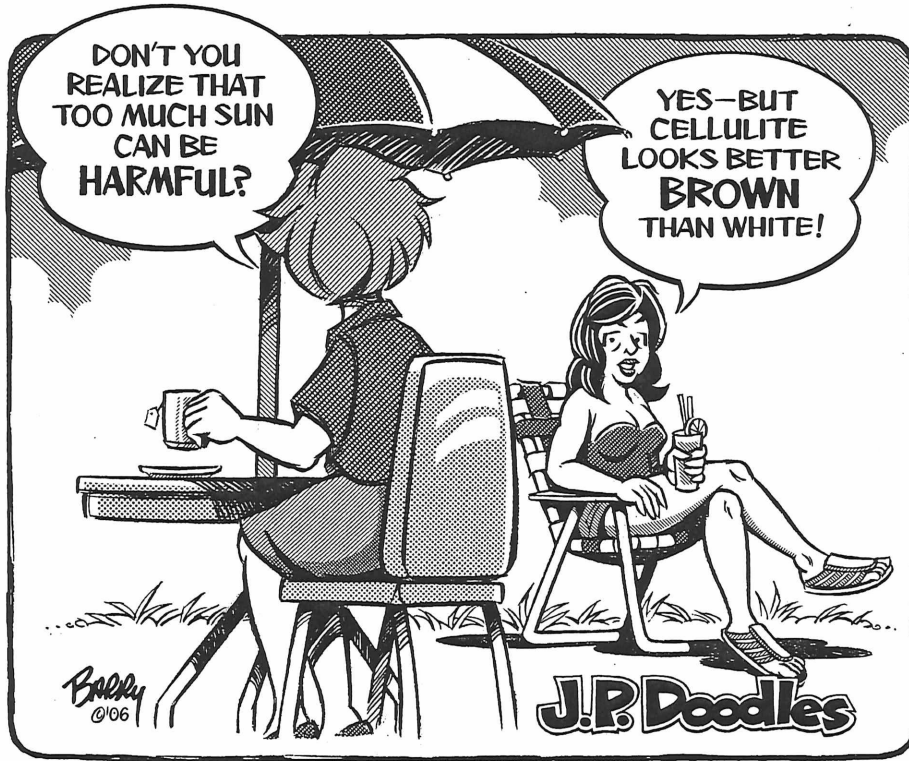
SADBERRY had been serving as acting director since his appointment in January.

A former assistant Attorney General of Texas, SADBERRY was appointed to the Texas Lottery Commission by Gov. Ann Richards in 1993.

SADBERRY begins his duties immediately at a salary of \$114,996.

State executes 'Railroad Killer'
The Texas Department of Criminal Justice executed 46-year-old Angel Maturino Resendiz at Huntsville on June 27. Resendiz was found guilty for the 1998 murder of Dr. Claudia Benton of Houston.

As many as 10 other murders have been attributed to Resendiz, who became known as the "railroad killer" for hopping freight trains and moving from town to town.



Sunscreen helps reduce skin cancer

In addition to protecting against sunburn, premature aging and skin cancer, daily use of sunscreen can reduce the number of sunspots (or precancers) and may even help existing sunspots disappear. An Australian researcher uncovered that daily use of SPF 15 may decrease the risk of skin cancer in the long run. This study is especially significant in a time when there is so much controversy and confusion about sunscreen and skin cancer rates are at epidemic levels.

"These findings have very positive implications and have gone largely unreported," said Robin Marks, M.B.B.S., M.P.H., a senior lecturer at the University of Melbourne. "It means that cancer is not inevitable, even though you may have gone down the pathway towards cancer in some tissue, sufficient for it to become clinically apparent in the form of an AK."

The goal of the study was to determine the effect of sunscreens on precancers or actinic keratosis (AKs) and can be likened to smoking research which showed how the body can heal itself after smoking cessation. By removing or reducing the carcinogen, i.e. cutting down sunlight exposure, the force pushing the keratinocyte towards skin cancer is reduced. An immune response or other genetic mechanisms is likely correcting the defect because the carcinogen has been removed. It is a very important factor in giving people hope, even though they may have been exposing their skin to excessive sunlight for many years.

This study is very reassuring in that it confirms the notion that regular sunscreen use can decrease the risk of skin cancer. However, in order to be truly effective, sunscreens must be used as an adjunct to other sound sun protective practices in order for to see a reduction in the incidence and mortality rates of skin cancer.

Skin cancer prevention tips include:

- Seek the shade, especially between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- Do not burn.
- Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.
- Use a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day.
- Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or after swimming or toweling off.
- Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.
- Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.
- See your doctor every year for a professional skin exam.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 4, 1996

Mayor Ken Lane presented David Jim Strickland with a certificate for Merit of Service in appreciation for his work on the EDC board.

Max Stapleton, Haskell County Extension Agent-Agriculture for the past 28 years, retired after 30 years with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Martha Joyce Davis, Miss Houston, competed for the title of Miss Texas. Davis is the daughter of Lana Bell Davis and granddaughter of the late Paul and Jean Bell of Rule. She is the great granddaughter of Stella Bell and the late Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Goad of Rule.

Jennifer Lehrmann, Landon Terry and Anna Rieger, attended the 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo.

20 Years Ago July 3, 1986

The yard of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCauley has been named "Yard of the Month" by the Haskell Chamber of Commerce's Community Betterment Committee.

Tamra Burnett was selected as an honored member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Kimberly Skiles won first place at the Texas State competition in twirling in San Antonio.

30 Years Ago July 1, 1976

Six Haskell Girl Scouts attended the first session at Camp Boothe Oaks, Sweetwater. Representing Troop 464 were Shannon Lane and

April Turner and those from Troop 465 were Sharla Drinnon, D'Anne Burris, Emily Cox, and Kiersta Lane.

Visiting with Mrs. Gary Druesedow were four of her former photography students of Wichita Falls. Carol Horany, Rick Gregory, Dean Thomas and Jan Swayden.

M-System grocery ad was advertising: T-Bone steaks, \$1.69 lb.; white seedless grapes, 49 cents lb.; watermelons, 99 cents each; sugar, 99 cents, 5 lb. bag.

40 Years Ago July 7, 1966

Rick Perry, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Perry of Paint Creek community, suffered a severe broken left arm while unloading horses from a trailer at the Perry home.

Aaron Ellison announces that he purchased the stock and equipment of the East Side Texaco Station located at Ave. A and N. First.

The Cancer Center reports volunteer workers for the month of June were John Brock, P.C. Spenny, T.W. Jetton, C.T. Jones, R.R. Overton, J.B. Edwards, Alice Mayes, Zelma Price, John Davidson, Raymond Melton, Pearl Mask, J.A. Cain, J.R. Davis, Pearl Homesley, Jim Darden, Travis Smith, T.M. Patterson, H. Russell, W.E. Brady and Floy McMeans.

Eddie Hester of Texas Tech and Gene Hester of McMurry were visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hester.

50 Years Ago July 5, 1956

Jimmy Dan Tabor was 7 months old when he lived in Haskell. He

became Haskell's first polio victim. At age ten, Jimmy was a patient at the Walter Reed Army Hospital when President Dwight D. Eisenhower was also there. The President sent his aide, Capt. Dale J. Crittberger to Jimmy's room with greetings from him personally.

Two members of the Haskell Lions club, Courtney Hunt and J.M. Crawford attended the Lions International Convention in Miami, Florida.

100 Years Ago June 30, 1906

Mr. Henderson has received his stock and opened a gents furnishing store on the north side.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McGregor, formerly of Waco, have located in Haskell. McGregor is a young lawyer and will open an office here.

Salome Anthony and Alice Poole visited friends in Rule Wednesday and Thursday.

The J.E. Murphy residence in the south part of town, which was occupied by Chas. Thompson and family, his father, S. Thompson and two roomers, Messers, Watt and Scott, burned early Monday morning. The family and other occupants lost all their possessions and were awakened barely in time to escape from the blazing house.

Mrs. S.W. Scott is giving her Sunday Class and a few friends an all day outing and fish fry on Mr. Scott's Ranch on California Creek southeast of town.

J.B. Martin and Walter Smith spent a couple of days last week on California Creek fishing.

From the AG

By Greg Abbott

Pay Your Child Support to Avoid Penalties

My office works hard to ensure that Texas children receive the support they need and deserve. Thankfully, most parents pay their child support in full and on time.

To encourage parental responsibility, the Child Support Division establishes paternity of children born to unmarried parents and obtains court orders for financial and medical support.

When a parent does not follow a court order to make regular child support payments, my office enforces the order by either obtaining a judgment against the parent and setting up a plan for repaying what is owed or by filing contempt-of-court charges. Interest on delinquent

child support accrues at a rate of six percent per year.

Under state and federal law, the Attorney General's office has access to a myriad of enforcement remedies to collect past due child support. Withholding child support from a parent's paycheck has historically been the most effective enforcement remedy and is used when an employer is known. More than 70 percent of the \$1.86 billion collected in state fiscal year 2005 was made possible by withholding income from a parent's paycheck.

License suspension is another effective tool in enforcing payment of child support. Noncustodial parents who hold a state license, owe more than three months of past-due child support, and are not in compliance with an existing court-ordered or voluntary repayment schedule face license suspension. Licenses and permits ranging from driver's, medical, dental and law licenses to hunting and fishing licenses can be suspended. Since the goal of this remedy is to compel compliance with a child support order, many parents faced with suspension make a payment agreement with the Child Support

Division.

The Attorney General's office routinely matches parents who owe past due child support with a database of account holders supplied by financial institutions operating in Texas and across the nation. When a match occurs, the Attorney General's office can freeze—and ultimately seize—the accounts of parents who refuse to voluntarily settle their child support arrears. For example, the Attorney General's office seized more than \$95,000 from one delinquent parent's bank account after he had fallen drastically behind. The money paid the case in full just in time for the children's Christmas.

Federal law allows states to seize income tax refund checks from parents who are behind on their child support. Under current law, this tool cannot be used once a child who has never received income assistance turns 18, unless the child is disabled. Effective Oct. 1, 2006, a change in federal law will allow interception of federal income tax refunds to collect arrears for all families on the Attorney General's caseload, regardless of the children's age at the time the refund is made.

Another enforcement tool from

the federal government is a U.S. State Department hold on passport issuance or re-issuance to a parent who owes at least \$5,000 in past due child support. Before informing the State Department to lift the passport hold, my office will require that the delinquent parent make a substantial payment toward the arrears total and arrange to pay off the arrears balance in a timely manner. Effective Oct. 1, 2006, the arrears threshold will be lowered to \$2,500.

When all else fails, my office seeks jail time for delinquent parents who continue to ignore a court's order to pay child support. Since I became attorney general in December 2002, more than 10,000 parents have been incarcerated for failing to pay child support.

While there must be consequences for failing to pay court ordered child support, my office also recognizes that many parents who want to pay child support face obstacles to finding and keeping steady employment. For that reason, over the past 10 years the Attorney General's office has referred thousands of needy parents to local workforce development boards for employment services.

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Beef cattle browsing

by Wes Utley
CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.
Cow-calf returns

Times have been good for cow-calf producers. How good? Cattle-Fax® says returns from cow-calf operations have averaged \$109.00/cow/year during 2001 to 2005, compared to \$2.33/cow/year during 1980 to 2000. This increase has happened even though cash costs are higher, \$351/cow last year compared to \$315/cow in 2004, and that does not include depreciation, opportunity costs, or returns to management.

So, higher calf prices are responsible for the increase and Cattle-Fax® says that is partly due to an increase of about 25% in demand for beef over the past five years.

Growth implants vs. stocking rate

Steers were grazed in 2003 and 2004 from mid-March to mid-June on endophyte-infected fescue in west central Arkansas. Initial weights were 634 lb. and 594 lb. for the two years. Stocking rates were 1.2, 1.6, 2.0, or 2.4 steers per acre.

Half of the steers on each rate were implanted with Synovex-S. Implanted steers gained significantly faster and produced significantly more total weight gain/acre at the lower stocking rate. But these effects decreased as stocking rate increased. In fact, at the highest stocking rate, non-implants actually gained slightly faster and had slightly more total gain.

As might be expected, forage availability was highest at lowest stocking rates. This study confirms numerous previous research reports showing that response from growth implants is diminished when nutrition is limited. (J. Animal Sci. 84:1626)

How lean should we go?

Excess fat can certainly be a problem in the beef business.

Most retail cuts are trimmed these days to very little outside fat. But what might happen if we select for ever leaner genetics?

Maybe we can get some idea from the pork people. In the mid-1980s, selection intensified in the pork industry for increased leanness. So, Iowa researchers recently compared carcass and palatability factors of hogs sired by 1980s-era and current Duroc boars. Carcasses from current sires had significantly larger loin eyes and less backfat. But, they also had significantly less marbling, lower mechanical tenderness scores, and poorer scores for lean color and flavor.

The authors cautioned that selection for increased leanness should be accompanied by concurrent selection for eating quality. In addition, some research has shown that extreme leanness may adversely affect reproductive

efficiency in cows. (J. Animal Sci. 84:1577)

Birth weight vs. male reproduction

Montana researchers studied birth weight (BW), scrotal circumference (SC), and several semen factors in 841 Hereford bulls. Heritability estimates were high for SC, moderate for BW, and low to moderate for semen factors. There was a positive genetic correlation between BW and SC, so selection for decreased BW would be expected to reduce SC also.

Other genetic correlations caused the authors to note that "selection to decrease birth weight may result in undesirable correlated responses in a majority of semen characteristics." The trend from genetic evaluation programs in most breeds indicates that, after initially increasing in the 1970s and 80s, BW EPD has stabilized over the last 15 to 20 years, during which time SC EPD has increased slightly.

Therefore, it appears that seedstock breeders have been successful in overcoming the genetic relationship by concurrent selection for moderated BW and increased SC.

Body composition in fed and replacement heifers

Iowa researchers developed half of a group of 167 Angus heifers as replacements (REP) and fed half for slaughter (SL). REP heifers gained 1.53 lb./day and SL gained 3.09 lb./day. All heifers were ultrasonically scanned three times during the development/feeding period to estimate fat thickness over the 12th rib (FT), ribeye area (REA), and intramuscular fat (IMF), an estimate of marbling.

Rates of increase for SL heifers compared to REP were 19.0 times faster for FT and 8.8 times faster for REA. However, IMF increased at a rate only 2.6 times faster for SL heifers.

It was concluded that IMF is least affected by energy consumption and weight gain and that, while FT and REA are related to weight, IMF is most influenced by animal age. Also, heifers being developed for replacements can be reliably evaluated for genetic ability to marble, but probably less accurately for FT and REA. (2004 Iowa St. Univ. Animal Industry Report)

Slaughter end-point vs. genetics for carcass composition

Research has shown that carcass composition varies depending on whether the slaughter end-point is at the same age, weight, or some measure of fatness. U.S. Meat Animal Research Center researchers wanted to know if end-point might affect genetic factors.

Studying 1664 steers of various breed crosses, they found that

estimates of heritability for carcass factors differed slightly depending on end-point. Genetic correlations among factors were more affected by slaughter end-point.

Of particular importance, the authors concluded that: 1. genetic selection for improved Yield Grade would be most effective at the same age or fat cover; 2. selection at the same age or same weight for less fat cover would reduce marbling; 3. selection at the same fat cover for superior Yield Grade could be done with little effect on marbling. (J. Animal Sci. 83:764)

National Animal Identification System

NAIS is still on schedule. According to the USDA-APHIS website, the private/state tracking databases should be operational by early 2007.

Also, the following goals have been established: 1. by Jan. 1, 2007, 25 % of premises will be registered and 5% of animals born in 2006 will be tagged; 2. by Jan. 1, 2008, 70% of premises will be registered and 40% of animals born in 2007 will be tagged; 3. by Jan. 1, 2009, 100% of premises will be registered and 100% of animals born in 2008 will be tagged. However, the Texas Animal Health Commission has postponed addressing proposed regulations for premises registration until the winter or spring of 2007.

(Premises can be voluntarily registered at this point by contacting Texas Animal Health Commission, <http://www.taahc.state.tx.us/>.)

Some opposition to NAIS has surfaced, particularly from outside groups and small or non-commercial producers. Perhaps in response, USDA-APHIS has developed "The National Animal Identification System: A Guide for Small-Scale or Non-Commercial Producers." That publication and other NAIS information can be accessed at <http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/index.shtml>.

Finally, that website says, "The NAIS is a voluntary program," but at least one state, Michigan, has made the program mandatory by law.

Plan doctor's office visits

Visiting a doctor for the first time can feel overwhelming because there is so much medical history to cover in a short span of time. But there are several things you can do to make your visit more productive and help you get the best possible care from your new doctor, says Dr. Shelley Roaten Jr., chairman of the department of family and community medicine at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

His tips include:
•Briefly jot down concerns or questions you may have for the doctor, but don't wait until the end of the examination to ask them. "It's helpful to tell the doctor at the beginning of the visit because these concerns may influence what is done

in the first examination," advises Dr. Roaten.

•Bring your medications, or a list of them, to the visit. And remember to include information about when, how often and what dose you take. Also, include any vitamins or supplements that you take regularly.
•If you receive a questionnaire from the new doctor, complete it at

home or in the waiting room and bring it with you during the visit.

•Call your new doctor's office and ask whether they require your medical records be sent there in advance. Otherwise, provide a list of the names and addresses of previous physicians to be kept in your chart so that medical records can be requested, if needed.

Learn stroke symptoms

One of the most insidious things about strokes, bleeding or blood clots in the brain that kill brain cells, is that they don't hurt, so victims can wait hours to call for emergency care or even weeks to see a doctor. Learning the symptoms can be a lifesaver, as the victim needs to get to a stroke center within three hours for treatment to be effective, say neurologists at UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"The main thing is getting to recognize a stroke and come for help," says Dr. Mark Johnson, assistant professor of neurology.

The symptoms of a stroke are:
•Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.

•Sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding other people.

•Sudden trouble with vision in one or both eyes.

•Sudden dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, or trouble walking.

•Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

There are several factors that increase the risk of stroke: smoking, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes and high cholesterol. Controlling those can decrease your risk.

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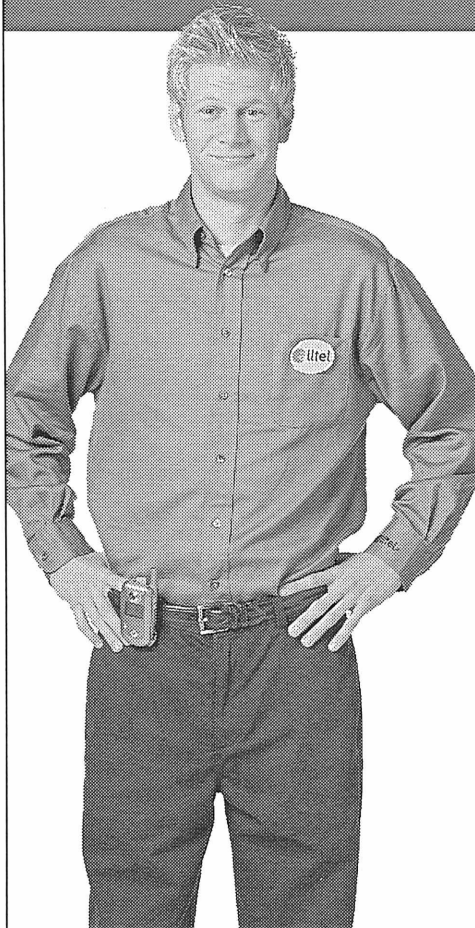
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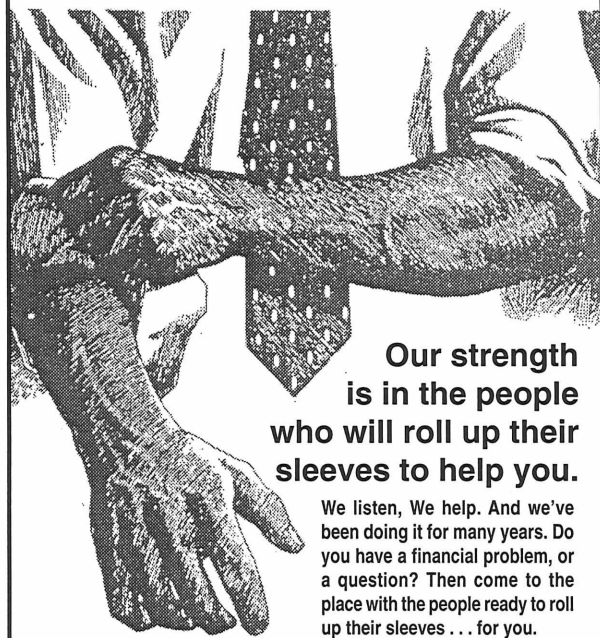
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yourself of it. He is everywhere, in the beauty of all the mountains, lakes and valleys of this world which He created, and so are His churches. You can easily find them anywhere throughout the land. Remember that God never takes a vacation from you; don't take a vacation from Him!

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

—HASKELL—
East Side Baptist Church
 Danny Manross, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 600 N. 1st East, Haskell
Christian Church
 Dusty Garison, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 107 N. Ave. F, Haskell
Church of God
 Bruce Ray, pastor
 Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7:00 p.m.
 714 North First East, Haskell
Trinity Lutheran Church
 Ron Rennegarbe, pastor
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30
 Hwy 380 East, Haskell
Iglesia Bautista El Calvario
 Art Flores, Interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 607 S. 7th, Haskell
First United Methodist Church
 Rev. Daniel Echols, 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 George Roney
 Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m.
 901 N. 16th, Haskell
Church of Christ
 Jim Yates, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell
First Presbyterian Church
 Kelly Pigott, interim pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m.
 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Trinity Baptist Church
 Tony Grand, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.
 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell
Hopewell Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 908 N. Ave. A, Haskell
Greater Independent Baptist Church
 Sun. Morn. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p.
 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare
 Bill and Renee Glass, pastors
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.
 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell
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
 Greg Gasaway, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 301 N. Ave. E, Haskell
Church in the Wind
 C.C. Curran, pastor
 Sun. fellowship 5 p.m. Church 6 p.m.;
 Tues. Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
 203 S. 1st East, Haskell
Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church
 Dr. Larry Nail, pastor
 Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
 1600 N. First St., Haskell
—WEINERT—
First Baptist Church
 J. C. Baker, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 7 p.m.
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Weinert Foursquare Church
 Rev. Robert Harrison
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m.
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 Steve Willis, minister
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 West on Main Street, Rochester
First Baptist Church
 Fred Garvin, pastor
 Sun. 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:00 p.m.
 500 Main, Rochester
Union Chapel Baptist Church
 Clovis Dever
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Rochester
Faith Chapel of Rochester
 Katherine Byrd, minister
 Sun. Morn. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m.
 Hwy 6, Rochester
First United Methodist Church
 Rev. Daniel Echols, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
 Rochester

—SAGERTON—
Sagerton Methodist Church
 Terry O'Rear, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m.
 Sagerton
Faith Lutheran Church
 Deborah Nissen, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 Sagerton
—RULE—
First Baptist Church
 Josh Stowe, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
 1001 Union Ave., Rule
Primitive Baptist Church
 Dale Turner Jr., pastor
 First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.
 Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule
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
 Terry O'Rear, pastor
 Sun. Morn. Worship 8:30 a.m.
 1000 Union Ave., Rule
Primera Iglesia Bautista
 Alfa y Omegas
 Manuel Marin, pastor
 Sun. Morn. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m.
 500 Elm Street, Rule
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 Sun. Morn. 11 a.m., 5 p.m.; Wed. 5 p.m.
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 Sun. Morn. 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Paint Creek
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O'Brien Baptist Church
 Jim Reid, pastor
 Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.
 O'Brien

Weather Whys

Hottest U.S. Cities
 Q: Which U.S. city has the warmest year-round temperature?
 A: The top four are in the state of Florida, not surprisingly, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.
 "Because of its southern location and large coastline with warm waters that surround the state, Florida is the warmest state in the country," McRoberts says. "The city of Key West in extreme southern Florida has an average year-round temperature of 78 degrees. Interestingly, Key West is the only city in the continental United States that has never had a frost or freeze. Its all-time lowest temperature is 41 degrees. The others are Miami (76 degrees), West Palm Beach (75) and Fort Myers (74)."
 Q: What about other states?
 A: "If you've ever been to Arizona, you know it's very warm there, and the city of Yuma comes in fifth with a year-round temperature of 74 degrees," McRoberts adds.
 "Brownsville, Texas is sixth at 73 degrees, while Corpus Christi is not far behind at 72 degrees. The

remaining top ten are in Florida—Tampa is No.7, also at 72 degrees, as is Vero Beach, and Daytona Beach has a year-round average temperature of 70 degrees."
High Temperatures
 Q: What's the hottest it's ever been in Alaska and Hawaii?
 A: You will get the same answer for both states, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University.
 "The high temperature for both states is an even 100 degrees," McRoberts reports.
 "It was 100 degrees on June 22, 1915 in Fort Yukon, Alaska, and 100 degrees on April 27, 1931 in Pahala, Hawaii. What is interesting is that those two states have the lowest 'high' record temperature in the United States."
 Q: Why is the record high for both only 100 degrees?
 A: For both, it's location, McRoberts adds.
 "Alaska's location puts it closer to the cold temperatures of the North Pole, and for Hawaii, the islands are surrounded by water, and being near water tends to hold temperatures down compared to those in the Plains states or the Southwest, where daytime highs can really soar in the summer," he adds.
 "Even northern states such as Vermont, New Hampshire and New York have recorded temperatures in the 105 to 108-degree range. Texas' all-time high was 120 degrees on Aug. 12, 1936 in the town of Seymour."

Haskell Summer Lunch Menu

July 10-14
 Milk is served daily.
Monday: Country fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, sunshine bar
Tuesday: Baked potatoes with cheese, garden salad, butter and sour cream, fried okra, watermelon
Wednesday: Popcorn shrimp with cocktail sauce, coleslaw, hushpuppies, baked potato, strawberries
Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, breadsticks, chocolate pudding
Friday: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, ice cream with toppings

ECC Menu and Calendar

Mon., July 10
 Lunch—Hamburger steak, onion, brown gravy, buttered corn, blackeyed peas, yeast rolls, peach cobbler, milk, tea, or coffee
Wed., July 12
 Lunch—Meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, pinto beans, buttered corn, yeast rolls, banana pudding, milk, tea, or coffee
Fri., July 14
 Lunch—Ham slice, cheese potatoes, English peas, cranberry slice, yeast rolls, orange cake, milk, tea, or coffee
 Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch.

Thin is in, but not for bra straps

Women should take care with underwear support as summer fashion trends minimize. Wearing a thin bra strap too tightly can lead to a nagging headache, say doctors at UT Southwestern Medical Center.
 "The binding from the strap puts pressure on the trapezius muscle, which causes strain and knotting of the muscle and may cause headaches or pain that radiates down the arm," says Dr. Karen Kowalske, UT

Southwestern's chairwoman of physical medicine and rehabilitation. The pain may take days or weeks to resolve, but there is virtually no permanent damage.
 Full-busted women should wear bras with straps that are significantly wider than a standard strap with some padding if possible. Regular straps are too narrow and spaghetti straps are worse.

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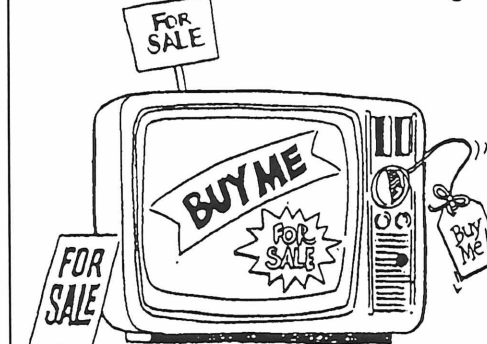
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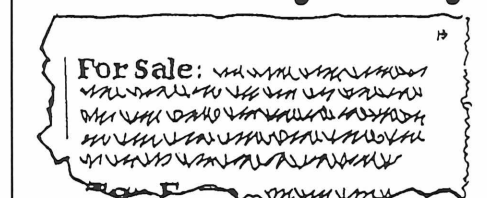
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ADULT DIVISION WINNERS—Adult entry winners in The Anchor's golf cart parade were, l-r, third place winner, Amanda Weaver holding Kaylee Weaver, both of Roby; fourth place winner, Carla Baker of Lubbock; second place winner, Jamie Griner of Lubbock; and first place Dorothy McKinley of The Anchor, Lake Stamford.

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- Never leave the grill unattended.
- Always follow grill manufacturer's instructions on lighting the grill and make sure the grill top is open when attempting to light the grill.
- Before connecting the cylinder to a propane gas grill burner for the first time, use a leak-detection solution (a 50/50 mixture of water and liquid soap) to check connections for tightness. Do not use matches or lighters to check for leaks.
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