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## Rollback's impact hits home on campus

### Museum is likely hardest hit

'Negative effect' cited for community

By Janice Northerns  
Texan Staffer

Scurry County Museum employees will take a salary cut due to the recent tax rollback, but Shirley Leftwich, museum director, says a more serious result is a drop in "morale" and "a negative effect on the community."

The museum, located on the WTC campus, will lose approximately \$2,300 in funds as a result of the Jan. 20 county tax rollback election, she said, adding that the museum receives about 40 percent of its funds from the county and most of this is allocated for salaries.

Museum employees will lose their recent 5 percent raise which all county employees were granted. Mrs. Leftwich noted this was the first raise the museum staff had received in four years.

Besides a loss of funds, she said the election also affected "morale," saying "this has set us back four years."

"The quality of life will be affected if we continue in this direction," she added, saying she was "disappointed" at the "apathy of the voters." She said several people commented to her that they didn't vote but then expressed dismay over finding that the museum would be affected.

Mrs. Leftwich said "people may not realize the ramifications of the rollback. A lot of people don't understand that the county is mandated by the state to pay specified amounts to certain entities," noting it wasn't that easy for county officials to find areas to cut.

Mrs. Leftwich continued by saying a museum is a vital part of any community. "It is difficult for a community to know where it's going if it doesn't know where it's been."

"A museum is an aid to teaching children about history, a chance to experience it firsthand. [History] gives us a sense of roots and belonging."

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### VA aid cuts said minimal

The veterans affairs office at WTC was affected by the recent county rollback election, as was the museum on campus and the college-sponsored Senior Citizens Center, but the effects for local VA services was characterized as "minimal."

Dan Dever, VA officer and campus registrar, noted only some \$462 had to be cut from monies provided by Scurry County. This equaled approximately 17 percent of the amount previously budgeted.

He noted he was able to cut the money in such budget areas as postage, telephone allowances, document copying expenses and travel.

"It won't affect the services to the vet at all," Dever said.



### It's magic

Magician Bob Garney entertained the WTC student body last Thursday morning with his patented blend of magic and comedy. He warmed up a large crowd, gathered in the student center, with a series of card tricks before beginning his show.

\$11,000 lost from budget...

## WTC-sponsored center absorbs rollback cuts

By Jimmie Sturdivant  
Texan Staffer

The Scurry County Senior Citizens Center, officially sponsored here by WTC which also provides its full-time director, will lose about \$11,000 of its budget this year due to the recent county rollback election.

According to Jerry Baird, senior citizens director and longtime WTC staffer, the center is expected to lose about 17 percent of the revenue it would have otherwise received through county taxes.

Baird said, "We'll put a timer on the utilities to cut back on cost of

Garner's appearance was sponsored through the activities committee, a part of the WTC Student Senate. Texan Photo by Michael Avila

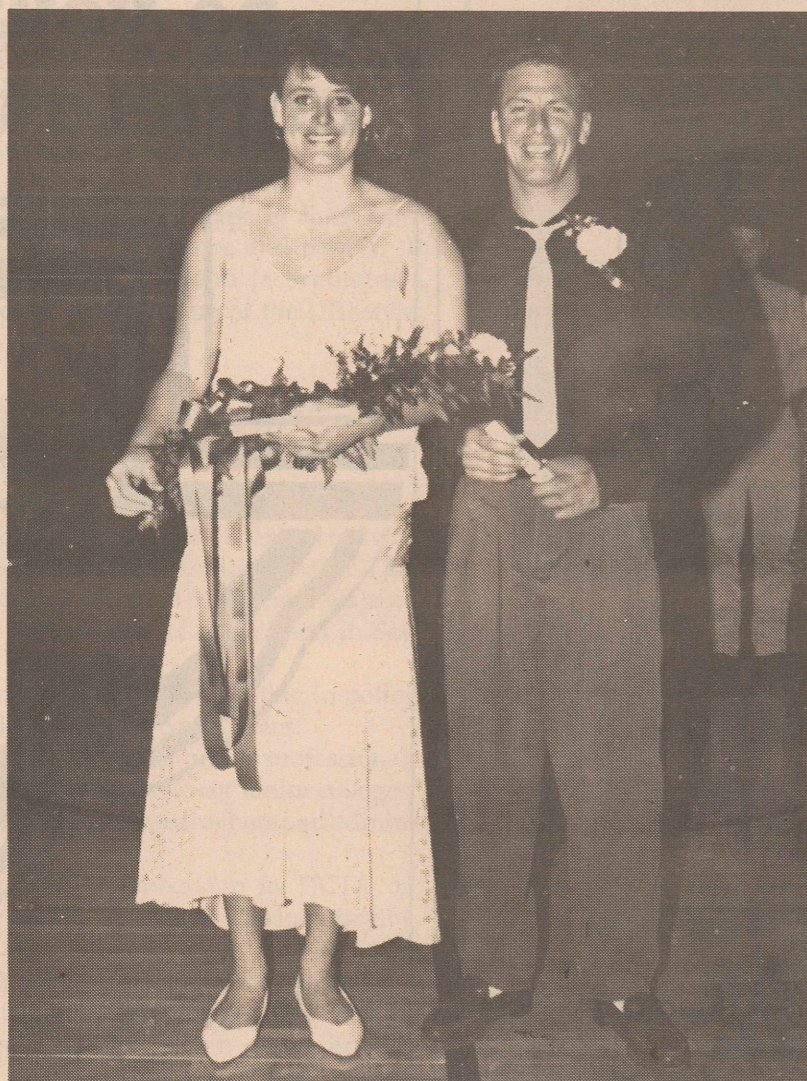
running the air conditioning and heating systems. This should save us about \$3,500.

"Also, we raised the amount of donations asked for our meals, from \$1.50 to \$1.75, and we had to eliminate our volunteer awards banquet."

Meal buyers are not required to pay, but a donation is asked.

"The cutbacks didn't really hurt the center that much. We had to cut a few of the programs that the people enjoy, but we're able to live with it."

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### The winners

Greg Parker and Cathey Crowder were announced last Monday as the 1990 Mr. and Miss Trailhand for WTC. The pair was selected by popular vote of the WTC student body. WTC's Phi Theta Kappa is sponsor for the honor. Texan Photo by Michael Avila

### 'Indirect' effects are predicted

President pinpoints pool, coliseum fallout

By Jimmie Sturdivant  
Texan Staffer

Both immediate and long-term effects are expected for Western Texas College as a result of the recent county rollback election.

According to WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek, the Scurry County Senior Citizens Center, the Scurry County Museum, and the County Veterans Office have already had their budgets reduced (see related stories).

"Their budgets were cut back somewhat, and may be cut back some again in 1991."

Another direct affect of the rollbacks is the reduction of county assistance for campus maintenance.

"The county has been real generous in helping us pave the roads and parking lots on campus and in some other areas. Because of the rollbacks, they will probably be less likely to help us."

Krenek also stated that WTC could be indirectly affected by the rollbacks in the future.

"The county is thinking of closing the public swimming pool in the park. If they do this, more people might have to come to the campus pool to swim."

"Also they have suggested raising the fees for using the Scurry County Coliseum. If they do this, we may have to move our basketball games back to the campus gym."

He also added that the four taxing entities, Snyder, Scurry County, Snyder Independent

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## WTC class survey hopes to target shopping habit of local consumers

By Misty M. Stevens  
Texan Staffer

A WTC management intern class taught by Jack Price has developed a survey to determine local shopping preferences and the frequency with which consumers here shop outside of Snyder.

The survey was to officially begin March 1.

The intern class is divided into three survey groups consisting of four people. They are concentrating on three different subject areas as part of the study.

The first group is aimed at the buying public in general; the second at youth with a main focus on college students; and the third is mainly concerned with senior citizens.

The management intern class will be distributing the survey themselves. It is designed to indicate consumer shopping attitudes as well as show family sizes and age groups.

In addition, respondents will have an opportunity to say what type of new business they would

like to see started in Snyder.

The survey offers a list of products that are available locally. The list includes new and used automobiles, men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes, entertainment, medical services, agriculture supplies, hair care and sporting goods, to name a few.

Regarding each, the survey asks the incidence of out-of-town shopping on the scale of "always,"

"often," "sometimes" and "never."

Next, it seeks to identify the reason for shopping out-of-town, offering such selection choices as "price," "variety," "service" and "credit." Lastly, there is a column provided for voluntary comments.

After the survey has been completed, the class will take the information and prepare a narrative report to present to the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Price said, "We feel this is a community service and might be helpful to local businesses and commerce."

He noted the class has a positive attitude about the survey and is approaching the situation as a beneficial, learning experience.

Price emphasized he hopes local merchants will view the survey's purpose positively also. "It's meant to help their businesses," he noted.

The class is being assisted by Britt Canada, WTC computer instructor, who will help with the survey's analysis.

### Spring fever soon due cure

WTC students will soon be able to cure the "fever" which afflicts most college students this time of year.

Classes will dismiss for the annual spring break on Friday, March 16, at 1 p.m. and will resume on Monday, March 26. The dorms will close at 2 p.m. on the 16th and not open again until 2 p.m. on the 25th.



# TEXAN

Group treatment makes coping easier...

## Compulsive over-eater heals mind, body

By Sharon Doty  
Texan Staffer

The day the school nurse came to weigh the class is a memory that Anne Overhulser, now a student at WTC, can't forget.

"I weighed a hundred pounds in the fourth grade. I remember the day the nurse weighed me and thinking nobody else weighed that much. It seemed like they shouted it across the room," Anne said.

When Anne met her husband she weighed 160 and wore a size 13 junior.

"I was real proud of that, but over 15 years, I gained 200 pounds," she said. The most she ever weighed was 364 pounds.

She said she now realizes the weight isn't the real problem. To succeed, she said she must overcome using food almost like a drug in order to deal with her problems.

"It doesn't matter what it is. It can be yogurt, lettuce—it doesn't have to be pizza. It's just the way you eat it—kind of unconsciously," she said.

Prompted by the advice of doctors, Anne decided she had to lose weight.

"My doctor told me, 'You're going to be dead in 15 years if you don't do something about your weight.' I decided that was too long to be this miserable. He suggested some kind of support



Before treatment

Anne Overhulser, student at WTC, is shown with her six-year-old son, Paul, and her grandson, Rickey. This photo was taken one month before Anne began treatment for her over-eating problem. Personal Photo

group. I lost a little, but I didn't feel any better," she said.

Anne said the group her doctor recommended was more of a diet club. What she needed was someone to help her deal with the feelings that caused the weight problem. She found this in a treatment program at Buffalo Gap called "Shades of Hope" that offers in-patient and out-patient care.

She attended the in-patient program for 55 days, saying there

were people of various ages and it was "sort of like going to camp."

"What they try to do is get you to react and my thing was to be compliant. The staff would write down things about you that they observed. I hated stuff like that," she said.

Anne continued, "One week I had to wear this sign. On it was written 'Victim'. They said that it was the role I played. I guess it was really natural, really easy to play that role because it gave me

a lot of attention."

For the 55 days of the program, Anne lost 56 pounds, weight she has managed to keep off.

Anne now attends group meetings on Thursdays and Sundays. She says she feels very comfortable with these people.

"I can talk about my problems in groups. You can say almost anything in there—and when you say something, nobody throws a rock at you or leaves...it's a safe place."

Despite her recent victory, Anne said she will always have an eating disorder because she realizes the real problem isn't how much or what she eats. She compared it to alcoholism saying, "Alcohol isn't the problem, it's the problems that you can't deal with."

To Anne, her compulsive over-eating is more than a weight problem.

"It's a disease. It's not whether or not you have will-power you can quit. Most compulsive people are really strong willed. It's something that will power can't overcome," she said.

To illustrate, she referred to patients suffering from anorexia nervosa, asking, "How much will-power do you think it takes to starve yourself?"

Anne also refers to compulsive disorders as a "lonely" disease, one that affects the "emotions"

"I learned to isolate myself. When I took a college course about a year ago, I was in class three weeks before I realized there were people in class with me that I knew. The problem with putting up a wall is that it keeps people out but it keeps you in," she said.

Eating disorders are a relatively new field and, as Anne said, "It's socially acceptable to eat."

She noted how when a child cries, you give him a cookie and he stops. Anne ate for the same reason—it made her feel better.

Treatment has changed Anne's opinion about food. She said that food is no longer her "best friend" and that she's learning to deal with her problems. But, she still strongly stresses that her primary concern isn't how many pounds she loses, but how many problems she loses by learning to deal with them.

"The goal I have is to get my life in order and to be whatever weight I'll be. If I looked like Raquel Welch I'd still have the problems."

## "Wild Flowers and Their Legends" Wild Flower day, April 22 includes various festivities

April 22 has been set as the date for the sixth annual Scurry County Wild Flower Day, Britt Canada, Wild Flower Committee chairman, has announced. "Wild Flowers and Their Legends" will be the theme for the observance.

Included in the activities will be displays of art and creative writing from public school students and a display of wild flower specimens in the Scurry County Museum on the Western Texas College campus.

Canada will show slides of wild flowers often seen in this area in the museum at 2 and 3 p.m. on April 22. Teachers whose classes have 100 percent participation in the

wild flower projects will be honored at a reception in the museum that day also.

The museum will sponsor a wild flower photography contest again this year, with entries due by April 18. Information about the contest can be obtained by contacting the museum.

The wild flower trail on the WTC wild flower management area will be marked again this year but no date has been set for its opening. Depending on the amount of moisture, the opening of the trail may come before or after April 22, Canada noted, and more information about the trail will be given later.

## Students plan picnic area, work still in building phases

Plans include enlarging lake, planting trees, shrubs, building dam, gazebo, stairway

By Naomi J. Gutierrez  
Texan Staffer

Students enrolled in Landscape Maintenance and Golf Course and Landscape Construction are building a picnic area just south of the Golf and Landscape building.

Donovan (Buck) Buckland, instructor, noted that students are completing all of the work. Plans are to enlarge the lake located near the building, prune and remove the trees around the lake and make a dam to contain the water.

To be planted are an assortment of trees such as oak, cedar, elm and walnut. A variety

of shrubs will also be planted in the area.

Buckland said they plan to make a stairway which will lead to a bridge that will lead to the opposite side of the lake. Picnic benches will be set up in the area and in time they also plan to set up a gazebo.

Buckland said that the overall project is expected to take five to six years.

Another project the GLT students are working on is a formal garden which will be located behind the GLT building.

In recent years, the GLT students built a green house which they now use for their plants.

### Spring 1990 Ruffle Rider

by Lee Jeans



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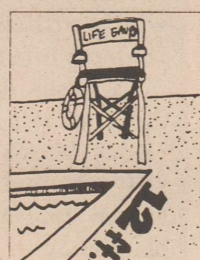
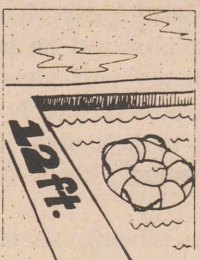
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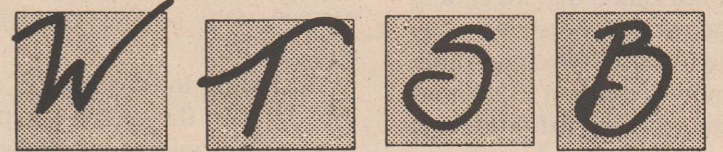
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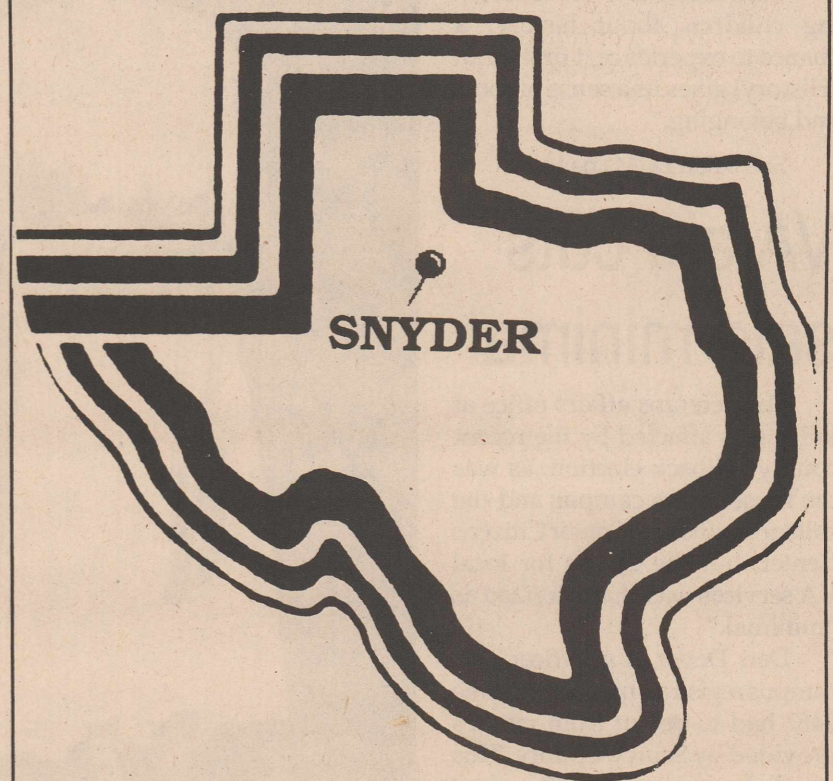


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## WTC students let...



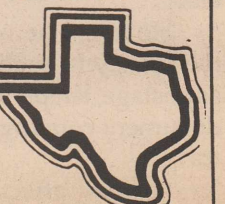
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# TEXAN

As part of Spanish music group...

## Sophomore signs three-year recording contract

By Naomi J. Gutierrez  
Texan Staffer

A WTC sophomore has taken a first step toward becoming an established recording artist, recently signing a three-year contract and completing her first album this past summer.

Sandra Elias and her group, "Sandra y Los Fantásticos," signed the contract with Amen Studios. The group's first album, "Apenas Te Conosco," was recorded last July by Manny R. Guerra at Amen Studios in San Antonio.

Sandra began her musical career at age 15 when she joined

the "La Cruz" band. Members of that band later formed "Grupo Pasion."

The musicians were together for two years before separating. Sandra said, "It didn't work out, I did learn a lot about Spanish music from the group."

Her singing on a professional basis began when she was 17, when she was persuaded into singing at a wedding with the group "Texmex."

The leader of the band liked the way she sang so he asked her for her name and number. After two weeks he called her and asked her to join the band.

When she joined the band it changed its name to the "Fantásticos." Elias has been with the band for two years.

At the recording session in July, the band surprised her by changing its name to "Sandra y Los Fantásticos"

Elias plans to transfer to Hardin-Simmons this fall where she will continue her criminal justice major. She also hopes to further her career in music.

Her goal is to some day win a Texano Music Award.

Elias said the music business has its "ups and downs." She said

that it is not as much fun as most people believe. Elias said that with practicing and homework, her weekends aren't for herself but for entertaining.

She said she also finds it hard on her relationships with her family and boyfriend.

"My parents, family and boyfriend, Patrick Perez, have supported me throughout my music career." She said she likes that because they go to all her performances, especially her boyfriend. she said, "Patrick is like one on the band now, he's always with us."



Signs recording contract

Sandra Elias and her band, "Sandra y Los Fantásticos," recently signed a three-year music recording contract. She is shown here with a member of another Spanish music band, the Hugo Guerrero and Party Band. Personal Photo.



### Clay Models

Kerri Carter sculpts clay models as part of a project for art class recently. Texan Photo by Mike Avila.



### Final Project

Carter's project is shown from the front. The model was part of a recent project in an art class instructed by Ty Brunson. Texan Photo by Mike Avila.

## 'Chamber Theater' to be performed

A production of "Chamber Theatre" will be performed by the Speech 231 Interpretive Reading class April 4-5. The event will take place in the Fine Arts Theatre at 7:30 p.m. both nights.

The community is invited to attend the performances. There will be no admission charge.

Cast of the local production includes: Jay Burns, Susie Hale, Stacey Haregree, Ray Johnson, Carl Mock, Francois Pointeau, Kelly Scarberry and Christi Wilcox. The event is sponsored by the Speech Department.

Chamber Theatre is based on literature centering around a main theme. The theme of patriotism will be performed here.

The WTC performance will include a montage of lines from history books, doctrines, poetry, plays, magazines and novels. It includes all of the old reader's theatre ideas and incorporates a stronger music and drama performance than that of the UIL style, noted class instructor Jan McCathern.

## Lancaster elected vice president

By Amy Presler  
Texan Staffer

Marilyn Lancaster, WTC English professor, has been elected vice president of the Texas Junior College Teacher's Association (TJCTA).

The members of the association decided their new slate of officers in a vote taken Feb. 16 at their annual convention in San Antonio.

Some of Mrs. Lancaster's duties will be participating in policy making and overseeing the work of standing committees.

The TJCTA is an association dedicated to promote professionalism in education and to improve instruction in Texas' junior colleges. The association represents the interests of all the teachers and administrators of the community colleges.

WTC's faculty has "100 percent" membership in TJCTA on campus, indicating all full-time faculty members are dues paying members.

Mrs. Lancaster has been an active member in the association, serving this past year as its secretary for the executive committee. In 1983-84, she was elected as a section chairperson of the English program. She has also served on the professional development committee.

Mrs. Lancaster said, "It involves sacrifice and time," to serve on committee or a nominated position.

She received her B.S. and M.Ed. from Texas Tech and has been teaching at WTC for 10 years.

## WTC females offered safety tips for spring

The advent of warmer spring weather will see many WTC coeds walking across campus after dark, and college officials remind these female students of the basic precautions to take to ensure safety.

The best "insurance," they note, is "safety in numbers" and staying away from isolated areas.

Other tips offered in the publication, "About Campus Safety," include:

—If you're being followed, cross the street; change direction; keep looking back so the person knows you can't be surprised; go to a well-lighted area, enter a

residence hall, classroom or library; notice and remember as much as possible about the person so you can give a good description.

—While in a car, keep doors locked while driving; don't pick up hitchhikers; park in well-lighted areas if possible; check the back seat before getting in.

—On the street, dress for movement; don't weigh yourself down; don't give directions to strangers.

—Where you live, keep doors locked when you're alone; don't let strangers in; don't leave a door unlocked.

## Fifth WTC correctional class begins

The fifth WTC correctional officer class began last Thursday with registration and classroom activity starting Saturday.

On Feb. 13, testing was administered to 80 students seeking admission to the class.

Of the 80, 27 eligible students were selected. Twenty-two of these are male and five are fe-

male. They have come to the campus of Western Texas College from as far as Abilene and as near as Ira.

Upon completion of the class May 3, they will be eligible for employment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison system.

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## Indirect effects seen due to recent rollback

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School District and Western Texas College will have to justify their expenditures even more.

"The people of the county are more interested and aware of the entities which their tax monies are being used for. They want to know what their money is being used for and why."

## Museum to feel effects of rollback

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"I think people need to ask themselves a question: Do you want to raise your children in a place with no parks, libraries or museums?"

"The programs we offer require time and people," she said, adding she is not expecting to reduce the staff "at this point," though she had feared earlier she might be forced to.

She did say, however, museum employees have voluntarily staffed the museum on Sundays, but "may not be able to do so in the future," as a result of increased workload in other areas.

In addition to salaries, the budget cut eliminated funds earmarked for some staff travel expenses and miscellaneous expenses such as supplies.

Leftwich noted she actually needed to increase staff in order to expand programs and services, but would not be able to now.

There are "no easy answers and no quick fixes. The county will probably have to raise taxes again next year," she added.

Mrs. Leftwich said she is hoping to offset the decrease in county funds through more donations, memberships and grants, an area which currently accounts for around 50 percent of the museum's budget.

The remaining 10 percent of museum operating funds comes from the college. In addition, WTC houses the museum, provides building maintenance and provides benefits for fulltime museum employees.

Mrs. Leftwich also indicated that additional volunteers could help in "taking up the slack."

Although the museum's "gallery hours" are listed as 10 a.m.-4 p.m., she stressed that the museum is open and employees are working from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

She said students willing to volunteer a few hours a month at the museum are welcome to contact her.

The rollback election which resulted in the budget cut was held on Jan. 20 and lowered the county tax rate from 39.80 to 34.75 cents per \$100 valuation.

## Senior Center said absorbing tax cuts

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The rollback election held Jan. 20, was forced, last fall when a group of citizens presented petitions protesting the 39.80-cent per \$100 in valuation tax rate set by the commissioners court, up from 29.66 the previous year. The petitions contained 1,304 names certified by the county clerk's office.

Scurry County citizens supported the rollback by a 252-vote margin. 38 percent of the county's 9,080 registered voters cast ballots. Of those, some 1,860, or approximately 54 percent, voted for the rollback and 1,608, or 46 percent, voted against it.

It has been estimated that the rollback of near 5-cents would amount to a \$444,000 cut from the county's budget.

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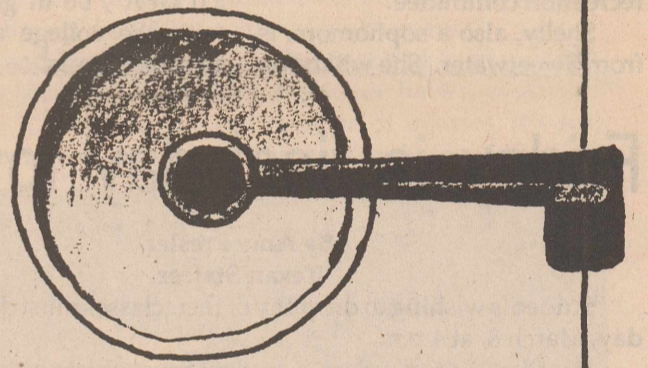
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