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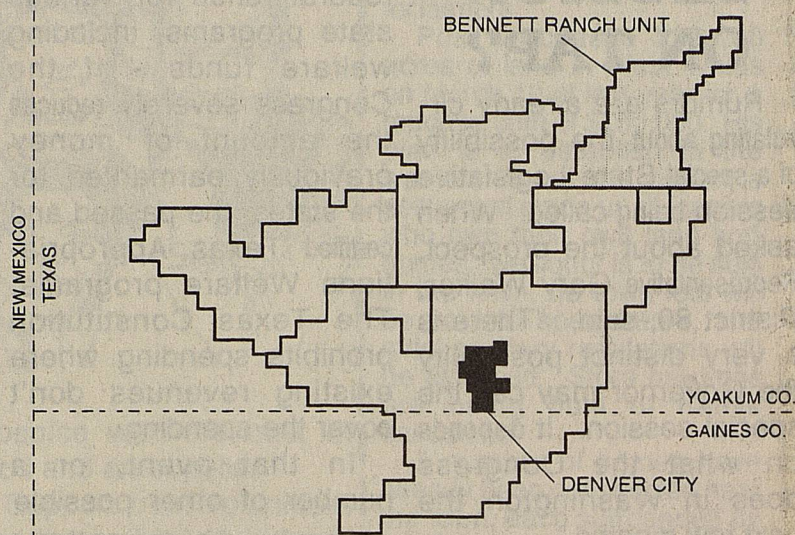
SHELL DEDICATES FIRST CO₂ FLOOD OF NEW OIL-RECOVERY EFFORT

WASSON FIELD

Shell Western E&P Inc. in Denver City, TX. kicked off its first CO₂ flood in the Wasson Field area in nearly 10 years at dedication ceremonies June 19.

"This flood at our Bennett Ranch Unit is very significant," said Steve McVeigh, Central Asset Manager for Shell Western E&P Inc. "Our studies show that this enhanced oil recovery technique should nearly triple production in the affected area and extend the life of these wells by 30 years. Even more significant is that the flood design makes small-scale projects economical - even small producers should find CO₂ flooding feasible. The ultimate benefits to the Texas oil economy from this type of project could be impressive."

The flood is being conducted in three phases to verify projected results before making additional investment. Phase 1, which started in mid-June, has required a capital investment of \$1.8 million and includes 140 acres of the Bennett Ranch Unit. Shell anticipates that production in this area will increase by about 1,000 barrels of oil per day (BOPD), from 400 BOPD to about 1,400 BOPD. The company estimates total additional recovered oil over 30 years at 18 million barrels.



Shell's Bennett Ranch Unit, just north of Denver City, Texas, was formed in 1964. Located within the Wasson Field, Bennett Ranch Unit's current production is approximately 3,000 barrels of oil per day. The Wasson Field, discovered in 1935, was the first for Yoakum County.

Phase 1 is comprised of eight "patterns" with each pattern including a single CO₂ injection well and either two or four oil-recovery wells flanking the injection site. This phase will continue for one year, after which results will be evaluated. If expectations are met, Phase 2 in 1996 will add 13 additional patterns, and Phase 3 in 1997 will add 11 more, for a total of 32 patterns in the Bennett Ranch Unit. Ultimately, production could increase by more than 2,500 BOPD, which is close to the current production of this Unit.

Shell Western E&P Inc. began planning this CO₂ flood program in February 1994 with a three-dimen-

sional computer simulation study of the entire Bennett ranch area. The study helps ensure the profitability of the venture by identifying the best prospects for CO₂ recovery.

One of the key features of this CO₂ flood is that it is the *smallest* ever undertaken by Shell. According to David Purvis, area manager of Wasson Operations North, "Everything about this project is designed to make money by minimizing investment and maximizing the response you can get for your money."

Development costs for each pattern of injection

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DOCTOR LAUDS COUNTY MEDICAL FACILITIES, STAFF

Dr. Larry Boyd, who operates the Family Medical Center in Denver City, delivered an informative talk at last Thursday's Lion's Club Meeting.

The Doctor's theme addressed the need for community awareness of current medical services available in Yoakum County. He maintained it is no longer necessary in most medical cases for a trip out of the county to get medical treatment, and described the Yoakum County Hospital as one of the very best in this west Texas area. He asked the question, "You, as taxpayers, are paying for the Yoakum County Hospital. Why not utilize it more?"

Dr. Boyd said the local hospital is now equipped with a highly efficient, state of the art operating and delivery room, and he has assembled an excellent surgical support team. "We can perform virtually any type of surgery there which doesn't require post-op intensive care facilities".

The Doctor outlined some of the equipment and services now available in the local hospital, including Epidural Anesthesia often used in child deliveries. The facility now has a highly sophisticated Ultra Sound Machine used in a variety of medical situations, including visual monitoring of pregnancies, and in many cardiac cases. He said no area hospital has a more efficient model



of the device.

Since Dr. Boyd's arrival in Denver City a little more than a year ago, he has performed a large variety of surgeries, including gall bladder, colon, ovarian cancer, vasectomies and 'C' section deliveries. The Hospital now has the services of a Medical Doctor Anesthesiologist for surgeries, and a Urology specialist visits the facility each week, and a Cardiology specialist comes on special visits. The Hospital Board is now attempting to secure the services of an Ophthalmologist to make scheduled visits for cataract and other eye surgeries. The Hospital also has a licensed, fully trained Physical Therapist to assist in injury recoveries. "I am convinced we can return a young school sports

accident victim to playing level as fast as any therapy facility on the South Plains" the Doctor said.

In certain highly complicated or critical surgery cases, the Hospital will call in specialists from time to time. "We have the facilities, equipment and staff on hand to assist in anything they choose to do", Dr. Boyd said.

He stated he had delivered 100 babies in one years time at the Hospital. "That's a very large number of deliveries for a small, community hospital. Many of these deliveries were for women from many surrounding towns, many of them larger than Denver City. They came to our hospital because they knew we had an excellent facility and

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SPECIAL EVENTS AT LIONS CLUB

A crowd of 38 Lions, their spouses, and special guests attended the bimonthly meeting Thursday, June 15.

President David Brunson made an up to date report on the two "Welcome To Plains" signs the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring. The signs have been completed, are now here in town, and should be erected on the Brownfield and Roswell Highways in the very near future. If you have not contributed to this project, you can still do so, as funds are still needed.

Brunson introduced Mario Avila, District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Avila announced that Local ag producer Dan Wall had been selected as Conservation Farmer of the Year in Yoakum County.

Wall farms some 3600 acres, and his principal crops are cotton, milo and small grain. He also has some land in the CRP

program. Avila cited Wall's conservation practices, which utilize minimum tillage, modern and efficient irrigation systems, and said Wall was the first area farmer to experiment with minimum tillage cotton planted in milo stubble.

Wall received a plaque recognizing his conservation practices from Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District Director Neal Newsom. The plaque was furnished by the

SWCD and Lions Club. Dr. Larry Boyd, of Denver City's Family Medical Center, was guest speaker, and delivered an informative talk about current medical and hospital services right here in Yoakum County. (See story in depth under "Dr. Lauds County Medical Facilities and People".) The Lions club meets the second and last Thursday of each month at the Lions-Scout building.



L-R, Larry Morrow, Linda Powell, Neal Newsom, Dan, Linda, Ronnie & Chad Wall

COUNTY COURT CASES HEARD

The following cases were heard in Yoakum County Court, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state. In case number 7501, Armando Lozano, 31, appealed his Justice of Peace hearing, and was tried before a jury on June 13. He was represented by Attorney Ray Lopez. He was found guilty by the jury of a speeding violation, paid a fine of \$100 and court costs of \$126.

In case 7494, Kenneth Granville Beck, 39, charged with DWI and a breath test of .20, pled guilty, was sentenced to 12 months jail probated, paid a fine of \$550, and Court Costs of \$235. He was represented by Attorney Harley Huff.

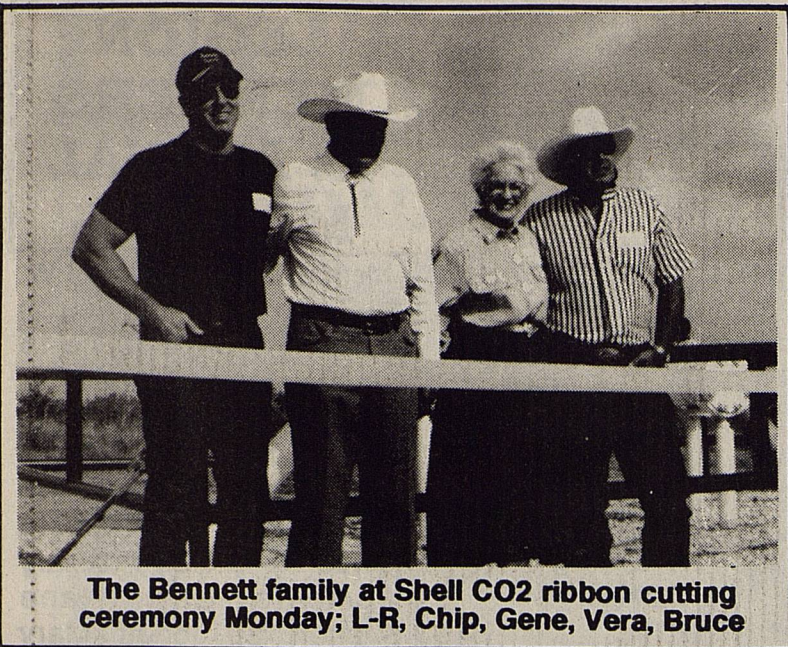
WEATHER HINDERS AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK

Abnormal weather conditions continue to plague the young 1995 cotton crop. In addition to the prolonged drought over most of the southwest, unusually hard, dry winds are playing havoc with the dry land crop, and are causing some damage to irrigated cotton fields. Jim Brown, owner of Ag Insurance Plus, and Danny Bell, of Stateline Insurance, both report insurance company appraisers have toured some of their customers devastated fields. It appears at least (?) 4000 acres of cotton have been 'zeroed' out, destroyed by wind blown dust and sand. Producers with insurance coverage will receive some form of compensation for the losses, depending on the type of coverage they

carry. An insurance check, however, does not begin to compare to harvested, ginned and sold cotton crop. Many producers have coverage which may only reimburse them for the expenses they have in the crop at the date of the loss. Cattlemen throughout the southwest, and even most of northern Mexico are suffering from what is a record setting dry spell in many areas.

A recent article in THE EL PASO TIMES tells of the losses cattlemen in Mexico are enduring. One prominent rancher said his multi ranch area has not seen a drop of rain in three years. Pasture grass is dead, and ranchers with the funds are

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The Bennett family at Shell CO2 ribbon cutting ceremony Monday; L-R, Chip, Gene, Vera, Bruce

COUNTY COURT MEETS

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Tuesday, June 20, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Commissioners Thurston, Avara, McWhirter and Barron were present.

Also attending were Hazel Lowrey, Auditor, Toni Jones, Treasurer, and Julia Lemley, Clerk's office. Agenda items discussed and acted on included ap-

proval for payment of all county bills and part time employee salaries; Line item transfers from the general fund to various departments totaling \$1,300 were approved; Steve Sawyer, CPA presented an audit of the fiscal year 1994. The Balance Sheet showed assets of \$7,108,208, Liabilities totaling \$6,200,843 with a fund balance of \$907,365 (net worth). This balance represents approximately two months of reserve expenditure funds. The audit was approved and accepted.

VET HAS BUSY DAY

The City sponsored pet vaccination Saturday morning at City Hall was anything but a scene of peace and quiet. Seventy six pet dogs and cats received shots from DVM Tim Falkenberry of Brownfield, and most of the loudly voiced their disapproval of the entire process. The vaccination day is an annual event, and the shots will be effective until next June, when they can receive shots again.



Tessa St. Romain tries to soothe an apprehensive "Lady".

HOSPICE GRIEF CAMP

Hospice Services, inc. is sponsoring its Third Annual Grief Camp for Children on August 10-13. The camp, "Wings of Love-Just for Me," accepts children 9-18 years of age who are dealing with grief and loss issues. Younger children may be accepted depending on the circumstances.

Hospice seeks to assist the camp participants in:

- 1) Accepting the reality of their loss
- 2) Experiencing the pain of grief
- 3) Adjusting to a new environment without the loved one, and
- 4) Withdrawing emotional energy and reinvesting it in other relationships.

These goals will be met through workshops on grief, coping skills, death and dying, and other losses such as divorce, desertion and life changes. However, this is not an all work camp and no play. Crafts and games are integrated into the curriculum to provide stress and anger management skills.

In 1994, the Hospice Services' Grief Camp for Children provided grief counseling for 24 children. This year we hope to increase that number, but we are in need of assistance from the community.

We are looking for sponsors to provide the \$40 tuition fee for those children who are unable to pay. The costs include all meals, a camp T-shirt, and camper accident insurance. Monetary donations are also welcomed to assist



Hospice with the cost of food and art supplies.

Support from volunteers and the community enable Hospice Services, Inc. to provide programs such as the Grief Camp for our youth. If you are in need of additional information, or wish to make a referral please contact Marcus Welch at 1-800-658-6844.

Post City: Settlers have begun to arrive in this new city on the High Plains built by Charles William Post, the cereal king, as the center of a carefully planned community for farmers.

Post purchased 225,000 acres of land in West Texas on March 10 of last year for a reported sum of \$750,000. His plan is to establish in the wastelands of the region a settlement made up of farmers who own their own land and homes. No liquor is to be sold in the town, no town lots will be sold to speculators, and strict sanitary regulations will be enforced. Store buildings are being built of native sandstone.

A number of homes have already been constructed near the town, each surrounded by a 160-acre farm. Present plans call for experimentation in dry farming techniques, irrigation, and the introduction of new crops.

Post City was declared the county seat of Garza County on July 8. The town government has been undertaken by a board of six men selected by Post.

The Texas News, October 1, 1907

JUSTICE OF PEACE COURT

The following is a summary of cases heard and action taken in Precinct One, Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding;

Forty-seven traffic cases filed, one inquest conducted.

Bonds set:

Driving While Intoxicated, 1st offense, \$500 bond

Assault Causing Bodily Injury, \$1,000 bond

Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon, \$15,000 bond

Prohibited Weapon, \$15,000 bond

Possession of Dangerous Drug for Purpose of Selling, \$15,000 bond

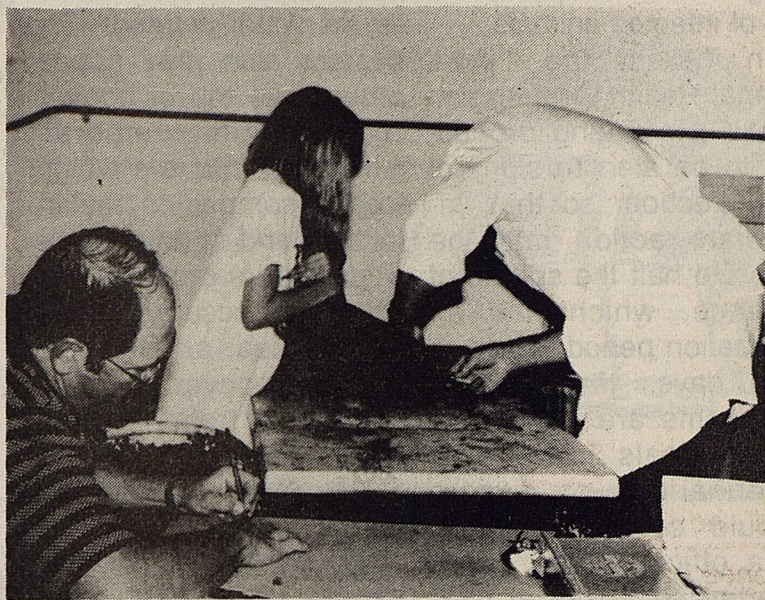
Failure to Pay State Drug Tax, \$5,000 bond

Possession of Controlled Substance, \$10,000 bond

Driving While License Suspended, \$500 bond

Issuance of Bad Check, \$800 bond

Public Intoxication, \$255 fine



Young Miss Cannon cuddles pet dachshund, one of three family dogs receiving shots Saturday.

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TEXAS LIVESTOCK OWNERS WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS OF VIRAL DISEASE, VESICULAR STOMATITIS

Texas livestock and horse owners are being urged to be on the lookout for animals with excessive salivation, loss of appetite, blisters or lesions around their mouths, tongues, hooves, or teats, a sign that their livestock has been affected by the virus, Vesicular Stomatitis.

Vesicular Stomatitis, which is usually not fatal, has been confirmed in three regions: in a 15-mile area around Las Cruces, and in 30-mile areas around Albuquerque and Silver City. A task force from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Services has been dispatched to the state to assist state personnel with diagnosis and quarantining of infected animals.

In Texas, the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is urging producers to be alert to signs of the infection, so that immediate action may be taken to halt the spread of disease, which has an incubation period of two to eight days. If compatible symptoms are noticed in any animals in a herd, veterinarians or owners should call their TAHC area office, or the headquarters in Austin at 512-719-0700, or the USDA at 512-482-5555. An animal health inspector or veterinarian will be sent to the premise to assist in making a diagnosis. Affected and exposed animals will be quarantined for 30 days after the last lesions heal.

Vesicular Stomatitis is usually not fatal and has occurred with varying frequency in North and South America. Typically, the infection affects cattle, horses or swine, but sheep and goats, deer, bobcats, and raccoons can also become infected. Initially, an outbreak may be caused by insect vectors, but then the virus can move from animal to animal by contact with the fluid from ruptured lesions, or saliva. Persons who handle potentially infected animals should wear rubber or latex gloves, as they can contract the virus and develop symptoms including fever, muscle aches, and headache.

Infected animals develop painful blisters that swell and break, leaving raw tissue that cause them to refuse water or food. The blisters also may appear around the top of hooves, resulting in temporary lameness. Severe weight loss accompanies the infection, and in dairy cattle, a dramatic drop in milk production occurs.

"Affected animals will usually recover in about two weeks from Vesicular Stomatitis," said Dr. Max Coats, state epidemiologist for the TAHC. "There is no specific treatment or cure, except preventing a secondary infection where the blisters have broken."

"A major concern about Vesicular Stomatitis is that the signs in cattle, sheep and swine are similar to the dangerous foreign animal infection, foot-and-mouth disease. Only laboratory tests can determine

which virus has infected an animal. We are always on guard against foreign animal diseases, and that's why it is very important to know which disease has affected a herd," said Dr. Coats.

In New Mexico, state and federal personnel are investigating 37 reports of affected animals. The team is advising livestock owners to avoid congregating animals, to prevent the spread of infection. A number of horse shows, rodeos and livestock exhibitions in southern New Mexico have been canceled.

"Animals with any Vesicular Stomatitis symptoms should not be moved from the premise, as this could spread disease to other farms and ranches. The owners or veterinarians should call the TAHC or USDA immediately for diagnostic assistance," said Dr. Coats. "To aid in preventing infection, flies should be controlled, and persons should remember to use rubber gloves if they handle any animals that appear to have been infected."



LEGION MEMBERS IN ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Forrest W. McCargo American Legion Post 585 gathered June 15 for their annual business meeting and cookout.

Twelve members attended the event at Chris Blundell's barn. They were joined by Ladies Auxiliary members Sara Jane Shelton, Sit Jones, Mary Jo St. Romain, Inez Turner, Eilene Phillips, Pat Altman and Melba Fitzgerald.

The local Post was organized in 1947, following World War II, and was named in honor of McCargo, the son of Doc and Oma McCargo killed in Europe during that conflict.

Officers elected for the coming year are Gary Dyer, Commander, D.C. (Hoss) Newsom, Adjutant, Bob Blundell, Vice-Commander, Bob Phillips, Sgt. at Arms, and Johnnie Fitzgerald, Finance Officer. Fitzgerald has been a member since the post's organization.

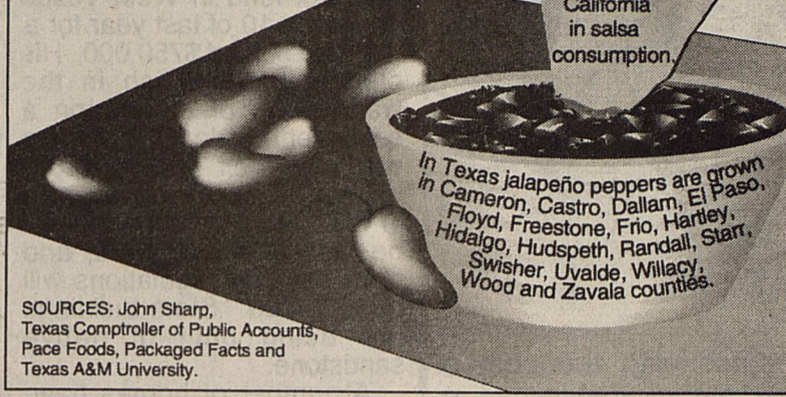
Darrell Barron and Homer Shelton were special guests. The meeting next year will be held the third Thursday of October. Membership in the Legion is open to any person serving in and honorably discharged from a branch of the US Armed Forces, and dues are \$20 per year.

The members expressed their appreciation to Chris Blundell for making his facility available to the Post.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Some like it hot

Picante and salsa sales surpassed ketchup sales by \$40 million in the fall of 1991. Sales have heated up each year, growing at an annual rate of 13 percent from 1988 to 1993, when they hit about \$700 million.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Pace Foods, Packaged Facts and Texas A&M University.

Texas ranks second after California in salsa consumption.

In Texas jalapeño peppers are grown in Cameron, Castro, Dallam, El Paso, Floyd, Freestone, Frio, Hartley, Hidalgo, Hudspeeth, Randall, Starr, Swisher, Uvalde, Willacy, Wood and Zavala counties.

Joan Chandler To Be Honored
The Yoakum County FCE Clubs and the Yoakum County 4-H Clubs wish to invite everyone to attend a farewell party honoring Joan Chandler, Yoakum County Extension Agent-FCS, June 29 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm in the Plains Clubroom. Please try to attend.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Yoakum County Appraisal District is accepting applications for a data entry clerk until July 3, 1995. Must have computer skills. Applicant must have high school diploma or its equivalent. Send resume with references to: Yoakum County Appraisal District, Box 748, Plains, Texas 79355.

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BRIDAL SHOWER



A bridal shower honoring Amy Crutcher, bride elect of Brandon Carter, was given on Saturday, June 3, 1995 in the home of Mrs. Jim Barron.

Special guests included Debbie Carter & Taylor, mother and sister of the groom; Melba Crutcher, mother of the bride; Lisa Arnett and Shae, sister and niece of the bride.

A picture of the bride-elect and groom on an antique easel along with a unity candle decorated the table where grapevine, burgundy & hunter green napkins and gold appointments were used. Refresh-

ments consisted of mini muffins, sausage balls, quiche, fruit tray orange juice and coffee.

A bedspread and matching accessories were presented as the hostess gift. Hostesses were; Sheila Ashburn, JoAnn Barron, Karen Bearden, Beth Ann Cain, Janie Cowart, Kathy Cowart, Dolores Davis, Linda Harris, Lois Holland, Teresa Howard, Toni Jones, Hazel Lowrey, Latrell McDonnell, Connie McWhirter, Claudia Miller, Paula Morrow, Susie Powell, Peggy Squyres, Sheila Stephens, and Shandy Willett.

KRISTY McCLURE HONORED BY ACADEMY

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Kristy McClure has been named a United States National Award winner in Science. This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain.

Kristy, who attends Brownfield High, was nominated for this national award by Loretta Herrera, a teacher at the school.

Kristy will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leader-



ship qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Kristy is the daughter of Mike and Kay McClure. The grandparents are Norman and Bonnie Tucek of Lubbock, Texas, and Arlen Hilton of Lubbock, Texas and Bob and Orlean Wood of Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

Kristy was also nominated for honorary award recognition in WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, 1994-95. Her biography will be published in this year's publication book.

MAKES DEANS LIST AT SPC

Gabriel Flores, 1994 Graduate of P.H.S. has recently been named to the Dean's Honor list at South Plains College, for the Spring Semester.

Gabriel is majoring in psychology. He is the son of Evaristo and Diana Flores.

NEWLYWEDS TO RESIDE IN DALLAS

Buffie Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Anderson of Coppell, and Chad Guetersloh, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Guetersloh of Plains, were united in marriage June 10, 1995, in Dallas, Texas at the Belo Mansion. Following a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, the couple will make their home in Dallas.



Mrs. Chad Guetersloh

Thought for the Week

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. I John 2:3-6



THANK YOU!

A sincere 'Thank You' to each and everyone who helped us thru our time of grief and loss. Your prayers, calls, visits, cards, flowers and food were greatly appreciated. Our special thanks to both Brother Reynolds and McCoy, and the entire Brownfield Church of Christ, for your kindness and many considerations.

God Bless each of you, Ila, Rodney, Cote and Barbara

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FROM THE HACK



Things are so bad around the Table Of Wisdom these days I just don't have the heart to spend much time there. There are two local farmers, appropriately named 'Dr. Gloom and Dr. Doom' by table regulars, who are so pessimistic about the current cotton crop they have resorted to going to church each Sunday, that's how bad things are. Enough's enough, now, with this stinking wind!!

Because of lack of other choices, I was forced to play golf with auto parts potentate Buddy Hanna last weekend. He told me an interesting story about his youngest son, Nick, currently undergoing the DPS Recruit Training Academy in Austin. He told his Dad, Buddy, he knew the course would be hard, but he would never have signed on if he knew all the gory details of the training. They have to box and wrestle opponents weekly. Nick said his size and reach had done him well in the boxing, and he was in the finals. Whereupon he was introduced to a 240 pound instructor, who proceeded to pound him, unmercifully, into unconsciousness. Nick said after he came around, the big, bad instructor said, "Son, I've been doing this for over 20 years, and you gave me the best fight I've ever had". All Nick could do was mumble "mmm, thanks... I didn't know I was still alive!"

I have a pair of brothers-in-law in East Texas who are would be musicians. One plays the piano, the other the guitar. At least they play at the things. One day they were thumping, scratching, clawing, pecking away, and visiting aunt

Dorothy paused a few moments to listen. An accomplished pianist, she finally smiled sweetly and said, "My, with the talent you two have, you should consider lessons". They're so slow they thought she was being nice to them.

Daughter Shari gave me a video of some of Johnny Carson's most memorable performances for father's day. One bit of vintage Carson had him asking, "If I love pasta, does that make me a pastatute?" Love it. I can't say I was a Carson faithful. Never could stay awake long enough. A glass or two of the Bride's Blackberry wine, or something similar, a bit of the supper, relax a bit in my recliner, and I was usually out of it before they called "heerrrrreee'sss Johnny". On the tape, Carson tells of actress Madeline Kahn's dislike of baseball. "I don't like balls coming at me", she told him. He asked, "Do you call that testiphobia?"

In Salt Lake City, thousands of homes were suddenly deprived of water when at halftime of a recent Super Bowl, so many toilets were flushed at one time it caused an implosion in the 16 inch main water line. True tale.

Wish I had a way with words like Oscar Wilde did. On his deathbed, he sipped champagne, and said, "I am dying beyond my means"; also, "I don't recognize you- I've changed a lot"; also, "To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance".

GOOD ECONOMIC NUMBERS COMING FROM AUSTIN

(AUSTIN)--"The Texas economy continues to grow at a very healthy pace, although retail sales have slowed somewhat from the fast pace of recent months," State Comptroller John Sharp said today, as he delivered a total of \$1,25.6 million in June sales tax rebates to 1,076 cities and 111 counties, an 8.7 percent increase over payments of one year ago.

"Employment in the state continues to increase, with Austin and Dallas employment up more than 4 percent, while El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio maintain growth of at least 3.1 percent," Sharp said.

Texas cities received monthly sales tax rebates of \$113.7 million, 9.3 percent above the \$104 million last June, and county rebates of \$11.8 million were 3.8 percent above the \$11.4 million of June 1994. Another \$158 million in quarterly sales tax payments went to the state's eight transit authorities, down .2 percent from the \$158.4 million due to a reduction in the San Antonio MTA tax rate in April 1994.

This month's city and county sales tax rebates

include taxes collected on April sales and reported to the Comptroller in May by businesses filing monthly tax returns. The transit payments include sales taxes collected January through April and reported to the Comptroller March through May.

The city of Houston received \$15.5 million, the largest city sales tax rebate for June, a 5.4 percent increase over last June's \$14.7 million payment.

"The Houston metro area trailed only Dallas in the total number of new jobs created. Gains in Houston's service sector, 16,200 jobs," Sharp said.

The \$9.8 million rebate to the city of Dallas was the second largest payment, up 9 percent above the \$9 million for the same period last year.

"Dallas added more jobs than any other metro area and has been above the state average in year-over-year employment for nearly two years," Sharp said.

The city of San Antonio was delivered the third largest payment of \$6.7 million, a 8.2 percent increase over last June's payment of \$6.2 million.

"San Antonio's year-over-year employment gains and

increased trade with Mexico continued to fuel the Alamo City's economic growth," Sharp said.

Austin's payment of \$5.3 million ranked as the fourth highest rebate, a 4.6 percent increase above the city's June 1994 payment of \$5.1 million.

"Construction was the fastest growing sector in Austin, rising 21 percent--4,400 jobs--as the city's stunning employment growth continues to accelerate housing demand," Sharp said.

The city of Fort Worth's rebate of slightly more than \$3 million was 1.8 percent--about \$56,000--above the June 1994 payment of \$3 million. The city of Arlington received \$2.9 million, down 1.26 percent--about \$37,000--from the \$2.9 million delivered for the same period one year ago.

"The construction sector gained 1,600 jobs and the manufacturing sector also posted employment increases, totaling 3,500 jobs in April. An anticipated \$170 million plant expansion by National Semiconductor would further enhance the Fort Worth-Arlington area as a high-tech hub in North Texas," Sharp said.

The June rebate to El Paso was \$2.8 million, 8.9 percent more than the \$2.6 million payment in June 1994.

"El Paso's year-over-year employment has increased more than 3 percent, for five consecutive months--bolstered by Dal-Tile's construction of a new \$15 million automated factory Denver City received a sales tax rebate of \$13,522, while Plains received \$1822.

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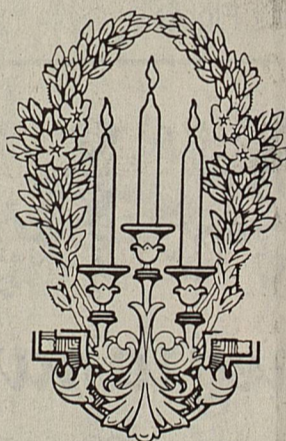
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