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## Chamber of Commerce Board Meets Tonight

The Motley County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors will meet tonight, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. at the Library. The Board will elect three new directors to replace the directors rotating off the board; elect officers for the new year; set the annual calendar; and establish projects for the coming year. Plans for the Shannon Davidson Pony Express Days (June 20-21) will be discussed and reviewed. All Chamber members are invited to attend this meeting.

## Lady Matadors Win District Game Against Paducah Will Compete In District Play-Offs

by Kim Alexander

The Varsity Lady Matadors came through four games of District play with an unblemished record of 4 wins and 0 losses. After Tuesday night's

most important win over Paducah, 51-43, the Ladies will compete in District play-offs.

Their first District win was against Valley, who they defeated 54-34.

Kasey Parks led the team in scoring with 27, followed by Dodie Morris with 15. Others were Leah Cruse with 9, and Tonie Bowden with three.

Kasey hit 11 out of 16 from the floor for 69%.

Players could not score with assists from their teammates. Leah had 8 assists and Dodie added 2. Dodie and Kasey combined for 6 steals, each with 3.

Rebounding for the Lady Mats were Kasey, 10; Leah, 9; Tonie, 6; Dodie, 3; Brandi Jameson, 3; Kandi Keltz, 2; Margaret Mangram, 2; and Jill Stanley, 1.

The second district opponent for the Lady Mats was Crowell. They came out on top by a score of 55-33.

Many Lady Mats added point to the team effort of 55. Leah led with 19. Kasey added 18; Brandi scored 5, as well as Tonie with 5. Dodie and Kandi each had three and Kristi Williams added 2.

Three girls were over 60% from the line. Leah, 86%; Kasey, 67%; and Dodie, 60%.

Leah and Kasey were also 60% from the floor. Brandi was 100% from the 2 point range.

As the Ladies had well rounded scoring, they also were well rounded

in the assist department. Dodie led with 4. Leah, Kristi, Kasey, and Tonie each added 2, and Brandi added 1.

Defensively, Kandi had 4 steals and one forced turnover. Dodie had 3 steals, and three forced turnovers. As a team the Ladies had 12 steals and 12 forced turnovers for 24 total turnovers by the Crowell Lady Cats.

Rebounding for the Lady Mats were Tonie, 9; Kandi, 4; Dodie, 3; Kasey, 3; Brandi, 2; Leah, 2; and Kristi, 1.

After rescheduling due to weather, the Motley County teams travelled to Chillicothe on Wednesday, January 15. The Lady Mats came out on top of what was a very close game. They were down by 11 points in the 4th quarter but fought back with a 25 point effort in the 4th to win by 4, 65-61.

This gives them an overall record of 17-4 and a District record of 3-0. Kasey and Leah each scored 18 points. Dodie added 13, Tonie had 12 and Kandi added 4.

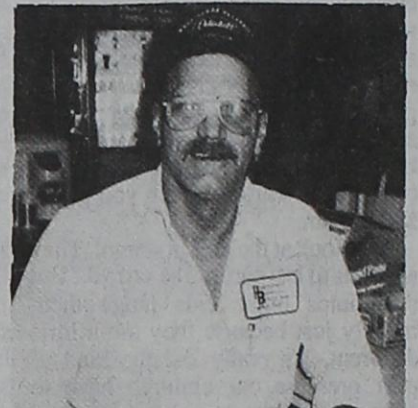
Kandi was 100% from the floor. Tonie hit 6 of 7 from the charity line for 86%.

Rebounding for the Ladies were Kasey, 11; Kandi, 6; Tonie, 4; and Dodie, Leah, and Kristi grabbed 2 each.

Dodie and Leah combined for 13 assists, 7 and 6 respectively.

A complete report of the Paducah game will be printed in next week's paper.

## Another Motley County Neighbor



FRED PARSON

Fred Parson works for Higginbotham-Bartlett in Matador. He and his wife, Mellane, have lived in Matador for 4 1/2 years. They have two daughters, Chesle, a student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and Brooke Barton of Matador.

In his spare time, Fred enjoys reading.

## Thought for the week

"If a man is called to be a streetsweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music, or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great streetsweeper who did his job well."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might."  
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## A Look back in Time



by Mary Meason

NOTE: "A Look Back in Time" is a new feature item to the Motley County Tribune, compiled by Mrs. Mary Meason. It will give our readers a chance to 'look back in time' and see what was going on way back when.

From the Matador Tribune files  
March 14, 1934

**DR. STANLEY HERE**  
Will Office Over City Drug Store Young Lubbock Dr. & Wife Move To Matador to Make Future Home  
Dr. and Mrs. J.S. Stanley of Lubbock moved to Matador last week to make their future home. Dr. Stanley is located in offices over the City Drug Store.

March 14, 1934  
**TOOTH OF GIANT ANIMAL IS FOUND NEAR NORTHFIELD**  
Boone Simpson Locates Specimen In Bluff On Wind River  
Brought to light after unknown centuries, the tooth of some giant prehistoric animal was found on Wind River near Northfield Community by Boone Simpson.

**UNCLE BEN SPEEGLE VICTIM OF BRUTAL MURDER**  
Spur Youths Charged In Slaying of Gentle Old Motley County Pioneer  
Among other injuries, Mr. Speegle sustained a broken jaw, a broken neck, and his head bore heel prints.

June 14, 1934  
**SEEK PAVING FROM MATADOR TO SOUTH COUNTY LINE**  
Paving of 12 miles would complete hard surface from Lubbock to North and East.



**FIRST 1997 MOTLEY COUNTY BABY** — Little Meagan Michelle Ford is the first baby born to Motley County residents for 1997. She is the first child of Gary and Denise Ford of Roaring Springs. Meagan was born Thursday, January 16 at 12:55 p.m. in St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. She weighed seven pounds, fifteen ounces, and was twenty and one-fourth inches long. Her proud grandparents are Michael and Judy Crowley of Matador and Buddy and Sandra Ford of Seminole.

## Countdown Begins For Pony Express Days Shannon's Long Ride

by Colquitt Warren (c) 1995

NOTE: Shannon Davidson Days will be held in Motley County June 20-21. This special story about Mr. Davidson explains some of the history of the Pony Express Race.

Shannon Davidson was born near Tucumcari, New Mexico in 1915, in the center of a great cow county where boys didn't mind working if they didn't have to get off their horses to do so. There were lots of horses back then, and boys raised on farms or ranches that needed to go some place, jumped on a horse and took off, more often bareback than not.

When he was 14 years old, Shannon moved with his family to the Flomot community in Motley County, Texas. The headquarters of the World Famous Matador Ranch sat in about the middle of the county.

Not long after New Years in 1939, Enid Justin, head of the Nocona Boot Company of Nocona, Texas, announced that she was promoting a "Pony Express Race" from Nocona to the International Exposition at San Francisco, California, a distance of approximately 2000 miles, the winner of which she was going to give \$750 fresh minted silver dollars as the first prize. At that time, that was real money. Cowboys like Shannon Davidson were lucky if they could find a job paying \$25.00 or \$30.00 per month and "keep".

This was a relay race with each rider allowed two horses. The horses that Shannon rode were Rocky and Ranger, nine year old geldings weighing about 100 pounds each. They belonged to Shannon's neighbor, Roy George. Between the time the race was announced and the starting date, March

1, 1939, Roy and Shannon had to toughen up Rocky and Ranger. They did it by leading the horses behind a tractor which was cultivating a field, day after day.

Bill Myers, son Billy and Elwood Bird, friends and neighbors of Shannon, went along in a Pickup truck, loaded with bed-rolls, a cooking outfit, feed for the horses, and extra horse shoes. They also pulled a trailer carrying the extra horses.

When the starting gun was fired on the morning of March 1, eighteen cowboys left Nocona, headed for San Francisco. Most of them got in a hurry, knocked their horses out and dropped out of the race one by one. Shannon struck a steady gait of about 7 miles per hour. He rode in a walk or slow trot, and changed horses every 25 miles.

By March 15, Shannon was in the lead, and rode into Phoenix, Arizona, bareback. Motorcycle Police, with sirens screaming, escorted Shannon to the State Capitol, where he was greeted by Governor Bob Jones. Shannon saddled his other horse, told Governor Jones, goodbye, and rode off into the sunset. At Indio, Calif. he stopped to treat his sunburned, cracked lips, and asked: "How far is it to the ocean?"

At San Jose, near the end of the long ride, a Humane Society officer who had been informed that the horse was being mistreated, checked them out and said that Shannon was treating the horse better than he was treating himself. The officer wished Shannon a safe ride on in and said that he was sorry that he had stopped him. On this grueling trip Rocky and Ranger each lost over 100 pounds. Traveling on the hard, gravelly highway shoulder their shoes wore out so fast that they had to be resoled 20 times, and hooves were drilled into their hooves and the shoes

were screwed on. In Arizona the weather turned so warm that Bill Myers and Elwood Bird clipped the hair of the horses, except the tail and the hair under the saddle. They made a bad mistake. Rocky got sick and cost the boys lots of worry, but he came out of it before any of the other riders overtook Shannon.

Shannon's long ride ended at Oakland at 11:30 a.m. March 24. A large crowd of cheering cowboys and cowgirls gave the old West Texas cowboy a warm reception, and gave him plenty of help in loading his horses on a truck. The truck and 15 automobile loads of Shannon's relatives and Texas friends crossed the Oakland Bay Bridge and were passed through the

gates of the International Exposition in San Francisco. Enid Justin was there with the newly-minted \$750 and in a fine ceremony presented them to Shannon.

Bill and Billy Myers and Roy George with Rocky and Ranger, and Shannon's other friends and his relatives returned to Texas. Shannon went to Hollywood. He was offered parts in the movies. He served an apprenticeship, and obtained a rating in the Screen Actor's Guild, and played some minor roles in westerns. One of them being a Gene Autry movie. After three years, Shannon gave it up and returned to Motley County, the home of real cowboys.

## Texas' "Wealthy" School Districts Not Always Rich

NOTE: The Robin Hood funding law has benefited our local school system very much. The following article speaks of re-examining the law.

Austin -- Lt. Governor Bob Bullock Friday said an analysis of nearly 100 school districts that are required by the "Robin Hood" law to share property tax money with Texas' poorer school districts shows more than half have per capita personal income below the state average.

"This pokes a hole in the idea that many so-called rich districts are filled with rich people," Bullock said. He said 54 of the 91 school districts subject to the state's Robin Hood funding

law have per capita income of less than \$19,716 based on the county census figures where the districts are located.

"Property wealth that can come from a major industry, a plant or oil wells does not always mean the people are rich. That is as good a reason as any to re-examine the state's Robin Hood school funding law. It's good evidence that the system is not the fairest way to fund education," he said.

Bullock again has urged lawmakers to take a look at the state's Robin Hood provisions that require 91 Texas school districts to send tax money to other schools.

"I have never been a fan of Robin continued on page 3

## MC 4th & 5th Graders Qualify For Special Program

Based on their outstanding performance on last year's TAAS tests, the following students at Motley County Independent School District qualify for special recognition by the MAP Program (Motivation for Academic Performance), sponsored by Duke University in North Carolina:

Annie Green, Kenneth Johannes, John Stevens, Dumont Darsey, Brandon Martin, Joel Rieger, and Aleda Ross (she also qualified as a 4th grader last year).

These students will be able to participate in special summer programs, receive motivational materials through the years, and their progress will be tracked by many universities. Mrs. Keith is the MAP Adviser in Motley County.

All students are urged to always do their very best on any test, and to learn to love learning, regardless of their age, for learning never ends.

Congratulations to these students and their families.

## SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Be sure to check the back page for your name on the January Subscription List. The list will be published one more week. Thank you!



Have you ever sat on a bench in the Mall and watched the people walk by? I find this very interesting. To see what each person is wearing, the expressions on their faces, the things they say to each other, etc. I know when people are watching me walk through the Mall, I look like a woman who is saying "take me home!"

Everyone is different. Everyone has their own thoughts, their own look, their own type of behavior, personality. It's funny, but really terrible, how we sometimes judge someone by the way they look or what they wear, their walk, their talk. The old saying, "You can't judge a book by its cover", is so true! There are many people who seem to be standoffish or stuck-up, but really they are very shy. And when you get to know them, they're very nice and fun to be around. Sometimes these kind of people are the ones who you can't get to shut-up once you get to know them.

Just look at the kids at school. They all want to be part of the crowd. But sometimes other kids judge them harshly just because they are a little different. It's really sad the kind of peer pressure our children have to experience. I can remember being in school and wanting to be a part of the "in" crowd. It seems like when just one "popular" kid decides someone is different, and not quite the same as everyone else, and tells the other kids, they, too, decide to stay away from that kid. Maybe they talk different, or maybe they're just not quite as smart as the "popular" kid, and they get ostracized for it. To me that is one of the saddest

*"A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they are carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised, or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands."*  
— Abraham Lincoln

### FAITH IMPLIES TRUST



Someone has written, "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the years, 'Give me alight that I may safely tread into the unknown'. And he replied, 'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hands of God. That shall unto you be better than light and safer than any known way.'"

Faith can not change our circumstances but it can change our attitude. There are times when we feel we could do a better job with our lives if we could be some-

where else. Rather than a new environment, what we need is a new inner life. We do not need a new place near so much as we need a new insight to the opportunities in our present environment.

We can resolve to place our trust in our God. This will create an inner quietness and allow us to cultivate our faith. God supplies strength to carry life's burdens. It is our God who gives us wisdom to solve our problems and grace to enrich every experience. Yes! Trust implies faith. Faith in a great God.

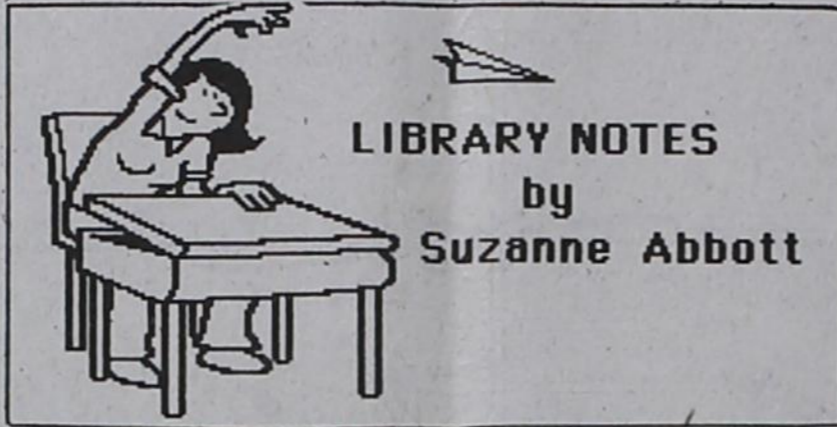
*"Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, and lean not upon thy own understanding: In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths."*  
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

**Roaring Springs Church of Christ**

Michael G. Crowley, Sr.

Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.

Worship - 9:00 a.m.



Thanks to Betty Moore for opening the Library, Monday, January 13, in the ice, snow, and bitter cold when the rest of us could 't make it.

We have just received a new shipment of large print books. Some of these titles are Left Right & Center by Rute Brandon, Daring to Dream by Nora Roberts, Significant Others by Sandra Kitt and Tea and Scandal by Joan Smith. If normal print blurs a little or if your arms aren't long enough to see regular type, you might enjoy these large print books. We have an entire section of the Library shelves devoted to large print.

A new shelf in the Library is reserved for "inspirational reading" selections. Mostly these books are fiction but there are some non-fiction

selections. Authors in this section include Oke, Hoff, Marshall, Peretti and Girzone. Look for these books on the cart just inside the front door.

The Library has received several copies of two brochures giving information about the Texas Tomorrow Fund. This program allows you to prepay your child's or grandchild's college tuition and fees now at today's rate and lock them in at this rate no matter how much they increase in the future. If you are interested in the Tomorrow Fund, come by the Library for one of these brochures. The 1997 enrollment deadline is February 18.

For you Michael Crichton fans, we have his newest, Airframe. Those of you who like a psychological thriller, Jonathan Kellerman's latest, The Clinic, is now in the Library.

### Letter to the Editor

Guess whose necks I hugged December 16th. None other than Sylvia and Billy Jack Spray's! Jack and I attended school together 13 years and we didn't flunk a grade to manage this accomplishment. We were at West Texas State and Jack met Sylvia while they were working towards degrees. We're both very distinguished, seeing as to how we were born and reared at Whiteflat.

Jack has had a very successful career at White Sands. He was hired as a Civil Service Mathematician but his job covered a much broader spectrum. Sylvia chose to stay home and be a full time Mom for their four children.

We were fascinated with a horsedrawn, single row cultivator displayed, along with two windmills and tastefully arranged cactus plants in their front yard. They have a nice pecan orchard. They hadn't stripped all the cotton in that area. They left early to visit their son in Northern Idaho. He has a handful of challenging degrees and will be getting his Ph.D.

Carl and I, along with our little dogs were headed for Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove,

Calif. We attended the Christmas presentation and the following Sunday Worship service. We appreciate the Military Bases whereby we stock up on supplies.

I'd like to see stories of Motley County exes. They all live eventful lives that we have no way of hearing about.

Billy Jack and I hadn't seen each other in forty-two years. I told him I graduated in his class of 16. Cecil Irwin, my precious cousin, my girlfriend Reba Faye Bain, and the smartest person in our class, we lovingly called Einstein, James Frindly Sturdivant, have all gone up to glory leaving only 13. With this small number of six girls and he couldn't imagine which one I was.

We agreed to swap Big Bear Hugs again in 42 years.

Shucks with all this modern medicine, we'll only be 102. Perhaps feeling in our prime.

We're proud to be from the salt of the earth people in Motley County.

God Bless one and all,  
LaNelle Byers Chandler

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### Cooking Corner



#### FUDGE BROWNIE PEANUT BUTTER CUPS (makes 8)

- 1 pkg. (15.1 oz.) low fat fudge brownie mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 8 teaspoons reduced fat crunchy peanut butter
- 1 cup low-fat chocolate frosting (about 2/3 of a 1 lb. container)
- 1/4 cup chopped unsalted peanuts

1. Prepare batter according to package directions, using the 1/2 cup water. Portion evenly among eight paper-lined 6-oz. custard cups, 1/4 cup batter for each. Drop 1 teaspoon peanut butter onto batter in each cup.

2. Microwave four brownie cups at MEDIUM (50%) for 6 minutes, rotating cups after 3 minutes. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 30 seconds. Repeat with remaining cups. Cool and frost each with about 2 tablespoons frosting. Sprinkle with chopped peanuts.

Nutrition Information (per peanut butter cup): 427 calories, 6g protein, 12g fat, 0 cholesterol, 73g carbohydrates, 255mg sodium.

#### EASY VEGETABLE SOUP

Prep time: 5 minutes.  
Cook time: 10 minutes.

- 1 (15 oz.) can Veg-All Mixed Vegetables with liquid
- 1 quart (32 oz.) of any meat stock
- 1 small can spicy tomato juice

Mix all ingredients in large saucepan. Add spices to taste and simmer until heated through.

#### CREAMY VEGETABLE POTATO SOUP

Prep time: 5 minutes.  
Cook time: 10 minutes.

- 1 (15 oz.) can Veg-All Mixed Vegetables with liquid
- 1 can cream of potato soup

Mix ingredients in small saucepan, adding spices to taste. Simmer until heated through.

#### DOUBLE CHOCOLATE-ALMOND COOKIES

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup Sunsweet Lighter Bake
- 1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons skim milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 ounces white chocolate, chopped into 3/8-inch pieces\*
- 1/2 cup sliced almonds

Preheat oven to 350°F. Coat large baking sheets with cooking spray; set aside. In large

bowl, combine sugar, Lighter Bake, milk and extract(s). Beat with whisk until blended and smooth. Combine flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt. Stir into Lighter Bake mixture; blend well (dough will be stiff). Spoon 2-tablespoon portions of dough onto sheets, allowing 2 inches between each. Sprinkle with white chocolate and almonds, pressing into dough. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until just set. Cool 2 minutes on sheets. Remove from sheets to wire rack to cool completely. Makes 24 large cookies. \*Or use 1 cup white chips.

Nutrients per cookie: Calories 184 (20% calories from fat); Protein 3g; Fat 4g; Carbohydrate 34g; Cholesterol 1mg.

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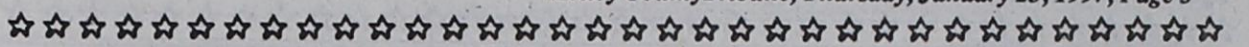
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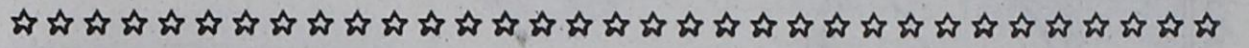
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# MC hall news



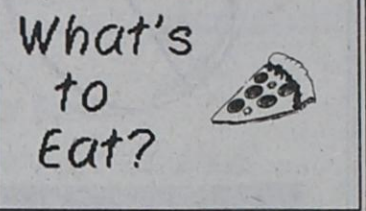
## HONOR ROLL

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(All grades 90 or above)

**HONOR ROLL**  
(All grades 80 or above)

**Kindergarten:** Tamra Ashley, Andrew Davila, Cagen Denison, Cade Luckett, Kayla Simpson, Justin Todd.  
**First Grade:** Jacob Blanco, Danielle Ho-Gland, Brady O'Pry, Savannah Rose, Christina Smith.  
**Second Grade:** Michael Arneel, Fannin Gwinn, Marc Henzler, Ryan Langer, John Martin, Angelica Mendoza, Martin Walker.  
**Third Grade:** Chance Bingham, Kyle Coper, Ashlee Green, Colton Russell.  
**Fourth Grade:** Clay Cooper, Cody Cooper, Annie Green, John Stevens.  
**Fifth Grade:** Dumont Darsey, Angela Marvel, Aleda Ross.  
**Sixth Grade:** Clint Cooper, Derrick Cruse, Brenda Gillespie, Chantry Meyer, Amanda Sands.

**Kindergarten:** Annie Hurt, Crista Landin, Shane Marks, Jasmine Porter, Shane'a Russell.  
**First Grade:** Bradley Brown, Mylissa Gilmore, Stacy Perryman, Makayla Warren.  
**Second Grade:** Chicagra Brown, Gene Salazar.  
**Third Grade:** Samantha Davila, Jacob Johannes, Rachel Saldana, Ashlee Sanders.  
**Fourth Grade:** Matt Henzler, Veronica Mendoza, Dakota Meyer, Brittany Moore, Sabrina Osborn, Thomas Rice, Obadiah Saldana.  
**Fifth Grade:** Stachia Baxter, Sammy Gutierrez, Amanda Hurt, Brandon Martin, Susana Mendoza, Joel Rieger.  
**Sixth Grade:** Brittany Donaldson, Brittany Moore, Brittany Perryman.



**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**  
**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Sausage, Gravy, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Bread Sticks, Pudding, Milk.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**  
**Breakfast:** Breakfast Burritos, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Chef Salad (Ham, Egg, Cheese), Crackers, Baked Potato, Cake, Milk.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**  
**Breakfast:** Cereal, Buttered Toast, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Pigs in Blankets, Tater Tots, Veggie Sticks, Unbaked Cookie, Milk.

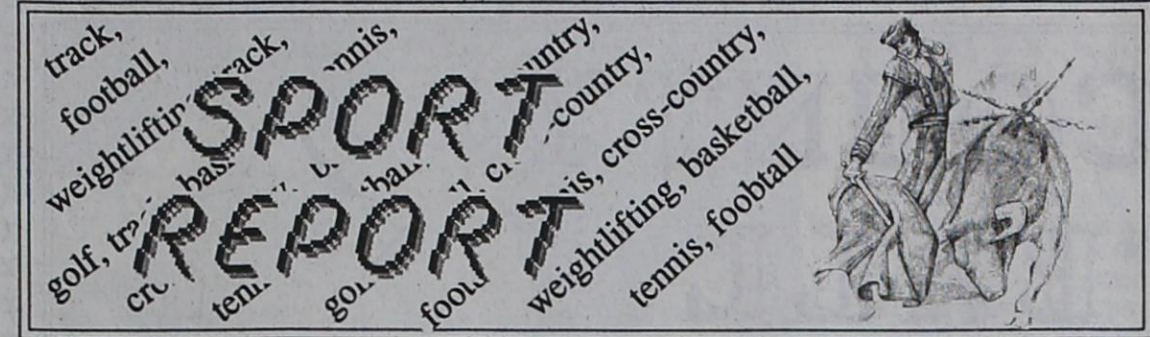
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**  
**Breakfast:** Sausage, Pancakes, Syrup, Fruit, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Mexican Casserole, Tossed Salad, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Jello, Fruit, Milk.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**  
**Breakfast:** Biscuits, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Milk.  
**Lunch:** Grilled Chicken on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickle, Onion, Potato Chips, Apple, Cookie, Milk.

\*\* \$17,777; % value single family (before exemptions) 1995\*\*\*, 1.80%; # of over 65 Homestead Exemptions, 173; enrollment 1995 \*, 389.  
 \* Texas Association of School Boards, **TASB Bench Marks 1995-96**  
 \*\* U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.  
 \*\*\* Office of Comptroller of Public Accounts, Property Tax Division, 1995 School District Self Report.

### Robin Hood Plan

from page 1  
 Hood. School property tax relief is high on the Legislature's agenda and that should go hand in hand with a close review of school funding formulas," he said.  
 "Our goal should be a formula that is fair, equitable and effective."  
 School Districts subject to recapture, 1996-97 school year, locally:  
 Guthrie, King County - 1995 Market value per student \*, \$1,964,083; per capita personal income by county, 1994 \*\*, \$16,829; % value single family (before exemptions), 1995 \*\*\*, 0.40%; # of over 65 Homestead Exemptions, 1995 \*\*\*, 11; Enrollment, 1995 \*, 81.  
 Jayton-Girard, Kent County - Market value per student, 1995 \*, \$3,779,721; per capita personal income by county, 1994 \*\*\*, \$15,931; % value single family (before exemptions), 1995 \*\*\*, 0.62%; # of over 65 Homestead Exemptions, 1995 \*\*\*, 139; enrollment, 1995 \*, 195.  
 Sudan, Lamb County - Market value per student, 1995 \*, \$1,200,598; per capita personal income by county, 1994



## Matadors Fall to Clillicothe Eagles

by Billy Green  
 The Matadors traveled to Chillicothe last Tuesday to take on the Eagles, but dropped the game to the Eagles 77-45. The Matadors and Eagles were closely balanced in height, but the quickness and outside shooting gave the Eagles the win.  
 Scoring for the Matadors were Aaron Green, 20; Keane Cruse, 9; Tyler Decker, 9; Ryan Martin, 5; Joe Man-

gram, 1; and Ty Barclay, 1.  
 Friday's game with Silvertown was cancelled by the Matadors. This week the Mats will host State ranked Paudcah on Tuesday, and Valley, on Friday.  
 No J.V. games were played last week.

## JV Lady Matadors Get Two Big Wins Over Valley

by Coach Kim  
 The JV Lady Matadors defeated Valley, 44-31. Sam Osborn was leading scorer with 21 points. ShaVonne Taylor added 6; Kim Ashley, 5; Llan Barkley, 4; Blair Thacker, 3; Nikki Timmins, 2; Nesa McFall, 2; and Tammy Nipp, 1.  
 Kim was leading rebounder with 32. Blair got 8; Sam, 4; and ShaVonne, 4. The team had 33 rebounds.  
 Sam was 75% from the line, 6/8. Team freethrows, 54%. Sam had 4 steals, and Blair had 3.

Blair, 4; and Sam, 4.  
 ShaVonne had 3 of 4 for 75% from the line. Blair had 2 assists. Nikki got three steals, and Blair, Kim and ShaVonne each had 2.  
 The girls had an upsetting big loss to Claude, in the Tournament, losing 18-58.  
 Kim was leading scorer with 5 points. Sam added 3; Tammy Nipp, 3;

Blair, 2; Nikki, 2; ShaVonne, 2; and Miranda Palmer, 2.  
 Kim was also leading rebounder grabbing six. Sam got 5.  
 Sam had 3 steals. Blair had 4 forced turnovers. Nikki and Miranda were both 100% from the line.  
 The girls placed 2nd in the Tournament.

## Jr. High Mavericks Whip the Patriots

by Coach Kim  
 The Motley County Mavericks 7th grade girls had a big win over Valley, defeating them 30-10, January 6.  
 Leading scorer was Lisa Taylor with 14 points. Shandra Jones added 8;

Rachael Smith, 4; and Kelsi Wallace, 4.  
 The 8th grade girls also had a big win over Valley, 39-12. Leading scorer was Rebecca Morris with 18; Rachelle Renfro, 6; Leigha Burns, 5; Rhonda Ashley, 3; Leandra Wallace, 2; Ashley Stevens, 2; Brooke Decker, 2; and Erica Johnson, 1.  
 The Jr. High Boys had a narrow win over Valley, January 6, defeating them 45-41.  
 Leading scorer was Jermaine Hendrix with 22 points. Matt Easter added 10; Chase Carson, 9; Casey Lawrence, 4.

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I Peter 3:4

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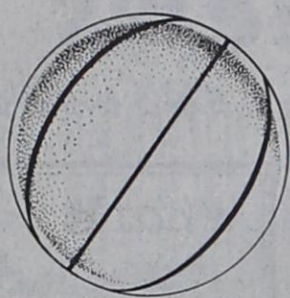
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### MOTLEY COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1996

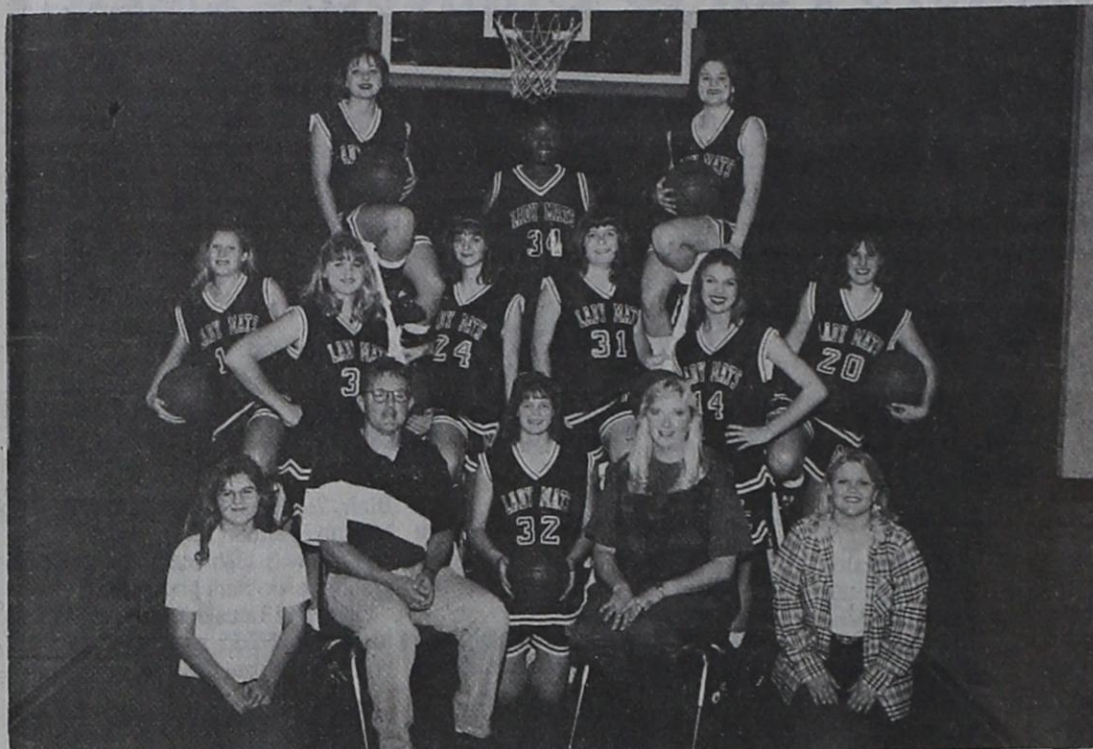
Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES					TRUST FUNDS		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	500-599 DEBT SERVICE FUND	600-699 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	806-809 NONCOOPERATIVE EXPENDABLE	810-879 COOPERATIVE EXPENDABLE	98 AUGUST 31, 1996	97 AUGUST 31, 1995	
<b>REVENUES:</b>									
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$798,662	\$15,526	-	-	\$5,586	\$819,774	\$1,000,299	
5800	State Program Revenues	744,771	9,126	-	-	188,200	942,097	1,052,899	
5900	Federal Program Revenues	-	127,043	-	-	96,748	223,791	262,483	
	Excluding Revenues Funding Function 14	\$1,543,433	\$151,695	-	-	\$290,534	\$1,985,662	\$2,315,681	
0014	Revenues Collected for Funding Function 14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5030	Total Revenues	\$1,543,433	\$151,695	-	-	\$290,534	\$1,985,662	\$2,315,681	
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>									
0011	Instruction	\$831,865	\$62,509	-	-	\$131,507	\$1,025,881	\$1,017,499	
0015	Public Education Grant Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0016	Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0017	Charter Schools	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0021	Instructional Administration	-	4,282	-	-	109,225	113,507	123,759	
0022	Instructional Resources and Media Services	20,438	-	-	-	2,856	23,294	17,736	
0023	School Administration	70,439	-	-	-	-	70,439	59,079	
0025	Curriculum & Instruct. Staff Development	2,368	-	-	-	-	2,368	2,423	
0026	Communication and Dissemination	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	13,906	-	-	-	6,302	20,208	48,661	
0032	Social Work Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
0033	Health Services	873	-	-	-	-	873	942	
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	74,007	-	-	-	-	74,007	138,914	
0036	Co-curricular Activities	58,358	-	-	-	-	58,358	50,186	
0037	Food Services	-	121,703	-	-	-	121,703	117,971	
0041	General Administration	125,302	1,223	-	-	-	126,525	132,522	
0042	Debt Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	91,363	
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	172,534	-	-	-	7,065	179,599	170,418	
0052	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	165,873	-	-	10,000	-	175,873	552,518	
0075	Data Processing Services	41,714	-	-	-	-	41,714	38,846	
0081	Community Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Expenditures Excluding Function 14	\$1,577,677	\$189,717	-	\$10,000	\$256,955	\$2,034,349	\$2,562,837	
0014	Instructional Services Between Districts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
6050	Total Expenditures	\$1,577,677	\$189,717	-	\$10,000	\$256,955	\$2,034,349	\$2,562,837	
1100	Excess (Deficiency) Revenues Over Expenditures	(\$34,244)	(\$38,022)	-	(\$10,000)	\$33,579	(\$48,687)	(\$247,156)	
7990	Other Resources	-	115,116	-	-	-	115,116	589	
8990	Other (Uses)	(148,051)	-	-	-	-	(148,051)	(55,730)	
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures & Other Uses	(\$182,295)	\$77,094	-	(\$10,000)	\$33,579	(\$81,622)	(\$302,297)	
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	929,744	(77,094)	-	10,000	157,087	1,019,737	1,322,034	
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$747,449	-	-	-	\$190,666	\$938,115	\$1,019,737	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

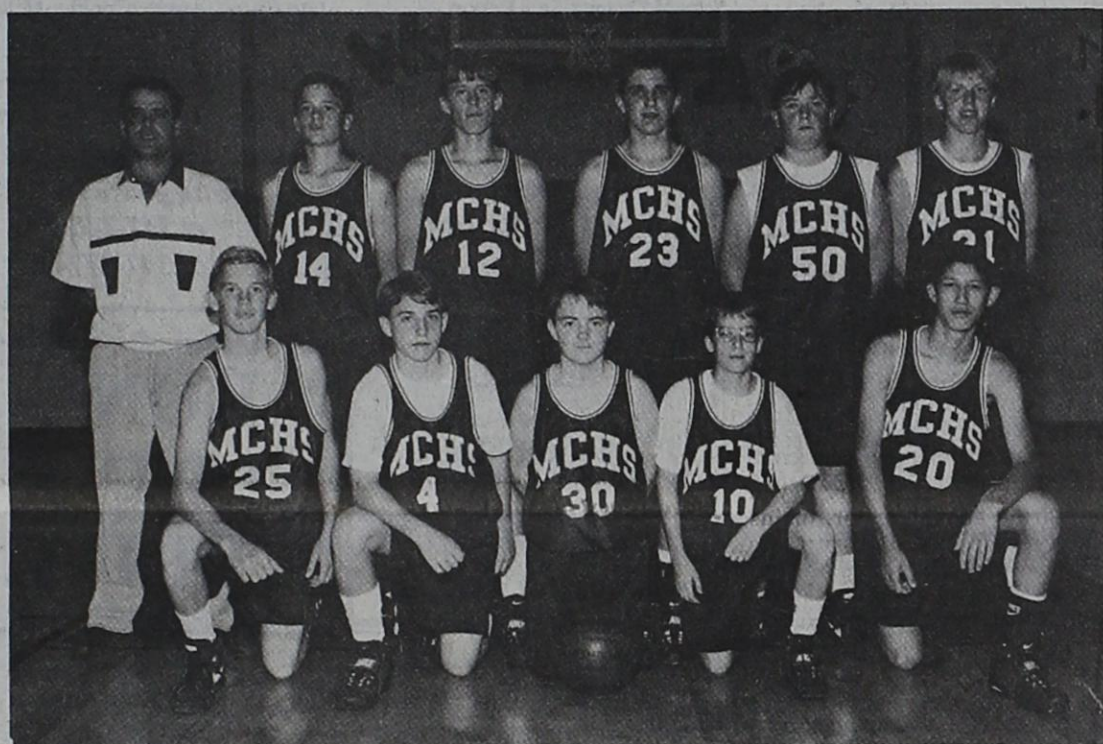
# MOTLEY COUNTY BASKETBALL



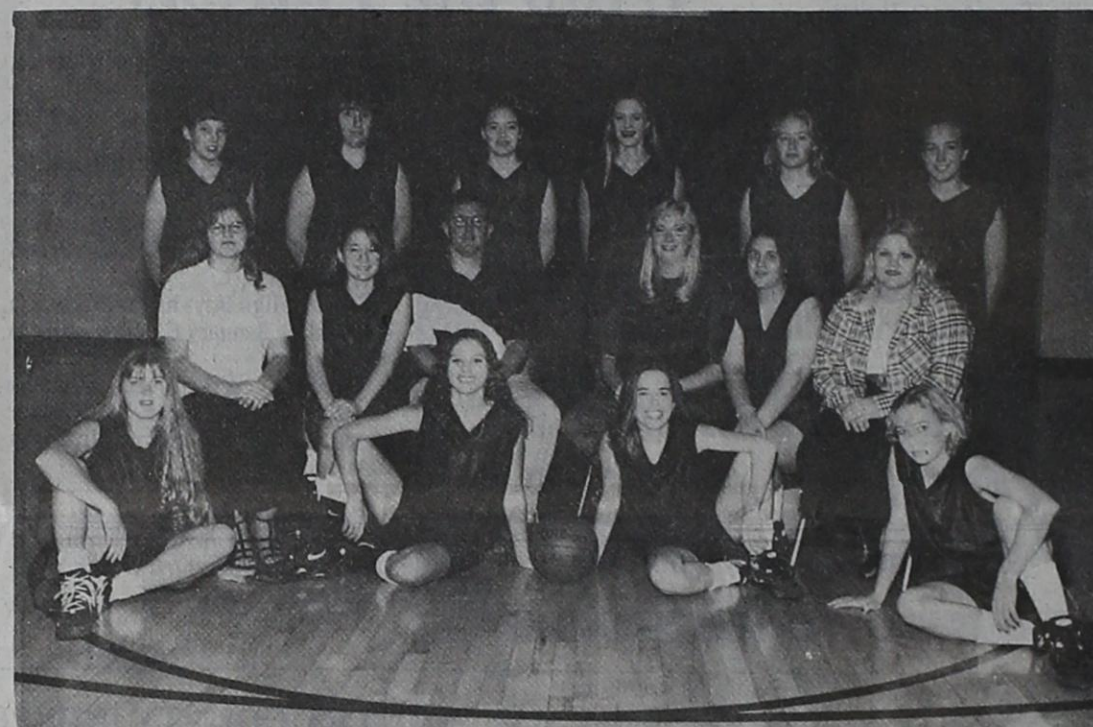
**VARSITY BOYS:** Pictured from left to right - Ty Barclay, Aaron Binder, Aaron Green, Cobey Turner, Scott Smith, Chris Marvel, Joe Mangram, Keane Cruse, Dayton Grundy, Josh Lee, Tyler Decker, Ryan Martin; in front, Robert Gillespie, Coach Mark Neely, and Managers Tanya Barkley and Monica Clifton.



**VARSITY GIRLS:** Brandi Jameson, Margret Mangram, Kristi Williams, pictured top left to right; (middle) Dodie Morris, Tonie Bowden, Jill Stanley, Rebecah Jameson, Kandi Keltz, Leah Cruse; (bottom) Manager Jenny Lewis, Coach Shannon O'Pry, Kasey Parks, Coach Kim Alexander, and Manager, Crystal Christopher.

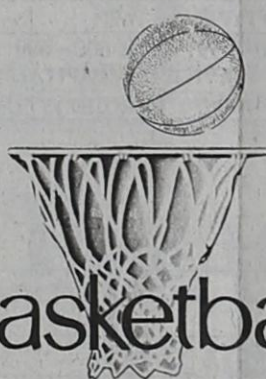


**JV BOYS:** Coach Mark Neely, Todd Thomas, Sean Rose, Brant Doanldson, Jason Barton, Brad Marvel, pictured at top left to right; (bottom row l-r) Jarrod Reiger, Jason Clauser, Dusty Jackson, Ryan Moore, and Paul Gonzalez.



**JV. GIRLS:** Pictured from top, Miranda Palmer, Kim Ashley, Vanessa Easter, ShaVonne Taylor, Neesa McFall, Tammy Nipp; (middle) Manager Jenny Lewis, Llan Barkley, Coach Shannon O'Pry, Coach Kim Alexander, Kaci Risser, Manager Crystal Christopher; (bottom) Candice Marvel, Sam Osborn, Blair Thacker, and Nikki Timmins.

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## MOTLEY COUNTY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 10	** Crowell	home	4:00
Jan. 11	Valley JV Tourn.	away	TBA
Jan. 14	** Chillicothe	away	4:00
Jan. 17	Silverton	away	4:00
Jan. 21	** Paducah	home	4:00
Jan. 24	** Valley	home	4:00
Jan. 28	** Crowell	away	4:00
Jan. 31	** Chillicothe	home	4:00
Feb. 4	OPEN		
Feb. 7	** Paducah	away	4:00

\*\* District games



**NEW ADMINISTRATOR** — New appointed administrator Steve Hurst, second from left, visits with ladies residing at the Lockney Care Center. Pictured left to right with Hurst are Grace Shelton, Jessie McGhee and Fern Henderson.

Floyd County Hesperian photo

## TxDOT Seeking Applicants To Receive Federal Grant

The Texas Department of Transportation is seeking qualified applicants to receive a Federal Grant to provide transportation for elderly and/or disabled persons. The program, known as Section 5310, provides funds to private, nonprofit organizations, public entities, and associations.

The program provides up to 80 percent of the cost for capital equipment such as buses, vans, and other paratransit vehicles used to transport elderly and/or disabled persons. Also included are the purchases of vehicles for service expansions, radio and communication equipment, wheel chair lifts and restraints, and vehicle rehabilitation. The funding is appropriated by the Federal Government under the Federal Transit Act. Qualified projects will be selected for funding by TxDOT using quantitative measures such as coordination efforts, ability to meet service needs of elderly and/or disabled persons based on passenger trips per month, local match ability, hours of operation, ability to maintain equipment, average fleet mileage where applicable and average fleet age where applicable.

Organizations within the Childress District that are interested in receiving an application and are located in Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dickens, Donley, Foard, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Motley, and Wheeler counties should contact Tonya L. Cummins, Texas Department of Transportation, 1700 Avenue F NW, Childress, TX 79201-0900 or phone at (817) 937-7164. Applications will be accepted through February 14, 1997.



## CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**



### New Tax Law Gives Homemakers a Fair Deal

January 1, 1997, marks a happy day for 10 million hard-working single-income American couples, who beginning that day will enjoy retirement savings equity and be able to accumulate their nest egg on an equal footing with two-income couples.

The Homemaker IRA proposal I first introduced in the Senate in 1993 finally passed and became law last year, effective Jan 1, 1997.

This provision allows homemakers to make IRA contributions, up to \$2,000, regardless of whether they work outside the home.

In other words, the Homemaker IRA allows non-wage earning spouses to make savings contributions at the same rate that wage-earning spouses are allowed to make. It will significantly affect the way millions of Americans save for their retirement.

I wrote this legislation starting from the basic premise that work done inside the home -- running the home, caring for children -- is every bit as important to the strength of our society as any work performed outside the home anywhere in the country.

But until the Homemaker IRA became law, the tax code did not reflect that long-held American value. The old law limited a non-working spouse's contribution to \$250 a year, or \$2,250 for a one-income couple. This was a "gender gap," and it was a "family gap" as well.

The idea behind IRAs is to enable and encourage Americans to set aside money for their retirement security. Single-income couples have the same retirement needs as two-income couples. Everyone should be allowed to save, on an equal basis, for their retirement years. The law must be as impartial as we can make it. No one, especially not homemakers, should be at a disadvantage.

How big of a difference will the new law make in the financial security of a typical couple who takes advantage of its savings provisions? Setting aside an extra \$1,750 in an IRA each year for 30 years (assuming a modest 6 percent rate of return) would result in \$150,000 of additional retirement savings -- a significant asset.

A couple should not overlook IRAs as a part of retirement planning. Over a working lifetime, a nest egg can build from \$350,000 to as high as \$400,000 depending on the investment return. This \$2,000 per person per year accrues tax free into a real benefit.

Such reform was critical to the long-term financial security of women. Women live longer than men and earn less money. They become divorced or widowed. They leave the workforce to bear children and care for their families. As a result, they typically begin saving for retirement later than men and save less.

Unfortunately, families retiring today will not see the benefit of this legislation. But 25 years from now, I hope countless married, widowed or divorced homemakers will be able to avoid living under near-poverty conditions because of this new law.

We have made the tax code a much more even-handed instrument. Homemakers finally are getting a fair deal.

*Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.*

Romans 2:1

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## spotlight on health

### Tips For Healthy Eating

by Lindsey Duncan

(NAPS)—Q: I try to eat a healthy diet but sometimes I like to drink coffee and eat cheeseburgers, French fries, and have dessert. I feel tired and bloated most of the time. Do you have any health tips?



Duncan

A: Good health is the result of giving your body what it needs—on a daily basis. That means eating a diet containing fiber, fresh fruits and vegetables; drinking lots of water; and exer-

cising regularly. Most importantly, it means undoing your bad habits. Try to avoid eating foods filled with fat, sugar, salt, and artificial additives, which may result in digestive and intestinal problems, and leave toxic residues in your system.

According to reports in the *Wall Street Journal*, Americans spend \$47 billion each year on soda and \$90 billion a year on fast food. These "non-foods" are extremely harsh on the digestive and eliminative systems, and can eventually lead to mental, physical and digestive fatigue.

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# Farm & Ranch News

# COTTON NEWS



FROM PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.

## Researchers Insert 'Polyester Gene' Into Cotton Plant

by Paul Recer  
Associated Press

Washington -- A fiber that is wrinkle-free and as warm as wool may be grown by inserting a "polyester gene" into the cotton plant, researchers report in a study published today.

In an experiment in the labs of Agracetus, a Middleton, Wis., company, researchers inserted into the cotton plant a bacterium gene that makes a polyesterlike substance and caused the plant to grow a fiber with the texture of cotton and the warmth of a winter-weight fabric.

"This proves the concept that we'll be able to come up with new and novel fibers for the textile industry" by genetically engineering the cotton plant, said Maliyakal John, an Agracetus biochemist. He is the first author of a study published recently in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Other genes, he said, could be used to make the cotton resistant to wrinkles and shrinkage or cause the cotton fiber to lock in dyes.

The research, John said, proves that cotton plants can be genetically altered through a technique called particle bombardment. John said the Agracetus researchers, working under a grant from the Commerce Department, first extracted from common laboratory bacteria a gene that makes a polyesterlike substance. The bacteria DNA was then put onto the surface of extremely small gold beads. These were fired into the stems of cotton seedlings.

The resulting plants produced seeds that contained the bacteria DNA. The fiber from the plants contained polyester.

Tests of the fibers showed that they had a heat-retention capacity about 8.6 percent higher than normal cotton fiber.

John said his lab is working to put even more polyester into the cotton plant to increase its heat retention.

"The amount of the material is not sufficiently high now," he said. "We hope to increase the amount of the polymer by tenfold or more."

The important element of the research, John said, is its proof that characteristics of the cotton fiber can be altered by genetic engineering in the laboratory.

Farmers in the United States already are growing tomatoes, potatoes, corn and squash that have been genetically altered to resist insects, survive spraying by herbicides or slow the ripening process.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service started its 1997 Master Marketer Program January 15-16 with a class of 60 farmers and ranchers, primarily from the Texas High Plains.

According to Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) officials, the 60 person class will meet again on January 29-30 for the second phase of the four part course.

"The first session of the Master Marketer Program went extremely well," reported Lubbock-based Extension Economist Jackie Smith. "Our goal with this program is to establish a strong network of local marketing clubs across this part of Texas. These clubs will be composed of producers and, hopefully, be led by the graduates of this course."

Smith notes that the next Master Marketer Program will be held in the Waco area sometime next year. There are no immediate plans for another program on the Texas High Plains at this time.

"All of the participants in the program are fairly knowledgeable and have had experience marketing their own crops and in the use of futures and options markets to booster their ef-

orts," explains Smith.

The primary focus of the program is to enhance marketing skills through increased knowledge of basic and advanced marketing strategies, development and implementation of marketing plans, and prove fundamental and technical analysis, value added alternative marketing mechanisms, marketing discipline, and leadership of successful marketing clubs.

For more information about the Master Marketer Program contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock.

Officials at Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers have received word that an assessment of the economic impact of the boll weevil on the economy of the Texas High Plains has just been completed. The study, produced jointly by Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University, is available from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock.

"The contents of this economic assessment should prove very interesting to cotton producers on the Texas


High Plains," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "In the next few weeks the PCG Board will have a chance to familiarize themselves with the contents of the report and we will be able to make additional comments about the information it contains."

The PCG Board meets Monday, January 20, for its quarterly Director's meeting.

Plains Cotton Growers members are reminded that 1997 Director elections are currently being scheduled. The elections will be conducted prior to the PCG Annual Meeting, April 11.

The 1997 election schedule will coordinate the selection of Producer Board members in 23 of PCG's 25 member counties. PCG members in Hale and Swisher Counties will elect new Business Directors to the 25-County organization. The PCG Board is composed of two Directors, one Producer and one Business, from each county, elected on alternate years for two-year terms.

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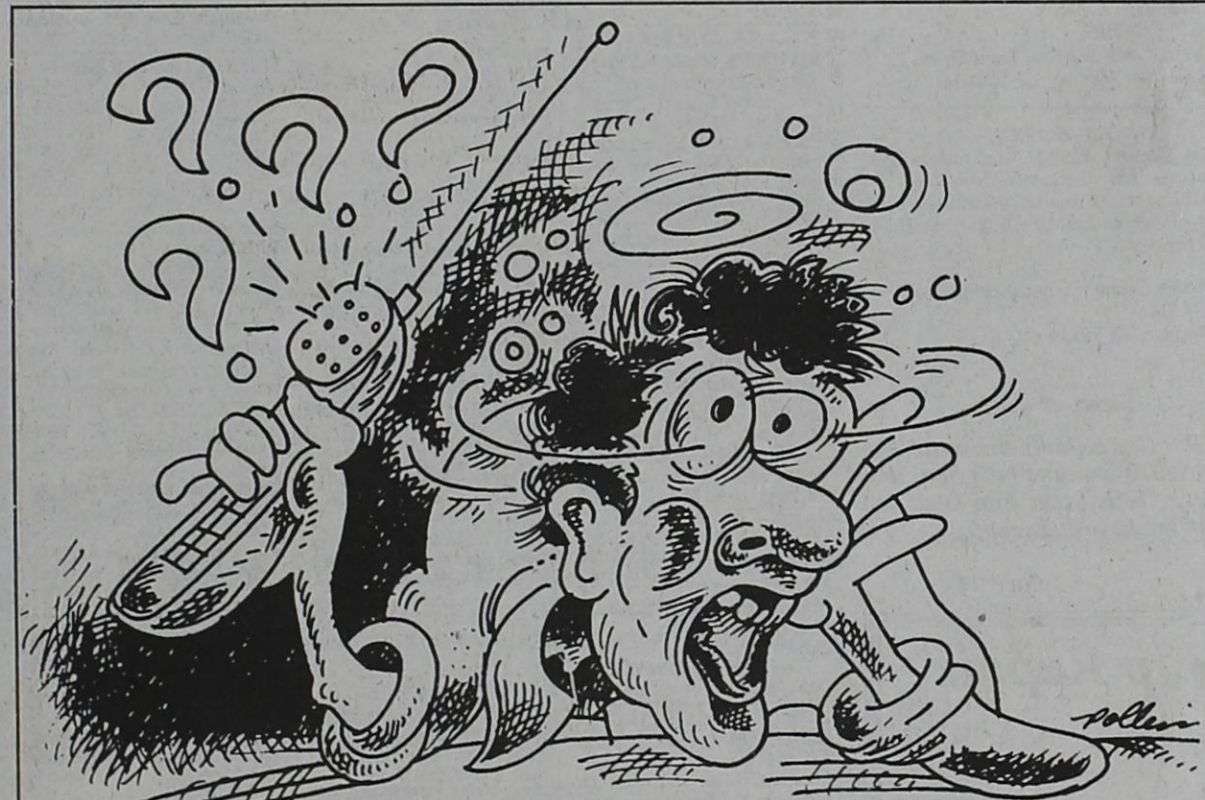
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Thomas Jefferson



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