

THE BORDEN STAR

VOLUME XIX

FEBRUARY 20, 1991

Serving the Counties of Borden, Dawson, Garza, Howard, Lynn & Scurry

TEXAS WEEKLY

\$150 a year • Vol. 7 Issue 32 • February 11, 1991 • P. O. Box 5306, Austin, TX 78763 • (512) 322-9332

A School-Finance Death Trap

This week may prove us wrong, hopefully, but there's an increasing chance for the unthinkable—that the Legislature will cede control over school finance to the Texas Supreme Court. If that happens, watch for every incumbent to be vulnerable to the worst political charge imaginable: "My opponent, faced with the duty of writing a constitutional school-finance plan, decided instead to let a bunch of black-robed judges handle the job." No sane legislator will advocate turning it over to the courts, obviously. But as one veteran observed, "There's a clear realization that if we can't do anything politically, or can't do it fast enough, mechanically, they (the nine judges) may do it." The message is clear: The legislators now are aware, even if the voters aren't, that this is hardball. If Legislature doesn't act, the Supreme Court—even with changes in membership, unanimous in two consecutive school-finance decisions—is in command. The court's order in Edgewood II was simply that, if a constitutional plan isn't in place by April 1,

state school aid under current law will cease. While most districts probably would have enough left-over money to limp through to an early end of the school year, some would have to shut down in May; most would not be able to conduct summer school, much less do routine maintenance.

It's true that there's been talk of a temporary postponement of the state-aid cut-off, if the Legislature is close to a new system but not quite there. After all, four members of the Supreme Court (Justices Oscar Mauzy, Lloyd Doggett, Jack Hightower and Bob Gammage) are former Democratic state senators. Presumably, they would be willing to cut the Legislature a little slack. But not much. And, in some respects, Texas already is a laughing-stock of the nation: Our school-finance system has been in one court or another for two decades. Having lost only once—in the U.S. Supreme Court—in the fight for equal educational opportunity, plaintiffs from property-poor school districts won't give any ground. And having

CHARLES STENHOLM VISITS BORDEN COUNTY

Borden County I.S.D. was proud to be included as one of the stops made by Congressman Charles Stenholm on Wednesday, February 13th. The Honorable Charles Stenholm answered questions at an assembly, attended by the Junior High and High School students, teachers and several interested people from the county.

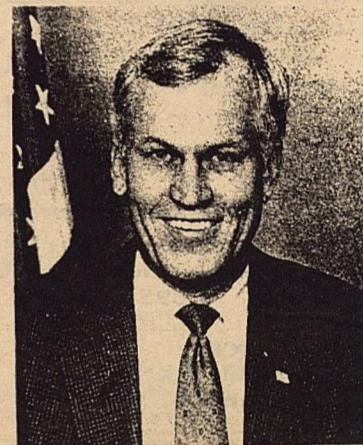
During Mr. Stenholm's visit questions were asked about major concerns of the student and the community. The Desert Storm War was the primary concern of the most present. When asked if he thought if Saddam Hussein would leave Kuwait, he stated, "Hussein has shown no willingness at this point to leave but he will ultimately lose this war. Perhaps the best solution to this would be a revolt by the Iraq people against Hussein from within." Although Mr. Stenholm is not on any committee

dealing directly with the war, he is on the budget committee and is therefore briefed every three days on the war situation.

Mr. Stenholm was asked if he thought that the war had been brought about by the lack of an energy policy. He stated that there was no lack of an energy policy, our policy is free trade and that President Bush's energy policy would be released soon and it would be better than previous administrations, in that he recognized that more oil should be produced by the United States. Stenholm supports an oil emport fee that could help provide money to fund alterna-

twice said that the state's educational system must be based on fiscal neutrality, the Texas Supreme Court can't be much more clear except to draw a school-finance system on its own.

MORE FROM 'TEXAS WEEKLY' ON PAGE 3.



CHARLES STENHOLM

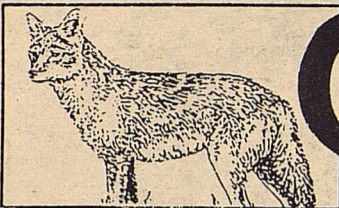
tive energy sources.

Jo Barnes, a graduating senior, whose brother is currently serving the Middle East, expressed a concern about the United States drafting women. Mr. Stenholm said that he doubted that the draft would even be necessary, unless the war continued for a very long period of time, but even then he doubted that women would be drafted.

Cont. to pg. 2



BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL was one of many area schools visited by Congressman. L-R: Mickey McMeans, BC principal; Stenholm, wife, Cindy; and Don Starr; Field Rep. (Staff Photo)



COYOTE NEWS

COLLEGES RELEASE FALL SEMESTER HONOR ROLL LIST

LUBBOCK -- Julie Harris daughter of John & Jackie Harris of Gail, and a 1990 graduate of Borden High School was named to the Dean's List at Texas Tech.

To qualify for the honor, students had to be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours of class work and receive a 3.5-3.9 GPA.

Julie is a Freshman Accounting major.

ABILENE, Texas -- Amy, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Royale Lewis of Gail, Texas, was one of 778 students named to the Dean's List in December at Abilene Christian University.

To make the Dean's List, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn a 3.45 grade point average or higher.

Amy graduated from Borden High School in 1990.

ACU is the largest university affiliated with the churches of Christ.

COLLEGE STATION--Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the 1990

fall semester, recognizing several hundred students for outstanding academic performance.

The "Distinguished Student," recognizes students who earned a 3.24 to 3.74 GPR.

Among those recognized were: Gerry Smith, son of Edward and Terry Smith of Gail. Gerry is a graduate of Borden High School and is majoring in Animal Science at Texas A&M.

SAN ANGELO -- Angelo State University has announced that Kristi Adcock, daughter of Randy & Verna Adcock of Gail was named to the honor roll for the fall semester. Kristi is a 1990 graduate of Borden High School and an Accounting major.

Carr Scholarship Being Accepted at ASU

Applications from high school seniors are being accepted by Angelo State University for Carr Academic Scholarships for 1991-92.

Over 400 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1991-92, ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$5,000, are available to qualified high school seniors. During the current year over 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, students must be in the top 10 percent of their high school class, have a high school grade average of 90 or above, and present a combined math and verbal score of 1000 or higher on the SAT or a composite score of 25 or higher on the Enhanced ACT Assessment.

Supported by a growing multi-million dollar

trust established by the late Robert G. and Nona K. Carr of San Angelo, the undergraduate scholarships may be renewed annually by the University for students who maintain the required academic record. During a four-year course of undergraduate study at ASU, Carr Academic Scholarships can be worth from \$4,000 to \$20,000.

The priority deadline for submitting applications and all supporting materials is March 1, 1991, although completed applications from outstanding students will be considered up until June 1, 1991, to the extent that funds are still available.

Application materials and information regarding the Carr Academic Scholarships can be obtained by contacting or writing to: Carr Academic Scholarship Program Office, Angelo State University, Box 11007-C, ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas 76909 (915)942-2103.

Cont. from pg. 1

In response to a query by Melody Harrison, a freshman, Stenholm told the group that Iraq POW's were being held in prisoner of war camps and being treated humanely.

Coach Bobby Avery asked if the United Nations would be involved in Lithuania if Desert Storm didn't exist. Stenholm answered that he felt they would not be involved because that would be like the United Nations getting involved if the State of Texas decided to secede from the union.

Jason Sharp, another senior asked "With our high budget, why did the Congress vote themselves a raise?" Mr. Stenholm explained that Congress had voted in a raise, but had voted not to accept funds for public speaking; therefore, making his salary about the same. He also stated that he wished another body voted and set the salaries for Congress. He said that there wasn't a better job anywhere in the world and that one of these days perhaps some of our students would be fortunate enough to hold the same job.

Bucky Williams, a eighth grader, asked a two fold question, starting with, "Do you like our school?" and will you help us keep it?" The Honorable

STENHOLM

Stenholm emphatically stated that "Yes, I do like your school. But that the issue of school finance was a local and state situation, and there is very little that I can do about that." Carol Lewis, a local teacher, asked if he would be willing to let his support of rural schools be public? He stated, not only had he graduated from a small school, but that he had taught at one and the rural schools in Texas are extremely important to the State of Texas.

Deann Parks, a seventh grader, asked if he thought that 12 months of school would be a good idea. He told her, "No, not 12 months, but perhaps more time in the classroom would help us to compete at the world level, but again education is a state and local issue."

The student body seemed very interested in what the Congressman had to say and asked many more very interesting questions which the Congressman answered.

In closing, Mr. Stenholm stated that the students should be sure and register to vote as they reached the age of 18 and to encourage their parents to take an active part in our governmental process.

Texas 4-H Enrollment Jumps 30 Percent

Membership in Texas's largest youth organization has taken a record leap.

Over the past year, enrollment in 4-H has increased 30 percent, a surge from 308,000 to 402,000.

That means that the 4-H program now reaches about one out of every eleven young people between the ages of 9 and 19.

The increase in membership is due partly to new 4-H initiatives in Texas schools that provide educational curricula for classes in life sciences. School courses in food science, the environment, agriculture, horticulture and home economics have been enhanced by 4-H program

Cont. to pg. 6

The Borden Star
Publication No. 895520
(USPS 895-5200)

CO-EDITORS:
Verna Adcock
Clarajane P. Dyess

Published weekly, except for Christmas and New Years, on Wednesday at Gail, Borden County, Texas 79738, Box 137 Kincaid St. Second Class postage paid at Gail, Texas.

Any errors that we make reflecting on the reputation or standing of any Firm, Corporation or individual that appear in the columns of the Borden Star will be gladly corrected when called to the attention of the staff.

Subscription Rates:
\$8.00 per year

BORDEN STAR OWNERS:
Mr. R.D. Lewis,
Mrs. Rich Anderson,
Mrs. Pat Porter,
Mrs. Bob Dyess,
Mrs. Clarence Porter,
Mr. Nathan Zant,
Mrs. Joe Gilmore,
Mrs. Sonny Tucker,
Mrs. Doris Rudd,
Mr. s Glen Toombs,
Mr. T.L. Griffin,
Mr. Eddie Simer,
Mrs. Lorene Jones,
Mr. Martin Parks,
Mrs. Edna Miller,
Mr. Dan K. Turner,
and The Borden
County I.S.D.

COYOTE NEWS CONTINUED . . .

Where's Little John When He's Needed?

Cont. from pg. 1

The proposed state-wide property tax to finance a big hunk of public education is dead. The rites haven't been read, but it's dead as soon as somebody mentions the phrase. Anyone with a political vein can see the negative junkie's response to a vote for it: "My opponent voted to put on you the most onerous tax in the mind of man, but fortunately was frustrated in his effort to tax you out of your home or business. You shouldn't make public policy on that sort of anticipatory basis, but this is real-world

politics. So the state property tax for education is history because, even if it were approved in the Senate, it would die in the House. And if, by some miracle, the entire Legislature endorsed it and put it on the ballot, the voters would kill it. But, in truth, the Legislature's school-finance options have narrowed so much that Robin Hood has moved from the forest to the castle. The hoary rubric of "local control" is dead, too. Welcome, folks, to the point where the cold school-finance rubber

rhetoric meets the hot political road.

Consider the three most viable options: A guaranteed-yield scheme, with the state making up what relatively poor districts can't raise with a local property tax? That assumes taking "excess" revenues from the relatively rich districts to give to the poor. A school-district consolidation plan? Even if you cut from 1,000 districts to 500 and slightly narrow the gap between rich and poor, you won't get close enough to pass court muster without a "recapture" element. The use of county-based or regional taxing districts, but trying to retain local control? Quit kidding; that,

too, requires a Robin Hood effect. Truth is, the whole point of the Supreme Court decision was to eliminate the access-to-money advantage of the rich districts. By definition, that means you either level-down to the modest assets of the relatively poor districts, which costs the state billions of dollars or you level-up to the assets of the rich districts, which costs the state tens of billions of dollars. In the end, whoever makes the final decision, the poor are going to win and the rich are going to lose. The only thing the rich can hope for is a little wiggle room to provide a small margin of excellence. But it won't be much, if at all.



SHAYNE HESS, a member of the Borden County 4-H Club, was among winners at the 95th annual Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show, held in Fort Worth. Shayne exhibited the Reserve Champion in the Angus class of the Junior Steer Show.

Shayne was among more than 6,000 entries in the Stock Show's Junior Division. These Texas young people were competing for almost \$60,000 in premiums in classes for heifers, steers, breeding sheep and lambs, barrows, and dairy and wether goats.

WHO: The Borden County Parents Club & The Borden Booster Club

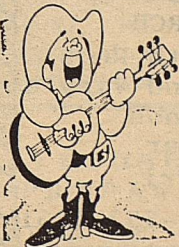
WHAT: Pancake Supper and Talent Show

WHEN: Saturday, April 6th.

WHERE: Borden High School Cafeteria and Auditorium

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND PARENTS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

OPEN TO ALL NON-PROFESSIONAL TALENTS!



COME OUT AND ENJOY THE PANCAKES AND ENTERTAINMENT!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Story - 856-4466

Kim Thomas - 856-4316 or

Pam Miller - 399-4476

or send to P.O. Box 296

Gail, Texas 79738

Western Texas College News

Janice Northens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melton E. Davis of Lake Thomas, is one of 17 sophomore students at Western Texas College named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for 1990-91.

WTC's Who's Who students will be recognized at the annual Awards Day program in April and will be presented

certificates at that time.

Mrs. Northens is a graduate of Borden County High School and is an English major at WTC with a minor in mass communications. She is a member of the editorial staff of the campus newspaper, The Western Texas, and won a second place award in the Best News Story category in the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association competition

School Menu

February 25 -
March 1, 1991

MONDAY

Lunch

Meat Loaf
Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Applesauce
Cake
Milk

Breakfast

Pancakes
Juice
Milk

TUESDAY

Frito Chili Pie
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Fruit
Milk

Toast
Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY

Oven Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Milk
Dessert

Meat and Gravy
Toast
Fruit
Milk

THURSDAY

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Lettuce - Tomatoes
Chips
Hot Apple Dessert
Milk

Pancake Pups
Fruit
Milk

FRIDAY

SKI DAY - No School

for 1990. She was named to the Dean's List for the 1990 spring semester and the President's List for the 1990 fall semester. An article written by her was published in the 1990 spring issue of the "Living With Preschoolers" magazine.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University after completing her studies at WTC and plans to pursue a career as a magazine editor and freelance

cont. to pg. 7



LET US ENTERTAIN YOU -- The Little Sisters of Hoboken are in show finery to raise funds by performing in a musical, the play-within-a-play "Nunsense," by Dan Goggin. They are (from left) Sister Mary Leo, Becky Allison; Sister Mary Hubert, Beth Patterson; Sister Robert Anne, Judy Hightower; Sister Mary Amnesia, Jessica Claiborn; and the Rev. Mother Mary Cardelia, Marilyn McPhaul. The humor is in the nuns' earnestness and lack of awareness of the outlandishness of their roles. The musical comedy will be performed at the Lamesa Community Theater on March 7-9 and 14-16. (Lamesa Press-Reporter Photo)

LCP Ticket Sales Extended

Season tickets sales have been extended through February. Your new season ticket will have 5 admissions to be used anytime in 1991 and remember this, season ticket holder will have ADVANCE NOTICE for reservations before tickets go on sale to the public. No one but you can make reservations during this time.


Please mail in your membership today! Mail to LCP, P.O. Box 1377, Lamesa, Tex. 79331.

If you don't get your reservation, public sales start the Monday prior to the opening night performance. You may call the theater at 872-2705 between 2:00-5:00; or go by the theater at 214 N. Austin, at those hours.

The 1991 Season performances - March 7,8,9 - 14,15, & 16.

"Nunsense" by Don Goggin

COUNTRY BOXCAR



CLEARANCE SALE
JANUARY - FEBRUARY - MARCH

Cotton Backing	Regal Bath Rugs
Breadspreads	Carpet and Vinyls
Weddings	Mini Blinds

Owner: Debra Lancaster
 10-12 & 5-1 Mon. thru Fri.
 P.O. Box 38 Knott, Texas 915-353-4451

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 1991

The Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District met in regular session on Monday, February 18, 1991 at 8:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Borden County School.

Board members present were Jack McPhaul, Joel Dennis, Kenny Hensley, Randy Adcock, and Scott Clayton. Tom Ed Vestal was absent due to being in the hospital.

Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas was also present.

1. **Call To Order:**
The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jack McPhaul.
2. **Community Input:**
There were no visitors present.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
The minutes of the January 21, 1991 and February 4, 1991 meetings were reviewed. A motion was made by Scott Clayton and seconded by Randy Adcock to approve the minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Bills:**
The bills for February were reviewed. A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Randy Adcock to approve the bills. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Trustee Election:**
A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Kenny Hensley to call a Borden County I.S.D. Board of Trustee election for May 4, 1991. The motion carried unanimously.

(Two positions for three-year terms and one position for a two-year unexpired term will be considered in the May 4, 1991 election. Randy Adcock and Scott Clayton filed for a position on the ballot for the two three-year terms on February 18, 1991. D. M. Parks filed for a position on the ballot for the two-year unexpired term on February 19, 1991. The first day to file for a position on the ballot was February 18, 1991.)
6. **Absentee Voting Clerk:**
A motion was made by Joel Dennis and seconded by Scott Clayton to appoint Mrs. Barbara York as the absentee voting clerk for the May 4, 1991 School Trustee Election. The motion carried unanimously.
7. **Election Judge:**
A motion was made by Randy Adcock and seconded by Joel Dennis to appoint Mrs. Jean Taylor as the election judge for the May 4, 1991 School Trustee Election. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Principal's Contract:**
A motion was made by Scott Clayton and seconded by Randy Adcock to extend the contract of Mickey McMeans through June 30, 1993. The motion carried unanimously.
9. **Working Group Finance Plan Resolution:**
A motion was made by Randy Adcock and seconded by Joel Dennis to adopt a resolution supporting the school finance plan which has been endorsed by the major education organizations throughout the state of Texas as a means to address the present school finance crisis. The motion carried unanimously.
10. **Small Rural Schools Resolution:**
A motion was made by Kenny Hensley and seconded by Scott Clayton to join in the movement of the Small Rural Schools Association to preserve the small rural school through the legislative and legal process. The motion carried unanimously.
11. **Superintendent's Report:**
 - a. **Financial Report** - Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas gave a year-to-date financial report for the 1990-91 school year.
 - b. **Attendance Report** - It was reported that the K-12 enrollment for the District was 194 as of February 15, 1991.
 - c. **Board Training** - Mr. Jack McPhaul reported that all board members had completed their board training as required by state law.
 - d. **Personnel Report** - It was reported that teacher contracts will be considered at the regular March School Board meeting.
 - e. **Legislative Report** - Superintendent, Jimmy Thomas gave a report on present legislation in relation to school finance bills being considered. It was reported that the Borden County I.S.D. continues to be faced with a serious situation in relation to everything from the closure of the school to drastic tax increases which will take place as a result of pending legislation.

A motion was made by Scott Clayton and seconded by Randy Adcock to approve the Superintendent's Report. The motion carried unanimously.
12. **Adjournment:**
A motion was made by Randy Adcock and seconded by Scott Clayton to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.



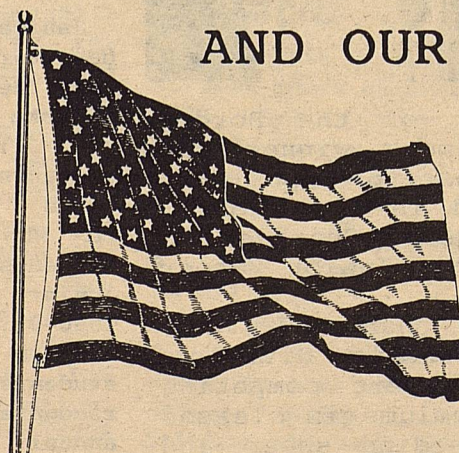
Dry-cell batteries aren't really dry. They're moist inside and must be. Otherwise they won't work.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

HAROLD BARNES
Son of
Charles & Frances Barnes

JAMES FANNON
Grandson of
Ralph & Waldine Martin

TERRI BILLINGTON
Daughter of
Larry & Kathy Billington



AND OUR LOVED ONES!

CLAUDE LAVERTY
Brother of
Bro. Richard Laverty

SHANNON KINCHELOE
Cousin of
J.J. & Jana Kincheloe

DAVID BOUGART
Nephew of
Beverly Herring

Gail Telephone Numbers To Change March 1

All telephone numbers in Gail are scheduled to change March 1, 1991. The area code will change from 915 to 806 and the prefix will change from 856 to 756. The last four digets of the telephone numbers will remain the same.

Poka-Lambro Telephone Coop., Inc. has installed digital equipment in their central office switching facility in Gail. As a result the residents of Gail will enjoy several benefits as well as improved telephone service. Toll calls from the Gail exchange will be re-routed through Poka-Lambro's Wayside

switch over fiber optic cable and the Gail exchange is being re-associated with the Lubbock LATA. Changing the network caused problems for Southwestern Bell in routing calls unless the area code and prefix for the Gail exchange were changed.

Equal Access is being provided to Gail residents giving them their choice of long distance carriers and will also become effective March 1.

Please feel free to contact the Poka-Lambro business office at 806-924-7234 if you have any questions concerning this number change.

February 1991

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 1991 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	MARCH 1991 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31				1 Ft. Worth Livestock Show O'Donnell-There 5:00	2 Ft. Worth Livestock Show
3	4 El Paso Livestock Show J.H. Basketball Klondike-H-6:00	5 El Paso Livestock Show Herff Jones "O" Period Jrs-Srs Open Date	6 El Paso Livestock Show	7	8 H.S. Basketball Klondike-H-5:00	9
10	11 San Antonio Livestock Show	12 San Antonio Livestock Show	13 San Antonio Livestock Show Herff Jones "O" Period-Order Jr. Rings-Sr. Invt.	14 San Antonio Livestock Show VALENTINE'S DAY	15 San Antonio Livestock Show	16 San Antonio Livestock Show
17	18	19	20 Six Weeks Exams Classes 4,7	21 Six Weeks Exams Classes 1,3,6	22 Six Weeks Exams Classes 0,2,5 End 4th Six Weeks	23 H.S. U.I.L. Solo Ensemble Contest-Tech
24	25 Houston Livestock Show	26 Houston Livestock Show	27 Houston Livestock Show	28 Houston Livestock Show 2:30 Dismissal		



Bureau Warns Of Operation Desert Storm Scams

The conflict in the Persian Gulf has received attention all over the world and it brings up emotions in us that such an event naturally causes. One of the strongest emotions is the desire to help our service men & women either through prayers, letters, donating blood, sending care packages or contributions of monies to various organizations that say they are helping.

There are those solicitors that have good intentions about helping our soldiers, but are not versed in the local ordinance for charitable solicitations or are poorly organized and managed. And, unfortunately, there are those solicitors that are oppor-

tunists taking advantage of well-intentioned contributors while trying to make a 'buck.'

Your Better Business Bureau is bracing for the onslaught of new and innovative charitable solicitations. Our advice to you is to CHECK IT OUT FIRST. Remember, if the organization needs your help today, they'll need it just the same tomorrow. Don't be pressured into giving 'right now'. Also, you might wish to check with a group you have given to before to see if they have new programs to help or soldiers during Operation Desert Storm. Your church may also have some new programs.

Be alert for products being sold in the name

of an organization. Call your Better Business Bureau and/or the organization to make sure they are aware of their name being used in a solicitation campaign.

Your BBB is one of your best sources of information. Call 763-0459 and ask about anyone seeking contributions to aid our troops in Operation Desert Storm.

INCOME TAX PREPARATION
1040 EZ - \$15.00
1040 A - \$25.00
1040 - \$35.00
\$15.00 Add. Schedule
Call: Terri Wilson
915-856-4384

FORD MERCURY LINCOLN
Whit Parks
Sales Rep. Wilson Motors
E. Hwy. 180 Snyder, Texas
Bus. 573-6352
Home 573-8305

Classified Ads

CARPET CARE
CARPET CLEANING
2 or more rooms
@ \$25.00
\$35.00 minimum
Call: 915/856-4355

FOR SALE
3 bedroom, 2 bath,
house on 8 acres.
Call: 856-4476.

PIANO FOR SALE
Wanted responsible
party to take on
small monthly
payments. See
locally. Trade-ins
accepted. Credit
manager 1-800-233-
8663.

AVON
NEED EXTRA MONEY?
Take orders from
friends & family.
Call: Rita Walker
District Sales Manager
806-741-7151

FOR SALE
Now in Stock, 7 lb.
Wool Saddle Pads,
Assorted Colors.
\$35.00 each or
3 for \$100.00
We also carry
Southwest rugs and
Pottery.
Call: 806-439-6647
Linda Montgomery

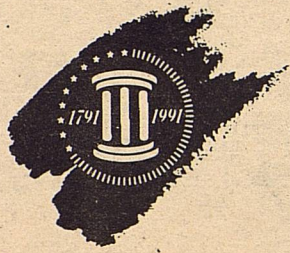
FOR SALE
1985 DOUBLE WIDE
MOBILE HOME.
3 bedroom, 2 bath,
in Gail, to be moved
Lived in 4 years.
Like new. 1589 sq.
foot. Call:
817-647-1919

FOR SALE
ROUND HAY BALES
\$30.00
In field at Midway
HEADLESS WONDER -
SUDAX - BUNDLE KING
Call: 856-4395

NOW IN GAIL
KITE ELECTRIC
Residential & Com-
mercial. 22 Years
experience. Call:
856-4411.

AFTER INVENTORY SALE
GOING - GOING - GOING!
One Group Assorted Fabrics
ONLY \$1.25!
ESTHER'S SEW & SAVE
One Group Assorted Fabrics
HALF PRICE!
SPECIALS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION!!!
COME BY SEE FOR YOURSELVES!
408 North Ave. I Lamesa, Texas

200-YEAR-OLD BILL OF RIGHTS COMES TO TWO TEXAS CITIES



A 200-year-old original, scribed copy of the Bill of Rights will arrive in Dallas and Houston in March, transported in a 20th century high-tech caravan, as part of a 50-state tour of the priceless document presented by Philip Morris Companies Inc.

Virginia's original copy of the Bill of Rights is the centerpiece of a 15,000-square-foot multimedia exhibit which will be on display free of charge at Fair Park in Dallas on March 2-5 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. before moving to Houston, the second stop in Texas. The show will be in Houston on March 8-12 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sam Houston Coliseum.

Steeped in history but interspersed with contemporary issues, the sights and sounds of the exhibit surround visitors with a sense of the document's past and an appreciation of its ever-changing nature in modern day society.

The space-age pavilion, designed by the award winning producers of special effects and display technologies, Associates & Ferren, presents a dramatic montage of graphic displays, contemporary video segments and film clips from movie classics such as "Mr. Smith goes to Washington", "Twelve Angry Men" and "The Grapes of Wrath". The pavilion juxtaposes a sense of space with an intimacy which allows visitors to be within two feet of the capsule protecting the document.

The recently restored Virginia copy of the Bill of Rights was selected for the 26,000-mile tour because of its historical significance. Virginia and its leaders, including James Madison and George Mason, played a signifi-

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT 200 YEARS AGO?

An original copy of the Bill of Rights will be exhibited in Dallas, TX, March 2-5, 1991, as part of a 50-state tour presented by Philip Morris Companies Inc. Test your knowledge of the Bill of Rights' history.

1. During the term of which president, 150 years after ratification, was Bill of Rights Day established as December 15?
 - A. Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - B. Herbert Hoover
 - C. Harry S. Truman
2. Which state was the first to protect fundamental liberties with a written document but took 2 1/2 years to ratify the Bill of Rights?
 - A. Maryland
 - B. New Jersey
 - C. Virginia
3. Who drafted George Washington's first inaugural address calling for a bill of rights and later became known as the Father of the Bill of Rights?
 - A. James Madison
 - B. James Monroe
 - C. Thomas Jefferson
4. Where was the nation's capital when the Bill of Rights was ratified in 1791?
 - A. New York
 - B. Philadelphia
 - C. Washington

5. Which two delegates to the Constitutional Convention refused to sign the Constitution in part because it lacked a bill of rights?
 - A. Roger Sherman (CT) and James Wilson (PA)
 - B. William Paterson (NJ) and Charles Cotesworth Pinckney (SC)
 - C. George Mason (VA) and Elbridge Gerry (MA)
6. Where was the federal copy of the Bill of Rights stored from 1875 until it went on permanent display at the National Archives in Washington?
 - A. Fort Knox
 - B. Basement of the State Department
 - C. White House
7. Of the 15 original Bill of Rights documents, how many still exist?
 - A. 15
 - B. 12
 - C. 9



200TH ANNIVERSARY
THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Tour presented by
PHILIP MORRIS COMPANIES INC.
KRAFT GENERAL FOODS
MILLER BREWING COMPANY
PHILIP MORRIS U.S.A.

1 A 2 C 3 A 4 B 5 C 6 B 7 B

cant role in the introduction and ratification of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, known as the Bill of Rights.

Branon Funeral Home

Service in this area since 1922.

Phone 872-8335 403 N. Austin, Lamesa

The Cottage

FINAL REDUCTION ON ALL
FALL MERCHANDISE

...Up To **70% OFF**

SIZES 3-14
Spring Merchandise Arriving Daily!!

Visa, Mastercard	HIGHLAND MALL	Lay-A-Ways
American Express	10:00 AM-5:30 PM	Available

11 Cor. 4:6

Son Shine Christian Bookstore

BIBLES • GIFTS • MUSIC • SCHOOL TEACHING SUPPLIES

#30 Highland Mall Big Spring, Texas 79720 (915) 267-6442

4-H members

Cont. from pg.2

packages in these and other technical subject matter areas.

One of the most popular 4-H enrichment courses is "Blue Sky Below My Feet," which introduces children in the third through sixth grades to hands-on adventures in space technology and the expanding opportunities in this industry.

The 4-H program goes far beyond instilling knowledge in youth. It focuses on blending current information and technology to help children develop life skills.

Young people learn how to make decisions, solve problems, set goals, be sociable and to deal with failures and setbacks through positive and productive activities. Parents also benefit by spending quality time with their children.

Various programs are presented by county Extension Service agents who are dedicated professionals, while more than 54,000 volunteers throughout the state lend tremendous support and leadership to 4-H.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is to advise of an increase in Texas intrastate Directory Assistance rates by AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. Effective March 2, 1991, AT&T will increase its Directory Assistance rates from \$0.40 to \$0.50 per call. In addition, AT&T will no longer provide free Directory Assistance calls. Currently AT&T provides two free Directory Assistance calls if the customer places at least two AT&T intrastate long distance calls during the same billing period.

Handicapped customers who qualify for exemption from local Directory Assistance charges under Local Exchange Company Tariff(s), or in the absence of a local Directory Assistance charge plan, receive special rates on other Local Exchange Company Services, are exempted and will continue to be exempted from AT&T's intrastate Directory Assistance charge. This exemption applies only to calls to Directory Assistance which are billed to the handicapped customer's residence telephone number.



1991 Farm Program

We have received some of the details on the 1991 Farm Program. However, we do not have all the information at this time and cannot answer all of your questions, but the information we have should help in making plans for the 1991 crop year. You will be notified as more information becomes available.

Sign UP - Sign up for participation in the 1991 Program is expected to begin in early March.

YIELDS - The farm program payment yield for 1991 thru 1995 will be the same as the farm program payment yield for the 1990 crop. This means that your program yields are frozen at a level equal to your current yield.

CROP ACREAGE BASE (CAB) - For wheat and feed grains the crop base is the average of the previous five years planted and considered planting credit. For cotton on farms that have been participating, the base will be the average of the previous three years planted and considered planting acreage. Non-participating farms base will be calculated using the five year rule.

ACREAGE CONSERVATION RESERVE (ACR) - The required ACR no longer fluctuates depending on planted acres, but is strictly a percentage of the base equal to the acreage reduction for the crop.

ACR COVER REQUIREMENTS - The 1990 ACT requires producers to plant an annual or perennial cover on 50% of the required ACR.

PERMITTED CROP ACREAGE - The permitted crop acreage is calculated by reducing the crop acreage base by the required ACR.

MAXIMUM PAYMENT ACREAGE (MPA) - This is the acreage eligible for deficiency payment and is calculated as 85% of the CAB less the required ACR for the crop.

NORMAL FLEX ACREAGE (NFA) - This is an acreage equal to 15% of the crop acreage base. This acreage may be planted to any crop except fruits and vegetables, but is not eligible for deficiency payments.

OPTIONAL FLEX ACREAGE (OFA) - This acreage is in addition to the NFA and is equal to 10% of the CAB. Just like the NFA, the OFA may also be flexed to another crop, however, the MPA will be reduced acre for acre when flexing the OFA.

1990 COMMODITY LOANS

The final date to pledge wheat crop production to Commodity Credit Corporation for price support loan is March 31, 1991.

The final dates for 1990 grain sorghum and cotton is May 31, 1991.

COTTON PRODUCTION REPORTS (ASCS-503)

Once again we are requesting you to complete a record of cotton production and place the records on file in our office. Remember, the cards should show compress weights and be signed by both you and a representative of the grain.

Do not wait until sign up to report operator or owner changes. Let us know as soon as they happen. Your prompt notification of these changes insures ASCS of current records and will allow us to better serve our producers.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM (CRP) SIGN-UP

The 10th Conservation Reserve Program sign up will be held March 4th through March 15, 1991. Under new CRP Program provisions, bids on eligible land will be accepted based on environmental benefits obtained per dollar of cost to USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation. In past sign ups there was a high expectation that a producer could rely on no change occurring with respect to the bid amounts which would be accepted. Producers wishing to enroll should be aware there is increased competition. Land eligibility requirements will be expanded to include not only highly erodible land but also other cropland acres that reduce the impairment of water quality.

CRP bids will be accepted only for contracts beginning in 1991 with selection based on the environmental benefits received from placing the land in CRP when compared to dollars of cost.

Fifty percent cost share assistance will continue to be available to establish needed permanent vegetative cover, on the accepted acreage.

1991 FARM PROGRAM SIGN-UP

Sign up of intentions to participate in the 1991 Acreage Reduction Program (ARP) will be accepted beginning Monday, March 4, 1991 and continue through April 26, 1991.

This is the standard program sign up for the wheat, feed grain and cotton programs.

CONSERVATION PROGRAMS SIGN-UP

We are currently accepting requests under the Long Term Agreement (LTA) Program and will continue through March 1, 1991.

The LTA agreements provide for cost share assistance on conservation practices to be performed systematically over a period of 3 to 5 years.

Eligible practices include terracing, including diversion terraces, grass seeding, brush control, livestock water wells, storage facilities, pipelines and earthen reservoirs.

At the same time we are also accepting requests for cost share assistance under our Regular Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). Anyone interested in filing an application should contact this office. Please remember any practice begun prior to ASCS County Committee approval will not be eligible for cost share.

1990 FINAL COTTON DEFICIENCY PAYMENT

The national weighted average market price for cont. to pg. 8

Soil Conservation Service

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service has approved the creation of the Big Country Resource Conservation and Development project in twelve West Texas counties and earmarking \$110,000 annually for direct support.

The Big Country RC&D will encompass Borden, Fisher, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Jones, Kent, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry, Sterling and Taylor counties.

Projects to be undertaken by the district, which can range from soil conservation work to building roads, health centers and other improvements, are locally devised and coordinated.

Many projects may combine direct grant funding with low-interest, long-term loans from the Farmers Home Administration.

These local programs are intended to focus on erosion control, flood prevention, energy conservation, protection of wildlife habitats and development of the rural economic base.

WTC

cont. from pg. 3
writer.

Campus nominating committees select students for Who's Who recognition, basing their selections on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success. The 1991 edition of Who's Who will include information on students from more than 1,400 institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

We're proud to be a part of the area since 1905.



Snyder National Bank

We take Snyder to Heart!



Member FDIC

1715 25th
573-2681

LET ME GET MY HAT
BY DENNIS POOLE

Wall Of Cattle Going To Market Should Keep Beef Prices Down

Cattle should continue hitting the market in large numbers, keeping beef prices down for consumers through the rest of February.

Most market analysts are expecting "a wall of cattle" to move from feed lots to refrigerators before March 1.

Cattle feeders probably can't escape this extremely large marketing quarter.

The expected increase in beef supply can be traced to late 1990 feedlot placements.

Feedlot operators have been placing unusually lightweight steers on feed, however, and that's made predicting their marketing schedules difficult.

Extremely large fed cattle marketings, for example, had been predicted last April and August, yet this did not occur.

Brisk fed cattle marketings in late December and January, however, have already increased meat supplies at supermarkets and provided savings for consumers on many beef cuts.

The dip in beef prices that have been seen in recent weeks will continue through February.

Beef prices are expected to be off about 10 percent, and grocery specials will

put some beef cuts 25 to 30 percent below regular December prices.

The beef sale pricing window will be closed by the end of February, so consumers may want to buy extra beef for their freezers while the prices are discounted.

First-quarter marketings should make only a ripple in cattle prices, which are expected to remain high through 1991.

USDA's Jan. 1 count of cattle and calves indicate the nation's cattle herd continues under 100 million head for the fourth consecutive year.

This relatively low supply of cattle in Texas and the rest of the nation helped keep cattle prices high last, a situation likely to continue this year.

It is predicted that cattle prices will stay fairly strong until producers get bullish on expansion.

Last year's trends in foreign trade could hurt the market, should they continue into 1991.

The USDA reported that during the first 10 months of 1990 cattle imports were 62 percent greater from Mexico and Canada than year earlier levels. At the same time,

cattle exports to those countries were 35 percent less.

Beef imports from Australia last year were 39 percent above 1989 levels, adding to an overall 8 percent increase in beef and veal imports.

U.S. beef exports to Japan had dropped 20 percent, contributing to a total 3 percent decline in export sales.

Under the Japanese beef quota system, it was assured that the U.S. would get a fair share of that trade. Beginning April 1, however, Japan will be discontinuing its quota system, and we'll be competing with the world's exporters.

U.S. beef has a good reputation.

But Japan already has large supplies of frozen U.S. beef in storage. Also, Japanese wholesalers want chilled rather than frozen beef. So U.S. exports could decrease temporarily.

On a retail weight basis, U.S. beef consumption declined from 68.9 pounds per person in 1989 to about 67.8 pounds last year. Chicken consumption, on the other hand, reached an estimated 71.8 pounds per person last year, up from 68.9 pounds in 1989.

One of the biggest boosts cattle prices had last year may have been the unexpectedly small quantities of pork. These supplies are expected to increase in 1991's second quarter, providing more competition for beef.

1991 Farm Program

cont. from pg. 7

upland cotton has been announced at \$0.656 per pound. This makes the total 1990 cotton deficiency payment \$0.073 per pound. The advance deficiency was paid on \$0.042 per lb.

However, when computing your payment, remember the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act that reduces the payment by \$0.00515 per pound along with the 1.4% Gramm Rudman Hollings reduction.

LOCAL 4-H & FFA MEMBERS TO EXHIBIT

Twenty-six 4-H and FFA members from Borden County will be joining other youth from throughout the state for showing competition at the Houston Livestock Show which is already underway.

These 4-H and FFA exhibitors compete in one of two divisions of the Houston Livestock Show-the junior show division.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest. It began Feb. 16 and will

continue through March 3 at the Astrohall.

Total money paid in 1990 at the four junior show auctions exceeded \$2.7 million.

A listing of local entrants is as follows: Amanda Anderson, Clint Anderson, Betsy Breeden, John Brummett, Sandy Brummett, Roy Clayton, Corey Cox, Justin Cox, Carrie Hart, Mandi Herring, Rendee Heering, Kurt Hess, Shayne Hess, Rod Jeter, Shayla Jeter, Kirk Jones, Shane Kemper, Clint Kemper, Grant Key, J.J. Kinchloe, Kaci Poole, Preston Sharp, Shannon Smithie and Guy Will Zant.

It's Not Too Early To Layaway For Easter
March 31



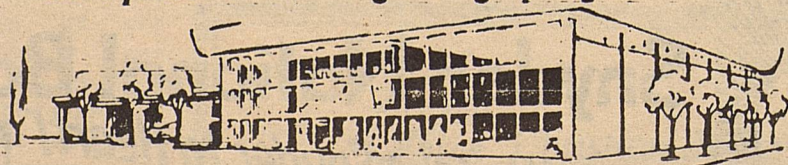
-H- Western Wear

College Heights Shopping Center



THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

The Symbol of Banking in Big Spring



FULL SERVICE BANKING

Member F.D.I.C.

400 Main Street

267-5513

BIG SPRING, TEXAS