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# Arctic Blast Ushers In Winter Weather



**LOCAL STORES AND MAC PROVIDE FOR NEEDY**--Thursday morning, Servall Thriftway, Pay and Save and the MAC provided three packages of food for three needy families of Muleshoe for Christmas. Pictured from left are Harvey Bass, MAC chairman; Sherry Wiesan, Billie Harvey, Pay & Save; Rene Valle and Albert Lopez, Servall Thriftway; and John Stevens and Judy Logsdon. The packages contained a complete Christmas dinner. (Journal Photo)

Are you *Dreaming Of A White Christmas?* Well, looks as though you may have just that, as an arctic blast whistled into the area Thursday night, bringing '0' temperatures and light snowfall.

### Watson Junior High Donates Canned Foods

Watson Junior High School has completed a collection of canned foods to be given to the Bailey County EMS Organization for the Toys for Kids Project.

The students collected 1060 cans of food. Winning first place was Mrs. Northcutt's room, with 208 cans; second was Mr. Richardson's room with 147 cans; and in third place was Mrs. Read's room, with 123 cans of food.

Also, Tom Boutell has conducted a chess tournament with the following results: In first place was Shane Scoggin; Gage Tosh, second and Adrian King, third.

Educator of the week at Watson Junior High was Myrlene Read, special education teacher.

Principal awards for the week went to Kyle Embry, sixth grade; Jaclyn Chapman, seventh grade; and Karissa Dale, eighth grade.

Around Muleshoe, many cars and other vehicles refused to start Friday morning, when the official temperature dipped to 01 degree, and unofficial lows were as much as -4 degrees.

The Friday weather was expected to be "just a start of a wintry blast that was expected to linger through Christmas Day and Temperatures were not expected to reach 10 degrees for highs on either Saturday or Sunday in this area.

Friday night and Saturday night-lows were expected to be sub-zero and many pipes and vehicles are expected to suffer as a result.

The area's weather is merely a repeat of what happened exactly one year ago on the first day of winter, when an identical icy blast levelled off on the South Plains, and hundreds of water pipes froze, and burst, and vehicles refused to start in the extreme cold.

By mid-afternoon on Friday, there had been no accidents reported in the area, proving that drivers were taking more precautions because of the icy driving conditions.

When the storm first moved into the area on Friday night, the balmy temperature started dropping very quickly, and by early morning was hovering near the 0 mark.

National Weather Service has predicted that the extremely cold weather will linger through the weekend, and possibly to

Christmas Day.

Cloudy skies are in the forecast, along with a 30 percent prediction for measurable snow in the area. By the first of the week, the chances for snow lessen, but the light snow that has already fallen will still provide at least a partially-white Christmas for this area.

However, the South Plains is expected to escape the weather extremes that have paralyzed the northwest, including Washington State, where schools were dismissed early for the Christmas holidays, on through Montana, where the wind chill factor has dropped to 75-80 degrees below zero.

Hundreds of trucks have been stranded in Montana, as they "froze up" and won't run.

The Dakotas were also feeling the brunt of the storm as it trekked slowly southeastward.

Winter wheat, apples and other crops were being damaged and in Washington state, electricity has been pushed beyond its limits, according to officials near the Canadian border.

Wind accompanying the snow and bitter cold is being felt from Washington State through Texas, and even into California, where a record low temperature of 23 degrees was recorded at Sacramento.

California, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington have already recorded a number of storm related deaths, and the toll is expected to rise, as Christmas travelers take to the highways.

## Small Businesses And Farmers Benefit From Computer Class

Business people, farm operators and home record keepers who want to learn or improve their managerial skills and keep for information at their fingertips have a valuable ally in the computer. Inexpensive, powerful computer programs are available which can help you improve your record keeping system and provide more immediate access to important financial information.

The Extension Service in cooperation with Muleshoe High School will be offering two different training workshops on January 14 and 15, and February 11 and 12 to help you improve your record keeping skills. The workshop will use QUICKEN software program to teach these record-keeping skills.

Participants will learn QUICKEN by a course study approach. The course will teach one how to set up a record keeping system with various accounts, income and expense categories, and enterprises. Participants will write and print checks, and enter transactions

in the register. These transactions will be used to generate customized reports that can be memorized by the computer for repeated use. Speeding entry, repeated transactions using quick keep and other tips will be discussed.

Since first introduced on the software market, QUICKEN has been widely adopted for small business and home record

keeping. The QUICKEN software program can be especially satisfying for those who have recently purchased a computer and are anxious to put it to use.

The workshops will be conducted at Muleshoe High School in the computer lab. Enrollment will be limited to 18 in each session to allow hands-on participation.

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## Water Saving Seminar Planned At Amarillo

Timely information on the availability, quality, cost and proper management of irrigation water will be presented in Amarillo January 8 at the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference.

The conference will be at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, at 8:30 a.m. It is sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and its Panhandle Economic Program.

Of keen interest to both agricultural producers and urban dwellers is the supply of water in the Ogallala Aquifer which sustains this area, said Leon New. He is an agricultural engineer and irrigation specialist with the Extension Service and conference coordinator.

The quantity of water, factors influencing well capacity and prospects for the future will be discussed by Wayne Wyatt and Ken Carver, manager and assistant manager, respectively, of the High Plains Underground Water District, Lubbock.

Making the most of money

spent for water and fertilizer for corn, grain sorghum, wheat and other crops will be discussed by Tom Koranck of Servi-Tech, Ulysses, Kan. Planning, managing and evaluating irrigation will be the topic of Rex McClay.

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### Crime Line ALERT

From the Bailey County Sheriff's Department, Chief Deputy Don Carter has two recent crimes that cash rewards are being offered through the Crime Line.

Bailey County Crime Line is now offering a \$500 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of suspect or suspects involved in the telephone threats to DeShazo Elementary School and Muleshoe High School.

The crimes took place sometime between 10:40 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 1990.

Call 272-HELP, and remember -- you will remain completely anonymous.

## FOR Program Ready For Wheat Growers

Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter announced that 1990-crop wheat will be permitted entry in the Farmer-Owned Reserve (FOR).

Yeutter said that producers will earn quarterly storage payments for reserve wheat at an annual rate of 26.5 cents per bushel and that the total quantity of wheat in the FOR may not exceed 300 million bushels.

The announcement, terms and conditions of entry of 1990-crop wheat into the FOR must, by law, be made by December 15. The secretary must allow entry of wheat into the FOR when the average market price for the 90 days preceding Dec. 15 is less than 120 percent of the loan rate and the 1990 stocks-to-use ratio is more than 37.5 percent.

The opening of the FOR is discretionary when only one condition is met. Since only the stocks-to-use "test" is met, entry of 1990-crop wheat into the FOR is discretionary.

**WHEAT FOR ENTRY PARAMETERS**  
120 percent of 1990 Loan Rate \$2.34  
90-Day Average Market Price \$2.44  
May 30, 1991 Stocks-to-Use Ratio

(Projected) 39.6%  
Entry Requirements Discretionary  
"This action, giving producers the option of placing this

year's wheat crop in the reserve, allows them to receive storage payments while evaluating market opportunities," said Yeutter.

The Food, Agriculture, Trade and Conservation Act of 1990 amended the statute authorizing the FOR to allow producers to repay FOR loans anytime before maturity without penalty. A new requirement says producers may

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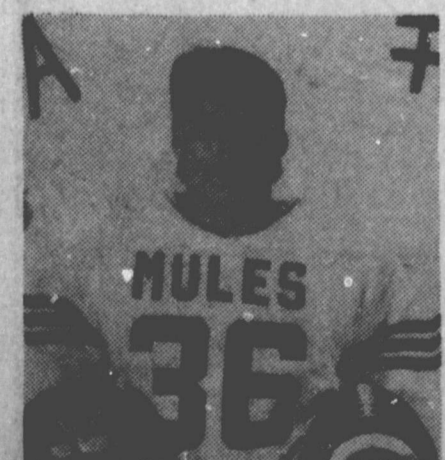
### Athletic Boosters Plan Outsider B-Ball Tourney

Muleshoe Athletic Boosters will sponsor a men's outsider basketball tournament on January 4-5, 1991.

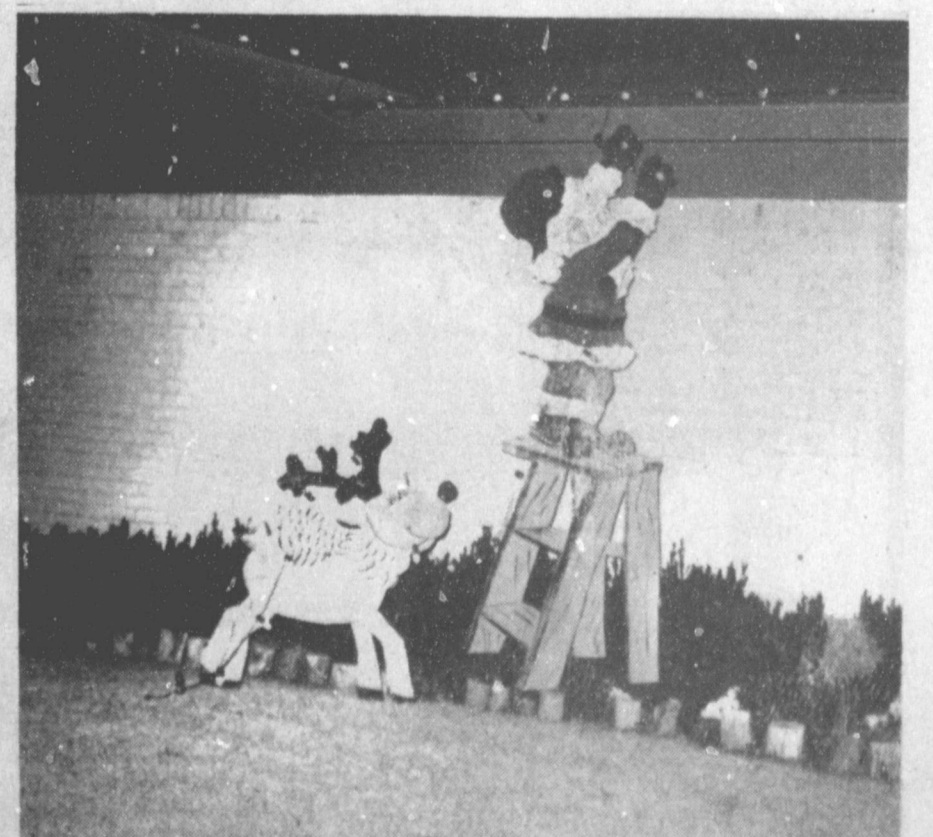
Entry fee is \$100 per team and the first ten teams to sign up will be accepted.

Entry deadline will be December 29, 1990.

For more information, call 272-4390 or 272-5632 during the day, or 272-5269 after 5 p.m.



**HONORABLE MENTION FOR ALL-STATE**--Ruben Mata, a Muleshoe Mule was given Honorable Mention as a defensive lineman for the 1990 football season.



**SANTA'S TRYING TO HURRY**--With Rudolph - The Red Nosed Reindeer looking on, Santa Claus is trying to hurry and get Christmas lights put up at the Lonni- Adrian home. Santa's been busy all over town, as the entire city of Muleshoe is a fantasy-land of lights and decorations at night. (Journal Photo)

# End Of Year Activities



**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES**--Members of the Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce, President Lonnie Adrian, and other CofC members, braved the cold winds Wednesday morning for ribbon cutting ceremonies at Formal Occasions. Cindy Smith, owner, cuts the ribbon as Kidd Castleberry, Dewayne Castleberry, John Smith, Lonnie Adrian and Ray Day, look on. (Journal Photo)



**CITIZEN OF THE MONTH**--Cindy Purdy was named SCAC Citizen of the Month during SCAC's regular meeting and Christmas party Monday night. (L-R) Galin Latham, Mrs. Purdy and Brian Bush. (Journal Photo)



**PICKING OUT A BOOK**--Rif Distribution was held at the Muleshoe Public Library recently. Mrs. Anne Camp, librarian, presented a Christmas film and program. Roy Anzaldia volunteered his help during the distribution. The children presented Mrs. Camp and Anzaldia Christmas cards they had made to show their appreciation. Ninety-six books were presented to 48 children. (Journal Photo)



**BUSINESS OF THE MONTH**--Five Area Telephone was named Business of the Month for December Wednesday morning. Lonnie Adrian, manager of Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce, presented Hubert Kidd a plaque as Kidd Castleberry, Ray Day, Alton Carpenter and Dwayne Castleberry, look on. (Journal Photo)



**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**--It was a big surprise to Dana Rasco Wednesday morning when she was named Employee of the Month. Lonnie Adrian, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presented Ms. Rasco a plaque. Ms. Rasco is employed at Sunbelt Savings. (L-R) Kidd Castleberry, Ray Day, Ms. Rasco, Adrian and Dewayne Castleberry. (Journal Photo)



**NOVEMBER SCAC CITIZEN**--Randy Lewis was named November Citizen of the Month by members of SCAC. (L-R) Marsha Wilson, Brian Bush, Lewis and Galin Latham. (Guest Photo)



**NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN**--Chamber of Commerce president, Lonnie Adrian, along with other CofC members gathered at J & J Self Storage on Plainview Highway Wednesday morning for a ribbon cutting ceremony. Adrian also presented John Smith, owner, his First Dollar of Profit as Kidd Castleberry, Howard Watson, John McGinty, John Smith, Lonnie Adrian, Ray Day and Dewayne Castleberry look on. (Journal Photo)

**Kiwanis News**



By R.A. Bradley

With only four more *Hoping Days* before Santa Claus and on the first Br-r-r day of winter, 13 Kiwanians, two honorary Kiwanians, Lacy Morris and Jon Keith Turner and Sweetheart Marsha Wilson, met at the La Placita Cafe.

It was sure wonderful to see Lacy this morning. Lacy, we have sure missed you. We sure hope you are on the road to getting well. It isn't any fun being sick. Welcome back, Lacy.

Marsha came in fussing because it was cold. One car would not start, and the other one, the heater wouldn't work. You are going to have to take Driver's Ed, so you can learn to drive with your knees while you sit on your hands to keep them warm.

We asked Robert Montgomery what the '2' on the bank meant, +2 or -2 - Robert said it meant **COLD!!**

President Glen Morris called the meeting to order. Honorary Kiwanians, Lacy Morris and Jon Keith Turner, let the club in the pledge to our flag and the invocation was given by R. A. Bradley.

Keith Turner, who had the friendship coin, and couldn't find a friend in the warm weather is sure going to have a hard time finding one now that it is cold. Keith, maybe Santa Claus will bring you one.

The Kiwanis Club will have a regular meeting next Friday - Dec. 28 at the La Placita Cafe. Let us wind up 1990 with a 100 percent attendance.

Glen Morris presented Sweetheart Marsha Wilson with a small Christmas gift from all of the Kiwanians. Marsha received a beautiful sweater.

After this - White Elephant gifts were given to all present. All Kiwanians drew numbers

and No. 1 through 17 went up and picked out a gift. Without opening the gifts - we could trade with one another and after all the trading was over, everyone opened their gift.

Marsha received a gift of rattlesnake eggs. When she got it open, she thought that the eggs might have already hatched. I will not try to describe the gifts that Larry Parker and Robert Montgomery got, but Larry modeled his. You will have to go see Robert and Larry, and ask them to model them for you.

In case you have wondered, Larry now has a Heart. It is sorta misplaced, but he does have a Heart.

A lot of fun was had by all. *The Kiwanis Club wishes each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and may Santa be good to you.*

**Who Knows?**

1. How many space shuttles have landed at Cape Canaveral?
2. What is the difference between kleptomania and kleptophobia?
3. When did the Pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock?
4. Which state was one of the first settled, yet one of the last to enter the union?
5. Where is Johannesburg?

**Answers:**

1. The Atlantis was the sixth.
2. Kleptomania means obsessive stealing and kleptophobia means fear of stealing.
3. December 21, 1620.
4. New Mexico - settled in 1537 - admitted in 1912.
5. Largest city in the Republic of South Africa.

**GOLDEN GLEAMS**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.

-James 1:17.

Whoever makes great gifts wishes great gifts to be made to him in return.

-Martial.

**Sudan News**

by Ann Gaston

Amber Legg was honored with a birthday party celebrating her 9th birthday. Balloons were used for the theme to decorate her cake and also were on the plates and cups. After eating cake and having cokes, Amber and her guests were taken by Amber's mother Nancy and her sister Heather and brother Justin to Lubbock to go Bowling. Amber's guests were: Casie Legg, TJ Ingle, Melissa Kenner, Kimberly Doty, Kasey Humphreys, Tiffany Flowers and Kristen Blair.

The Sudan Music Dept. performed its annual Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The 4th grade music classes, 5th grade, junior high, and high school bands performed during the concert. A reception sponsored by the Sudan Band Boosters will follow.

The concert lasted about an hour and a half. A special feature was an audience Christmas carol sing along to end the concert with the high school band.

The Lamb County Heritage Book, with much heretofore unpublished very interesting material about Lamb County, goes to press in January of 1991, according to the book's project director, Mardema Ogletree.

This book, to be published by Curtis Media Corporation, will be limited edition based on advance book orders. The first 750 books reserved will be sold at the special EARLY ORDER PRICE of \$49.50, but a \$20.00 deposit must be made.

Gift certificates are available for special occasions; and when the books have been printed, these gift books will be shipped directly. For more information, call Mardema Ogletree, Lamb County History Book Project Director, at (806) 799-7947 or write to her at P.O. Box 98428,

Lubbock, Texas 79499.

New members of Kappa Mu, the South Plains College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, were recently initiated into the national honor society for two-year college students during a brief ceremony at SPC. PTK members must maintain a cumulative 3.5 grade point average and accumulate at least 12 semester hours before they can be inducted into the organization. New members are Susan Redford of Levelland, Amy Roberts of Lubbock, Julie Johnson, guest speaker and member of Delta of Texas, the PTK alumni chapter at Texas Tech University, Sylvia Cardona of Whiteface and Cindy Newsom of Levelland, Sharee Stegall of Levelland, Jeff Klein of Lubbock, Nina Constancio of Friona, Gorge Salinas of Sudan and Marilyn Green of Lubbock.

Food Boxes have been placed in town for our Servicemen. Pay-n-Save, and Rissa's are two places the boxes can be located. Suggested gifts are; Ritz Bits crackers, separate or individual fruit drinks, cookies (no chocolate), puddings, paper, pencils, toiletries, puzzles, games, reading material etc. Saudi Arabia allows nothing that is religious in nature. Also nothing patriotic such as flags, even on a stamp. Also no pork is allowed. If you wish to place a gift in these boxes, the boxes will be picked up and sent to the Servicemen.

On November 18, the local

Sudan Future Homemakers of America distributed their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The food was donated by local area students. Grades Pre-K through 7th grade donated to this project. All participants received a "lifesaver sucker" for their participation. The food was donated by local families.

The following FHA members aided in the distribution: Mrs. Lanette Whitley, Joey Martin, Brandy Martin, Rondra Tamplin, Michelle Tamplin, Teresa Williams, Diane Williams, Erica Tovar, Melissa Ornales, Lorena Mota, Elisa Aguilar, Martha Aguilar, Patricia Flores, Alexandra Flores, and Bonnie Orgega.

**MICROWAVE TIPS**

Why is seafood such a good choice for microwaving? That's because seafood is naturally tender. It also requires minimum cooking time. Thus the fast cooking of a microwave retains more of the fish's moisture. Oven cooking dries, even toughens, fish.



**ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ**

By Christian Thorlund

1. What was the score of the San Francisco-New York NFL game?
2. What teams meet in the Sugar Bowl January 1st?
3. What teams meet in the Gator Bowl New Year's Day?
4. What was the final score of the U.S.-Australia Davis Cup meet?
5. What Cotton Bowl matchup could possibly decide the college football championship?

**Answers:**

1. Forty-Niners 7, Giants 3.
2. Virginia and Tennessee.
3. Michigan and Mississippi.
4. 3-2, U.S.
5. Texas vs. Miami.

Best Wishes

May the bright glow of Christmas fill your home with happiness.

**Alex Tire Service**

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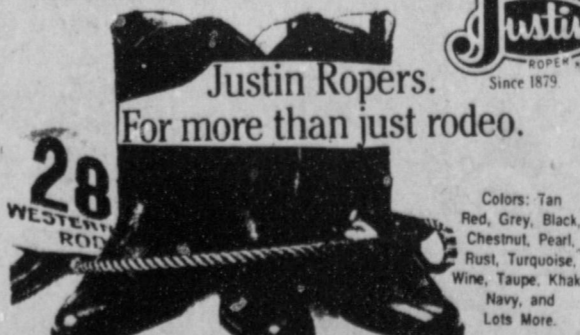
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# Creative Living

by: Sheryl Borden

Information on anti-aging strategies, making fabric frames, and serving special occasion punches will be the featured topics on "Creative Living" Saturday, December 29 at 2 p.m. (All times are Mountain.)

Cindy Piccoli, representative of Nivea Products, will share the "newest wrinkle" in anti-aging strategies available. She'll not only discuss preventative skin care, including using sunscreens and the treatment of damaged skin, but will also tell about new research on combating the irritating side effects of Retin-A. Ms. Piccoli is from New York City.

Pam Aulson, owner of Patch as Patch Can, is going to show how to make some fabric frames, using ready-cut mat boards which save a lot of time and are quite inexpensive. Ms. Aulson lives in Glen Cove, N.Y.

Lynn Dix represents Coco Lopez and lives in New Orleans, La. She will share some of her favorite punch recipes, while talking about serving ideas, garnishing tips and even some inexpensive finishing touches for punch bowls.

"Creative Living" will not be seen on Tuesday, December 25 at 9:30 p.m. because of special programming but will return to its regularly scheduled time on January 2.

On Tuesday, December 25 at 9:30 p.m. and on Thursday, December 27 at 12 noon, "Creative Living" will present information on how to make bow ties, using sensors in microwave cooking, and a new product for repairing concrete.

Eloise Wagers, sales manager of JHB International in Denver, CO, is going to share some creative ideas for making bow ties--which are very fashionable right now.

Karen Linson, assistant product training manager for Sharp Electronics Corporation, will show how easy it is to cook a complete meal by using a sensor. Ms. Linson is from Mahwah, N.J.

Mac McCrory is a licensed professional engineer and the creator of Mr. Mac's Home Repair Products. With his products, it is simple to repair potholes, cracked concrete, masonry, brickwork,--and the list goes on and on. Ms. McCrory is from Greensboro, N.C.

"Creative Living" is produced and hosted by Sheryl Borden. The show is carried on more than 100 PBS stations in the United States, Canada, Guam, and Puerto Rico and is distributed by Pacific Mountain Network, Denver, CO. Viewers can request copies of materials offered on the show by sending one 25 cent stamp for each handout requested. Send the stamps, along with your name, address and booklets requested to:

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## COCO-LOPEZ

### AMBROSIA PUNCH

- Ice Ring-optional
- 2 cups orange juice, chilled
- 1 (15-ounce) can Coco Lopez Cream of Coconut
- 1 1/2 cups light rum, optional
- 2 cups apricot nectar, chilled
- 2 cups unsweetened pineapple juice, chilled-
- 1 (32-ounce) bottle club soda, chilled

Prepare ice ring in advance if desired. In punch bowl, combine all ingredients except club soda and ice ring; mix well. Just before serving, add club soda and ice ring or block of ice.

- Ice Ring: Fill ring mold with water to within 1 inch of top rim; freeze. Arrange grapes, apricot halves, mint leaves, maraschillo cherries or other fruits on top of ice. Pour small amount of cold water over fruit; freeze. (Makes about 3 quarts.)

### DOUBLE BERRY COCO PUNCH

- Ice Ring optional
- 1 (15-ounce) can Coco Lopez Cream of Coconut
- 1 (32-ounce) bottle club soda, chilled
- 2 (10-ounce) packages frozen strawberries in syrup thawed
- 1 (48-ounce) jar cranberry juice cocktail, chilled
- 2 cups light rum, optional

Prepare ice ring in advance if desired. In blender container, combine strawberries and cream of coconut; blend until smooth. In large punch bowl, combine strawberry mixture, cranberry juice and rum if desired. Just before serving, add club soda and ice ring or block ice.

- Ice Ring: Fill ring mold with water to within 1 inch of top rim; freeze. Arrange strawberries, cranberries, mint leaves, lime slices or other fruits on top of ice. Pour small amount of cold water over fruit; freeze. (Makes about 4 quarts.)

## Peggy Ray

### Named Volunteer Of The year

Peggy Ray, of Sudan, was honored as Volunteer of the Year for Region 2, of the Texas Department of Human Services. The award was presented at the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards Annual Awards Banquet held in the Guest Quarters Hotel in Austin.

Ms. Ray was recognized for her service on the Lamb County Child Welfare Board where she has served since 1986. In addition to her service on the Lamb County Board, Ms. Ray serves as a delegate on the regional and state level advisory councils. Ms. Ray is a strong advocate for children and has been a valuable asset in the provision of services to needy families and children.

She received one of 12 awards presented for outstanding volunteer service to children in Texas.



CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS--Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cornelison will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, December 23, with a family dinner in Lubbock, hosted by their children and families. Cornelison and the former Oneida Kiser were married December 25, 1940 in Asher, Okla. They have three children, Mary Dale of Port St. Lucie, Fl.; Tom Cornelison of New Braunfels, TX, and Clea Webb of Lubbock, and six grandchildren. (Guest Photo)

## Stacey Knowlton Named AAUW Girl OF Month

Selected as the AAUW Girl of the Month for October is Miss Stacy Knowlton, daughter of Gary and Kay Knowlton. Each month the American Association of University Women chooses a young lady who demonstrates outstanding leadership qualities in her school, church and community activities. Stacy is a good representative for the high qualities necessary to win this honor.

Stacy is an active band member at Muleshoe High School and has been a member of this outstanding group all of her four years at Muleshoe High School. She serves as president of the band this year and as a sophomore was the band assistant librarian. She was chosen her junior year to be a member of the Student Community Action Club (SCAC) and serves this club as the historian. Stacy is also an active member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. This year she serves as the Student Council Safety Committee chairperson.

Miss Knowlton has been a member of the Future Homemakers of America her four years at Muleshoe High School and is an outstanding member of this organization. This year Stacy is the chapter president and is the FHA Region I vice president of achievement; she also served in these two offices her junior year. As a freshman was FHA class president and FHA chapter secretary. She was chosen FHA chapter president as a sophomore.

Miss Knowlton was a member of the Science Club one year and was in Who's Who Among American High School Students her freshman, sophomore and junior years. As a freshman, she was chosen as the outstanding Home Economic's student, and as a junior received the outstanding honors English Award.

Her community activities include working in the community through her membership in the Student Community Action Club and she is a member of the FHA Adopt-A-Highway cleanup campaign.

Stacy was a member of the

For Your  
Mary Kay Cosmetics  
Josie Flowers  
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8 a.m. - 12 noon  
& after 6 p.m.



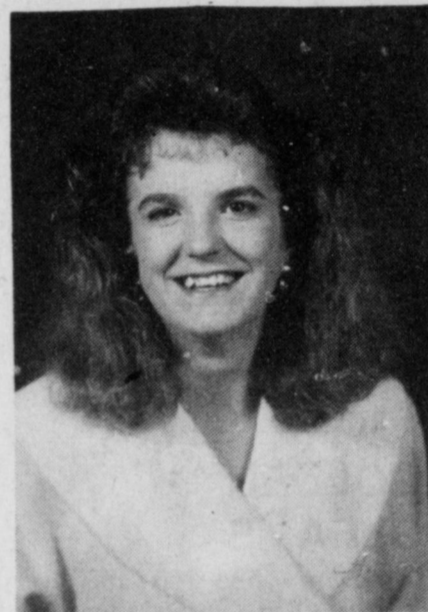
VISITING WITH SANTA--Saturday afternoon, Santa Claus was at the MAC drawing visiting with the children and passing out candy to the young and the not so young.

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**CHRISTMAS FROLICS**--Mrs. Tom Jinks and the second grade class at Dillman presented the Christmas Frolics for Kindergarten, first grade, teachers and parents, this week. This is an annual event for Mrs. Jinks and the second grade. (Journal Photo)

## Boy Scouts Hold Pack Meeting, Christmas Party

Muleshoe Boy Scouts held their pack meeting and Christmas party at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 17 in the Methodist Church fellowship hall.

The Webelos posted the colors followed by a prayer by Terry Hutto. The Webelos gave the Scout Oath and promise.

Bear Den No. 2, Sanchez and Finely put on a skit "The Night Before Christmas."

The Boy Scouts (Den Chiefs) presented a drug skit.

During the awards ceremony Wolf Dens No. 1 and 2 all received the Instant Recognition Patch. Those receiving the patch included: Weston Price, Jeffrey Shelburne, Don Williams, Jeffery King, Brandon Broyles, Chris Seymore, Cade Hooten, Tyler Black, Zoah

Barrett, Arturo Perez, Clifford Wilberly, Rocky DeHoyos, Jake Pickering, Ricky Coliandro, David Morris, Chris Baker, Lupe Nunez, Chris Vela and Jordon Poole.

Bears receiving awards were: Dusty Kidd, Bob Cat; Chris Kenemer, Chris Vaughn, and Laramie Wood, Wolf.

Bear Den No. 1 and 2 all received the instant recognition patch. The Bear's included: B.J. Copeland, Tyson Purdy, Morgan Locker, Judd Glover, Michael Dan Lopez, Kole Magby, Jeffrey Snell, Gary Jones, Chris Vaughn, Ronnie Orozco, T.J. Hutto, Greyson Rennels, Jonathan May, Jeremy Tosh, Dusty Kidd, Ches Phelps, Chris Kenemer, Brett Clements, Laramie Wood, and Manuel Florez.

Webelos receiving awards included: Brandon Beaversdorf, Forrester-Scholar, Naturalist showman; Jerrod Pickering, Showman-Naturalist Scholar; Rodney Alanis, Michael Thompson, Kelly Helton, Gerardo Loya, Greg Pena, Dammon Gasset, Terry Loveland, Ismael Nunez, Robert Gonzales, Jon Keith Turner and Jerome Clements.

It was reported that Boy Scouts (Den Chiefs) received third place in Swin meet at Sundown on Dec. 2.

All Cubs received their Derby Cars.

Cub Mule Awards went to: Tad Lutz, Blake Gable, Rodney Alanis, Luke Bruns, James Hancock, Stephen Shelburne, Kelly Helton, Jeffrey King, Greyson Rennels, Christopher Shelburne, Cade Hooten, Dusty Kidd, Douglas Hoyt, Tyler Black, Arturo Perez, Jerrod Pickering, Greg Pena, Gerardo Loya, Aaron Purdy,

### Sharyn Kindall Receives Degree

Sharyn Michelle Kindall graduated from Texas A&M University on Dec. 14 with a BBA Degree in Accounting. She has accepted employment at Pennzails Corporate Headquarters in Houston. Michelle is the daughter of Terry and Sherri Kindall of Houston and the granddaughter of Guy and Elsie Kindall and Doyle and Alma Turner, all of Muleshoe.

Mrs. Kindall flew to Houston to attend the commencement.

Payton Rennels, Robert Gonzales and Michael Thompson.

Pine Wood Derby will be held on Jan. 19, 1991 at the High School Gym. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and there is a \$3 entry fee per car.

During the parents meeting they voted for each Cub to pay their own registration and save popcorn money for regular expenses.



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## Second Grade Class Presents Christmas Follies

Mrs. Tom Jinks and the second grade students at Dillman presented the Christmas Follies Thursday, Dec. 20.

Fran Hamilton presented the music. Cast members included: Landon Nichols, Santa Claus; Deana Gable, Raggedy Ann; and Louie Pacheco, Raggedy Andy.

Elves were: Tanner Holloway, Cade Hooten, Jeffrey King, Arturo Perez, Jordan Pool, Westin Price, Bryce Thomason and Dan Williams.

Soldiers included: Brandon Broyles, Gabriel DeLeon, Bryan Felan, Bobby Guerrero, Chris Otweil, Jeffrey Shelburne, Christopher Vela, Russell Warren and Dan Watson.

Ben Angeley, Zach Barrett, Molses Garcia, Jimmy Gonzales, Lindy Pineda, Christopher Seymore and Cliff Wimberly were Cowboys I.

Cowboys II were Alex Barraza, Tommy Barrera, Faustino Calderon, Arthur Esquivel, Chuck Fabela, Ryan Saylor and Raymond Toscano.

Strawberry Shortcake Dolls included: Lindsey Altman, Jennifer Castorena, Lisa Johnson, Lisa Marie Ramirez, Rosa Recio, Chyla Torres and Liz

Torres.

The Sugar Plum Faries were: Shari Alanis, Melissa Flores, Mandy Heathington, Cami Kennerman, Christine Luna, Jaime Prather, Megan Tipps and Jennifer Young.

Those playing Cabbage Patch Dolls were: Terri Duncan, Kinsee Estep, Lupita Franco, Rhea Gonzales, Stephanie Kirk, Courtney Marr, Michelle Parker and Crystal Scott.

La Raspa-Boys were Andy

Alfaro, Tyler Black, Julio Flores, Johnny Korsun and Darrell Lewis.

La Raspa Girls were Adrianne Ashford, Letty Barrera, Penny Churchman, Jessica Hernandez and Brandy Ramm.

Drummer Boys and Girls included: Ernestine Bara, Toni Bray, Juan Costilla, Rocky De Hoyos, Daniel Garcia, Roxann Garcia, Blake Hardwick, Jake Pickering and Casey Tosh.

### SCAC Meets In Turner Home

On Monday, November 19, thirty-one Student-Community Action Club members met in the home of Amy Turner. Brian Bush president called the meeting to order at 8 p.m. The opening prayer was given and a short recap of what SCAC represents was given by Courtney Graves, chaplain. The minutes of the last meeting were given by the secretary, Robin Berry. Galin Latham gave the treasurer's report and a reminder to those members who have not paid their dues to please pay them as soon as possible.

Marsha Wilson then introduc-

ed Randy Lewis, SCAC Citizen of the Month for November. Lewis was presented a boutonniere and Marsha Wilson noted that he is always willing to support the community and the schools. Lewis talked with SCAC members about what makes a good community, such as community pride.

Brian Bush reported on the last Muleshoe Heritage Foundation meeting and asked for volunteers for working on the floors of the Heritage Thrift Shop.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by the hostess, Amy Turner,

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**Water**

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Stinnett producer. Major changes in irrigation systems are expensive, but so is continued use of inefficient systems, says Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension Service economist and management specialist. He will compare costs of typical systems and show how producers can decide if changes are needed.

After lunch, the conference will focus upon safe use of irrigation systems to apply chemicals to a crop and main-

**Computer...**

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The cost of the course will be \$30, which will include workshop materials and the necessary software will be provided.

No prior computer experience is necessary. Anyone who would like to participate in one of the workshops is asked to call the Bailey County Extension office (806-272-4583) and pre-register for the computer course on QUICKEN. Please call by January 10.

The workshop will be taught by Dr. Jackie Smith, Extension Economist-Management, and Jane Green, Extension Associate/Economist.

Classes will be from 5-9 p.m. each evening.

All educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Service serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

tain safe water supplies. Two continuing education units (CEUs) are being offered to private and licensed commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators who complete the conference training. Such applicators are required by the Texas Department of Agriculture to obtain five CEUs a year for recertification.

The CEU requirements will be explained by Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Service entomologist. Electrical and chemical safety when irrigating or chemigating will be explained by LaVerne Stetson, U. S. Department of Agriculture - Agricultural Research Service, Lincoln, Neb.

Protecting groundwater from possible contamination will be covered by Richard Bowers, manager of the North Plains Underground Water District, Dumas.

Considerations in planning and conducting chemigation will be presented by Walter Hughes, Wilbur-Ellis-Tide Co., Farwell.

Chemigation equipment will be displayed and discussed by commercial exhibitors at the conference.

Experts are like ordinary people--they seldom agree.

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**Red, White, Blue Pays Off In Green For Some**

By Joe Bryant

A cantankerous growing season, which had Texas cotton farmers seeing red and feeline blue, has confounded the experts by turning into fields of white that promise some of the lushest "green" returns in many a year.

"We're gonna come out of this with a heck of a crop," said Dr. Carl Anderson of Texas A&M University. "I expect it'll be well beyond 4.7 million bales for the year." Anderson is a cotton marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A crop of that size would have a cash value of some \$1.35 billion with cotton currently selling for about 60 cents a pound.

Anderson said some 5 million acres of cotton are being harvested in Texas this year, despite losses of hundreds of thousands of acres during the growing season. Last year only 3.8 million acres were harvested with a yield of 3 million bales.

Three months ago, prospects looked dim as the cotton harvest was concluding in the Coastal Bend area in South Texas, and the major production areas of West Texas were at a critical stage of boll development. Farmers and agricultural scientists were predicting a harvest of less than 4 million bales. The crop had undergone drought, hail, flooding in some

areas, a 21-day span of temperatures exceeding 100 degrees on the highly productive South Plains and then unseasonably cool climates during a time when the fiber needed hot days to mature.

In a 25-county area around Lubbock, which annually provides half the state's yield, experts at one point predicted only 2.25 million bales from 3.2 million planted acres. In that area alone, 600,000 acres were abandoned because of drought, hail and other bad weather. Thousands of acres in other parts of the state also failed to survive the rigorous weather.

Irrigated fields were beginning to suffer stress as farmers struggled to put enough water on the crop to reach harvest.

Then, in October, growing conditions in West Texas improved and the crop there had a chance to recover, said Dr. James R. Supak, Extension Service cotton agronomist at Lubbock. A crop-killing freeze in the area didn't occur until mid-November, allowing time for late bolls to make lint.

Now, South Plains production is expected to exceed the latest U.S. Department of Agriculture projection of 2.6 million bales.

Anderson said the bumper crop, despite all the setbacks, resulted from the increase this year in planted acres and a higher average yield of lint on the acres that survived to harvest. Changes in federal farm policy had reduced from 25 percent to 12.5 percent the number of acres a farmer had to keep out of production.

With this year's harvest almost complete, yields were averaging 455 pounds of lint an acre, compared to only 376 pounds an acre in 1989.

"But the increased production will cause a weakened price" to producers, Anderson cautioned.

"The disappointing thing," said Spencer Tanksley, Bailey County agent with the Extension Service, "is that the person who lost his crop has nothing." Several farmers in his and surrounding counties are in that position, as are many across the state.

Bailey County has harvested only 61,000 of its 96,000 acres of cotton this year. Those who made a crop are averaging 600 pounds of lint to the acre and about 700 pounds of seed for each bale of lint. Seed brings \$130 a ton.

Seed quality is good but not outstanding, reported Gene Duke of Brownfield Seed and Delinting in Brownfield.

"That's important for next season," Supak noted. He said seed on the South Plains has been doing well in germination tests.

Margaret Thatcher, resigning as Britain's Prime Minister: "I do look back with some pride and some satisfaction at our achievements for our country over the last 11 years."

**For...**

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enter their wheat in the reserve only upon maturity of their regular 9-month loans. The FOR loans will mature 27 months from the date the 9-month loans mature and the FOR loan rate will be at the same rate as the 9-month rate.

To ensure that the quantity of FOR loans does not exceed the 300-million bushel maximum, and ensure regional equity, wheat producers are required to notify their local county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service offices during January of their intentions to place 1990-crop wheat in the reserve. If producers designate more than 300 million bushels of wheat for the reserve, the Commodity Credit Corporation will determine if a prorated amount each producer will enter.

Although a producer's stated intention to place wheat into the FOR does not obligate the producer to enter the wheat into the FOR, a producer wishing to state such an intention needs to obtain a regular 9-month CCC price support loan contract by Jan. 31.

Secretary Yeutter said that interest will accrue when market prices equal or exceed 105 percent of the current target price. Storage payments will be earned until market prices equal or exceed 95 percent of the current target price.

Producers may contact their local ASCS office for additional information.

**Enochs News.**

by: Mrs. J.D. Bayless

Quinton Nichols was a patient in the hospital in Lubbock from Tuesday till Friday. Proud you are home Quinton.

Rev. and Mrs. Donnie Howell were guests in the home of their daughter Kathy and Mac Ebeling at Plainview and spent Thursday night the them. Friday they returned to Littlefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Key visited his sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Homer Howard in Littlefield Tuesday afternoon.

Linda and Ernest Burns and Linda's friend of Odessa, spend Tuesday night with her grandmother Mrs. Ellen Bayless.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Adams, Mrs. Inez Sanders and Oleta and I ate Christmas dinner with the Senior Citizens at Morton Thursday.

Donnie Nichols and children, David and Bethany, of Canyon spent from Saturday till Monday and Paula Grant and children, Ashley and Chandler, of Lubbock spent the weekend with their parents, Dale and Rose Nichols and were visitors at the

Baptist Church Sunday morning.

Bro. and Mrs. Donnie Howell attended the community Choir "A Celebration of Christ's Birth" in Concert Saturday Dec. 15, 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist in Morton.

Twila Blackstock drove the Senior Citizens Van and Ray and Jean Bridges and I went to Lubbock Friday. I saw my eye Dr. for a checkup. It's doing good.

Mr. and Mrs. Goldman Stroud, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Key attended the 80th Birthday and Retirement reception of Rudolph Moraw as commissioner reception, Sunday 2-4 at the Meeting Room of The Bailey Co. Coliseum in Muleshoe Sunday.

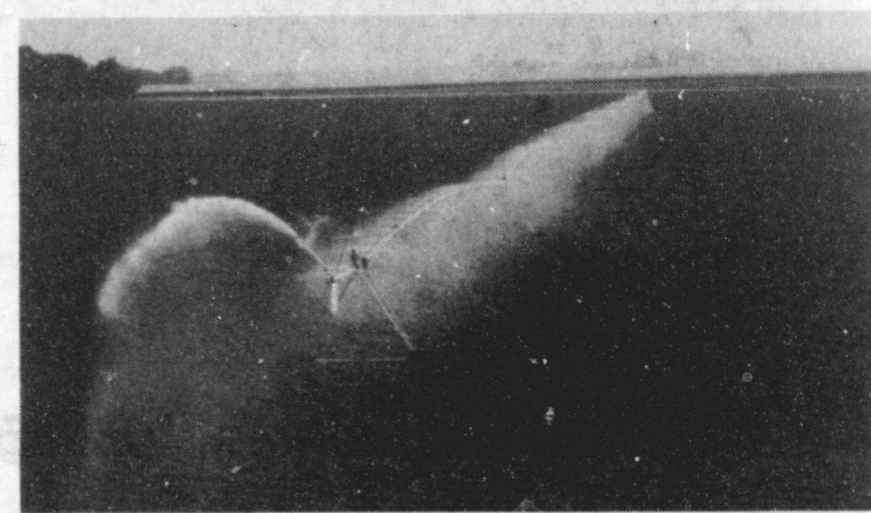
Mr. and Mrs. Buford Peterson spent Tuesday night with his sister, Mrs. Fay Montgomery at Idalou. Wednesday they did some shopping in Lubbock and spent the night with their daughter and family, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Abney at Wolf-forth.

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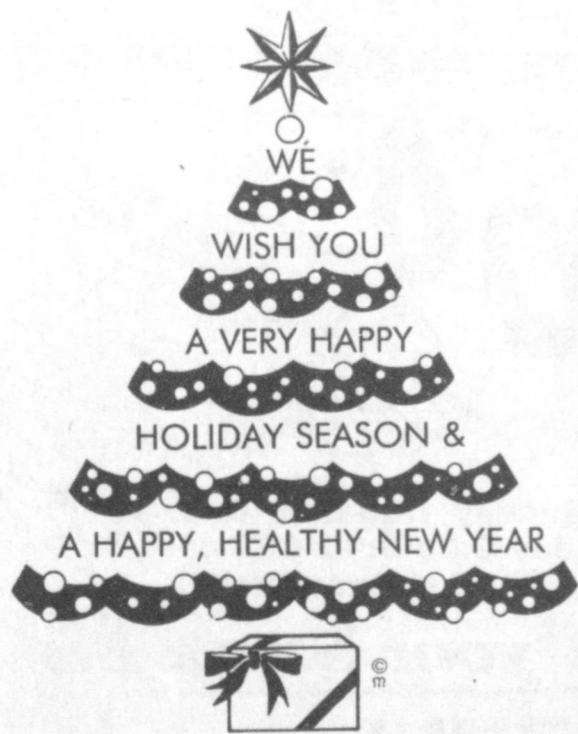
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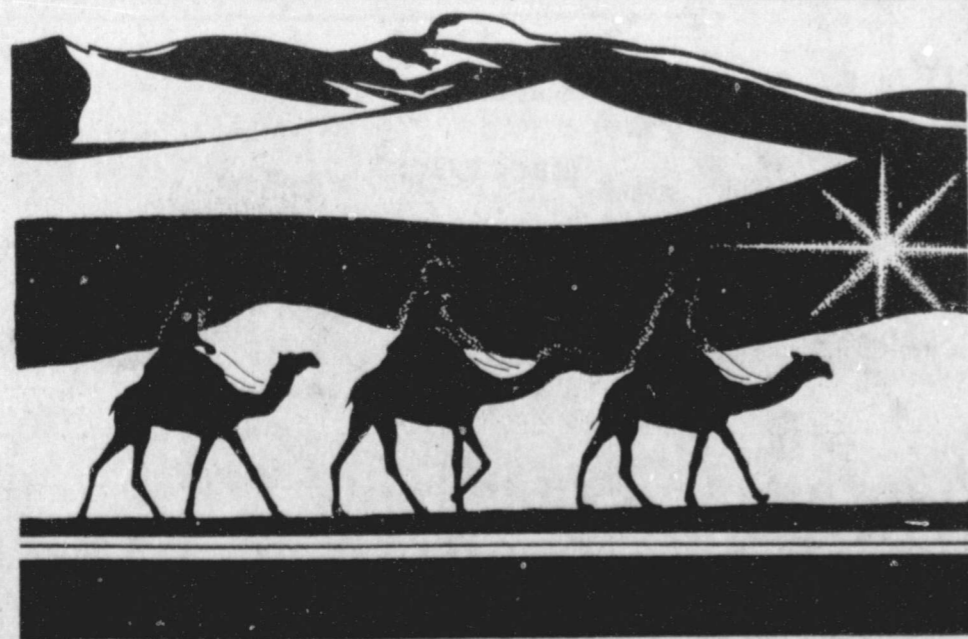
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The program called OrbitThe World is being offered by a tour operator named, believe it or not, Orbitair. The name of the firm in a sense, is not related to the tour program because Orbitair was founded in 1959 as a "carriage trade" travel company much before anyone "orbited" the globe. Subsidiaries of the company, Russian Travel Bureau and China Travel Bureau, however have a lot to do with the itineraries because of their long expertise in Russia and China.

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Orbit-The-World #I, 24 days, starting at \$4699, visits Moscow for three days, Genghis Khan's Samarkand and Tashkent in Uzbekistan where days are spent seeing the ancient, and surprisingly, the modern, before going to lively, yes—lively, Irkutsk in Siberia from where one takes the Trans-Siberian

Railroad to Beijing for three-plus days and then it's off to the ancient city of Xian, fabulous Shanghai, and lastly, in China, to Hangzhou known for its scenic beauty. Had enough? No! So it's off Hong Kong for three days before flying home.

Orbit-The-World #III is a 19 day spin taking in Helsinki, a cruise to Stockholm, then Beijing, Shanghai, Guilin in Chi Beijing, Shanghai, Guilin in China (where parts of the movie *Man With The Golden Gun* was made) and Hong Kong as the last stop.

Space here does not permit full descriptions of these adventures. Our 16-page color

brochure, illustrated by original art, however described historic sites, comments on the people and culture, a hint of the exciting ways of travel included by air, boat, and train, and details about the first class accommodations, various special theatrical and other entertainments included, and, of course, all prices and departures.

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## Sweet Potatoes Are Traditional Holiday Dish

(AUSTIN)—No holiday groaning board would be complete without sweet potatoes. Candied or baked, they add rich flavor and bright color to traditional feasting.

Eighty-two percent of the Texas sweet potato crop is raised in East Texas. The Jewell variety, a golden-skinned potato with a deep orange interior, comprises nearly 85 percent of the crop.

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Harvest begins in August and runs through Thanksgiving. Early potatoes in the markets are fresh. Cured potatoes which come to market in November, have a sweeter flavor. They will last one to two weeks when stored in a cool, dark cupboard.

Try this tasty sweet potato recipe sweetened with honey this holiday season.

### SWEET POTATOES AND HONEY

3-4 lg. sweet potatoes  
4 T. butter or margarine  
1/2 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 C. honey

Peel and quarter potatoes. Place in large saucepan with enough water to cover halfway. Cook over low heat until just tender, about 15 minutes. Spray 13x9-inch baking dish with non-stick cooking spray. Remove potatoes from saucepan with large slotted spoon; reserve cooking liquid. Arrange potatoes in baking dish. Pour 1/4 cup of reserved cooking liquid over potatoes. Dot with 4 tablespoons butter. Sprinkle cinnamon over potatoes and drizzle honey over all. Bake uncovered in 350 degree F. oven for 30 minutes or until liquid is reduced and syrupy. Makes 6-8 servings.



## From The Office Of Martin Frost

Every day, our nation's children are exposed to a complex variety of environmental hazards in the food they eat and the places in which they live and learn. Despite a growing level of concern among parents, teachers and child advocates about the effects of this exposure, public policy and science lag behind. With few exceptions, such as lead and passive smoking, relatively little is known about the impact of environmental pollutants and toxins on the health and well-being of the youngest members of our society.

In an effort to address the lack of information available to policymakers, the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families this year launched a series of hearings to examine this critical issue. The Committee hopes to build a solid body of scientific data to help guide future government and industry decisions on matters involving childhood exposure to potentially toxic substances.

In the first two hearings conducted by the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, witnesses provided a disturbing picture of the wide range of environmental pollutants and toxins that threaten children in the course of everyday life. This portrait was all the more troubling because many of these dangers are preventable.

One of the most needless health risks to children was shown to be the smoke from parents' cigarettes. Studies reveal that the lung function of school-age children with parents who smoke is as much as ten percent lower than that of children with non-smoking parents. For children whose parents are smokers, the incidence of respiratory problems can be

as much as 80 percent higher than for children whose parents don't smoke.

The Committee also learned that one child in six in the U.S.—including more than half of all Black children in poverty—has dangerously elevated levels of lead in the blood. At least 400,000 newborns are delivered each year with toxic levels of lead in their blood. Lead poisoning is associated with a range of effects from severe retardation to lower IQ, speech and language impairments, learning disabilities and poor attention skills.

Children are particularly vulnerable to environmental toxins as a result of their eating habits, physiological makeup

and behavior. For example, the average child receives four times more exposure than an adult to pesticides found in food. More than half of the lifetime cancer risk from carcinogenic pesticides is thought to occur during a child's preschool years.

The wellbeing of American's young people is the number one priority of the Select Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. These hearings are just the beginning of the efforts of Congress to forge a sound strategy for eliminating environmental threats to the health and safety of U.S. children.



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# Last December's Freeze Ended Era Of Ruby Red Grapefruit

By Edith Chenault

A 60-year tradition has ended in Texas with last year's bone-chilling December in the Rio Grande Valley.

Citrus growers aren't replanting the Ruby Red grapefruit, long considered a staple of Texas winter diets and the perfect Christmas gift. The late-December freeze killed Ruby Red trees by the thousands as it made mush of oranges and grapefruit ready for harvest.

"Not very many Rubys are being planted anymore, which I guess is the end of an era," said Dr. Richard Hensz of Weslaco, director of the Texas A&I Citrus Center.

The Ruby Red, discovered in the late-1920s in the Texas valley, differed from previous varieties in that it was seedless, had pink meat and a blush to its peel. Earlier marketed varieties had a "white" (or yellow) peel, Hensz said.

After the freeze in 1983, farmers began replacing the Ruby Red with two other varieties -- the Star Ruby and Rio Red -- but their numbers were not nearly as great.

"There were more Ruby Reds, as far as acreage, in orchards than anything else going into 1989," Hensz said.

"Most of them were older trees that had survived the 1983 freeze, but most of these were killed in 1989. There are very few Ruby Red orchards left in the valley," he said.

The Star Ruby variety was released by Texas A&I researchers in the early 1970s. It has been successful worldwide, except that it bears fruit every

other year.

Texas A&I researchers finally overcame the drawback in 1984 with the release of another variety, Rio Red. Both newer varieties have dark red meat. By contrast, the meat of the traditional Ruby Red was much lighter and tended to lose color as the season progressed.

"The most appealing thing about the Rio Red grapefruit is that the peel and the blush on the peel is far, far redder than other varieties," he said.

"It makes a beautiful fruit for the grocery shelves and for the consumer who wants to place it in a fruit bowl," Hensz said. "We all eat with our eyes before we eat with our stomachs."

The Rio Red is more vigorous and has a higher productivity than the earlier Star Ruby.

"It's a very healthy tree, it grows very rapidly, and it seems to be one of the best survivors of the 1989 freeze."

Some producers said it was more cold hardy during the last freeze," Hensz said. If this proves to be true, the Rio Red might help growers to get back into production more quickly, he said.

"One of the major factors in determining whether the industry will come back is whether we have another freeze quickly," said Ray Prewett of McAllen, executive vice president of Texas Citrus Mutual.

"Citrus was one of the most profitable crops in the Valley, and we expect it to remain so," Prewett said.

"Disasters happen," said Hensz. "It happens with the citrus industry or the stock

market." Growers are enthusiastic about getting back into the business, he said. "Producers are scrambling to get what nursery stock is available."

The estimated economic impact of the citrus freeze on the Rio Grande Valley was over \$155 million, according to Dr. Merritt Taylor, economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Weslaco. The loss to producers in potential income was nearly \$48 million.

All of the grapefruit and oranges on the trees were lost in the December cold snap, when temperatures hovered around 16 degrees for several hours. Only about half of both crops had been harvested before the freeze, said Dr. Julian Sauls of Weslaco, Extension Service horticulturist.

There were about 35,000 acres of citrus in the valley before the freeze. Estimates place total plantings now at 12,000 acres, Prewett said.

Aiding frozen-out producers are two programs. The Tree Assistance Program, coordinated by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, is helping growers rehabilitate or replant groves on a cost-share basis. The Tree Insurance Program is a federal crop insurance program that compensates for the long-term loss of income.

About 75 percent of the acreage in the valley was covered by the Tree Insurance Program last year, Prewett said.

Nearly \$50 million is being paid out through the Tree Insurance Program, Hensz said.

"That kind of money pumped into the industry will go a long way toward recovery," he said. "Programs like this keep food on the table. If we didn't have it, farmers would go broke with a crop failure."

A factor limiting recovery has been the availability of nursery stock, the demand for which is still great.

About two-thirds of the valley's citrus orchards were removed as a result of the 1989 freeze, according to industry estimates based on grower surveys.

"About 90 percent of the trees that survived the 1983 freeze were lost along with about one-third of all the orchards planted between freezes," Sauls said.

Only about 12,000 acres of citrus orchards have sufficient live trees to justify rehabilitation. "Push and burn" operations continue in valley orchards, Sauls said, but some producers have been able to rehabilitate trees, which includes pruning and rebudding of new varieties onto rootstocks.

A large number of nursery trees are about ready to plant. "Citrus nurseries are still in a production mode from the 1983 recovery when this freeze occurred," Sauls said.

Nursery stock growers in the

Valley delivered 49,000 trees to citrus producers during the first half of 1990, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Prewett estimated that it will take years for growers to fully recover from the 1989 freeze. If good prices for citrus continue, he said growers may be able to break even in five to six years instead of seven to nine years.

The projected harvest for the 1991 Texas citrus crop is about 10,700 tons, down 255,200 tons from the 1988-89 season, Sauls said. It will only be half of the 1985 production (the first harvest year after the 1983 freeze) because of less acreage and younger trees, he explained.

"I predict that the industry will recover," Hensz said. "The problem we have now is that there are simply not enough nursery trees. And we certainly don't need another freeze in the next six years."



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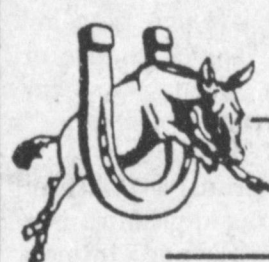
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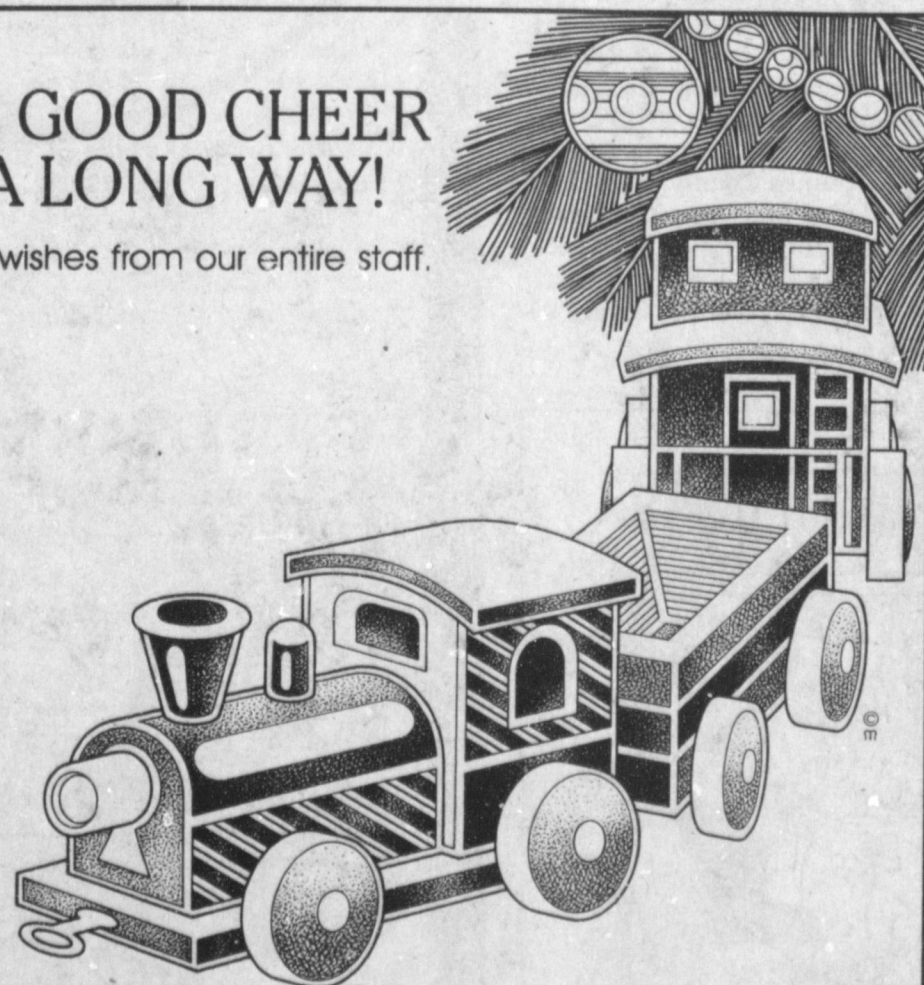
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# New Kind Of Trees Establishing Apple Industry In Texas

by Deborah Kostroun

Apple orchards are popping up all over Texas, but they look nothing like their northern cousins in New York and Washington states. These orchards, which have the appearance of grape arbors, feature a dwarfing variety of apple tree that is revolutionizing the way apples are grown in Texas.

As a result, apple orchards are becoming as common as Johnson grass from Beaumont to Lubbock, and as far west as Alpine. For a state where cattle and cotton are king, it's hardly the typical agricultural crop.

Estimates suggest that Texas has somewhere between 700 and 1,200 acres of dwarfing apple trees, and that number is expected to at least triple in the next five years.

The name "dwarfing tree" refers to the size of the tree only. The fruit it produces is full-sized, says Dr. Loy Shreve, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and each tree produces anywhere from 1 to 2 1/2 bushels.

"These dwarfing trees grow to 6 or 7 feet tall," he said, "and in most cases, the size of the apple from a dwarfing tree is larger than a full-sized tree of the same variety. Generally, the apples have a better color and a higher sugar content."

Historically, the traditional apple orchard has not done well in Texas, where it has been too hot and dry. In addition, many orchards that were established by the early 1900s were wiped out by the soil-borne fungus disease, cotton root rot.

Then in 1979, Dr. Shreve at the Texas A&M Agricultural and Research Center in Uvalde and five growers in South Texas planted small demonstration plots of the dwarfing rootstocks.

First-year yields encouraged the growers to plant more of the high-density dwarfing orchards, and the number of orchards has been growing ever since.

"After that first planting, we had phenomenal returns," Shreve said. "The yield was almost unbelievable." Yields jumped from just under 1 bushel per tree in the second year to 3 bushels by the fourth year. By the fifth year, he said, yields topped 5 bushels per tree in an orchard with 1,200 trees per acre.

"This isn't a record," Shreve said. "Several growers in Texas have surpassed those yields. But it was enough to get people excited about growing apples."

In the more recently established ultra-high-density orchards, spacing between trees allows an average of 1,000 trees per acre, compared to traditional orchards that have only 40 trees per acre. Theoretically, as many as 2,420 dwarfing trees can be grown on an acre.

These high-density orchards are made possible by dwarfing rootstocks propagated near Metz, France, in 1870, Shreve said.

"They have been used ever since," says Shreve. "It still is the best dwarfing rootstock, no other even comes close."

A sulfur treatment that lowers the soil pH is the main factor making it possible to grow apples in Texas, Shreve said, and it minimizes the cotton root rot damage as well.

Traditional apple trees in the Pacific Northwest reach heights of 50 feet and take seven years to reach commercial production levels. Dwarfing trees can begin producing within 12 to 18 months of planting, but they may take as long as five years to reach maturity, Shreve said.

At maturity, dwarfing trees can produce four times as many apples as traditional trees over a 10-year period, he said.

"And that is a very modest, conservative figure. Many apple growers in the Pacific Northwest are converting to dwarfing rootstocks by eyedazzling numbers."

Apple production in Medina, Texas, has skyrocketed since 1984 when the first tree was planted. Today it is dubbed "The Apple Capital of Texas" and each year celebrates with the Texas International Apple Festival.

The Love Creek Orchard in Medina has about 13,000 dwarfing trees, and owner Baxter Adams says one of the best advantages is in harvesting.

"A fairly tall man can reach the top leaves of the tree, so we pick all our apples by hand," he said. "The harvest is quicker because you don't have the extra labor costs of picking machines."

And the potential profits aren't so much applesauce. With target production of one bushel of 40 pounds per tree, Adams said, an average acre of high-density apple trees grosses \$20,000 at a market price of 50 cents per pound.

"You can get a very nice cash flow out of a well managed orchard," Adams said.

"The first year is expensive because you're getting started, and the trees are small," he said. By sacrificing the first year of production and letting the trees grow, Adams said, "you have enough apples to really matter" the next year.

Shreve said a lot of land isn't needed to get started.

"I think the future of apple growing in Texas is more suited to the small growers with acreage anywhere from 1 to 5 acres and probably no more than 10 acres," he said. Hugh orchards require large staffs and more capital, so Shreve thinks a "mom and pop" type of operation could provide a living or extra income.

High-density orchards require trellising systems to provide canopy support. Trellising holds the branches in place and prevents windstorms from damaging the crop.

The state's warmer climate means a longer growing season for the apples. With freezes typically limited to between November and April, Texas gains 40 extra days on the 160-day growing season in Washington State and New York.

Apples require a certain

number of "chill hours" during winter to break dormancy and encourage spring blooming. Chill hours, defined as hours when temperatures range between 32 and 45, comprise typical winter days in much of Texas.

Growers in the Texas Hill Country are planting many high-chill varieties such as Golden Delicious, Red Delicious, Jonathon and Jersey Mac, which need anywhere from 650-850 chill hours. Other varieties like the Israeli Anna and the Doresett Gold need only 200 chill hours and are grown near Beaumont and Wadron.

"Texas can produce a larger, superior apple with a higher sugar content," Shreve said. "The principal reason is the sunshine and longer growing season."

Most Granny Smith apples from Washington State have a natural sugar content of 11 to 12 percent. But Baxter Adams' Granny Smith apples grown in Medina have an average of 16 to 18 percent sugar content, with some peaking at 21 percent.

"Those are the kinds of apples you want to sink your teeth into," Adams said.

Texas apples are harvested from June through October. Harvest estimates, however, are difficult to make because the state doesn't require reporting of apple production.

"It has been a good year and everyone I've talked to seems to have done real well," said Adams. "But we really have no way of knowing how many apples are produced in Texas."

The Southwest Texas Apple Growers Association, formed in 1986, is the only state organization of apple growers. According to Adams, a past president, there are some 40 growers with over 300,000 trees planted in the Hill Country. The average grower in the association has from 1,000 to 5,000 trees in production.

A few growers have been able to sell their apples to grocery chains, but production isn't enough to reach consumers in all parts of the state. As a result, the primary marketing outlet for Texas apples has been "pick-your-own" and farmers' markets.

Washington State still produces 60 percent of the apples in the United States, but by 1995 Texas is expected to have more than 1.2 million trees planted, Shreve said. At this rate, growers predict, Texas apples will supply 5 percent of the nation's crop by the end of the decade.

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# Marketed Gas Production Increased In August

Railroad Commission Chairman Kent Hance announced that Texas marketed gas production in August totaled 360,052,901 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas, compared to the July production total of 350,905,354 Mcf. The August marketed gas production reflected a decrease of 0.06 percent compared to the August 1989 production of 360,278,677 Mcf.

In the first eight months of 1990 Texas marketed gas production totaled 2,917,129,135 Mcf, a three percent decrease from the 3,007,472,997 Mcf total during the same period of 1989.

Total gas production in Texas in August was 448,134,281 Mcf, compared to the July production total of 447,945,688. August 1989's total gas production was 461,397,148 Mcf.

Marketed gas production is the gas left after liquid hydrocarbons have been separated on the lease from the "wet" gas that is usually produced at the wellhead. It also does not include gas that is used to fuel production-related equipment on the lease site, or gas that is otherwise not marketed.

Exports of Texas-produced gas in August totaled 144,902,597 Mcf compared to 133,613,016 Mcf in July. The August exports of Texas-produced gas reflected a 12 percent increase when compared to the August 1989 exports total of 129,602,836 Mcf.

According to Hance the state's top ten exporters of Texas produced gas in August were: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, 28,157,385 Mcf; Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corp., 27,255,827 Mcf; Natural Gas Pipeline Company, 22,893,825 Mcf; Texas Eastern Trans. Corp., 14,461,046 Mcf; Transwestern Gas Pipeline Company, 11,306,090 Mcf; Northern Natural Gas Company, 7,419,986 Mcf; El Paso Natural Gas Company, 7,282,754 Mcf; Trunkline Gas Company, 6,774,878 Mcf; Florida Gas Transmission Company, 6,147,300 Mcf; and Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company, 4,186,694 Mcf.

Operators reported a total of 343,681,007 Mcf of gas in Texas storage facilities in August, compared to the July total of 350,428,919 Mcf. August's total of stored gas reflected a four percent decrease compared to August 1989's volume of 355,713,863 Mcf.

Hance said the state's top ten storage operations in August were: Natural Gas Pipeline Company, Harrison County, 138,740,515 Mcf; Exxon Company, U.S.A., Harris County, 62,918, 663 Mcf; Houston Pipeline Company, Harris County, 35,55,034 Mcf; Lone Star Gas Company, Henderson County, 26,023,962 Mcf; Delhi Gas Pipeline Corp., Hopkins and Franklin counties, 11,965,854 Mcf; Texas Utilities Fuel Company, Jack County, 9,898,618 Mcf; Lone Star Gas Company, Eastland County, 9,405,555 Mcf; American Gas Storage Corp., Gaines County, 7,366,092 Mcf; Lone Star Gas Company, Clay County, 7,199,759 Mcf; and Texas Utilities Fuel Company, Jack County, 6,400,504 Mcf.

Recent news articles have suggested that the Department of Energy is considering a 50-cent tax on gasoline as part of a national energy plan that will be announced early next year. "A 50-cent tax on gasoline would be detrimental to both Texas motorists and producers," said Kent Hance, Chairman of the Railroad Commission of Texas. The national energy strategy that will be submitted by the Department of Energy to President Bush will contain a number of options. Both the Bush Administration and the Department of Energy are currently reviewing all proposals and have not endorsed any specific options to be included in a national energy plan.

"After expressing my concern over the possibility of such a tax to Admiral Watkins, Secretary of Energy, I'm convinced that this proposal will not be included in any national energy policy offered by President Bush," Hance continued. "The tax proposal was just one of the many suggestions that were offered in nation-wide hearings held by DOE over the past year."

Hance added, "Instead of using the worn out idea of raising taxes to solve every problem, I believe that national energy policy must focus on increasing domestic energy production. We must realize that our national interest is best

served by the production of domestic energy, rather than a continued growing dependence on foreign supplies. Our national defense will continue to be in jeopardy until this problem is solved. The need to assure our nation's future domestic energy supply is made very obvious by the current Middle East crisis."

## BIBLE VERSE

"A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

1. Who is the author of the above statement?
2. In what particular writing is it found?
3. Of what was the author complaining?
4. Where may this verse be found?

Answers:

1. Moses.
2. Psalms.
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