

'Women on the range' A&M professor researches history of females in beef cattle industry

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Some Texas A&M professors spend their time researching out on the range instead of the library.

Sociology professor Dr. Elizabeth Maret has written a novel about women's productive roles in ranching.

In "Women Of The Texas Range: Women's Productive Roles in the Texas Beef Cattle Industry" Maret answers the question of what tasks women perform in the beef cattle industry in the past, present and the future.

Maret said someone needed to address the roles of women in the beef cattle industry.

"The cattle industry is one of the largest industries in the Texas economy," Maret said. "Very little has been done about women in this field."

A cultural myth leads people

to believe the beef cattle industry is male dominated, Maret said.

She said by looking at evidence of women participation in the beef cattle industry she found an increasing diversity in the industry. Women hold many of the positions in the industry, she said.

"Today, more women hold positions in all types of agricultural industries," Maret said.

Tammy Caskey, coordinator of admission and records at the Texas A&M school of veterinary medicine, said, "More women apply to the veterinary medicine school than men."

Caskey said 220 women qualified as applicants to enter the school compared to the 140 men applicants.

Maret's inspiration to write the novel came after she did extensive research on women's occupations.

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4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

TEXAS STYLE Several cities' plans for the weekend

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A four-day weekend and a holiday — the perfect ingredients for a full-blown road trip. Texas A&M students, faculty and staff have a chance to travel and celebrate Independence day throughout the state of Texas.

Several Texas cities have planned a medley of mass celebrations for the Fourth of July weekend.

College Station's Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater (764-3486) will host a 4th of July Extravaganza on July 3.

From 6-8 p.m. there will be concessions, games and entertainment for the family.

From 8-10 p.m. programs and festivities are scheduled including special guest appearances from the Rockefellas and others.

The largest fireworks display in the area to date is scheduled for around 9:45 p.m.

The Extravaganza is sponsored by the College Station Noon Lions Club, City of College Station, Post Oak Mall and KTEX 106.1. All proceeds go to Sight First.

In Bryan, Fun Fly '93 will be held July 3 and 4 on Coulter Field (778-6120).

Fun Fly '93 will include airplane rides, arts & crafts, food and drinks, pyrotechnics demo, a silent auction, and World War II displays.

Hours are from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Fun Fly '93 is presented by the Post Oak Mall Lions Club with the participation of the confederate Air force "Aggie Wing" and KORA/KTAM Radio.

Houston will host the 1993 Houston Freedom Fest at Buffalo Bayou Park (713/496-2177) on July 4th.

- The concert schedule is as follows:
- Ms. Francis and the Rhythm at 12:30 p.m.
 - The Roadkings at 1:15 p.m.
 - Stephen Stills at 2:30 p.m.
 - Hal Ketchum at 3:45 p.m.
 - Ms. Molly and the Whips at 5:15 p.m.
 - Sammy Kershaw at 6:30 p.m.
 - The Doobie Brothers at 8:15 p.m.

A fireworks display is scheduled for 9:30 p.m.

The 1993 Houston Freedom Fest is sponsored by Budweiser and benefits Texas Parks and Wildlife. Admission is free. Park gates will open at 11 a.m.

Austin's Zilker Park (512/472-4914) will be the sight of the 1993 Austin Freedom Fest. The Fest will include concessions, live entertainment and a children's area including a carnival.

- Performances are as follows:
- Joe Rockhead at 1:25 p.m.
 - Ian Moore at 2:30 p.m.
 - The Doobie Brothers at 4:30 p.m.
 - The Romantics at 5:15 p.m.
 - The Smithereens at 6:50 p.m.
 - Melissa Ethridge at 8:45 p.m.

A laser show is planned for 10 p.m. and at 10:10 there will be a fireworks display.

Admission to Freedom Fest is free, however, a \$2 donation is requested to benefit Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Dallas will host the 1993 Dallas Freedom Fest at Fair Park (214/890-2911) on July 4.

- The park's special attractions will be open at these times:
- Dallas Aquarium, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 - The Dallas Museum of Natural History, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - The Science Place and Planetarium, 9:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
 - The age of Steam Railroad Museum, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - The Children's Area, noon to 11:30 p.m.
 - The Midway Rides, noon to 11:30 p.m.
 - The Hall of State Exhibits, 1 p.m.-5

Live entertainment at Fair Park is scheduled as follows:

- KPLX stage**
- Sonny Burgess at 1 p.m.
 - Sammy Kershaw at 2:15 p.m.
 - John Henderson at 4:15 p.m.
 - Southern Wind at 6:15 p.m.
 - Hal Ketchum at 8:30 p.m.

- STARPLEX stage**
- America at 5:15 p.m.
 - Stephen Stills at 6:45 p.m.
 - Joe Walsh/Glenn Frey at 8:30 p.m.

- KAAM Big Band Shell Stage**
- Sounds of the Andrews Sisters performed by Three Times a Lady at 8 p.m.
 - Dallas Wind Symphony performs a patriotic salute at 9 p.m.

There will be a fire works display at 9:30 p.m. Admission to Freedom Fest is free. A \$2 donation is requested.

Information was given by individual cities, businesses and organizations and is subject to change.

KANM's 'OUT IN THE OPEN'

Radio show focuses on gay, lesbian community issues

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KANM's radio show, "Out in the Open," began broadcasting again last Friday after a short absence. "Out in the Open" is a gay and lesbian news radio show focusing on issues affecting the homosexual community.

The show started in the fall of '92 as a 90 minute broadcast. "Out in the Open" now broadcasts from 6-9 p.m. on 99.9 FM cable radio.

From 6-6:30 p.m. "Out in the Open" presents "This Way Out," a nationally broadcast gay and lesbian radio magazine covering up-to-date information on political, news and religious issues. "We want to give people more in-

formation on these issues," said Kerry Shatzer, host of "Out in the Open." "It's hard for people to get this kind of news in College Station."

"This Way Out" covers international, national, state and local news concerning gays and lesbians.

"It helps familiarize the community with the news and history of the gay and lesbian movement," Shatzer said.

From 6:30-9 p.m. the hosts of "Out in the Open," Kerry Shatzer and Jay Leva, hold "Speaking Out," a talk show discussing local events, music and other issues.

"The music is mostly alternative and club music," Shatzer said.

During "Speaking Out," phone calls are taken. Listeners both for and against homosexuality are encouraged to call.

REVIEWS

FILM

'The Firm' offers thrills, action; Cruise excels in leading role

By JOHN BAYLESS
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"The Firm" Starring Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Gene Hackman, Ed Harris, Holly Hunter and David Strathairn Directed by Sydney Pollack Rated R Playing at Post Oak III

You're young. You're poor. You just graduated in the top five of your Harvard class with a huge student loan debt. If a law firm offered you a job for \$96,000 per year with a free car, would

you turn it down? Not even if the firm wants to know a little personal information about your family and about your relationship with your wife? No, you won't.

And you also won't be able to tear your eyes away from the movie screen in this fast-paced adaptation of John Grisham's bestseller "The Firm." The movie, like the book, builds steadily toward a roaring climax that will leave you reeling.

However, "The Firm" is a movie in the spirit of the book, and not a scene-

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Academy-award winner Gene Hackman (left) and Tom Cruise star in 'The Firm.' Mitch McDeere (Cruise) begins working for a small law firm, not knowing he can never quit.

MUSIC

'Last Action Hero' soundtrack... A collection of singles

By JASON LOUGHMAN
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"Last Action Hero" Soundtrack Heavy Metal Columbia Records

Heavy metal listeners who are prone to buying cassette or CD singles are those most likely to enjoy the "Last Ac-

tion Hero" soundtrack with songs by AC/DC, Alice in Chains, Megadeth, Queensryche, Tesla and others.

However, for those who have heard three or four of these songs on the radio and wonder what the rest of the soundtrack is like, well...the

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MUSIC

Ziggy Marley's 'Joy & Blues' Some good, mostly zzzzzzzz...

By JACQUELINE AYOTTE
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"Joy and Blues" Ziggy Marley & The Melody Makers Reggae Capitol Records

Ziggy Marley's "Joy and Blues" will make you groove along in some

parts, and want to fall asleep in others.

The easiest way to tell if a reggae song is really worth listening to is to give it the sway test. If a reggae song doesn't force you to get up and jam, then there's something wrong.

Unfortunately, the only songs in

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FILM

Mr. Wilson comes to life Matthau saves 'Dennis'

By JACQUELINE AYOTTE
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"Dennis the Menace" Starring Walter Matthau, Christopher Lloyd, Joan Playwright and Mason Gamble Directed by Nick Castle Rated PG Playing at Manor East III

Talk about a comic strip coming to life. Thanks to Walter

Matthau's ingenious portrayal of Mr. Wilson, that short temper and irresistible cranky side jumps out of the comics and transforms into the real life crabby neighbor we all love to laugh at.

With Matthau, this film resists the temptation of fading into a field of conventional corn.

Dennis (Mason Gam-



Walter Matthau (right) plays crotchety Mr. Wilson with Mason Gamble as "Dennis the Menace."

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