



The lawn in front of this home in the area almost has a blanket of snow from last Friday's record early snowfall.



These cows near Eagle Lake don't seem too fazed by the strange phenomenon.

TDA Market Recap Given

For the week ending Dec. 5, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were \$1 to \$5 higher per hundredweight as buyers caught up with post-holiday orders.

Fed cattle prices were lower as light demand and ample supplies of beef and other meats pressured the market.

Cotton prices continue to increase and are approaching the record highs set two years ago amid prospects for higher global demand and ongoing concerns about the southeastern U.S. crop.

Grain prices were higher than pre-holiday levels, but fell at week's end on a stronger dollar and weak export demand.

As for futures markets, feeder cattle and cotton were higher while finished cattle, corn, wheat and lumber were lower.

Coastal areas received as much as two inches of rainfall during the week with up to four inches of snow reported southwest of Houston.

Most other areas of the state reported an inch or less of rain.

Topsoil moisture remains in mostly adequate to short supply statewide.

Winter wheat seedings were 97 percent complete with 90 percent of the acreage emerged and in good to fair condition.

Wet conditions delayed cotton harvest in some areas, but progress remains well ahead of the normal pace at 87 percent complete.

Grain sorghum is 98 percent harvested.

Pasture conditions have declined with the cooler temperatures and shorter days.

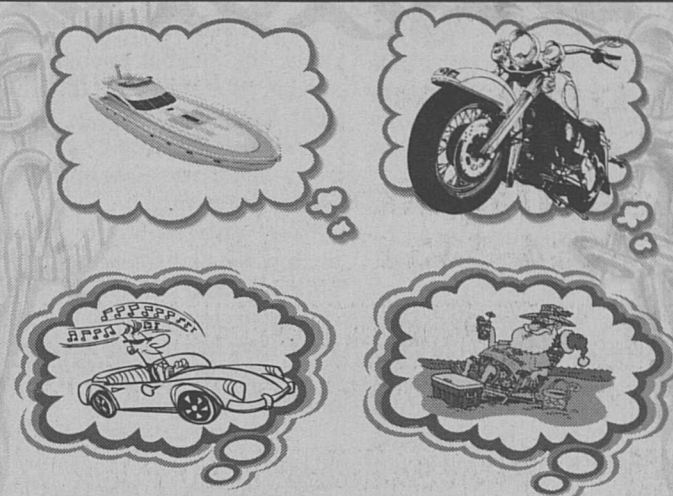


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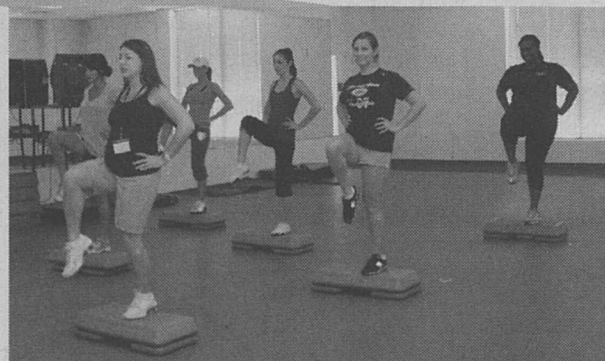
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