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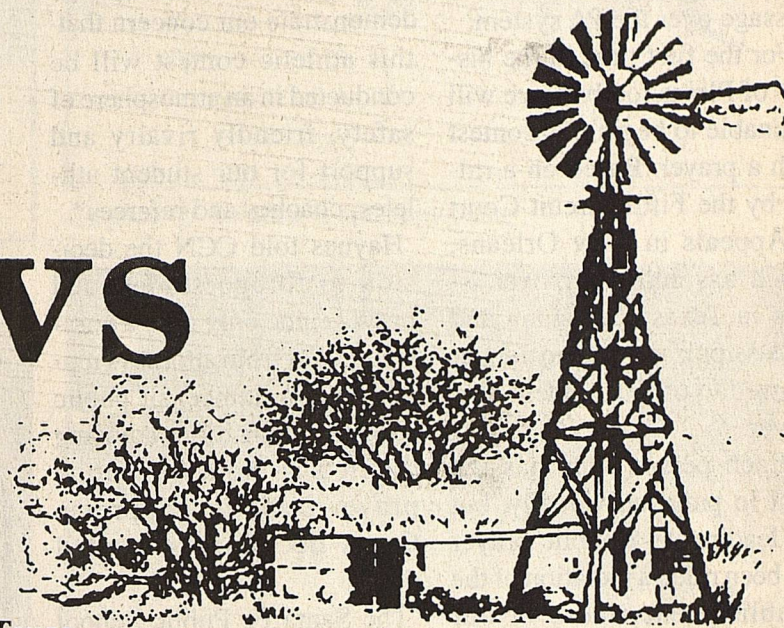
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# WHAT A PARTY !!

**4th Watermelon Round Up draws huge throng again**  
Our special issue with lots of scenes!

# Cowboy Country News



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*“Only thing wrong with this Round Up, it only comes once a year”*

...a very satisfied attendee

Most of the hard working volunteers and Yoakum County Connection members told CCN they were well pleased with this year's fourth Watermelon Round Up, but all had one concern; "If it gets any larger next year, where will we put all the people?"

Once again, it was impossible to accurately count noses of those attending the all-day fun-fest, despite efforts to encourage everyone to register for a free door prize. Virtually everyone queried by CCN agreed this year's event was larger than the three previous.

The Classic Car Show drew 65 registered entrants, and a few more classics just over for the ride. The day long Team Roping event at the rodeo arena almost filled the parking space with pickups, trailers, high dollar horseflesh, and many more ropers than



"Mommie, can I have this one?", this little cutie seems to be asking

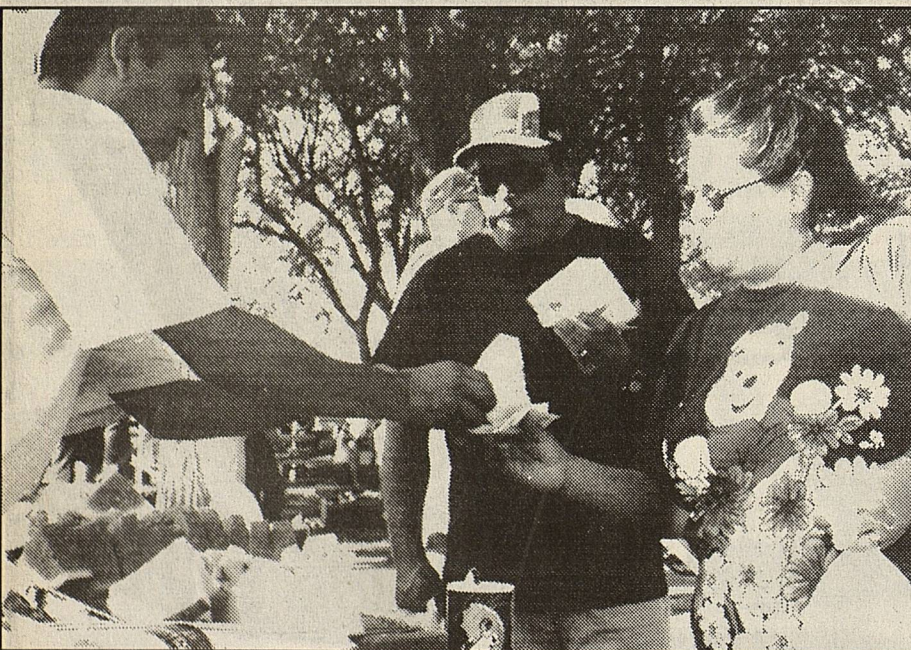
the inaugural roping event last year.

There were more games this year, more attractions for the kids, and once more, every food and arts and craft booth was paid for well before the kickoff Saturday morning.

The brisket and chili cook-off in Stanford PARK drew a few more entries than prior years. The sale of Cow Patty Bingo chances earned the winner and Yoakum County Connection \$450 each, despite a very stubborn, time consuming steer.

Regrettably, the Big Melon Contest didn't produce another State of Texas record the second consecutive year, even though again grown by last year's champ. John Lowen's 118 pounder was a great melon, but well down from his 183 pound winner in 1998.

SEE INSIDE FOR MORE RESULTS, PHOTOS



Thousands upon thousands of free watermelon slices were handed out

## 'Let There Be Light ; And There Was Light'

The final phase of the Cowboy Baseball Field lighting project was successfully completed last week when lightpole number six was raised and stabbed into the steel base units already in place.

Employees of Plains ISD, Lea County Electric and Sullivan Crane Service collaborated in setting the six poles. A total of sixty eight lamps of 1500 watts each were pre-spaced and aimed by computers at the manufacturing source to ensure every area of the new field is brightly illuminated.

Yoakum County Electric crews did most of the wiring for the big project, and when final ground wiring is complete, a 'test-run' at night will take place to make certain illumination on the ground is in compliance with regulations set by the University Interscholastic League for school outdoor sporting events.

All other work on the new field should be complete well before the first "Play Ball" call is given this spring



## LCEC Readies For Y2K Drill

Lea County Electric Cooperative has announced that it will be participating with other electric utilities in a nation wide drill intended to test Y2K readiness. The exercise, to be held in the late evening hours of Wednesday, September 8, and the early morning of Thursday, September 9, is a "dress rehearsal" for the date change to January 1, 2000, but will also prepare the Cooperative to respond to outages which may occur as a result of the date change to 9/9/99.

Throughout the computer industry, there is speculation that because some computers utilize the 9/9/99 as a "halt" or "kill" code, power delivery systems could be affected. "The likelihood that we will experience a problem is very small," according to Allen Brown, LCEC's Manager of Marketing and Member Services. "The Wednesday night drill will help us assess the adequacy of our Y2K contingency plan, establish critical communication links, and position us to respond quickly to any problems which may arise."

LCEC and its wholesale power supplier, Southwestern Public Service, have been working since the mid 90's to assess and resolve any potential problems associated with the advent of the new millennium. "We've ensured our systems are Y2K compliant and have received assurance from our power supplier that they, too, are ready for the new century," said Brown.

## First full week's aerial warfare against boll weevil is big success

When aerial spraying of boll weevil infested cotton fields got underway throughout the entire Plains eradication district last Monday morning, a number of people in management positions were optimistic, yet also a bit apprehensive. G&B Aerial Application personnel at the county airport were hoping the scheduling, fueling and loading of insecticide on ten aircraft would go smoothly throughout the entire week. Employees at the district boll weevil eradication district office next door were hoping their weeks of mapping by GPS systems were accurate for the pilots of the spray planes, and all flights would start and end safely.

When the last aircraft engine shut down Friday afternoon, the ten contracted spray planes had completed a total of 205 take-offs and landings - safely. They had sprayed Malathion on a total of 195,596 acres of cotton in the district, and there had been very few glitches in the

five day operation.

G&B's Sarah Guetersloh told CCN, "We must be doing something right. We had one producer call us, whose cotton had been sprayed earlier during the week. He said he didn't know exactly what we were doing, but to keep it up, because he was finding dead weevils everywhere".

Joe Barnes, manager of the Plains eradication zone, said he was well pleased with the first week effort. "It's great to know ten aircraft can be operating out of one airport, on a very busy schedule, and safely perform an effective operation".

The full district aerial spraying, plus misting applications from ground rigs in environmentally sensitive areas, will continue each week until a killing freeze occurs, or cotton is harvested. G&B expects five more application planes to join in the program in the next few days.



## Appeals Court ruling halts prayer at pre-game school events

Prior to last Friday night's season opening football game against Abernathy here, Plains ISD Superintendent Jim Haynes delivered the following message over the PA system; "For the first time in the history of Plains football, we will be unable to begin this contest with a prayer. Based on a ruling by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, which has authority over issues in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, we are no longer allowed to offer a student lead prayer.

"Each person here has the right to pray individually, but the leading of a public prayer has been ruled a violation of the establishment clause of our constitution, and is therefore unconstitutional according to the Fifth Circuit Court. This ruling has been appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

"Should the Supreme Court overrule the Fifth Circuit's findings we will once again be able to pray at our extra-curricular activities. Until that time, the Fifth Circuit's ruling is the law. We make every effort to instill in our students the importance of obeying the law; therefore, we will comply with the ruling. We should also try to teach our students the proper way to deal with changing the law. If this Fifth Circuit ruling bothers you, or if you choose to support the courts actions, I would recommend you contact your Congressman or United States Senator and make your opinion concerning this ruling known to them".

Haynes then asked the audience to stand for the playing of the National Anthem. Follow-

ing the Anthem, he asked the audience "to remain standing and join me in a moment of silence as we gratefully remember our American heritage and demonstrate our concern that this athletic contest will be conducted in an atmosphere of safety, friendly rivalry and support for our student athletes, coaches and referees".

Haynes told CCN the decision to forego student led prayer came only after a number of calls from attorneys representing a number of public school organizations advising districts to hold off public prayer until the Supreme Court decision is handed down.

The Santa Fe Public School District of Houston filed the appeal with the Supreme Court, and there is no estimate available when a decision will be announced.

CCN supports Superintendent Haynes' urging to contact your U.S. elected officials and express your concerns on the issue.

### JP COURT

**September 3, 1999** - The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed: 56 traffic cases, 6 issuance of bad check cases, 3 juvenile warnings administered.

Bonds set: 2 cases motion to revoke probation-held until hearing. 2 cases driving while license suspended-\$500.00 bond. Assault causing bodily injury to family member-\$2,000.00 bond. Assault-familily violence-\$1,500.00 bond.

## Annual Farm Tour Scheduled

The annual Yoakum County Farm Tour will be held on Friday, September 17, 1999 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with a noon meal and program at the County Show Barn in Plains, Texas. The event will be sponsored by the Yoakum County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Tentative tour stops are: Boll Weevil Eradication Program Airport Station, Newson's Vineyard, Watermelon Variety Trail, and Cotton Variety Demonstration, Guar Production, Pea Production and For-

age Production Systems, Wildlife Habitat Management. Two or three additional stops will be added but are not yet confirmed as of press time.

The annual Farmer of the Year Award will highlight this year's event. All local citizens are invited to attend the Farm Tour. Three CEU credits will be administered to all licensed private applicators in attendance. Tentatively, one of these hours will be in Laws and Regulations. For more details, contact Tadd Knight, County Extension Agent-Ag, at 806-456-2263.

## Round Up game winners

### Boot Toss:

1. Douglas Conway - Plains
2. C.J. Tarango - Plains
3. Elijah Hinkle - Blackwell

### Watermelon Eating:

1. Johnny Friesen

### Melon Rolling:

1. Benny Loewen

### Sack Race - Girls:

1. Meagan Garcia

### Ashley Vantine Boys:

1. Cameron Loya

2. Chandon Loya

### Obstacle Course - 1st:

1. Timmy McKinnon, D.C.

2. Benny Loewen, Plains

3. C.J. Tarango, Plains

### 2nd:

1. Michael Therwanger, Plains

2. C. J. Tarango, Plains

3. Trent Calconcine, Graham

### Horseshoe Tourney:

1. Danny McDaniel, Dallas &

- Doyle Price, Hobbs

2. Martin Enriquez, Tony Cruz,

### D.C.

3. Danny Cavasos, Carlos

- Espinoza, Seagraves

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## Cowboys fall 7-6 to Abernathy in opener

The '99 Cowboys managed to repeat what the '98 Cowboys did, losing their first game to Abernathy by the narrowest of margins, 7 to 6.

There were some good, hard played individual performances by the Cowboys, but costly mistakes on defense and a very sluggish offense spelled their doom.

The future looked bright in the first few minutes of the game, when Skyler Johnson recovered a fumble to give the Cowboys the ball on the Antelope 25. Jared Bell gained 11 yards on a QB around, but the ball went back to the 'Lopes on an interception at the 18. Abernathy quickly threw the ball for 77 yards, and then punched it in from the three for their only score of the game.

The two teams butted heads for a series, and early in the second period, David Luna made a gutsy interception, and returned the ball to Abernathy's

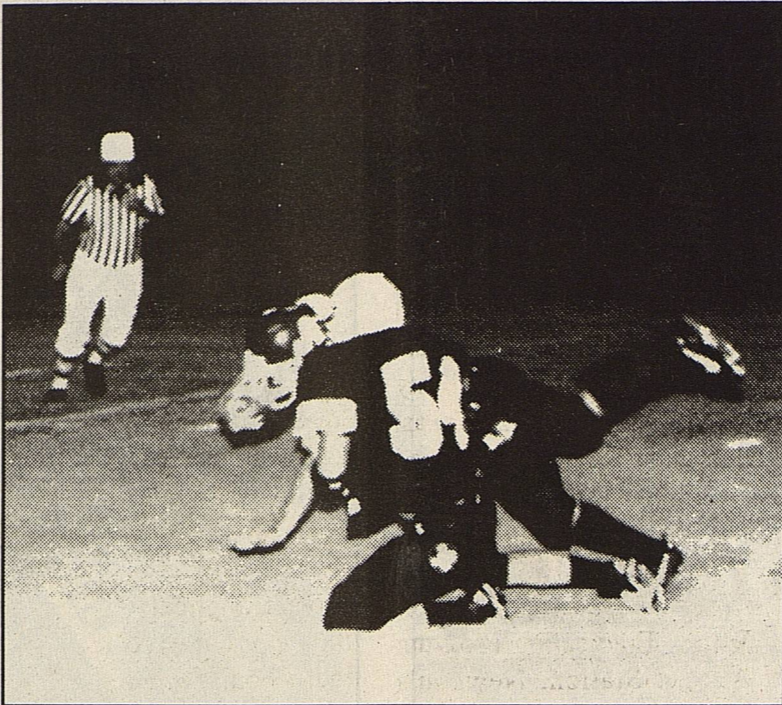
32. Roughing the passing pushed the Cowboys closer, to the 14, but the threat sputtered out at the 8 yard line.

The Antelopes tried another pass which was picked off by Dustin Six and returned to the 25. Bell hit Luna for 8 yards, Adam Garcia gained 7 to the 2, where Bell sneaked the ball in for the TD, also their only score of the night.

In the second half, neither team was able to find the right gear. Cowboys and Antelopes swapped possessions for almost two quarters.

The Cowboys could manage only 86 yards total offense, 70 on the ground, while Abernathy totaled 285 yards. They managed 14 first downs to the Cowboys 7.

The Cowboys visits old nemesis Sudan next Friday for non-district action at 8 p.m. Be there to help them swat some Hornets!



Jeremy Morphis gets thru to drop runner for big loss



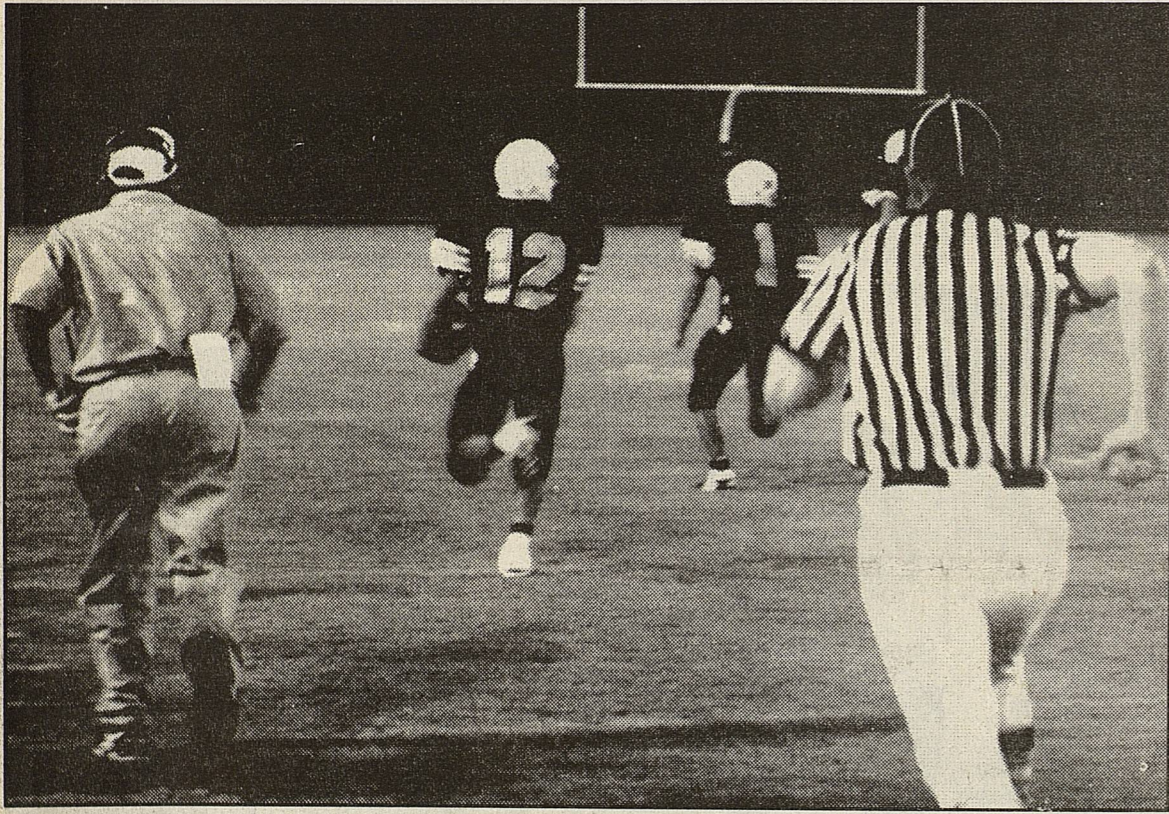
Cowboy 'D' swarms 'Lope runner here



Jared Bell, in very center of photo, sneaks in for Plains only score



David Luna makes interception here resulting in large picture at left



Following interception, David Luna, 12, follows Adam Garcia, #1, towards goal, hotly pursued by Coach Brink and Zebra

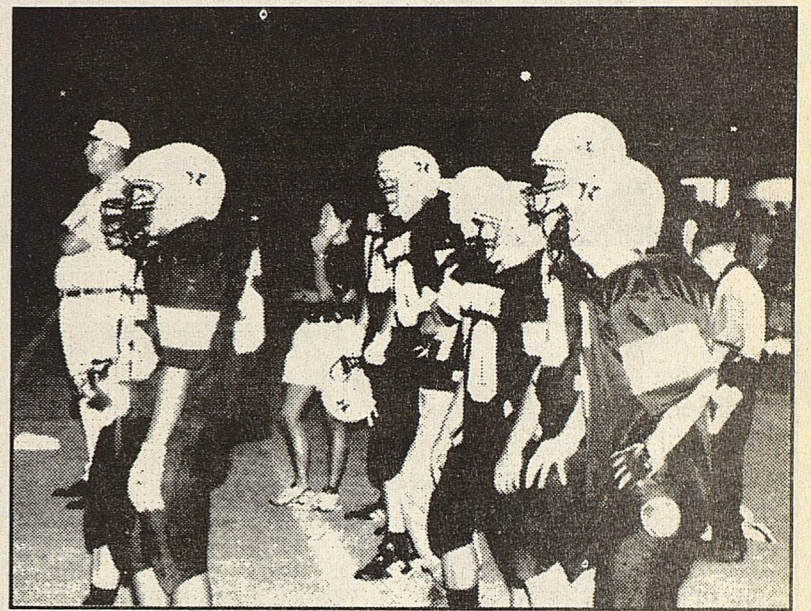


Cheerleaders and Bell Ringer were all bright and happy early in the game



Cowboy defensive line slams into 'Lopes offense

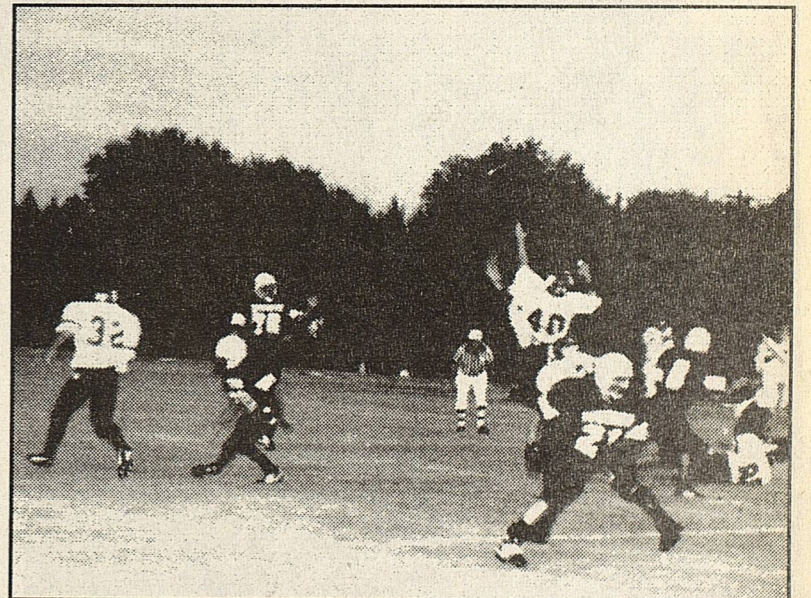
Late in the 4th period, it was pretty glum on the sidelines



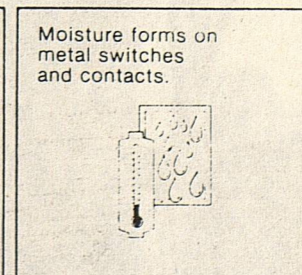
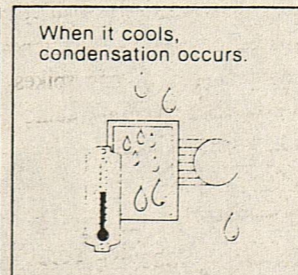
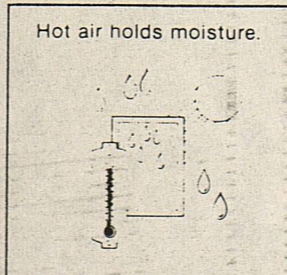
**Athletic  
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September 13  
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Sergio Sandoval gets punt off over heads of Antelopes

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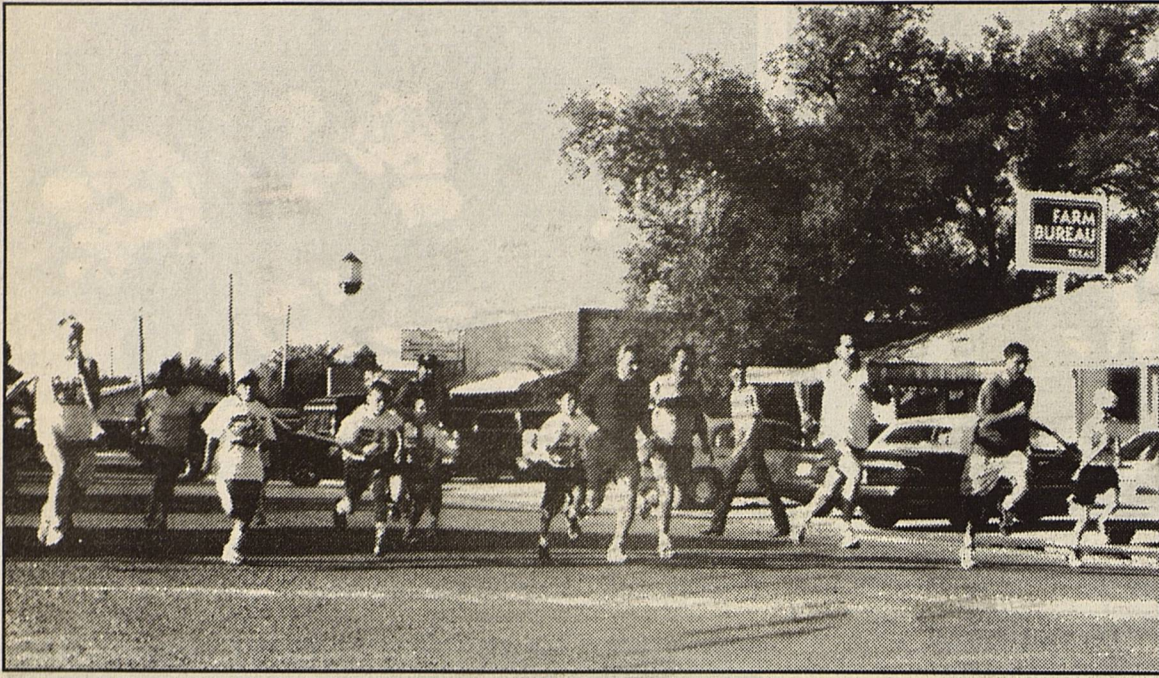
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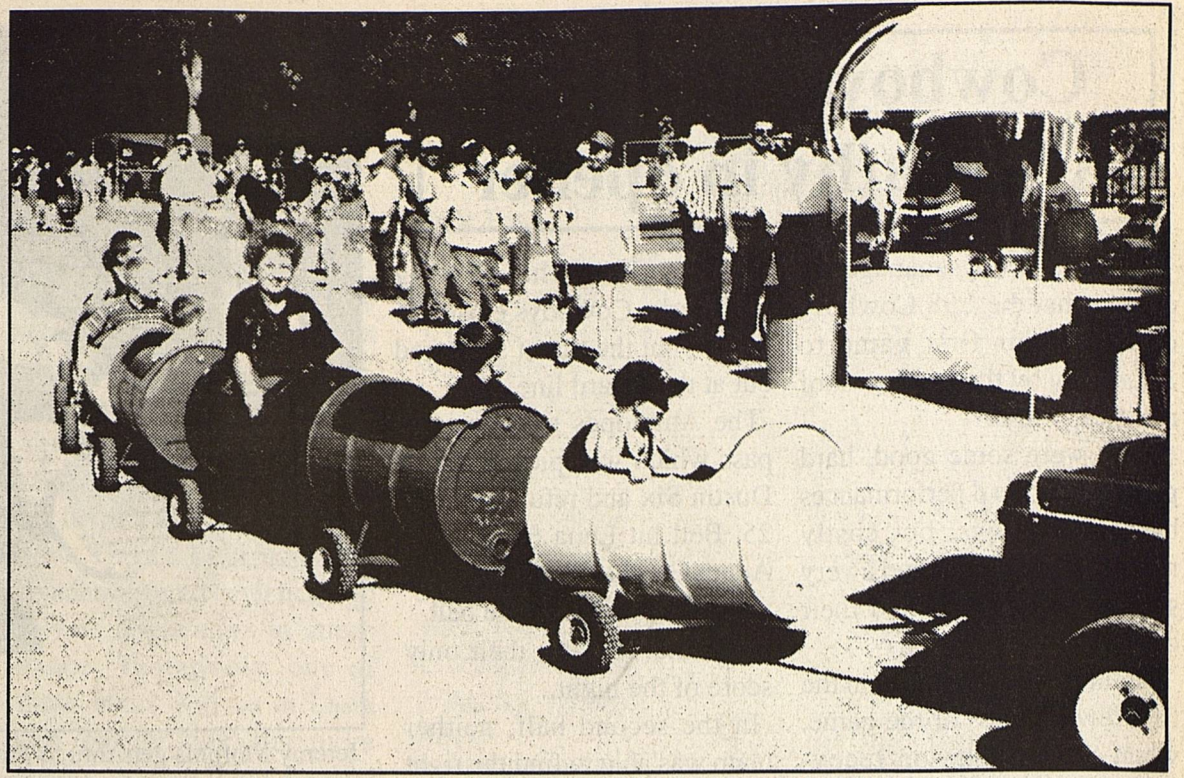
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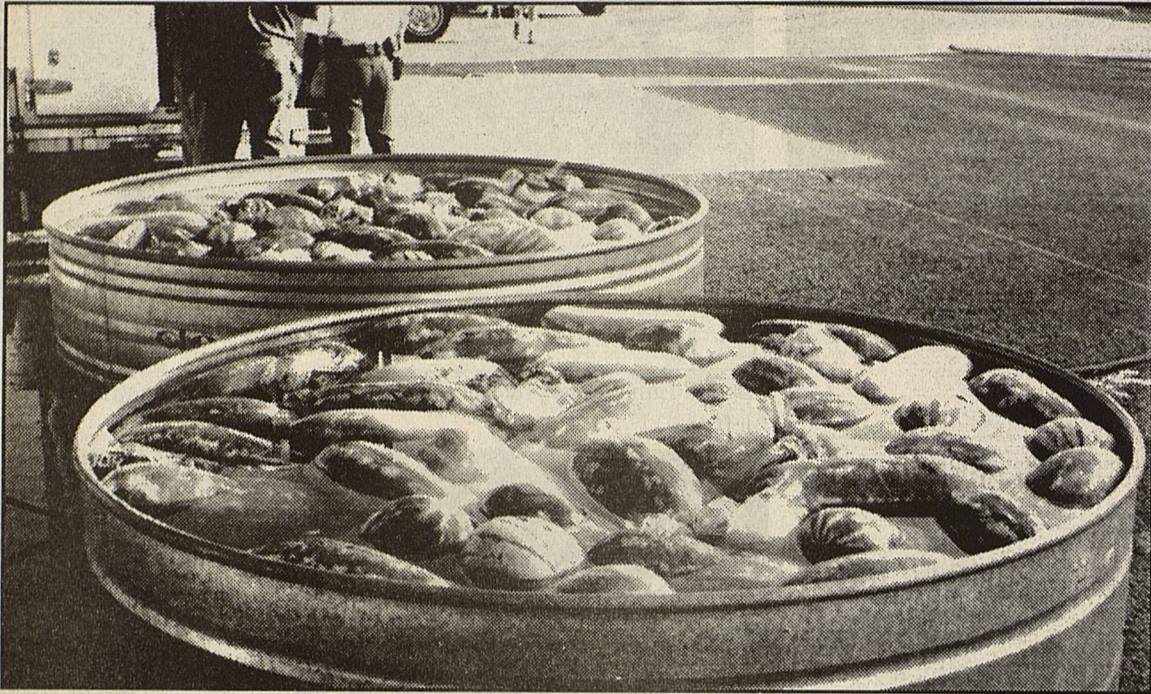
# Watermelon Round Up Mania.....



The annual Fun Run started the big day



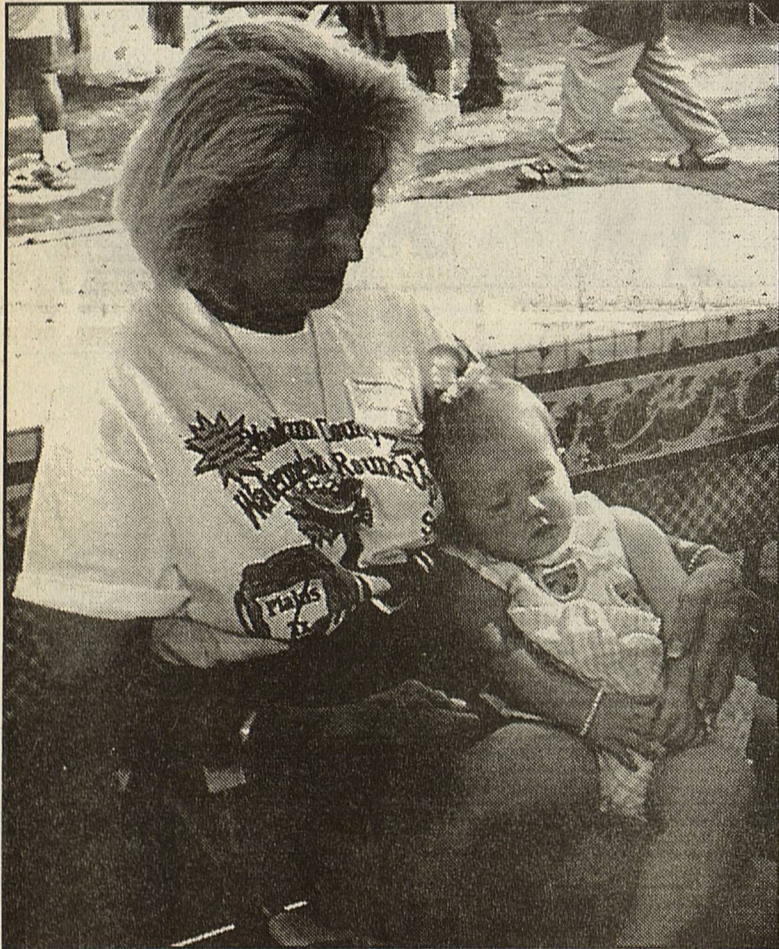
The "Barrel Train" drew young and not so young riders all day



These big tanks were filled with melons and ice from start to finish of the day



Heeler Mike Blount, header Kirk Parrish with good run in the Team Roping



The excitement was just too much for this sweetie. Grandmother was a bit tuckered too



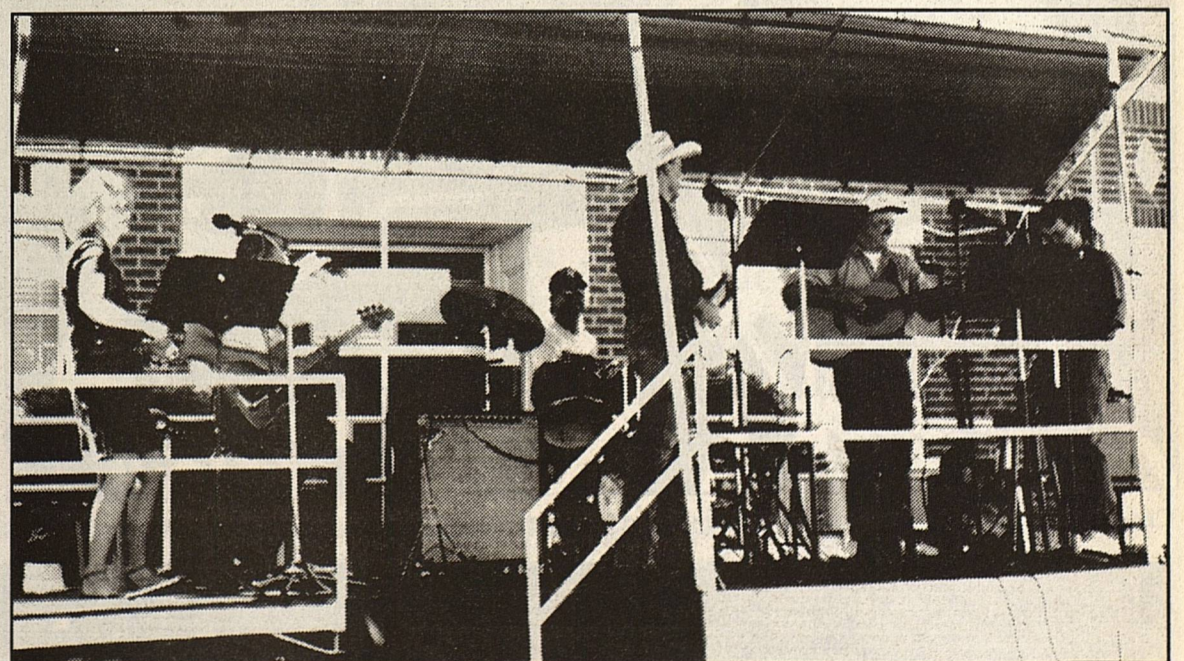
Siblings Brittany and Aaron Mingus were outstanding young fiddlers



This young seed spitter was unaware Toni Jones, behind him, was giving him mental assistance



Mex Tex # 1 won both the brisket and chili cookoff. L-R, Mark Gonzales, Jodie & Irene Alvarado, Lolly and Frank Davila. Back, Sissy and Edward Gonzales



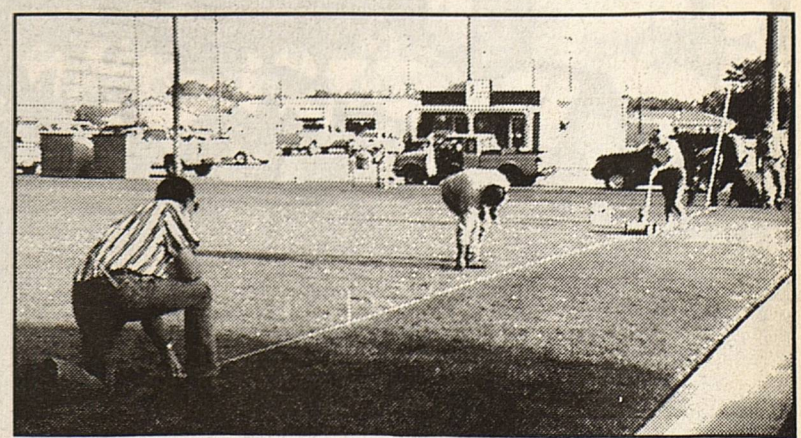
The local 'Zona Rosa Band' did a great job



Cookoff judges had best job, tasting brisket & chili



ALLTEL's crew stayed busy giving goodies & new telephone

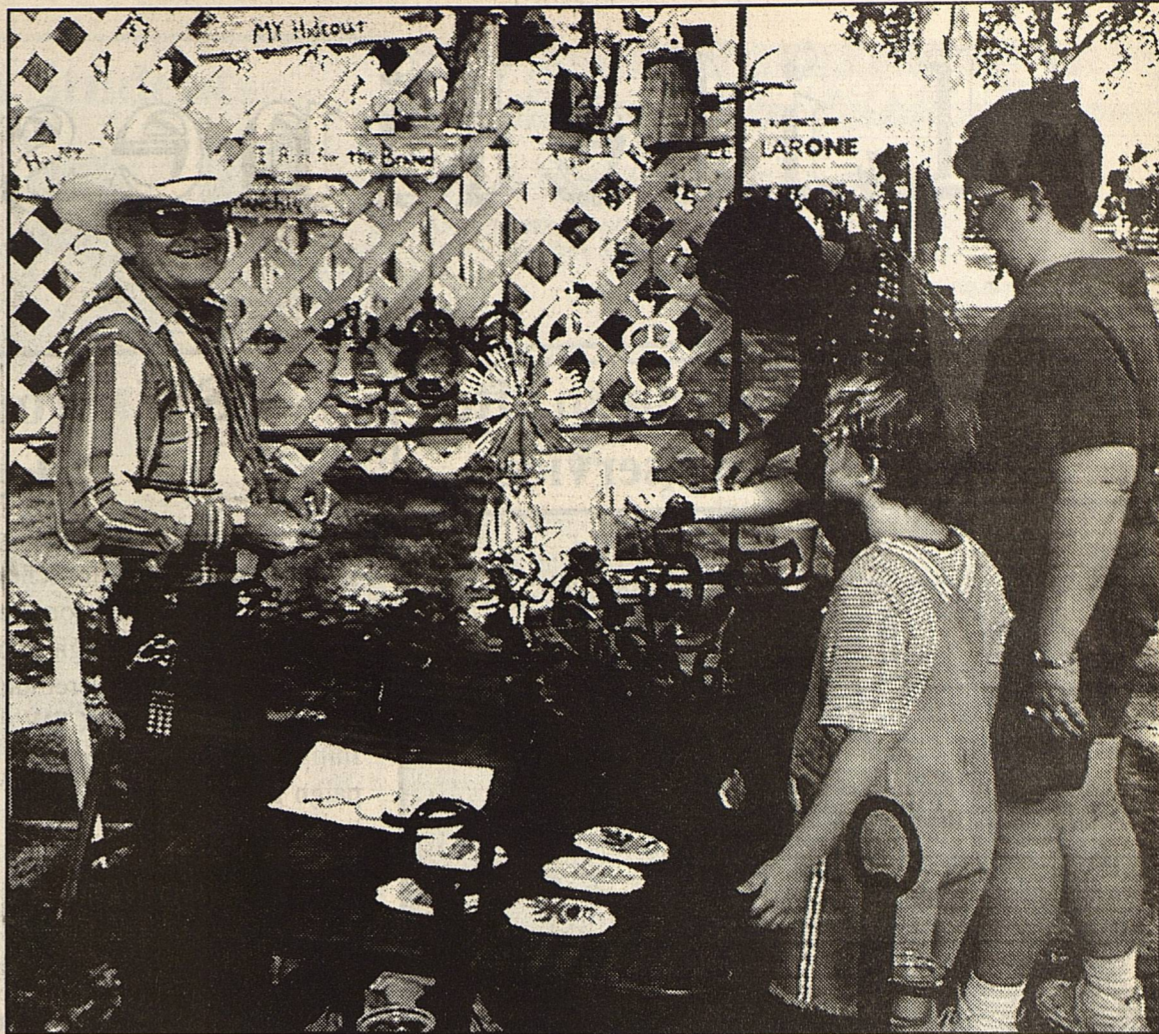


Lots of hardwork took place Friday getting grounds ready

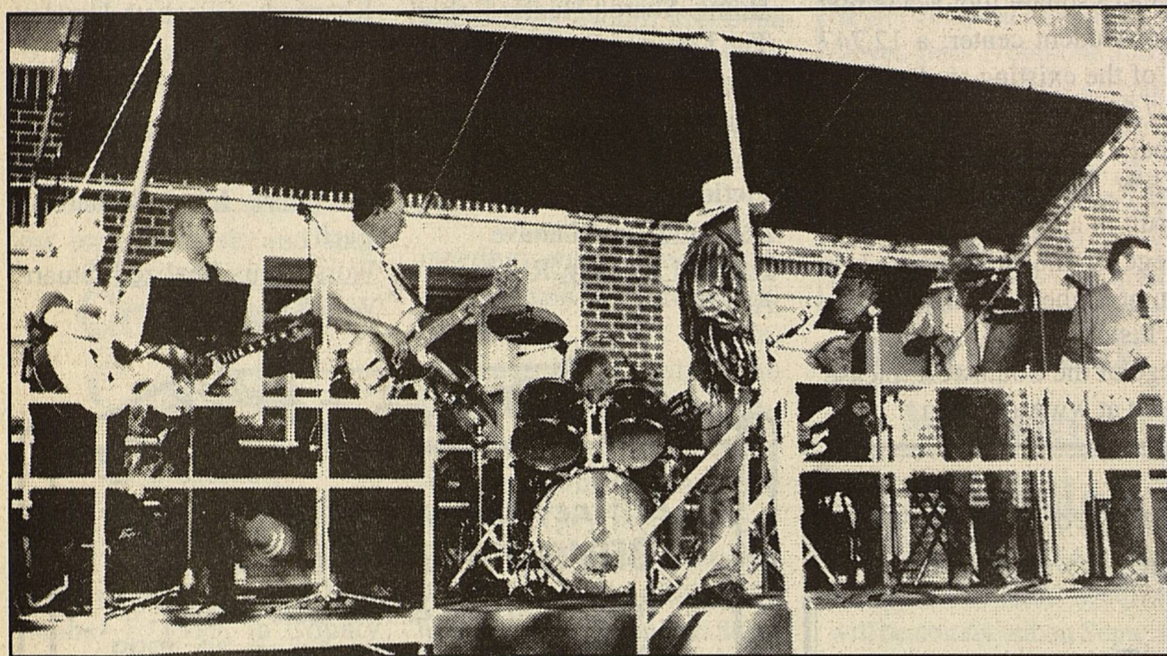




Connie McWhirter, Gerry Anderson and visiting Queens Kristi Alred and Christi Michelle Clark



Every type art & craft work known was on hand



Dan Beck & Sid Pippin's Chaparral Band played lots of C & W



The stage and food area was so crowded it must have violated some type of ordinance.



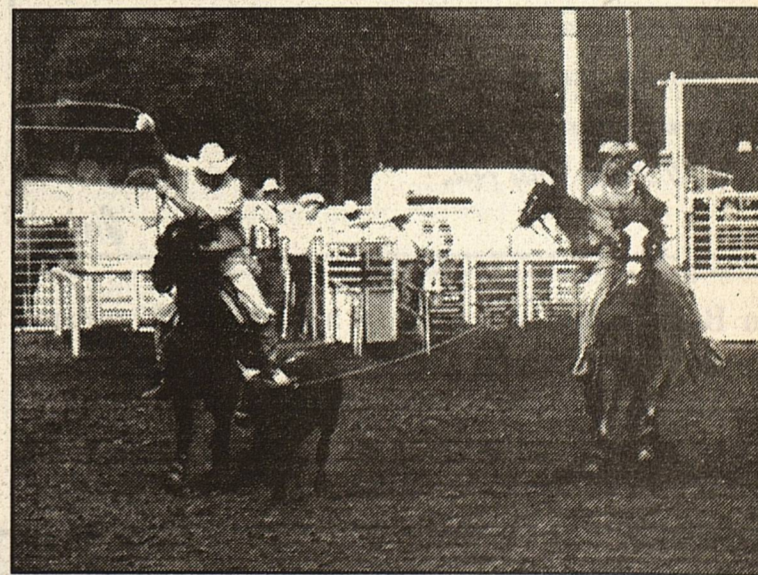
Who's having more fun, Granma or the baby enjoying watermelon



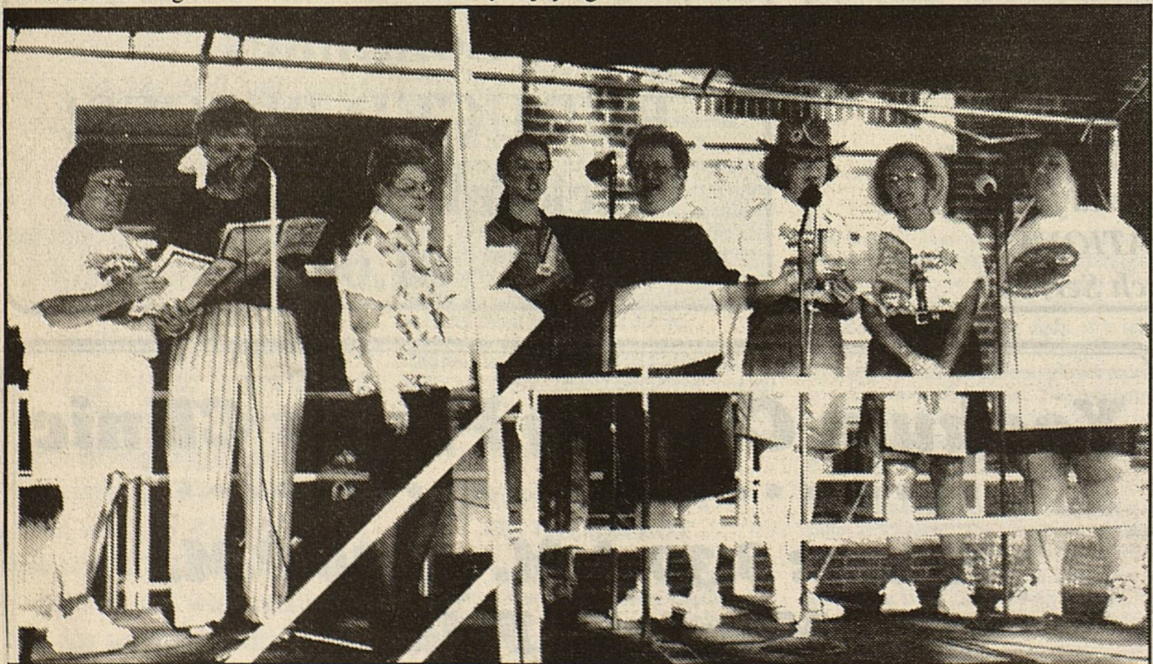
Ashley Vantine performed several solo numbers



This classic car came with a handy little mechanic

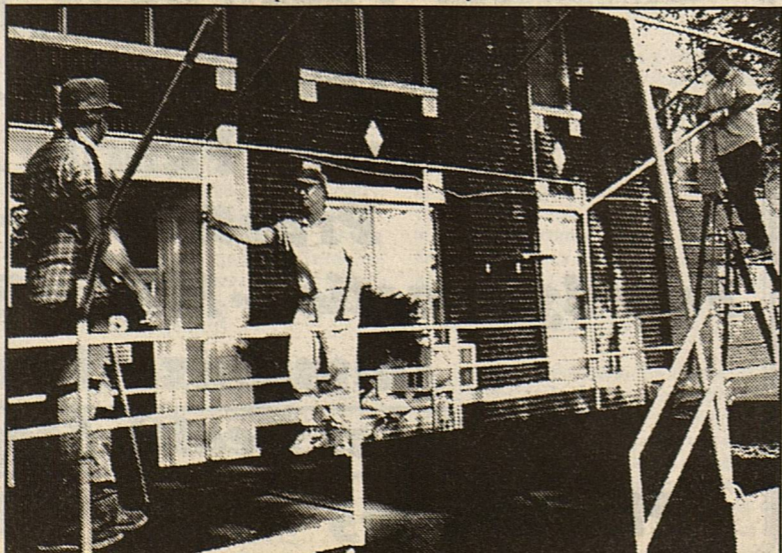


Michael Davis, right, waits for partner to go for heels



First Baptist Church Womens Ensemble performed Saturday A.M.

**CCN salutes each & every one who played a role, large or small, in making the 4th Round Up another huge success. Your almost 12 months work paid off!**



Royce Randall, Dennis Crutcher, James Altman work on stage Friday.

### Team Roping Results

#### #9 Roping - 94 Teams

- 1st-Tom Jones/Richard Williams-\$445.00 Ea.
- 2nd-Clint Cooper/Tanner Blount-\$330.00 Ea.
- 3rd-Micheal Davis/Kenny Lemond-\$225.00 Ea.
- 4th-Micheal Davis/Frank Matthews-\$120.00 Ea.

#### #9 Incentive

- 1st-Chad Wall/Richard Williams-\$180.00 Ea.
- 2nd-Dustin Payton/Keith Price-\$120.00 Ea.

#### #7 Roping-150 Teams

- 1st-Chad Wall/Tanner Blount-\$700.00 Ea.
- 2nd-Troy Howard/Louis Addison-\$525.00 Ea.
- 3rd-Hoot Ellis/Frank Matthews-\$350.00 Ea.
- 4th-Rodney Bryant/Cavin Jacobs-\$300.00 Ea.

#### #7 Incentive

- 1st-Rodney Bryant/Cavin Jacobs-\$300.00 Ea.
- 2nd-Josh Helms/Lonnie Jones-\$200.00 Ea.



Homemade candles looked good enough to eat.

#### #6 Roping-183 Teams

- 1st-Wes Shook/Wayne Davis-\$855.00 Ea.
- 2nd-Dustin Gilliam/Sky Moore-\$640.00 Ea.
- 3rd-Everett Faught/Wayne Mahan-\$430.00 Ea.

#### #6 Incentive

- 4th-Nicki Price/Bobby Duncan-\$220.00 Ea.
- 1st-Rene Quezada/Ronnie Manes-\$360.00 Ea.
- 2nd-Jerred Barron/Dustin Gilliam-\$240.00 Ea.



# Lifelines & Styles

## Julia Lemley steps down after 22 years County service



Julia Lemley, front, with daughter Vicki Blundell, son Lee, and spouse Nelton.

Twenty two years is a considerable length of time to spend in one county office. Julia Lemley started her county career as a clerk under then County Clerk Ruby Heald. She continued her service under Ruby Bruton, and when she retired August 31, she was 1st Deputy Clerk under Debbie Rushing. Julia told CCN, "I think life is going to be a little confusing at first. After starting my day off in the same office for 22 years, I may not know what to do with myself."

## Back-to-School and Your Children's Eyes

One quarter of school aged children have a vision problem. Of children ages 3-5, nearly one in 20 has a vision problem that could result in permanent vision loss if left untreated. For children of all ages, back-to-school physicals often fail to include adequate tests to detect vision problems. As if the risk of permanent vision loss wasn't enough, the link between learning and eyesight is compelling.

A professional examination for every child, including those who do not display any signs of eye trouble, is recommended shortly after birth, at 6 months of age, before entering school (age 4 or 5) and periodically throughout the school years. For more information on your child's eyesight, please call the Panhandle/South Plains Branch of Prevent Blindness Texas at 806-797-6701.

## A Special Thanks

*To my gang at the clerks office, courthouse crew, my family, friends, and CCN for the money, gifts, love and support for my retirement. May "GOD" bless. I Love You All.*

Julia

Jo Beth Cromer, recently appointed Yoakum County Extension Agent-FCS-last week assumed her new duties here. Watch future issues of CCN for her weekly column!

## CSW Groundbreaking Scheduled

Officials at College of the Southwest recently announced that groundbreaking for the school's long anticipated campus expansion is scheduled for Wednesday, September 8, at 10:30 a.m. east of Scarborough Memorial Library.

The groundbreaking ceremonies officially begin the implementation of Phase One of CSW's 'Faith in 2000' capital campaign. Initially launched in January 1997, the \$6.2 million capital campaign goal, the largest in the school's history, was completed by spring 1998.

Upon completion of the first of its three phase campus master plan, CSW students and residents will enjoy a number of new or expanded buildings. Phase One planning anticipates a 3,580 square foot library expansion; an 8,873 square foot academic/lab building; a 12,822 square foot student center; a 12,747 square foot expansion/conversion of the existing student center into a classroom building; two 7,000 square foot residence halls; and a 3,955 square foot chapel.

According to officials at CSW, the September 8th groundbreaking will ultimately result in a 68% increase in total campus square footage. College of the Southwest, Lea County's only four year institution of higher learning, invites area residents to join them for this historic event.

For more information about College of the Southwest, please call 505-392-6561 or see our website at [www.csw.edu](http://www.csw.edu).

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## Adisyn Dove

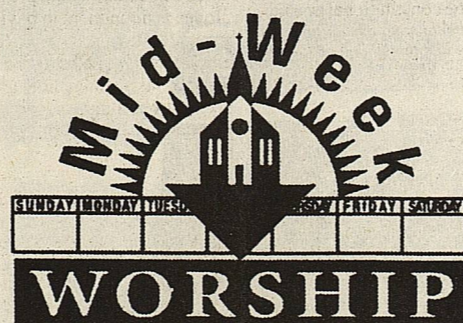
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Chad, Buffie and Connor Guetersloh



## Senior Adult Service

Wednesday, September 8th

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Saturday September 11th, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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## New Books at the Library

### Non-Fiction

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Books

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When Christ Comes..Max

Lucado

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Can Renovate My

Home..Sharon Hanby-Robie

The Low-Fat Way To

Cook..Today's Gourmet

Children Are From

Heaven..John Gray

### Fiction

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Edge Of Eternity..Randy

Alcorn

Jupiter's Bones..Faye Kellerman

Carnal Innocence..Nora

Roberts

A Quiet Strength..Janette

Oke

Double Reverse..Tim Green

Between Husbands and

Friends..Nancy Thayer

Ender's Shadow..Orson Card

All The Queen's Men..Linda

Howard

Heartwood..James Burke

All The Way Home..Wendy

Staub

Rhapsody..Elizabeth Haydon

Younger Than

Springtime..Andrew Greeley

Every Little Thing About

You..Lori Wick

Out Of My Mind..Richard

Bach

Worst Fears Realized..Stuart

Woods

Brittney has a new little brother...

## BRYSON LANCE ROPER

son of Jeff & Melissa Roper.

Bryson was born Friday, August 20, 1999 at 1:45 p.m. at Covenant Lakeside Hospital, Lubbock, Texas. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 oz and was 20 1/2" in length.

Grandparents: Kent & Peggy Welch, Plains  
Joe Roper, Seminole

Great Grandparents: Margaret Hartman,  
Brownfield  
Irma Welch, Lubbock  
Melba Roper, New Home  
Helen Bramlett, Brownfield



## Library Filmtime Starts

Filmtime at the Yoakum County Library in Plains will begin another fun season of movies, stories and games on Wednesday, September 8th from 10:00 am. until 11:00 am. in the Heritage Room of the library. All pre-school age children are welcome to join us for a fun learning experience!

## Library Book Sale Continues REDUCED PRICES!

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## Texas Lions Camp continues to expand and serve youth

Plains Lions Club members heard a program last Thursday outlining the history and accomplishment of the youth camp at Kerrville built and operated by Texas Lions Clubs and other donors.

Founded in 1949, the camp, which sees expansion and improvement of its facilities on its 504 acres of scenic Hill Country land, hosts well over 1,000 physically disadvantaged youngsters in a six week period each summer.

Billy Goodman, a Life Member of the Lubbock Industrial Lions Club, showed a color video of the youth camp. He said kids with physical disabilities between the ages of 7 and 16, and diabetic youngsters between 9 and 15 years are sponsored by state Lions Clubs for the week of camp activities.

Activities for the young visitors include music and stage

events, a barnyard feeding and petting zoo, canoeing, swimming, gardening, nature studies, arts and crafts, shooting sports, overnight campouts, and many athletic events.

Goodman explained kids attend the camp at no expense to their families. A Lions Club usually selects a child to sponsor, pays for the week and transportation. The average cost for a week at the camp is about \$1100.

New construction and improvements at the camp this year amounted to \$2.3 million. The camp is financed not only by a portion of each Lions Club members dues, but from special fund raising events, and donations from public memorials, and trust funds. The public is always welcome to make contributions to the worthy program.

meetings weekly and install and maintain an ignition interlock device on his vehicle, successfully complete the DWI repeat offender's program, and undergo counseling for alcohol/drug abuse. He must also pay restitution of \$160.03 to Texas Department of Public Safety and \$2,884.39 to Allsup's Convenient Store # 119.

## Criminal Cases in County Court

Four cases were heard September 1, 1999, in County Court with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Jason Wayne Allen pled guilty in a plea bargain to a charge of duty on striking fixture or highway landscaping. His 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months; serve 72 hours in county jail with 13 hours credit for time served. He must pay court cost of \$229.25 and pay restitution of \$520.00 to E.W. Sellers, Jr. He must also attend weekly AA meetings.

In another plea bargain guilty plea, Victor Solis Castruita was fined \$250.00 and assessed \$199.25 court costs in a no liability insurance cause.

Fortino Yanez pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury and was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail which was suspended and probated 12 months. He will pay court costs of \$184.25 and a fine of \$150.00 in \$25.00 a month installments. He must attend weekly AA meetings and successfully complete a batterer's treatment program.

Carlos Torres pled guilty to a driving while intoxicated cause. He was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail suspended and probated 24 months; pay court costs of \$227.00 and a fine of \$750.00. He must serve 5 days in jail with credit for one day served. His driver's license was suspended for 90 days. He must attend AA

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## Busy Band Students



This past summer members of the Plains Cowboy Band stayed active by participating at different camps, bands, and touring groups. Drum Majors Angie Longoria and Ashley Gonzalez attended conducting camp in Denton where they won numerous awards and brought home an "Excellent" division trophy. Skyler Johnson attended a touring group in Europe where he played Bass Trombone and performed daily concerts for many groups. Chris McGinty traveled across the U.S. and Southern Canada with the Legend of Texas Drum and Bugle Corp. His group placed 16th out of 30 plus corps. Not too bad for a group making its debut appearance at the World Championship Contest. Numerous other Plains students also attended band camps across the state.

## Hot Check Meeting Scheduled

A Criminal District Attorney/Merchant/Banker Meeting will be conducted on September 9, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. in

the conference room of the Civic Center (old Elementary School) located at 412 W. 5th Street in Denver city, Texas.

The Plains meeting will be conducted in Plains, Texas, on September 9, 1999, at 1:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse.

## PUBLIC NOTICE BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS Special Election NOVEMBER 2, 1999

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 44 - HJR 44 proposes a constitutional amendment that would ensure a clear succession in event of vacancies in the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Specifically, the amendment would provide that if after qualifying for the office, the Governor is temporarily unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor until the Governor is able to serve; but if the Governor is permanently unable to serve, the Lieutenant Governor shall become the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term. The amendment would require a Lieutenant Governor who becomes Governor to forfeit the office of Lieutenant Governor. The amendment would also provide similar succession procedures when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor before the newly elected Governor qualifies for office, and when the newly elected Governor is temporarily unable to take office. The amendment also would provide that if there is a temporary vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate will fill the position; but if there is a permanent vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the President pro tempore of the Senate shall serve as Lieutenant Governor only until such time as the whole senate can convene to elect one of its members to perform the duties of Lieutenant Governor. Finally, the amendment would provide that if the Lieutenant Governor, while temporarily exercising the powers of the Governor, becomes temporarily disabled or unable to serve, the President pro tempore of the senate shall exercise the powers and authority of the office of the Governor until such time as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor resumes those powers and duties.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to revise the provisions for the filling of a vacancy in the office of governor or lieutenant governor."

### PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 12 - SJR 12 proposes a constitutional amendment that would resolve conflicts between the Texas Constitution and federal law relating to the definition, rules, and procedures of reverse mortgages. The amendment would define "reverse mortgage" in part as an extension of credit made against the homestead of a person who is 62 years or older, or whose spouse is 62 years or older. It would expand the list of circumstances under which payment of principal and interest become due and the procedures involved in foreclosure, and would require certain advances to be made according to specific terms in loan documents, including advances by the lender, on behalf of the borrower for payments necessary to protect the lender's interest. Finally, the amendment would require the Texas Supreme Court to promulgate rules of civil procedure expediting court-ordered foreclosures of reverse mortgage liens.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the making of advances under a reverse mortgage and payment of a reverse mortgage."

### PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 62 - HJR 62 proposes a constitutional

amendment that would simplify and clarify the language of the Texas Constitution. The amendment would make no substantive changes, but would eliminate duplicative, expired, out-of-date, and ineffective terms.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to eliminate duplicative, executed, obsolete, archaic, and ineffective provisions of the Texas Constitution."

### PROPOSITION NO. 4 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 4 - HJR 4 proposes a constitutional amendment that would broaden the definition of charitable organizations. The amendment would exempt from ad valorem taxation the property of any organization engaged primarily in public charitable functions, and it would allow such an organization to conduct additional activities to support its charitable functions.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt property owned by institutions engaged primarily in public charitable functions from ad valorem taxation."

### PROPOSITION NO. 5 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 26 - SJR 26 proposes an amendment that would remove the restriction prohibiting state employees who receive all or part of their compensation from the state from serving as members of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district unless the state employee receives no salary for such service. The amendment would allow state employees to receive compensation from the governing bodies of which they are members.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment allowing state employees to receive compensation for serving as a member of a governing body of a school district, city, town, or other local governmental district."

### PROPOSITION NO. 6 ON THE BALLOT

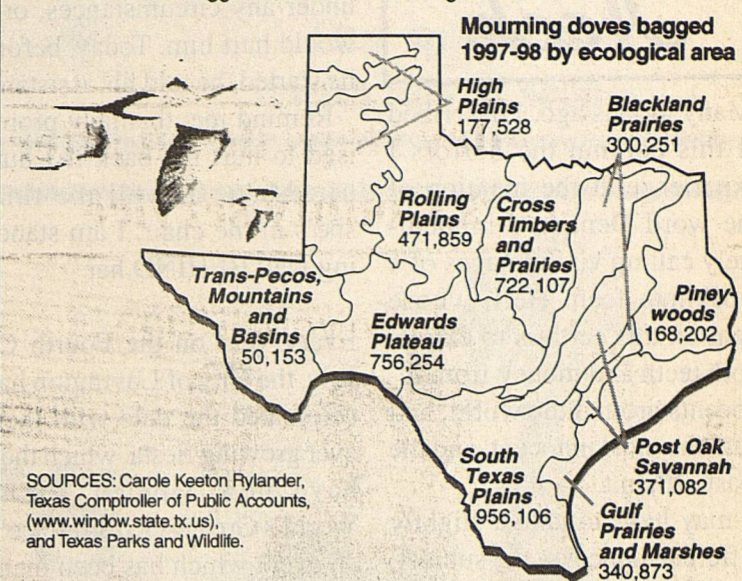
SJR 22 - SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would increase the maximum size of an urban homestead, which is a homestead in a city, town, or village, from one acre to ten acres and require the urban homestead to be composed of either a single lot or several lots that are adjacent to one another. The amendment also would provide that the urban homestead must be used as a home or as both a home and place of business, whereas current law does not require that an urban homestead that is used as a place of business be used also as a home.

Current law further allows a person to secure a home equity loan on their homestead, provided that the loan does not overburden the homestead. That is, the principal amount of the home equity loan, when added to the total of the outstanding principal balances of all other indebtedness secured against the homestead, does not exceed 80 percent of the fair market value of the homestead on the date the extension of credit is made. The

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### Dove hunting season opens

Dove season opens in September. During the 1997-98 season, 359,103 hunters bagged 4,314,415 mourning doves.



Visitors chose from a big variety, and ate all day.

proposed amendment would clarify current law by specifically allowing home equity loans on all or part of urban homesteads of up to ten acres and subject such loans to the same requirement that the refinanced or new loan not overburden the homestead.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment increasing the maximum size of an urban homestead to 10 acres, prescribing permissible uses of urban homesteads, and preventing the overburdening of a homestead."

### PROPOSITION NO. 7 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 16 - HJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that if an employee is delinquent in paying court-ordered spousal maintenance, a portion of that employee's wages may be withheld to pay the spousal maintenance. Current law allows such withholding, or garnishment, only for payment of delinquent court-ordered child support.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing garnishment of wages for the enforcement of court-ordered spousal maintenance."

### PROPOSITION NO. 8 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 95 - HJR 95 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the adjutant general, who is appointed by the Governor and who serves as the governing officer of the state military forces, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the adjutant general serves at the pleasure of the governor."

### PROPOSITION NO. 9 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 10 - SJR 10 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to create a judicial compensation committee to make recommendations for salaries for the justices and judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Courts of Appeals, and the District Courts. The amendment would mandate that the recommendations become law if neither the Senate nor the House of Representatives rejects them by majority vote.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to create a judicial compensation commission."

### PROPOSITION NO. 10 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 74 - HJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that the commissioner of health and human services, who is appointed by the Governor, serves as long as the Governor wishes the appointed person to serve in that capacity rather than serving a specific two-year term set by the legislature.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that the commissioner of health and human services serves at the pleasure of the governor."

### PROPOSITION NO. 11 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 69 - HJR 69 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize a county, city, town, or other political subdivision to

spend public funds or extend credit to purchase nonassessable property or casualty insurance from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. Under current law, a political subdivision is generally prohibited from spending public funds or extending credit to become a stockholder in a corporation but is permitted to purchase nonassessable life, health or accident insurance policies from a mutual insurance company authorized to do business in Texas. This amendment would authorize a political subdivision to also obtain non-assessable property and casualty insurance from such a company.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a political subdivision to purchase nonassessable property and casualty insurance from an authorized mutual insurance company in the same manner that the political subdivision purchases life, health, and accident insurance."

### PROPOSITION NO. 12 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 21 - SJR 21 proposes a constitutional amendment that would exempt from ad valorem taxation a leased motor vehicle that is not used by the lessee primarily to produce income. The amendment would provide that the legislature also may limit the ability of a political subdivision to subject such a vehicle to taxation.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation leased motor vehicles not held by the lessee primarily to produce income."

### PROPOSITION NO. 13 ON THE BALLOT

SJR 16 - SJR 16 proposes a constitutional amendment that would authorize the legislature to allow the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue and sell general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$400 million in order to finance educational loans to students. The amendment also would authorize the Legislature to limit the amount of interest the bonds can bear and establish procedures for the investment of the bond proceeds. The proposed amendment would specify the method of repaying the bonds.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$400 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students."

### PROPOSITION NO. 14 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 29 - HJR 29 proposes a constitutional amendment which would authorize the Legislature to require the board of regents of the state university and boards of trustees or managers of the educational, charitable, and penal institutions of the state, whose members serve six year terms, to be composed of an odd number of three or more board members (for example, 5, 7, or 9 members). The proposed amendment would allow approximately one-third of members of boards whose membership is not evenly divisible by three to be elected or appointed every two years. The amendment also would allow the Legislature to set the composition of constitutionally required boards, whose members serve for a term of six years, to a number divisible by three so that exactly one-third of the board members may be elected or appointed every two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that a state board, commission, or other agency shall be governed by a board composed of an odd number of three or more

members."

### PROPOSITION NO. 15 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 36 - HJR 36 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow spouses, by an agreement in writing, to convert all or part of their separate property into community property. Separate property is primarily the property owned or claimed by the spouse before marriage and the property acquired by the spouse during the marriage by gift or inheritance. Community property consists of the property, other than separate property, acquired by either spouse during marriage.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting spouses to agree to convert separate property to community property."

### PROPOSITION NO. 16 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 71 - HJR 71 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow a county with a population of 50,000 or more, rather than 30,000 or more, to be divided into four to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts. The amendment also would allow a county with a population between 18,000 and 50,000 to have two to eight justice of the peace and constable precincts, rather than the current maximum of five precincts. Furthermore, the amendment would limit Randall County to not less than two and not more than six precincts. Finally, the amendment would set a minimum of four precincts for any county that as of November 2, 1999, is divided into four or more precincts.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to provide that certain counties shall be divided into a specific number of precincts."

### PROPOSITION NO. 17 ON THE BALLOT

HJR 58 - HJR 58 proposes a constitutional amendment which would require the board of regents of the University of Texas System to manage investments of the permanent university fund (PUF) according to the standards of a prudent investor. Generally, earnings from the PUF are distributed to the available university fund (AUF) and then ultimately distributed to the public university systems of Texas. Under the amendment, the amount distributed to the AUF would consist of distributions, as determined by the University of Texas System board of regents, from the total return on all investment assets of the PUF, instead of consisting only of the dividends, interest, and other income of the PUF minus administrative expenses. The amendment also would provide guidelines for minimum and maximum amounts to be distributed to the AUF, and require that the board of regents manage distributions to the AUF in a manner that will provide the AUF with a stable and predictable stream of annual distributions and maintain the purchasing power of the PUF investments and annual distributions to the AUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the investment of the permanent university fund and the distribution from the permanent university fund to the available university fund."

Estos son los informes explicatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitucion que apareceran en la boleta el 2 de noviembre de 1999. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llama al 1/800/252/8683 or por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Tx 78711.

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# From The Hack

Many moons ago, I described in this column the horrors I experience at the mention of the word Dentist. I immediately call up vivid images of a workman from Hell, whose goal on this earth is to extract both teeth and money from innocents around the world, and I am the most innocent, and the least affluent.

I may have to take a slightly different stance on the subject. The Bride, years back, let one of those Dentist's persuade her she desperately needed a root canal. The very word is obscene to me, and I've never been too zealous about obscenity, especially after I started drawing social security. Anyway, the Dentist told Bride the Rotor Rooter job didn't last, and a wisdom tooth had to come out.

Informed of this decision, I dramatically said, "HA! I told you it was a waste of who knows how many dollars, since you'd never tell me how many!" She prevailed, naturally, and told me I would have to drive her to the dental office "Just in case the stuff they give me makes me a bit woozy." I can assure you, when I'm scheduled for just a cursory first examination of my mouth, I want something to make me woozy, preferably in the form of 90 proof stuff.

Bride came into the waiting room grinning, no, beaming. My first thought was, he DID give her some 90 proof stuff, but she said no, it just didn't hurt her to have a tooth extracted, which probably had roots longer than the Book of Genesis. A born skeptic, I told

her emphatically I didn't believe such nonsense.

She then told me, "You don't understand. The Dentist and I have an understanding. The very first time I saw him, I told him I did NOT expect to be hurt under any circumstances, or I would hurt him. Today, before he started, he told his assistant, "Remind me, this lady promised to hurt me back if I hurt her. Make sure all the time she's in the chair, I am standing well BEHIND her."

Every year on the Fourth Of July, the City of Lovington has celebrated the date with their ever growing fiesta, which they have now labeled "The World's Greatest Lizard Race", an event which has been mentioned several times in this column. Last Fourth they had a new event called the "Out-house Race", also reported here.

I am sorry to report to our buddies in Lovington, they are not the sole celebrants now racing outdoor potties. While waiting in the dentist office, I happened across a national monthly describing a similar race in Dawson City of the Yukon Territory in Canada. Their extravaganza has been going on 22 years, and is called "The Great Klondike International Outhouse Race and Bathroom Limerick Contest."

This spectacular 'sporting event' is limited to five girl teams, who lustily push and pedal the appropriately decorated toilets over a two mile course. What was hilarious were the names for the speeding potties; Elton John; The Whizzer of Oz; The Mad Krapper of Rat River.

Apparently the Limerick Contest is held in a favored pub of the northern city, subtly named Diamond Tooth Gertie's. Last year's winning limerick, courtesy of Gertie's

Girls, went something like this:

'Five little girls from Gertie's, the doctor declared us all flirties, so with out-house and bib, we ran from our crib, and filled up our diapers with \*urdies'

Hey, I'm sorry, already, I didn't write it, but I will give you the name of the magazine if you want to sue.

Here's an idea for all elected officials; A twelve year old from Alabama was selected to serve as a Page in the State's House of Representatives. He described his first day in that job; "I heard one man asking another how to vote, and I saw people pushing each others' voting buttons. Everybody screamed. Nobody listened. If they went to my school, the teacher would tell them to sit down and shut up."

I came awfully close to a bad mistake in this issue. Yes, I know, it would not have been the first. I was writing and placing captions under the many photos, and came to one of some local ladies I thought were selling jellies and jams.

I wrote, "These ladies had some good looking stuff for sale". It just didn't look quite right. I told the bride to take a look. She shrieked, "You dolt,

you're about to get slapped silly and sued. Besides, what they're selling was candles!" Reminded me of headlines on the 'net.. "Iraqi head seeks arms.....Lawmen from

Mexico barbecue guests... war dims hope for peace.... Cold wave linked to temperatures... Something went wrong in jet crash, experts say....William Kelly was fed secretary.....

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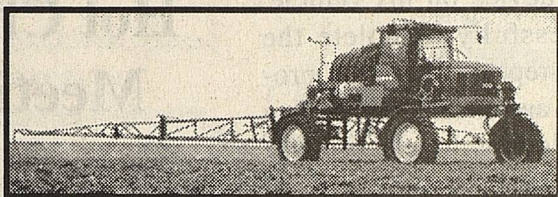
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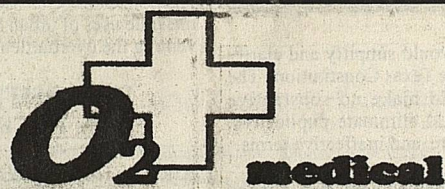
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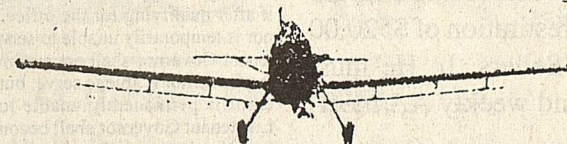
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