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TEXAS HOSPITALS FACE \$4 BILLION MEDICAID LOSS

AUSTIN: State Comptroller John Sharp, a longtime advocate of block grants, said that proposed funding formulas now before Congress could cost Texas public hospitals up to \$4 billion and shift the fiscal burden to local taxpayers.

"Local property taxes help fund Texas' major public hospitals," Sharp said. "For them, the choice will be to raise those taxes or close their doors forever.

"Our analysis shows that by the year 2002, some public hospitals would have to hike local tax rates by as much as 50 percent to cover the shortfall caused by inequities in the proposed Congressional plan."

The Comptroller's analysis details current Medicaid payments to all Texas hospitals, the amount each hospital would lose under current Congressional proposals and the tax increase that would be necessary to cover those losses. The analysis concludes that Texas hospitals could lose up to \$4 billion over the next seven years, depending on the growth of Medicaid patients during that period.

"I'm committed to block grants to help balance the federal budget and give Texas communities the flexibility to meet their needs," Sharp said. "But current proposals would force Texas taxpayers to subsidize health care for folks in a handful of powerful Northeastern states. Texans deserve better than an unfair system that treats a sick child here as if he or she were worth half a sick child in New York.

"Washington should abandon these failed formulas of the past and turn to a simple solution instead--send the money where the people are."

According to Sharp's analysis, Houston will be the hardest hit region of the state. Ben Taub and the other three hospitals in the Harris County Hospital District could lose nearly \$200 million over the next seven years. Two hospitals without tax bases, Texas Children's and Hermann, could lose \$163 million and \$142 million respectively. Altogether, Houston-area hospitals could lose \$1.2 billion.

Other big losers include Parkland Hospital in Dallas, with \$140 million in potential losses, totaling more than \$500 million in losses throughout the Metroplex.

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston faces \$130 million in potential losses.

Sharp said that Texas hospitals could weather the transition to Medicaid block grants if Congress were to adopt a funding formula that treats all states fairly. His *National Fair Share Block Grant Plan* would distribute Medicaid funds according to each state's percentage of the U.S. population and its poverty rate.

"Since early this year, I've been working to build a consensus among the two-thirds of all states that stand to lose under current proposals," Sharp said. "We've worked with the Sunbelt Coalition, Gov. Lawton Chiles of Florida, Controller Kathleen Connell of California and anyone in Washington who will listen.

"We have an historic opportunity to shape the distribution of Medicaid dollars into the next century. Not only can we help Congress balance the federal budget, but we can see to it that growing states like ours get their fair share."

Sharp praised Texas Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison for taking the lead in the Senate for equitable public assistance block grants. He also applauded Texas Congressmen Joe Barton, John Bryant and Ralph Hall, all of whom serve on the U.S. House subcommittee on Medicaid, and Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Mike McKinney for their combined efforts on behalf of fair funding formulas.

Medicaid was created in 1965 to ensure access to health care for low and middle-income families, as well as long-term care for the elderly. Today, Medicaid serves as the basic health insurance for more than two million Texans. Twenty-six percent of Texas children and 14 percent of elderly Texans, three-quarters of them women, depend on Medicaid for basic, primary health care. The program also pays for 40 percent of all Texas births.

"Texas has one of the nation's largest populations of both young people and elderly," Sharp said. "Obviously, demands on local hospitals in the coming years will grow, not shrink.

"Middle-class Texas taxpayers might well ask: 'Why should we subsidize

the health care of people in other states when we don't even have adequate funding for our own folks now?'"

"Local taxpayers will be in critical condition if fairness and common sense don't become part of the debate in Washington," Sharp said. "Either they will be forced to dig deeper into their pockets or stand by helplessly as, one by one, their public hospitals are shuttered and closed."

Sharp's analysis shows that hospitals in other regions of the state stand to lose significant amounts of Medicaid funding. In South Texas, \$1 billion; Central Texas, \$227 million; High Plains, \$206 million; El Paso-area, \$181 million; Upper East Texas, \$155 million; West Texas, \$119 million; Southeast Texas, \$108 million; and Northwest, \$80 million.

NEW LIONS NOW IN OFFICE

The Plains Lions Club met Thursday, July 6, with 14 members present and five special guests.

Outgoing President David Brunson gave a brief review of various club activities during the past year, including sponsoring the concession stand at the annual rodeo, which he described as one of the most successful fund raising events in several years, and cited Lion Larry Mason for his work in that project. He said well over two dozen youngsters have benefited from the clubs role in helping with glasses and eye care. He said the recently erected 'Welcome To Plains' signs east and west of town are examples of the clubs role, along with the Chamber of Commerce, in boosting the city.

Wayne Ward, Lions District Governor from Levelland, was guest speaker, and also introduced the club directors and new officers, then swore them into office. New President is Rick Doyle, L.J. Sanders, 1st Vice President, Jerry Morphis, 2nd Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer Harry Richardson, Lion Tamer Pierre St. Romain, and Gary Walker is Lion Tail Twister. In describing the role of the tail twister, Ward said the role normally goes to the most obnoxious Lion member, and the audience quickly agreed with that assessment.

Dale Albright, another Levelland Lion, attended the meeting, along with guests Everett Harrel, Dare Walker, and Jodie Pate of Denver City.

CHAMBER MEETING NOTES

The Plains Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting was held Thursday morning in Johnnie's Restaurant.

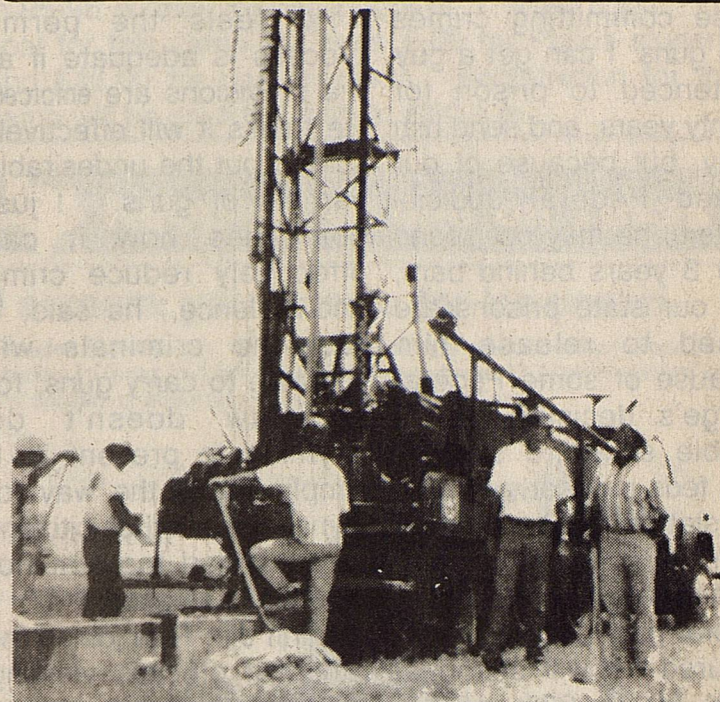
The main topic of discussion was the Chamber's role in the rapidly approaching Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion August 3, 4 and 5.

The Chamber members will again assist in organizing the annual parade Saturday, August 5 prior to the big barbecue meal at noon in Stanford Park. They will help with the cooking for the big feed, and will also sell tickets at the entrance to the rodeo grounds each evening.

A new feature for the Saturday get together will be a special marked off reserved area at the Park Saturday, for arts and crafts enthusiasts to display and sell their wares. If you wish to set-up a booth for the event, contact either

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PATIENCE, FOLKS City Should Have More Water Before Long.



This drilling rig was in the hole making hole Monday, July 10, drilling the test hole for the new water well, long on the City's agenda, and long delayed by the initial dry hole, and bureaucratic and environmental red tape.

Samples of the geologic formation will be taken from the test hole, and the proper screens to be used

A drilling plan will be formulated, and the plan will be submitted to Austin. When approved, the City will accept bids for the drilling of the actual well. David Brunson, City Administrator, thinks the long waited project should be completed in about six weeks.

CONCEALED HANDGUN LAWS STRINGENT Still Controversial To Many

One of the more controversial bills introduced in the recent 74th Legislative Session concerned citizens rights to carry concealed handguns in the State. Introduced in the House, the bill eventually cleared both Chambers and was signed into law by Governor George Bush.

Some of the major provisions of new law are summarized here; Applications for a carrying permit can be filed September 1. An approved 10-15 hour training program thru the auspices of the Department of Public Safety must be completed by all applicants. A license and application fee of \$140 for four years is required, reduced to \$70 for seniors over 65.

Eligibility requirements include a minimum age of 21, resident of Texas at least six months, no felony convictions, no felony or Class A or B misdemeanor in past five years: No chemical dependency, must be of sound mind, not subject to Court restraining or protective custody order.

Continuing education courses are required for license renewal. Licensed concealed handguns are not allowed in many places, including polling

places, court offices, secured airport areas, schools and school buses, sporting events, bar areas of restaurants and alcoholic beverage sales places.

Some of the other provisions in the bill include stiff penalties for carrying handguns within 300 feet of a school or athletic event, negligently allowing children access to a loaded weapon without adult supervision.

It appears obtaining a concealed handgun will not be an easy or quick process. Nevertheless, a number of citizens and law enforcement officials have expressed their private concerns about the law.

We discussed the issue with a number of citizens and officials. Judge Melba Crutcher, Justice of Peace Court Precinct One, said she had mixed emotions about the right to carry law.

Asked whether she thought the bill a good or poor piece of legislation, she said, "As Justice of the piece, I can see both good and possibly bad in it. I think it will make the permitted handgun carriers feel, and possibly be safer, particularly when traveling. On the other hand, I'm afraid it will make things tougher on our law enforcement people. An

officer making a routine traffic stop will have no way of knowing a driver may be carrying a weapon. That's bound to be an uneasy situation."

She said she expected the new law to probably add to her case load as Justice of Peace. "There will undoubtedly be people who are not licensed to carry, but feel they are entitled to a concealed handgun on their person. They of course will be breaking the law, and some of them will end up in my court."

She also thinks the requirements for a permit are well written and serve the purpose of denying the permit to probable criminal offenders, though she is skeptical the law will have much of a positive effect in reducing crime and violence in the state.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark was asked the same set of questions. He said the legislation "Is a dumb idea whose time has finally come", alluding to the fear of violence and crime the average citizen lives with today. "I'm sure the guy on the street thinks it's a good idea to be able to legally carry a firearm now. I have nothing against gun ownership, and have guns in my own

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"Concealed Guns.. Good Or Bad?"

home. I can see some of the problems this law lays at the feet of law enforcement people and the judicial system."

Clark says he is afraid the legality of carrying a handgun will not have much impact on reducing crime in the state. "I don't think a segment of our population armed with legal firearms is the correct step. People are understandably frustrated and afraid because they see the law not protecting them. To fix the problem, we need to get tougher on the criminals, especially those committing crimes with guns. I can get a guy sentenced to prison for twenty years, and send him away, but because of our flawed Federal Judicial System, he may not spend over 3 years behind bars, and our state prisons are forced to release him because of some Federal Judge's decision. It's a double standard system. The feds can early release our state prisoners, but if a felon commits a federal crime, and lands in a federal prison, you can be assured he will spend at least 80 to 90% of the original sentence."

Clark also feels legal handguns add another explosive element to one of our fastest growing types of crime, family violence. He said when police respond to a family disturbance call, it is all too often caused by alcohol or illegal drugs abuse. "Add a gun to that scenario, and it gets even scarier for the law enforcement guys knocking on the door of that house."

He feels the new law could possibly help reduce crime committed in places of business, possibly even the home. A criminal aware the occupants of the house or business may be armed could be a deterrent. On

the other hand, people carrying weapons on the street could be an invitation to more crime and violence.

County Judge Dallas Brewer, who weekly deals with local criminal issues, feels much the same as Judge Crutcher & Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark. He feels the right to carry law is not a worthy piece of legislation, for it "will probably result in more case loads for prosecutors and our courts, and make law enforcement work more difficult and dangerous."

He feels the permit process is adequate if all the provisions are enforced. He thinks it will effectively screen out the undesirable carriers of guns. "I just don't see how it can effectively reduce crime and violence," he said, "I feel the criminals will continue to carry guns, for the law doesn't do anything to prevent it. It simply opens the way for some of our other citizens to go armed too. I'm not sure that's all good."

Sheriff Jim Rice joined the ranks of officials viewing the bill with mixed emotions. He maintained the crooks will still be carrying weapons. He sees no harm in the honest citizen carrying a handgun, but feels murder under passion may increase under the new law. A law abiding citizen, licensed to carry, may find himself in an emotionally enraged state, and if a handgun is available, may use it

Sheriff Rice feels he has not received enough detailed information about the permit application process to determine whether he feels it is strong enough to prevent legal guns being available to potentially dangerous citizens.

The possibility of the new law reducing crime and

violence in the state can only be determined with time, according to the Sheriff. He does think, however, if the first year or so of the enactment passes with a number of "John Doe Kills Criminal In Act" cases, the law will definitely have an effect, a positive effect.

The Sheriff has, for obvious reasons, already instructed his force to now approach a vehicle, or suspect, with more caution. "I would suggest," he added, "In the future, any motorist pulled over for a routine traffic stop should consider this practice; Place your hands on the steering wheel, roll your window down, and announce to the officer, 'I am legally carrying a firearm, and have no intention to use it.' This is good advice."

We talked to a number of citizens on the street to get their views of the handgun bill.

Darryl McNabb, area producer, thinks the new law is good for Texas. He feels it offers the law abiding citizenry a form of protection which has before been against the law. He doubts he will apply for a permit, but considers the rules governing the permits to be stringent enough, provided they are strictly enforced. He was skeptical the law would have any dramatic effect in reducing crime and violence. He, like Criminal District Attorney Clark, thinks there are far too many criminals walking free after early prison release.

Gary Six, Acting Executive Director, CFSA, showed no hesitation in stating the 'carrying' law is a poor piece of legislation. "I just think legal handguns is not the right answer. I

have no problem at all with guns for hunting purposes. I just think many people, even non-criminal types, are too volatile to have a gun available all the time." He also doesn't see how the law will have any effect on reducing crime.

Jered Sellers, Sellers Ag Supply, is all for the law. "I think it's time law abiding folks can legally carry a weapon to defend themselves. It's justified by our rising crime rates in the state," he said. He, too, feels the permit requirements are adequate if correctly enforced. He said he definitely plans to apply for a permit, and thinks the new law will make criminals think twice about entering a place of business to commit a robbery, or trying to enter your vehicle in 'car-jackings'.

Jim Warren, with Jack Spears Drilling Co, says he doesn't plan to apply for a carrying permit, but feels the law is worthwhile, and justified by the number of criminals on the street. "It seems to me this grants us a right to protect ourselves, a long needed right," he stated. He feels it remains to be seen if the bill will reduce crime and violence. "The bad guys are still out there, and lots of them will continue to have guns, too."

This is a very unscientific poll of a controversial subject. Whatever your personal views, it will become law January 1, 1996.

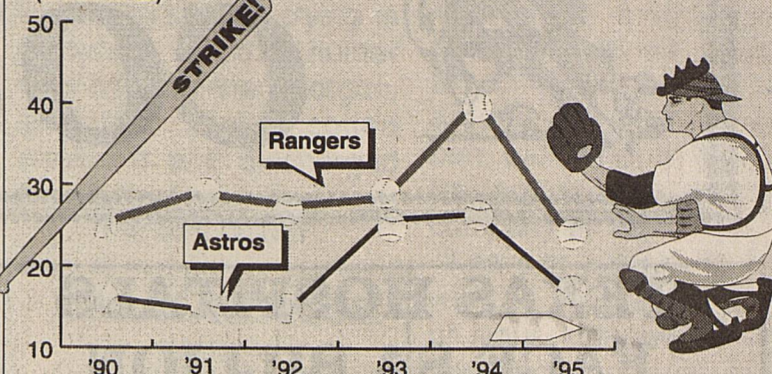


Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas baseball fans on strike

So far this season, both the Texas Rangers and Houston Astros have suffered a severe drop in attendance for home games. Attendance, so far this season, has averaged 23,990 at the Ballpark in Arlington, despite a seating capacity of 49,178; the Astrodome can seat 54,350, but attendance has hovered around 17,070.

Average attendance per game (in thousands)



CRIMINAL COURT ACTION

In County Court last week, two cases were heard by Judge Dallas Brewer. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

In cause 7579, Jimmy Ray Hicks, 55, charged with theft of an air compressor and tools in Denver City, pled guilty to the charge. He received a 12 month probated jail term, was fined \$500, and ordered to pay \$991.15 restitution to Mal Newman Jr.

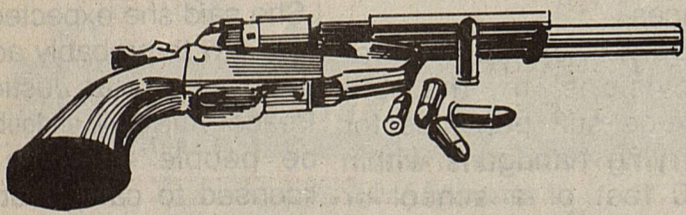
In cause 7586, Donna Marie Eddins, 45, charged with theft of more than \$500 but less than \$1500, was fined \$2500, ordered to pay \$179.50 in Court costs, and a fine of \$500.

In 121st Judicial District

Court presided over by Judge Ray D. Anderson, two criminal cases were heard, with Richard Clark again representing the State.

In cause 1708, Sylvia Ochoa, 20, charged with possession of marijuana, pled guilty. She was sentenced to 10 years in the State prison system, probated. She was fined \$1500, ordered to pay \$179.50 court costs, and \$17.50 restitution to the DPS. She was represented by attorneys Warren New and Gus Trujillo.

In cause 1729, Patrick Manuel Guzman, 27, charged with possession of marijuana, pled guilty to the charge. He received a 10 year probated sentence, was fined \$2500, ordered to pay \$179.50 in Court costs, and \$17.50 restitution to the DPS. He also was represented by Attorneys New and Trujillo.



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Carolyn Culwell or David Brunson as early as possible.

Attending the July meeting were Chamber members Gary Walker, David Brunson, Johnnie Fitzgerald, Travis Jones, Vaughn and Carolyn Culwell, Mary Jo St. Romain, Ty Earl Powell, Billie Blundell, Jim Barron and Dolores Davis.

FINAL RITES FOR LEE CRAWFORD

Funeral services for Lee G. Crawford, formerly of Plains, were held Saturday, July 8, in the Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories.

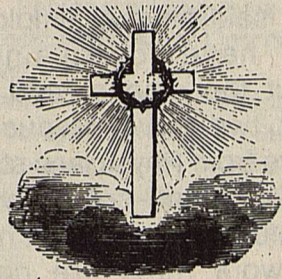
Crawford, 47, passed away on July 5 in Amarillo. Rev. Jerry Moore of the United Methodist Church in Miami conducted the services, after which the body was cremated.

He was born in Upland, California. He was a 1968 graduate of Plains High School. He moved to Amarillo in 1970, the year he married Vivian Seitz in Canyon.

He was employed by Mesa Operating Company and worked 15 years at their Fain plant.

He is survived by his wife Vivian; Two daughters, Tonie of Fritch, and Tracy Merrill of Amarillo; A brother, Tommy, of Plains, two sisters, Maggie Spears and Lulu Belle Crawford, both of Plains, and a granddaughter, Caressa Crawford.

Memorials are suggested for the American Heart Association



FINAL RITES FOR VIRGINIA KLIKUNAS

Virginia Marie Klikunas, 74, of Plains, died July 4, 1995, at her residence after a lengthy illness.

Services were under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Denver City.

Mrs. Klikunas was born May 1, 1921 in St. Louis, Missouri. She married Marvin Klikunas on August 21, 1992 in St. Louis. She was the owner and operator of the Western Motel.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin of Plains; a step-daughter, Marla Klikunas of Chicago, Ill.; a step-son, Marvin Klikunas, Jr. of Burlington, Vermont; two brothers, Roy Powers and Jim Powers both of St. Louis; two sisters, Charlotte Cheney of St. Louis and Eilene Fox of Encinitas, California.

A Memorial Mass will be

held on July 15, 1995 at 2:00 PM at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Plains, Father Glen Rosendale officiating.

LATEST SESSION GETS GOOD REVIEWS ACROSS STATE

The recently adjourned State Legislative session saw many hallmark bills introduced and passed. The general public appears to rate the session as very productive.

The following are some of the initial reviews of the session from area newspaper editorials;

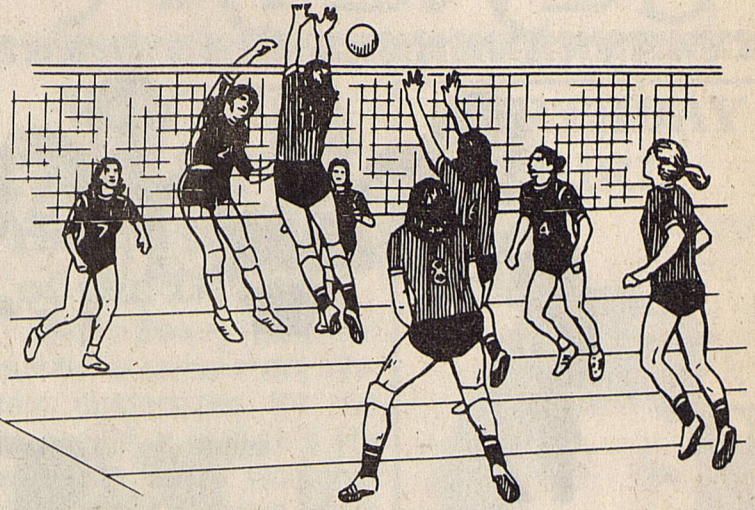
"In the session that just ended, the Texas Legislature produced a maximum amount of substantive legislation with a minimum amount of rancor and silliness." Houston Chronicle

"The Scots use the word discipline to describe an important value: the ability to stay focused, moving toward a goal. They would be proud of the disciplined work of the Texas Legislature." Dallas Morning News

"Americans would feel a lot better about their federal government if it acted more like the Texas Legislature -- at least how Lone Star lawmakers conducted themselves during the 1995 session." Waco Tribune Herald

"Its members deserve the appreciation of state residents for a serious, solid effort to make Texas an even better place to live -- and for showing that our political system still can respond to voters the way it's designed to." Beaumont Enterprise

VOLLEYBALL CAMP COMING UP

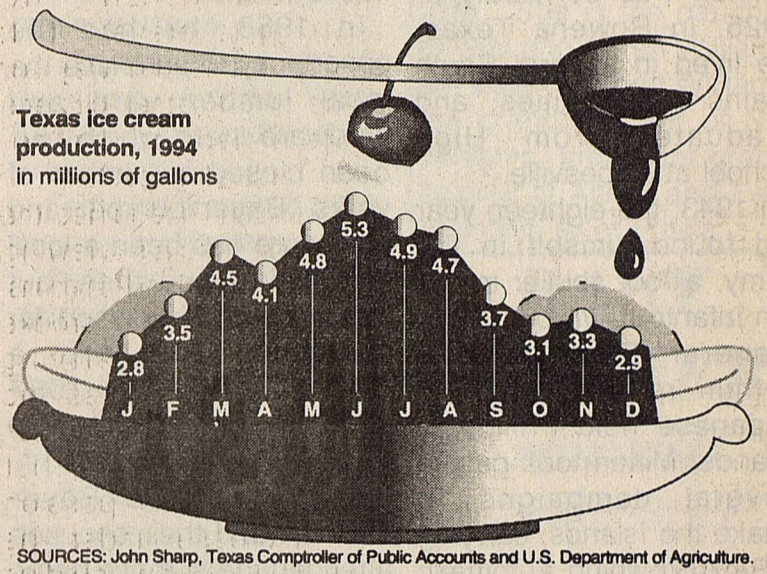


COACH HORNE and COACH HARAGAN are conducting a volleyball camp on JULY 24-28 at the Plains High School Gym for girls in the 6th-9th grades in 95-96 school year at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. The cost for this camp will be \$10.00 for Plains students and \$40.00 for non-residents. Registration for this camp will be on JULY 24th at 8:30 a.m.

Keeping an eye on Texas

I scream, you scream for ice cream

Sundae Sunday, July 16, is the culmination of peak ice cream production months in Texas. In 1994, Texas dairies produced 47.7 million gallons of the dessert, or about two-and-a-half gallons per Texan.



COUNTY STUDENTS ATTEND FARM BUREAU CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

SAN ANGELO--Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 33rd annual Citizenship Seminar here June 19-23 were Jackie London, Denver City High School senior and Johnny Davis, Plains High School senior.

Sponsored by the Yoakum County Farm Bureau, they were among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from 150 counties across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, ac-



According to Lanny A. Smith, Bureau president of Plains, county Farm

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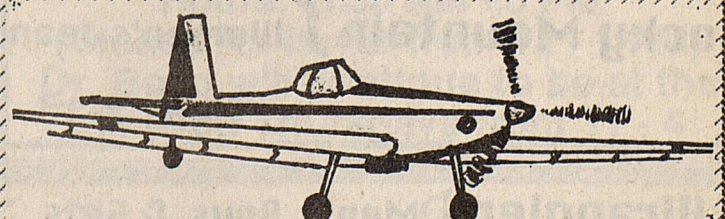
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MILTON BAYER SURPRISED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY



Front; Laine, Jimmie, Pam. Back; Sandy, Milton, Keith, Scott

Milton Bayer was honored, and truly surprised Saturday, July 8 when his wife Jimmie and family held a birthday party at the Community building. The event celebrated his 70th birthday.

Milton was born July 9, 1925, in Rowena Texas. He lived in several South Plains communities, and graduated from High School at Ropesville.

In 1943, the eighteen year old found himself in the Army, a foot soldier in the 7th Infantry Division. When General Douglas Mac Arthur returned to the Japanese held Philippine Islands, Milton took part in several campaigns to retake the Islands, carrying a BAR (Browning Automatic Rifle) in his Division Company. He would later take part in the US invasion of Okinawa, where he received the Purple Heart for combat wounds.

Once more a civilian, he

married Jimmie on December 7, 1946, in Close, Texas, a small community near Post.

He would be employed a number of years as manager of the Terry County Lumber Company in Brownfield.

In 1968, he had the opportunity to purchase the local lumber yard and hardware store which had been closed a number of years. Bayer Lumber and Hardware has been a local institution since then, but was temporarily closed for rebuilding following a disastrous fire in 1987 which destroyed the entire main building.

All five of the Bayer children and their spouses attended the surprise party. They are daughter Pam Burnett and husband Bill of Austin. She is a school teacher, and he is Executive Director of the Texas Highway Department; Daughter Sandy Kreller and her

husband Herman of Lightning Ridge, Australia, where they mine opals used in their jewelry business; Son Keith and wife Lynne. Keith is in the wholesale fish business, and Lynne works for Milton; Son Scott and wife Linda. Scott is a facilities engineer with Motorola in Austin, and Linda is a housewife; daughter Laine and husband Billy Beecher. She is a claims representative for State Farm Insurance, and he is business manager of Lawrence Hall Mazda of Abilene.

The five children have given the Bayers' seven grandchildren. Also attending the party were his brother Albert and his wife Carolyn Bayer of Meadow, sister Anne Wright of Lubbock, sister Helen and husband Cecil Trull of Lubbock, and Helen Hunter of Plains.

CERTIFICATION DEADLINE LOOMS

Gary Six, Consolidated Farm Services Administration, advises all local producers Monday, July 17 is the final deadline to certify all agriculture crops for FSA programs and insurance purposes.

He said because of many producers delay in certifying their crops, his office staff will be extremely busy between now and the Monday 5 PM cut off period. Six urges producers to immediately certify their acreage if they haven't already done so.

COUNTY COURT MEETS

Editor's note: The 4th of July holiday last week caused an early printing, and we were unable to include Commissioners Court held July 3rd. This article reports that meeting, as well as this weeks July 10th meeting.

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, July 3, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding.

Commissioners Avara, Thurston, Barron and McWhirter were present, along with Toni Jones, Treasurer, Hazel Lowrey, Auditor, and Gerald Baker, Clerk's office.

The Treasurer's report for the month of May was approved, and line item transfers from the General Fund to various departments totaling \$5720 were approved.

County bills and part time salaries were approved for payment. The Court approved the request to advertise for a new heavy duty truck with 5th wheel truck for Precinct 2, with or without trade-in was approved. Bids must be received by and action will be taken on July 31.

A petition from Pinnacle Natural Gas Company to lay and maintain a 3inch gas line across county roads in section 474 was approved.

In the July 10 session of Commissioners Court, the following items were discussed; Line item transfers from the General Fund to various departments totaling \$86,000 were approved.

Following considerable discussion regarding the Client Support and Software Maintenance Agreement with Software Group Company, the court agreed to release a check to the company held since February in the amount of \$43,280.26. Several county departments have experienced problems with computer software obtained from Software Group, but County Auditor Hazel Lowrey reported the company has solved most of these problems and were cooperating in their maintenance agreement. Commissioner McWhirter moved to release another check for \$10,000 to the company, but asked for a written contract from the

company on all future business transactions.

Tax Assessor-Collector Wanda Smith delivered a monthly report showing tax receipts totaling \$20,074.23, which was accepted and approved.

Denver City Police Chief Joe Hester made a report on the '911 County Map', being finalized by local officials and the South Plains Association of Governments. The maps will be utilized by County Officials, The Sheriffs Department, DPS, and the two communities EMS and Volunteer Fire Departments.

Sheriff Jim Rice outlined a difficult problem existing in the County Jail. At the present time, smoking is allowed in the building. Rice said several employees have complained about the smoke, and at least two have produced letters from Physicians stating 2nd hand smoke was harmful to them. About half the work force are non-smokers. The Sheriff was asked what he wanted to propose. He said he "had no problems with the inmates smoking. That, television and a small commissary is about all they can do to occupy their time."

Commissioner Thurston moved to designate the upper floor, where inmates are confined, a smoking area, leaving the lower level smoke free. The motion died for lack of a second. Following more discussion, Commissioner Barron moved to make the entire jail smoke free, as well as all other County facilities. Commissioner McWhirter seconded the motion, and in the following vote, the motion carried, Barron, McWhirter and Judge Brewer voting yes, Thurston and Avara voting no.

The only other Court action was approved to pay all county bills.

NOTICE

Plains Independent School District will accept bids for milk for the 1995-96 school year until 1:00 p.m., July 24, 1995, in the Administration Office. Prices should be based on the Department of Agriculture and Associated Milk Producers July, 1995 raw milk cost. Information can be obtained by contacting Eric Banfield, Business Manager, Plains I.S.D., Box 479, Plains, TX 79355 or calling 806-456-7483.

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 ENTRY DATES: Tues., Aug. 1, 1995 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 PURCHASE AWARDS: Wed., Aug. 2, 1995 - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 CRITIQUE: Thurs., Aug. 3, 1995 - 2:00 p.m.
 JUDGING: Thurs., Aug. 3, 1995 - 12:00 p.m.
 OPEN TO PUBLIC: Fri., Aug. 4, 1995 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Sat., Aug. 5, 1995 - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 PICKUP: After drawing Sat., Aug. 5, 1995 - Not Before!
ONLY HAND DELIVERED WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED
AWARDS
 CASH awards in originals only.
 BEST IN SHOW-----\$100.00
 1st place----- 25.00
 2nd place----- Ribbon
 3rd place----- Ribbon
 First, Second, Third places and Honorable mention ribbons in all divisions.
 Only one award per person. Persons winning more than one award will receive cash in the highest award won. Only ribbon awards for classwork and copy, student.
 Purchase awards will be selected Wednesday, August 2, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Only those designated to be in the art building during the purchase awards and judging will be admitted. Anyone may buy a purchase award by contacting any member.
ENTRY FEES:
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TICKET SALES: \$1.00 for Door Prize - Drawing for two paintings to be given away Saturday at 5 p.m.
CATEGORIES:
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GRAPHICS: Pencil or charcoal
CRAFTS: Pottery and ceramics, china painting, needle work, stained glass, wood carvings and sculpture
STUDENTS: PLEASE MARK YOUR CARD CLEARLY
DIVISIONS: (Divisions in each category will be as follows.)
 Landscapes, Still Life, Portraits, Wildlife, Miniatures - 5X7 inches or less (Inside measurements)
ENTRY STANDARDS: No limit on entries
 Work may not have been previously entered in YCAA
 Not to exceed 58 inches in any direction
 YCAA reserves the right to disallow entries considered in poor taste (nudes), wet, or not securely wired for hanging.
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 All entries must hang for duration of the show.
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CHICKEN CRUNCH

- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
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 - 1 Tbsp. finely chopped onion
 - 1 Tbsp. chopped parsley
 - 2 lb. chicken parts
 - 1 c. fine dry bread crumbs
 - 1/2 Tbsp. salt
 - 2 Tbsp. melted oleo or butter
 - 1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning
- Mix 1/3 cup soup, onion and parsley. Dip chicken in soup mixture; then roll in bread crumbs, combined with poultry seasoning and salt. Place in shallow baking dish (12 X 8 X 2 in.) Drizzle oleo over chicken. Bake at 400° for 1 hour.
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Kimber L. Williams celebrated her 4th birthday with a party at Yoakum County Park with family and friends on Tuesday, June 27th. She is the daughter of Guy and Karen Williams, and sister of Todd Williams, the granddaughter of Nita Williams, and great granddaughter of Alfred and Faye Bearden, all of Plains.

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FROM THE HACK



Had an unique experience the 4th of July, played golf with my ex pig farming son-in-law and my grandson Jay.

It had to be a memorable experience for Jay, teamed with the other threesome from Plains who shall be nameless. He was exposed to the presence of strong language, strong beverages, and crooked strategies, all employed by the opposing threesome. I am proud to report he resorted to none of the above.

He did manage to keep his cool, hit the ball well, and carry his dad most of the entire 18 holes. Jay sidled up to me on # 8, and whispered while the bad guys were getting ready to putt, "Granddad, one of us has to make this birdie putt- Dad's gonna do his stupid thing and try to make it between his legs if we don't".

As usual, son-in-law blamed me for being out of the money by one stroke. I continue to feel sorry for our daughter and the three boys she has had to rear.

I was exposed to a monumental occurrence this Sunday, at the ritual gathering of male coffee sippers at the DQ. The assembled I.Q. level at these Sunday AM sessions is almost on a par with that of the weekday Table of Wisdom meetings, which shows you just how lofty

that world famous event. No doubt with adequate training time, and my special diet plan, his entry could have finished first, but nevertheless, Justin's racing lizard captured a 6th place ribbon. Way to Go, Justin! (Hey, is this column getting full of grandson stories or what?)

Met some folks recently who said their son was enlisting in the Navy. My initial thought was, "Good for him, it'll make a man of him, and get him ready for the real world later on."

Then, I started thinking about my enlistment in that illustrious branch of the service about a zillion years ago. I recall signing all the papers in Lubbock, being placed on a train there, eventually transported to the Navy Recruit Training Depot, San Diego, California, which I later referred to as Southern Alcatraz.

There, I rapidly learned I was a non person. I was a lousy #1! #2! #3! #4! #5! #6! #7! #8! #9! #10! #11! #12! #13! #14! #15! #16! #17! #18! #19! #20! #21! #22! #23! #24! #25! #26! #27! #28! #29! #30! #31! #32! #33! #34! #35! #36! #37! #38! #39! #40! #41! #42! #43! #44! #45! #46! #47! #48! #49! #50! #51! #52! #53! #54! #55! #56! #57! #58! #59! #60! #61! #62! #63! #64! #65! #66! #67! #68! #69! #70! #71! #72! #73! #74! #75! #76! #77! #78! #79! #80! #81! #82! #83! #84! #85! #86! #87! #88! #89! #90! #91! #92! #93! #94! #95! #96! #97! #98! #99! #100!

Anyway, we all survived the experience. Upon the forced graduation ceremony, after marching in our young splendor before a few Admirals who were already under the influence of strong drink, and bored to Hades from a ritual they had witnessed for eons, we all gathered for a final parting prior to taking two

weeks leave, then to our next assignments. Part of the ritual was saying a fond farewell to our ##### drill instructor, now suddenly our buddy.

The guys in my Company wanted to buy him a nice watch. At first, I refused to contribute. When several of my groups larger and obviously brain washed people told me I would contribute, or else, I reconsidered, and gave them exactly .23 cents. I managed to explain that was all I could afford, my mother being in extensive care for a broken hip and hepatitis, my grandparents home being demolished by a train jumping the track, a break in of the family home resulting in the heirloom Bible being stolen, my pet dog expiring with a chicken bone piercing his esophagus, an older sister discovering she had contracted a mysterious social disease, and my favorite Methodist Minister being up for charges of pilfering the Sunday Tithe.

I simply had no funds for Chief Broadnasty's future retirement years. He understood my predicament. I was allowed to leave some 43 hours after my shipmates.

Notice how much emphasis is placed on political and societal correctness in speech these days? It's not cool to say vagrant; use directionally impoverished person, instead. A shoplifter is a nontraditional shopper. Drunk really means sobriety deprived. You're not dead, you're terminally inconvenienced. You're not clumsy, you're uniquely coordinated. Boring is really charm free.

differently interesting, and a serial killer is a person with difficult to meet needs.

Pulling the trigger with its tail, a snake fatally shot Iranian hunter Ali-Ahani in the head on April 23, 1990, as the hunter pressed the butt of his shotgun behind the snake's head, trying to capture it. Another hunter tried to grab the shotgun, and the snake coiled around it and discharged the other barrel.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Ther's a number of dogs chained or tied up in this town which are living miserable lives. I asked about this at City Hall, and ther's no ordinance against it. Fine. That may be the law. but it's a sorry one. I see dogs tied out, nothing to do all day but nose around a water or feed pan, barking at it like it's a toy, nothing else to keep it company all day.

"I have to wonder, why you want to keep a dog if you or your kids never have anything to do with it? A dog's supposed to be a PET, not a chained criminal. Did you get him or her to be your prisoner, not to be your friend? What kinda friendship 's gonna be developed when he's chained up all the time, and you just come out and give him some food and water once a day. He probably appreciates the food, but he sure don't like the 10 or 20 foot chain he's tied to everyday.

"You 'pet lovers' ought to ask yourselves..If you were a pet, how'd you like to be tied or chained all day long in one spot? You should be ashamed of yourselves, and you ought to give your so called 'Pet' to somebody who can love it, not abuse it.

" Food , water, plenty of neglect and a chain don't make good life for any animal... why don't you try it about three hours these summer days. You people are sick"

Ted Graffer

Pleasant Hill

Editor's Note: We couldn't verify this gentleman's existence, but since we 100% agree with him, we had to print the letter anyway.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOE B. WILSON

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of Joe B. Wilson were issued on June 30, 1995, in cause No. 1262, pending in the County Court of Law of Yoakum County, Texas, to: J.B. Wilson

The residence of such Executor is Stephenville, Erath County, Texas, 76401. The post office address for claims is c/o Randy Thomas Attorney at Law PO Box 934 Stephenville, Tx 76401

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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