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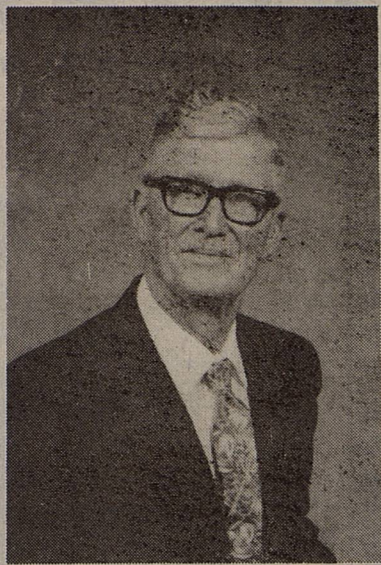
FINAL SERVICES HELD FOR THOMAS 'T.J.' BEARDEN

Funeral services for Thomas J. (T.J.) Bearden were held in the First Baptist Church of Plains, with Pastor Bill Wright officiating. He died Oct. 4.

He was born January 23, 1921, in Haskell, Texas, the son of John and Lola Lee Bearden. He attended schools in Center and New Deal.

On December 12, 1944, he married the former Melba Mobley.

T.J. Started his lifetime farming career in Yoakum County in 1946. He served as Mayor of Plains from



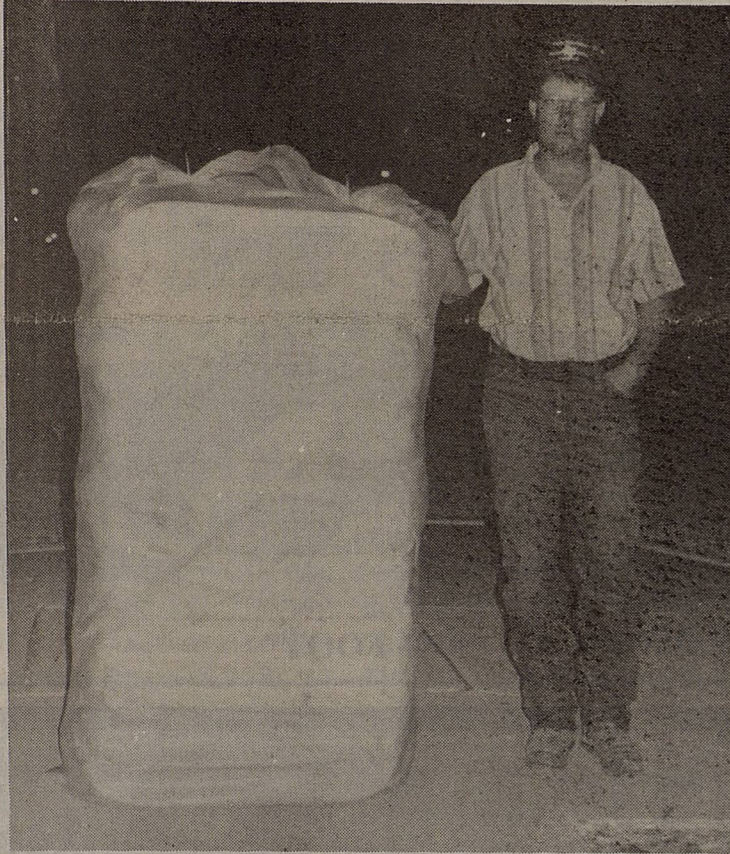
1966 to 1976, and also operated a deep breaking service a number of years.

He was a veteran of World War II, a former Master Sergeant in the 1369th Army Corps of Engineers, and a member of the American Legion here.

He is survived by his wife Melba; a daughter, Lola Bryan of Plains, and a son, Neal, of Eagle River, Alaska; three sisters, Fern Walser of Gustin, Weida Bearden, Seminole, and Zilia Bearden, Seminole; Three brothers, Alfred and Alonzo of Plains, and John of Seminole, and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Tommy, in 1955.

Pallbearers in the service were Ray Bearden, Jerry Willett, Joe Humphrey, Joe and Jack Cobb, Jim Barron, Wes Powell and Johnny Hillhouse. Interment was in Terry County Memorial Cemetery.

FIRST 1995 BALE OF COTTON GINNED



Kevin Gibson, Yoakum County producer, is shown with the first bale of cotton produced this year. It was ginned October 4 at 8:40 pm at the local Yoakum County Co-Op Gin. As a reward for his efforts, the Co-Op ginned the 420 pound bale free, and presented Gibson with a check for \$500.

3rd ANNUAL FARMER-STOCKMAN SHOW CLOSES ON HIGH NOTE

The huge, third annual Farmer-Stockman show in Lubbock drew to a close last Thursday after another successful three day run. Sprawling over hundreds of acres including 56 acres of machinery and equipment displays, 600 acres of demonstrations of seed plots of cotton, sunflowers, alfalfa, corn and grain sorghum, and demonstrations of harvesting these crops, plus 80 acres of parking space has to make this event one of the nations largest agricultural shows.

There was something for everyone with any type of agricultural interest to see and enjoy, from the world's biggest tractors, grain combines and cotton

harvesters, to the latest in irrigation equipment, live-stock handling demonstrations, working sheep dogs, small garden equipment, a fashion show featuring apparel made from organic cotton, a quilting demonstration, even live C&W music and a view of Ford Motor Company's huge Pickup truck, "Big Foot".

To take in all the displays and demonstrations would require a marathon like walk, and the smarter viewers rented or brought golf carts to traverse the miles of lanes lined end to end with tents and open air displays.

We could only spend a few hours at the show, and

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Criminal District Court Cases Heard

Three Cases were heard in the 121st District Court on October 12, Judge Ray Anderson presiding by appointment. The State was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

In cause 1619, Kelly Jean Carnes Maynard, previously convicted and serving a four year probated sentence, had her original probation altered for failing to pass a test for possession and use of a prohibited drug. Her felony probation order was amended to call for intensive supervision for one year, submitting a urine sample each month at her expense, and attendance three times weekly in the AA program for one year, then once weekly thereafter.

In cause 1610, Neil Curtis Maynard, previously convicted and serving a 5 year probated sentence, had the terms of his original probation changed for violating terms of the original probation. It was shown he possessed and used a prohibited drug, and had associated with a person previously convicted of a felony offense. His probation now calls for intensive supervision for one year, submitting urine samples each month at his expense, and attendance at AA three times weekly

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PROPER TIMING, FINE TUNING ESSENTIAL FOR GOOD COTTON HARVEST

Current Price Levels Have Producers Optimistic

With current market prices hovering around 85 cents per pound, and possibly destined to go higher, local producers should pay strict attention to the optimum time to crank their strippers up in high gear.

Aerial applicators have been extremely busy the past week or so, spraying the surprisingly good looking crop with defoliants, and the county fields are rapidly turning the long waited white color farmers have worked so hard for.

In conversations with several cotton experts in government and cotton business firms and organizations, the consensus of opinion is the producer should do some serious evaluations of his crop before moving the harvesting equipment in.

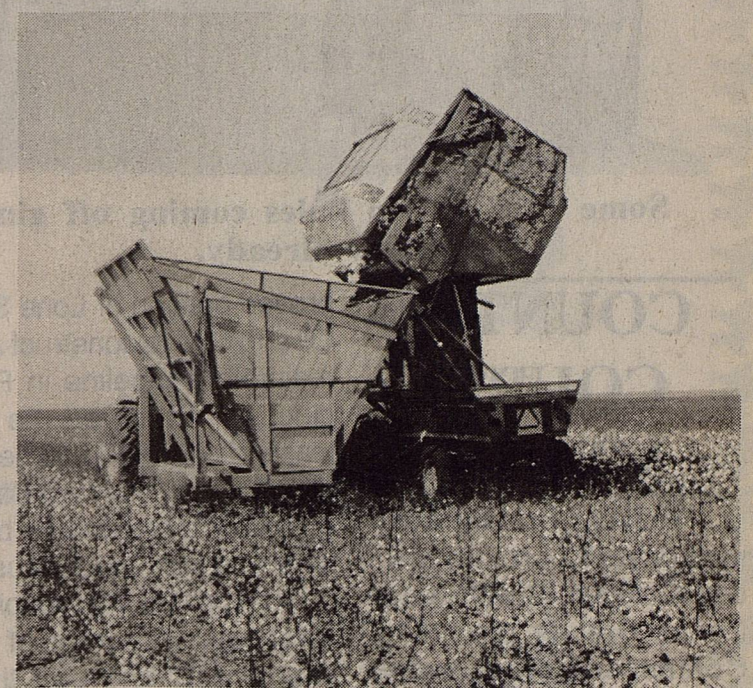
Everyone we talked to described the current weather as perfect for the proper maturing of the plants, with cool, damp nights and mornings, and warm, breezy and sunny days.

One expert described how he would assess a crop to determine if proper maturity has been reached; "Prior to harvesting, mark off a ten foot length, and hand harvest the number of bolls which the stripper would reject and put on the ground. One immature boll per foot equates to about 40 pounds of lint cotton per acre in a field of irrigated cotton with 40 inch rows. If cotton is bringing 80 cents, that's \$32 the producer won't get paid for if he starts harvesting too soon and the crop has not reached proper maturity".

Another way of looking at the proper harvest timing is to remember that for each immature boll discarded on the ground behind the stripper means at least one more immature boll will end up on the ground at the gin, not in a bale of lint cotton.

Another source cited the necessity of getting the stripping machines in top shape, and making sure operators of the machines are operating them in the most efficient manner. A stripper leaving an excessive number of locks or partial locks on the stalk is costing the producer dearly with today's good prices.

A market analyst said the



Familiar scene about to be repeated thousands of times next few months

recent USDA cotton crop forecast of a smaller than previously estimated crop could mean good news for the South and High Plains producers in the ending big picture. While projected domestic use and export is somewhat lower than expected, the good news is the ending stock supply will also be less than predicted, with no unexpected market glut.

Another bit of encouragement for local

producers is the grading of this years crop in South Texas, and across the southern cotton belt. Apparently over 50% of the graded and classed cotton bears a micronaire level of 5.0, or even higher. Some of the experts feel this could result in many domestic mills, and export buyers looking to our

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER NEEDED FOR TITLE APPLICANTS

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will soon require additional information on title applications for motor vehicles. Starting November 1, Texans requesting title transactions in counties using the Registration and Title System (RTS) must provide their social security number. RTS is an automated system electronically linking County tax offices to TxDot in Austin. The Yoakum County tax office and its substations use RTS to process vehicle registrations.

The Social Security requirement is part of House Bill 1863, passed by the 74th Legislature. The bill addresses fraud prevention in public assistance programs. TxDot is mandated to collect social security numbers and make them accessible to other state agencies for determining eligibility for those programs. Persons who do not have a social security number, or are not eligible

for one, must complete a statement before their title application is processed.

Disclosure of social security numbers will be voluntary in counties not using RTS. Questions concerning these requirements should be directed to the Yoakum County Tax Office, or the nearest Vehicle Title Registration Division (VTR) office.

TxDot is implementing RTS statewide, with completion expected by December 1996. The computerized system makes it possible for registration records to be updated within 48 hours, which is a major benefit to law enforcement. Customers will also receive their vehicle titles within five days of the date title applications arrive at TxDot headquarters.

For more information, contact Wanda Smith, County Tax office, 456-2825 or 592-2331.

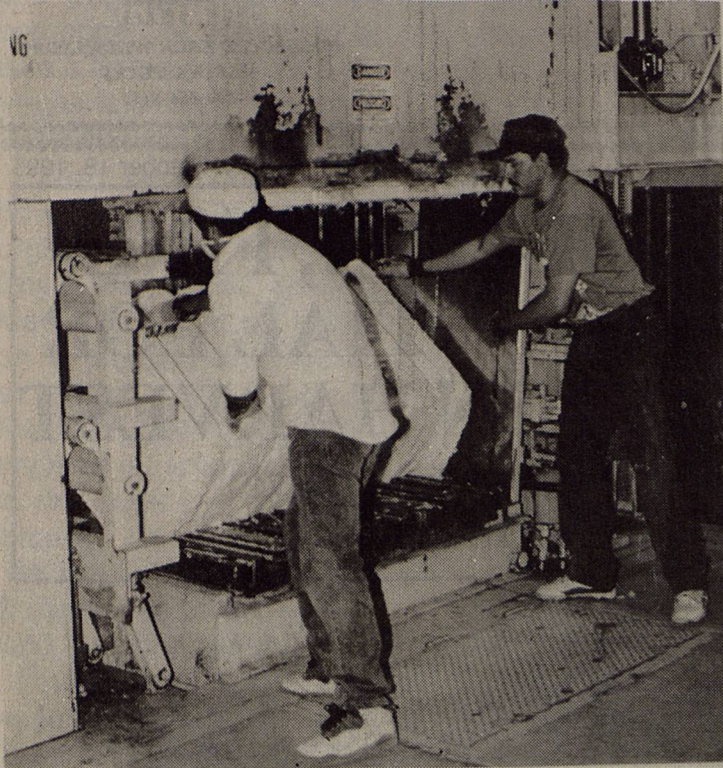
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production areas for a better grade of cotton, and most of them feel the areas average micronaire level to be around 3.5 to 4.0.

There is some concern about possible insect damage to the quality of the Plains crop. Earlier boll

weevil infestations in some areas could result in light spotting grades.

Overall, producers seem to be enjoying a positive attitude about this crop, despite many adverse concerns earlier in the season, and cotton strippers and local gins should soon be off and running at flank speed.



Some 1995 cotton bales coming off gin presses already.

COUNTY COURT MEETS

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday, October 16 with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Commissioners Avara, Thurston, Barron and McWhirter were present, along with Clerk Ruby Bruton, Auditor Hazel Lowrey, and Treasurer Toni Jones.

The following agenda items were discussed and acted on as follows; Approved minutes of the previous months meetings; Approved plat for a subdivision in Denver City along Hwy 214, to be called Gene T. Kidd Subdivision; Approved line item transfers from the general fund to various departments; Approved advertising of bids for a front end loader with and without trade-in of a 1990 model 544 John Deere loader; Ap-

proved petition of Lone Star Oil and Gas to construct and maintain a pipeline in Precinct 4; Approved the release of a \$3,850,000 security pledge by Norwest Bank; Approved advertising of bids for a new pickup to be used by Yoakum County Hospital; Approved payment of all county bills and part time salaries.

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for one year, then twice weekly thereafter.

In cause 1725, Ernest George Strickland, previously convicted and after serving 75 days in the institutional division of the Department of Criminal Justice, was placed on probation under provisions of the Alternative Incarceration Program. In addition to paying fines, restitution and attorney fees, he is placed on community supervision for eight years, and do 100 hours of work in the Community Service Program

JP COURT ACTION

The following is a summary of three weeks cases heard in County Justice of Peace Court, Precinct one, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding:

121 traffic cases filed
3 minors in possession of alcoholic beverage cases filed

1 public intoxication case filed
2 disorderly conduct cases filed

Bonds set:
Driving while license suspended \$500 bond
Speeding 69/55, \$70 fine

Illegal Window tinting, \$53 fine
No Drivers License, \$92 fine

Disorderly conduct (fighting), \$332 fine
Disorderly conduct (fighting), \$232 fine

Minor in possession of alcoholic beverage to wit: beer, \$264 bond, \$132 fine

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Public intoxication, \$232 fine

Assault causes bodily injury, \$1,500 bond
Alias Capias/FTA/DWI, (Lynn County) held until transported

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Unlawfully carrying a weapon M-Am \$500 bond

Possession of a controlled substance to wit: marijuana U/2 oz M-B, \$500 bond
Unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$500 bond

Possession of a controlled substance to wit: marijuana U/2 oz., \$500 bond

Driving while intoxicated, 2nd offense, \$1,500 bond

Motion to revoke probation original charge forgery (Ector County) hold for transport

DPS Warrant-Speeding (Midland County) \$215 bond, \$107 fine

Unlawfully carrying weapon to wit: knife, \$500 bond

Possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz) \$1,000 bond

Possession of controlled substance to wit: speed, less than 1 gram, \$5,000 bond

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didn't begin to see everything. We did see over twenty Plains and Denver City folks climbing on tractors, signing up for drawing prizes and gathering up dozens of giveaway goodies from many of the 200 plus company exhibitors, the largest number to date

Possession of controlled substance to wit: methamphetamine over 4 grams, \$5,000 bond

Possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz., \$1,000 bond

BRAND NEW ARRIVAL WELCOMED

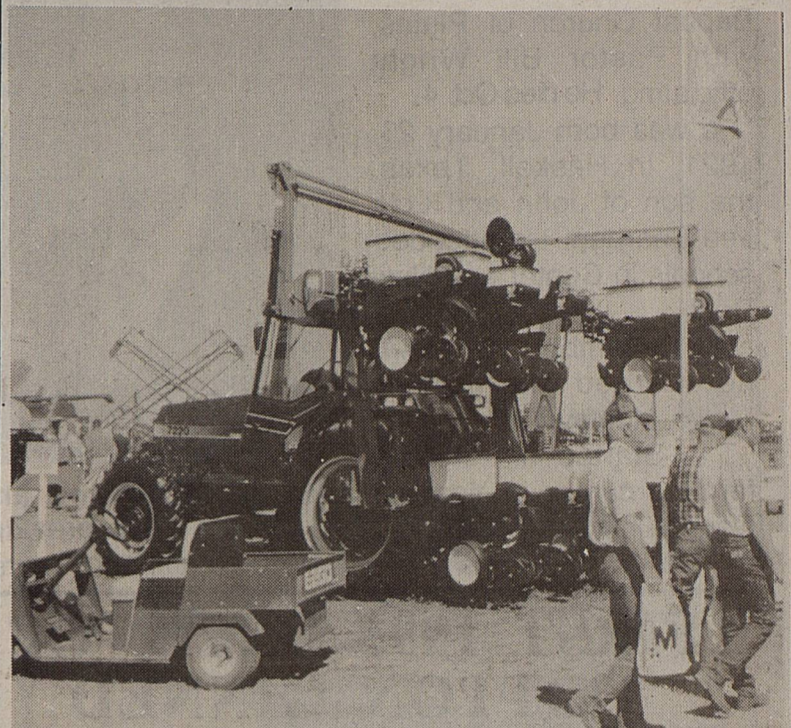
Chad and Blanca Smith of Valentine, TX would like to announce the birth of their son Tyler Rohn Smith. Tyler was born in Alpine, TX at Big Bend Regional Hospital. He weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 21" long.

Paternal grandparents are Kenny and Wanda Smith of Denver City. Maternal grandparents are Ruben and Elma Cervantes of Alpine. Paternal great-grandparents are Wiley and Merle Smith of Odessa and Woodrow and Wanda Phillips of Midland.

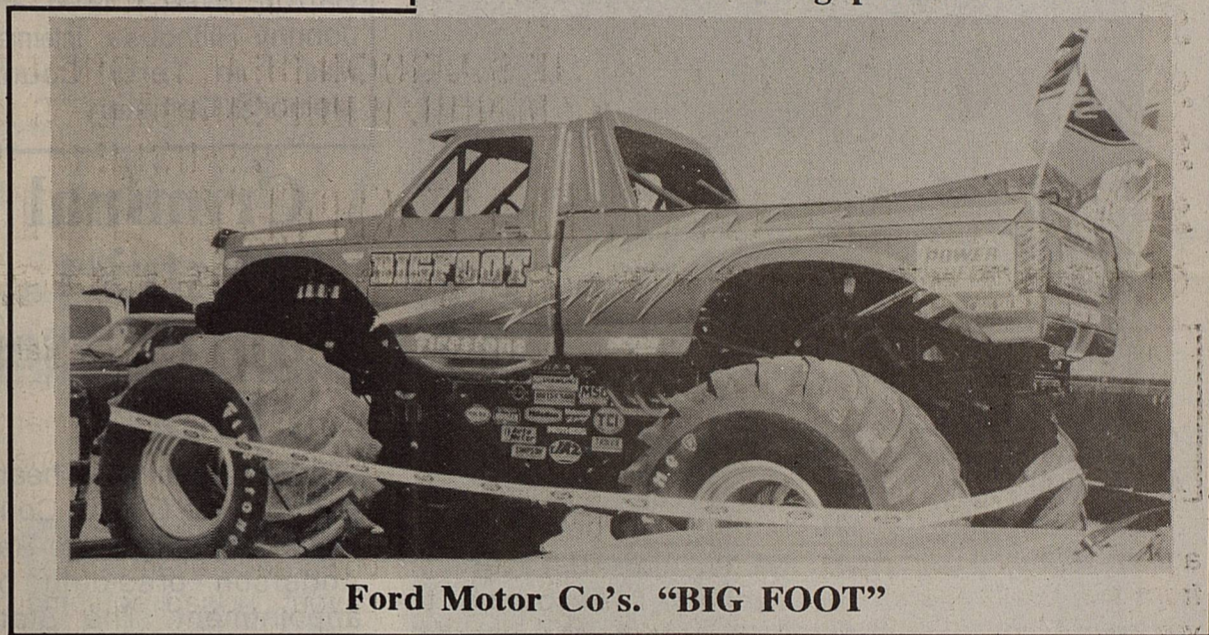
Farmer-Stockman Show Scenes



Terry Thrash, 2nd from left, with other AFD employees at show.



Twelve row folding planter at show



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LOAN PACKETS AVAILABLE

Sandy Land UWCD has again applied for money from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for

loans to farmers for purchasing water CONSERVATION irrigation equipment.

\$650,000 has been applied for by the District, with funding to be available during the first part of January. According to TWDB staff, the interest

rate for this year's program will be the same as last year--6.05%. Equipment purchased with this money can be new or used. New equipment requires 20% down and seven (7) years payout. Used equipment and sprinkler packages require 25% down and five (5) years payout.

Since the inception of the Agricultural Loan Program, the District has loaned over \$3,600,000 to area producers. Water savings from these new efficient systems are just a part of the overall efforts the Directors of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District are involved in to accomplish their long term goals of water conservation in Yoakum County.

Loan Packets and Guidelines are now available at the District office. Applicants must be in compliance with all District rules before any application will be considered. This includes regist-

ering all wells and irrigation systems plus properly covering all abandoned wells.

If you have any interest or questions concerning the Loan Program, call or come by the Sandy Land Office.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

Books

- True Crime by Andrew Klavan
- Devil On Horseback by Lauran Paine
- Windmills, Drouths & Cottonseed Cake by Haley
- And the Angels Were Silent by Max Lucado
- Fearless Funnymen, The History of the Rodeo by Woerner
- Small Engine Repair by Chilton
- Stitches in Time by Barbara Michael
- Witness by Sandra Brown
- Penny Wedding by Jessica Stirling
- Carousel by Belva Plain
- Potter's Field by Patricia Cornwell

LIBRARY FILM TIME

Vicki Delgado, Donna Diamond, Tammy Sellers, Brenda Wauson and Nellie Wauson, members of the Plains Volunteer Fire Department, came to show the children how the fire truck works and gave them all some safety tips on what to do if a fire occurs in your home.

Children attending were: Brett Hawthorne, Rhaela & Rhaemi Stall, Troy Parrish, Taylor Banfield, Lydia Whitzel, Isaac Doyle, Holden, Haley & Hunter Welch, Landon & Dakota Earnest, Jasmine Mares, Jacob Brink, Michelle Wauson, Brandon Craft,

Heather & Alex Penner, Jason Durham, Kelsey Curry, Jasmine Whitzel, Kevin John Gass, Sammy Melendez, Sydney Cueto, Emily Davis, and Zachary Ramon.



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There is no charge for this meeting, which can save you valuable time and money.

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David Martens
Angelica Mendoza
Araceli Mendoza
Dennis Penner
Adriana Ponce
Reina Quintana
D.J. Robertson
Kristina Unger
J.L. Vasquez

SECOND GRADE

Josey Cordova
T.J. Cordova
Michael Crump
Allison Friesen
Benjamin Hays
Rose Henderson
Skylar Keese
B.J. Lester
Nicole Loya
Adam McCravey
Mark Morgan
Blake O'Quinn
Katie Oswalt
Blake Parish
Abel Ramos
Alisha Wauson
Todd Williams

THIRD GRADE

Amy Brindle
Evan Cain
Lela Coronado
Marlie Diaz
Aldo Fierro
Cody Flores
Mayra Flores
Breck Hamm
Brandon Hise
Brandt Huerta
Kelby Johnson
Daniela Lazos
Kristian Morales
Kerry Sisson

FOURTH GRADE

David Funk
Tony Gomez
J.R. Jackson
Tausha Johnson
Austin Keese
Sarah Martinez
Trent May
Grady McNabb
Helena Neufeld
Nolan Newsom
Moriah Traweck
Johnny Unger

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FIRST GRADE

Nicole Culwell
Jose Luis Gallegos
Mikayla Gomez
Kimberly Gonzales
Callie Howell
Ericka Loewen
Chris Loya
C.J. Tarango

SECOND GRADE

Perla Acosta

THIRD GRADE

Kevin Penner
John Wagnon

FOURTH GRADE

Cendy Lopez
Carmen Ponce
Manuela Villegas
April Wilmeth

All A's

Fifth Grade

Chisum Deaton
Sandra Gallegos
Krystal Gonzalez
Jill Gray
Elizabeth Wilmeth
Mackenzie Winn
Sixth Grade
Nathan Hays
Ky May
Annaliesa O'Quinn
Scott Tirrell
Becky Wilmeth

Seventh Grade

Emily Blair
Aaron Cain
Lensey Cullins
Chris Estrada
Amanda Garcia
Kimbe Jones

Ashlei Mason
Elva Ruiz
Dustin Six
Kelsey Blundell

Eighth Grade

Velvet Canada
Kristen Gray
Wendy Hernandez
Christopher Cleveland
Fermin Luna
Kelton Mason
Laura Morales
Anne Palmer
Kyle Sisson
Jason Swann
Staci Tuggle

ALL A'S 1B

Fifth Grade

Kimberly Martinez
Mandi Rogers
Sixth Grade
Tanner Hamm
Ragan McGinty
Seventh Grade
Sterling Deaton
Joel Gallegos
Greg Gonzales
Kari Guetersloh
Eric Nixon
Adrienne Ramoz
Gerald Rivas
Lexi Warren
Lesli Rowe

Eighth Grade

Krystle Blundell
Leticia Canon
Autumn Deaton
Jessica Flores
All A's
9th Grade
Maranda Box
Clint Burrus
Marcey House
LaCresha Johnson
Tandi Jones
Tommie McNabb

Matt Morgan

Lisa Parrish
Robertson
10th Grade
Vicki Bayer
Heath Bowlin
Shawna Box
Derek Brunson
Shawn Cullins
Abraham Garcia
Yvonne Gonzales
Sandi Warren
Gideon Traweck

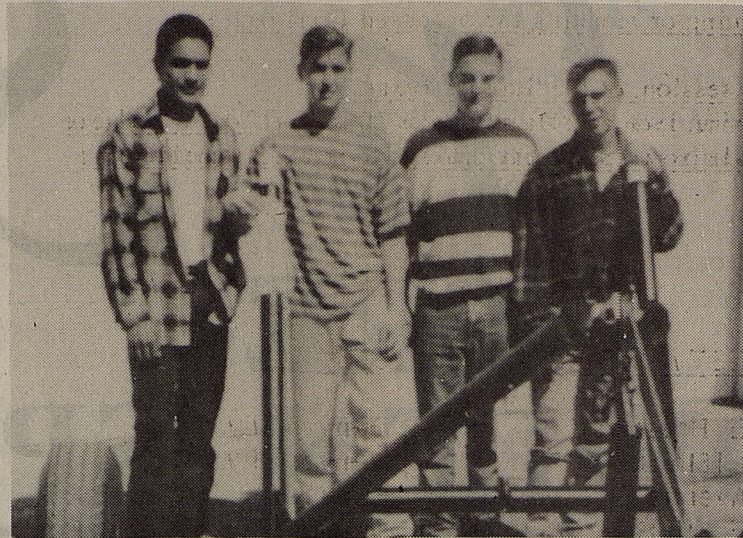
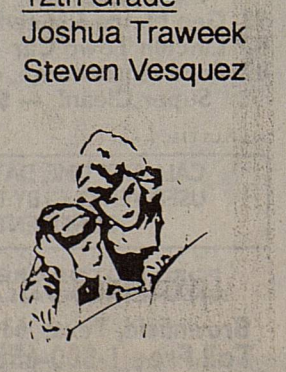
11th Grade

Sonia Avila
Yancey House
Jacob Lester
Mary Morales
Roni Ponce
Lyndi Rowe
Robin Squyres
12th Grade
Stephanie Aguilar
Valerie Blair
Jeremy Dearing
Kelly McGinty

All A's & 1B

9th Grade

Dustin Brunson
10th Grade
Dolly Gonzales
11th Grade
Kyle Bearden
Casey Forbus
Arthur Hernandez
Allen Ward
12th Grade
Joshua Traweck
Steven Vesquez



PHS AG STUDENTS ARE CREATIVE

PHD students Hector Gallegos, Jacob Lester, Yancey House and Marte Pierce are pictured with the round bale forage mover they designed and built in instructor Joe Pierce's agriculture class. They entered the project in the recent South Plains Fair Agriculture Mechanics contest, and won third place for their work.

PISD BULLETIN OCTOBER 23-28

Monday:
TAAS Writing Test - Grades 11 & 12
Cross Country, District, Jr. High; High School, Littlefield, 4 p.m.
Volleyball, Seminole, 7th, 8th, A & B, there, 5 p.m.
Tuesday:
PSAT Test, Grades 10 & 11
Volleyball, Midland Christian, JV; V, Here, 5 p.m.
Volleyball, Lubbock Cooper, 9th, Here 5 p.m.
Wednesday:
TAAS Math, Grades 11 & 12
Thursday:
TAAS Reading, Grades 11 & 12
Football, Whiteface, Jr. High, There, 5 p.m.
Football, Whiteface, JV, There, 6:30 p.m.
Friday:
Football, Whiteface, V, Here, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday:
ACT Test, Grades 11 & 12
Volleyball, Lubbock High, JV; V, Here, 11 a.m.
Area Marching Competition

NEW MASCOTS ELECTED

The Plains Junior High Student body recently elected mascots for the 7th and 8th grade. Representing the eighth grade will be Candace Bowers and Krystle Blundell. The seventh graders will be represented by Elva Ruiz and Lexi Warren.

The Mascots will hold the run-through sign at all junior high games. They will also be helping the cheerleaders and pep-squad in all of their activities to help promote school spirit.

KIRK PARRISH EARNS EARLY ACCEPTANCE AT TEXAS A&M

PHS Senior Kirk Parrish was notified recently he had been accepted as an incoming Freshman next fall at Texas A&M University. Stringent requirements for early acceptance honors include scoring 24 or higher on the ACT exam, ranking in the top 25% of his class, and successfully completing all college required high school courses. Each year some 20,000 students apply for entrance at A&M, with only 6,000 accepted, and a much smaller number are accepted on the early notification date.

Kirk, the son of Jerry and Jan Parrish, is the current Student Council President, a member of the National Honor Society, President of the Federation of Christian Athletes, and has played football three years, track three, and basketball two years. He plans to major in some field of agriculture, and will be a member of the Corps of Cadets.

PHS STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Oct. 9th:

Student of the Week was Josh Traweck. He is a Senior, and is the son of Marc and Zanna Traweck. Josh was nominated by Coach McMinn.

"When the going gets tough the tough get going. This saying describes our student of the week. He has learned to persevere. In Romans 5, verse 3 & 4 it says when one perseveres it leads to character and character to hope. In the face of adversity, this young man has stepped up and given the Plains Cowboys character and hope. Vince Lombardy once said, "Show me a good loser and I'll show you a Loser." This young man hates to lose as much as anyone I have ever seen. But in the last 2 football games, even though this is really his first full year to play, he has rushed for 435 yards. Josh Traweck is not a loser on the field, or in life. He, along with the rest of the

football team, has looked adversity in the face and have persevered and are winners."

Oct. 16th:

Student of the Week is Tanya Hernandez. She is a Sophomore, and is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nick Hernandez.

Tanya was nominated by Miss Arnold.

"This week's Student of the Week is best described by a prayer in Chalkdust by Elspeth Murphy.

She walks in, and the room brightens a little.

She carries an aura of well-being and happiness wherever she goes.

She greets the world openly, reaching out with acceptance and warmth.

What a joy it is to teach a student who is so well-balanced and unselfconscious; who's disciplined, but not compulsive; high spirited, but not rowdy; intelligent, but not arrogant. She is a great student, artist and athlete.

LOCAL YOUTHS IN PLAYDAY ROPING

Robin and Brett Squyres, daughter and son of Newell and Peggy Squyres represented Plains well at the Andrews 4-H Playday Sunday, Oct. 8th.

Brett, 12, won 2nd in the Calf-Touching with a time of 12.739 and 1st place in the Break away Calf roping with a time of 4.816.

Robin, age 16, who started roping only this year, finished even better than her brother. She placed 1st in the Girls Break away calf roping with a time of 6.907 and then finished 1st place in the Goat Tying with a time of 14.247.

Only one other Plains student participated at Andrews, Kimberlee Jones, 12 year old daughter of Steve and Kathy Jones.



Josh Traweck



Tanya Hernandez

7th GRADE VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

Sept. 25 The B team was defeated by Levelland in three games, 15-2, 15-17, 4-15. The A team was defeated in two games 4-15, 10-15.

Oct. 2 The A team downed

Three Way in two games 15-3, 15-3

Oct. 9 The B team was defeated by Lamesa in three games. 11-15, 16-14, 7-15. They came back to win the second game from being down 7-13.

The A team was defeated by Lamesa in two games 6-15, 11-15.

COWBOY BAND SCORES BIG AGAIN

The Plains Cowboy Band competed Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Tumbleweed Classic Marching Festival in Denver City. Plains received a division I in the Prelims and the judges chose Plains as the Outstanding Overall Band. Plains also was chosen as the Outstanding Class 1A Band. Other Class A Bands were Loop and Rankin Plains was chosen to compete in the finals that night. The final was an open Class competition where the top 5 Band in the Prelims played again that night for Best Overall Band. The other Bands in the finals were: Lamesa (4A), Roswell (4A), Rankin (1A), and Muleshoe (3A). Plains took top honors as the Overall Outstanding Band. Plains is the first Class 1A to win the

Overall honor. Judges were Charles Trayler (Dumas), Doyle Gammill (Lubbock) and J.W. King, Jr. (Plainview).

The Plains Cowboy Band competed Tuesday night, Oct. 10 at the Texas Tech Marching Festival. Plains received a division I and was named Outstanding Class 1A Band at the Festival. The judges only gave out 3 first divisions that night, they were Plains, Sudan (1A) and Lubbock Cooper (3A). No Class 2A received a Division I.

These performances once again demonstrated what Cowboy fans and the student body have known all along. The 102 member Cowboy Band is a True Class Act.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
(A VISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)**

To the registered voters of the County of Yoakum, Texas:
(a los votantes registrados del Condado de Yoakum, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on November 7, 1995, for voting in a special election for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional

Amendments as submitted by the 74th Legislature, Regular session, of the State of Texas.
(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m., el 7 de Noviembre de 1995 para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas propuestas constitucionales así como fueron sometidas por la 74a Legislatura Sesión Regular, de la Estado de Texas.

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

ELECTION PRECINCT	NAME OF FACILITY	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
101	Precinct 1 Bldg.	139 E. Broadway	Denver City, TX
202	Community Building	West 15th St.	Denver City, TX
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305	Yoakum County Library	205 E. 4th St.	Denver City, TX
404	Corral Youth Center	911 Avenue G	Plains, TX
406	Tax Office (Branch)	122 West 4th St. (W. 4th @ Ave. B)	Denver City, TX

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:)

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(location) (sitio)

If the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the information in the block is required.

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 18, 1995
(date)

(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el 18 de Octubre de 1995
(fecha)

and ending on November 3, 1995. (y terminando el 3 de Noviembre de 1995.)
(date) (fecha)

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(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantado por correo deberan enviarse a:)

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(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del secretario de la Votacion Adelantada)

P. O. Box 309
(Address) (Direccion)

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Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
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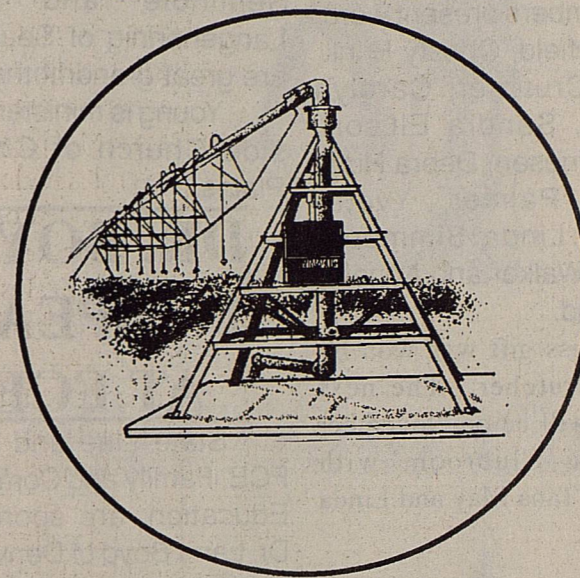
Cost to house criminal aliens in Texas' prisons*

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Total per year	\$109,649,650

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SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and Texas Department of Criminal Justice. *Some state funds may be reimbursed through the U.S. Crime Bill.

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FINE ARTS CLUB MEETS

Plains Fine Arts Club met October 5, 1995, at 7 PM, in the home of Yvette Ramos with co-hostess Sue Banfield. After their meal, the meeting was called to order by vice president Debra Hise. Sandra Ellison, reporter, read the minutes from the last meeting. A discussion concerning a fund-raising project followed.

This month's program was entitled "Name that Tune". Melba Crutcher played parts of some old songs and the members tried to name them. The entire club then sang hymns.

Members present were; Sue Banfield, Christy Brink, Melba Crutcher, Carolyn Culwell, Sandra Ellison, Donna Friesen, Debra Hise, Martha Palmer, Yvette Ramos, Linda Simmons, Frankie Walker and Annette Cleveland.

The hostess gift was won by Melba Crutcher. The next meeting will be on November 2 in the Clubroom with hostesses Tana May and Linda Simmons.

BRIDAL SHOWER ANNOUNCED

A bridal shower honoring Jo Lena Powell, bride elect of Chad Wall, will be held November 4, from 2:00 to 3:30 PM in the home of Ann McGinty.

Selections are available at Dillard's and Service Merchandise of Lubbock. Also, the Cinderella Shoppe, Renaissance, Plains Depot and Bayer Lumber in Plains.

Birth Announcement

Ray and Sonya Young of Plains are the proud parents of a baby girl, Raegan Elizabeth was born Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 2:07 p.m. in the Methodist Hospital, Lubbock. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 22 in. long.

Katelynn, 3 1/2 years old, welcomed her sister home.

Linda Petree of Seagraves and Alex and Dorothea Langehennig of Seagraves are grandparents.

Floosie Pillow of Seagraves, Sybil Milom of Seminole and Lillian Langehennig of Seagraves are great grandmothers.

Young is minister of Hillside Church of Christ in Plains.

DR. BOYD TO SPEAK AT FCE

State Line and Turner FCE, Family and Community Education, are sponsoring Dr. Larry Boyd of Denver City at 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 19 in the clubroom in Plains. He will talk about Diabetics, symptoms, treatment, nutrition, etc.

Every one is invited to the free program. Each woman is asked to bring a covered dish or salad for lunch.

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YOUNG FAMILY REUNION HELD

The Young Family Reunion was held Sunday, Oct. 1, in the Party house in the Terry County Park. A pot luck dinner was served to 35 members with lots of food, visiting and picture taking enjoyed by all.

Those present were Buela Hubbard of Tahoka and Ita Young of Plains representing the older generation. Others present were Joy Craig, Shreveport, LA, David & Katie Jolly and Larissa, Midland, Betty & Roy Jolly and Shirley, Tahoka, Genay Jolly & Belinda Turner, Tahoka, Alton, Rick & Shay Elmore, Brownfield, Jerry & Wilma Jo Young, Anita & Carson DeFever, Littlefield, Bill & Peggy Hubbard, Lorenzo, David and Lavonna Hubbard, Lubbock, Jim, Nancy, Corey, Carla & Kisten Jolly, Tahoka, Karen & Joshua Garcia, Idalou, Patricia Michael, David & Paul of Lorenzo. Also Redell Cogburn of Monahans.

ART CLUB MEETS

The Yoakum County Art Association met October 3, 1995 in the Plains Clubroom. The association voted to award a Scholarship of \$200 this school year to a student chosen from Plains or Denver City High Schools. The students must fill out an application.

Linda Powell will attend a meeting in Odessa October 8-9 on the Texas Council for the Arts. Anyone else wishing to go please contact Linda.

Jimmy Bayer and Helen Hunter will be Hostesses for the Christmas party. They ask members to bring something they have made for a gift.

Linda Powell is to discuss with other clubs in the county their interest in forming an Arts Council. If your club is interested, please let us know.

J.D. Keel of Muleshoe will be conducting Art Classes. For more information, contact Rita White there.

The 12 members present enjoyed an oil demonstration by Lovella Todd of Brownfield. Maxine Grau of Grady, New Mexico was a guest. Mae Barnett was announced as Artist of the Month, and hostesses for the meeting were Ann Hartman and Marguerite Barron.



Mae Barnett

ART ASSOCIATION ARTIST OF MONTH

October Artist of the Month, Mae Barnett is a chart member of Yoakum County Art Association. The club was organized in 1976 with 12 charter members. Mae works in oils, acrylics, and water color. She started painting about 25 years ago with Lovella Todd of Brownfield as instructor. Mae has studied with Connie Martin, Pat Krhan and Mac Carow, all of Lubbock, Harold Scott of Sayer, OK, and Marvin Stevenson of Midland, TX. Mae and husband Jim have lived in Plains 39 years. They have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Mae is working in her fourth term as District Clerk of Yoakum County.

PISD YEAR BOOKS ON SALE
School Annuals for 1995-96 will be on sale October 23 thru 27 for \$12.50. They may be purchased from Mrs. Canada, or any annual staff member.

TSA MO GA PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAM

The October 9 Tsa Mo Ga meeting featured an "International Affairs" theme, presented by coordinator Betty Rushing.

Linda and Ty Earl Powell told members and guest of their two experiences hosting 4-H Club Foreign Exchange students in their home in both 1990 and 1995. Their first 4-H guest, Bitten Sonnegard of Denmark, spent two weeks in the Powell home, and another six weeks in Texas. This year, Ann Margreth Karlsson, Sweden, was a three week guest of the Powells.

The Powells told of their experiences hosting the two young Scandinavians, their ability to speak several languages, their self sufficiency and knowledge.

Member Mattie Field described her recent trip to Mackinac Island, Michigan, located between Lake Michigan and Huron. A beautiful town there dating back to 1887, where horse

drawn carriages replace autos, draws tourists from May to October. Ms. Field also reported on visiting historical sites including the Harry Truman Library, the Mark Twain Museum, and stops in Chicago, and Grand Rapids.

Member Martha Palmer spoke about their family experiencing another foreign guest in their home over the 1994 Christmas season. Their son, Brent Palmer, head women's Basketball coach at NMJC, arranged for one of his players, a young Croatian scholarship student, to spend the Holiday's with the Palmers when the dorms were closed and she could not travel home.

The TFWC Caprock District fall board meeting will held at the Lubbock Women's Club House in Lubbock. Hostesses for the evening were Edna Chambliss, Ann Chadwick, and Mary Jo St. Romain.

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TEXANS TO VOTE ON 14 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Texas will go to the polls November 7 and ponder on the fate of 14 Constitutional Amendments passed by the Legislature this year. A majority vote is required to place an amendment on the Constitution.

Like all constitution proposals, each of the 14 issues has backers, and detractors, positives and negatives. To add some insight to the proposals, CCN will review as many of the amendments as possible prior to the November 7 election. Material for this information comes from a publication published by the Texas Conservative Coalition.

Proposition No. 3: To allow the use of existing bond authority of the farm and ranch finance program to include financial assistance for the expansion, development and diversification of production, processing, marketing and export of Texas Agricultural products.

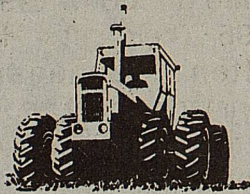
Summary: This proposition would authorize the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority (TAFA) to use \$200 million of the \$500 million in bonds already authorized as part of the state's Farm and Ranch Land Finance Program. The \$200 million would be used to guarantee loans for agricultural businesses, especially those which use innovative or value-added techniques to produce, market or export agricultural products.

Background: The Farm and Ranch Land Finance Program, administered by the Veteran's Land Board, was approved by Texas voters as a constitutional amendment in 1985. At that time, the program re-

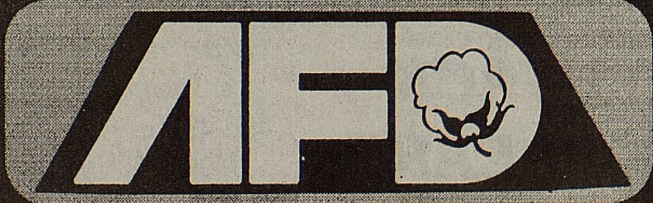
ceived authorization to issue \$500 million in general obligation bonds to provide low-interest loans for the purchase of farm and ranch land. The program, however, has yet to be developed.

If approved by the voters, this constitutional amendment would transfer administration of the Farm and Ranch Land Finance Program to the TAFA. In addition, it would allow the TAFA to use \$200 million of bonds authorized under the program to augment the TAFA's Loan Guaranty Program, which currently has only \$25 million in bonding authority. According to its own literature, the TAFA has received requests for more than \$260 million in loan guarantees.

Supporters of this proposition contend that it will allow the Texas Department of Agriculture to provide farmers and ranchers with a more flexible finance program without having to authorize additional state debt. Still, it should be noted that the bonds used to finance either of these programs are general obligation bonds which are backed by the full faith and credit of the state. In case of default, the State of Texas would ultimately be liable for repayment of the bonded debt. This proposition would transfer the investment made through the sale of the bonds from land to more risky business ventures.



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Bomer said consumers should consider customer service along with price and financial stability when selecting an insurance company or HMO. "Complaint ratios are one indication of how a company treats its customers," Bomer said. "This information can help you select an insurance company or HMO with a good record of customer service."

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The booklet does not contain complaints that are currently pending or complaints made by customers to their companies. It also does not provide information concerning a company's financial strength. Consumers can obtain financial information, including a company's letter-grade from a national financial rating service by calling 1-800-252-3439 and asking for a "company profile."



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4-H'ers in S. PLAINS FAIR

Thirty-two Yoakum County 4-H'ers competed in several categories at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock. In Food Preservation members entered 46 jars of jelly, 1 jar of picante sauce, and 1 jar of pickles. In the jelly and jam entries, Alecia Bearden received two 3rd place awards, Monica Castillo 1st & 2nd place, Cindy Krebsbach 2nd place, Casey Mayes 1st & 2nd place, Cody Mayes 1st place, and Grady McNabb 1st place.

Of the 10 sewing entries, Casey Mayes placed 2nd with his pillow.

4-H'ers exhibited goats, swine and rabbits as well. Ragan McGinty received 2nd place, 3rd place and 6th place with her goat entries. Ricky Nevarez placed 8th with a heavy weight Duroc, Lesli

Rowe placed 8th with a heavy weight OPB, and Lyndi Rowe placed 12th with a heavy weight cross. Casey Mayes also exhibited a super heavy weight cross. In rabbit competition, Chase Howell claimed 1st & 3rd place honors while Callie Howell received 3rd, 4th, and two 5th place awards.

Five 4-H members modeled in the District 4-H Fashion Follies at the Fair Park coliseum. They were Keigan Funderburk, Jessica Knight, Justin Nevarez, April Wilmeth and Becky Wilmeth. Follies entertainment was provided by Jody Nix and two of his band members. Everyone was treated to "Chuck Wagon" refreshments after enjoying 4-H members modeling their fashions.

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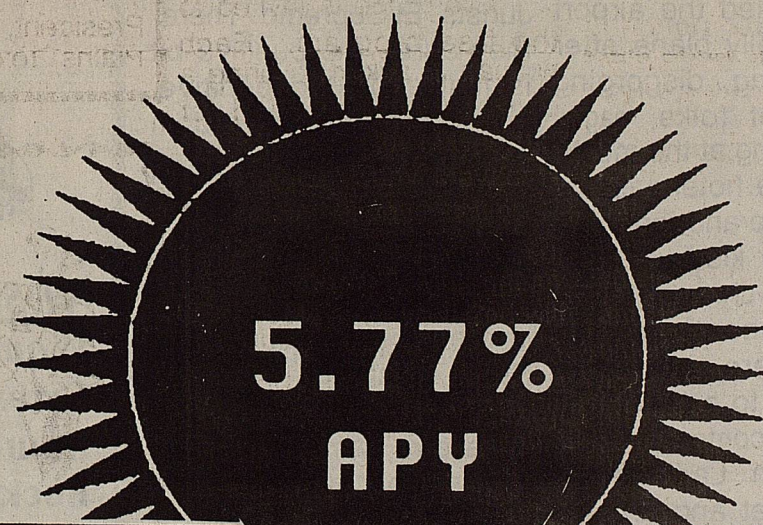
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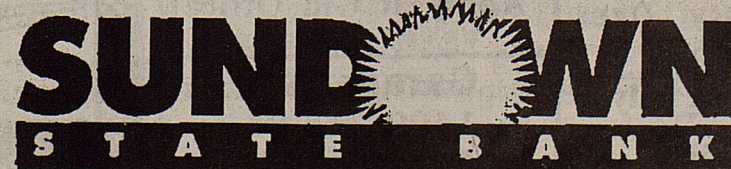
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From The Hack



Thanks to the forethought and frugality of the number one bride, we were able to take a little quick trip to Las Vegas last week, the week you didn't get a paper.

I can't begin to tell you how fine it was. At the urging of our minister, Rick Doyle, we toured several Methodist churches, sat in on a couple of Mormon services, very big in Nevada and Utah, and enjoyed a splendid mass in the huge L.V. Catholic Church.

Believe all that? Got a few Bucks? I have a piece of land I need to sell you.

It really was a fun trip. We hadn't seen Sin City since 1988, and the difference in the fastest growing city in the country almost overwhelmed us. The famed "Strip" no longer has blocks, acres of vacant land between hotels and casinos. It's virtually wall to wall building after building, nothing but places to eat, drink, sleep, get married and gamble.

We were virtually stunned by the magnificence of the new to us MGM Grand, Luxor, Excalibur, and Mirage hotels. My constant question on the trip was, where do they get the money to do all this? And then I recalled the airport scene, literally plane after plane landing, disgorging hundreds of folks, eager, actually frothing at the mouth to get to the hotel casinos and win fame and fortune.

We met our kissing Sis in law and her chronically irregular husband in the terminal there, and they escorted us to a fine hotel they had us comped in, the only one in Las Vegas offering millet and prunes for breakfast to combat his bowel problem.

I really wanted to tour Hoover Dam, the Grand Canyon and Liberace's famous museum, but they all talked me into trying my hand at the dice tables. I begged for forgiveness, used some of the bride's

cash to get in the game, and Voila, began to win, no doubt because of the purity of my heart. Everything was going lovely, me amassing a small fortune, until my sister in law and stomach cramped spouse walked up, whispered in my ear, "How's it going", the proverbial kiss of death.

The guy shooting the dice promptly threw them almost across the casino, and naturally, sevens out the next roll. My streak ended then and there.

Did you catch the news item on the tube about the huge settlement Auto Giant BMW was ordered to pay by the US Supreme Court? Some guy buys one of their high dollar machines, decides he wants to custom paint it, and discovers it's been painted before, due to damage from acid rain while in transit to the dealer. He sues for \$4000, an apparent reasonable amount. The local jury awards him this amount, Plus Four, yes, 4, Million Bucks for compensatory damages!

This is a paint job case, remember? BMW, enraged, appeals, and fights it all the way to the nation's top Jurists, El Supremo. There, they agree the punitive bit is just a bit too punitive, and in their infinite wisdom and best economically fair thinking, cut the damages in half, to a mere \$2 Mill.

Seems to me I remember something about Tort Reform in the recent National and State elections. If this is reform from silly and excessive damage fees for cases bordering on the frivolous, I am going to hock everything I own, possibly including the Bride, invest it all in down payment on a Rolls Royce, insist it be delivered by open transport thru the acid

rainiest part of the land, then hire O.J.'s Dream Team to sue England, Rolls, the trucking firm, and the dealer I dealt with. Sounds like a better gamble than some of what I experienced in Vegas.

An article in a recent issue of THE HOBBS DAILY NEWS-SUN really caught my attention. New Mexico wants a piece of Texas' state lottery action. Seems one Bruce Wiggins, chairman of the NM Lottery Commission, is exploring ways to join hands with our lottery commission. He recently told the NM Legislature his state couldn't offer multi million dollar Lottery jackpots because of the state's small population.

Now, isn't that a shame. I am dead set against this idea. Let their folks keep coming over the state line in droves to buy our tickets. After all, Texans go in droves to the race tracks in Ruidoso and Santa Fe to spend their bucks, our flat land skiers make winter time lucrative time for the New Mexico ski resorts, and thousands of our hunters flock there pursuing deer, bear and elk, leaving behind tons of Texas bucks. I think that's enough.

Referring back to the Vegas trip, on the only cab trip we took back to the airport, the driver casually asked, "Where you folks

from?", in an obvious Yankee accent. When told 'Texas', he replied, "Hey, that's great, I know exactly where Lubbock is. Got a kid there, loved it when Tech beat A&M. We have nine kids, four of them live in Texas, and I really like the state". Let me tell you, a cab jockey in Vegas or any other major city these days who can speak English, and 'specially one who knows Texas is a jewel to be remembered. Bride and I unanimously voted to give him a couple extra bucks.

New Town Off To Grand Start!

Post City, Sept. 1. Settlers have begun to arrive in this new city on the High Plains, built by C.W. Post, the 'Cereal King', as the center of a carefully planned community for farmers.

Post purchased 225,000 acres of land for a reported \$750,000. His plan is to establish a settlement of farmers who own their own land and homes. No liquor is to be sold in town, no town lots will be sold to speculators, and strict sanitary rules will be

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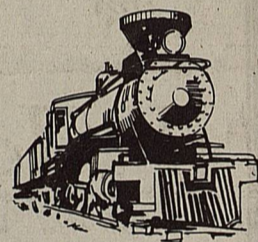
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enforced. Store buildings are being built of native sandstone. irrigation, and the introduction of new crops.

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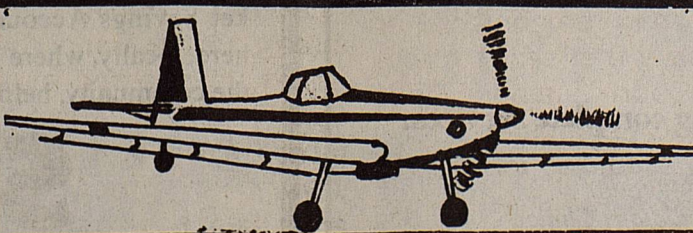
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