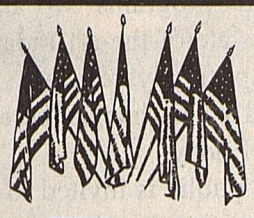
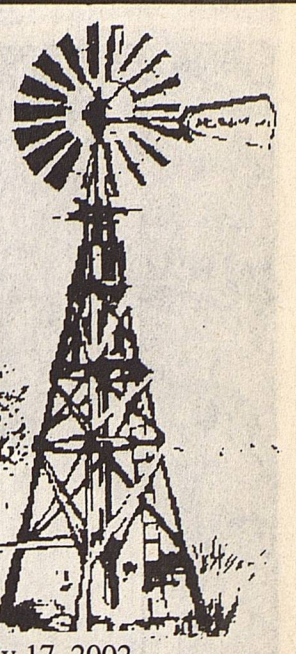


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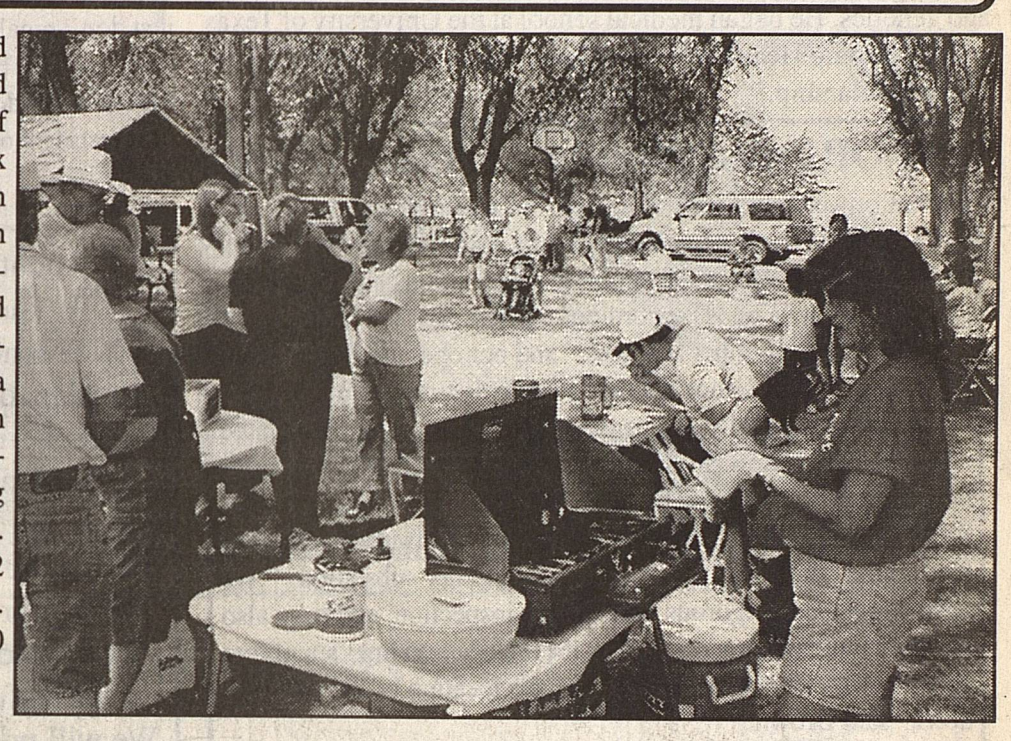
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Jamica 2002



Recipe for a successful church fund raiser: Gather dozens of dedicated, hard working volunteers; add games of chance, games for kids of all ages; mix in a full afternoon of music; sprinkle in a raffle for \$1500 cash; stir in a dozen or more tasty food items. You have created the annual Jamica, the Sacred Heart Catholic Church chief fund raising event. It was impossible to get a count of the come and go crowd in Stanford Park last Sunday, but by mid-afternoon, the park was overflowing with a hungry, fun seeking crowd. Nancy Sigala was crowned 2002 Jamica Queen. The raffle produced a \$800 and \$400 winner, and three \$100 prizes were awarded.



MORE PHOTOS INSIDE

Australian to study precipitation enhancement program in Texas

John Forrest, a Member of the Australian Parliament, will be in Plains Friday morning, part of a whirl wind tour sponsored by his government to study precipitation enhancement programs, including Sandy Land Water District's Southern Ogallala Aquifer Rainfall program. Australia has a number of things in common with Texas - a vast agricultural economy, and all too often, severe drought. The Parliament there dispatched Forrest to Texas to examine a number of successful cloud seeding programs around the state. He is particularly interested

in the local program. Forrest has served in the Australian House of Representatives as Federal Member for Mallee, Victoria since 1993, and is a member of the National Party. He holds a bachelor degree in engineering, and master's degree in science. His interests as an engineer are associated with irrigation, water resources management, hydro-electric power and environmental sustainability. He will spend Thursday evening, July 19, with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Walker, and will inspect the

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The great Terrapin - Raccoon War

Masked bandits win skirmishes, lose the war

What do you do when hairy, striped varmints invade your garden-like back yard, and start systematically destroying your pets you have nurtured for years? You wage war against the invaders, of course.

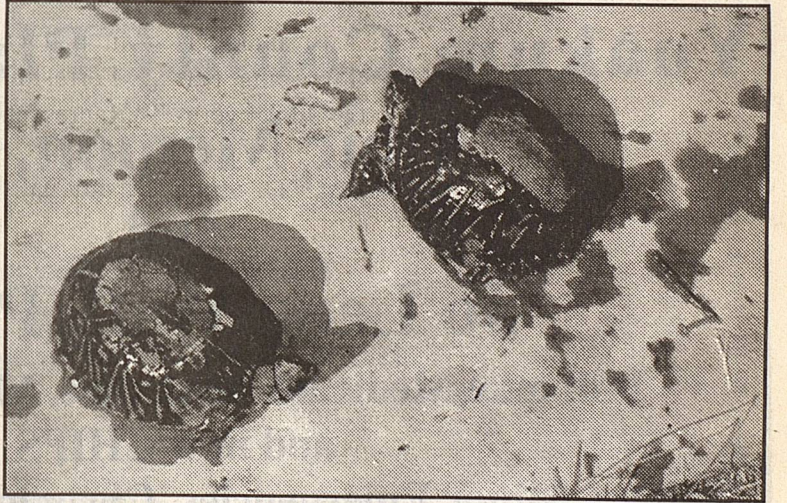
For a number of years, local resident Wilma Powell has collected what many of us call turtles, correctly identified as Desert Terrapins, and transported them to her lush backyard where they roamed carte-blanche.

"They may not be beautiful critters, but I've always been fond of turtles and terrapins, and they do a great job of controlling insects in my grass and plants." Powell said at one time she had at least forty of the crawling insect eaters creeping about, doing their duty.

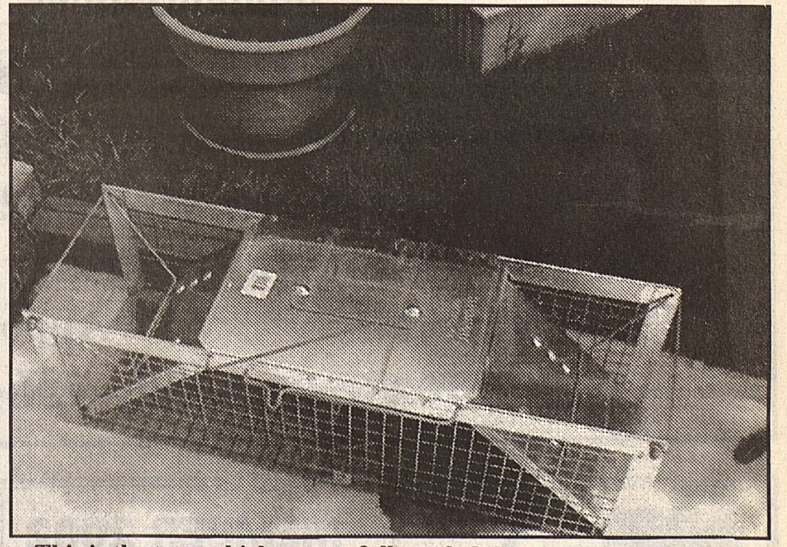
A few weeks ago, she started coming across dead terrapins, and empty shells. "I first thought, we've either been invaded by housecats, or maybe a fox or two. I called my son Ty Earl, and he snooped about, and agreed some form of varmint was enjoying snacking on the terrapins."

"Well," she continued, "I got a bit mad about this, and decided I would do battle with what ever it was." Animal traps were purchased and put in the yard.

A few days later while running her trap line, Wilma was astounded, but elated, to find "A varmint I don't ever recall seeing here before, a genuine, masked bandit raccoon in the trap, looking a bit sheepish at being stupid enough to get



A pair of Wilma Powell's terrapin friends. She paints the back of their shells in order to take daily roll call



This is the trap which successfully ended the war with raccoons

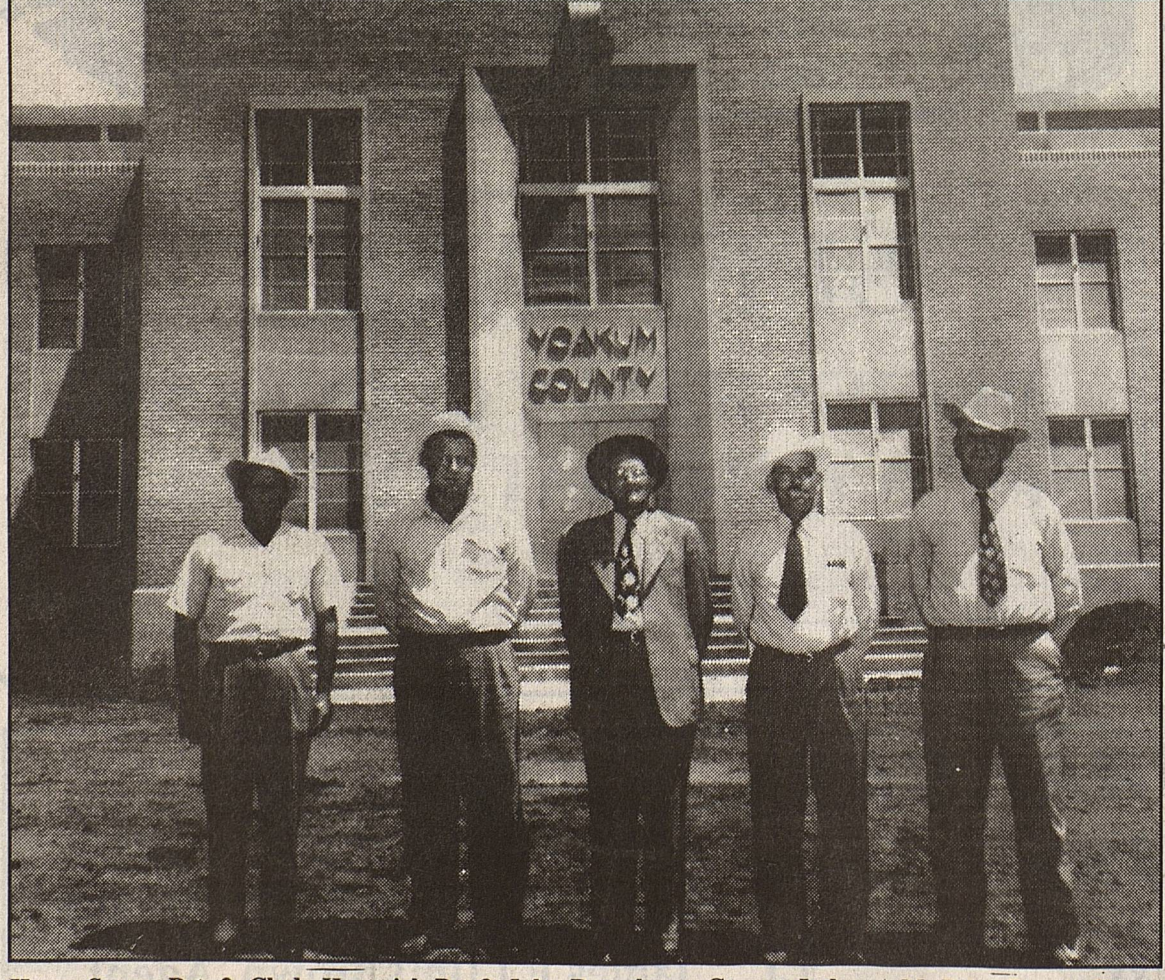


Her fondness for turtles is evident in her large and impressive ceramic collection, a few shown here

ing we had another raccoon. I thought, how many of these the trap and put it out again that night. Sure enough, next morn-

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Commissioner's Court, 1949



Harry Scown Pct. 2, Clyde Hartwick Pct 3, John Derryberry County Judge, A.M. Price Pct. 4, Clarence Brown Pct. 1.

Members of Yoakum County Commissioner's Court struck a pose in 1949 before the just finished new courthouse. Actual construction of the courthouse started in 1948. It was with some difficulty all these men were correctly identified, another reason the County Historical Commission is encouraging all citizens to start searching for old photos, news items, which are needed for planning the 2005 Centennial Celebration of the County's Organization.

Clark Commissioned An Ensign



On May 10, 2002 Justin Clark was commissioned as an Ensign into the U.S. Navy Reserves and graduated from Texas A&M University on May 11, 2002 with a double major in biochemistry and genetics. He began medical school at the University of Texas at San Antonio Health Sciences Center on July 1, 2002 on a U.S. Navy scholarship.

CO-OP investigates power interruptions

Recent power interruptions in the southern part of Plains have Lea County Electric personnel working to determine their cause. "We've been aware of the sporadic interruptions since they began a few weeks ago," according to Allan Brown, Manager of Marketing and Member Services, "and our operations personnel have been working since the first blink to determine - and correct - the problem. Usually, the cause of a power interruption can be determined fairly quickly, but finding the source of an intermittent blink can sometimes be more difficult." As of 2:00 p.m. Monday, Co-op personnel re-routed the power feed to the south part of the city onto another substation. "We have conducted a rigorous pole to pole inspection, and have also installed fault locating devices on the distribution lines supplying power in an effort to better pinpoint the location of the interruptions," said Brown. "We're able to provide power to the City of Plains at better than a 99.98% rate of reliability, but occasionally, weather, animals or other operational conditions keep us from batting a thousand," according to Brown.

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'Australian'**
SOAR programs two aircraft and state-of-the-art radar and computer system at Sandy Land's new hangar here at 9 AM Friday. The public is invited to meet the visiting Aussie.

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critters am I fighting?" The trap was baited again, and the third morning's inspection revealed a fully grown, and very irate housecat, someone's pet according to a collar it wore. The cat was released on bond, Powell said. "The bond was my threatening it with instant death if it got trapped again. Smart cat, it hasn't shown up yet." Pressed to reveal the fate of the raccoons, Powell related, "You know, I've been trying to remember what we did with those coons. My memory becomes worse every year. Perhaps I carried them to the mountains in New Mexico, I just don't recall. Besides, I sure don't want any calls from PETA. I just don't remember!" Interesting story from an interesting lady.

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Ashlee Davis Awarded Scholarships

The Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock recently honored Ashlee Davis of Plains with a \$2,500.00 Barbara Wilson Nursing Fund scholarship. The award is based on excellent academic performance and clinical reputation. She was also honored at the Knipling Education Conference Center in Lubbock. Ashlee was also the recipient of a T.F.W.C. Caprock District Scholarship in the amount of \$2,300.00. She was recognized at the annual convention meeting at the Lubbock Plaza Hotel in Lubbock. Ashlee will graduate from Covenant School of Nursing in May, 2003 with an R.N. degree. She is the granddaughter of Johnnie and Melba Fitzgerald and Zareta Winn and the late



Billy Winn. Ashlee and husband, Mesa. Billy and Michael have one daughter.

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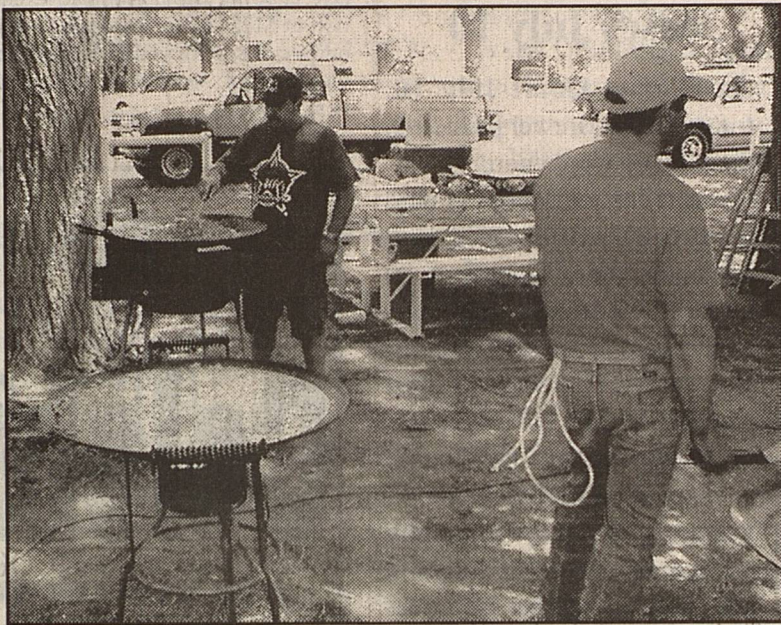
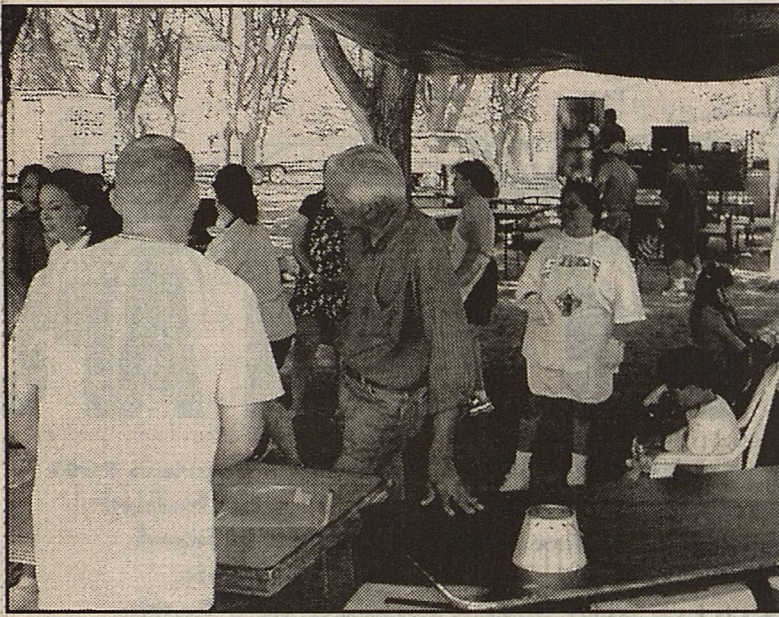
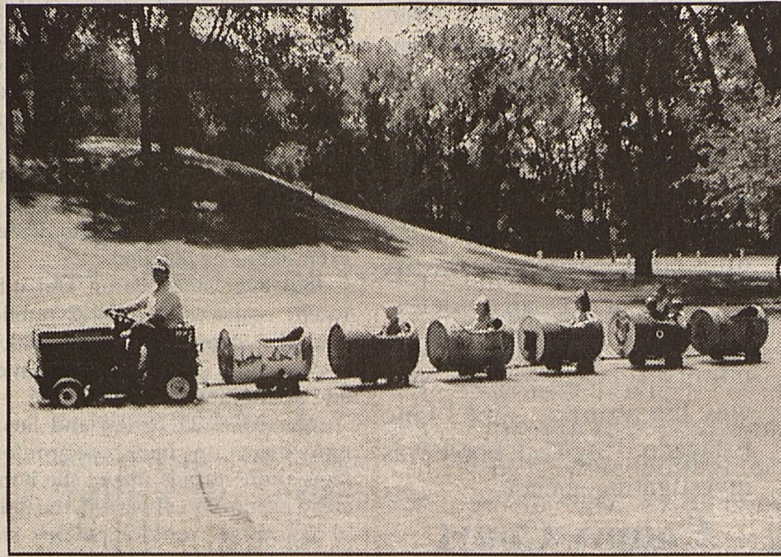
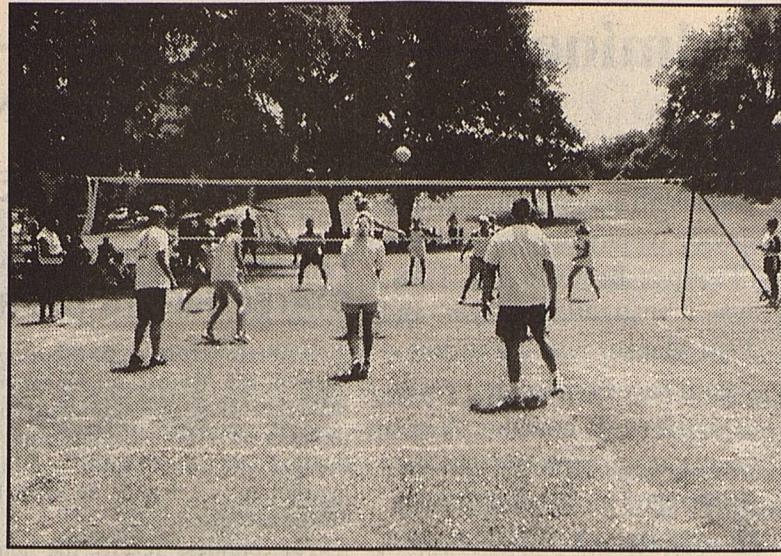
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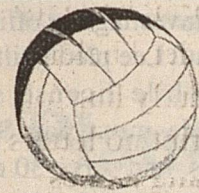
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How to Establish a Credit History

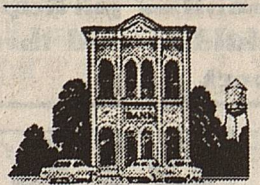
- Establish a checking and savings account
- Open a charge account with a department store and make prompt payments
- Apply for a gasoline credit card
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There are several factors that will affect your ability to obtain credit:

- Late payments
- Too many credit cards
- Paying less than the minimum payment
- Having your overdue account referred to a collection agency
- Declaring bankruptcy

If you look in your mailbox or read your e-mail, it would appear there is no shortage of credit. But beware! In most cases, it is better to destroy the credit offers received in the mail so that no one else will pick up the application and apply for a card in your name. If you receive offers via the Internet, simply press the delete button without ever opening the message.

Creditors usually base their decisions on your credit worthiness by looking at your credit report, which is a record of the balances on your loans and credit cards and your payment history. Credit reports also contain public record information such as bankruptcy, overdue property taxes and



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The Independent Bankers Association of Texas suggests you check your credit report at least once a year to make sure the information is correct. It is also wise to check your report to safeguard against fraud in case someone is using your personal information to set up false accounts.

How Do I Get A Copy Of My Report?

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Remember, good credit is a valuable commodity that allows you the convenience of enjoying something now and paying for it later. However, if misused, credit can be disastrous to your financial health.

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District, County Court Criminal Cases Heard

In 121st Judicial District Court July 8, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, four criminal cases were heard. Jose Alfredo Velasquez Jr. agreed to modifying conditions of community supervision from a prior unauthorized use of a motor vehicle case. He was ordered to a delinquent fine of \$47, serve an additional 50 hours community service, and be under intensive supervision 60 days.

Jarrold Dane Meredith pled guilty to engaging in organized criminal activity. A seven year sentence to the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice was suspended and probated seven years. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$218 court costs and \$140 restitution. Charges of delivery of marijuana, cocaine

were adjudicated. He must complete the drug offender program and the TAIP Outpatient program, serve 30 days in jail, surrender his license 180 days, and serve 160 hours community service. Llano Estacado Drug Task Force was investigator, Paul Mansur was his attorney.

Francisco Sotello Jr. pled guilty to DWI, third or more. A ten year prison sentence was suspended and probated 10 years. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$233 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. and \$450 attorney fee. He must serve 160 hours community service, and remain in jail 180 days or until space is available in a substance abuse felony punishment facility. He will surrender his license 180 days

and install an ignition interlock device on any driven vehicle.

Trooper Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer, and Paul Mansur was his attorney.

Justin Ray Fenton pled guilty to delivery of cocaine. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1000, and must pay \$302 court costs, \$140 restitution and \$25 time payment fee. Causes of possession of marijuana and cocaine, and criminal conspiracy were dismissed. He will surrender his license 180 days, complete the drug offender program, testify truthfully against all co-defendants and serve 120 hours community service. Warren New was his attorney, and Llano Estacado Drug Task Force was investigating agency.

County Court cases July 10

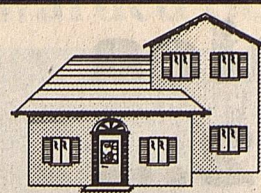
In County Court July 10, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, three cases were heard.

Jesus Manuel Mendias pled guilty to a third enhanced driving under the influence. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 6 months. He was fined \$500 and must pay \$211 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. His license is suspended 60 days, and he will serve 40 hours community service and spend 36 hours in jail, with credit for 12 hours served. Trooper Chris Malloy, DPS, was investigating officer.

Daniel Paul Lee pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He must pay \$211 court costs, and serve 30 days in jail, with credit for 30 days time served. Investigating officer was Trooper Robert Shugart, DPS. Paul Mansur was his attorney.

Ernesto Tarango Mendoza agreed on state's motion to modify terms of community supervision from a prior assault causing bodily injury cause. He must pay a delinquent \$43 fine, delinquent supervision fees of \$40. His community supervision will be extended 180 days, and he must pay \$60 monthly supervision fees in the extended time.

Real Estate News For Consumers



FEDERAL LEGISLATION WOULD AFFECT STATES' RIGHTS TO PROTECT HOMESTEADS

WASHINGTON — This spring, a panel of U.S. House and Senate lawmakers reached a breakthrough compromise on a key sticking point in the passage of bankruptcy-reform legislation — what to do with the homestead exemption.

For countless Texans, the homestead exemption is a sacred thing. For more than 150 years, the state constitution has allowed homeowners to shield an unlimited amount of home equity from creditors in the event of personal bankruptcy.

Previous attempts in Congress to eliminate or curb states' rights to maintain their own homestead exemptions have failed.

But ever since Enron and other recent scandals involving publicly traded companies, lawmakers appear more eager to close financial and accounting loopholes.

The April 23 House and Senate agreement on bankruptcy-reform legislation curtails use of the homestead exemption. If passed, the federal legislation would supersede state law, capping the homestead exemption at \$125,000 for convicted felons, or persons with debts related to a violation of securities laws in the past 10 years.

The proposed legislation creates a two-year residency requirement to qualify for the unlimited exemption. This provision is designed to prevent debtors from relocating to a state like Texas, which has the homestead exemption, for the purpose of shielding their assets in an expensive home and then filing for bankruptcy.

The compromise bill would allow debtors to use the state's unlimited homestead exemption if they have lived in the state for two years before filing for bankruptcy. Texas and Florida are two of several states that have homestead exemptions in place.

Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison was among those in Congress who continued to oppose a homestead cap. "I just think it's a matter that should be left up to the states," Hutchison said.

Historically, the 50,000-plus member Texas Association of Realtors also has opposed any homestead cap.

"For Texans, protection of the family home is paramount," said Mary Frances Burleson, chairman, Texas Association of Realtors.

The spring 2002 compromise on the homestead-exemption issue brought the legislation one step closer to passage — something that

seemed unlikely just six months before. In an election year, bankruptcy reform had little support from politicians who had no desire to hurt debt-strapped voters and help prosperous credit card companies in seizing debtor assets under bankruptcy.

Burleson said that although the congressional compromise seems reasonable, the homestead cap could pose problems for honest people who move to Texas on a job transfer, purchase a home, and then fall on hard economic times through no fault of their own.

For more information on this and other consumer issues, visit the Texas Association of Realtors Web site at www.texasrealestate.com.

Internet Classes Slated For Fall

Nearly 50 Internet courses will be among college courses offered this fall by South Plains College.

SPC Levelland will hold fall registration 8:30-11:30 am. and 1:30-6:00 pm. Aug. 21 in the Administration Building.

The SPC Reese Center campus in Lubbock will hold registration 8:30-11:30 am. and 1:30-7:00 pm., Aug 22 in Building 1, Administrative Offices.

Registration permits are required. Classes begin Aug. 26. Late registration in Aug. 26-30.

Internet courses include Agricultural Finance, General Biology, Cultural Anthropology, Introduction to Computer Science, Fundamentals of Electricity I, Composition I, American Government, Organization, History of U.S. To 1876, Career and Self Evaluation, Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement, General Psychology, TASP Reading Lab and Introduction to Sociology.

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Ragan McGinty Scholarship Recipient



Ragan Leigh McGinty was recently notified she has been awarded a \$10,000 4-H Foundation College Scholarship, courtesy of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo organization.

Ragan, 18 and a 2002 graduate of Plains High School will receive the scholarship spread over semesters in a four year college program. She plans to attend Tarleton State University, and will major in Chemical Engineering.

Her selection as a 4-H scholarship winner was based on her ten year membership and achievements in the Plains 4-H Club. Honors in 4-H included bronze, silver and gold awards for her State Record

Book; I Dare You Award as outstanding Jr. 4-H member; Senior Meat Goat Award; Leadership Award in Swine production; Queen of the Yoakum County Livestock Show; two times First Place in District Method Demonstration, and two years State 4-H Round Up.

Achievements in PHS included 2nd high in UIL current events, top 5 in her graduating class, member of 1st place District Marching Band, National Honor Society.

Ragan hopes to earn a Master Degree in Chemical Engineering and work for NASA. She is the daughter of Anne and the late Kenneth McGinty.

Yoakum County Connection Update

The Connection met at their building in Denver City, July 9. President LeAnn Romines and Watermelon Round Up Chair Jeannette Head reported on the Youth Program and plans for the August 31 Round Up.

Connection Treasurer Pam Burgess delivered a financial report, and reminded all who have not paid membership dues for 2002 the money can be put to good use. Memberships are available to business firms and

individuals. Contact Ms. Burgess at 456-7130 for more information.

Other business included election of Andrea Chavira as Connection Director, replacing Jesse Flores. The Connection will donate a purchase award to the Yoakum County Art Association for their show and sale during the Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion, August 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

NEW BOOKS AT YOAKUM COUNTY LIBRARY

FICTION:
High On A Hill...Dorothy Garlock, The Emperor Of Ocean Park...Stephen L. Carter, The Beach House...James Patterson, Kentucky Heat...Fern Michaels, Running Scared...Elizabeth Lowell, Fire Ice...Clive Cussler, Summer Of Tuscany...Elizabeth Adler, Covenant Child...Terri Blackstock, The Cabinet Of Curiosities...Douglas Preston.

NON-FICTION:
Chess For Kids...Michael Basman
The Chip Hiton Sports Series by Coach Clair Bee added to the childrens' section

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Plains, Texas

Sunday School
9:30 am.
Morning Worship
10:45 am.
Evening Program
6:00 pm.

Senior Citizens Corner

Our seniors were busy over the holiday visiting with family and friends. Some of those going out of town were Ruby Kennedy to Brownfield to visit a son and family. Ray Baker went to Ruidoso. He also made a trip to Amarillo for the funeral of his sister-in-law. Ed Kostelich and his family visited in New York when they took grandson, Blu, back to Westpoint. Jean Sparks went to Odessa to visit Mike and his family. Marsene Beatty went to Oklahoma, for a family gathering which she describes as one of those 'hug-a-lot' reunions.

Opal Jefferson and Larene Randolph each entertained a daughter and described it as a time of doing 'girl things'.

Welcome back to Bruce and Ann Greer who have been away in the cooler climes of Cloudcroft for the past month. The report is that there's nothing better than to get home again.

We welcome the Senior Companion ladies who meet here for lunch each month.

Peggy Dolloff's sister, Mary Martin, has been lighting up the Center with her smiling face this week. Other visitors have been Julia and Nelton Lemley and Rosa Cenicerros. Welcome to each of you.

Monday night pool winners were Leo Daniel, Inez Turner and Billie O'Neal. Tuesday winners at the '42' tournament were Gladys Thomason and

Inez Turner.

A Health Fair, sponsored by Interim, Home Health and South Plains Association of Governments (SPAG) will be held here at the Center later this month. Current information indicates that several tests will be available such as Cholesterol, Sugar, Bone Density and others. These tests are free to people over sixty. There will be a small fee for those under sixty. The hours will be from 10:00 am. to 2:00 pm. We do need an estimate of all those who would like to participate in this, so let Gloria know here at the Center or by calling 592-8000 Check next week for specific details on this.

Faye Black, Becky Cryer and Billie O'Neal are all on the sick list this week. Hurry back, ladies, you are missed here in the Senior Center family.

Texas Community Development Program will hold a public hearing at 7:00 pm on July 15, 2002, at the City Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan among other items. The city encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing.

Thought for the day: "There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to leave our children. One of these is roots; the other is wings." (see Isaiah 40:30)

Wedding Planned



Larry and Ruth Murphree wish to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Tracy to Candace Lambert of Sanger, Texas, on August 3, 2002, at the Little Chapel of the Woods on the TWU campus, Denton, Texas.

Happy 50th Anniversary!!



Mr. & Mrs. Bob Blundell celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday, July 19th. They are the parents of Bob Jr. and Judy Blundell of Carlsbad, NM, and Chris and Vicki Blundell of Plains. Blundell and the former Billie Guetersloh were married on July 19, 1952, in Levelland, TX. They have two grandchildren, Krystle and Kelsey Blundell. Their family congratulates and wishes them many more years of happiness.

WE NEED YOUR \$\$\$\$ HELP!!!

Each year, the Plains Rodeo Association finds it more difficult to fund the Saturday Barbecue lunch for the Old Settlers Reunion. To help keep this old tradition alive, we're asking for your financial support. Your donations can be given to any member of the Plains Roping Club, Chamber of Commerce and Plains Lions Club. Checks should be payable to Plains Rodeo Association. THANKS

JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and fines and bonds set by Judge Melba Crutcher, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1.

Cases filed:

59 traffic cases
1 - public intoxication case
1 - felony case filed

Bonds set:

Possession of drug paraphernalia - \$400.00 bond.
3 cases - Driving while intoxicated - 3rd or more - \$2,500.00 bond + interlock device ordered.
Evading arrest/detention - \$2,500.00 bond.
2 cases - Assault causing bodily

injury - motion to revoke probation - held until hearing.
Criminal mischief - over \$50.00 - under \$500.00 - \$500.00 bond.
Public intoxication - \$500.00 bond.
Unlawful consumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor - \$500.00 bond.
Driving under the influence of alcohol by minor - \$500.00 bond.
2 cases - Motion to revoke probation/DWI - held until hearing.
Driving while license suspended - \$500.00 bond.

Outdoor swimming pool party
August 9th
8 P.M. to 11 P.M. Youth Center Grades.
FOOD & DRINKS

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Sunday Schedule
Sunday School - 9:45 am
Morning Worship - 10:45 am
Evening Worship - 6:00 pm
Wednesday Connection
Food, Fellowship & Study
5:30-7:30 pm

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From The Hack

Kilpatrick Tourney winners



As always, I enjoyed the visit with Wilma Powell, who not only correctly solved the mystery of the 1949 Commissioner's Court members, but also furnished the material for the front page article on her battle with raccoons to save her terrapin friends and workers. By the way, should I get in trouble with her for putting her on the front page, I want someone else to share it. I was tipped off to the story by her nephew, Joe St. Romain. Now you can share your irritation between the two of us, Wilma.

I know I will get flak from a few pickety-snickety readers questioning my judgement in featuring a story on creepy, crawly beasts who live in a hard-shell house.

Hey, why not?? Who else in town do you know who has a turtle, terrapin, tortoise, whatever, home for the homeless creatures? Who else, in the interest of photo journalism, would hand you a squirming terrapin after posing two very docile types on her patio, telling you, "This is number 14, his or her name is either Homer or Henrietta, hold on tight, he or she is really strong, and don't get careless... he or she will bite Hell out of you!"

She was absolutely right. I had a firm grasp on Homer or Henrietta, and really had to mash down on him or her - they're strong! He or she also has the rotten disposition she described. When Wilma placed a piece of meat before the sex-undetermined beast, IT seemed to much prefer attacking my struggling hand.

Following the turtle-terrapin interview, late that afternoon I went to the golf course to see how the practice round of the annual Cotton Kilpatrick tourney was going. Going there, and coming back, I was ex-

A pair of former Denver City High School golf team members picked up the Championship trophy in last weekend's annual Cotton Kilpatrick tournament at the County Course here. Ryan Sanders and Amory Drugsma, above, scored an impressive 133 to win over the second place team of Ray and Stan Roberts, 136, and Kenny Dierschke and Ken Taylor, 137. The second and third place teams are former winners of the tournament, the Golf Club's premier championship event. Other money winning teams included:

First flight- Greg Hix, Charlie Jividen, 133, Joe Gear, Carey Sudderth 134, Raul and Amalio Garcia 135.

Second flight- Teams of Terry Ott and Terry Burton, and Bill Qualls and Richard McDonald both shot 140 to tie for first place. Ott and Burton won the playoff on the first hole, Qualls and McDonald placed second, and Joel Park, Delwayne Snell shot 141 for third place.

Third flight- Scott Bell, Joe Trevino 140, Steve Robles, Koby Hooker 141, Chris and Bill Gravit 141, Tie.

Fourth flight- G. Cuevas, Greg Pierce 140, Terry Hix, Brad Rumfield 141, Fred Barber, Johnnie Jones 144.

Fifth flight- Larry Chapman, Jack Glover 145, Ron Williford, T. Fleming 150, Dale Carter, Jim Maynard 151, Bill Butler, David Brunson, 151, Tie.

Sixth flight- Gerald Young, J, Eddy Garcia 150, Jackie Allen, Jim Faulkenberry 153.

tremely vigilant, carefully scanning the highway before me, determined never again to squash one of the determined critters trying to cross the road. Naturally, we still have no idea why they want to cross the road. We can rest assured it's not because a chicken is on the other side

I knew if Wilma ever heard I had accidentally smushed one of her favorites, I would be in deep, deep stuff for years to come.

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Being a bona-fide senior, it doesn't bother me to report this; I'm the life of the party - even if it lasts till 8 PM. I'm usually interested in going home before I get where I'm going. I smile all the time because I

can't hear a thing you're saying. I'm good at telling stories.. over, and over and over. I'm NOT grouchy.. I just don't like traffic, waiting, crowds, lawyers, loud music, Preparation H commercials, Peter Jennings or Dan Rather, Al

Sharpton, Jessie Jackson and other things I can't remember. I'm wrinkled, saggy, baggy and lumpy...and that's just my left side. I'm well aware aging is NOT for wimps. If you're only as old as you feel, how could I be alive at 150?

STATE OF TEXAS

TO: TERENCE QUINTON CROSS a/k/a TERENCE QUINTEIN CROSS, RESPONDENT

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty (20) days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment for the relief demanded in the petition may be taken against you.

The PETITION TO ESTABLISH PARENTAGE of DUNHAM JOHNSON and wife, LINDA JOHNSON, Petitioner(s), was filed on March 13, 2002, in the 121st District Court of Yoakum County, Texas, against TERENCE QUINTON CROSS a/k/a TERENCE QUINTEIN CROSS, Respondent, in said suit being numbered 7988 on the docket of said Court, and entitled:

IN THE INTEREST OF QUTRAYVIOUS ALDAYSHEIN JOHNSON, MINOR CHILD

The nature of said suit is a paternity suit, or suit to establish paternity. The date and place of birth of the child, who is the subject of this suit is, Qutravyious Aldayshein Johnson, born October 24, 2001, in Odessa, Ector County, Texas.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS SUIT TO RENDER AN ORDER IN THE CHILD'S INTEREST THAT WILL BE BINDING ON YOU, INCLUDING THE TERMINATION OF THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP, THE DETERMINATION OF PATERNITY, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A CONSERVATOR WITH AUTHORITY TO CONSENT TO THE CHILD'S ADOPTION.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court at Plains, Texas, on July 1st, 2002.

ADDRESS OF PETITIONER OR ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER
WARREN NEW
P.O. BOX 670
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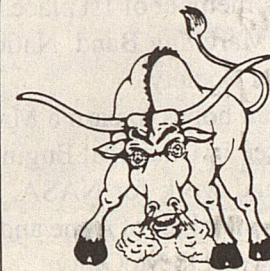
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