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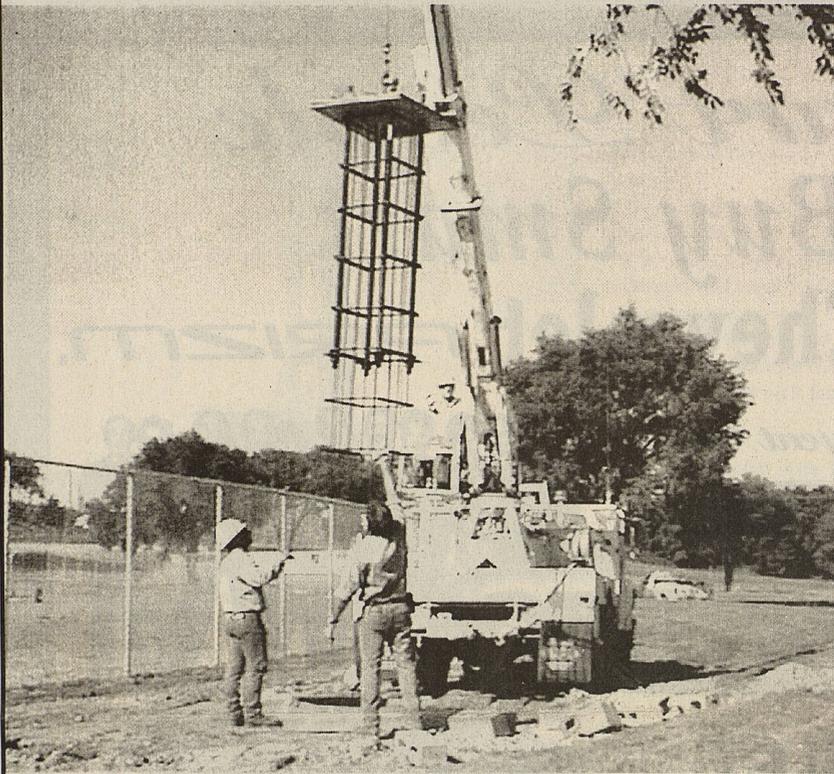
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“Field of Dreams” to light up



Lea County Electric employees David Bunch, on truck, and Dare Walker, and School Maintenance Manager Keith Whitzel lower light pole base at baseball field.

Preliminary work was underway last week to install a state of the art lighting at the Cowboy baseball field, allowing night games next season.

P.I.S.D. Superintendent James Haynes said a total of six 70 foot steel poles will encircle the field supporting banks of 68 floodlights. The 1500 watt lights will beam on the field, positioned in a computerized plan enabling maximum lighting efficiency.

The poles will be bolted on massive steel reinforced concrete bases. Three foot diam-

eter holes were drilled to depths of 11 to 12 feet. Each hole will be filled with four cubic yards of cement.

School personnel will install the banks of lights on the two piece poles before they are lifted in place. Haynes said, “We are very grateful to Lea County Electric for their assistance in setting the bases and poles. They have been a tremendous help to the school district.” He said when the cement is poured it must be allowed to cure for three to four weeks to meet engineering specifications.

Crime Cases in County, District Court

A number of criminal cases were heard last week in both County and District Court. Judge Kelly G. Moore presided in District Court, and Judge Dallas Brewer presided in County Court. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in both courts.

In District Court, Danny Glen Sipes, in a plea bargain, pled true to the State’s motion to revoke Community supervision from a prior attempted arson conviction. He received an eight and one half year state prison sentence, with credit for 311 days served in jail. He was represented by Attorney Bill Helwig.

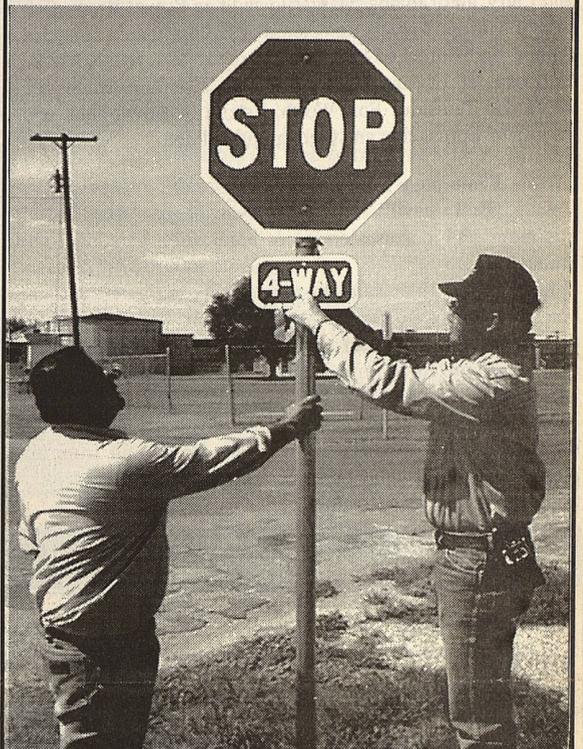
In District Court, Modesto Hierro, in a plea bargain guilty plea to kidnapping, received two years of Community service, was fined \$500, and must pay \$423 restitution to Dr. Brad Cochran. He must also complete the Batterers Treatment Program. He was represented by Attorney David Martinez.

In County Court, Salome Robledo Guerra, AKA Solome Guerra, 52, pled guilty to transporting beer in a dry area. He was fined \$150, and must pay \$184 Court costs. The defendants motor vehicle was also seized and forfeited to the County. He

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MOTORISTS, Take Heed!

New Four-Way Stop Signs being installed here



City employees Valentin Luna and Charles Diamond adjust new sign near school.

In routine trips about the city, drivers should be alert. New four-way stop signs are being installed at eleven different locations.

City Administrator David Brunson said last October the City Council asked the County Sheriff Department to assist city personnel in surveying the towns traffic signs, with an emphasis on safety around the school system and busier streets. The new signs being

installed are the result of the joint survey. Installation of the signs should be completed this week.

The four-way stop locations are; 3rd and Avenue E, 8th and Ferrell, 8th and Avenue L, 10th and Avenue L, 11th and Avenue K, 13th and Avenue E, 13th and Avenue G, 3rd and Ferrell, 3rd and Avenue K, 2nd and Avenue K, and 1st and Avenue B.

Lions Club hears boll weevil update

Darrell Dusek, Zone Manager here for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation program, was guest speaker at last week’s Plains Lions Club meeting. Dusek said he was a recent ASU graduate when he was hired by the Foundation in the San Angelo area. “I am still pleasantly amazed at how much better organized, how much our technology and equipment has been improved since those first weevil eradication program days.”

He said mapping with ground position system satellite equipment continues in the Plains work district, with over 100,000 acres of cotton electronically mapped. The placing of weevil traps has already started here. A press release from the Foundation headquarters in Abilene was received the day of the meeting, and read in part:

“Passersby along many rural roads in the area will begin noticing yellow-green objects perched on sticks. The small device is a boll weevil

pheromone trap and isn’t much larger than a soda can. The trap is the first line of defense against the cotton boll weevil.

The size, shape and color of the trap have proven attractive to the boll weevil through the years of careful research. The plastic trap looks like an inverted cup, topped with a cone shaped wire mesh screen. A capture chamber on the top of the cone contains a wafer shaped object that emits an attractant called grandlure. Once inside the capture chamber, a second wafer shaped insecticide chip ensures that weevils don’t leave the chamber.

The main role of the boll weevil trap is detecting weevil populations in the area. All traps are checked on a weekly basis by Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation program personnel and the number of weevils found inside the trap provides important data about levels of infestations in various fields.

Dusek said when mapping is



Lion Larry Mason, Darrel Dusek and Lion President Vaughn Culwell

complete, and at least one trap per forty acres are in place, daily monitoring of the traps by field personnel will begin. Each trap is identified by a bar code. The field crews will carry a scanning device which reads and records the bar code.

Personnel in the office here

will download data from the scanner into the computer weevil program. Supervisors will be able to account for all assigned traps, the data and time the trap was “counted”. The electronic equipment, Dusek said, keeps human error to a

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Altura files suit on Plains, Denver City schools, City of Denver City

On July 1 of this year, Plains Independent School District officials were served with papers announcing Altura Energy LTD had filed a lawsuit against the District to recover penalty and interest charged to the company.

The suit alleges Plains ISD, Denver City ISD, and the City of Denver City charged penalty and interest on Altura’s tax payment for 1999 which was not owed because the original tax payment was not delinquent.

Altura will be seeking a judgement by the court to confirm the payment was on time, and to require the three entities to reimburse them for the penalty and interest charges.

Superintendent Jim Haynes of Plains ISD told CCN the district’s attorney had been consulted when the question of a late payment had been raised, and had advised the district to require the penalty and interest payment. “I feel like, based on the advice of the lawyer, we had no option but to pursue the collection of the penalty and interest. Altura’s action to sue will allow the judge to decide the matter. The amount of money involved for Plains ISD is about \$100,000 in penalty and interest.”

Altura filed suit after paying the penalty and interest under protest. The money in question has been placed in an interest bearing account and will not be touched until the matter is settled, Haynes reported. (Please turn to Page 3, “Lawsuit”)



Obituaries

Services held for Miguel Garcia

Services for Miguel Garcia, 46, of Plains were held at 3:00 p.m. Friday July 16, 1999 at Primera Iglesia Bautista in Brownfield, Texas with Rev. Antonio Garcia officiating.

Burial was in Brownfield Cemetery under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home.

He died Wednesday, July 14, 1999, in Lubbock.

He was born February 3, 1953, in Brownfield. He married Rebecca Zarate on September 28, 1974, in Tatum, New Mexico. He was a lifelong Texan, and lived in Plains since 1997. He was a welder for about 30 years and a farmer in recent years.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca of Plains; father, Antonio Garcia of Denver City; stepmother, Elodia Garcia of Denver City; his mother Juanita Rodriguez of San Antonio; seven sons, Mike and Miguel of San Antonio, Miguel of Denver City, Vidal of Plains, Abel if Taos, and Tony of Brownfield; a daughter, Jessica of Plains; 11 brothers, Pete of Santa Rosa, Benito, Jimmy and Larry, all of Plains, Margarito and Lee Roy of Brady, Gilbert of Mason, Tony Jr. and Adam of Goldsmith, Abraham of Pampa, and Bobby of Fort Worth; nine sisters, Juana, Maria, and Josie, all of Mason, Rita of Plains, Juanita of Michigan, Anita and Teresa of Fort Worth, Estella of Brownfield, and Juanita of Comanche; and eight grandchildren.

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minimum, and increases crew productivity.

Lion Gary Walker said the eradication program here is a definite benefit to the local and area economy. In addition to Dusek and 16 employees in the old Courthouse building, and the field personnel, other employees will be hired for positions at the airport when actual

spraying begins. "The full staff of eradication personnel will generate \$600 to \$700 thousand in yearly salaries alone," Walker said.

Dusek said the spraying of Malathion on weevil infestations won't start until a field of cotton has bolls opening, and will be carried out from airplanes and ground rigs.



Keeping an eye on Texas

Gone fishing

The economic impact of anglers in Texas is more than \$6.3 billion. More than 2.6 million adult anglers spent \$2.8 billion in 1996 on various items ranging from trips and equipment to food, bait and fuel.

Fishing tips

- ✓ Sunscreen will kill live bait, so be sure to wash your hands before handling bait.
- ✓ Take an ice chest to ice down your catch as opposed to keeping fish in a live well, since the water can reach higher temperatures than the water the fish were caught out of.
- ✓ Add ice to the bait bucket to keep the temperature down and the bait lively. Your bait will last longer and be more productive catching fish.
- ✓ Wear polarized sunglasses to cut glare off the water and enable you to locate certain fish when sight casting.



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Snake brings outage to Plains

Lovington, N.M. - Residents and businesses in and around Plains, Texas were without power at 4:05 P.M. on Tuesday, July 13, when a snake climbed into a circuit breaker in Lea County Electric's Plains Substation. The outage affected approximately 1,138 customers.

After switching to an alternate source, Cooperative personnel restored power to customers in Plains at 4:16 p.m. Power was restored to the surrounding area at 4:48 p.m.

The circuit breaker was repaired and placed back into service the following day.

High Plains Jr. Rodeo

The HPJRA was held in Colorado City July 8, 9 and 10.

Marcey House won 4th place in the Poles with a time of 22.045 seconds.

Brett Squyres won 1st place in the 13-15 Breakaway Roping with a time of 2.462 seconds. Brett also won 2nd place in the Tie Down Calf Roping with a time of 11.475. He was moved out of 1st place by a time of 11.419.

Kimbe Jones and Blake Parrish were unable to compete this week due to illness.

The last regular season rodeo is at Big Spring July 15th, 16th and 17th, the HPJRA Finals start in Clovis, NM, July

27 and run through the Awards Ceremony August 1st.

Eight all around saddles will be awarded at the finals for each age group.

Eight more saddles will be awarded for the all around winners for the total season

leaders. Age groups are divided into 8 and under, 9-12 years, 13-15 years, and 16-19 years.

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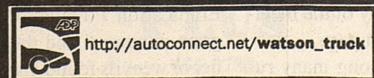
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Haynes did not comment on the details as to why the district felt the original tax payment was delinquent. He felt the court would most likely review that information before it is made public.

Plains ISD Board President Dwayne Canada said the district was acting on the advice of the district's lawyer, and added that Superintendent Haynes had apprised the board of the situation. "The district appreciates the fact Altura is the district's largest tax payer, and they provide much public and community service for the county and the area, but they must be treated like any other tax payer," Canada said.

Information is unavailable at this time when actual court proceedings will begin.

FSA releases certified acre figures

Yoakum County producers met the July 15 deadline for reporting planting acreage figures, according to Gary Six, Executive Director of the Farm Services Agency here. He said the figures are subject to some minor adjustments, when producer requested land measurements are complete.

As expected, even with many acres lost to Mother Nature's wrath, cotton remains the king crop in the county. 138,195 acres of the fiber were planted on a little over 1,000 individual farm numbers.

Peanuts was the second largest crop with 20,931 acres planted on 197 farms.

Wheat was the third most dominant crop, with 13,687 acres planted on some 250 farm numbers.

Grain Sorghum acreage totaled 9,457 on some 130 farms.

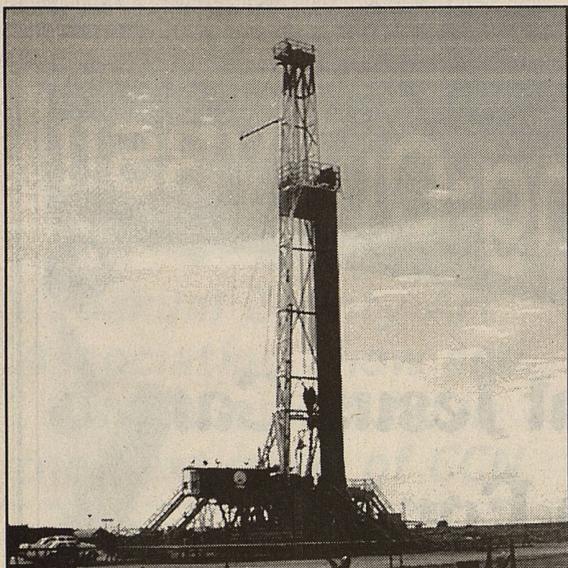
Watermelons were planted on 4,488 acres on some 52 farms.

Sunflowers had some 3,089 acres planted on 17 farms.

Chili peppers came in last with 807 acres planted on 9 farms.

Only recorded mutiny in the Texas Navy occurred while the San Antonio was docked in New Orleans. U.S. authorities captured mutineers who were later hanged. February 11, 1842

An uncommon oilpatch sight these days



This large, triple drilling rig was pictured Friday in a pasture behind the B.G. Craft family home. While crude oil prices have improved in recent months, drilling activity in the Permian Basin and other production areas remains in a slump.

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was represented by Attorney Richard Wardroup.

Novis Carl Brock Reynolds, 19, appeared in both County and District Court. He pled true to the State's motion to revoke supervision from a prior Marijuana offence. His 60 day jail sentence had already been served. He made the same plea from a prior criminal mischief charge, and his 70 day jail sentence had been served. In District Court, a plea bargain guilty plea to burglary of a building charge led to a two year State prison sentence, with credit for 69 days served. He must pay \$236 Court costs and \$791 restitution. He was represented by Attorney Bonnie Ericson.



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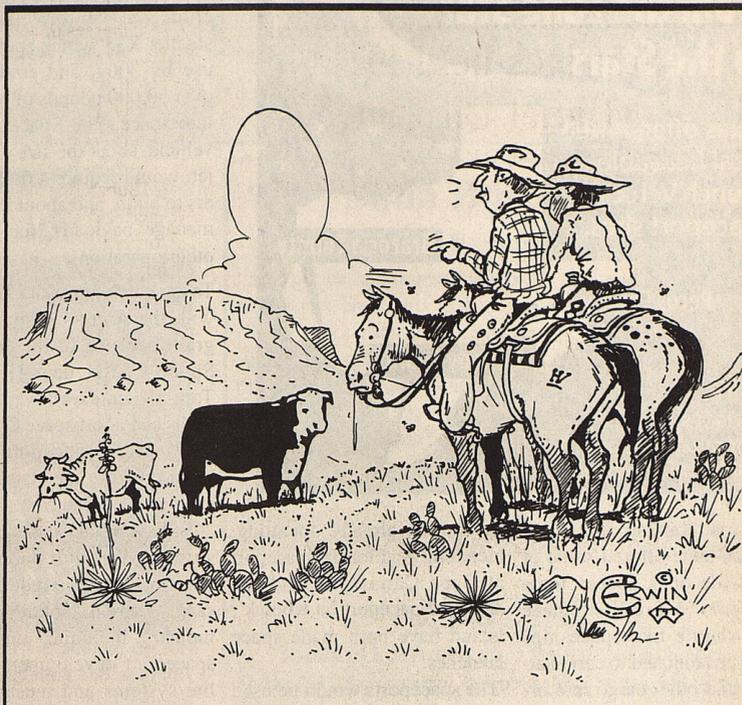
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Brazoria, Kenedy and Pecos counties have offered some of their wide open spaces for a spaceport, a facility where space shuttle like spaceships would be launched to carry satellites and other cargo into orbit and return for another trip. The counties, and the Texas Aerospace Commission are campaigning to get Lockheed Martin, Space Access Corp., or other aero-space companies to put a spaceport in the state. The three counties have already contributed \$400,000 to the effort, and the 1999 Legislature authorized local governments to create spaceport authorities.

The Commission estimates a spaceport would have about 2,000 employees, and possibly 16,000 in related industries.

The three Texas counties are not alone in seeking out of space industries - 31 sites in 15 states are being heralded for spaceport use.

Spaceports may seem like something from Star Wars, but

several are already operating, including the Florida Spaceport at Cape Canaveral, and the Alaska Spaceport on Kodiak Island have both made space launches.

The spaceports would be used to launch recoverable flight vehicles. Six aerospace companies are currently designing these vehicles, which would reduce the cost of launching satellites from \$10,000 per pound to \$1,000. With more than 1,700 satellites planned for orbit in the next 10 years, there would seem to be plenty of work for spaceports. The estimated cost of building one of the ports ranges from \$50 million to \$350 million.

All three of the proposed sites have the basic requirements needed; moderate climate, little chance of earthquake, safe launch and recovery routes, limited competition from air space, and an adequate workforce.

Nasa and aerospace companies

are spending billions to develop reusable launch vehicles. Lockheed Martin's projects include the Venture Star, and smaller X33, which could be in use by 2004, and could take over 50,000 pounds of payload into space. The Space Access vehicle, about the size of a 747 jet, would require 4,000 workers to build, and about 2,000 to manage payloads, fuel and other operations.

Texas has long been identified with the American space program because of the Johnson Space Center near Houston. Tom Moser, executive director of the state Aerospace Commission, said a spaceport would would increase the state's presence in the space race.

"We have a stake in the manned space flight sector on the government side of the industry," he said. "There is a lot more to the industry, including unmanned spacecraft development, satellite systems and reusable vehicles. Having a commercial spaceport would allow the state to dramatically expand its role." The space authorities approved by the legislature would operate much like airport or transit authorities, having the ability to grant tax incentives, borrow money to build roads and provide utilities and other services a spaceport would need.

Texas has decided not to pursue federal funding for the project. Moser said a privately funded project would be the right approach to put Texas at the forefront of the business. "Government involvement in a Texas spaceport would be minimal, with private companies funding about 90 percent of the cost," he said.



There should be plenty of the Watermelon Round Up subject matter this year. By print time, several producers should be harvesting the crop. This photo shows 13-15 pound melons on a Jerry Hartman farm.

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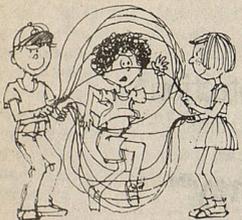
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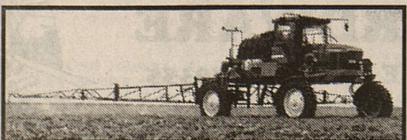
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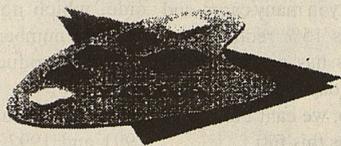
Visitors this week were Francis Sharrer, Margies sister from Phoenix. Also Dorothy Anderson, Mrs. Porter, Wanda Boland who is visiting Estelle Childers. Just for 'Turkey Day' visitors were J.D. and Helen Phipps and Billy Ray Moore.

Oneta McAdams is in the local hospital. Leda Dodd is in Lubbock hospital. Opal Jefferson is to have back surgery this week, and hopes to be home in two months.

Elmer and June Hannamon are home following a long tour around the states.

Remember the daily games, exercising, and a good lunch. Visitors are always welcome.

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Smitty



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Nolan Newsom, who attends Plains Middle School, was nominated for this national award by Mr. Bill May, a science teacher at the school.

Nolan will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coached, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are



a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Nolan is the son of Neal and Janice Newsom from Plains, Texas. The grandparents are Hoss and LaVerne Newsom of Plains, Texas and Irma Canada of Clyde, Texas.

Thanks D.C. E.M.S.

Within the last few weeks there has been an inordinate amount of ambulance calls in Plains. Some have been basic, but mostly advanced calls have been the case. While the Plains EMS responds to the calls; when they advanced, a paramedic is needed. We would like to thank thses dedicated paramedics from Denver City who volunteer to jump into their private vehicles any time of the day or night and repond to our needs in Plains. So THANKS! Karen, Bo, Terri, Kenny, Greg and all others from Denver City EMS. We can depend on you.

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Combine seltzers with juice for a bubbly twist to your beverage.

Add fruit/juices to iced teas for extra flavor and sweetness.

Slice up lemon or orange to brighten up iced water.

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From Cowboy



Country Kitchen

Cucumber-Dill Pasta Salad

3 cups cooked pasta

1/2 cup thinly sliced carrot

1/2 cup thinly sliced celery

1 cup parboiled broccoli florets

1 green onion, thinly sliced

1/4 cup chopped onion

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From The Hack

Did you see the news release from Lea County Electric in this issue, explaining last week's brief power outage here? If you will read on, I will play Paul Harvey, and tell you "The Rest Of The Story."

I was so intrigued with the fact a snake caused the power outage I called Allan Brown, the Cooperative's member relations Guru, the guy in charge of marketing and all forms of hype. My question for Allan was, "Why don't you guys hire an animal control specialist like one of the guys on the old Mutual of Omaha 'Wild Kingdom' TV show. He (or she) could patrol your service area, on the lookout for varmints intent on committing suicide by tangling with electrical stuff, and knocking our three computers off line."

I was referring to an earlier outage occurring when a squirrel, probably looking for acorns, prowled about, briefly, on a transformer or something, causing our computers to again crash. I asked Brown what type of snake caused the latest mayhem, and he very dryly said, "One about two feet long, crisply fried." Once again, he had no clue as to the gender of the snake.

What if a really large beast, say an 1800 pound brahma bull, attacked and demolished an entire sub-station before it met its demise, causing several hours of cold, silent computers? Let me tell you, Mr. Brown, should

that misfortune occur, my wrath is the very least of your worries. You deprive the Bride of several hours of air conditioning this summer and you guys will know more Hell than a drunk on the wrong train.

You might consider that wild animal specialist idea.

Most West Texans are familiar with the many large and famed cattle ranches of the state. Most are not so familiar with some equally huge cattle spreads just across the state line, in present day Lea County. One such ranch had its beginnings around 1884 in the Monument, NM area. Squatters staked out watering sites - no land was sold, for it was then Federal Government property. The claim changed hands several times, and in 1897, C.W. Merchant, one of the founders of Abilene, Texas acquired the ranch. Merchant also owned a ranch in Arizona called the San Simon. His holdings would eventually encompass 2,100 sections, or 1,344,000 acres. The Merchant family would rename the spread 'San Simon' after the Arizona counter part.

Sprawling across the midsection of what is now Lea County, NM, another huge ranch was begun in 1895. The total acre-



School employees Michael Barrientes, Robert Loya and Keith Whitzel show pouring 4 yards of cement in massive foundation base for 70 foot light poles at Cowboy Baseball Field.

age eventually claimed for the cattle operation stretched from the Pecos River near Carlsbad, and into Texas near present day Brownfield, about 35 miles wide and 150 miles long. Eventual owner Winfield Scott of Ft. Worth, with his partner A.B. Robertson, would brand 31,000 calves in one season, with the ranch of some 60 cowboys. The ranch was called the Hat Ranch because of its brand.

Another early day monster operation was the Four Lakes Ranch, in the northern part of

Lea County. It contained over 1.5 million acres., stretching as far south as present day Lovington past the northern line of the county. Its owner, George Washington Littlefield and nephews would graze some 45,000 head of cattle and over 400 horses and mules in its heyday. The old spread was eventually broken up, and the present day Field ranch was part of the original parcel.

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IPM Update

Integrated pest management in Terry and Yoakum Counties, Texas
Agricultural Extension Service

Temperatures are holding in the mid-90's, and most days have been partly cloudy with fairly high humidity for the time of year.

The peanut crop is doing great, with few problems being reported. Most other crops look good, but cotton needs more heat units to overcome stress from storms earlier this year.

Plant bug numbers, including fleahoppers and both species of lygus bugs, have been very high in many fields throughout both counties. Many fields have been treated multiple times for overwintered boll weevils, while others have not been treated at all. Numbers have increased very quickly in many cases, and as much as 15% reduction in square sets has occurred in as few as four days. Given the state of our crop, we can't afford to lose squares this fast.

Plant bugs have many hosts other than cotton. They typically build up on these other hosts until they become unsuitable for some reason, such as drying up, being plowed or shredded. When this happens, bugs will move to nearby crops. In some cases, weeds surrounding fields have been plowed down and the plant bugs have moved into adjacent cotton. Therefore, if you have recently plowed weeds, or are about to plow, you should scout fields closely for bugs.

I am not implying you should leave the weeds. Just be prepared for the plant bug migration when you initiate weed control. Scouting of the weeds prior to control might be useful in planning your pest management. Also consider, as long as other hosts are present, insects will continue to thrive and increase in number. They will

also move in and out of adjacent crops, making detection and management more difficult.

Cotton aphid numbers remain high in many areas. As long as this weather pattern continues with highs around 90 with unusually high humidity, I expect aphid populations to increase. Basically, this is as close to optimum cotton aphid weather as ever occurs here. You cannot depend on predators to control these populations when conditions are optimal for aphids.

Their reproductive rate is much too swift for predator populations to keep up. This is even more exaggerated when the population is exposed to pyrethroid insecticide, which not only reduces predator numbers, but also promotes reproduction in cotton aphids.

These conditions remind me of 1991 and 1992, so watch your cotton aphid numbers closely, and always consider them when making an application for another pest.

Treatment may be justified when numbers reach 50 cotton aphids per leaf and appear to be increasing. Also, be sure to notify me if you are treating a field for cotton aphids so I can obtain the required information for Section 18 approval in case of a failure
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