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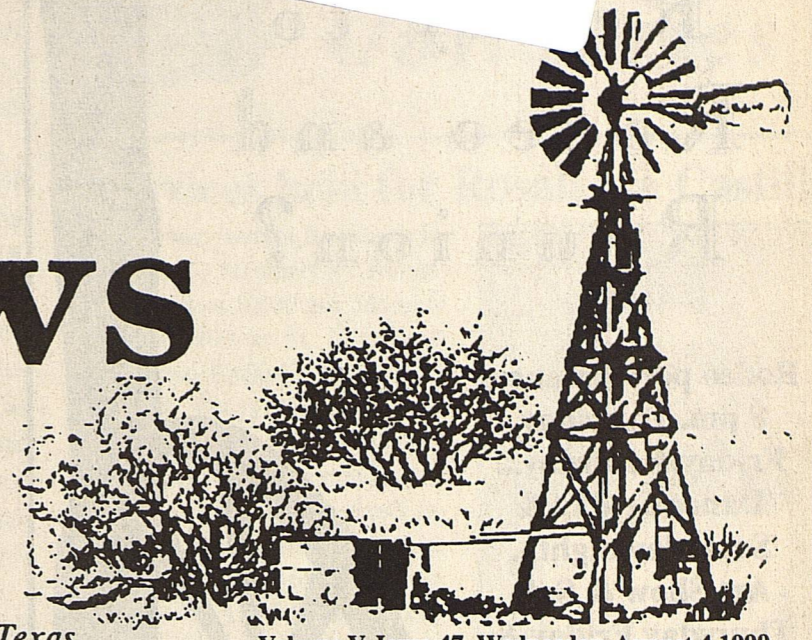
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Weevil eradication has shown very impressive results

Cotton growers in Texas are celebrating July with more than fireworks, because the pesky boll weevil is being efficiently eliminated from many cotton growing counties in the state. Growers in the Southern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone (SRP) were the first to become involved in the weevil eradication in 1994. Since the inception of their program, weevil populations have been virtually eliminated in the nine-county region surrounding San Angelo.

"I've farmed in this area 21 years, and we're definitely happy about seeing cotton yields like this," said Eola producer Kenneth Gully. "We're pleased with the investment we've made in our program, and very proud because it's already paying real dividends, and allowing us to compete in the market place," added Gully. I would urge all growers who don't have an eradication program in their area to examine the evidence, and I'm sure they'll find this is the only affordable way to grow cotton. Growers in weevil infested areas will continue spraying, decade after decade on their own, unless they choose eradication providing an organized and uniform method of control. That's the only way to perma-

nently end the weevil problem," he advised.

In June, 1995, SRP program personnel trapped 846,080 weevils the last week in June. This year during the same period the number was 157 weevils, a 99.98 percent reduction. In addition to the reduction of boll weevils, there has been a dramatic decrease in the amount of pesticides used in the zone.

"Growers are not having to contend with the weevil as they have in the past. They are depending less on pesticides and relying more on beneficial insects," said Foundation Program Director Osama El-Lissy. "The program is benefitting growers, landowners, the environment and rural communities whose economies are tied to agriculture," he added. "Texas will soon be able to compete with those in other states who have already finished eradication programs, and who are growing cotton less expensively," stated El-Lissy.

The Foundation, the USDA, The Extension Service and TDA will review all final data at the end of this year, and may declare the SRP the first zone in Texas to have successfully eradicated the boll weevil.

Criminal Cases In County Court

A full docket of criminal cases were heard July 28 in Judge Dallas Brewer's County Court. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Dennis Dwayne Dison, 28, pled guilty to a failure to appear cause. He received a 43 day jail sentence with credit for that time already served. A driving with suspended cause was adjudicated.

Lorenzo Garcia Soto, in a plea bargain guilty plea to a failure to appear cause, received a 16 day jail sentence, with time already served. An unlawfully carrying a weapon charge was adjudicated. He was represented by Attorney Bill Helwig.

Jesus Garcia Dominguez pled guilty in a plea bargain to failure to appear. His 16 day jail sentence had also been served, and another unlawfully carrying a weapon was adjudicated. His attorney was Paul Mansur. Jose Alfredo Yanez, 24, pled guilty to purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. He was fined \$250, must pay \$184 court costs, received a five day jail sentence with credit for 3 days served.

Cesar Diaz pled guilty to DWI in a plea bargain. A 90

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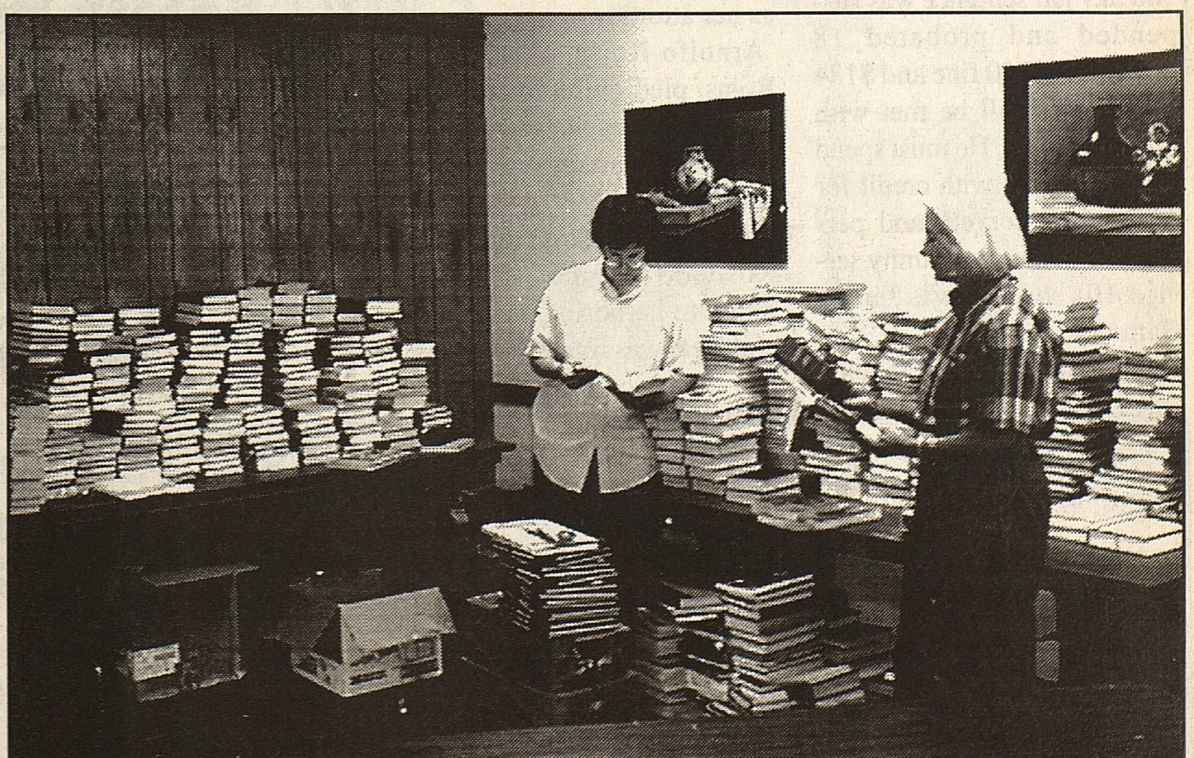
First 'Round Up' Flag goes up on Cowboy Way



The first of, hopefully, many bright Yoakum County Watermelon Round Up flags was raised in place on the town's main thoroughfare last week by Pat Bowlin, owner of The Kountry Klipper. Round Up officials are hoping all merchants along Cowboy Way will start displaying the theme flags soon, drawing the attention of out of town passersby to the big Watermelon Round Up scheduled for September 4.

Yoakum County 4-H Club members are currently selling the display flags. The flag itself is \$15, and flag and mounting pole are \$25. A number of the flags are also being flown at residents homes. Get in the spirit of the Round Up.... Fly your green, black and red flag!

Sea of bargain books for sale at library



Library employees Pat McNabb and Dolores Davis sort through stacks of library books on sale now.

The Heritage Room at the Yoakum County Library is literally awash with bargain books of every description, and all of them went on sale to the public Monday.

Head Librarian Opal Roberts said "Our staff didn't take the time to count the number of books, but we know we have several thousand for sale."

There are both hardcover and paperback fiction works on ro-

mance, adventure, crime, the old west. Biographical works, books on history, arts and crafts, instructional books, books on cooking, diets, religion, economics, war chronicles, psychiatry, sports, and a huge selection of books for children of all ages, for both educational and entertainment purposes.

Roberts said many of the books on sale had been replaced by newer works over time, and

many were donated by friends of the library. The treasure trove of used books had been in storage in the old courthouse upper floor.

The bargain basement type sale will continue through August or until the supply is gone, and at very reasonable prices.

If you want to finish out the summer with some leisure type reading, the book sale should be helpful.

Dairy Queen gets major facelift



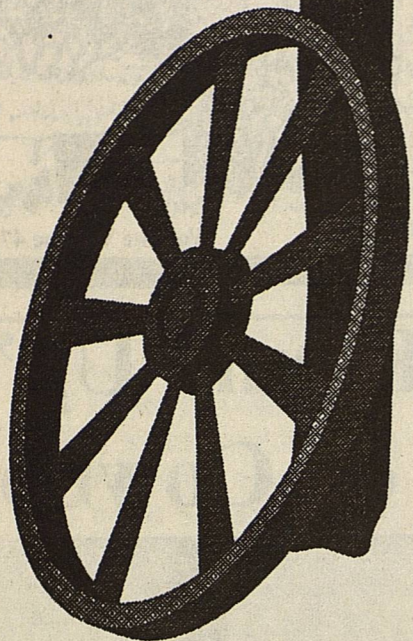
The interior and exterior of the Local Dairy Queen currently looks like a major battle has taken place there, but not for long. DJW Construction Company of Wichita Falls is hard at work giving the eatery a complete renovation. Company owner Danny Wood told CCN all of the interior walls and ceiling panels are to be replaced, and the two bathrooms will be updated

to standards specified by the American Disabilities Act. New floor tiling and customer booths will also be installed, as well as ceiling tile in the kitchen. Work on the project started July 18, and should take some 30 to 45 days to complete. The Dairy Queen here is one of ninety plus stores owned and operated by Parrish Chapman of Fort Worth.

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Crimeline

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If you have any information leading to solving those two cases, please immediately, call 592-8477. All calls are strictly confidential.

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'Court' day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. \$199 court costs will be met with time payments. He was fined \$600, and must pay \$1476 restitution. He must attend weekly AA meetings and surrender his drivers license 90 days, and serve 24 hours public service.

Ricardo Manzanera Jr, 24 pled guilty to failure to maintain auto liability insurance. He was fined \$250, and must pay \$184 court costs.

Mario Humberto Orona, 22, pled guilty to a first DWI. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. A \$750 fine and \$184 court costs will be met with time payments. He must spend 10 days in jail with credit for seven days served, and perform 24 hours community service. His attorney was Jimmy Hammons.

Jose Manuel Vargas, 25, pled

guilty to resisting arrest and search of transport. His 45 day jail sentence had been met with 53 days served, and he must pay restitution of \$219 to the Denver City Police Department. His attorney was Bill Helwig,

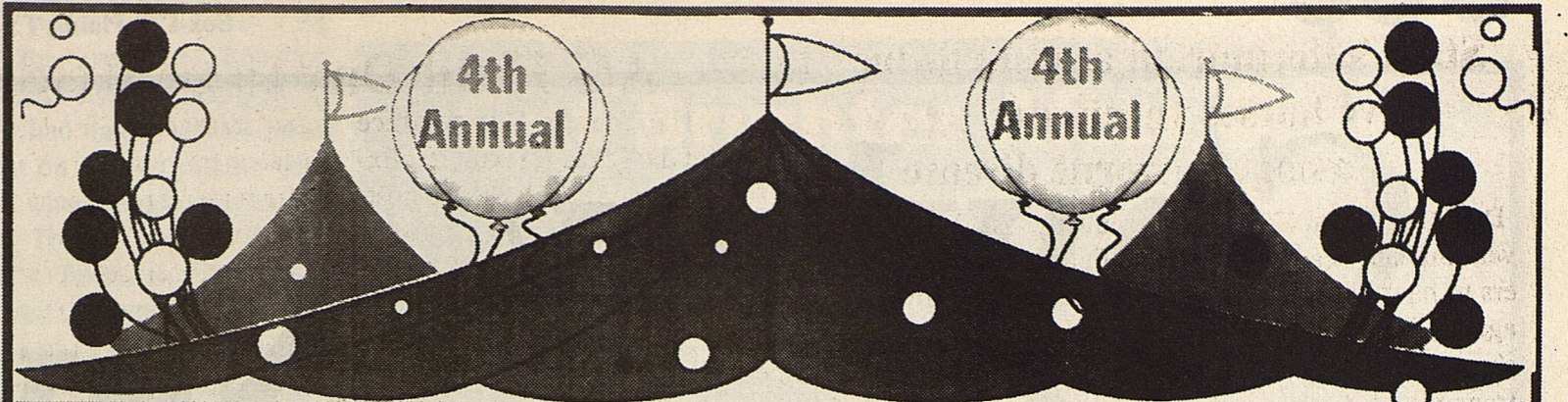
Jose Leon Castillo, aka Joe Castillo, in a plea bargain pled true to the state's judgement revoking community supervision from a prior assault cause. He will be jailed 30 days, must pay a delinquent \$250 fine, restitution of \$100, and community supervision fees of \$960.

Beverly Kay Baldwin pled true to the states motion to revoke supervision from a prior assault causing bodily injury. She must spend 30 days in jail with credit for 18 served, pay a delinquent fine of \$89, and delinquent supervision fees of \$80. Bill Helwig was her attorney.

Elena Natividad Hernandez, aka Elena Padilla, pled true to the motion to revoke supervision from a prior securing document by deception case. She was sentenced to 45 days in jail with credit for 33 days served. Court costs, restitution and supervision fees totaling \$505 will be met with time payments. Paul Mansur served as her attorney.

Arnulfo Rojas, aka Arnold Rojas, pled guilty to criminal trespass of a habitation. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$219 court costs.

Rosendo Holguin, aka Rosendo Franco, 20, pled guilty to harboring a runaway child. He was fined \$200, must pay \$219 court costs



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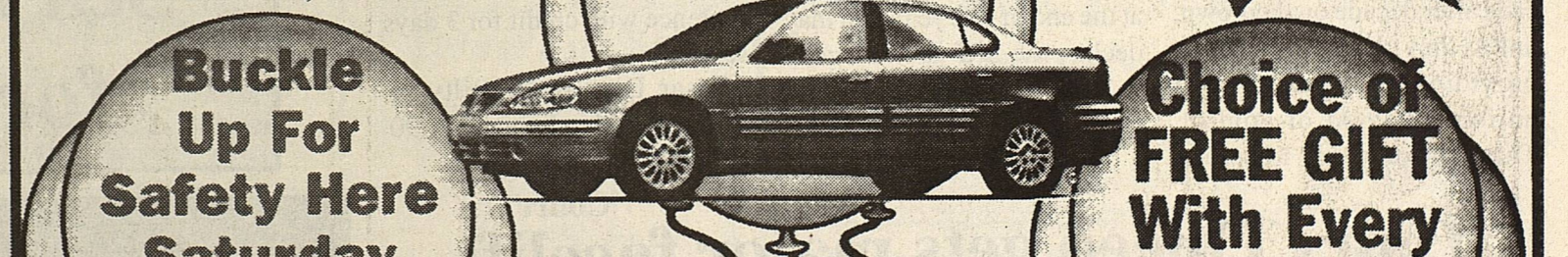
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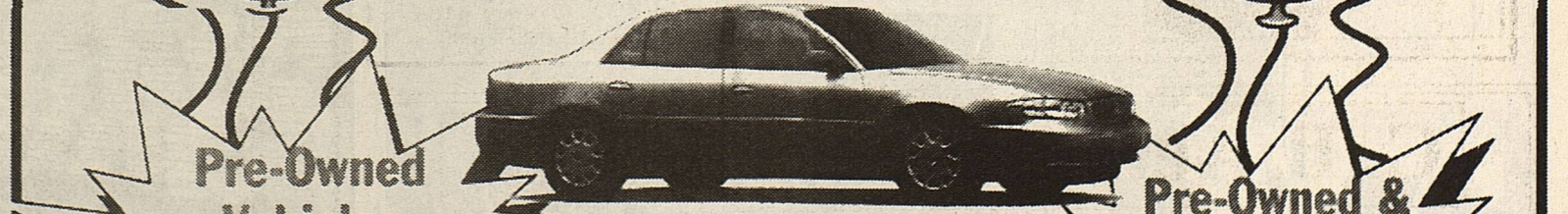


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State Veterinarian advises owners to have horses vaccinated against mosquito borne disease

Dr. Terry Beals, Texas' state veterinarian, is advising owners to have equine vaccinated against encephalomyelitis, "or sleeping sickness", a mosquito transmitted disease that can cause serious illness or death among affected horses, donkeys, mules or ponies. Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE) has been diagnosed in several horses and emus in East and Southeast Texas and Louisiana. The disease should not be confused with Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), an equine virus for which there is no vaccine or cure. "A vaccine is readily available to protect equine against both the Eastern and Western forms of encephalomyelitis. The vaccine is administered by private practicing veterinarians and requires two injections, 30 days apart. A booster shot is then needed annually or biannually," said Dr. Beals, who heads the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency. He said some veterinarians also employ the encephalomyelitis vaccine in an off label use to protect raites (emus, Rheas and ostriches) against the disease. EEE has been isolated from 27 different types of mosquitoes in the U.S. The mosquitoes feed on infected birds and then transmit the encephalomyelitis viruses. Signs of infection in equine may include aimless wandering, fever, circling, convulsions and paralysis. Because rabies and "sleeping sickness" can mimic each other, the sick animal should be tested to confirm a diagnosis and thereby, project the health of the owner or caretaker.

and watermelon production. Management options for the remainder of the crop year will also be discussed. A complimentary lunch will be served at the Plains Community Building from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Following lunch, a one hour presentation on Pesticide Laws and Regulations will be made by Texas Department of Agriculture Chief Inspector Shawn Davis. This will satisfy one Continuing Education Unit in Pesticide Laws and Regulations. 3 CEU's will be administered to all private applicators in attendance which will be 1-IPM, 1-General, 1-Laws and Regs.

AG Field Day to be Held

The Yoakum County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be hosting a Field Day on Thursday, Aug. 10, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. at the Yoakum County Coop Gin. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will proceed to several field locations.

Several specialists with the Texas A&M University System along with Yoakum County Extension Agent Tadd Knight and Phillip Kidd, Terry/Yoakum Extension Agent for IPM, will be on hand to discuss the current situation in cotton, peanuts,

IPM Update

by Phillip Kidd, Ext. Agt.

Cotton aphid numbers continue to increase at a very rapid pace in most fields. Through Furadan 4F was cleared for use under section 18 on July 19, I caution producers to save this product as much as possible. Bidrin is working well, with only a few exceptions, and it is only slightly more expensive. If conditions remain favorable for cotton aphid reproduction, as they have been so far this season, aphid populations may plague us well into September.

The boll weevil diapause applications will begin at the 25% cracked boll stage, and after a few weeks of repeated malathion applications, you may need Furadan much more than you do now. You are only allowed two applications of Furadan, so I encourage you to use something else for now on moderate populations and

save the Furadan for those 100 plus per leaf applications which have already been exposed to other chemistries. Several watermelon fields along the State line have been treated for lygus bugs. Lygus bugs appear to be attacking the blossoms and small melons, causing abortion or malformation of fruit. Losses have been estimated at about 60% in one field.

If you have a watermelon field, you should be scouting it for lygus bugs. If your field is near or adjacent to alfalfa or a considerable amount of alternate hosts such as range land or layout ground covered with weeds, you should probably look at this field on a daily basis. Just as in cotton, lygus bugs can move in, do their damage and move back out in as little as one or two days.

District Court

In a District Court jury trial July 26, Edward Joe Smyers received a suspended five year state prison sentence. He was fined \$847, and will be on community supervision five years. He was represented by Attorney Paul Mansur, and CDA Richard Clark represented the state.



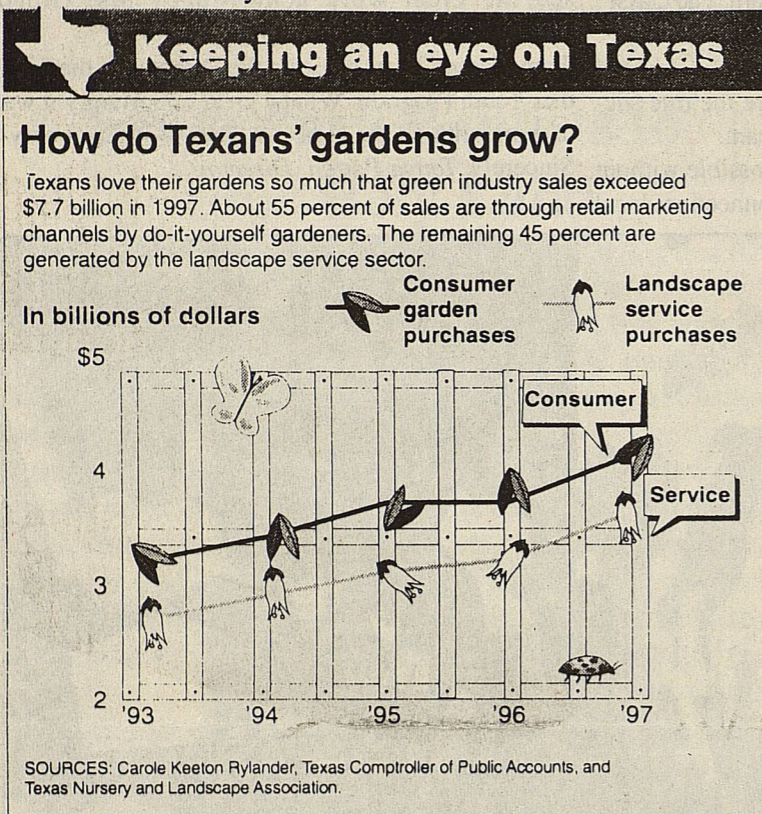
Obituaries

Services held for Rosalinda Castillo

Funeral services for Rosalinda B. Castillo, 53, formerly of Plains, Texas were at 10:00 am. Monday July 19, 1999 at St. Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church on Granger, Texas. Burial was at Bartlett Cemetery under the direction of Goodnight Funeral Home. She was preceded in death by her parents Remigio and Louisa Barbosa and brother Juan Remigio Jr., all of Plains, Texas. She died July 16, 1999. She was employed by her brother Zaragosa Barbosa at Austin Wholesale and Decking in Austin, Texas. She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia Silva of Granger, and Amanda Castillo of Bartlett and six sons, Frank Castillo, Jr. of Roswell, Ga., Albert, Raymond, and Cruz of Granger, James of Dallas, Tx. and Damien of Bartlett. Four sisters, Ida Sanchez of Bartlett, Norma



Garcia of Taylor, Anita Acosta of Hobbs, N.M., and Linda Bernal of Plains. Five brothers, Robert Barbosa of Denver City, Ramiro, Fernando, and Zaragosa all of Austin and Benjamin of Lubbock. 22 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews



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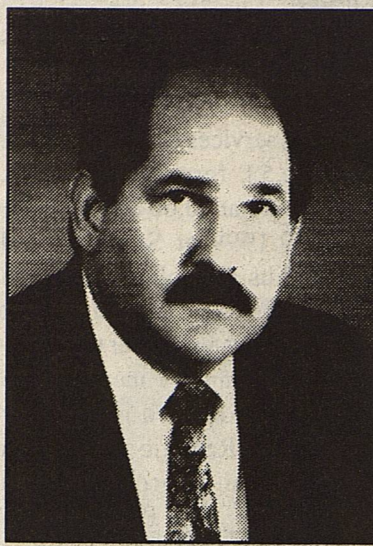
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Helwig to head Ag law group

Local Attorney Bill J. Helwig has been appointed by the State Bar of Texas President Charles Aycock to serve as chairman of the State Bar of Texas Agricultural Law Committee for the forthcoming year. Helwig will lead and coordinate activities of the committee in the coming year in the planning of Agricultural Law Programs and Seminars. Prior to his appointment as Chairman, he had served as Vice Chairman of the committee for the preceding two years. A native of San Angelo, Helwig has been involved in agriculture all his life, raised on a cotton, grain and sorghum farming and ranching operation. He served as State 4-H Club Chairman, American Junior Hereford Association Chairman, and was recognized by Texas A&M as the outstanding senior of the 1976 graduating class. He has served on the Texas 4-H Foundation Board and currently holds the title of Trustee Emeritus, recognized as outstanding Texas 4-H Alumnus.

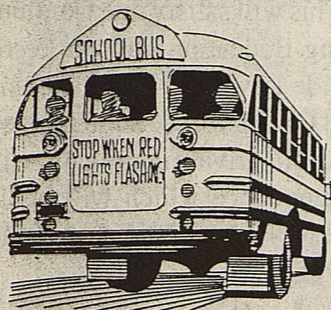


Helwig said, "I am honored to accept this chairmanship and look forward to working with the outstanding group of men and women who make up the Agricultural Law Committee. I look forward to working with these attorneys and other lawyers around the state, and also attempting to develop networks with farmers, ranchers and agribusiness organizations so committee activities are beneficial to this segment of the Texas economy."

From 1981 through 1992, he served as counsel to Texas Production Credit Assn, in San Angelo, and was actively involved in representing gins, grain elevators, and in organizing producers as the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Assn. As Assistant General Counsel with the Texas A&M system, he represented the College of Agriculture, Texas Ag Extension Service, Texas Ag Experiment Station. In 1997, he was one of the keynote speakers at the American Agricultural Law Assn. Meeting in Minneapolis.

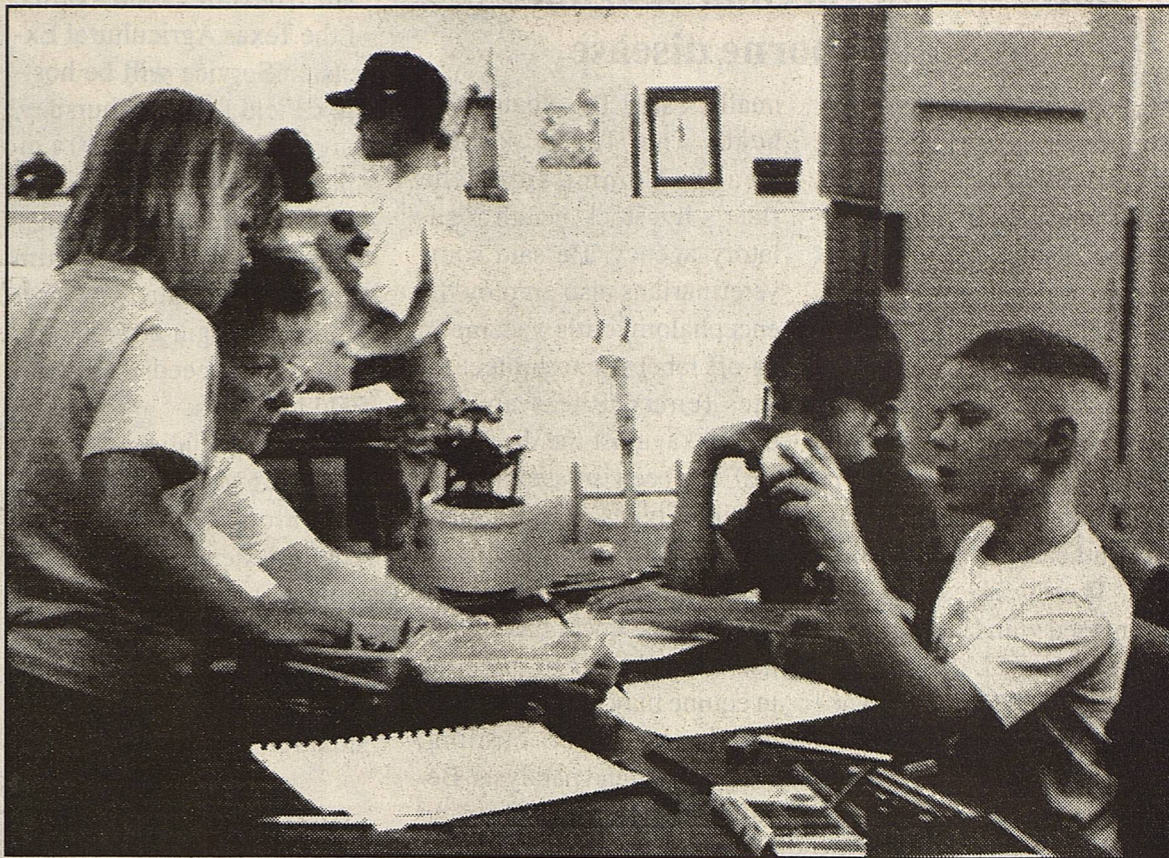
Notice of Public Hearing

The Board of Trustees of Plains Independent School District will hold a public hearing on the proposed 1999-2000 budget. The public hearing will be August 23, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Plains ISD Administration office at 1000 Tenth Street.



PISD starts back to school Wednesday, August 11. DRIVERS, PLEASE WATCH FOR OUR KIDS !!

Summer youth program big success



Intent youngsters receive art instructions from Susie Powell

The summer youth program had a lot to offer our kids in Yoakum County. Some of the classes included Jazzing with T-Shirts, Snack Attack, Mural painting, Camp Pride, Clay Play, Photography, cartoon art, basic drawing, cake decorating and balloon art. A total of 188 youths participated in the program. The classes offered an opportunity for learning and creativity. A special thanks to all the instructors who devoted their time, energy and talent. They are the true success behind the Summer Youth Program. The program would not have been possible without the support of the Yoakum County Connection, local

supporters and the Texas Commission on the Arts. Jack Cobb, Pct 4 Commissioner, donated supplies for the mural in the Plains Youth Center, and J.R. Slentz, Pct. 2 Commissioner donated supplies for the Denver City Youth Center. I encourage everyone to see the great work achieved by Ms. Gloria Dominguez and helpers at both centers. I am pleased I was selected the Director of the Summer Youth Program. What a great opportunity it was to work with all the kids and parents of the county! Sincerely, *Tonya Patton, Director*

Keeping an eye on Texas

Even taxes go on summer holiday

For the weekend of August 6, 7, and 8, 1999, no local or state sales tax will be applied to most clothing and shoes priced less than \$100.* The tax break is expected to save Texas consumers \$69.2 million in state sales taxes and up to another \$15.5 million in city and county sales taxes over the next two years.



* Customers will receive the tax break on individual items, regardless of the amount they buy. Clothing and footwear that are used primarily for athletic activities or for protective wear are not eligible. Also not included are accessories, such as jewelry and watches, items that are carried, and clothing that is rented.

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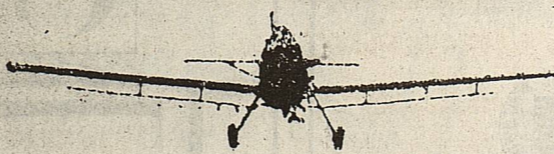
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Senior Citizens Corner

The old saying goes "No news is good news" sort of fits the Center these past few days - just lots of Hot Hot weather and several gone away for a cool vacation.

Everyone was happy to see Raymond Singletary back again after his illness. Word has been received that Opal Jefferson suffered a set back after her back surgery but is now doing well and will be home in a few more weeks. Georgia Hubbard in Lubbock for tests. Cora Duncan in the local hospital.

The Memorial Fund established here at the Center is growing nicely. Donations have been given in Memory of the following by their friends; Carl Fulbright, Wayne Terry, Earl Dolloff, Claud Beatie, Sam Bruton, Lot and Eilla Mae Black, Lucille Fulbright, Billie O'Neals brother, Jo Terry, Vernon Petty, Iris Batson (Teresa Liles sister), Mutt Boulter, Ann and Walts grandson, Lillian Smith (Georgia Hubbards sister) and Smoky Altman. These donations are appreciated and its a nice way to remember your loved ones. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the fund, contact Thelma in the office here at the Center. Lets hope for a rain and cool breeze.

See you next week,
Smitty

South Park Baptists to Tour Holy Land

Rev. Jimmy L. Fikes, Pastor of South Park Baptist Church of Lubbock will be leading a Bible Study/Tour of Israel in 2000. The group will leave Lubbock on March 6, 2000 and return on March 16. The purpose of the tour is to visit many of the most important historical sites in the Holy Land and discover their historical and Biblical significance.

The first three days in Israel will be spent in Galilee. Visits will be made to Caesarea and its Roman ruins. At Haifa the group will see Mukraka, the traditional site of Elijah's altar. The Galilean tour will also include stops at Megiddo, Nazareth, Cana, Tiberias, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, Caesarea Philippi, and the Golan Heights. The group will enjoy a cruise on the Sea of Galilee and a visit to Yardenit, the Baptismal Center on the Jordan River.

The next five days will be spent in southern Israel. After a stop in Jericho, the group will visit the traditional sites in Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

In addition to Calvary and the Garden Tomb, the group will visit the Temple area and the Via Dolorosa. In Bethlehem, the group will visit the Church of the Nativity and the shepherd's fields. The tour will also include a day for visiting Masada, Qumran, Ein Gedi, and the Dead Sea. An option is also available for those wishing to spend a day in Petra, the long stone city south of the Dead Sea in Jordan.

The final day of this trip will include a flight to London with the remainder of that day and overnight as free time.

This tour includes round trip transportation from Lubbock, quality hotels, sight-seeing with English speaking guides throughout, lectures, and much more. For the enjoyment of travelers, all arrangements will be made in advance. However, there will be ample leisure time to pursue personal interests, learn, relax, and shop.

For more information, you may contact Rev. Jimmy Fikes, Pastor of South Park Baptist Church of Lubbock at 806 745-7041 or 806-793-5489.

Remember to invite friends and family to the 46th Plains Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo August 5, 6 and 7, 1999

Wedding Shower Held



A wedding shower was given for A'ndrea Bellemore and Lacy McAdams Saturday, July 17, in the home of Christy Brink. Thanks go to the hostesses including; Connie McWhiter, Beth Ann Cain, Shirley Bunch, Billie Howell, Paula McMinn, Christy Brink, Zanna Traweek. Not shown are Lois Miller, Cynthia Blair, Jo Ann Barron, Phylliss House, Toni Jones, Janelle Cobb, Dolores Davis, Ashlee Davis, Willie Mae Engle, Joyce Pierce, and Gale McDonnell.

Fall Admission Steps Outlined for SPC

With registration for fall classes at South Plains College less than two months away, there is still time for prospective students to complete the steps necessary for admission to the two year comprehensive community college.

SPC's fall registration is August 23-24 at the Reese Center in Lubbock, August 25-26 at SPC Lubbock and August 26 at SPC Levelland.

"We have a few simple steps to follow for enrollment at South Plains College, whether students plan to attend the SPC campuses in Levelland or Lubbock or the Reese Center in Lubbock," said Andrea Rangel, registrar and dean of admissions.

The application process is free. SPC also maintains a website at www.spc.cc.tx.us for students who would like to complete the application process and obtain other college information on-line.

College bound students planning to enroll at SPC this fall need to complete an application for admission, provide their high school and/or college transcripts, and take a TASP or alternative TASP exam. SPC Lubbock also provides a detailed, step by step, flyer on getting enrolled on that campus.

Students enrolling for the first time on the Levelland campus also need to sign up for orientation, information packed two day session that includes registration for fall classes.

After students submit a completed application for admission, they will receive a letter notifying them of the date to attend orientation. If they have not yet received an orientation letter, they need to contact SPC's Office of Guidance and Counseling on the Levelland campus.

Students need to take the TASP or an approved TASP alternative test. TASP (Texas Academic Skills Program) is a state mandated assessment of basic college level skills. It is now required of all entering college students who have not earned at least three semester hours of college credit prior to the fall of 1989. Certain exemptions apply.

For information about SPC's admissions process, contact the SPC Office of Guidance and Counseling in Levelland at 806-894-9611, ext. 2366 or 2368.

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From The Hack

Praise be to our faithful readers. Going brain dead is a frequent problem with yours truly, and I did not have a clue as to what I was going to start this column with, when our Fax started humming. Our buddy Jeanine St Romain, still in Virginia Beach, stole the following chuckles from her local paper. Hey, it's OK to steal, long as it's for your buddies, right?

New miracle drugs for men following Viagra:

DIRECTRA - a dose of this drug given to men before leaving on car trips caused 72% of them to stop and ask directions when they got lost, compared to .02% of those on a placebo. **PROJECTRA** - Men given this experimental drug were far more likely to finish a household repair project before starting a new one.

COMPLIMENTRA - In clinical trials, 82% of middle-aged men administered this drug noticed that their wives had new hair styles. It's being further tested to see if its effects extend to noticing new clothing.

LIAGRA - This drug causes men to be less than truthful when describing their sexual affairs. It will be available soon in regular, grand jury and presidential strength versions.

She also stole the following immortal truths;

'Don't sweat the petty things, and don't pet the sweaty things.'

'One tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.'

'To be intoxicated is to feel sophisticated but unable to say it.'

'Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.'

'Give a man a fish, and he will eat all day. Teach him how

to fish, he'll sit in a boat and drink beer all day.'

'A fool and his money are soon parting.'

'If the number 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still number 2?'

'Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Just deal with it.'

'Women love silent men. They think they are listening.'

Jeanine ended her fax by telling me this year's Old Settlers Reunion would also be her high school class' 40th anniversary, which she said is hard to explain, when she's not yet forty herself. Hang in there, girl!

If you recall, in last week's column I referred to old sayings and where and how they originated. One pertained to "It's raining cats and dogs."

I read in a library magazine last week other critters often rain down besides cats and dogs. The article reported in 1997 a Korean fisherman was knocked unconscious when a frozen mass of squid fell on him and his boat. Even stranger, in 1990, a Japanese fishing boat sank after it was smashed by a cow falling from the sky. Fact. These oddities and others usually occur when large water spouts or tornados pick up creatures, carry them up, up and away, high enough sometimes to freeze before they plummet back to earth.

I witnessed a rather bizarre event when I was still in high school down at Pecos. Momentarily, I saw it rain prairie dogs and gophers, and momentarily, I had two other witnesses, neither of whom's credibility was ever written in stone.

A buddy and I were working on a ranch one summer. The stud duck foreman offered us a ride into town one afternoon. He dropped us off downtown with a stern warning he would pick us up in the same spot at straight up 10 p.m. We were there on time, he arrived on time, and we roared off, and it only took about three miles for us to realize the foreman was literally awash with demon

rum, which was actually a jug of Old Overshoes Bourbon nestled between his thighs.

We had barely left the pavement on the old caliche ranch road when it began to spit a little rain. There is no such thing in Pecos, Texas, as a big rain. It excited the foreman so much he shouted, "Praise His Name, the drought's broken," and slugged down about a cup of Old Overshoes.

The dust and rain drops soon made a mess of the windshield. I recall thinking the road sure was rough, when all of a sudden a prairie dog smashed into the windshield, then a gopher, then another prairie dog smote the glass. The old waddie gasped, "YE GADS, boys, it's raining varmints!", so thrilled he took another huge snort, and moments later, we came to a rather abrupt stop when the big corner post of the pasture fence put a permanent crease in the nose of the pickup.

When we managed to pull our bruised, bloody faces loose from the dash, it was apparent we had left the graded road some miles back, and had roared through an active and well populated prairie dog town. The old foreman belted, "Quick, boys, run to camp, get me a horse, a fast 'un, I gotta get back to town and tell 'em it's raining prairie dogs!" He gurgled another big slug down, eased his head back and immediately began to snore.

You know you're in Texas when you can make instant sun tea; a seat belt makes a pretty good branding iron; the best parking space is determined by shade, not distance; hot water comes out of both taps; the temperature drops below 95 and you feel chilly.

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God is healing me from an infection, not a tumor. Praise God! I am convinced He heard your prayers from the prayer lists of First Baptist, United Methodist and Sacred Heart Catholic churches.

Thank you all so much, and I will never forget your love, kindness and compassion. May God Bless You All. Dana (Dyer) Strawn

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