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## Dog Days of Summer not necessarily boring for kids



A long dip in the swimming pool at the park will eliminate lots of "I don't have anything to do this summer" agony cries

Mammas - You don't have to become frantic, even overly alarmed when your youngster, now free of the orderly, regimented days of the school year, complains, "I'm bored, there's not anything to do in the summertime!"

He, or she, is wrong. There are programs, activities, resources aplenty to accommodate all age groups of county youth during these 'dog days of summer'.

Start with the county library, the source of a world of books, periodicals, audio books, videos, and computers with controlled internet access, plus a staff to assist.

Has your young, restless charge checked out all the summer youth courses and workshops sponsored by the Yoakum County Connection? The list of opportunities includes basic drawing, beginner quilting, snack preparations, room decorating, mural painting, clay modeling, photography classes, cartoon drawing, home gardening, cake decorating, balloon decorating, and T-Shirt & cap decorating.

Your kids need a more active, physical endeavor? The County pool in Stanford Park is open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday,

and on Sundays 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Trained personnel on duty to watch after swimmers include Derek Brunson, Pool Manager, and Lifeguards Dustin Brunson, Aaron Cain, Shay Allsup, Kyle Sisson, Sandi and Lexi Warren, and Kelsey Blundell. Come let your kids dunk, while you cool off.

While it may be a bit late to sign up, the ever growing Little League Baseball season is in full sway. If your charges aren't already enrolled, let them come and watch the regular afternoon games. This is a fun spectator event for every age group.

Something new is also taking place on the Plains Cowboy Baseball Field, Babe Ruth Minor League play, and these older young people can handle and hit the ball amazingly well.

Have an aspiring horseman or horse lady? The annual 4-H sponsored horsemanship 'Play Days' are currently taking place here and in Denver City.

Once your youngster is made aware of these and other summer events, and persists in pestering parents with "I'm bored" tales, suggest this.... "Find A Job, Make Some Money!"

## Ag Department pumps more than \$6.8 million into local economy

On June 2, the Yoakum County Farm Service Agency paid out almost \$7 million to area producers and landowners. These dollars were the result of a recent Crop Loss Disaster Program assisting producers and land owners having at least a 65 percent loss on their 1998 approved crops. The local FSA office processed over 600 checks representing the payments.

These disaster payment dollars, in addition to \$1,708,209 paid in Market Loss Assistance payments, and \$97,423 paid for livestock operation assistance programs, will have a

very positive effect for the producers and landowners, as well as many ag related business firms in the area.

In response to the nations agricultural crisis, USDA has made \$13.4 billion in direct payments, and provided over \$2.6 billion in credit assistance to America's family farmers since July, 1998. Since passage of last years supplemental appropriations bill, USDA has:

\* paid 1.4 million producers more than \$2.8 billion in supplemental production flexibility contract payments.  
\* provided \$400 million to lower 1999 crop insurance pre-

miums.

\* helped some 168,000 livestock producers with \$198 million in payments from newly created and over-subscribed livestock assistance programs.

\*made \$49 million in payments to small hog operations suffering from depressed prices.

Additionally, USDA is preparing to issue \$200 million in dairy assistance payments in June, and \$42 million for a flooded lands program in July. The latest disaster relief funds had been initially approved in January of this year

## County Criminal Cases

The following cases were heard in County Court with Judge Dallas Brewer and Kelly G. Moore presiding and Richard Clark represented the state.

Able Parra, 39, pled guilty to tampering with Governmental Records. He was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail suspended and probated 12 months and must pay court cost of \$214.25 and a fine of \$500. Special conditions of Community Supervision are disqualification of defendant and Aracely Parra from Federal Food Stamp Program, Serve 80 hours of community service and absorb any reasonable cost thereof.

Marcelino Garcia Perez, Jr. a/k/a Marcelino Perez, Jr. and Marcelino Perez Lopez, Jr., 40, agreed to the order of modifying community supervision on an aggravated assault against a Peace Officer charge. He must pay balance of fine and attorney fees of \$1,720 and community supervision fees of \$660; attend AA meetings twice a week. He was represented by attorney Bill Helwig.

On June 2, 1999 the following cases were heard.

Shearon Rosemond Hawkins, 31, pled guilty to a lesser offense of theft by check-aggregated and was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail, suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay court cost of \$214.25 and restitution of \$2,446.67 to the following merchants-Beall's, NGM Distributors, Inc., Pizza Hut, Allsup's, and Schwan's.

David Laureles, 28, accused of assault causing bodily injury, must work 80 hours of Community service in lieu of attending and successfully completing the Batterer's Intervention Prevention Program.

Steven Hurtado A/K/A Steve Hurtado, 20, pled guilty to consumption of alcohol by minor-3rd enhanced. He was sentenced to serve 60 days in jail, suspended and probated 180 days, pay a fine of \$250 and court cost of \$184.25. Defendant must serve 36 hours in jail with credit for 14.5 hours served, attend AA meetings, successfully complete the First Offenders Program, serve 24 hours community service, and his driver's license were suspended for 180 days.

Juan Carlos Sigala, 20, pled

Turn to Page 2, 'Criminal Cases'

## Walker gives brief on legislative session to Lions



Called on unexpectedly to present the program at last Thursday's meeting of the Plains Lions Club, Representative Gary Walker outlined some of the major issues faced and bills passed before the 76th Legislative session ended last Monday. He said the final Sunday evening chaotic session came very close to the call for a special session, but compromise between various factions allowed the session to wind down on the scheduled date.

Walker said, "Like most legislative sessions, in my view point there were both good and not so good bills passed during those long months in Austin."

He was especially pleased with passage of a partial funding bill to help wage war on the boll weevil here on the South Plains and around the state. "If the weevil can be eradicated, the economic benefits to our cotton producers, agricultural businesses and the general economy just here in West Texas are almost incalculable."

The major issue both House and Senate members had to face was education, both public school and higher education. "The final draft of the education bill, while probably not perfect, accomplished a great deal, and for the public schools in West Texas, our so called "wealthy school districts", the infusion of state funds will enable most of them to continue providing top quality education for our young people."

He reported bills passed relating to telephone service fees should enable consumers to expect somewhat lower monthly bills in the future, and passage of the electric utility deregulation measure will ensure consumers to continue enjoying some of the lowest residential rates in the nation until year 2005.

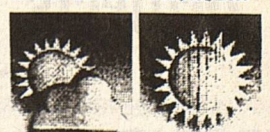
Asked by a member if anything was done in the session calling for seat belts on school buses, Walker said there was not, but reported, "A bill was passed now calling for children under the age of 14 to wear seat belts while riding in the rear seat of any vehicle."

Walker said he was disappointed in two aspects of the long session. "I felt state employees, the ones out performing all the everyday chores of running state offices and departments deserved a larger salary raise. They will get \$100 per month across the board, and I think that's a bit low."

He also expressed disappointment the session failed to set aside a substantial portion of the \$4 billion plus budget surplus. "I feel it would have been very prudent to set aside part of that money for what's usually referred to as a 'rainy day' fund. I think that would have been wise management."

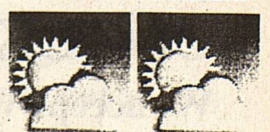
Walker said undoubtedly one of the major issues which will confront legislators during the next session will be the always thorny issue of redistricting for both the house and senate. "It's way too early to even think of possible scenarios, but re-drawing those district lines is always very dicey. It is possible to have a primarily rural, small town district represented by someone from a large urban city."

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## New Mexico cloud seeding receives approval of weather modification permit

The target area for a regional rainfall enhancement program has been extended to include three New Mexico counties following approval of a weather modification permit by the New Mexico Weather Control and Cloud Modification Commission on May 7.

"The Texas Central Southern High Plains Rainfall Enhancement Program target area now includes Curry, Roosevelt and Southwestern Quay Counties of New Mexico. Rainfall enhancement operations in these counties began May 8 and will continue until August 31, 1999," said A. Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 in Lubbock. In addition to the three counties in the target area, the permit also allows pilots to fly within a buffer zone that includes the eastern parts of DeBaca, Chaves, and Guadalupe Counties, northern Lea County, and northern Quay County.

Rainfall enhancement, or cloud seeding, is an attempt to stimulate clouds to generate more rainfall than they would otherwise by adding silver iodide as a seeding agent. The silver iodide provides additional condensation nuclei that can allow more cloud moisture to be converted to large enough raindrops to survive the fall through the sub cloud layer and reach the ground as meaningful rainfall.

Weather Modification, Incorporated (WMI) of Fargo, North Dakota, returns as the contractor for the 1999 project. WMI pilots and their aircraft are stationed at Amarillo, Lubbock, and Portales. From the C-band radar unit at

Littlefield Municipal Airport, the project meteorologist instructs the pilots to eject flares or ignite wingtip generators to dispense silver iodide into selected clouds within the target area.

Addition of the New Mexico counties makes it easier to conduct weather modification operations along the Texas New Mexico state line. "By adding additional counties to the target area, the pilots have a better opportunity to seed clouds to enhance rainfall in southeastern New Mexico and along the Texas New Mexico state line," said Wyatt.

The rainfall enhancement program sponsors are the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, the South Plains Underground Water Conservation District, and the Llano Estacado Weather Modification Association in New Mexico.

Participants in the rainfall enhancement program each pay a pro-rated part of the fixed and reimbursable costs based upon total acreage.

The High Plains Water District pays 63.1 percent of the fixed and reimbursable costs based upon its 6.8 million acre service area. Roosevelt County pays 14.4 percent of the costs based upon its 1.5 million acre area, and Curry County pays 8.2 percent of the costs based upon its 897,760 acre area. Southwestern Quay County pays 4.4 percent of the costs based upon 479,950 acres. The South Plains Water District pays 5.2 percent of the costs based upon 570,112 acres, and the Sandy Land Water District pays 4.7 percent based upon 511,808 acres.

### Cattlemen take heart

"A letter received recently from Judge Joseph Eve, envoy to the Republic of Texas, contains an amazing story of raising cattle, describing the success of Taylor White, of the Trinity River area.

When he moved to Texas in 1823, his fortune was three cows and calves, two horses, a wife and two children. He now owns 40,000 acres of land, over 90 negroes, some 30,000

cattle, has \$60,000 gold in New Orleans, and marked 3,700 calves last spring, and sold last fall in New Orleans 1,100 steers weighing about 1,000 pounds each, which cost no more than 75 cents to drive to market. Even more amazing, he cannot read or write, and made his fortune raising stock alone."

*The Texas News*, September, 1842.

## Plains student a graduate at College of Southwest

On Friday, May 14, College of the Southwest in Hobbs, New Mexico, graduated a record 166 students. Among that largest ever graduating class was Gary L. Davis of Plains.

Davis received the Master of Science in Education degree in Educational Administration.

Because enrollment at CSW

has more than tripled in the last decade, College of the Southwest has experienced a number of record graduations. Last year, a total of 155 students graduated from the College, which is anchored in Christian principles and free enterprise education. College of the Southwest is one of only three private colleges in New Mexico.

### JP Court Summary

May 18, 1999 - The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding: Cases filed - 37 traffic cases, 1 County court case.

Bonds set - Failure to appear on Driving while license suspended - \$1000 bond. Bond forfeiture on driving while license suspended - \$1000 cash bond. Parole violation - no bond. Public intoxication - \$250 bond. Criminal trespass - \$500 bond. Assault family violence - \$2000 bond. 5 cases - Burglary of a building \$3000 bond. 5 cases - Engaging in organized criminal activity - \$3000 bond. 2 cases - Motion to revoke probation held until hearing. Disorderly conduct - \$250 bond. Failure to appear - \$250 bond. Theft - \$2500 bond.

From Page 1, "Criminal Cases" guilty to assault causing bodily injury (class A) and

was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$219.25 court cost and a fine of \$250; serve 7 days in jail with credit for 1 served; successfully complete a Batterer's Treatment Program and serve 80 hours of community supervision.

Pascual Nava Perez, 34, pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury and was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail, suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay court cost of \$214.25 and a fine of \$250. He was ordered to successfully complete the Batterer's Treatment Program and serve 24 hours of community service.



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## Lattrell McDonnell to step down as County Librarian

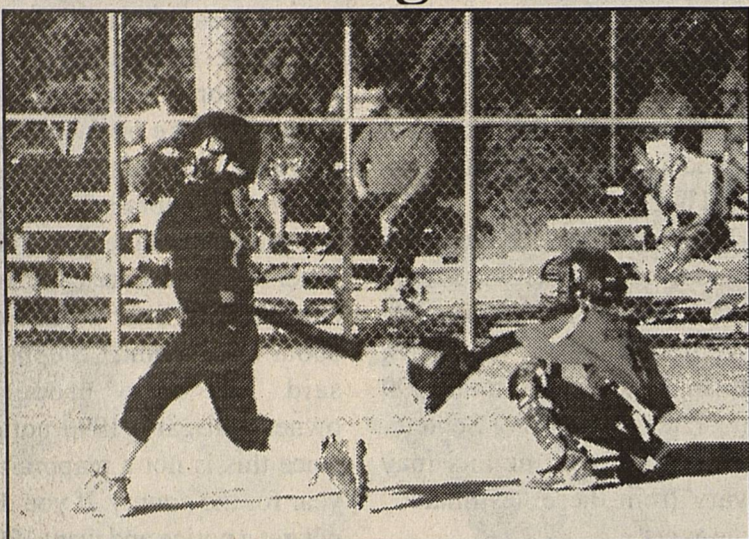
In Monday's session of Commissioners Court, Pct. 3 Commissioner Jim Barron announced the coming retirement of Librarian McDonnell the end of this month.

He made a motion to appoint Opal Roberts, Librarian in the Denver City facility, to take charge of both libraries on July 1. He proposed paying Roberts mileage for her travel to and from the libraries, and increase her salary by \$900 per month.

He pointed out this move would result in substantial savings of county funds, compared to hiring another head librarian here. The motion unanimously passed.

Mrs. McDonnell, according to county officials, has been employed by Yoakum County some 47 years. She will be honored with a retirement party in the Plains Library on June 30.

## Little League Time



"Mighty Caseys" at the bat are plentiful in League play



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## Grand Jury Selection List

Grand Jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on June 14, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. at the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

### Plains & Tokio Residents:

Sarah Guetersloh, Timothy Mojica, Nicole Moreno, Amy K. Hays, Dwayne Edward Mack, Francisco Chacon Lozano, Tommy Glen Rice, Debbie Smith, Linda Hernandez Lozano, William Matta, Jr., Ruth Hinkle Murphree, Douglas Erwin Patton, Jo R. Jackson, Linda Carol Wilkins, John A. Mayes, Anna Gabriela Luna.

### Denver City Residents:

Calvin Glenn Stewart, Dennis Staney Lawhorn, Mary Brooks Avara, Jerri Barron, Troy Mac Scott, Vernon Howard Wright, Christopher Shawn Louis, Larry David Dill, Valincia Inez Criswell, Elizabeth Walker Sellers, Jimmy L. Byrd, Lisa Clinton, Jerrod Ellis Eiman, Bradley Mark Grimes, Graciela Marquez Mills, Noel G. Barrientes, Mary Dison Crider, Cristina Cenicerros, Calvin R. Bennett, Ruby Odell Kennedy, Lynnda Douglas Isbell, J.D. Wall, Cynthia J. Bridges, Ray Davis, Jr., Kristy S. Kostelich, Jack Dennis Miller, Dorothy Murdock Hornback, Shirley May Mosser, Beulah Scott, Charla Ann Acosta, Priscilla Bennett Valdez, Peter Bergen Friessen, Emily Flores,

Virginia Arriaga Mendoza, Araceli Maria Mayorga, John Glenn Williamson, Arl B. Weir, Betty L. Carruth, Kenneth Reed, Carlos Aguar Valverde, Hoyt H. McCullough, Lionel Gonzalez, Daina Blount, Margie Ruth Allen, Evertt Ross Harrel, Brian Ray Marion, Celia Medina Gonzales, Jack P. Kidd, Daniel Valverde, Carla R. Isbell, Lydis A. Hernandez, Celestina Rodriguez Diaz, Zelma Louise Leverett, Laura Salazar, Johnnie P. Morgan, Miati Ann Hooker.

**\*\*\*Please remember to report to the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains on Monday, June 14, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.**

## Advertising Water Melon Round Up #4



Maranda Box, Cindra Box, Wilma Powell, Eileen Fillipp, L.J. Sanders, Linda Powell, Mary Jo St. Romain and Jan Parrish hard at work

Volunteer workers are shown labeling and stuffing envelopes with the 4th Annual Watermelon Round Up brochures. Yoakum County Connection produced the color brochures, to be mailed to some 600 addresses. Connection members report almost all of the food booths for this years Round Up have been reserved. Local arts and crafts exhibitors needing display booths are urged to immediately contact Cindra Box, 456-5185, to reserve a booth before they are all taken. Jan Parrish reported a second Team Steer Roping event will be held the Saturday of the Round Up. Last years roping drew some 200 contestants, and Parrish said inquiries from interested ropers indicate this years event could be much larger. Round Up Chair Jeannette Head said work is progressing on the tabloid publication to be distributed prior to and during the Round Up.

## County Court Case

**June 17, 1999** - Billy Paul Cooks, 41, pled guilty to driving while license suspended, and was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail with credit for 28 days served. He must pay a fine of \$500.00 to be paid out in jail at \$50.00 per day; court cost was waived. He was represented by attorney Paul Mansur.

## Enermart opens in Brownfield

Enermart Energy Services (Enermart) announces the opening of a new customer service center in Brownfield, located at 109 E. Broadway, to serve the natural gas needs of its industrial, agricultural and ranching customers.

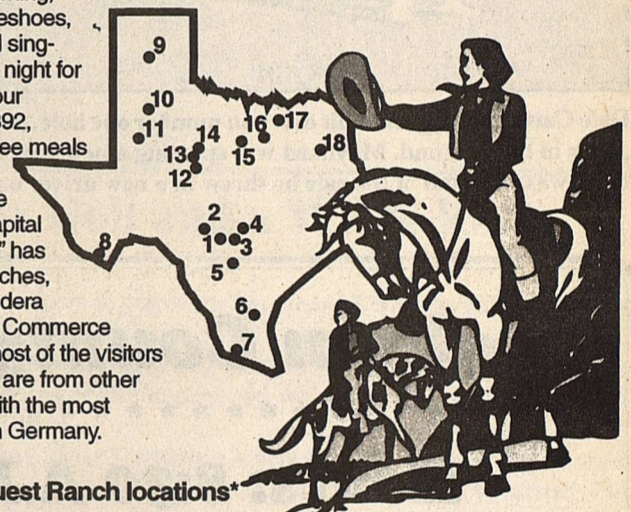
Additional service centers are being opened in Plainview and Hereford. Jack Mars will serve as Enermart President.

## Keeping an eye on Texas

### City slickers head to dude ranches

Texas is home to about 90 dude and guest ranches, offering a unique western experience with activities including trail rides, campfire cookouts, cattle drives, nature photography, fishing, hayrides, swimming,

tubing, horseshoes, bonfires and sing-alongs. One night for a family of four averages \$392, including three meals per day. Bandera, the "Cowboy Capital of the World" has 13 dude ranches, and the Bandera Chamber of Commerce notes that most of the visitors to their area are from other countries, with the most coming from Germany.



### Dude & Guest Ranch locations\*

- |                  |                    |                 |                   |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Bandera       | 6. Kingsville      | 11. Lamesa      | 15. Mineral Wells |
| 2. Mountain Home | 7. Rio Grande City | 12. Winters     | 16. Grapevine     |
| 3. Pipe Creek    | 8. Terlingua       | 13. Buffalo Gap | 17. McKinney      |
| 4. Wimberley     | 9. Amarillo        | 14. Abilene     | 18. Tyler         |
| 5. Lytle         | 10. Lubbock        |                 |                   |

\*These locations represent only some of the sites of dude and guest ranches. Many ranches are in the "country" and are not located close enough to call a town home. More than one ranch may be located in each town.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, ([www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)), and Duderanches.com.

## YOAKUM COUNTY CONNECTION Watermelon Round Up Meeting

**Plains Community Building**  
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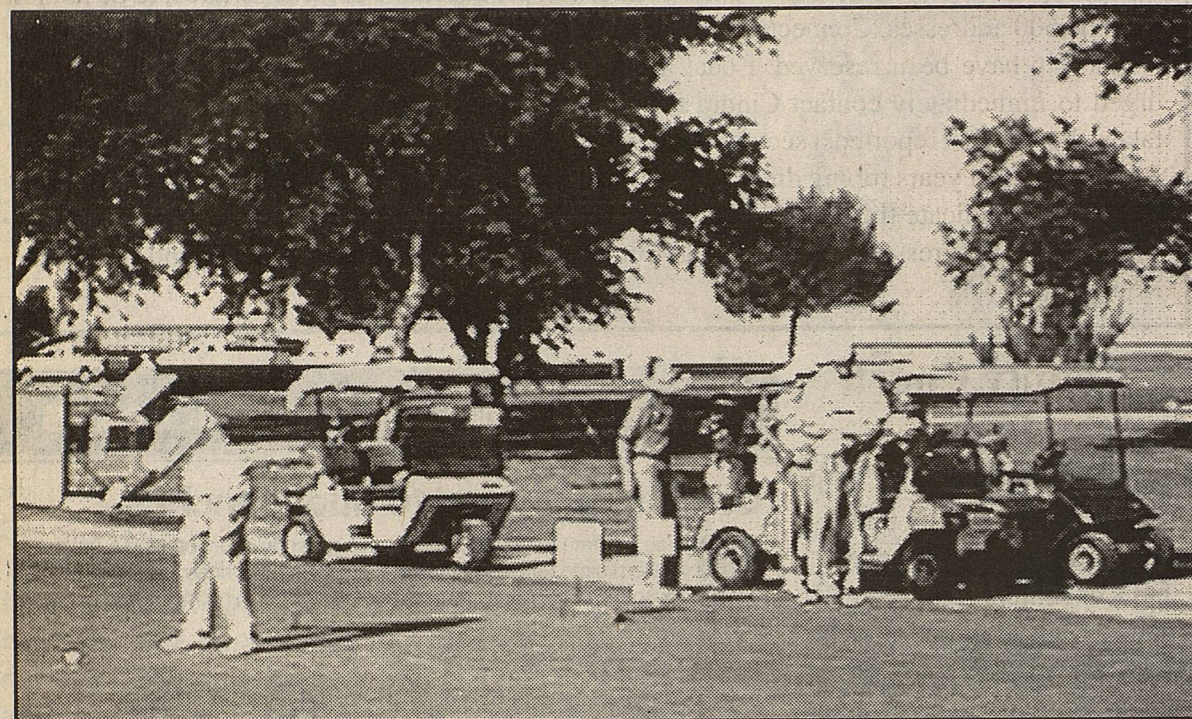
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## Tournament benefits Special Olympics



Kelly Adams tees off on number 9. Her partners, Joel Trevino, Ted Welch, and Bob Blundell watch approvingly, for her shot was the best of the group and led to a birdie of the hole.

A one day golf tournament at the County course last Saturday was a valuable fund raiser for the big Special Olympic games to be held in Lubbock later this year. According to tourney Chair Brenda Chaney, Warden at the 'Red Unit' of the Jim Rudd Detention Facility in Brownfield, 15 four person teams paid \$160 entry fees to play in the 18 hole scramble benefit. She said roughly 90% of that money, plus donations and the sale of "Mulligans", was expected to raise some \$3000 for the Olympics, drawing the special young athletes from around the state. Chaney said she hopes the tournament can be an annual event for the worthy cause.



Dale Carter prepares to hit drive on number one hole, with partners Jack Sessions, Jim Maynard and Johnny Jones in background. Maynard was sporting a new hat, which Carter said he recently bought. The golf store clerk was so proud of the sale he threw in a new driver on the deal.

## Property Owners Receive 1999 Value Notices

Texas property owners have the right to information about changes in their property's value. On May 29, 1999, Yoakum County Appraisal District mailed 5,567 property owners notices showing their 1999 proposed value. Sandra Stephens, Chief Appraiser of the district, reminds property owners the notice of appraised value is not a tax bill. "Please do not pay -- this notice is not a tax bill," Stephens said. "A property owner has the right to appeal to the Yoakum County Appraisal Board on any disagreement with the property's value, exemptions, ownership and other areas," she said. The appraisal review board, more commonly called "ABR", is an independent panel of citizens responsible for hearing and settling protests from property owners who disagree with some action by the appraisal district.

What should a property owner look for on the notice? "Look at the proposed value for 1999," Stephens said. "The notice shows the land's value and any improvement value for the property for the

current year." An improvement is a building, structure, or any other type of fixture to the land. The appraisal notice also includes current year information on exemptions granted on the property. It provides last year's value, too. Homeowners that qualify for property tax homestead exemptions have a limitation on their home's appraisal value, beginning with tax year 1998. The appraisal district may not increase their home value by more than 10 percent for each year since the last reappraisal year. A homeowner's reappraisal notice shows both the market value for the home and the limited home value.

Notices to property owners whose values increased more than \$1,000 also will include "estimated" taxes. Generally, taxing units will set final 1999 tax rates in August or September. Final tax amounts may vary from these "estimated" amounts.

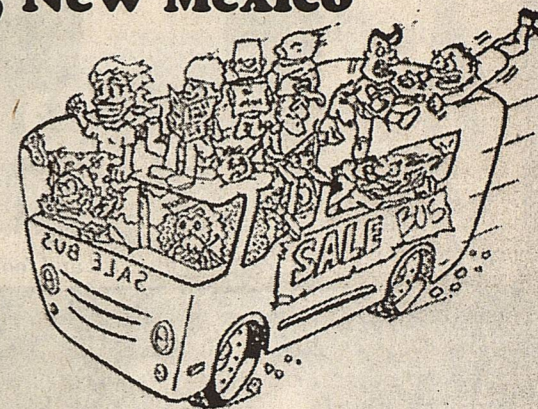
Stephens asks property owner to look carefully at the legal description and mailing address to be sure that there are no mistakes. "If the notice

contains and old address, please let the appraisal district know. The post office forwards mail to a new address for a short time only, and tax bills do not go out until October," Stephens said. A property owner is responsible for informing the district of the correct mailing address. A property owner is liable for additional penalties and interest on a tax bill not paid on time.

Mobile homes are a special problem for the appraisal district. "Please check all the information very carefully on all mobile home notices. If we have a mistake on ownership or value, now is the time to inform the appraisal district, not when the taxes are due. After the values are certified, there is very little we can do about an account," Stephens said. Not every property owner will get a 1999 notice since this is not a reappraisal year for the county. If you did not get a notice and want 1999 information about your property, please call the appraisal district at 806-456-7101. The deadline for protesting to the ARB is June 28 for this year.

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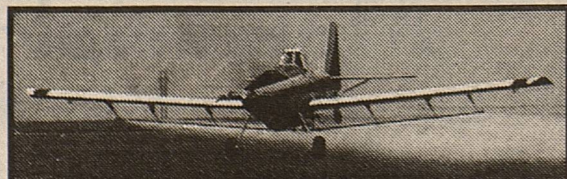
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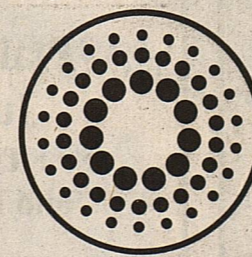
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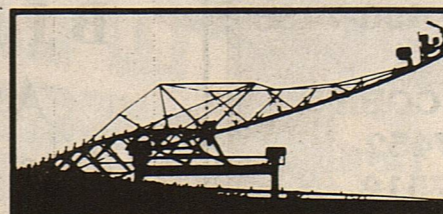
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## Wedding Vows Exchanged



**Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Shane McDonnell**

Candlelight glowed as Brandon Shane McDonnell and Jenette Sheryl Smith exchanged promises and rings to start a lifetime journey together. The wedding ceremony included Brother Bill Wright, friends, and family on April 17, 1999 at the First Baptist Church in Plains, Tx at six in the evening.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Janice Smith of Aberdeen, Scotland. The groom is the son of Jackie and Gale McDonnell of Plains, Tx.

Decorations for the ceremony included a golden arch covered with trailing ivy with peach roses. Candle pillars stood on each side of the arch. The pillars were intertwined with ivy and white roses. The unity candle was set off to the side and decorated with crystal candle stick holders and peach roses.

Mrs. Shari McCravey provided soft piano music as the grandparents were seated. The parents lighted their portion of the unity candle, Mr. Patrick Hamilton and Mrs. Lisa Switzer sang "From This Moment". Mr. Greg McCravey provided the music for all soloists.

The bride's dress was designed and made by her mother. The dress is made of bridal satin with an A-line bodice that flowed into the skirt. Lace was placed on the bodice and trailing into the skirt. On the back of the dress, the lace flows into the train. A bow completes the dress. Pearls and sequins were added to the lace to complete the dress. The veil was a beaded headband of pearls complete the tulle. The bride carried an arrangement of white roses with peach tips nestled in white flowers with green ivy.

Serving as the flower girl was Miss Jamey Sanders, niece of the bride. She wore a white dress with purple and blue flowers and a white headband in her hair.

Serving as Maid of Honor was Ms. Michelle Mora of Midland, a dear friend of the bride. Matron of Honor was Ms. Jana Sanders of Grapevine, sister of the bride. Other bridesmaids included Ms. Memory Ross of Evansville, IN., another close friend of the bride and Ms. Heather McDonnell, sister of the groom. They wore a long, straight blue dress. The dress was sleeveless and had a v-accent in the back. They carried a bouquet of peach roses with ivy tied with a white bow.

Serving as Best Man was Mr. Jackie McDonnell, father of the groom. Groomsmen included Mr. Steve Carr of Azle, Mr. Brent Carr, Azle, Mr. Dusty Rafferty, Iowa Park, Mr. Jason Smith, College Station. Ushers were Mr. Jason Redman, Plains, and Mr. Jeff Redman, Plains.

The Bridal cake was a four layer white cake with peach roses. The serving table also held a crystal punch bowl. The cake was served to guests by Mrs. Jan Albus, Mrs. Juanita Wright, and Mrs. Sherry Bell, friends of the bride and groom.

The Grooms cake was a chocolate cake with basket weave chocolate icing. On top of the cake was the initial 'M'. The serving table held a silver coffee service and plates of mints and nuts. The cake was served by Mrs. Christine Calahan and Mrs. Amy Gunter, friends of the couple.

After a week long honeymoon on the Walt Disney Cruise, the couple returned to their home in Lubbock, Tx., where the bride is employed as a retail manager and the groom is employed at University Medical Center.

## Lady Texan Basketball Camps set for June at SPC

Openings are still available for girls interested in attending the Lady Texan Camp, which will be held during consecutive weeks in June at South Plains College.

The camps, under the direction of South Plains College women's basketball coach Lyndon Hardin, are open to all girls in fifth grade through high school. Camps will be held from June 13-19 and June 20-25 in SPC's Texan Dome.

"We feel we have one of the better camps around," Hardin said. "We try to keep a small ratio between instructors and campers. It's a good environment to learn fundamentals."

The purpose of the camp is to provide an opportunity for girls and young women to improve their basketball skills in a fun environment. The fundamentals of basketball are stressed, with sportsmanship, team play and self confidence emphasized as well.

Camp registration will be held at 2:00 p.m. on June 13 and at 2:00 p.m. on June 20 in Baker Center, with camp activities concluding at 3:00 p.m. on June 18 and June 25, respectively.

"We're not going to make them great players in a week," Hardin said, "but we give them a good foundation. We're going to work hard on basketball

skills. It's not a recreational camp, but they have fun too."

Adding to that fun for girls in ninth grade through 12th grade will be daily tournament games, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue as part of the evening activities, in addition to the traditional slate of games for the younger girls.

The camps will be held in Texan Dome on the SPC campus. Other facilities for use by the campers are an indoor swimming pool, indoor racquetball courts and tennis courts. In addition, campers also may spend time at the SPC Student Center, which features a game room with video arcade, ping pong, pool and foosball.

Camp applications will be accepted as they are received and should be returned as soon as possible. A \$75 deposit should be sent with the application, and the remaining balance will be due at the time of registration. The deposit is non refundable after May 30, and a \$20 charge will be made on all refunds.

For more information, contact Hardin at 806-894-9611, ext. 2224, or write: Lady Texan Basketball Camp, South Plains College, 1401 S. College Avenue, Levelland, Texas, 79336.

## Senior Citizens Corner

Visitors this week were Paula and Winifred Dollar and Helen and R.H. Weaver from Amarillo. They were guest of George Sarrell.

The '42' Tournament is coming up. We would like to see a lot of Seniors join in the contest for a "free lunch ticket".

Gerald Dean Dalloff is in the hospital.

Fay (Peevey) Beonard passed away on Wednesday. As of now (Thursday) funeral arrangements are pending.

The long Holiday weekend past, and the Center is back to work. So come on in.

We are missing some of our regular people, due to vacations or just staying home and visiting with grandchildren. My granddaughter and great granddaughter dropped in a minute on Wednesday. They have just returned from Utah when the girl participated in a gymnastic meet. They won gold medals as a team in Synchronized Doubles. Makes grandmother pretty proud. Short week-no news.

See you next week,  
Smitty

## New Baby Girl



Sterling and Summer Lovelace proudly announce the arrival of their daughter Sage Aspen. She was born on May 17, 1999 at 10:26 a.m. Sage weighed 6 pounds and 6 ounces and was 19 inches long.

## The Doll and a White Rose

**Anonymous**

I hurried into the store to grab some last minute Christmas gifts. I looked at all the people and grumbled to myself. Christmas had become such a drag. I wish I could skip Christmas. I hurried to the toy department. I mumbled to myself at the prices of all the toys, and wondered if the grandkids would even play with them.

I saw a little boy about 5 holding a lovely doll. He kept touching her hair and he held her so gently. I kept looking at the little boy and wondered who the doll was for. I watched him, and he called his aunt by name and said, "Are you sure I don't have enough money?" She replied impatiently, "You know you don't have enough money for it." The aunt told him not to go anywhere, and then she left the aisle.

The boy held the doll, and I asked him who the doll was for. He said, "It's the doll my sister wanted for Christmas. She just knew that Santa would bring it." I told him that maybe Santa was going to bring it. He said, "No, Santa can't go where my sister is. I have to give the doll to my Mama to take to her." I asked him where his sister was. He looked at me with the saddest eyes and said, "She has gone to be with Jesus. My Daddy says Mama is going to have to go be with her."

My heart nearly stopped beating. The boy looked at me again and said, "I told Daddy to tell Mama not to go yet. I told him to tell her to wait till I got back from the store. I love my Mama, and I wish she didn't have to leave me, but Daddy says she will need to be with my sister." I saw the boy had lowered his head and had grown very quiet. While he was not looking I reached into my purse and pulled out a handful of bills. I asked the little boy, "Shall we count that money one more time?" I slipped my money in with his and we began to count.

Of course it was plenty for the doll. He softly said, "Thank you Jesus for giving me enough money." Then the boy said, "I just asked Jesus to give me enough money to buy this doll so Mama can take it with her to give to my sister, and he heard my prayer. I wanted to ask him for enough to buy my Mama a white rose. I didn't, but he gave me enough to buy the doll and a rose for Mama. She loves white roses very much." The aunt came back and I left. I could not keep from thinking about the boy as I finished my shopping in a totally different spirit than when I had started. I remembered a story I had seen in the paper earlier about a drunk driver hitting a car and killing a little girl, and the Mother was in serious condition. The family was deciding on whether to remove the life support. Surely this little boy did not belong with that story.

Two days later, I read where the young woman had died. I couldn't forget the boy, wondering if the two were somehow connected. Later that day, I could not help myself, and bought some white roses and took them to the funeral home where the young woman was. And there she was holding a lovely white rose, and the beautiful doll. I left in tears, my life changed, forever. The love that little boy had for his sister and his Mother was overwhelming. And in a split second, a drunk driver had ripped the life of that little boy to pieces. You now have the choice, you can:

- 1) pass this on to your friends
- 2) delete it and act like it didn't touch your heart

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## From The Hack

I suppose it's official. Well, maybe semi-official, because nothing in politics is truly official until names are on the official ballot. And why am I so underwhelmed by this?

Hillary Rodham Clinton is semi-officially running for a Senate seat representing the State of New York. True, press releases say she is testing the waters in an attempt to determine official support for the upcoming race, which actually translates, "Can I get enough dollars to run a my campaign?"

I read recently Hilary was asked, "When you move to New York City and establish residence there, will Mr. Clinton be accompanying you?" She reportedly said, "Who cares where Bubba lives, I'm running this campaign on my own, Bubba or no Bubba." OK, I confess, the above was taken off the Internet, so draw your conclusions.

Another matter surfaced on national TV recently, however, which I feel sure we will all want to focus our attention on, even if we are not allowed to vote for H.R.C. Now mind you, a female commentator said words like this; "One of the obstacles Hillary will have to overcome is the fact she is bottom heavy."

While this may be a fact even marvels in TV editing cannot overcome, I might remind you, ships at sea are by necessity bottom heavy to maintain floatage; Hippopotami (yes, it's spelled right) are bottom heavy to keep them right side up. Elephants are also bottom heavy, but in all my research, I can't explain why. Neither can

Hillary's Mom.

Now, well before actual campaigning begins, ask yourself this question if you were able to cast a vote for Hillary; "Am I voting for a person intelligent enough to represent my interests, and all Americans?"

To that question, that question only, you might say, "Yes, she's smart enough to get out of 'White River Gate alive, she's smart enough to have parlayed a ten grand investment in the market to a one hundred grand profit in an amazingly short time, and she's smart enough not to have used a .45 pistol on old Bubba for his admitted transgressions. She sure ain't stupid, Y'all."

So, you think CCN is full of mistakes and booboos? How about these confusing, actual headlines from other newspapers:

Milk drinkers are turning to powder

Quarter of a million Chinese live on water

Child's stool great for use in garden

Soviet virgin lands short of goal again

Eye drops off shelf

Dealers will hear car talk at noon

Two sisters reunite after eighteen years at checkout counter

If strike isn't settled quickly it may last awhile

Smokers are productive, but death cuts efficiency

Man is fatally slain

How about these classified ads:

female Boston Terrier puppies, 7 wks old, Perfect markings, 555-1234. Leave mess.

Now is your chance to have over your ears pierced and get an extra pair to take home, too.

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Illiterate? Write today for free help.

Equally bizarre, check out these accident reports furnished to insurance companies;

### Real Report

I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.

I was driving my car out of the driveway in the usual manner, when it was struck by the other car in the same place it had been struck several times before.

I was on my way to the doctors with rear-end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing me to have my accident.

To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.

The pedestrian had no idea which direction to go, so I ran him over.

I saw the slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the hood of my car.

Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

Status of Texas state agency Y2K preparations (April 1999)	
Agency	Progress Rating
Employees Retirement System	on target
Teachers Retirement System	on target
Texas Education Agency	on target
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	on target
Texas Workforce Commission	on target
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	on target
General Services Commission	on target
Texas Department of Criminal Justice	on target
Railroad Commission of Texas	on target
Texas Workers Compensation Commission	on target
General Land Office	on target
Health and Human Services Commission	watch
Texas Department of Public Safety	watch
Texas Department of Transportation	watch
Texas Youth Commission	watch
Texas Department of Human Services	watch
Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation	watch
Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse	watch
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission	watch
Texas Department of Health	watch
Office of the Attorney General	watch

SOURCE: Texas Department of Information Resources.

## Plains Independent School District Plains, Texas

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-- ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
Year Ended August 31, 1998

DATA CONTROL CODES	REVENUES:	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)	
		100-199	200-499	98	97
		GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	AUGUST 31, 1998	AUGUST 31, 1997
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$ 7 134 988	\$ -	\$ 7 134 988	\$ 6 264 435
5800	State Program Revenues	328 499	124 708	453 207	348 484
5900	Federal Program Revenues	158 306	167 843	326 149	348 541
5030	<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>7 621 793</b>	<b>292 551</b>	<b>7 914 344</b>	<b>6 961 460</b>
	EXPENDITURES:				
0010	Instruction and Instructional Related Services	3 146 243	291 616	3 437 859	2 832 595
0020	Instruction and School Leadership	310 008	-	310 008	289 568
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	842 299	2 809	845 108	848 423
0040	Administrative Support Services	287 389	-	287 389	275 980
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	986 800	-	986 800	1 015 519
0060	Ancillary Services	9 366	-	9 366	2 748
0080	Capital Outlay	5 626	-	5 626	-
0090	Intergovernmental Charges	1 585 964	-	1 585 964	1 657 742
6030	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7 173 695</b>	<b>294 425</b>	<b>7 468 120</b>	<b>6 922 575</b>
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	448 098	(1 874)	446 224	38 885
7020	Other Resources	3 831	-	3 831	3 660
8030	Other (Uses)	(736)	-	(736)	(367)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	451 193	(1 874)	449 319	42 178
0100	Fund Balance--September 1 (Beginning)	2 072 358	1 874	2 074 232	2 032 054
3000	Fund Balance--August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2 523 551	\$ -0-	\$ 2 523 551	\$ 2 074 232

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Brin	395	\$88.00
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BWF	405	\$87.00

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Hol	1675	\$39.00
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Hol	1860	\$39.80
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Hol	1600	\$38.50

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