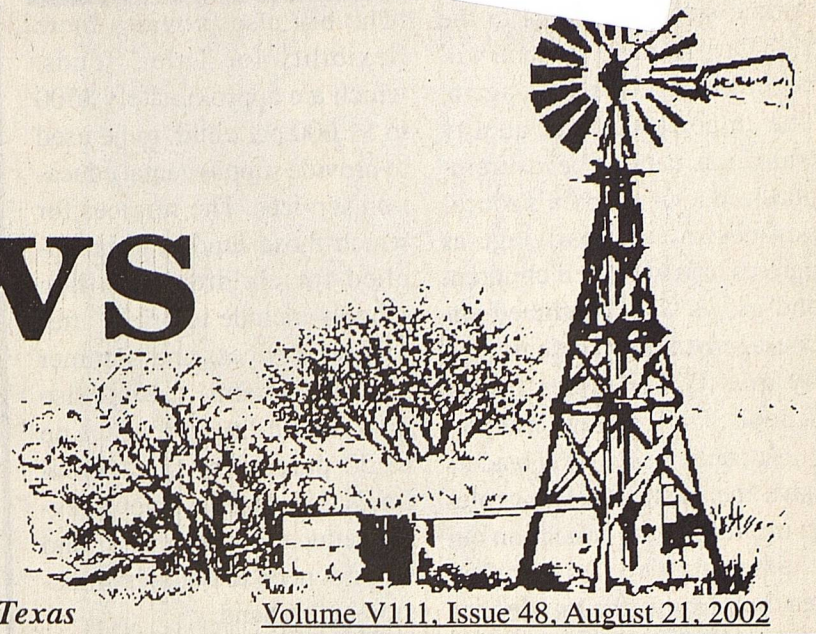


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Former resident gets prison sentence from Methamphetamine bust

In the August 9 session of 121st District Court, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, James Lee Alexander entered a plea bargain guilty plea to manufacture or delivery of methamphetamine, four grams or more but less than 200 grams.

The July 4 issue of CCN featured an article about the investigation at the Alexander residence which led to Alexander's arrest. Deputy Jerry Howard on June 29 had received a tip of a possible methamphetamine, or 'Speed' sale at the Alexander residence. He reported this to Llano Estacado Drug Task Force personnel, and the suspected buyer was apprehended and arrested. On July 30, officers Inoe Valdez and Larry Murphree were in the vicinity of the Alexander residence, and saw smoke rising from the backyard. Valdez told Murphree the department had an outstanding warrant on Alexander from a two count felony theft case in Taylor County.

Sheriff Don Corzine and the Drug Task Force were notified, and Alexander was arrested sometime after 1 PM. Task force officers Rick Dickson and Lisa Switzer notified drug enforcement personnel in Lubbock after an initial search of the house revealed the presence of all chemicals and equipment needed for a fully operating lab to produce speed.

Drug force personnel reported the lab was fully capable of making four ounces of speed per week; one ounce equals 28 grams, and at street prices at the time, the lab could generate \$11,200 per week, or some \$45,000 per month.

Judge Moore sentenced Alexander to 25 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He must also pay \$327 court costs and \$200 restitution. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark, representing the state, reported the local District sentence would run concurrently with judgement and sentence rendered by a recent session of United States District Court in Lubbock.

Criminal cases in County Court

In County Court August 14, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, David Longoria had conditions of community supervision from a prior assault causing bodily injury charge altered to include serving an additional 25 hours community service, become current by August 26 on \$204 supervision fees, \$144 fine and \$2 administrative fee. \$2 administrative fee.

Jenna Beth Lee Bogard pled guilty to a charge of reckless driving. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 6 months. She must pay \$178 court costs, \$200 fine, serve 24 hours community service, and a two day jail sentence had been met with two days served. A DWI cause was dismissed. John Fouts served as her attorney, and Trooper Brad Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer.

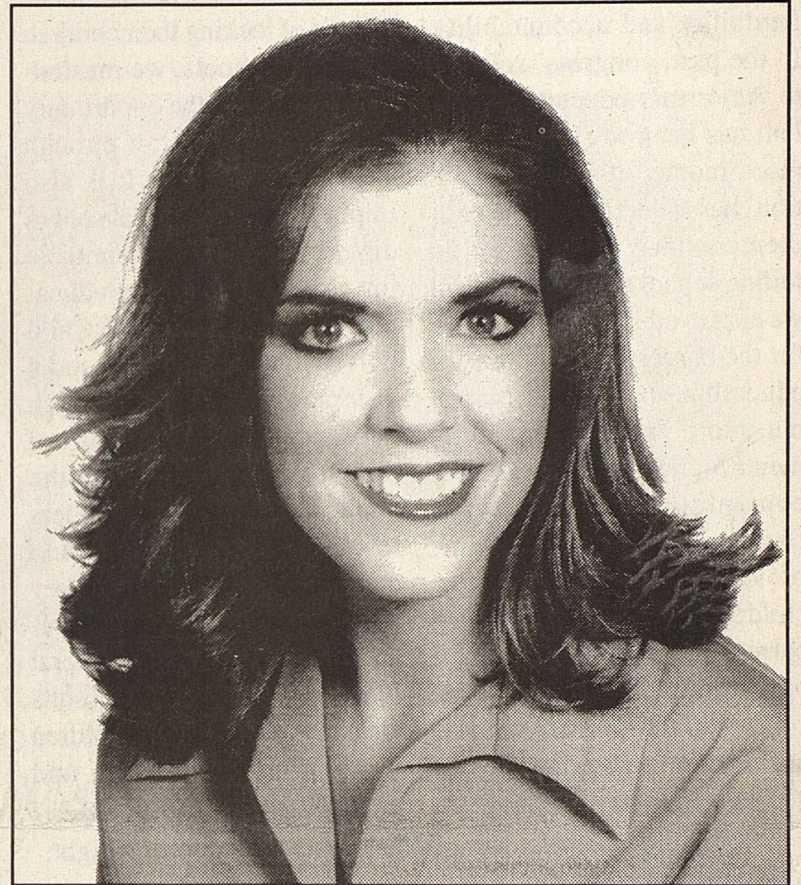
7th annual Watermelon Round Up is just around corner

For many of the volunteer movers and shakers who plan and organize the many events making six straight highly successful Yoakum County Watermelon Round Ups, it's nerve check time - less than two weeks before Round Up number 7 gets underway August 31.

The last few days prior to the celebration of the county's famed melons are always frantic with last moment chores, but work has been taking place for the big day since many months ago.

Consider just a few of the day long events scheduled, for which some volunteer had to work and plan;

- Fun & Toddler Runs
 - Big Melon Contest
 - Decorated Melon Contest
 - Games, including melon rolling, seed spitting, boot toss, bunny bounce, box car races
 - Petting Zoo
 - Kiss The Pig Contest
 - Horseshoe Pitching Contest
 - Day Long Team Roping
 - Freedom Run
 - Cowpatty Bingo
 - Chili/Brisket Cookoff
 - Day Long Live Music, featuring a dozen groups
 - Huge Classic Car Show
 - Melon Eating Contest, and much more!
- People had to volunteer to help design the tabloid advertising



Neely Yates will be the new and very attractive Mistress of Ceremonies at this years Watermelon Round Up. A Lubbock native, Neely is Music Director for KLLL, The Big 96 radio station. Her air shift is 3pm - 7pm week days, and highlights on her show are the Traffic Patrol and the "Oh Wow Hour." She has been with the popular station four years.

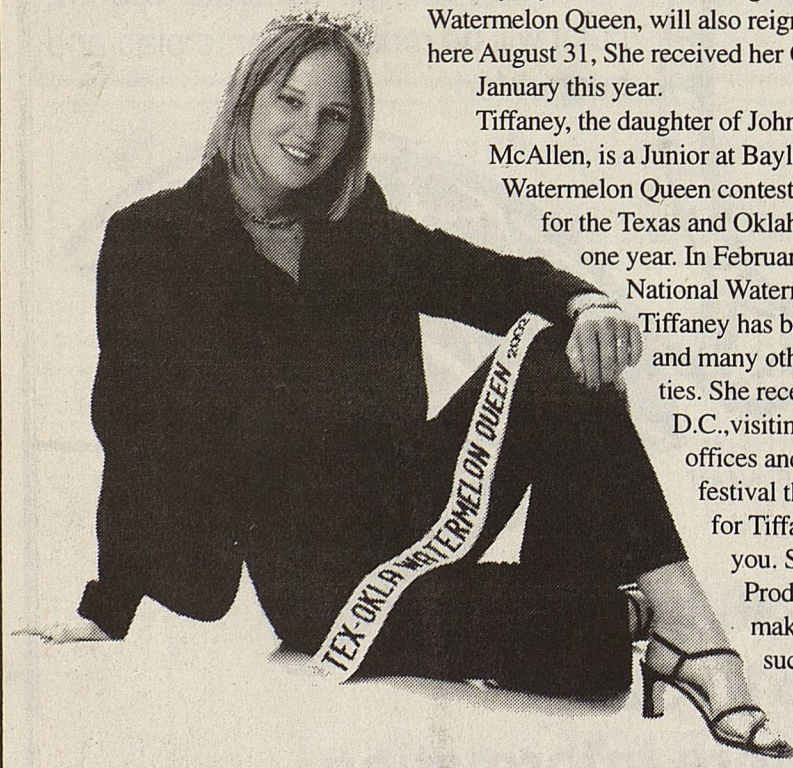
the Round Up, contract for billboard advertising, schedule TV and Radio publicity, register customers for arts and craft booths and food service booths, mark off spaces for all those booths, secure hundreds of pounds of ice for cooling free melon slices, and dozens and dozens more time consuming tasks.

If YOU haven't been one of these busy people, you can still do your part to make Round Up 7 another huge success - you can plan to be at the courthouse square, and you can invite your out of town friends and family to join you. You too will play an important role in another success story!

Watermelon Royalty to be here for 7th annual Round Up

Tiffany Dyan Weisser, the reigning 2002 Texas and Oklahoma Watermelon Queen, will also reign over the Watermelon Round Up here August 31, She received her Queen's Crown at McAllen in January this year.

Tiffany, the daughter of John and Diana Weiser of McAllen, is a Junior at Baylor University. She won the Watermelon Queen contest and will promote watermelon for the Texas and Oklahoma Watermelon Association one year. In February, 2003, she will compete for the National Watermelon Queen in Savannah, Georgia. Tiffany has been busy doing in-store promotions, and many other watermelon promotional activities. She recently spent eight days in Washington D.C., visiting over fifty Senate and House offices and attended the "Taste of the South" festival there. At this years Round Up, look for Tiffany. She'll be happy to visit with you. She is sponsored here by Anderson Produce, another generous firm helping make the Round Up a continuing success.



Texas Delegate, Ted Higginbottom, Heads National Peanut Board

During a brief ceremony at the Second Annual Investor Grower Summit, Seminole, Texas farmer Ted Higginbottom Formally assumed chairmanship of the National Peanut Board (NPB). He succeeds inaugural chairman Murry Campbell of Camilla, GA who said, "Ted Higginbottom is absolutely the right man for the job. His hands on export experience is a tremendous asset as the National Peanut Board builds market demand for USA peanuts and peanut products in other countries."

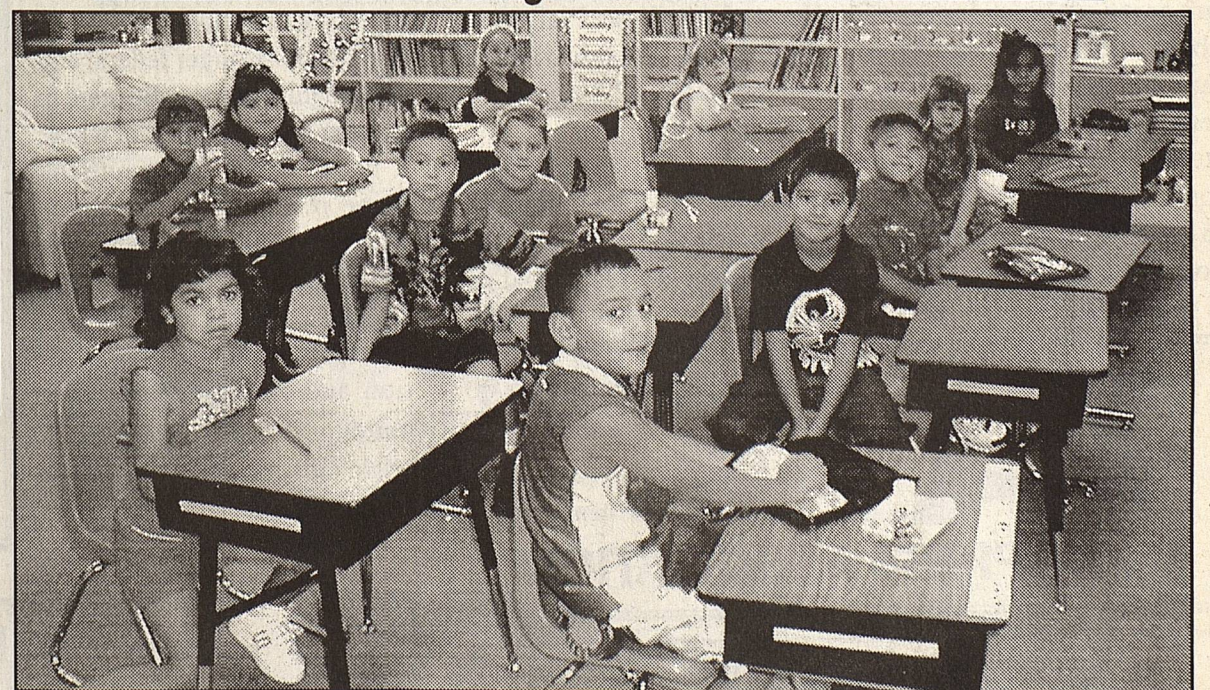
Agriculture Secretary Glickman appointed Higginbottom to the NPB in 2000. Since his appointment, he has served as treasurer of the board until assuming the chairman duties in July

2002. This completely farmer funded organization is a research and promotions board that works on behalf on all USA peanut farmers and their families. The 10 member board is composed of eligible peanut producers who serve as a state representative of major peanut producing states. They were appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from nominations submitted by each state's certified peanut producer organizations.

Higginbottom has been involved with peanut organizations since 1981. Aside from the NPB, he is past president and a current director of the

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Student enrollment numbers substantially down at PISD



Bright eyed first graders ready to go to work in Mrs. Ramos' class Monday morning

When the final student count was tallied Monday morning for all three campuses of Plains Independent School District, earlier fears of Superintendent Jim Haynes expressed to CCN were confirmed. He had said earlier the pre-registration estimated number of students appeared to be considerably

lower than enrollment in 2001. The final campus tally shows 19 students enrolled in Pre-K, 157 in grades K through 4, 123 in grades 5 through 8, and 141 in high school, a total of 440 students. Last year the district enrollment at the same time was a total of 503, approximately 13 percent more stu-

dents than this year. "This is not good news for our community, nor our school district," Haynes said. State financial assistance to public schools is based on a combination of students enrolled, and property tax values.

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Larry Combest comments

Grade school students in the 19th District of Texas soon will begin hitting the books again. The importance of a quality education cannot be overemphasized. Our children's education begins at an early age as parents read with their children, and grows with continued encouragement from parents, and by quality educators in our schools. I still believe that parents, teachers and local leaders have the most important roles in improving the education our children receive. As a former teacher, I know the importance of a quality education, and I am proud to report that Congress has made significant strides this session to help factor a successful environment for our children to excel in school.

President Bush signed into law The No Child Left Behind Act, which I supported, on January 8, this major initiative established priorities of literacy, flexibility and accountability. In the past, congress' solution to America's education problem has been to simply throw more money at it. The 'solution' has failed, and some children continue to be locked in failing school systems. The bill we approved last year provides for the biggest boost in federal education spending in years, but, more importantly, implements higher standards and accountability. This bill give families more options to improve the education that their children receive. Our country currently spends more money per student than any other country in the world. And, yet, our children are lagging behind. Today, about 70 percent of inner city fourth graders cannot read at the fourth grade level.

I also believe that children should be able to read by the third grade, to help meet this goal and improve the reading levels of children, I supported an initiative that triples the amount of money to be used for reading. No Child Left Behind also included \$800 million for the reading First Initiative, which encourages states and local school districts to establish scientifically based reading programs for students.

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A complicated formula determines exactly how much money each district can expect from Austin in the school year. "We're taking a double whammy this year. Our taxable property values decreased about 15 percent, and the reduced number of students will result in a greater wealth per student, according to the state's formula. What this boils down to is we will face an even larger dollar recapture figure, which is money we have to send di-

The bill also provides more flexibility for Title I funds, which are approximately \$500 to \$1,000 per child, to be used to provide supplemental education services. The services for which those funds can be applied for children in failing schools include tutoring, after school services, and summer school programs, the bill also gives flexibility to transfer up to 50 percent of the federal funds they receive among several education programs, and will not need to obtain permission beforehand.

Although Congress has made significant strides this session toward improving our children's education, I believe we can do more. I support giving a tax credit of \$2,500 per year that could be used for tuition at private schools. I do not support taking any funds from existing public schools, but poor parents must have a choice instead of locking their children in failing schools, we must allow all children the opportunity of a brighter tomorrow through a quality education. It is also important to ensure that school districts are held accountable for providing a quality education for our children. No Child Left Behind act requires school districts to provide parents with information about the quality of their children's schools, the qualifications of the teachers teaching their children, and their children's progress in key academic subjects. It also requires states receiving federal funds to demonstrate the results they are having for our children through annual reading and math assessments for students in grades three through eight.

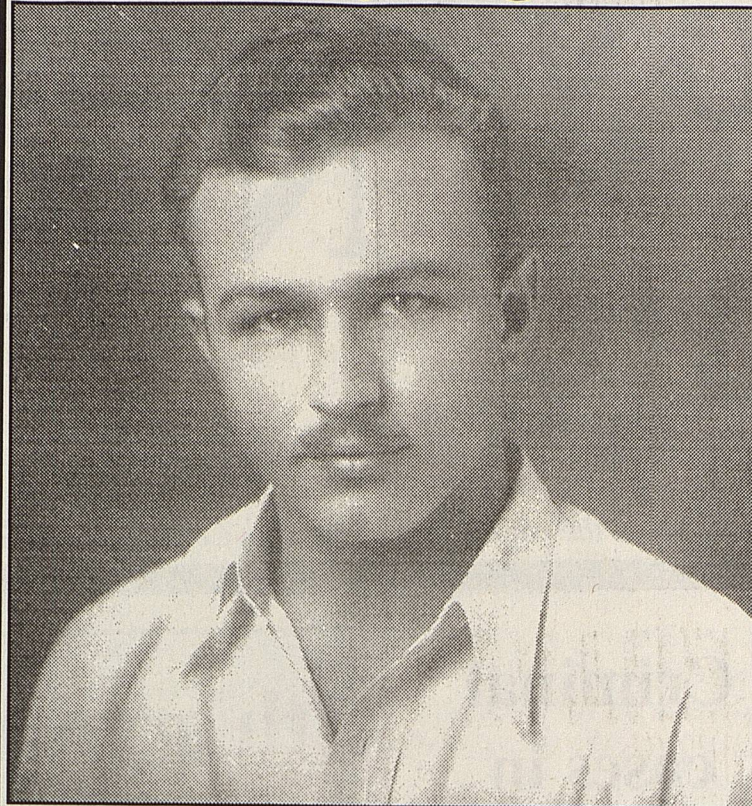
A quality education for our children is critical to their future successes. I believe that parents should know whether the schools their children attend are providing their children a quality education. Recent bills that I have supported, and which the House of Representatives has passed, will help ensure that parents are empowered with the information they need, and improve the quality of education that our children receive.

'Enrollment'

rectly to Austin, or to a designated 'less wealthy district.' This feature of the recapture of funds from so called wealthy districts for poorer districts under the notorious Robin Hood plan will see Plains ISD sending the Presidio School District some \$2.5 million of local tax funds.

While the next state legislative session is still a long time off, public school finance will no doubt again be a hot topic for lawmakers in Austin to debate.

And who is this handsome young devil?



Why, it's none other than Pierre (Pete) St. Romain, to our knowledge the most senior of Plains' senior citizens. Pete will celebrate his 92nd birthday August 21. He was born in Plaucheville, Louisiana in 1909. He came to Plains in 1938, and married Mary Jo Luna in 1939. They have four children, Jeanine St. Romain, Sam, Suzahn Smith, and Joe, and are proud of their 13 grand children and 12 great grand children. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PETE!

Fall Nursing Home Volunteer Training To Begin Soon

South Plains Association of Governments' Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is scheduling fall training beginning in September for nursing home volunteers. The regional AAA is searching for men and women to advocate for residents in 36 homes on the South Plains. Training emphasis is on nursing home care and why there is a need to have advocates oversee the quality of life for residents through a program called the Ombudsman.

Individuals must be willing to attend several classes in Lubbock of Comprehensive training in a three month period. Mileage reimbursement will be given to out of town travelers. Volunteers commit to weekly visits at an assigned nursing home in their community, prepare short monthly reports and attend continuous training each year. Volunteers are needed at several Lubbock facilities as well as facilities in fifteen surrounding counties.

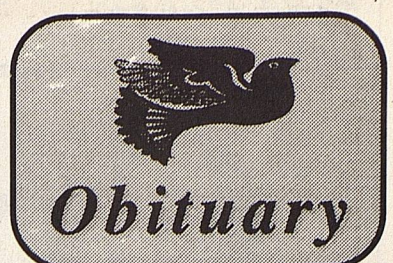
Even with stronger federal and state regulations, quality care in nursing homes is still not where it needs to be. Most nursing home residents do not know who to turn to when they have problems, concerns, or complaints. Contact the AAA to receive more detailed information and dates for upcoming training sessions. In the Lubbock calling area, call 762-8721

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Texas Peanut Producers Board and also serves as vice president of the International Export Committee. He spent three years on the board of directors of the National Peanut Council of America and one year on its Industry Revitalization Task Team. He has also served on the Advisory Board for the Southwest Peanut Growers Association.

When Ted is not working on behalf of these peanut organizations, his attention is directed to his farming operations in Gaines, Lubbock, Camanche, and Eastland counties of Texas. Currently, Higginbottom's primary crops are peanuts, cotton, and wheat. He also runs a cattle operation in Central Texas and Eddy County, New Mexico.

Ted admits that he depends heavily on his wife Tracy as a partner in his business, farming, and ranching operations. He is also very proud of his four daughters: Amanda Guillot of Los Angeles, California; Andrea Boyles, a teacher in Seminole; and Chelsea and Brittni who attends Seminole Public Schools.



Georgia Florine Beane Hayes, Age 90, died Friday, August 16th at her home in Marvell, AR. She was born July 20, 1912 the daughter of the late George Preston and Della Stone Beane. She married Andrew Jackson (Jack) Hayes on December 27, 1932 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Georgia was a retired school teacher, teaching 28 years in Texas, 18 years in Plains and the remaining years in Barstow and Sanderson. She was a life long Baptist serving as pianist for many years. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, receiving a fifty year membership certificate in 1991 and served as Worthy Matron in the Barstow Chapter. She was a member of TSA MO GA Study Club and Delta Kappa Gamma.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, in February 1994 and her son Jackie in March 1989. She is survived by her daughter: Virginia Armstrong of Marvell, AR, with whom she has made her home since 1994. Nine grandchildren: Nancy Armstrong Sloop, Lee Anne Armstrong Bounds, Billy Preston Armstrong, Brett Jackson Armstrong, Jill Armstrong Bagwell, Mark Hayes, Dan Hayes, Elizabeth Hayes, and Judy Hayes. Seventeen great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Memorial services will be announced later.

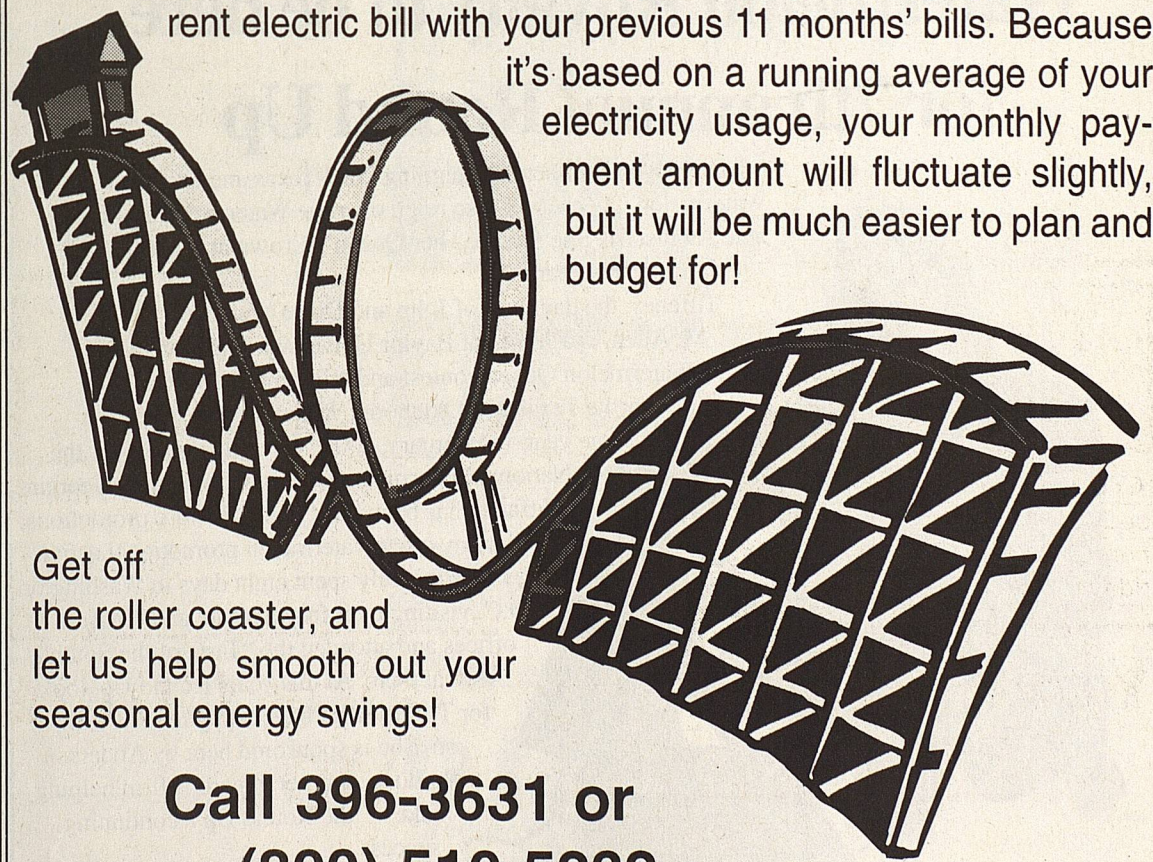
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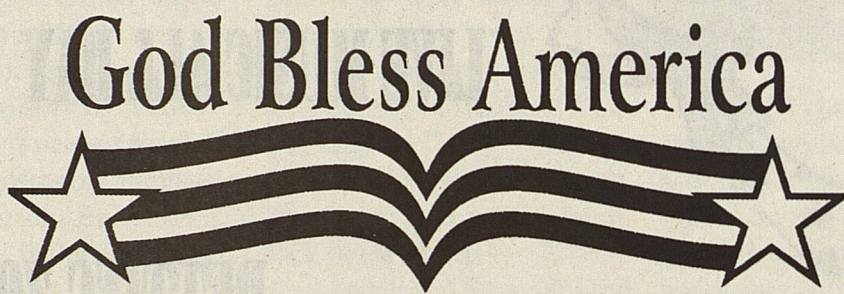
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I think Yoakum County residents are in for a big STINK! With the dumping of sulfur on fields instead of transporting the waste from the CO2 plant out of the county, OXY is affecting our air quality and consequently our quality of life in this area. It would seem to me that huge amounts of sulfur in the fields would merely sterilize the land and cause it to produce nothing but dust storms. You, as concerned fellow residents, may call the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to protest recent accentuated aroma at 806-796-7092. Although it is not YET their problem, you may reach the Texas Railroad Commission at 915-684-5581.

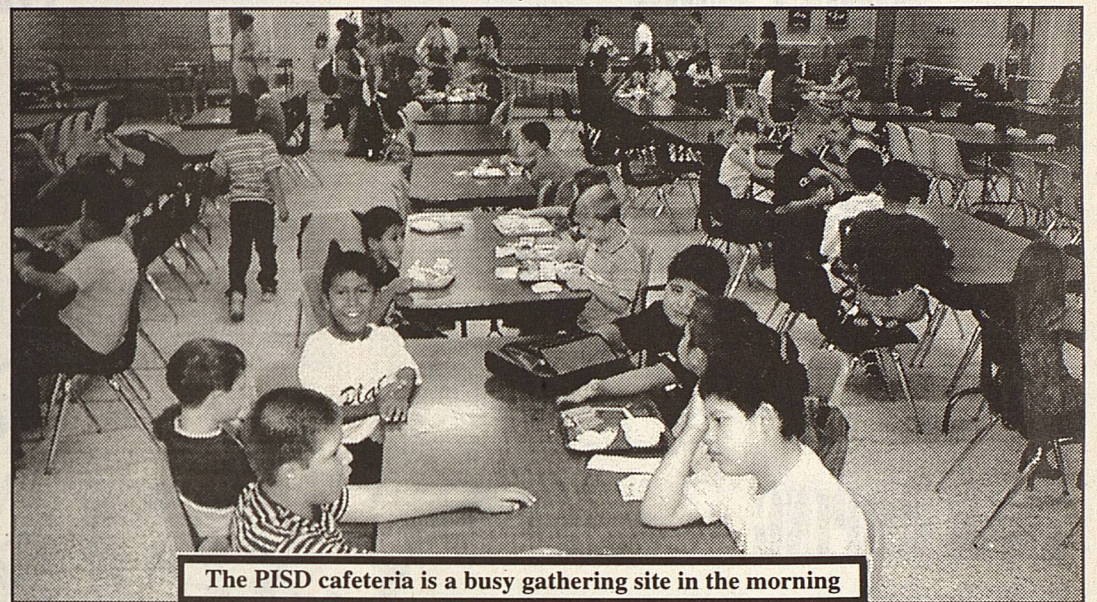
Holding my breath,
Linda Powell
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Happy Early 90th Birthday



Pictured with James is his wife Jerry and great grandchildren Jordan and Tatum Warren.

James Warren was honored July 6th with an early birthday celebration in the home of Jim and Lela Warren. All five of his children attended which included Joetta Willis of Brownfield, Jana Melvin of Las Cruces, NM, Jerry Bob of Temple, AZ, Joyce and Jim Warren both of Plains. Approximately 20 other relatives attended including grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Everyone enjoyed an outdoor cook out complete with a birthday cake. James will be 90 in October.



The PISD cafeteria is a busy gathering site in the morning

2002 Plains High School Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
Aug. 16	* Levelland / Lubbock Cooper	Lubbock Cooper	5:00	JV / V
Aug. 17	* Denver City / Levelland / Lubbock Trinity	Denver City	1:00	JV / V
Aug. 20	Dual Lubbock High / Andrews	Lubbock High	4:30	JV / V
Aug. 23-24	Wink Tournament	Wink	TBA	V
Aug. 27	Midland Trinity	Here	5:00	JV / V
Aug. 30-31	Denver City Tournament	Denver City	TBA	V
Sept. 3	Dual Lubbock Christian / Brownfield	Lubbock Christian	5:00	JV / V
Sept. 6 - 7	Frenship Tournament	Frenship	TBA	V
Sept. 7	Lubbock Cooper	Here	1:00	9 / JV
Sept. 10	Denver City	Here	5:00	JV / V
Sept. 13 - 14	Lamesa Tournament	Lamesa	TBA	JV
Sept. 14	Levelland	Levelland	11:00	V
Sept. 17	Lubbock Estacado	Lubbock Estacado	5:00	JV / V
Sept. 21	Denver City Tournament	Denver City	TBA	JV
Sept. 21	Levelland	Here	11:00	V
Sept. 24	Brownfield	Here	5:00	JV / V
Sept. 28	Shallowater	Shallowater	1:00	JV / V
Oct. 1	Crane	Here	5:00	JV / V
Oct. 5	OPEN			
Oct. 8	Colorado City	Here	5:00	JV / V
Oct. 12	Lamesa	Lamesa	1:00	JV / V
Oct. 15	** Whiteface	Whiteface	5:00	JV / V
Oct. 19	Lubbock Christian	Here	2:00	JV / V
Oct. 22	** Whiteface	Here	5:00	JV / V
Oct. 26	Shallowater	Here	1:00	JV / V
Oct. 29	Denver City	Denver City	5:30	JV / V
Nov. 2	Colorado City	Colorado City	2:00	V
Nov. 5	District Certification			
Nov. 9	BI - District			
Nov. 12	Area			
Nov. 15 - 16	Regional Tournament	Lubbock		
Nov. 22 - 23	State Tournament	San Marcos		

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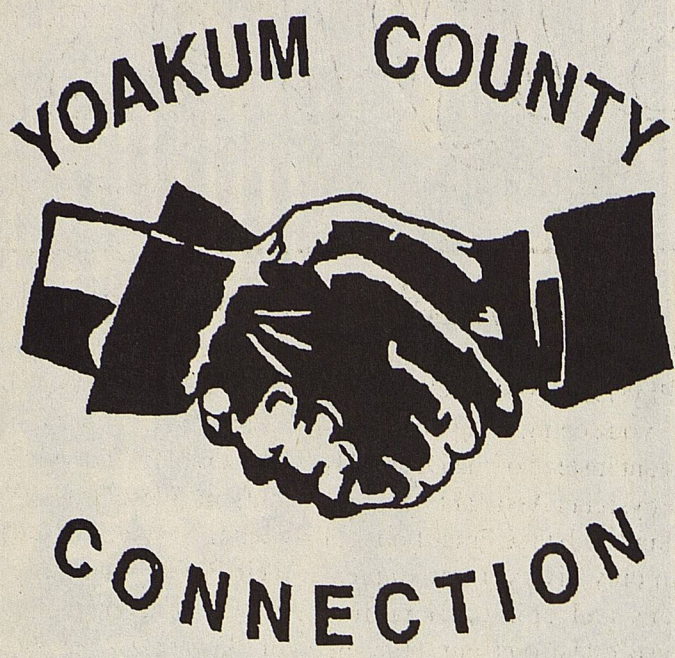
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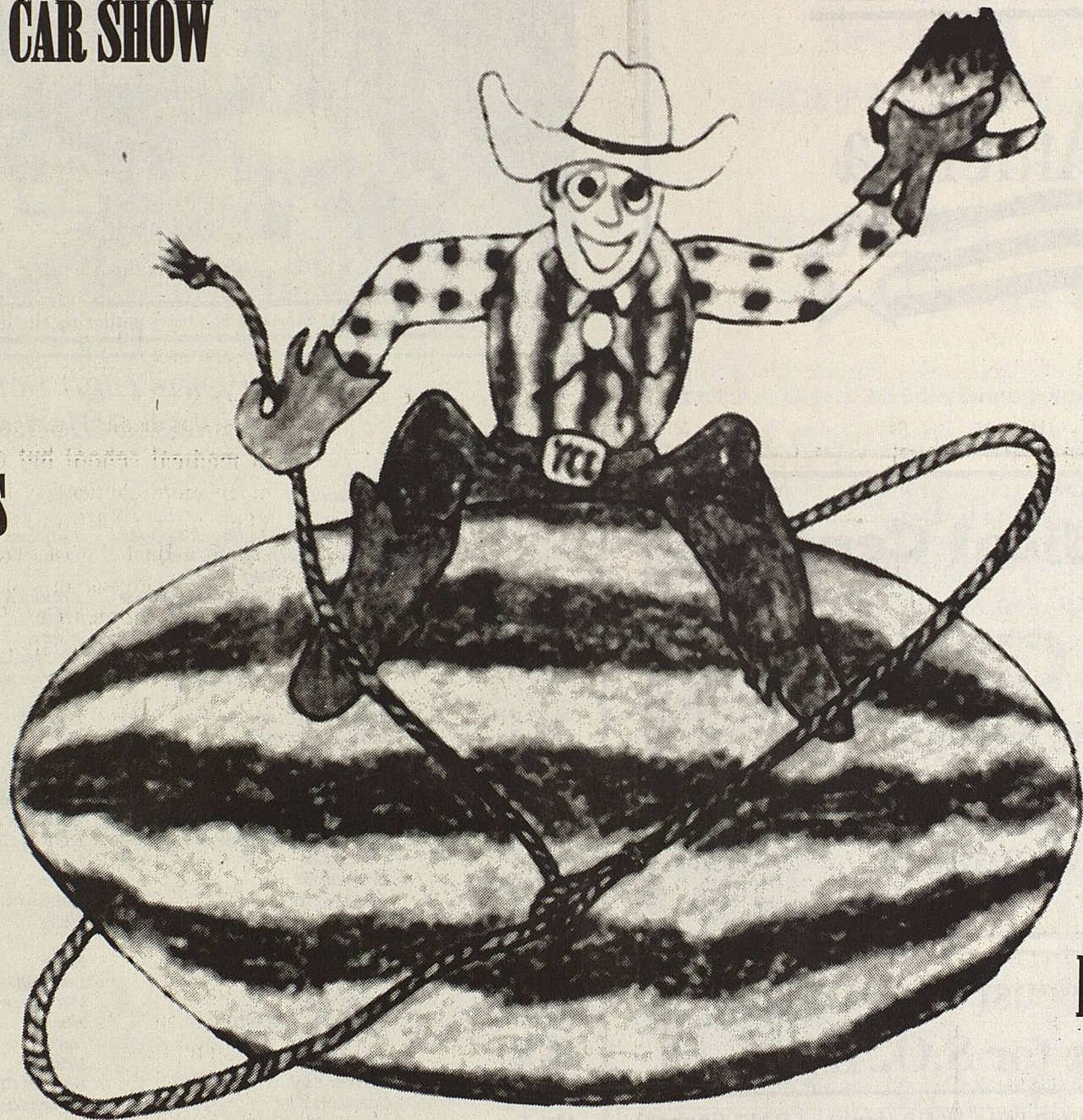
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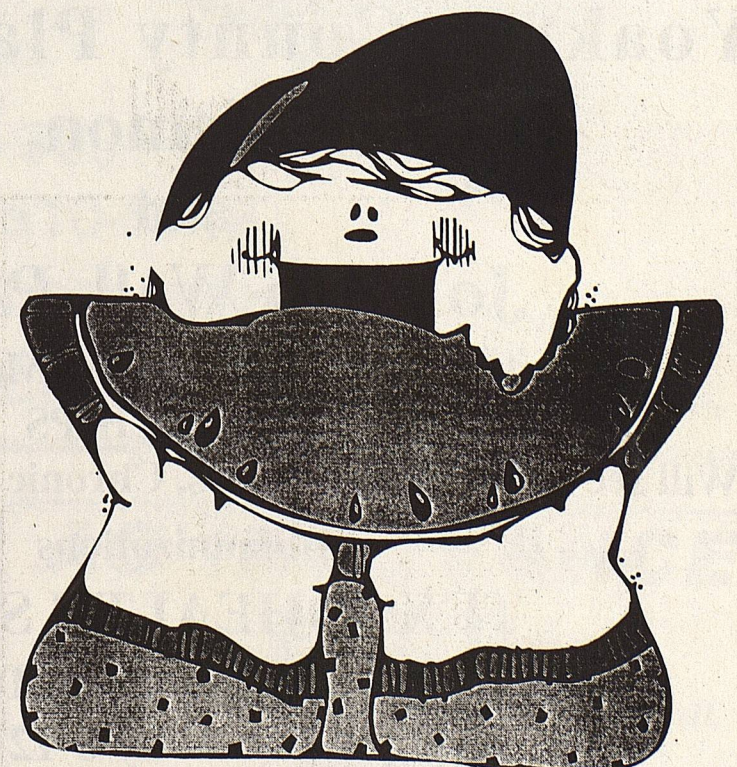
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Senior Citizens Corner

"Have you voted?" This seems to be the question heard all about this week. Early voting was kicked off in proper order by a visit from Superintendent Steve Mills at lunch time one day. He distributed informative brochures and explained about the school bond issue. I understand there were some comments from about the room of seniors wanting equal time! Brenda Massey, Kathy Littlefield and Betty Flemming were also present to share information on the positive aspects of the issue to their respective school interests. We thank them for taking time from their busy schedules to visit the Senior Center. We would have welcomed them for lunch!

The Senior Companion ladies met for their monthly luncheon on Thursday. Several other towns are a part of this important group who help to care for anyone needing personal assistance. They also do light house-keeping as it is needed for their clients. The towns of Littlefield, Tahoka, Morton, Brownfield, and Post are included as well as Denver City.

It was good to see Jean Sparks back after her vacation trip to visit members of her family in Oklahoma. Naomi Goodman was also a welcome sight this week. You ladies are missed at lunch time when you are away.

There is a group of persons who serve faithfully on our Site Council whom we like to recognize occasionally because they work hard. Members of this group are selected by the Board of Directors and they serve for two years with the terms of one half of the members expiring each year. The function of this group, as designated by their stated by laws, is to promote and further the interest of the senior citizens of Yoakum County to participate in senior activities. They keep the Board of Directors advised on matters such as the meals program, center activities, special events, fund raising, auction sales, outreach which includes home visits and telephone calls, garage sales, and other activities that need atten-

tion. Those serving at this time are Harley Evans, Zelma Boone, Malba Gayle, Edith Clements, Claudia Sue Ferguson, and Wanda Black. A BIG THANK YOU to these faithful people.

Duncan and Lucille Ashmore enjoyed a trip to East Texas with their daughter last week, visiting relatives and friends in that area. Others who were on the road this past week were Earon and Vanette Cochran who spent a week at Canyon Lake for a family reunion then traveled on to Corpus Christi for another week of vacation; Reta Peeler who was in San Angelo for the college graduation of a granddaughter; Paul and Wanda Sweitzer who spent two weeks in the Minnesota area visiting RV friends whom they winter with in South Texas; Spencer and Lorene Randolph who spent a cool week in Cloudcroft with their motorhome; and Billie O'Neal who drove to Carlsbad to spend the week end with her sister. It's good to have you all safely back home again.

Carl Davis and Eileen Fillipp were the two Denver City pool players who brought home prizes this time. Several of our people attended and participated in the tournament.

It was good to see Lois Aulds in for lunch this week. Darwin Hobbs was another welcome sight when he came to the center. We miss these folk when they don't come in regularly. Curiosity abounded when Joe Nevarez came driving in for lunch in his 1965 Volkswagen! He tells us he has been trying to buy it from a lady in Albuquerque for seven years. He explained that it is not 'restored' but that it is actually NEW. The beloved granddaughter for whom it was purchased in that long ago year was tragically killed before getting to drive it, so it has been stored all this time. What a prize!

Thought for today "Life without children is like a tree without leaves," (See Proverbs 17:6)

They made the 'Going Band From Raiderland'



2002 PHS graduates Elizabeth Clanahan and Chris McGinty recently auditioned with the Texas Tech University Marching Band. They had to compete against over 100 other incoming Freshman band candidates, as well as many members of last year's marching band. They were chosen for the prestigious honor, and will make their first appearance with the band August 24 when the Red Raiders meet Ohio State there. Elizabeth, the daughter of Beth and N.C. Clanahan, will perform in the percussion section, and Chris, son of Shari and Alton McGinty, will be playing baritone.

New Books At The Library

Fiction:

Mortal Prey...John Sanford, A Watergate Tape...Roy Hoopes, Thieves' Paradise...Eric Jerome Dickey, Dying To Please...Linda Howard, Magnolia Creek...Jill Marie Landis, McNally's Alibi...Lawrence Sanders, Eleventh Hour...Cathrine Coulter, Slider...Patric Robinson, Her Father's House...Belva Plain, The Sacrifice...Robert Whitlow, Stone Kiss...Faye Kellerman, The Best Is Yet To Come...Judith Gould.

Nonfiction:

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Have you ever wondered what a Physician Assistant is? Why are you seeing a Physician Assistant instead of the Doctor? Is a Physician Assistant the same thing as a Nurse Practitioner? I can only give you my impressions and opinion regarding these questions but, they do seem to be issues, which need to be addressed. I have, in the past provided clinical training for both Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Students and I am currently a Clinical Associate Professor for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant School.

A Physician Assistant is basically exactly what it says. Physician Assistants or "P A's", as we call them, are assistants to Physicians who supervise them. They are not doctors and are not addressed as such. We unusually refer to them by their first names. Traditionally, PA's have gone through didactic training in college in two year programs after first completing two years of college prerequisites involving many of the same prerequisites which are required for admission to medical school. In their training as Physician Assistants, they take many of the same types of classes as medical students do in medical school but on a much more elementary level. They have traditionally received a Bachelor of Science Degree as a Physician Assistant and then become "Certified" Physician Assistants after taking a national certification examination. The reason I keep saying "Traditionally" is because new graduate Physician Assistants are now receiving graduate level degrees as a Master of Science or Master's Degree instead of a Bachelor of Science. The evolution of this has somewhat of a political origin through comparison and competition of Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistant.

Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants are collectively termed "Mid-Level Providers". They are capable of filling similar roles; however, their training and philosophies are somewhat different. Nurse Practitioners evolved into a much more expanded role. It appears to me that they are capable of practicing unsupervised whereas Physician Assis-

tants desire supervision and a close working relationship with a Physician.

We employ Physician Assistants at West Texas Medical Center to work closely with their Physician supervisors. It truly is a relationship involving an "Extension" of the Physician. The PA routinely sees patients for the Physician and then consults with the Physician regarding the patient's problems and the mode of treatment required. Frequently, the Physician will then also see the patient with the PA and direct the treatment. Physicians Assistants provide no unsupervised care at West Texas Medical Center. What they do provide is an extension of the capabilities of their Physician Supervisor which hopefully enables the term to be more efficient at every level. They are capable of taking care of virtually all of the routine problems as well as being able to recognize the problems which need the immediate attention of the more qualified Physician. They are also groomed to provide care to the patients in the same fashion and philosophy as their problems and, different people treat different things in different ways, the Physician Assistant typically will treat the patient's problem the way their physician supervisor prefers. The intent is, once again, to function as an extension of their Physician Supervisor. This more efficient process hopefully results in a more satisfied patient who spends less time in the waiting room, has more of their needs met in a timely fashion...and still usually sees the doctor. In a rural setting such as we have in West Texas, the objective as well as the result is that more people have access to and receive quality health care than they would without such a relationship. So, the next time a Physician Assistant walks into your room remember...if you absolutely just want to see the Doctor, just say so, otherwise consider embracing this concept of the future and understand that this person is an "Extension" of your doctor and in most instances is merely providing the Doctor "Assistance: in providing your care.

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From The Hatch

The first day of school. I had forgotten how traumatic an experience it is for some youngsters until I made a brief tour of the Plains ISD campus Monday last. Educators have told me the experience is especially stressful for the very first timers, those tiny young things toting huge pack saddles of supplies. I should have researched this - what does a K student need except their young body, and maybe a crayola or two, perhaps a Big Chief lined notebook. They need almost every thing else you can think of. They are not, however, required to bring a computer. Those are in the classrooms, however, able to bring up beautiful graphics of animals, people different from us, and possibly their first ABC chart in glorious graphics. The faces of these kids are remarkable; some very intent, bent on learning the learning process, some are frantically waving their hands to go potty, a Mom induced phrase which they will quickly re-phrase. Believe it or not, I recall my kindergarten experience. At least parts of it. My grandmother, whose home I shared for many years during my early educational years, packed my first lunch for school. She put it in a Mary Jane Syrup Bucket. I had plenty of the syrup, but had no idea it could be used for K kids lunches. I timidly carried the bucket, a few pencils, whatever, to my first class. When we went to the closet to put our lunches up, I

noticed I was one only of four kids totting Mary Jane. The others had brown sacks. We will fast forward past the first fight I had in class with a clod of a kid who resented me choosing a seat behind the loveliest girl in K class, her name at the time burning a hole in my heart, but now could be Gertrude or even Ismerelda. It finally became time to eat, Praise God! I'd had enough of those stupid poems, just four sentences long, we were to learn, sick of singing a dumb song about a girl sheep herder losing her little lamb. We were escorted outdoors to eat under a spindly Salt Cedar tree, the only variety which truly thrives in Reeves and Ward Counties. I found a shady spot, plunked my Mary Jane Syrup bucket down and proceeded to pry off the lid. It contained a PBJ made in a biscuit, a hard boiled egg, with salt in a napkin. For liquids, we got a dipper of well water. I succeeded in finally squeezing closer to the girl of my dreams, Gertrude, Ismerelda, whatever, and offered her my hard egg. I can hear her response even now. "Yuukkagagghh! I don't eat nothing from a chickens bottom!!" It did not take me too long to get over my first romance. It took much longer for me to develop a taste for that thing from a chicken's bottom. From the Internet: Inside trading tips; In the wake of the Exxon/Mobil deal and the AOL/Time Warner implode, I wanted to make my investor friends aware of the next expected mergers so you can get in on the ground floor and make some BIG bucks. Watch for these consolidations in late 2002 and make yourself a bundle. 1. Hale Business Systems, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Fuller Brush

- and W.R. Grace Co. will merge and become Hale, Mary, Fuller, Grace.
2. Polygram Records, Warner Bros. and Zesta Crackers join forces and become Polly, Warner Cracker.
 3. 3M will merge Goodyear and issue forth as MMMGood.
 4. Zippo Mfg., Audi Motor Car, Dofasco and Dakota Mining will merge to become, of course, ZipAudiDoDa.
 5. Federal Express is expected to join its major competitor, UPS, and consolidate as: FedUP.
 6. Fairchild Electronics and Honeywell Computers will become: Fairwell Honeychild.
 7. Grey Poupon and Docker Pants are expected to become: Poupon Pants.
 8. Knotts Berry Farm and the Nat'l Org. of Women will become: Knott NOW! That's all I have right now. Invest wisely.

More 'net' stuff; Scientists for Health Canada recently announced results of a study revealed the presence of female hormones in beer, and suggested men think before drinking beer... it could be turning men into women. In testing the theory, 100 men were each fed six pints of beer in a one hour period. It was then observed 100 percent of the men gained weight, talked excessively without making any sense, became overly emotional, could not drive, failed to think rationally, argued over nothing at all, had to sit down instead of standing using the bathroom, lost all their sex drive, and refused to apologize when proven wrong. The company says no further testing is planned.

Jury Selection List For The 121st District Court On August 26, 2002 at 9:30 A.M.

A jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on August 26, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Plains will hold a public meeting at 7:00 pm. on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 at the Yoakum County Community Building located at 1006 Ave. G, Plains, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2002. The proposed tax rate is \$.50 per \$100 of value.

The proposed tax rate would decrease total taxes in the City of Plains by 3.04%.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS) COUNTY OF YOAKUM)

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Monday, August 26, 2002, for the sale of (1) used 1997 Dodge Grand Caravan. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, August 26, 2002. Bid price will be paid from 2002 budget funds.

To inspect the trade in, please contact Ty Earl Powell, Commissioner, Precinct #3, P.O. Box 120, Plains, Texas 79355 or call 806/456-4371.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, P.O. Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355 (806/456-2422) or Ty Earl Powell, Commissioner, Precinct #3, P.O. Box 120, Plains, Texas 79355 or call 806/456-4371.

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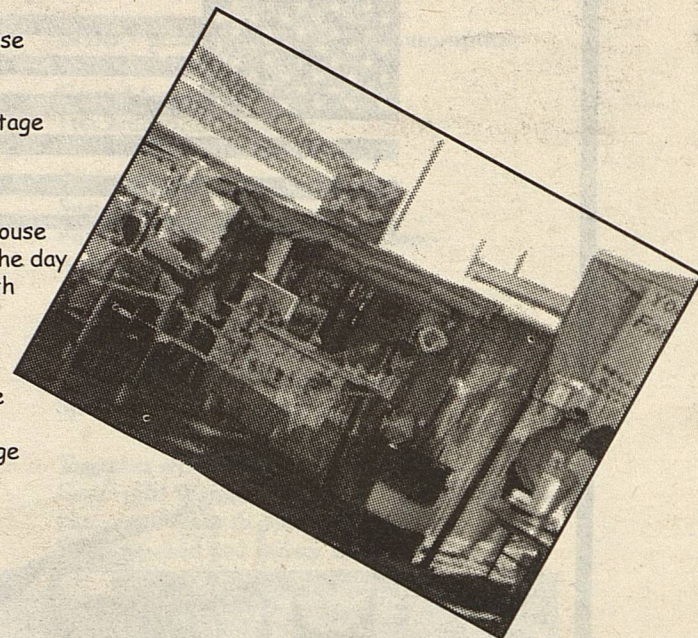
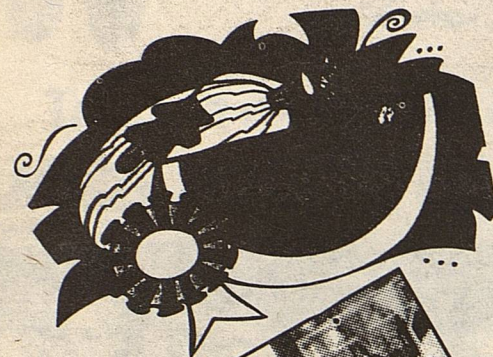
James Altman, Activities Chairman

Neely Yates, Mistress of Ceremonies

Saturday, August 31, 2002

8:00 a.m.
Kid's Rides - Open
Until 8:45 Register for Fun Run NW of Old Courthouse
Brisket & Chili Cook-Offs start - Stanford Park
8:50 a.m.
Flag Presentation/National Anthem, Ashley Vantine - Stage
9:00 a.m.
Alltel Fun Run starts - NW of Old Courthouse
Alltel Toddler Run starts - NW of Old Courthouse
Pony rides/Space walk/Train Ride-Front of New Courthouse
Tic-Tac-Toe Booth & Watermelon Fishing Hole open for the day
Decorated Melon Contest Entries - Information Booth
Boot Bowling - Front of New Courthouse
Classic Car Show starts - Front of school
Books open for Team Roping - Plains Rodeo Arena
First Baptist Church Choir/Patrick Hamilton - Stage
9:30 a.m.
First United Methodist Church Choir/Bill Rowe - Stage
10:00 a.m.
"Kiss a Pig" - Pioneer Park
Bunny Bounce - Front of New Courthouse
Petting Zoo - Pioneer Park by City Hall
Team Roping - Plains Rodeo Arena
Vanna Wright - Stage
10:10 a.m.
The Harvesters/Levelland - Stage
11:00 a.m.
Watermelon Rolling Contest - Front of New Courthouse
Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest (Jr High through Adult) - Front of New Courthouse
11:10 a.m.
Chaparrals - Stage
12:00 p.m.
Star Dance Academy/Hobbs - Stage
12:30 p.m.
Kiss a Pig" - Pioneer Park
1:00 p.m.
Box Car Races - Front of New Courthouse
Horseshoe Pitching Contest - Pioneer Park by City Hall
Watermelon Awards & Recognition Ceremony - Stage
Ashley Vantine - Stage
1:30 p.m. till ??
Country Gentlemen - Stage
Freddie Lewis - Stage
John Hardin - Stage
Gina Beard - Stage
Double Nickle Band - Stage
2:00 p.m.
Freedom Run - Front of New Courthouse
2:30 p.m.
Toddler Track - Front of New Courthouse
3:00 p.m.
"Kiss a Pig" - Pioneer Park
Sit-N-Splash - Front of New Courthouse
Cowpatty Bingo - Front of Sandy Land UWCD
Chili Cook-Off & Brisket Cook-Off Judging - Gazebo/Stanford Park
4:00 p.m.
Watermelon Eating Contest - Front of New Courthouse
Brisket Cook-Off & Chili Cook-Off Winners Announced - Stage
Brisket/Chili Auction - Stage
Car Show Awards - Stage
5:00 p.m.
Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest (Toddler through youth) - Front of New Courthouse
6:00 p.m.
Final Announcements - Stage

All activities subject to change. Latest schedule changes available at Information Booth.
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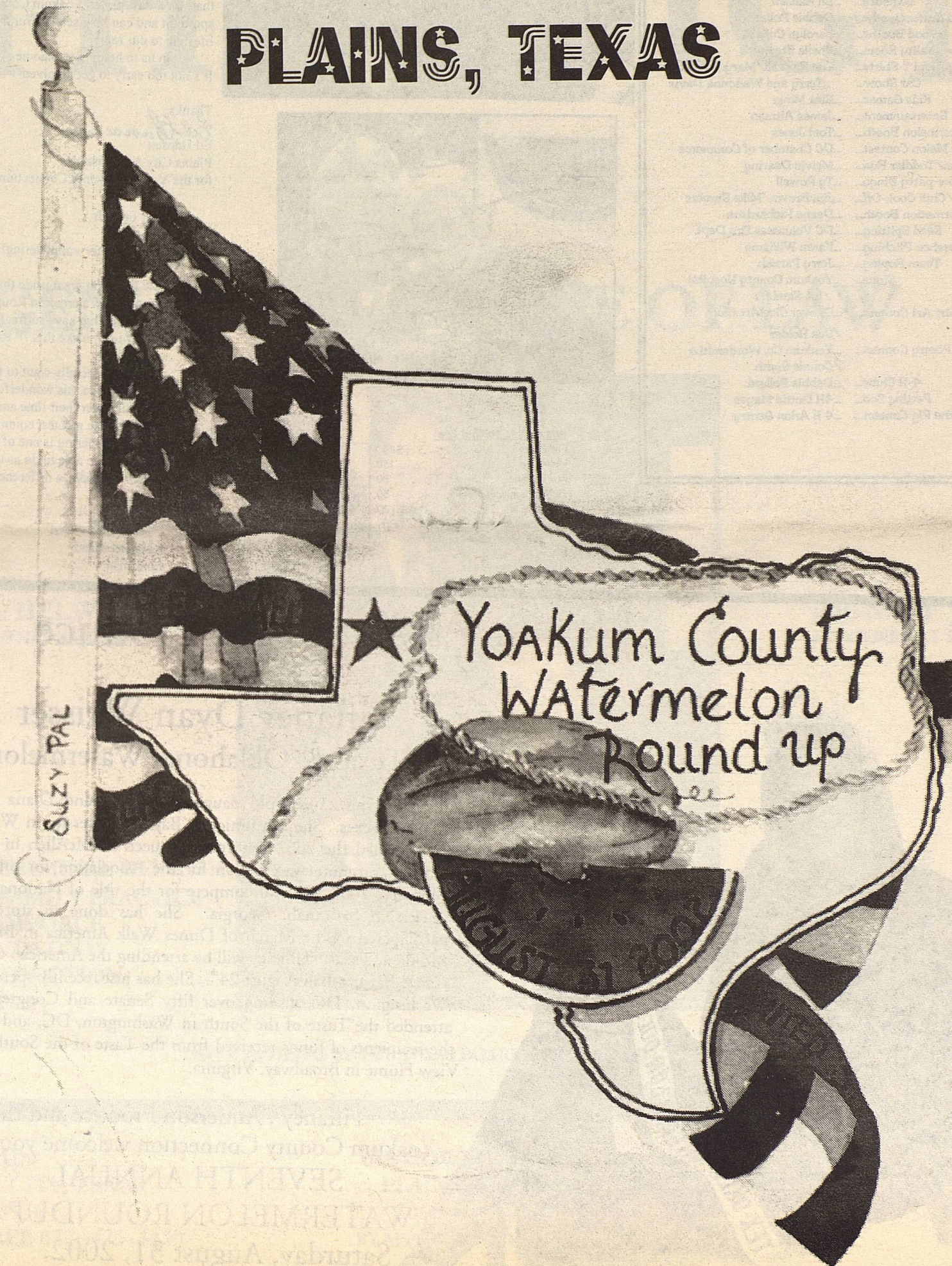


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Ed Hansen
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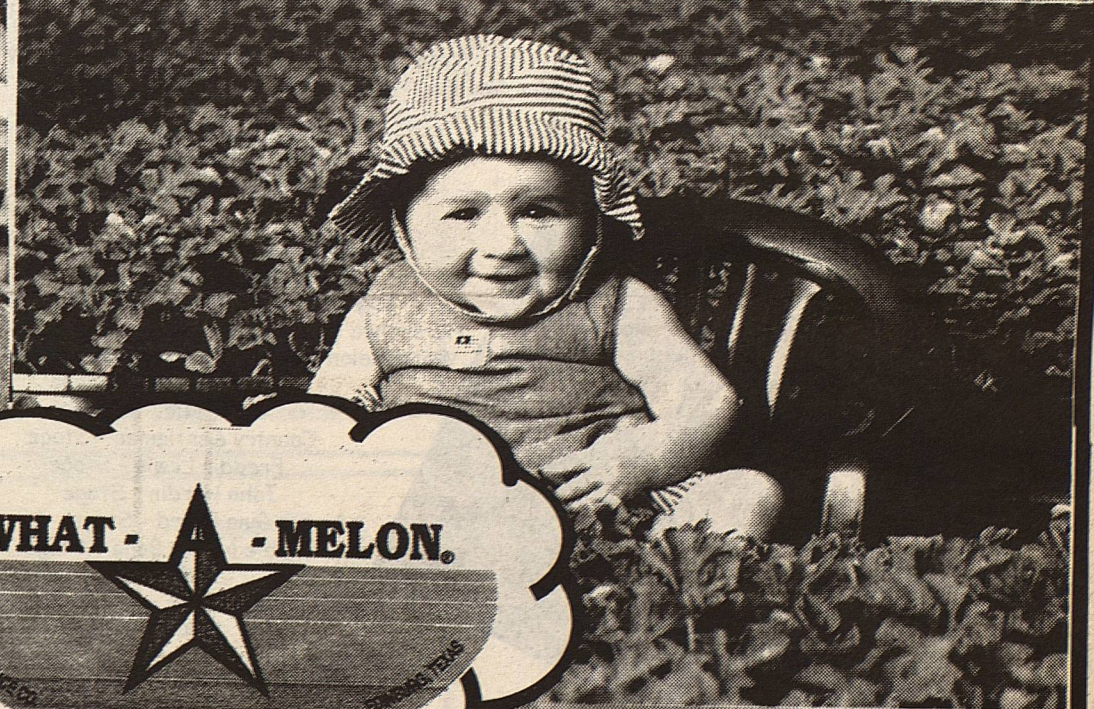
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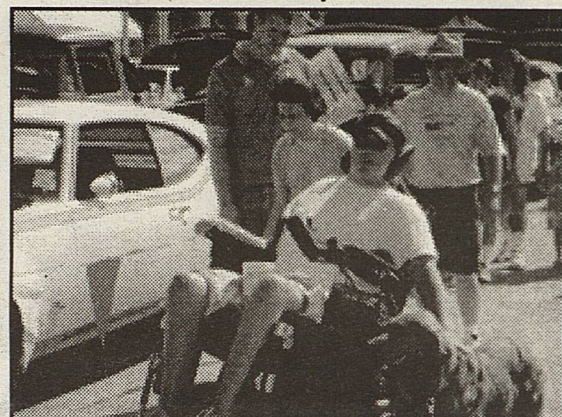
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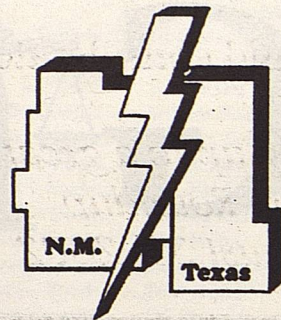
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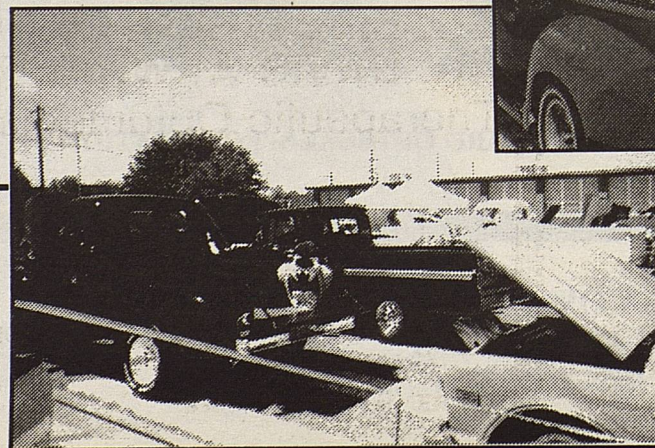
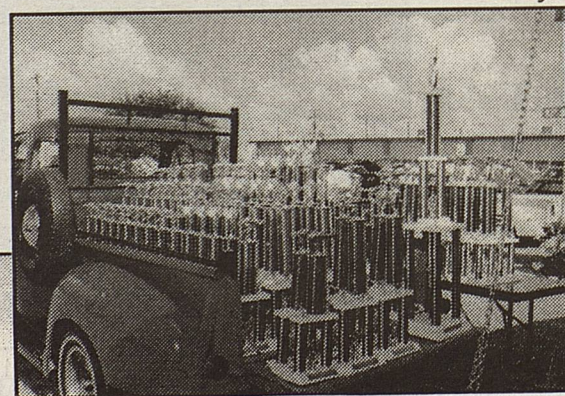
We are excited about this year's Classic Car Show. We had on hundred forty-one cars, trucks, and special interest entries last year, and we are looking for an even bigger show this year. We have already seen a lot of interest in the show, and we have been having inquiries about it. We expect a wide variety of entries, with something of interest to everyone. There will be several beautiful local entries, and many from the surrounding areas. We had one entry last year from as far away as Louisiana, who came to West Texas especially for the Watermelon Roundup Classic Car Show. We are looking for a beautifully restored Cobra, beautiful Prowler, The Midnight Judge (a Mustang), antiques, classics, and many more to come August 31st.

SO, START THOSE ENGINES AND START THAT RUBBING AND COME ON OUT.

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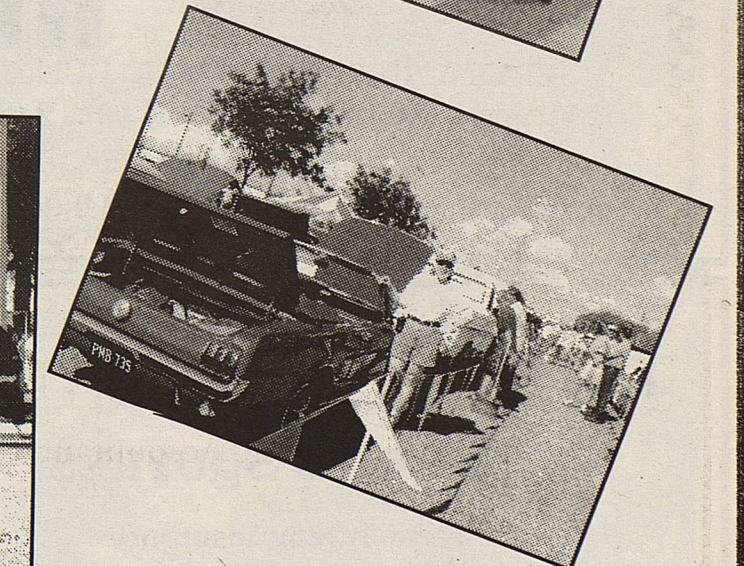
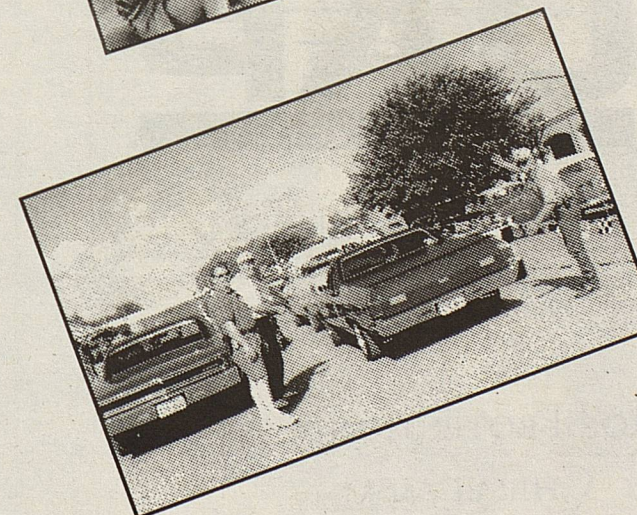
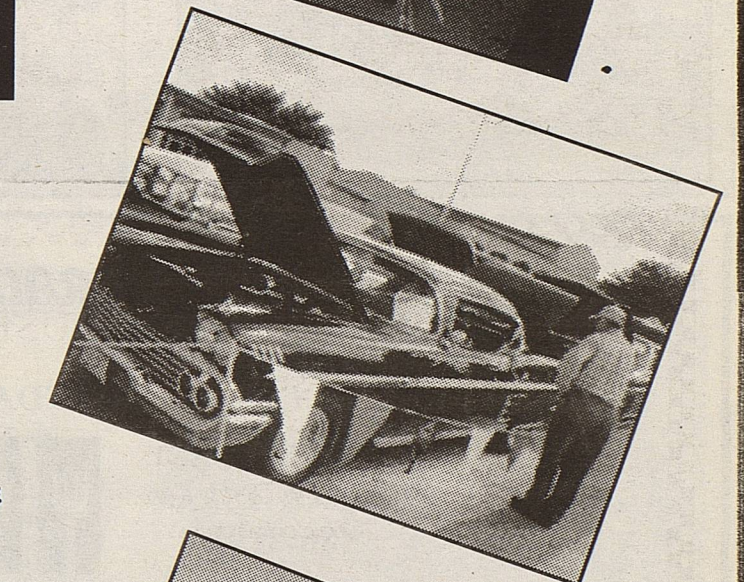
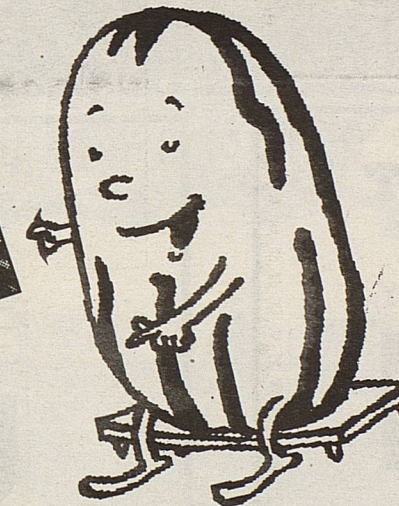
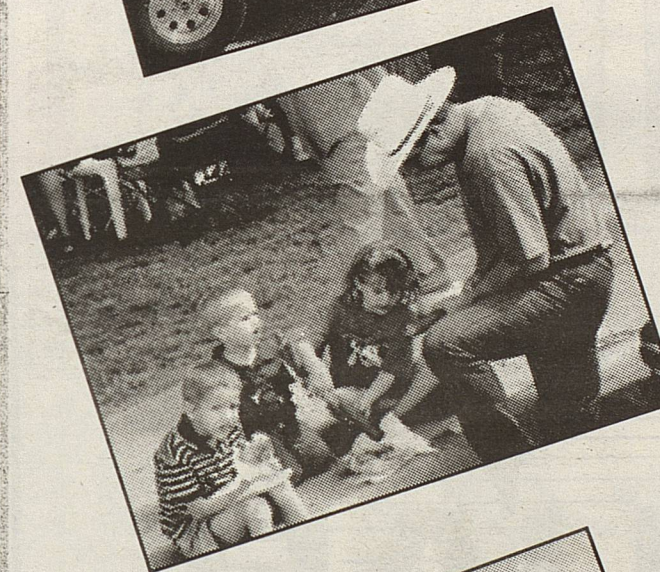
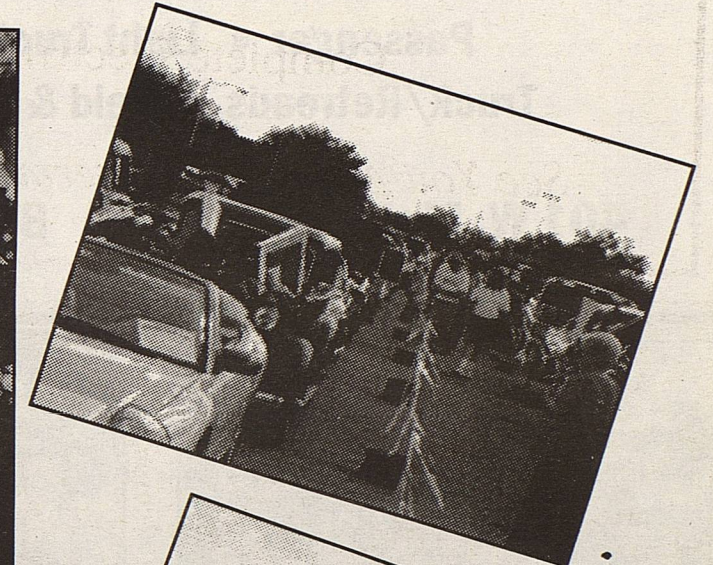
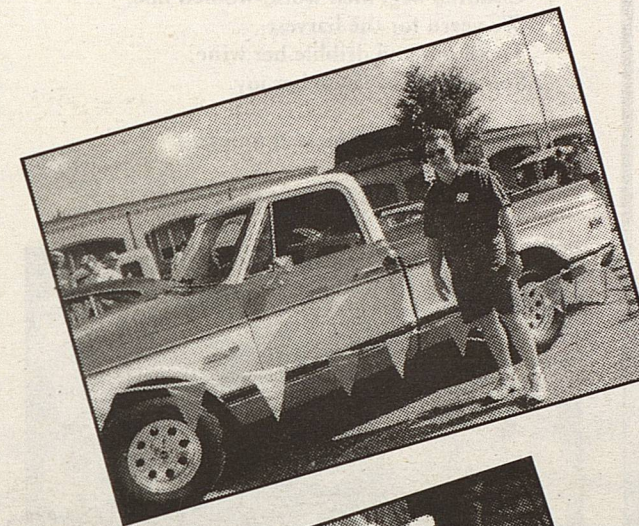
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Grady McNabb - 1st Place High School Rhymed



I ate it last fall
but it tasted too stout.
Not hesitating at all
I spat it back out.
It came from a fruit,
Hidden inside a red, juicy core.
It chipped my tooth to boot.
I just left it lying on the floor.
With rains a few
and a little snow,
it came up anew
before I could know.
It came up next spring
despite a harsh drought.
That tough little thing
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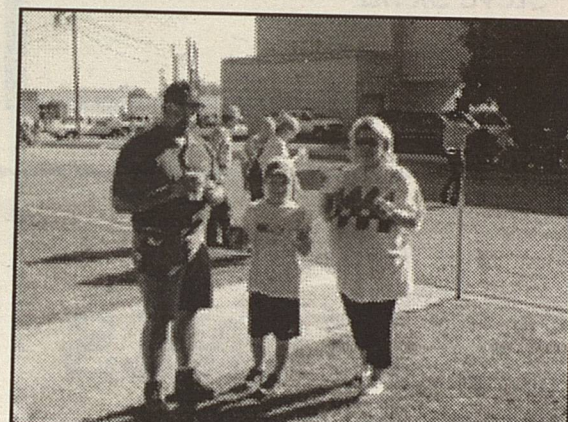
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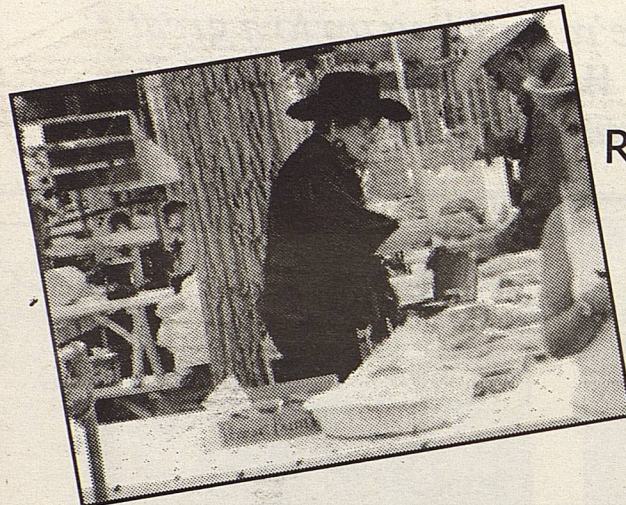
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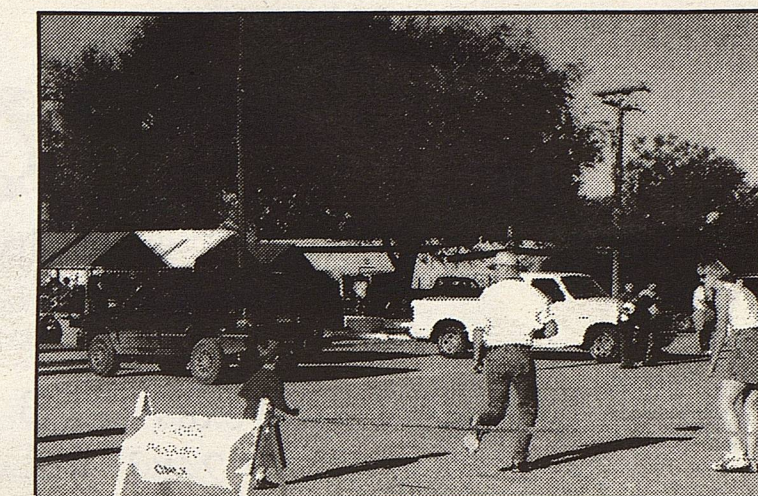


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I was slurping on the sweetness;
Every slurp made the watermelon sweeter.
Of course I enjoyed every drop;
It's a good thing there wasn't a drought.
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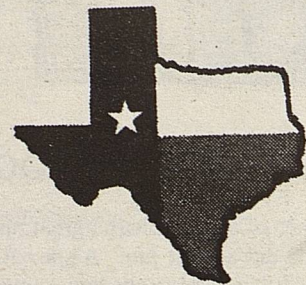
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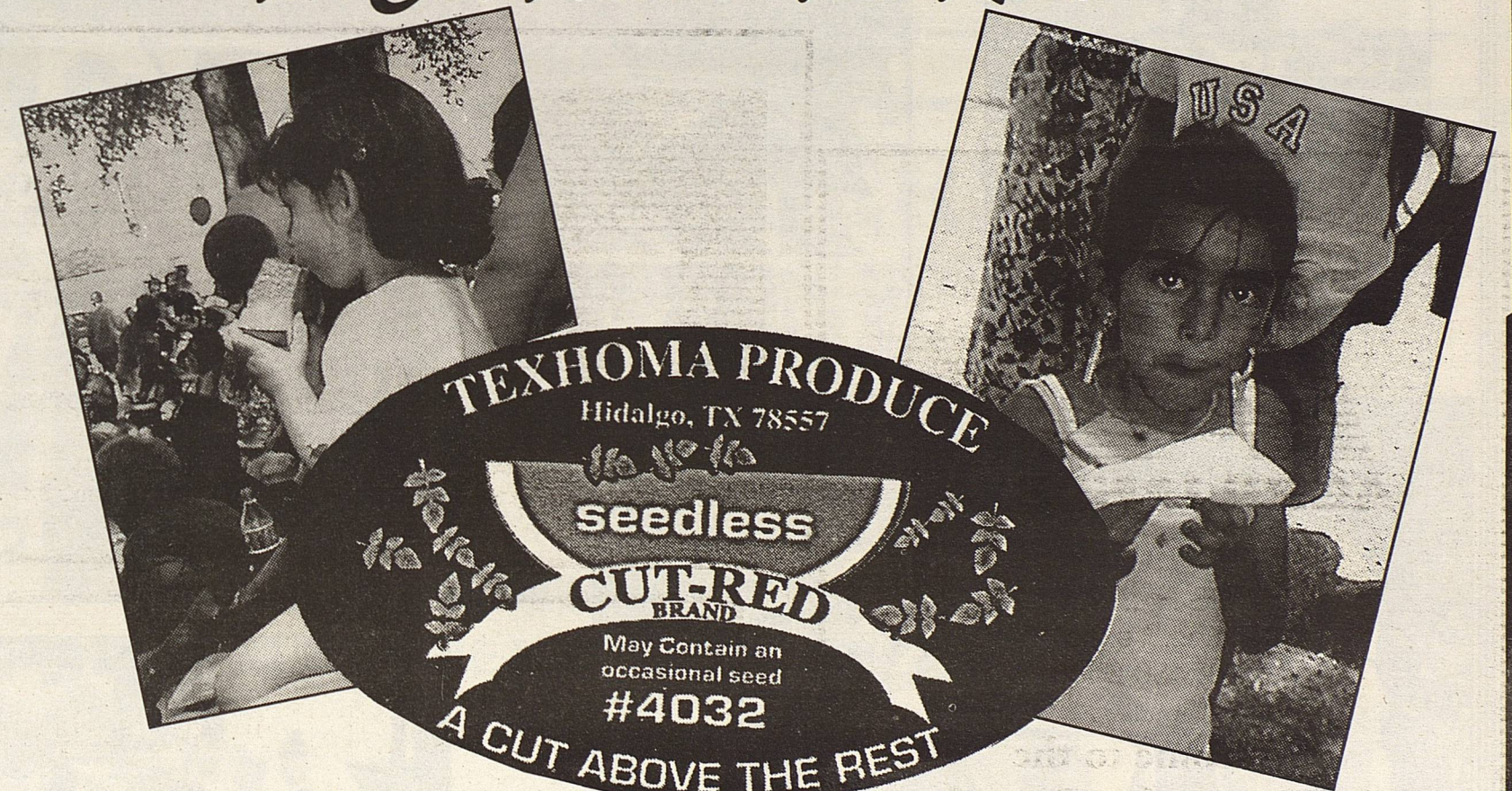
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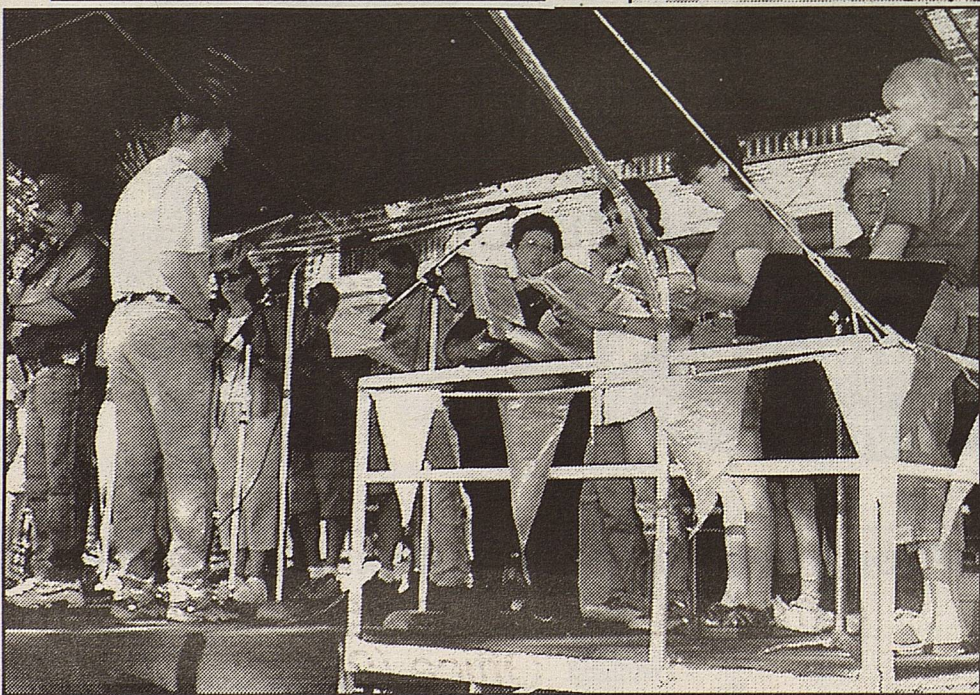
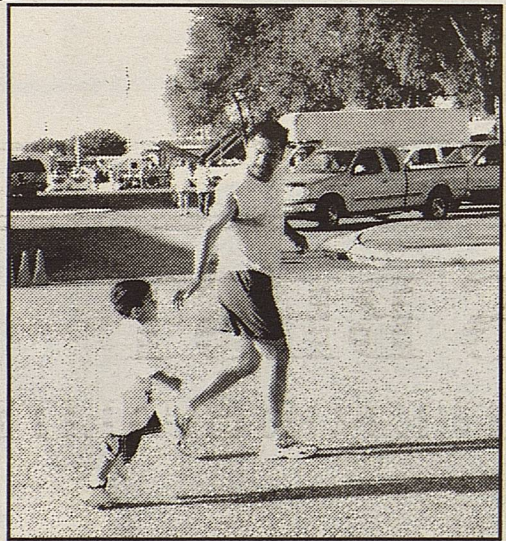
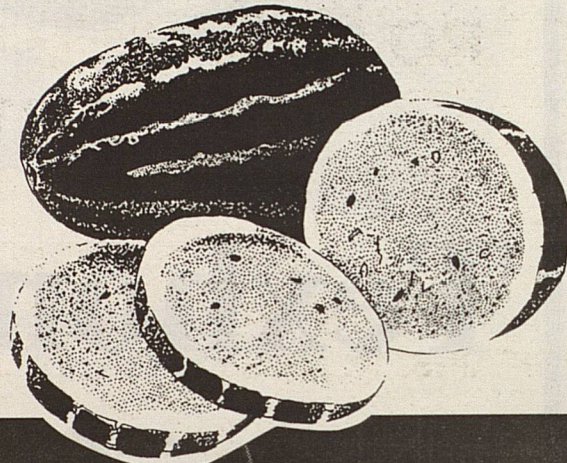


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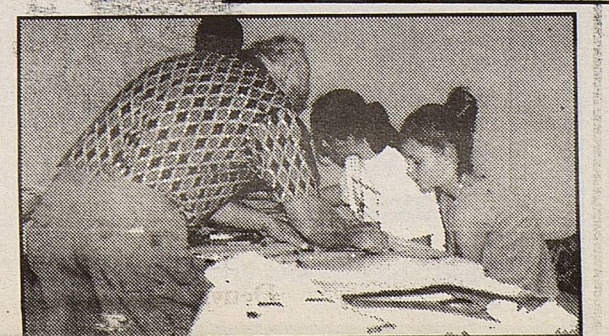
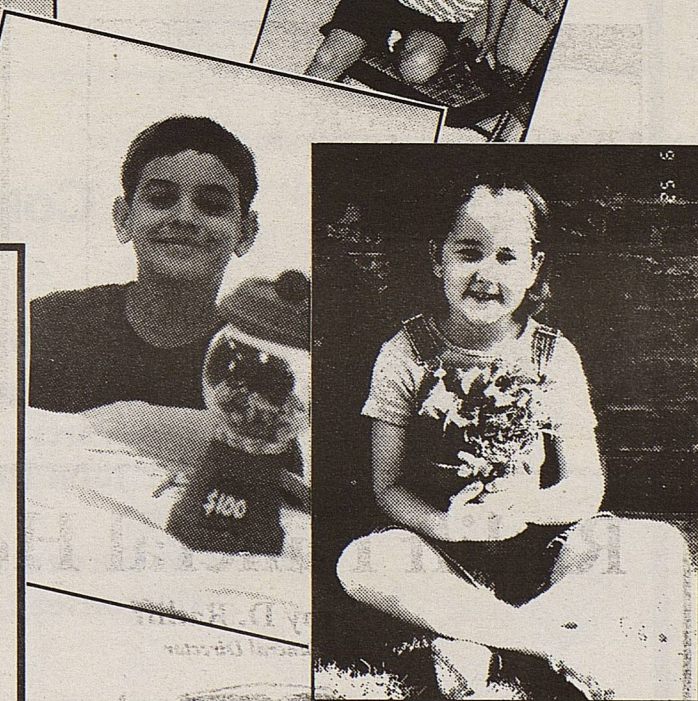
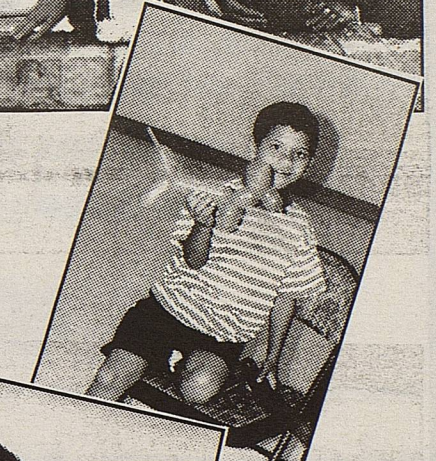
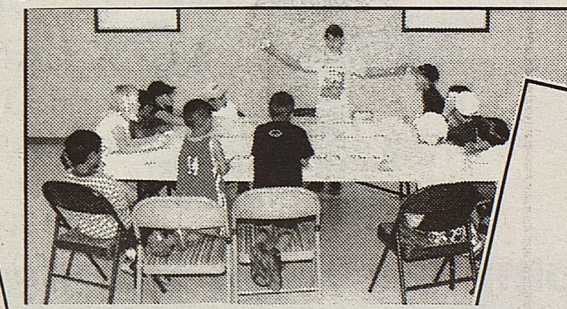
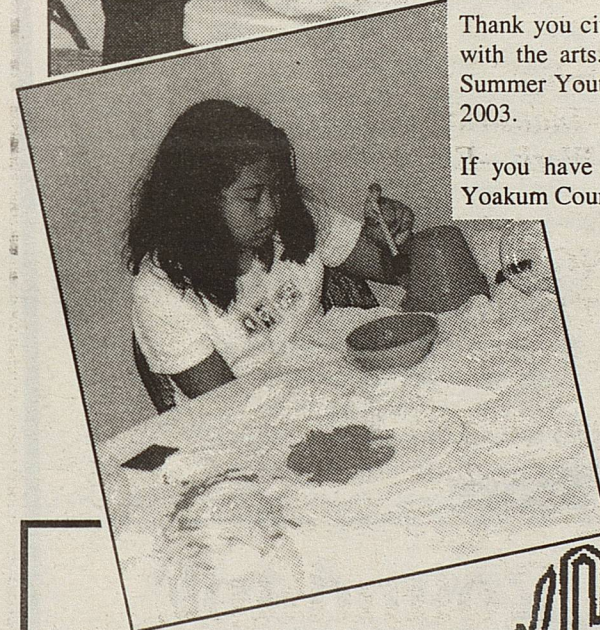
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It was another successful summer of art. We had a great turnout and created some beautiful things. The kids did a great job! A special thanks to all the instructors that took time out of their daily schedule to teach classes. The instructors for classes were: Leann Romines, Amber McWhirter, Treon Ortega, Evertt McAdams, Janie Ramos, Yvette Ramos, Margaret Williams, Joyce Pierce, Georann Weisgerber, Debbie Pollard, Donna Friesen, Beverly Lowrey, Tera Price, and Rhett Price.

Thanks to the Texas Commission on the Arts for funding a \$500 grant for this program. Thanks to City of Plains, Yoakum County Precincts, Yoakum County Clubroom, Texas Extension office and the Denver City Community Building for providing the facilities for the Yoakum County Connection Summer Youth Art Program.

Thank you citizens of Yoakum County for letting us influence your children with the arts. We look forward to the 2003 Yoakum County Connection Summer Youth Art Program. Mark your calendar for registration in May of 2003.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Janie Ramos at Yoakum County Connection, P.O. Box 358, Plains, Texas 79355.



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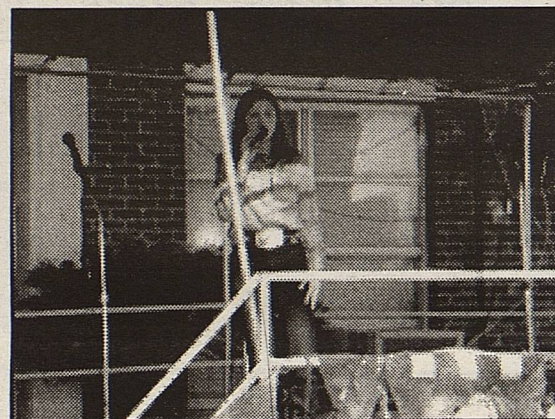
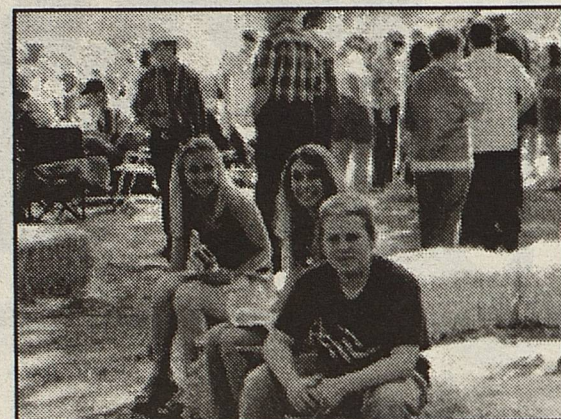
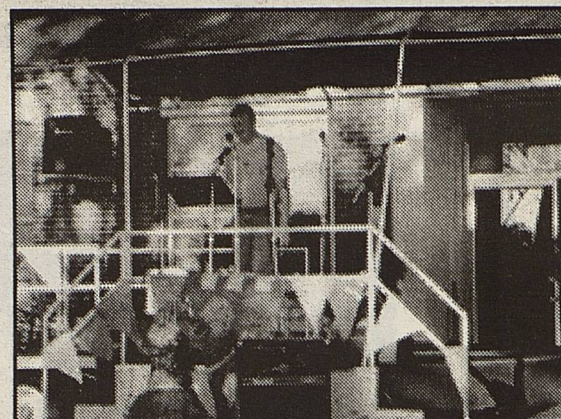
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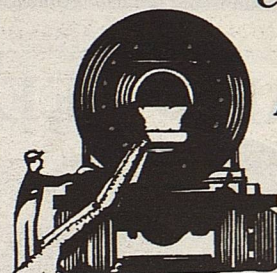
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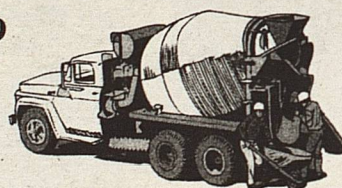
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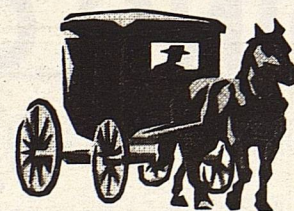
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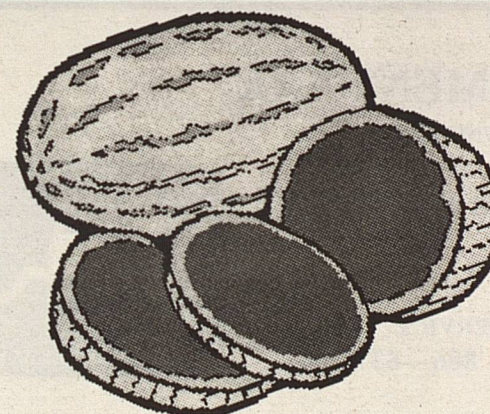
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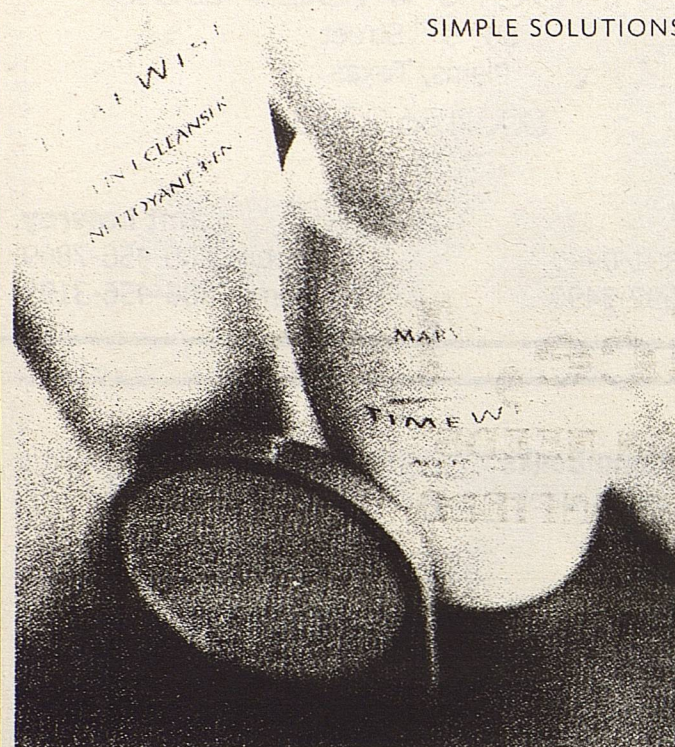
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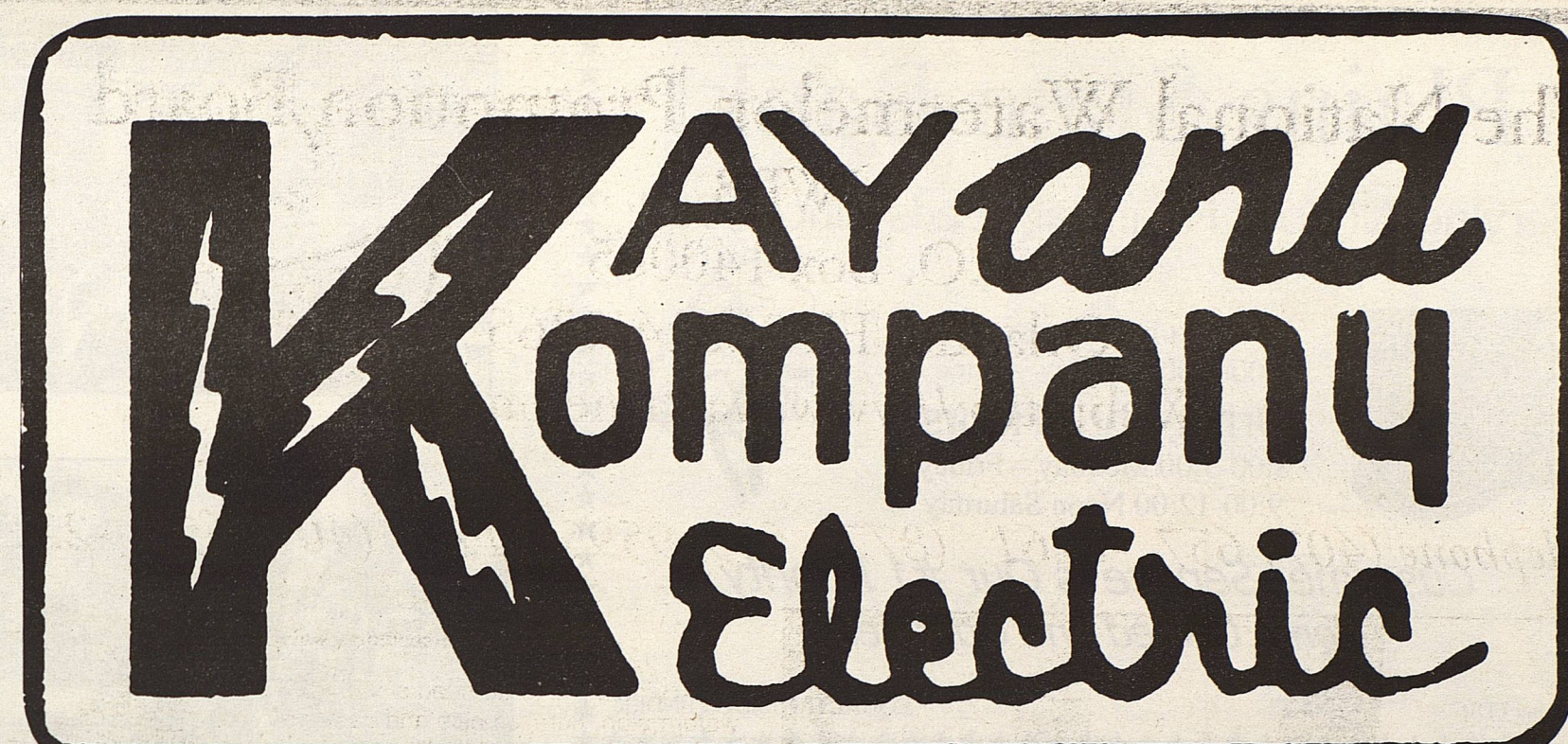
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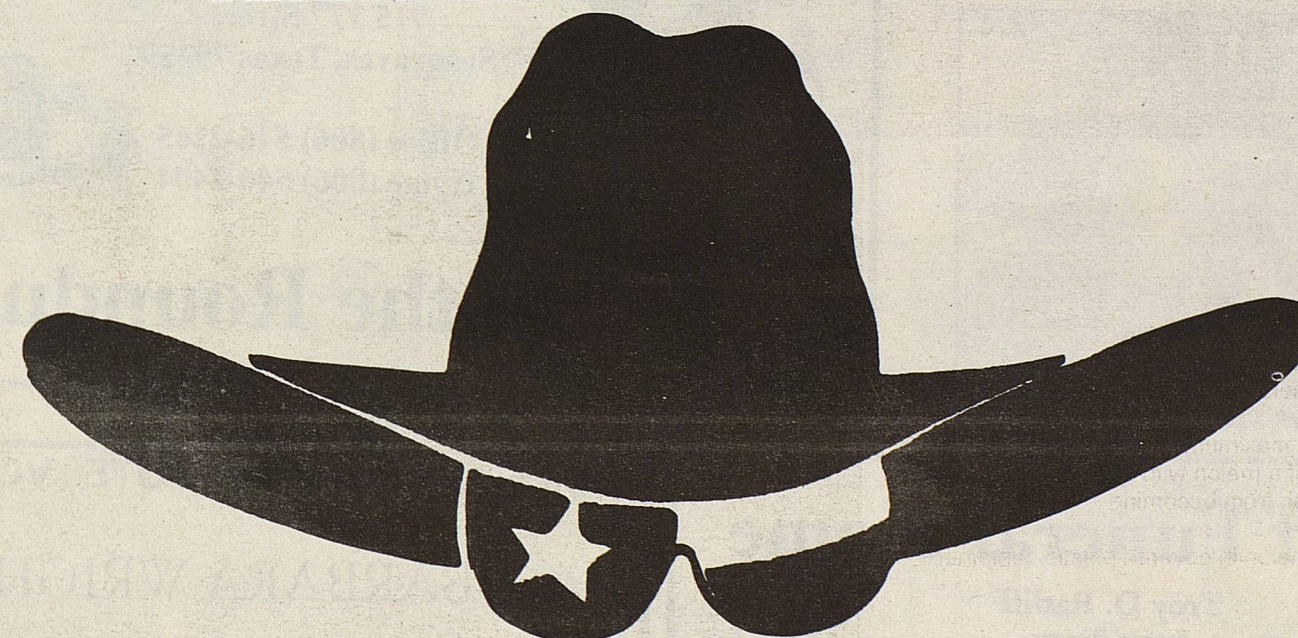
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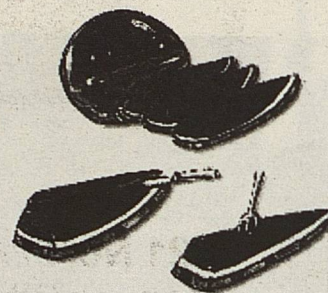


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1. Cut watermelon in half, then in quarters.
2. Cut through the flesh of the melon along the seed line with a pairing knife. Now, lift off the piece of the melon you just cut.
3. Using a fork, scrape the seeds from the piece you just removed and the remaining flesh on the rind.



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- Cover the cut surface of a melon with plastic wrap to prevent the flesh from becoming mushy.
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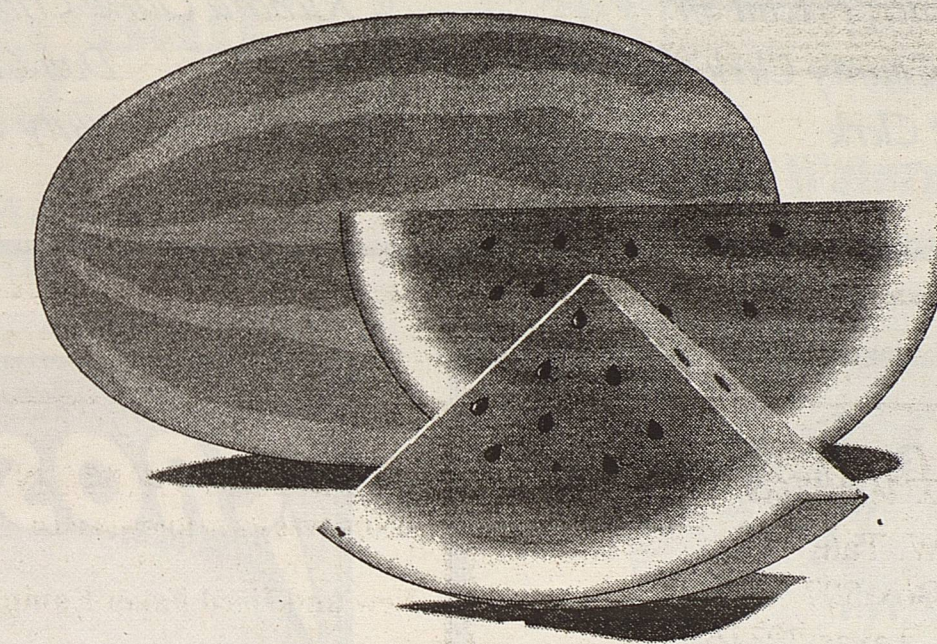
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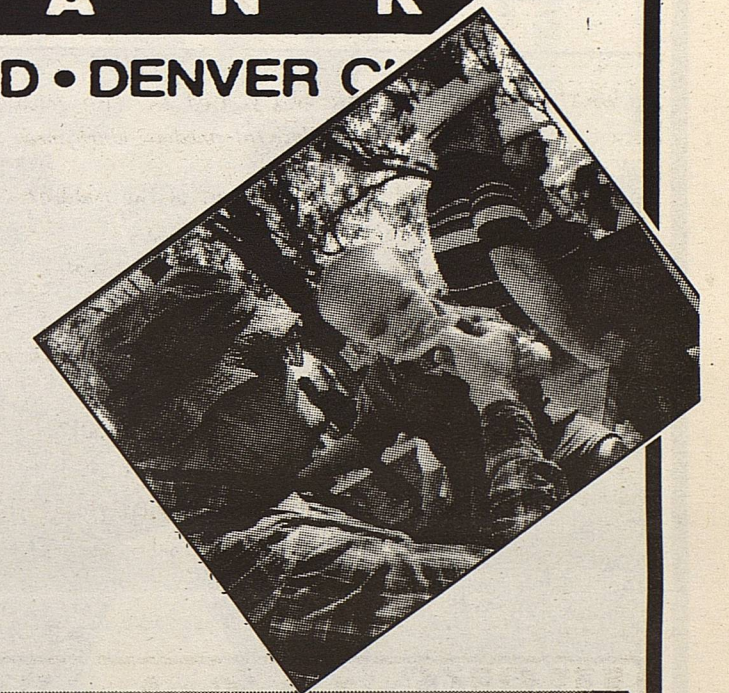
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A tasty ripe watermelon!

Whats magnificent scrumptious?
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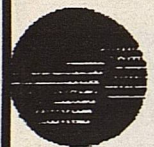
Whats so juicy the juice pours down your mouth down to your lap?
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What has seeds that look like tiny beads?
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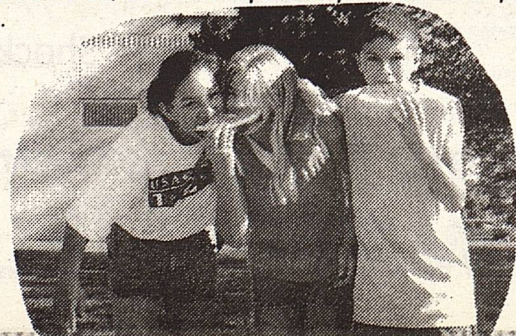
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Yesenia Ortega — 1st Place Junior High School Unrhymed

I saved you from the wind, the heat, and the cold.
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So I planted you on the most beautiful place in the backyard of my house.
I was proud of you when your first leaf grew.
Then came the time for the flower.
The sky clouded up and the only light was placed above you.
The light protected you from letting the newborn flower die.
You helped me show people I'm responsible and understandable.
When the flower bloomed, the sky cleared and the most amazing rainbow appeared out of the sky.
The rainbows' sparkles make you grow vines and vines full of small flowers.
The precious time for you came when the most divine fruit of all had come.
The juiciest part is the object that makes your name ring proudly above you.
The name Watermelon should sound pleasantly to you.
When it was time for me to taste you, your taste sent me to heaven.
I enjoyed every moment being with you and showing you how much care I have for you.
You and I are the same in one special way.
We are both created by a powerful and generous GOD.
When you die, my dear Watermelon, please remember who warmed you and accompanied you on your loneliest days.
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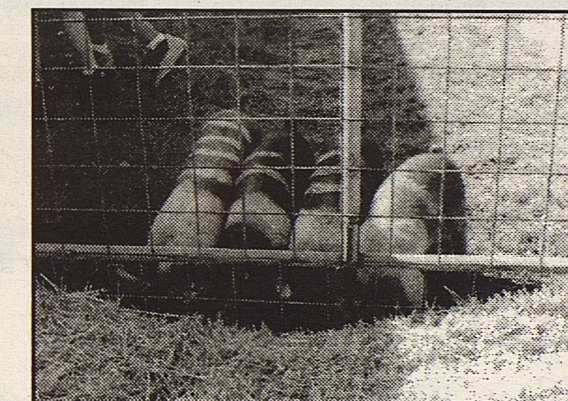


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A Watermelon Holiday

June Hanneman - 1st place Adult Rhymed

The wind lies low — not a leaf to blow,
And the birds in the treetops sing
As from all around Texas folk are found
Who have come to this gathering.

The sky is bright — not a cloud in sight,
No hint of storm or rain —
Just food and fun "neath the summer sun
In this little town on the plain.

We stop to remember that it's nearly September
So we check our Christmas gift guide
As we pause to measure each booth with its treasure
And buy a gift to take home and hide.

The shopping all done, we find a spot in the sun
On a bale, a bench, or a chair
And consider it neat — this watermelon treat
Tastes better here than anywhere.

We hear the music play and are glad we can stay
To enjoy this annual event,
Even tho, to our sorrow, we may be weary tomorrow
We're so very glad that we went.

We see many friends and before the day ends
We know without stopping to guess —
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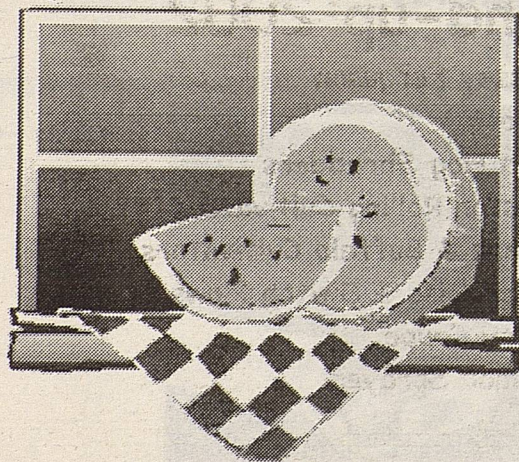
on all the cool planning and
interesting fun which can be
had by all.

Delicious Juicy Watermelons
Gladys Ruiz - 1st Place Intermediate Rhymed

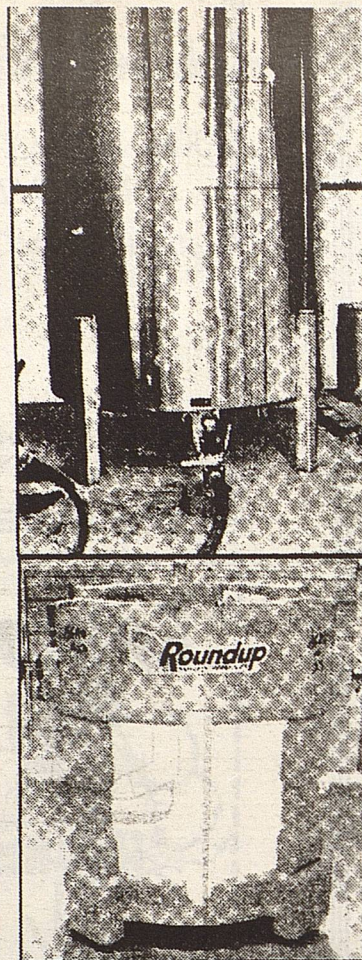
Eating watermelons is a joy.
It is like buying a brand new toy.
Delicious, juicy watermelons!
On the inside, they are red
Just like the covers on my bed.
Delicious, juicy watermelons!
On the outside, they are green
Just like the leaves in spring.
Delicious, juicy watermelons.



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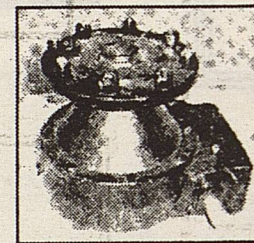


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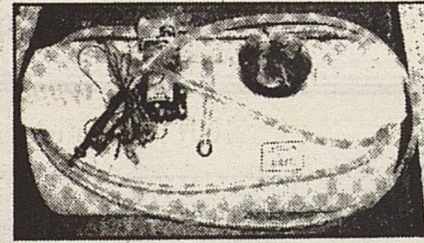
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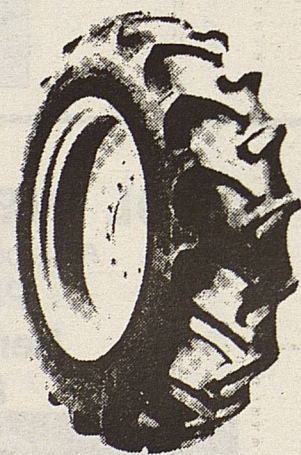
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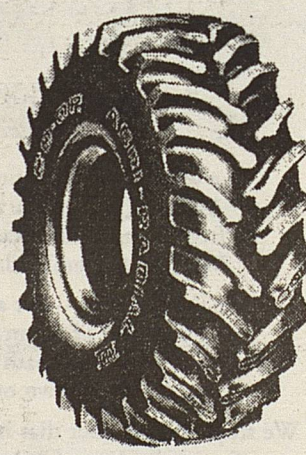
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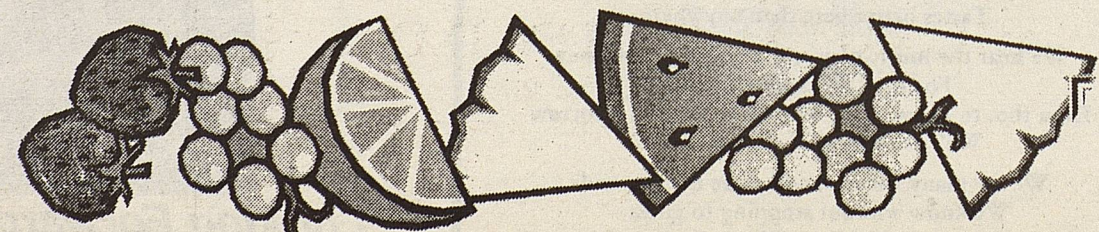
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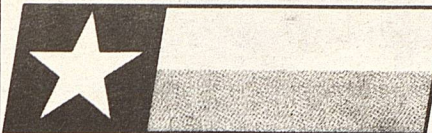


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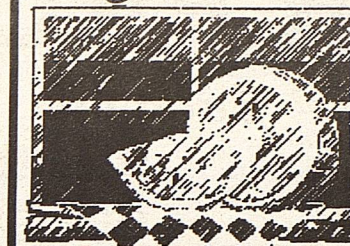
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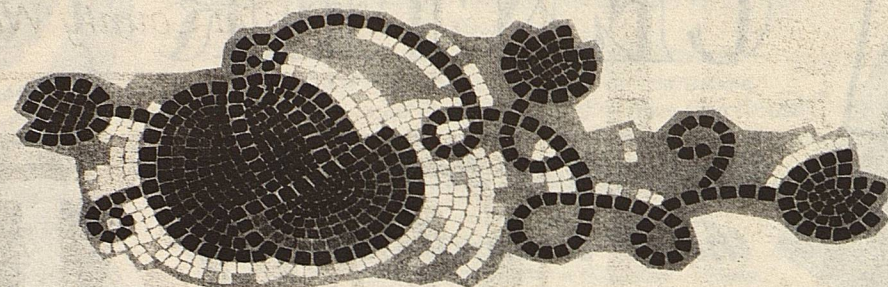
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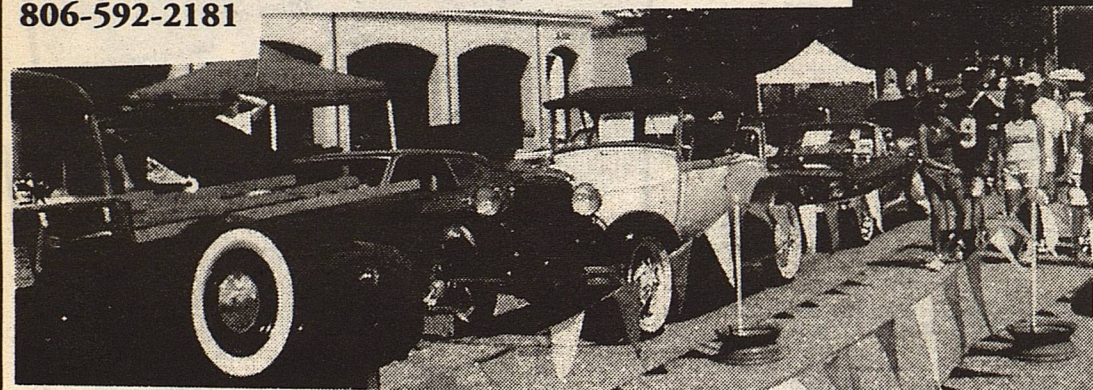


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The First Time

Moriah Traweek - 1st Place High School Unrhymed

I grabbed the knife and began sharpening it
 I walked over to you; you had no idea what was about to happen
 You just lay there motionless, without a care
 Slowly I inserted the knife into your cold, hard flesh
 You didn't make a sound; you weren't even scared
 I pierced the knife deep into your heart
 I could see the red juice flowing aimlessly about
 The red meat inside of you looked so luscious
 I couldn't resist, I had to have a piece
 I went, got a spoon, and dug in with ease
 As I drew the spoon to my face
 I could smell the sweet scent of fruit
 I took a bit, and to my surprise
 I had never tasted something so wonderful in my life
 It was so deliciously sweet I had to have more
 Strangely, there were surprises inside of my little morsel
 Little black seeds in every bite
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 I will always remember the first time I ate watermelon

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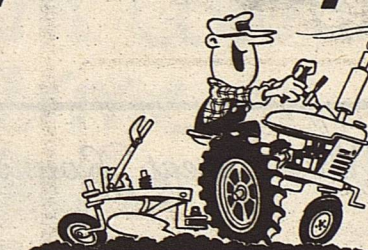


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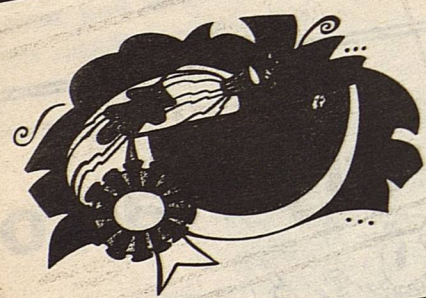
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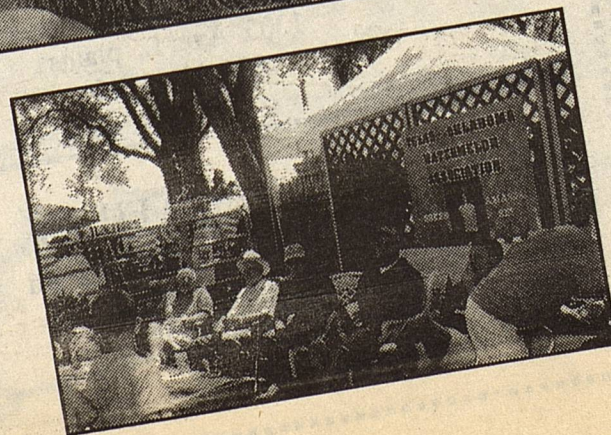
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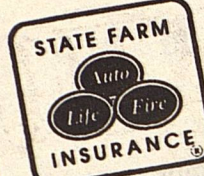
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