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Foundation monitors beet armyworms

Entomologists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service warned earlier in the year conditions were ripe for a serious beet armyworm infestation during the 2000 growing season.

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials have always been aware of the potential of unusual outbreaks of secondary pests and built into the treatment protocols the flexibility to deal with outbreaks. Foundation personnel continually monitor insect activity in fields so adjustments can be made when warranted.

"This year has been no different, and the foundation has been taking special care to monitor the beet armyworm population since worms began appearing on weeds, peanuts and cotton early in the production season," said Charles Allen, program director for the foundation. "The foundation uses two sampling techniques for determining beet armyworm infestation in a field," Allen said.

One method, called beat sampling or shaking sampling, is conducted by beating or shaking the plants on a section of a cotton row, usually about three feet in length, and counting the larvae that are dislodged. Four randomly selected sections in each field are examined. "This

method is most effective early in the season when beet armyworms are primarily feeding on the leaves," Allen said.

The other method the foundation uses is to randomly sample squares in the field, 50 to 100 per field, and count the number of beet armyworms found and the amount of visible damage. "This method does not provide an estimate of the number of larvae per acre but does give a quick and fairly accurate picture of the level of damage and amount of larval infestation of squares," Allen said.

Other entomologists use a variety of techniques to sample fields for infestations, and the results may vary widely, but they all provide a useful picture of insect activity in the field. Foundation personnel receive information from entomologists and growers in an area in addition to doing their own sampling, and use all the data to make decisions on whether to change treatment criteria.

"When significant levels of beet armyworms are found, the foundation may change the criteria it uses to determine whether fields need to be sprayed for boll weevils," Allen said. Such a change al-

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Criminal cases in District Court

In the August session of District Court, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, three defendants entered guilty pleas to DWI and forgery charges.

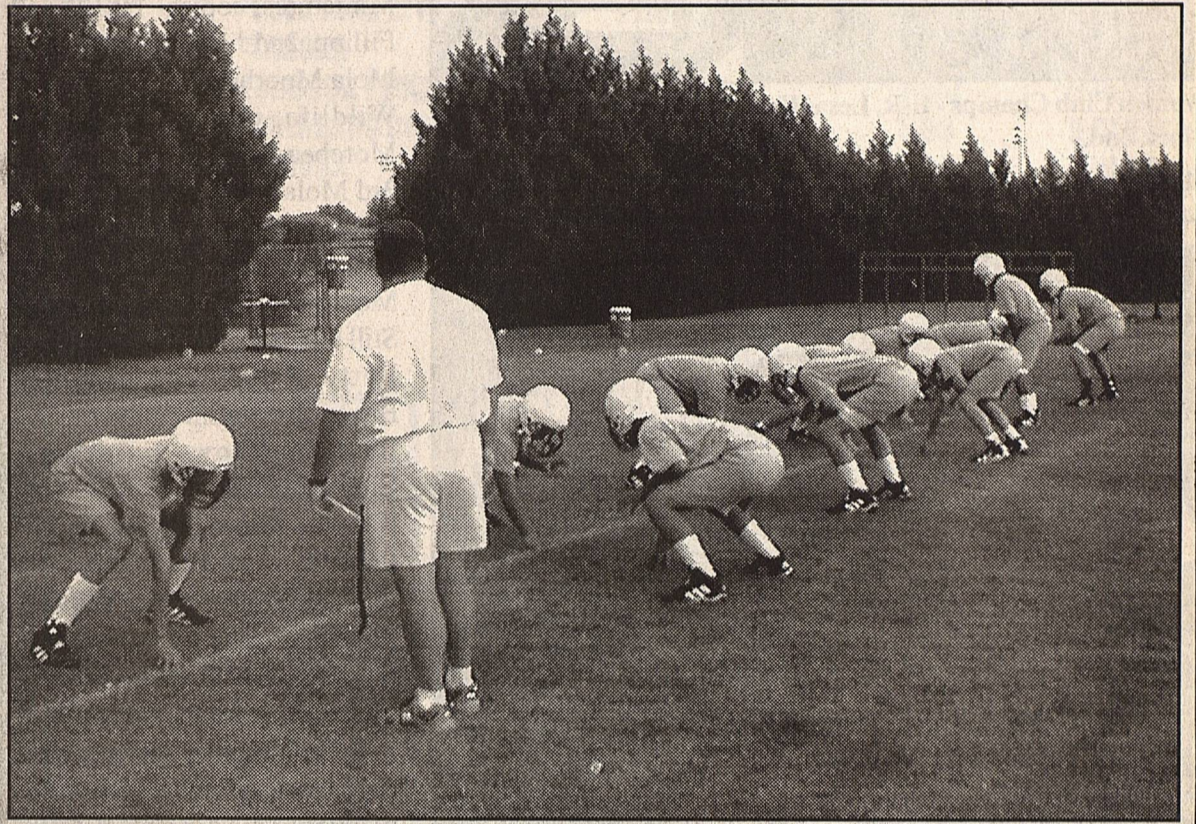
Paul Eugene Freidenberger pled guilty to a subsequent DWI charge, with a BT of .232/.235. He will remain in county jail 180 days or until space is available in a state substance abuse facility. There he will perform 160 hours community service. His community supervision will be extended to April 24, 2003. His attorney was Warren New.

Ivon Gregory Miller pled guilty to forgery. His two year prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. A \$1000 fine, \$207 court costs and appointed attorney fees of \$250 will be paid with time payments. He must pay \$500 restitution to Lowe's #9, and serve 120 hours community service. He was represented by Warren New.

Cheryl Lynn Spratley pled guilty to five counts of forgery occurring at Allsup's # 119. A two year prison sentence was suspended and probated five

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Cowboy Football Season Just Around Corner



Cowboy linemen get a refresher on the basics under eye of Coach Blake McWhirter

PHS Cowboy football players are currently hard at work each morning in two-a-day sessions, getting bodies in condition and getting familiar with offense and defense strategies. Last Tuesday morning 31 Cowboy hopefuls were on hand for the two morning workouts, and coaches were hopeful a few more players would report before the start of School August 21.

Coach Larry McMinn returns as head football coach, assisted by coaches Blake McWhirter, Edwin Brink and Michael Davis. The Cowboys will see their first action of the 2000 season in a scrimmage here against Tahoka on August

19, and another scrimmage August 25 against Morton, site undetermined.

The regular season schedule is as follows:

- September 8 vs Abernathy there, 8 PM
 - September 15 vs. Sudan here, 8 PM
 - September 22 vs. Sundown here, 8 PM
 - September 29 vs Petersburg there, 8 PM
 - October 6 vs Wink (homecoming) 8 PM
 - *October 13 vs Stanton there, 7:30 PM
 - *October 20 vs Coahoma there, 7:30 PM
 - *October 27 vs Seagraves here, 7:30 PM
 - *November 3 vs Colorado City there, 7:30 PM
 - *November 10 vs Forsan here, 7:30 PM
- * Denotes District Game

Plains golfers find golfing 'Gold'



These Plains members of the Yoakum County Golf Club competed recently in the annual Club Championship Tournament at the county course. Shown proudly holding their winning hardware are, top, left to right, Allan Bell, Bob Blundell, Ed Hansen, Alton McGinty. Bottom, L-R, Jerry Morphis and Bill Butler. For tournament results and more photos see inside.



Head Coach Larry McMinn, right, calls a welcomed break in morning workouts last week

Art Show results announced

The annual Yoakum County Art Show and Sale wound up last Saturday, August 5. The event was judged by Bill Hagerman of Midland. The following is a partial listing of division winners:

Crafts:
Wood- 1st, high chair, Marlene Gibson. 2nd, bird house, Marlene Gibson, 3rd, bread basket, Ruth Gooch
Fiber- 1st, quilt, Helen Beal, 2nd, needlepoint, Sara Harris, 3rd afghan, Marlene Gibson.
China painting- 1st ginger jar,

Wilma Powell, 2nd, ginger jar, Wilma Powell, 3rd, small vase, Wilma Powell.
Pottery- 1st, Indian vase, Leann Romines, 2nd, pot, Jan Parrish, 3rd, bowl, Jan Parrish.
Students:
to age 10-Painting- 1st Shelley Estep, 2nd Katie Estep, 3rd Cody Welborn.
Photography- 1st, Holden Welch, 2nd Shyann Vantine.
Ages 11-13:
Painting- 1st, Chandon Loya
Ages 14-18:
Painting- 1st, Ashley Vantine

Photography- 1st, 2nd and 3rd, Ashley Vantine.
All ages-crafts-1st, Chandon Loya, 2nd, Holden Welch, 3rd Holden Welch.
Photography:
Landscapes-1st, Sue Holder, 2nd Pat McNabb, 3rd, Sue Holder.
Still life- 1st, Pat McNabb, 2nd Pat McNabb, 3rd Marlene Gibson.
Portraits- 1st Wadonna Davis, 2nd Wadonna Davis, 3rd Betty Estep.
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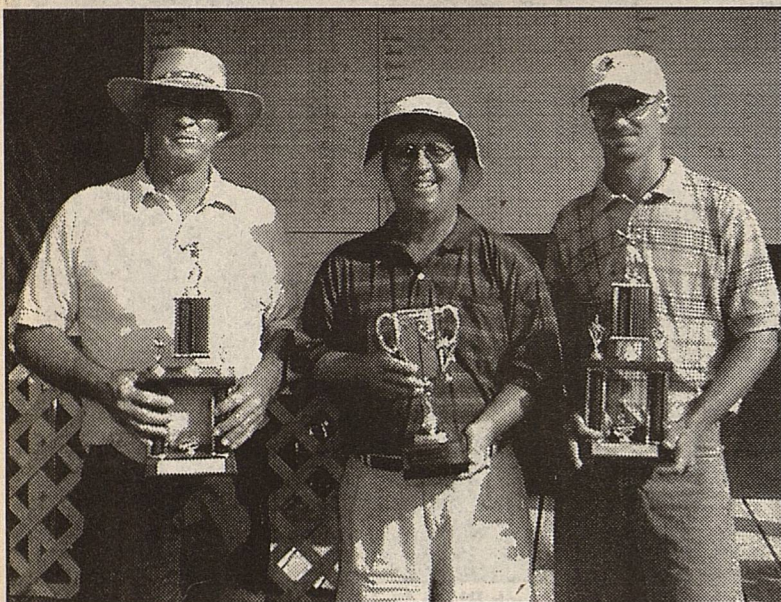
Yoakum County Golf Club Championship

The local golf club championship tournament was held August 5 and 6, and space requirements for the annual Rodeo and Reunion events last week delayed reporting the golf results. Tournament results in the flighted event were:
Ladies Championship - 1. Sue Holt 170 2. Debbie Black 173 3. Lesa Wood 175. Net division - 1. Barbara Wright 150 2. Jamie Holt 163 3. Marlene Chiles 169.



Women Club Champs - L-R, Lesa Wood 3rd, Sue Holt 1st, Debbie Black 2nd.

Mens Championship Flight - 1. Ken Taylor 139 2. Ray Gilstrap 141. Kenny Dierschke 147



Men Club Champs - L-R, Ray Gilstrap, 2nd, Ken Taylor, 1st, Kenny Dierschke 3rd.

First Flight - 1. Bill Qualls 147 2. Fred Barber 159 3. Dallas Brewer 160

Second Flight - 1. Kenny Hemmeline 154 2. Lanny Wood 155 3. Joe Humphrey 156

Third Flight - 1. Jerry Morphis 2. (tie) James Atchison 166 3. Ed Hansen 172.

Fourth Flight - 1. Red Berry 168 2. Alton McGinty 170 3. Bill Butler 171

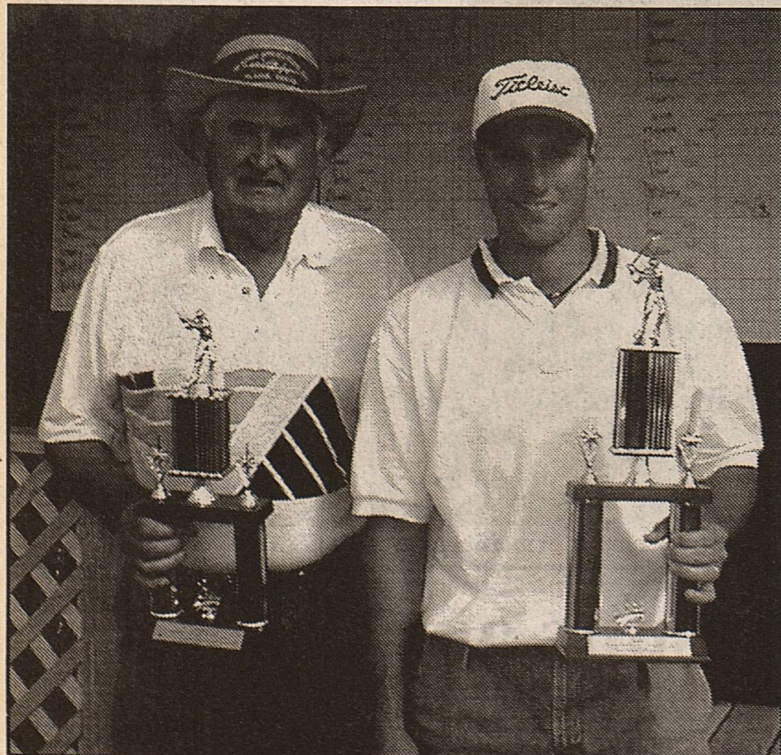
Fifth Flight - 1. Alan Bell 176 2. Don Mac Edwards 181 3. R.C. Sanders 188

Senior Men - 60-69 - 1. Ray Gilstrap 141 2. Bill Qualls 147 3. Dallas Brewer 160

Senior Men - 70-79 1. Bob Blundell 167 2. Red Berry 168

Boys 12 plus -1. Ethan Summers 2. Justin Brown 3. Logan Wood.

* Otis Ivie scored a hole in one on #6



Dallas Brewer, 3rd in 1st flight, and Kenny Hemmeline, 1st in 2nd flight.

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Wildlife- 1st, Pat McNabb, 2nd Sue Holder, 3rd Barbara Harris.

Graphics- 1st Kassie Lowe, Suzy Powell, 3rd Kassie Lowe Still life original- 1st Eileen Fillipp, 2nd Suzy Powell, 3rd Sharon Pickett.

Painting: Still life-original- 1st Eileen Fillipp, 2nd Suzy Powell, 3rd, Sharon Pickett.

Landscape, water color- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Suzy Powell. Landscape, oil- 1st Betty Estep, 2nd Linda Powell, 3rd Linda Powell.

Portrait, original- Eloise Brown, 2nd Marlene Gibson, 3rd Marguerite Barron.

Miniatures, original- 1st Sharon Pickett, 2nd Linda Powell, 3rd Suzy Powell.

Wildlife, original- Suzy Powell, 2nd Betty Estep, 3rd Inetta Teaff.

Miniatures, copies- 1st Eileen Fillipp, 2nd Jimmie Bayer, 3rd Mola Moorhead.

Wildlife, copies- 1st Mola Moorhead, 2nd Jimmie Bayer, 3rd Mola Moorhead.

Landscape, copy & classwork- 1st, Marc Barron, 2nd Mola Moorhead, 3rd Jimmie Bayer.

Still life, copy & classwork- 1st Betty Estep, 2nd Jimmie Bayer, 3rd Jimmie Bayer.

Best In Show- painting, Eloise Brown

Best In Photography, Suzy Powell.

Best In Crafts - vase, Wilma Powell.

From Page 1, 'Criminal Cases' years. She must serve 120 hours community service, pay court costs of \$231 with time payments, and pay Allsup's restitution totaling \$72, She was represented by Attorney Jesse Mendez



Yoakum County Art Association

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Plains 9 & 10 All Stars end great year

Plains' 9 and 10 year old Baseball All Stars ended their season recently with tournament performances at Brownfield and Shallowater. The young players won the Brownfield tourney, defeating Ropesville 33-0, downing Brownfield 7-3, defeating Denver City 12-11. They lost

their second match to Brownfield 2-3, but came back strong in the championship game to beat Brownfield 15-10. The win earned the boys an advance to the next level of play in the Shallowater tournament, where they were defeated by a strong Levelland team, 13-3.



Front row, L-R, Brock Carter, Zachary Ramos, Jacob Garza, Derek Garza, Zachary Ramon, Chris Addison, Second row, A.J. Martinez, Chris Gonzales, Elias Carrillo, Cody Mayes, Jacob Rivera. Back row, coaches Alfred Martinez and Eddie Carter. Coach Junior Lira not pictured.

Trooper Randall Vetter Fund

Austin, Texas-The Texas Highway Patrol Association opened an account last Thursday with Compass Bank to collect funds for the family of Trooper Randall Vetter. The account was set up to assist the family with travel and living expenses while in Austin. This is part of the Association's "Remember our Friends" project. This account is still open for donations, which will assist the Vetter family with financial strain incurred from their loss. The Texas Highway Patrol Association will also donate \$10 thousand dollars to help the Vetter family.

One hundred percent of the funds deposited into this account or sent to the Association for the Trooper Vetter fund will be turned over to the Vetter family.

The Texas Highway Patrol Association concentrates its efforts on behalf of the dedicated men and women of the highway patrol, and is there with emergency relief for the families left behind when an officer is killed.

Any donations can be made directly to the account: Texas Highway Patrol Association, c/o Compass Bank, Trooper Vetter Fund, Account 84065714, P.O. Box 9600, Austin, Texas 78766.



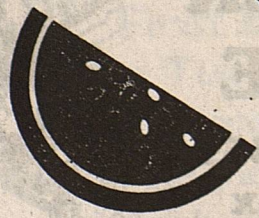
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Vehicle Costs Low In Eradication Effort

Cotton growers in the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone committed themselves in 1999 to eliminating the most consistent threat to their livelihood.

This commitment involves much planning, hard work, and of course, money. But growers in the region may not realize how the assessments they pay to fund the program are spent.

An analysis of the zone's spending from the beginning of the program last year through June 2000 shows the bulk of the funds was spent on the treatments that will eliminate the weevil. For every dollar expended on eradication in the zone, about 77 cents were spent on insecticide and aerial applications. Lots of vehicles and employees are needed to successfully run an eradication program, but surprisingly these items require a much smaller bite of the eradication dollar. Salaries and wages accounted for slightly more than 9 cents of each dollar spent, and vehicle expenses consumed a little more than 4 cents of each dollar spent.

The rest of the eradication dollar went for trapping supplies, 2 cents; equipment costs, 1 cent; interest, 4 cents; and rent and supplies, 2 cents.

Growers in the zone should be happy to discover they are not bearing these costs by themselves.

Although they paid \$6.4 million dollars in 1999, state and federal funding has provided \$9.5 million toward the effort.

One of the largest expenses growers incur in producing a crop has always been the cost of pest control. But experience in other areas of the country has shown that a successful eradication program drastically reduces that expense, resulting in a higher quality crop at lower production costs.

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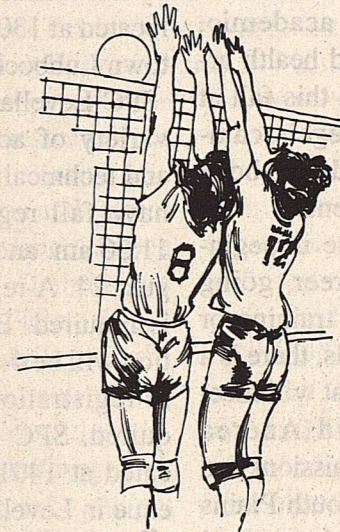
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8/12	DENVER CITY/TRINITY	PLAINS	11:00	9 JV, VAR
8/14	FRENSHIP	FRENSHIP	5:00	9
8/15	LUBBOCK HIGH	LUBBOCK	6:00	JV, VAR
8/18-19	WINK TOURNAMENT	WINK	TBA	VAR
8/22	LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN	LUBBOCK	5:00	JV, VAR
	FRENSHIP	PLAINS	5:00	9
8/25-26	DENVER CITY TOURNAMENT	DENVER CITY	TBA	VAR
8/26	TRINITY TOURNAMENT	LUBBOCK	TBA	JV
8/29	MIDLAND TRINITY	MIDLAND	5:00	JV, VAR
9/2	BROWNFIELD	PLAINS	10:00	9 JV, VAR
9/8-9	LAMESA JV TOURNAMENT	LAMESA	TBA	JV
9/9	TRINITY TOURNAMENT	LUBBOCK	TBA	VAR
9/12	COOPER/ESTACADO	COOPER	5:00	9 JV, VAR
9/16	DENVER CITY/PEGOS	PLAINS	11:00	VAR
	DENVER CITY TOURNAMENT	DENVER CITY	TBA	9 JV
9/19	BROWNFIELD	BROWNFIELD	5:00	9 JV, VAR
9/23	WINK/DELL CITY	WINK	1:00	9 JV, VAR
9/30	WINK	PLAINS	1:00	9 JV, VAR
10/3	MIDLAND CHRISTIAN	MIDLAND	5:00	9 JV, VAR
10/7	*COLORADO CITY	PLAINS	2:00	9 JV, VAR
10/10	*TAHOKA	PLAINS	5:00	JV, VAR
10/14	LUBBOCK TRINITY	PLAINS	11:00	9 JV, VAR
10/17	*COLORADO CITY	COLORADO CITY	5:00	9 JV, VAR
10/21	*TAHOKA	TAHOKA	2:00	JV, VAR

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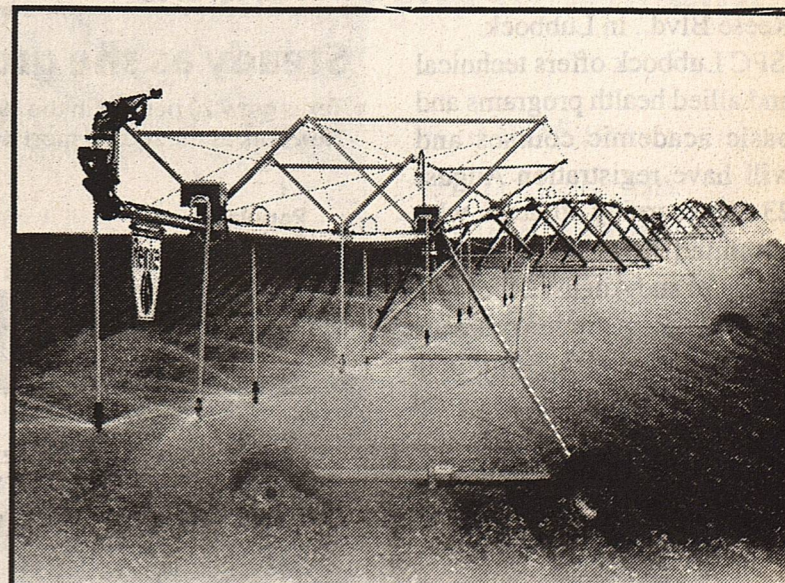


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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on August 30, 2000 from 4:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom in Plains, Texas on the 2001 Proposed Budget for Yoakum County.

All persons attending the hearing will have the opportunity to give written and oral comments and to ask questions about the Proposed Budget. A copy of the said Proposed Budget is on file in the County Clerk's Office and may be examined there or in the office of the County Judge or County Auditor, or in the Denver City Library or Plains Library.



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Local Democrat To Attend National Convention In Los Angeles

Linda Shoemaker Lowrey flew to Los Angeles on Sunday, August 13th to attend the Democratic National Convention. Linda is a former member of the State Democratic Executive Committee for the 31st Senate District and is currently serving on a newly created Blue Ribbon Committee set up by Molly Beth Malcolm, Chair of the Texas Democratic Party. Lowrey was selected to be a national delegate at the recent State Democratic Convention in Fort Worth. She chairs the Agriculture Caucus, is a member of the Non-Urban Caucus, and the Finance Council of Texas Democratic Women. Lowrey is currently serving as campaign coordinator for Democratic Candidate, Betty

Richie, who is running for the Texas House of Representatives in the 68th House District. Lowrey reports she is very enthusiastic about the Gore-Leiberman ticket because, in her opinion, they offer the best hope for a continuation of a strong American economy, improved health care (including prescription coverage for Medicare recipients), a strong Social Security System, new job creation, and a strong commitment to outstanding public schools. "Both Gore and Leiberman are men of faith and high moral character," said Lowrey. "They are men who will support and promote strong family values, as evidenced by their own lives."

SPC Offers More Than 100 College Programs This Fall

College courses in more than 100 programs in academic, technical and allied health areas will be offered this fall at South Plains College's campuses in Levelland, Lubbock and at the Reese Center.

"Whether someone is beginning a college career, going back to school for training or brushing up on skills, there is a college program that will meet their needs," said Andrea Rangel, dean of admissions and records at SPC. "South Plains College offers freshman and sophomore level academic courses that are parallel with those offered at universities, one and two year technical training programs for job entry in a variety of fields, and a diversity of allied health courses."

Each campus is tailored to meet distinct educational needs. The SPC Reese Center campus offers college level academic transfer and selected technical courses during the evenings and will have registration August 21-22. The Reese Center is located at 9730 Reese Blvd. in Lubbock.

SPC Lubbock offers technical and allied health programs and basic academic courses and will have registration August 23 for returning students who attended this past spring or summer and August 24 for new students. Registration times are 9 am.-noon and 3-7 pm. both days. Registration is assigned

by last name. SPC Lubbock is located at 1302 Main in downtown Lubbock.

SPC Levelland offers a wide variety of academic transfer and technical courses and will have fall registration 8:30 - 11:30 am. and 1:30-4 pm. August 24. A registration permit is required. Evening registration will be 4-6 pm. August 24. A registration [permit is required. SPC Levelland is located at 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland.

Prospective students need to provide an official transcript of their high school and or college academic records. Incoming freshmen need to take a Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) college skills assessment or alternative TASP test prior to enrolling. Certain exemptions apply.

For more information, log on to the college's website at www.spc.cc.tx.us or phone SPC Levelland at 894-9611, ext. 2374 or 2375, SPC Lubbock at 747-0576, ext. 4660 or 4606, or SPC Reese Center at 885-3048, ext 2902.

Farmers and Ranchers Offering "Two Cents Worth" of Advice to Congress

Waco, Texas August 9, 2000-

In an appeal for Congress to make long overdue changes to farm policy, Farmers Union members are offering their "two cents worth" in response to the failed Freedom to Farm legislation. In the course of the next two weeks, family farmers and ranchers will meet with Congressional representatives across the country to deliver their "two cents" message along with bags containing two cents worth of commodities produced on America's farms.

"Now is the time for all to call for a change to current farm policy," said Texas Farmers Union (TFU) president, Wes Sims. "It is time for rural citizens to stand up and add their 'two cents worth' so that our issues will be heard. It is time for members of Congress to show rural voters where they stand on rural America. It is time to implement the policies that will allow farmers and ranchers to receive a fair price for their work and to prosper in the communities in which they live."

Farmers Union is reaching out to policy makers with their "Two Cents Worth" campaign to draw attention to the core agricultural issues faced today in rural America. The family farmer and rancher organization is calling for Congress to pass legislation that will raise loan rates for commodities, increase dairy support prices, prohibit packer ownership of livestock, and promote competitive markets.

"Since the passage in 1996 of Freedom to Farm, we have seen a decline in the conditions under which farmers must operate as well as the rural communities in which they live," said TFU President Sims. "Congress has tinkered with the 1996 law, but has not achieved the political will to scrap the failed policy. Without significant changes that influence

price, fair markets and a safety net, those small changes are false solutions to the problems for the family sized operation." The activities will culminate in a September 10-13 fly in at the nation's capitol when Farmers Union members will visit each member of Congress to express the urgency of the current price crisis on the farm and ranch. This theme sends a clear message about the changes needed in agriculture policy.

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allows for fewer acres to be sprayed, minimizing the impact on beneficial insects that prey on secondary pests. This

strategy appears to be succeeding.

Jim Leser, Extension entomologist in Lubbock, notes the foundation's efforts in monitoring beet armyworm infestations. "Up to this point, I would be very hard pressed to show any correlation between beet armyworm or bollworm problems and weevil eradication activities," Leser wrote.

High Plains and Rolling Plains cotton growers can also find information on levels of insect activity by accessing 'Focus on Entomology' at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/ipm/agweb/index.html>. Data at that site indicate that beet armyworm infestations are a problem across the Plains, inside and outside of active eradication zones.



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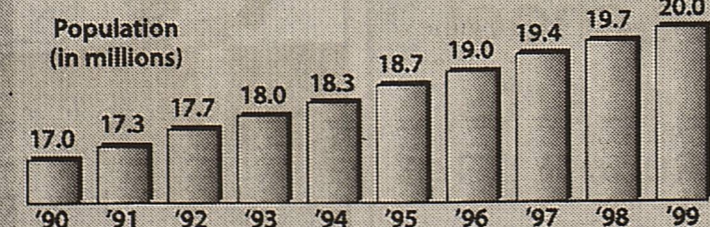
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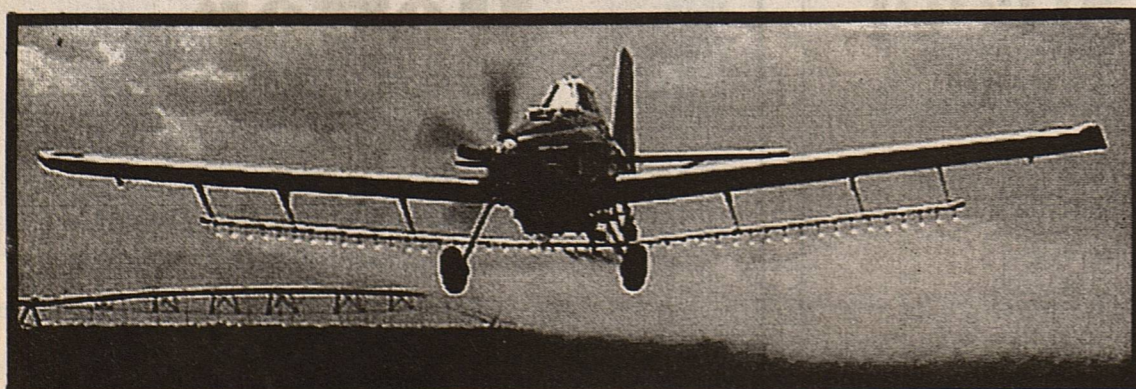
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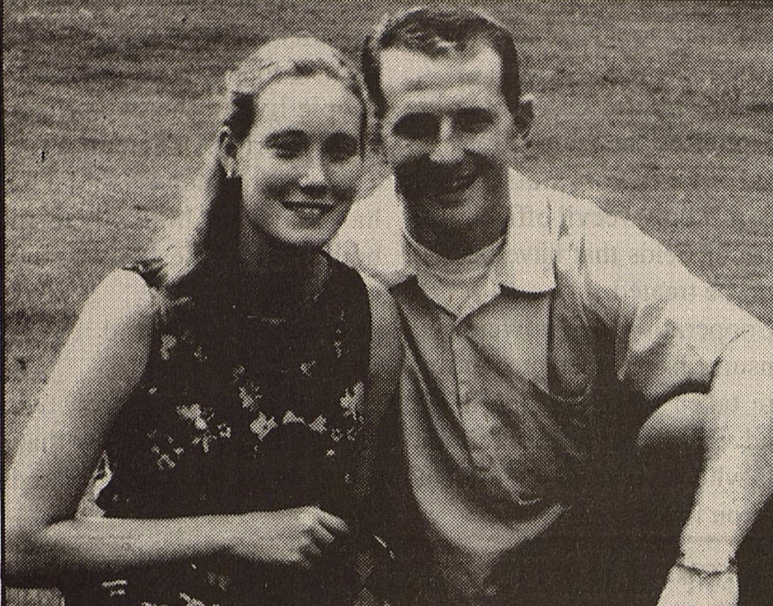


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Senior Citizens Corner

I am starting by dedicating this weeks column to 2 great people. They were both long time residences and workers in their respective churches. C.B. (Sonny) Richards was a very faithful member of Trinity Baptist. In his life time he cut everyone's hair and always had a smile and a greeting for all he met. He cut as many as 4 generations of hair. He was a member of Senior Citizens and served on the Site Council.

Johnnie Akin was very faithful in First Baptist and worked in the church and was a member of the Joy Choir. She always had a good word for people and had a smile and greeting for all. Both of these people will be sorely missed.

The little shower yesterday really cooled things down and was very welcomed.

The birthdays were celebrated Monday. I think there was a good turn out. I know the food was good. I have not been to the Center for the past two weeks. Layne came through his surgery

fine. Thanks to all for the cards, calls and especially the prayers.

Winners of the '42' tournament Tuesday, the 8th were Mola Moorehead and Ireta Davis. They get to eat one free meal.

Don't forget the activities every Monday through Friday. Next Wednesday is the pool tournament. Then on Thursday evening at 6:30 is our Pot Luck supper and band. Everyone be sure to bring a covered dish and join in the fun and music.

I was about to forget to mention the pool room will be open Monday night from 6:00 to ??? The line dancing is Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10:00-11:30 am.

Dominoes, Bridge and pool every day Monday through Friday.

We have oil painting on Tuesday, ceramic or what ever you prefer to do Monday through Friday.

Till next week, Wanda B.

Wedding Announced



Dennis and Melba Crutcher of Plains are proud to announce the August 19th wedding of their daughter Lisa to Michael Hester. Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wayne Hester of Rochester, Tx. Lisa and Michael are both employed with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. The wedding will be held at the First Baptist Church in Plains.

Cards of Thanks

"Thank You"

To Debbie, Sheron, Gerald & Lola, Yoakum County Commissioners & employees, Family and Friends.

I appreciate so much the nice retirement party, the money tree, gifts and cards. I feel very blessed to live in Plains and to get to work with you.

Love,
Faye Nelms

Thank you friends, family, & surrounding communities for your love and support throughout the Rodeo Queen Contest. I appreciate your generous donations and I was proud to represent the Plains Roping Club and this great community.

Love,
Candace Bowers

Library Workshop Held

Yoakum County Librarian Opal Roberts and Lay Representative Wilma Powell recently attended the workshop "Library advocacy's three-legged stool: Where friends and trustees fit in!". The workshop was held at the George Mahon Library in Lubbock on August 10, 2000.

Participants learned advocacy ABC's, do's and don'ts, what works in Texas and other states. The workshop was sponsored by the West Texas Library System. Ellen G. Miller of Lenexa, Kansas presented the high energy practical workshop for librarians and library friends.

Texas Company Member Has Ties In Area

One company member with family ties in the Plains area brightens the Pioneer Amphitheatre in the spirit of Texas with 140 other professional company members. They will contribute their talents to the 35th Anniversary Season of Texas, an outdoor drama set in the majestic Palo Duro Canyon near Amarillo. Since 1966, Texas has amazed a worldwide audience through song, dance, and drama.

JoDee Crain joins the Texas crew for her first year as a customer service representative. She has been dancing for ten years throughout her high school career in Brownfield, Tx, and her college career in San Angelo, Tx. JoDee taught ballet, tap, and jazz to children. She especially enjoys Pointe

ballet. She will transfer to West Texas A&M University and major in recreation and leisure with a minor in dance. JoDee is the niece of Dennis and Bobbie Sines of Plains.

Texas, a drama written by the Pulitzer Prize winning author Paul Green, is a tale of the joys, triumphs and challenges of early Texas Panhandle settlers to the area. The musical takes the audience through the area's development of open prairie land to the building of the railroad, while adding a little romance and charm along the way.

Texas is set in the Palo Duro Canyon, which offers the perfect background for the romantic drama. The canyon walls

surrounding the theatre offering a private view into the settlers' lives. To set the mood, beautiful sunsets turn into a starry night as the tale of Texas unfolds under the Panhandle skies.

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HPJRA Finals Results

The final event of the year for the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association was held in Clovis late in July. A number of local cowgirls and cowboys enjoyed impressive results at the finals.

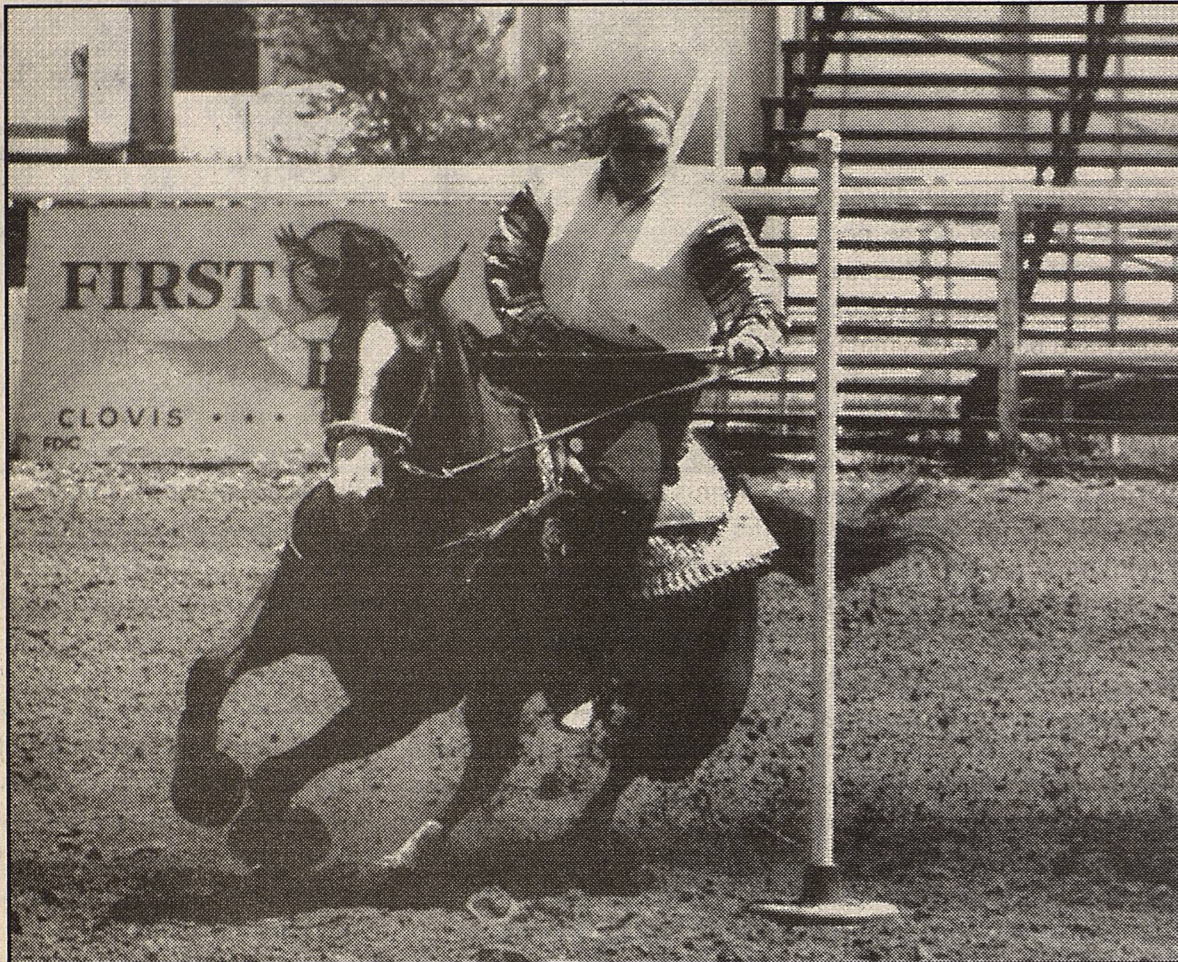
Marcey House, 19 year old daughter of Wayne and Phyllis House and a student at LCU, had a 2nd and 6th place in the poles, giving her a 3rd place in the average, and a 4th place in standings for the year. She earned 7th place in the average in ribbon roping, and was 5th in year end standings.

Troy Parrish, 8, and the son of Don and SuAnn Parrish, qualified for three events in the finals. He won 10th place in the average in barrels.

Blake Parrish, 12 year old brother of Troy, was 2nd in calf touching, and was 10th in the 2nd round of steer breakaway roping.

Kimbe Jones also qualified for the finals, but was unable to compete because of an injury to her horse.

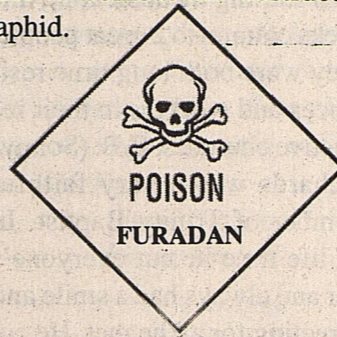
Brett Squyres, a PHS Senior, qualified for the finals in all four of his events. He was 6th in the tie-down calf roping, and 8th for the year. In ribbon roping he was 5th in the average, and finished 4th for the year. He was 7th in average in chute dogging, 5th for the year, and was 9th for the year in team roping. Brett is currently working out for football, and will also compete in the Region II High School Rodeo events this fall.



Marcey House bends the poles

Growers asked to post fields when treating for aphids

Cotton growers are asked to notify the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation if they need to treat cotton fields for aphids. Typically, growers must use the pesticide Furadan in order to combat the destructive aphid.



By law, fields that have been treated with Furadan must have warning signs posted, caution-

ing people not to enter the field for 15 days. Fields can be entered after 48 hours if personal protective equipment is worn, but it is important that growers post signs to advise a field has been treated.

In the interest of protecting employees, the Foundation asks that all growers notify their nearest boll weevil office to advise of fields that have been or will be treated.

Cooperation by growers will ensure that proper precautions are taken to protect the health and well being of all individuals who need access to affected cotton fields.

Boom on the Border

Laredo was founded as a colonial city of New Spain in 1755, the only remaining Spanish colonial settlement on the north bank of the lower Rio Grande.

The city is often called Los Laredos, because Laredo and Nuevo Laredo are actually one city divided only by the river. Today, almost 800,000 people live in the two cities.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has played a major role in both communities growth and prosperity.

Between 1990 and 1998, Laredo;

* saw its population grow two and a half times faster than the state - 42.4 % compared to 17.5%.

* Created jobs twice as fast as the state.

* Outpaced the state 51.2 % to 42.2% in per capita income growth

* The number of loaded trucks in both directions passing through the Laredo port of entry increased 152%, and loaded rail cars increased 215%, while gross landed weight at Laredo's international airport increased 1,000%.

* Building permit values reached \$180.4 million in 1998, 91% more than in 1990.

In 1999, almost \$60 billion in imports and exports passed through the port of Laredo.

The Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District will hold a meeting at 8:00 a.m. on August 22, 2000 at the district office located at 1012 Avenue F, Plains, Texas to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for tax year 2000 the proposed rate is .01336 per \$100 of value.

Four County Shared Services Arrangement Gives Special Education Help

The Four County Shared Services Arrangement provides special education services for students from birth to age 22 who live in the Brownfield, Denver City, Loop, O'Donnell, Plains, Seagraves, Tahoka, and Wellman-Union, school districts.

Services are provided for the speech, visually or hearing impaired, and also provided for the learning disabled, emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded and for students with health or physical disabilities who attend public schools, private schools or home schools.

If you know of a child who needs services, call (806) 637-8448 or your local school district for more information.

Obituaries

Funeral services for Elbert "Red" Allen, 89, of Brownfield, Tx., were held 10:00 am. Monday, August 14, 2000, in the Geo. C. Price Funeral Chapel with Rev. E.R. Latham, United Pentecostal Church, Coleman, Tx and Rev. T.H. Chapman, United Pentecostal Church, Midland, Tx, officiating. Burial was in the City of Levelland Cemetery, under the direction of Geo. C. Price funeral directors, Levelland, Tx. He died Friday August 11, 2000 in Brownfield Regional Medical Center, following an illness.

He was born August 18 1910 in Liberty Hill, Tx. He married Frankie Rhodes, March 22, 1947 in Big Spring, Tx. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WW11. He was a member of Sage Terrace Pentecostal Church in Brownfield. He worked in the oilfield from 1947 to 1975 in Sundown, Levelland, and Denver City. He retired from Texas Pacific Oil Co. September 1,

1975. They moved to Brownfield from Plains in 1979 where they have been employed as managers of Brownfield Housing Authority since 1980.

He was preceded in death by a daughter: Linda Seale Sparks, August 3, 1996.

He is survived by his wife: Frankie Allen, Brownfield, 2 Sons: Elbert Allen Jr. and wife Gail, Brownfield, Elwynn Gene Allen and wife Kathy, Levelland, a son in law: Frank Sparks, Robert Lee; a sister: Dora Alice Hall, Gainesville, 8 grand children, four great grand children and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pall bearers were: Buddy Stephenson, John Shelton, Nick Williams, Larry Murphree, Reese Taylor, Jordan Allen, Rodney Allen, and Greg Allen.

Honorary Pall bearers were Retirees of Texas Pacific Oil Co.

Aug. 17, 1931 Gov. Sterling ordered the National Guard to the East Texas oil fields to enforce regulation of oil production. Martial law declared.

2000 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN CITY OF PLAINS

This notice concerns 2000 property tax rates for CITY OF PLAINS. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100.00 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$ 96,288.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 96,288.00
Last year's tax base	\$19,686,784.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 0.4891/\$100

This year's Effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 95,642.00
(After subtracting taxes on lost property)	
This year's adjusted taxes	\$19,129,307.00
(After subtracting value of new property)	
This year's effective tax rate	\$ 0.50 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last years adjusted operating taxes	\$ 95,642.00
(After subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for transferred function)	
This year's adjusted tax base	\$19,129,307.00
This year's effective operating rate	\$ 0.50 /\$100
1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 0.54 /\$100
This year's debt rate	\$ 0 /\$100
This year's rollback rate	\$ 0.54 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If the City of Plains adopts a 2000 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.50 per \$100.00 value, taxes would decrease compared to 1999 taxes by \$642.00.

Schedule A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
NO UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES	\$0

Schedule B: 1998 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amount for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenue, if applicable).

Total required for 1998 Debt Service	\$ 0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from fund listed in Schedule A	\$ 0.00
- Excess collection last year	\$ 0.00
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1998	\$ 0.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect 100% of its taxes in 1998	\$ 0.00
= Total Debt Levy	\$ 0.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at YOAKUM COUNTY TAX OFFICE, PLAINS COURTHOUSE, AVE G AND COWBOY WAY, PLAINS TEXAS.

Name of person preparing this notice: WANDA SMITH
Title: YOAKUM TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
Date Prepared: July 27, 2000

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☼ Leftover school lunch - Be safe throw it away.

Making a Snack?

☼ WASH YOUR HANDS!!!!



☼ Always use clean spoons, forks, and plates.



☼ Wash fruits and vegetables before you take a bite.

☼ Do not eat bread, cheese or soft fruits and vegetables that look bad or have even small spots of mold.

☼ Do not leave cold items (like milk, lunch meat, hard cooked eggs or yogurt) out on the counter at room temperature. Place them back in the refrigerator after you fix your snack.



SOUTH PLAINS HEALTH DEPT.

Internet Courses At SPC

South Plains College will offer a wide variety of Internet courses this fall in addition to courses offered on site.

Internet courses offered at SPC Levelland are Agricultural Finance, Cultural Anthropology, General Biology, Development English, Composition 1, Composition 11, Technical Writing, British Literature, American Literature, Technical Writing, World Literature, American Government, Organization, History of the U.S. to 1876, Texas History, Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement, General Psychology, Human Growth and Development and Current Social Problems.

Internet courses offered at SPC Lubbock are Introduction to Keyboarding, Introduction to Computer Science, Introduction to Computer Programming and Advanced Database.

Fall registration at SPC Lubbock will be August 23 for returning students and August 24 for new students. Fall registration at SPC Levelland will be August 24 sign up at SPC Reese Center campus will be August 21-22.

For more information, contact SPC Levelland at 894-9611 or SPC Lubbock at 747-0576.



A VOTE AGAINST WASTE



"In this bill, with all of our needs, we found room to provide Defense money to monitor the desert tortoise population in California."

By PHIL GRAMM
United States Senator
Congressional Record,
July 27, 2000

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, my dad was a sergeant in the Army. I have always believed in a strong defense, and I have always prided myself on the fact that at least in my opinion, no one in the Senate was a stronger supporter of national defense and a stronger supporter of the men and women who wear the uniform of this country and who keep us free. I therefore thought it was incumbent on me to explain why I am going to vote against this Defense appropriations bill.

Let me start by giving you a little history because I think it explains why we are at this extraordinary point with a bill that seems so very hard to explain. President Clinton, in the first five years he was President, cut defense spending every single day. In the first year of his Presidency, real defense spending fell by 5.8 percent. In 1994, real defense spending again fell by 5.8 percent. In 1995, it fell by 4.7 percent; in 1996, 4.9 percent; in 1997, 0.5 percent; in 1998, 2.8 percent. In every one of those years, real resources that we committed to national security and to the well-being of the men and women who defend America declined.

Then, in 1999, finally, as we were looking at the 1999 budget, the Joint Chiefs of Staff finally stopped toeing the line for President Clinton, stopped apologizing for the decimation of the military, and pointed out that the military had been hollowed by Bill Clinton.

So in 1999, led, I am proud to say, by the Republican Congress, we actually increased defense spending in real terms for the first time since Bill Clinton had been President.

Now, in his final budget submission, President Clinton, as he is heading toward the exit, having cut defense consistently since he became President — even counting the increase Congress added last year, real defense outlays have been cut by 17 percent — now, in his parting budget, President Clinton proposed \$16 billion of increases in defense spending.

We might have celebrated that fact — having written a budget that added \$16 billion and expanded our modernization programs, improved health care for our active duty military and for our retirees — there are many good things we could do with that \$16 billion — but Congress was not going to be outdone.

So remarkably, we find ourselves today in a situation where the President proposed a \$16 billion increase, Congress has raised that by another \$14 billion, and, as a result, we have over a 10-percent increase in defense spending in 1 year. I would submit that this is political upmanship that makes absolutely no sense. What has happened is, the surplus is literally burning a hole in our pockets.

The picture is actually worse because there are all kinds of gimmicks in the bill that would allow more to be spent. You might wonder how \$2 billion that nobody voted on in either House of Congress could be added in conference. Let me explain how it happened. In fact, I am sure people wonder: Where do these emergencies come from? Every week or so now, they are seeing Congress pass an emergency funding bill.

On page 54 of this Defense appropriations bill, we have an emergency created. This is how it happened. The Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, in section 8166, cut spending for the Overseas Contingency Operations Transfer Fund by \$1.1 billion.

They took the \$1.1 billion out of the appropriations bill, and then, in title IX, they added it back, but this time as an emergency. So, in the middle of page 54, an emergency is created, by taking money away from needed expenditures on American overseas contingency operations — we take the money away in the middle of page 54 — then we spend this money on all of these programs that Senator McCain is talking about, and then, at the bottom of page 54, we add it back because we have an emergency.

So they created the emergency in the middle of page 54, and then at the bottom of page 54, having created a crisis — we might have to bring troops home from Kosovo as a result of the money taken in the middle of page 54 — they then solve the emergency by taking exactly the same amount of money, declaring it an emergency so it does not count under the budget, and adding it back.

It, I think, speaks volumes that Senator McCain looked at this bill, and I looked at this bill, and we both came up with a list of programs that we thought were indefensible. We never talked about our choice of programs, but there is not a single overlap on our lists. That tells me we were picking from a large bushel basket full of add-ons.

Let me give you a few that I think deserve a prize. Five million dollars is earmarked out of Army operations and maintenance. I remind my colleagues, this is an area where we have a critical shortage of funding, where we have provided emergency money in the past. In clear violation of the base closing law — which says, when you close a military base you can't keep building infrastructure on that military base; when you have closed it, when you have transferred it to the civilian sector, you can't keep spending defense money on it — in clear violation of the base closing law, we provide \$5 million, which we transfer to the National Park Service, to build infrastructure on a base that has been closed.

No. 2, we provide \$4 million to monitor desert tortoise populations. Remember, we are taking \$4 million out of the defense budget. In fact, we declared an emergency when we took the money away from overseas operations, and then we put it back in for an emergency so we could fund programs such as monitoring desert tortoise populations.

It is interesting, when you press, to learn what the justification is. The justification, you will be happy to know, is that we may, at some point, want to expand a military base, and the desert tortoise population might be relevant. I remind my colleagues, we are closing military bases. Nevertheless, in this bill, with all of our needs, we found room to provide defense money to monitor the desert tortoise population in California.

Because we have a huge backlog in depot maintenance for our ships in the Navy, this Congress has provided \$362 million of emergency money to try to deal with this backlog in ship maintenance so our ships can perform their missions. In this bill, we take \$750,000 out of that emergency money and use it for renovations on the U.S.S. Turner Joy. Senator McCain will be one of the few people here who will remember the U.S.S. Turner Joy. It is a destroyer. It is well known because it was involved in the Tonkin Gulf action that got us deeper into Vietnam. But it has been out of the Navy since 1982. We are providing \$362 million on an emergency basis to catch up with ship maintenance, and yet we are basically giving a tourist bureau money to do renovation on a ship that has been out of the Navy since 1982.

There is \$5.5 million for an Army research and development project. This is money meant for modernization so if we have to send men and women into combat, they will have technological superiority. We use this \$5.5 million for laser vision correction. Laser vision correction is a miracle. They can come in and do it, and you don't have to wear glasses anymore. But the point is, what does that have to do with national defense? Why are we funding medical research out of the national defense budget?

I will conclude on this: We took \$1.1 billion out of defense. We declared an emergency because we didn't have enough defense money. Then, having declared an emergency and gotten the money, then we take the \$1.1 billion that was supposed to be spent on defense and spend it on other things. As a result, we literally have an almost endless list of projects exactly like these. You have to ask yourself, is this really the best use for the taxpayers' money?

I say to my colleagues, I am going to vote against this Defense bill because this is runaway spending at its worst. I voted against other bills because of the obscene way we literally are throwing money at these appropriated accounts. In this election year, with many close elections, we literally are spending money on anything that might have a constituency. This process has got to stop. I think it undermines the good work we are doing.

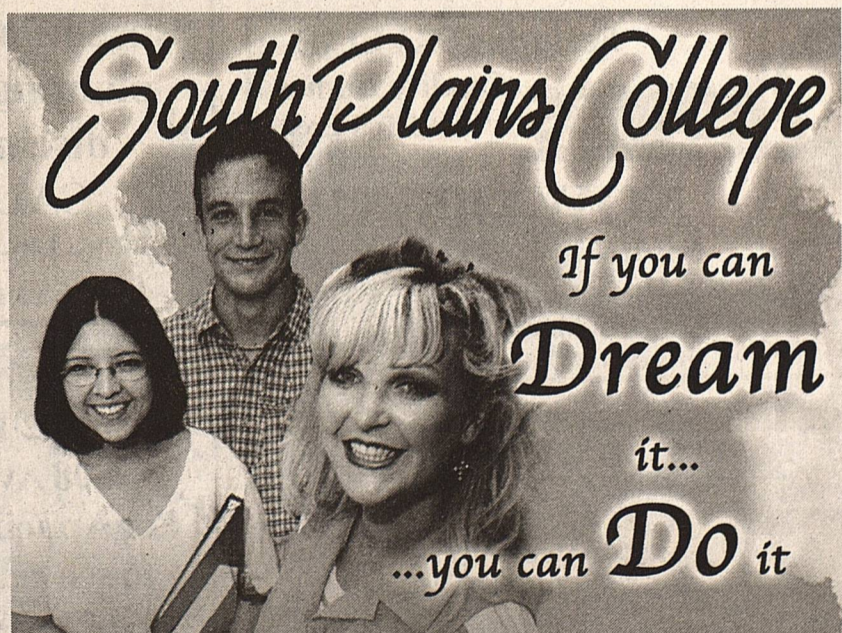
I am going to vote against this bill because you cannot defend this kind of runaway spending. The only defense I've heard is that, in a big bill, you are going to take on some spending. I don't think that is good enough.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Sen. Gramm wants to hear from you on these and other issues facing Texans. To send him your views, please write him at 370 Russell, Washington, D.C., 20510. To learn more about what's happening in Washington, you may also wish to visit Sen. Gramm's Web site at <http://gramm.senate.gov>)

PUBLIC HEARING

As required by law, and by directive of the Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County, Texas, **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Public Hearing on the salaries, expenses and allowances of elected County and Precinct Officers to be provided for in the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget for Yoakum County is set for 4:00 P.M., August 30th, 2000, preceding the Public Hearing on 2001 Proposed Budget. The hearing will be held in the District Courtroom, County Courthouse, Plains, Texas. The salaries and allowances will be considered and acted upon at this meeting and officially adopted before the completion of the hearing on the Fiscal Year 2001 Budget. Present salaries and allowances with the requested and proposed increases are as follows:

Elected Official	Present Base Salary/ Longevity Salary/ Allowance	Proposed Base Salary/ Longevity Salary/ Allowance(s)	Increase
County Judge	35,963.88	36,683.15	719.27
	3,744.00	5,208.00	1,464.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Commissioner, Prct. #1	35,355.84	36,062.95	707.11
	432.00	912.00	480.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Commissioner, Prct. #2	35,355.84	36,062.95	707.11
	444.00	931.00	487.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Commissioner, Prct. #3	35,355.84	36,062.95	707.11
	6,624.00	0.00	0.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Commissioner, Prct. #4	35,355.84	36,062.95	707.11
	0.00	168.00	168.00
	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
County Clerk	40,763.88	41,483.15	719.27
	444.00	931.00	487.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
District Clerk	40,763.88	41,483.15	719.27
	1,968.00	2,914.00	946.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
County Treasurer	40,763.88	41,483.15	719.27
	6,072.00	8,215.00	2,143.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tax Assessor/ Collector	40,763.88	41,483.15	719.27
	7,608.00	0.00	0.00
	240.00	240.00	0.00
County Sheriff	35,963.88	36,683.15	719.27
	5,736.00	7,781.00	2,045.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
JP, Prct. #1	31,065.60	36,683.15	5,617.55
	4,224.00	5,828.00	1,604.00
	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00
JP, Prct. #2	31,065.60	36,683.15	5,617.55
	720.00	2,232.00	1,512.00
	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00
Constable, Prct. #1	1.00	1.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Constable, Prct. #2	1.00	1.00	0.00
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From The Hack

I had the honor but not the pleasure of burying one of my close friends this weekend, one Robert Scott Hayes, better known as Bob, in the City of Pecos, Texas.

He was a year older than me, and I guess we had known one another the biggest part of those years. He came from a large family born and reared in Barstrow, six miles east across the Pecos River.

A little late in life he married his first and only wife, Charlene, who stood up pretty well at the services this last Saturday.

Bob came to my rescue twice in my life. He stood up as best man in my first marriage, which ended in rather drastic failure. When the Bride and I finally decided to stand before the preacher and exchange vows, I again chose Bob to represent me, but only after this serious warning; "You screwed up pretty poorly the first go round, but I'm giving you one more chance - you'd better have changed your ways."

I guess he had honed his homework, because we're still he'ing and she'ing going into our 30th year.

I served as a pallbearer in Bob's services. When I entered the Pecos Funeral Home, I

went into the room where he lay in state. He had been a very large man earlier, but had lost many pounds during his illness. I looked at that face I had known for over 60 years, and thought, "Bob, old buddy, they have you looking great. I still wish you'd lost a little more weight, 'cause all your pallbearers are like me.....OLD"

Saturday morning in Pecos was exactly as I had predicted to the Bride, insufferably hot, without a hint of a breeze to help during the brief grave side services.

Bob's final resting place was a good distance from where the hearse parked and we lined up to carry his body to it's final earthly site. By time we got Bob under the awning and on the apparatus which would finally put him deep at rest, all the pallbearers were wringing wet - it was HOT.

Thankfully, his widow Charlene had anticipated these conditions, and asked the minister to keep the final services brief. He did. I wore a black suit, coat and tie, and I truly thought I would melt down like Chernobyl.

During the services, I kept recalling images of some of the things Bob and I had shared, lots of them I won't repeat here. I admit, I hate funerals. I know they are inevitable, and maybe one or two of you might have to tote me the last few yards.

He was a good man, And Bob Hayes, I am proud to have you called me a best friend. And Char, we still love you.

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State Of Texas

To: Donny Mack Seals, Respondent
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgement may be taken against you.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable 121st Judicial District Court of Yoakum County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County in Plains, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of **JUDY KAY JUSTUS, PETITIONER**, filed in said Court on August 7, 2000, against **DONNY MACK SEALS, RESPONDENT**, and said suit being numbered Cause No. 7753 on the docket of said Court, and entitled: **"EX PARTE CHISUM MILES SEALS DEATON and STERLING McJOBE SEALS DEATON, MINOR CHILDREN"**

The nature of this suit is a name change for children. The date and place of birth of the children, who are the subject of this suit are as follows: Chisum Miles Seals Deaton born July 17, 1985 in Lincoln County, New Mexico and Sterling McJobe Seals Deaton born February 25, 1983 in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Plains, Texas this 8th day of August, 2000.
 REQUESTED BY: Ray Fargason Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 5950, Lubbock, Texas 79408-5950.

Vicki Blundell, District Clerk, P.O. Box 899, Plains, Texas 79355.

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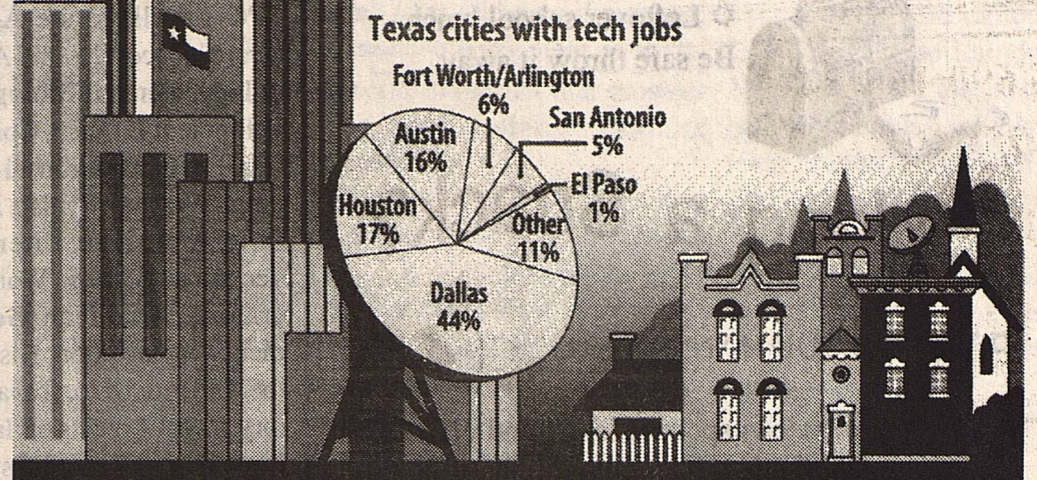


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- Dallas: 44%
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- Austin: 16%
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- San Antonio: 5%
- El Paso: 1%
- Other: 11%

SOURCES: Carol Keeton Blander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; and American Electronics Association Cyberdates 3.0.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. on August 28, 2000 in the Administration Office

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ 0.00*	\$ 1.50	\$ 8,265	\$ 86
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	1.36		1.36	8,620	
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.39	\$ 0.00*	\$ 1.39	\$ 8,999	\$

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 34,394	\$ 35,038
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 12,515	\$ 13,031
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.39
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 187.73	\$ 181.13
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (6.60)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.39 If adopted August. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.39.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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