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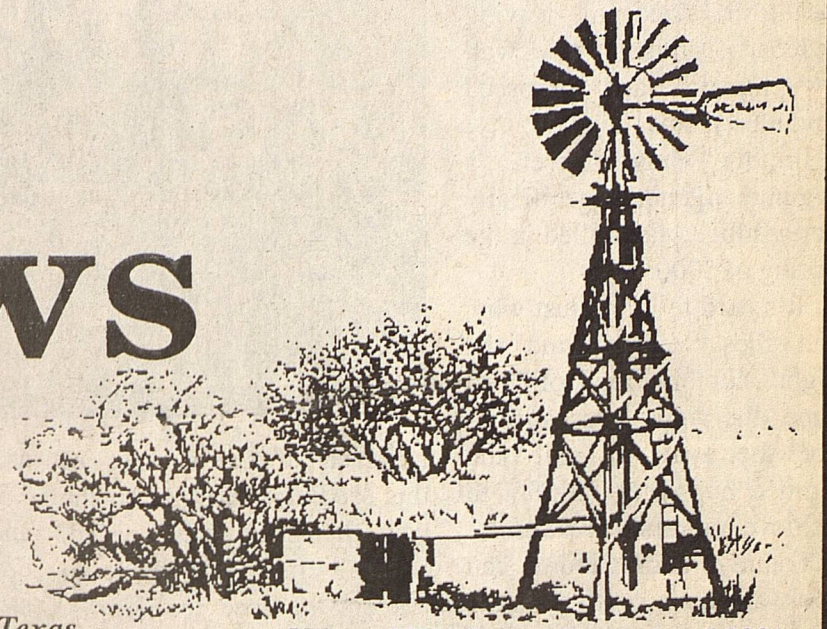
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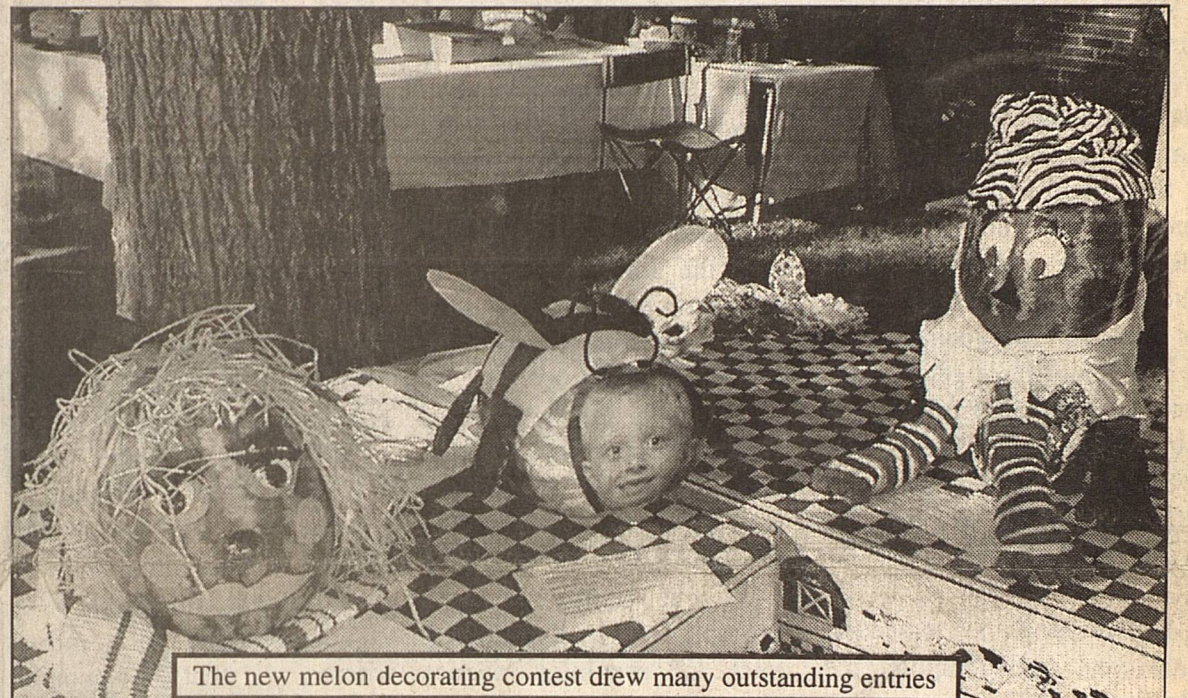
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The two-block courthouse complex was jammed all day Saturday



The new melon decorating contest drew many outstanding entries

FORMULA FOR SUCCESS...

Come up with a creative, sound idea - sell others on the idea - find volunteers willing to plan and work long and hard - DO IT!

That about sums up the philosophy that enabled the Yoakum County Connection's Sixth Annual Watermelon Round Up to be another smash success story. Virtually everyone polled at Saturday's big event agreed, the crowd was larger, and there were more activities for all ages.

The following are highlights of the Round Up; The Classic Car Show drew a record 142 paid entries, plus a few more cars, scooters and motorcycles. One contestant journeyed 725 miles from Louisiana to enter the show, which had 32 judged classes. Major winners included:

Best of Show- Evelyn Goetz, Odessa, '32 Ford HiBoy

Best Interior- Leonard Gidney, Carlsbad, '50 Mercury

Best Paint- Evelyn Goetz, '32 Ford HiBoy.

Best Engine- Calvin Sanders, Midland- '64 Malibu

Mayors Choice- Adam Garza, Levelland, '58 Impala. Participants Choice- Jerry Poole, Aspermont, '55 Chevy Pickup

Watermelon Pick- James Doelling, '40 Ford Pickup Best Car Club Participation- Wolves, Lubbock

Superintendents Award- Leonard Gidney, '50 Mercury Lea County Electric Award- Nubbin Crouch, Artesia, '42 GMC Pickup.

Watermelon contest results saw Macky McWhirter's five melons take the prize for heaviest variety, and Eddie Earnest claim the prize for five of the most uniform melons. Denver City's Clark family swept the Largest Melon contest -

Kallie Clark won Best In Show for a 122.25 pound melon, Amy Clark weighed in the second largest, a 162 pounder, and Granddad L. H. Clark claimed top prize for a 171 pound giant.

The annual seed spitting event drew contestants with great wind power - County Judge Dallas Brewer again won the senior title, and other winners included Dottie

Mayes, Edward Day, Jonathan Salinas and Joseph Martinez.

Chairman Ty Earl Powell chose a Holstein calf to determine the \$500 winner in the annual Cow Patty Bingo game, and the animal apparently suffered from severe irregularity, for it took almost an hour to result in Lucas Hernandez finally winning the cash. Results in the brisket and chili cookoff found the Mex-Tex Outlaws team, Frank Davila, Edward Gonzales, Lolly Davila repeating as brisket cooking champs, and they also took first place honors in the chili event. Redneck Cookers Joel Trevino and Scott Winn were second place in the brisket event, and Denver City Fire Department members Carl Whittaker, Dave Tedford, Martin Enriquez, Doug Isabel and Rick McClure were second in the chili cooking.

Contestants in the new Melon Decorating Contest competed for savings bonds donated by Plains State Bank, Sundown State Bank, and Wells Fargo D.C. Bank. Kay'd Lamar took best in show honors, Shyann

Vantine won the youth division, Sharla Vantine was tops in the junior division, and Doug Isaacks topped the senior division, all with unique decorations.

Connection door prize winners included Debra Joiner, Micah Horn, and Ragan McGinty.

In the Fun Run kicking the Round Up off Saturday morning, Hope Kostedt, Mesa Davis, Matthew Gonzales, Mackenzie Patton, Peyton McWhirter and Alexis Barrientes toddled in the one to three year division. Colby Bearden was 1st, Chase Gibson 2nd and Lucas Hernandez 3rd in the 4-5 group, 6 to 8 girl class winners were Stephanie Addison 1st, Jasmine Samarron 2nd, Charity Kostadt 3rd. Luke Samarron, Jesse Gonzales and Scott Kostedt topped the 6-8 boys group. The One Mile Run found Rene Gonzales first, Jimmy Samarron second, and Loreneuzo Padilla third.

Individuals and firms purchasing briskets in the auction closing out the Round Up included Danny's Service Co., Denver City, Ty Earl Powell, Vicki Blundell and Gena Wilmeth.

Committee Candidates Sought

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking candidates for the locally led County Committee election to be held this Fall.

"It is crucial every eligible agricultural producer take part in this election process, because County Committees serve as a direct link between the agricultural community and the U. S. Department of Agriculture," says Gary Six, County Executive Director. "The County Committee system needs everyone to get involved - from voters to committee candidates. Almost anyone eligible to participate in programs administered by FSA qualifies to be a candidate for the committee."

Nomination forms can be obtained from FSA County Offices. FSA will notify nominees and mail election ballots to eligible voters in mid-November. Completed ballots must be returned to FSA offices and postmarked by December 3. Elected members and alternates will take office January 1, 2002.

FSA County Committees provide local guidance and make deci-

sions on issues including; commodity price support and payments; establishment of allotments, yields and marketing quotas; farm loans; conservation programs; incentive, indemnity, and disaster payments for some commodities; and other disaster program assistance. County Committees have served as the eyes, ears, and voice of farmers and ranchers nationwide for more than 60 years.

"The County Committee plays an integral role in the delivery of Farm Service Agency services. We'd like the County Committee to reflect a diverse cross-section of the local agricultural community, by including representation from non-traditional farming operations, small farmers or ranchers, specialty crop producers, minority producers, spouses or business partners - anyone who would be willing to add new or different perspectives to the County Committee."

For more information contact your local USDA Farm Service Agency office, 806-456-2132.

Generosity MADE the Round Up



Generous people, firms and organizations are key ingredients in making civic functions like the Watermelon Round Up succeed. Tons of donated melons were iced down in these big tubs for the day long free slices, other whole melons were donated to sell to the public as a fund raiser. Generous donors of county watermelons included McWhirter Farms, Earnest Farms, Anderson Produce, Wayne Box, Danny Bell, Ty and Jet Wilmeth, Brad Palmer, Larry Morrow and R&R Produce.

Criminal cases in

District Court

Two criminal cases were heard in 121st Judicial District Court August 27, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding.

Thomas Drought, Jr., Pled guilty to DWI, third or more. He was sentenced to seven years in state prison, suspended and probated seven years. He was fined \$1500, and will make time payments on \$237 court costs. He must serve 160 hours community service, serve 8 days in jail with credit for two days served, complete the outpatient program at Lubbock Manged Care Center, complete the DWI repeat offender program, and install an ignition interlock device on any driven vehicle. His attorney was Bill Helwig.

Jamie Christian Leach pled true and was sentenced in the order to proceed with adjudication of guilt on a delivery of controlled substance, marijuana, cause. A five

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On The Level

**with Donald Haley
 USDA/NRCS**

Every once in a while, things work out right!

Take Tommy Box's stand of native CRP grass, for example.

Seeded in the spring of 1999, these 573 acres west of Plains are now covered in a beautiful stand of waving sideoats grama, blackwell switchgrass, sand dropseed and blue grama.

Illinois Bundleflower, a legume planted specifically for wildlife, was drilled in the spring of 2000.

It's hard to know just why, but these acres found the right combination of soil type, the right grass species for the type of soil and limited but timely rainfall to achieve impressive results.

Tommy and Cindra can look out their south window and see antelope in the CRP on many days.

The chalky, mostly unproductive Portales loam soil, which didn't need much of an excuse to blow when farmed, is protected.

So...wildlife is happy, wind erosion is controlled, a dependable income from these acres is achieved and all is right with the world!

The majority of other 1998 and 1999 CRP seedings across Yoakum County did not enjoy the same results.

Many of these native grass plantings were re-seeded in 2001.

Failed stands not re-seeded this year will require re-drilling in 2002.



"Much of the success of this seeding I attribute to the way the grass was seeded. Special effort was made to not get the seed too deep... no more than 1/4 inch," says Tommy.

Many CRP seedings start out with the seed drilled far deeper than it should be.

Makes sense if you think about it, since Mother Nature puts it right there on top.

If seeded too deeply and with the limited rainfall of the last several years, the seed uses all its' stored energy just to reach the surface.

And like a hen-pecked husband wandering through South Plains Mall, its' sugar and carbohydrate levels are soon depleted in the struggle.

Without energy to push through the hardened soil crust, the seedlings' chance of success are about as good

as selling \$2.00 cotton.

The main culprit of 1998 and 1999 grass failures was drought - just enough moisture to germinate the seed, then barely enough clouds to make good shade since!

Anyway, it's nice when things work out like they should.

"These acres should never have been broken out and farmed. I'm happy with the grass cover and that's the way I plan to keep it," Tommy emphasizes.

Well - there you have it. A genuine success story.

And like my Grandpa used to say, "Yore Grandma gnawed on me good for trackin' a little mud on her clean kitchen floor....here's to hopin' there's alot more where that come from....."

Opinion of the Editor

By W.H. (Hop) Graham, Lovington Leader, August 26, 2001

"UNGUARDED BORDERS - The nagging problem of what to do about illegal Mexican aliens won't go away, There are supposed to be about three million " undocumented Mexican immigrants" in the U.S. today and that's probably a big undercount. The sheer volume of their numbers is what has made the problem so hard to deal with, and prompted the most drastic and simplistic solutions of all - naturalize the whole batch, no questions asked.

Actually, this has been tried already in the form of amnesty programs. The INS gets rid of the whole backlog, but their obvious liberality spawns a new and bigger problem that appears in the next few years; Now it's a cycle that has gone out of control.

There is no question but what immigration from Mexico has had its social and economic benefits for the U.S. But it's not all a positive development. Huge waves of immigrants put major strains on social infrastructures such as education and welfare. While most immigrants are willing workers and finding work is the thing that drove them here in the first place, the fact is they have major shortcomings in education and training. This results in low wages and their contribution through taxes to the social structure that supports them is usually far below what is needed.

Probably the immigration quotas need to be adjusted to more nearly reflect the realities of the times in which we live, but they are still essential. More than ever they need to be enforced, obligating people who want to get into the U.S. to do it according to law, and not according to mob rule, which is about what we have now.

Opening the floodgates will no more solve the illegal immigration problem which is so thorny than trying to solve the drug problem by legalizing them, because they are so hard to control."

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year prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. He will make a time payment fee, pay a \$1000 fine, court appointed attorney fee of \$250, and \$225 resti-

tution to the DPS. He will remain in jail for a period not to exceed 180 days or until space is available in a substance abuse treatment facility, to serve a term of confinement not less than 90 days or more

than one year.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state in both cases.

**JP Court
 Summary**

In Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, Judge Crutcher presiding, bonds and fines were set in the following cases:

- 3 cases DWI, 1st- \$1000 bond.
- 3 cases public intoxication- \$250 fine.
- 2 cases Assault causing bodily injury- \$1500 bond.
- Purchase/furnish alcohol to minor- \$500 bond.
- 4 cases motion to revoke probation- held until hearing.
- DWI, 3rd or more- \$2500 bond.
- Theft by Check- \$500 bond.
- Escape while arrested/confined- \$35,000 bond.
- Theft- \$1500 bond.
- DWI bond forfeiture-\$2000 cash bond.
- Fleeing Police officer-\$2000 cash bond.
- 4 cases possession drug paraphenalia-\$500 bond.
- No seat belt- \$200 bond.
- Sexual assault of a child-\$35,000 plus condition of bond.
- Assault causing bodily injury-\$2000 bond.
- Driving while license invalid-\$500 bond.



Saving For The Future

Are your children savers or spenders? According to a recent survey by the American Savings Education Council, ninety-four percent of students look to their parents as a financial information source. The study also found that fifty-four percent of the students surveyed view saving some of their money as important.

Have you ever heard a child ask a parent to buy them something only to have the parent respond, "I don't have the money," and the child saying, "Just write a check." Children often have no concept of earning money, much less saving it.

Does your local school district offer courses in money management? While sixty-one percent of parents say that parents and schools should teach children about financial education, only twenty-one percent of students participating in a Youth and Money Survey have taken a personal finance course at school. Many community banks across the state have worked with local school districts to create savings programs within the schools. Bank personnel volunteer their time to go to the school and help with these school savings programs. Children set up personal savings accounts and student "tellers" accept deposits at the "bank", all in an effort to teach children the value of saving money. Sixty-eight percent of parents

think it is important to save money on a regular basis. However, only forty-five percent of the parents surveyed report that they make a monthly budget and stick to it and only thirty-eight percent of parents say they pay off credit cards completely each cycle.

Here are some ideas to teach your children to save money

Open a Savings Account. While your children are very young, take them to the bank and open a savings account for them. Many local community banks have special savings accounts specifically designed for children. Ask bank personnel to give them a tour of the bank so they will have an understanding of how the bank works as well as feel comfortable about leaving their money there.

Teach Children to Save. Thirty-eight percent of the students in the survey said their parents require them to save some of the money they receive. Most children receive an allowance and as they get older, many work part-time mowing lawns, babysitting or working at the grocery store. Parents should require children to set aside part of those earnings in a savings account for their future.

Include Children in Financial Discussions. Thirty-one percent of the students surveyed responded that their parents rarely or never discuss setting financial goals with them.

While you may not want to share the entire family budget with your children, include them in some of the family budget discussions. Show them on paper how much it costs to buy a car, costs of auto insurance, auto maintenance and gasoline for the car. Write down the cost of a college education and again show them the costs of tuition, fees, books, housing, not to mention entertainment and clothes.

Use Credit Cards Responsibly. With so many adults drowning in credit card debt, many children begin to think all of their spending problems can be solved with a credit card or two or three. Teach your children to use credit cards wisely and the importance of paying credit card accounts promptly to avoid expensive revolving interest fees. For more information on teaching your children about credit cards, log on to the Federal Trade commission web site at www.ftc.gov. There is a booklet entitled "Ready, Set...Credit" which will provide information to children about credit and credit cards.

It is never too late to begin saving money, but the earlier children learn about savings and financial goals, the more secure their financial outlook will be for the future.

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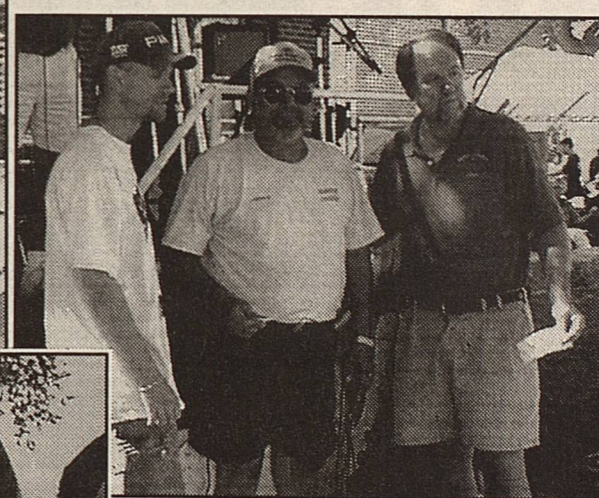
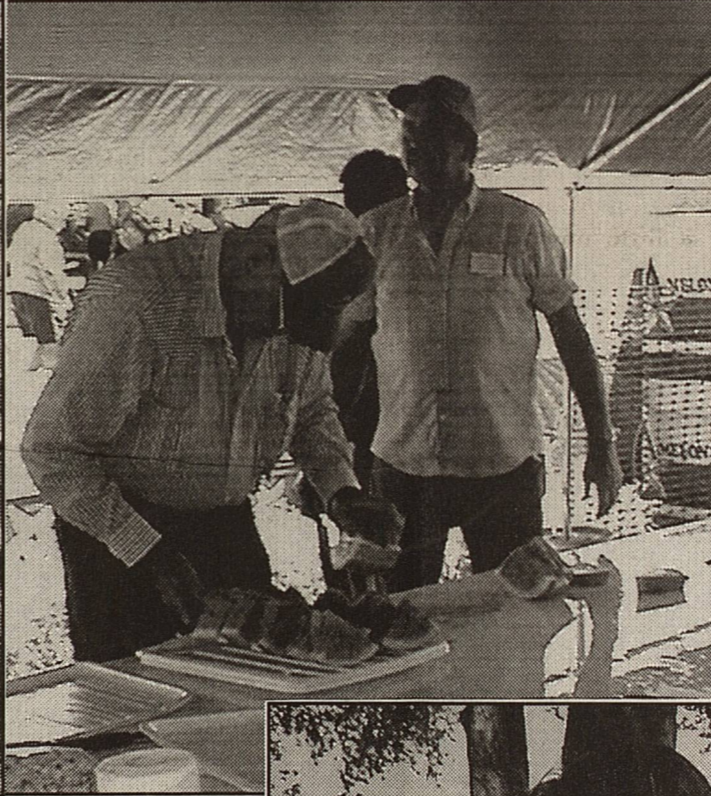
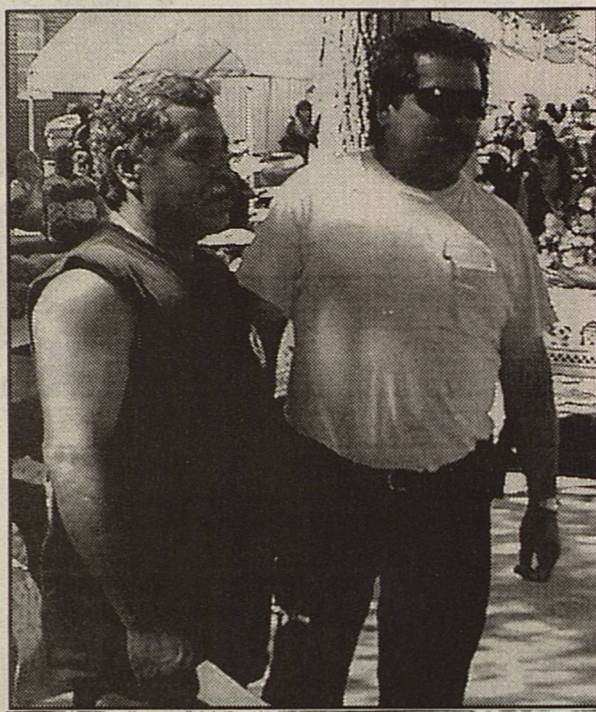
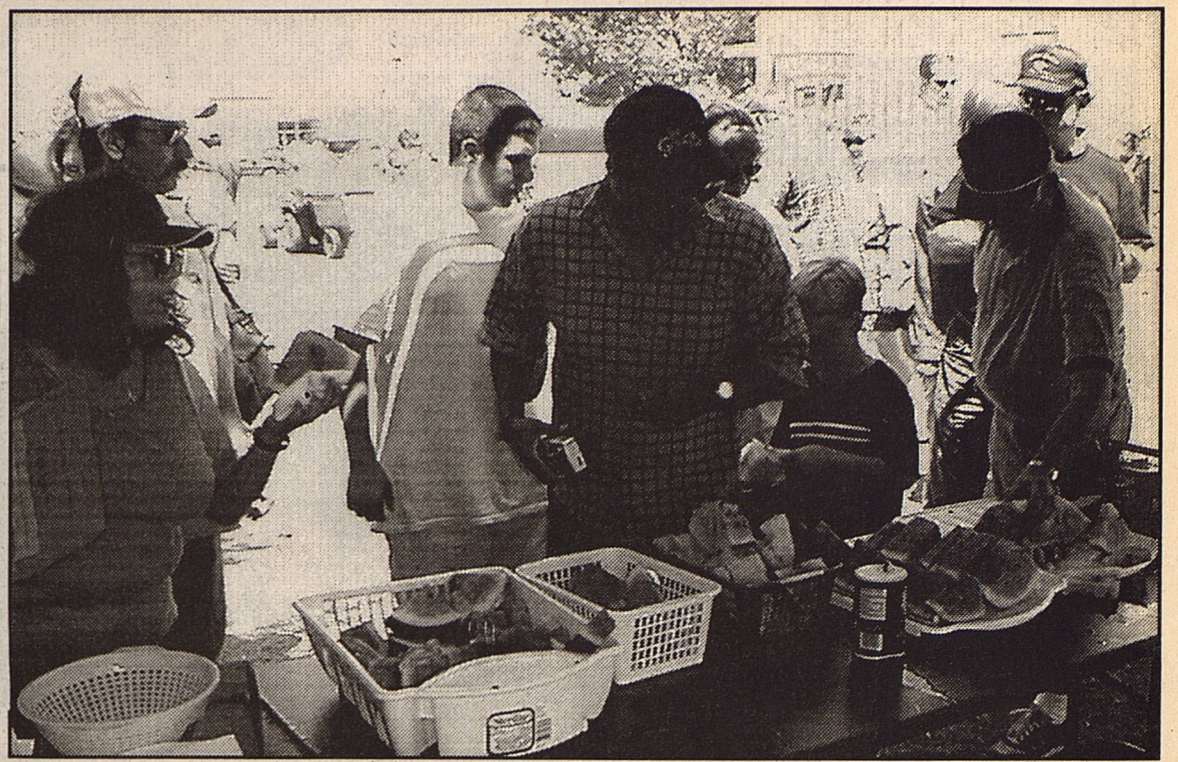
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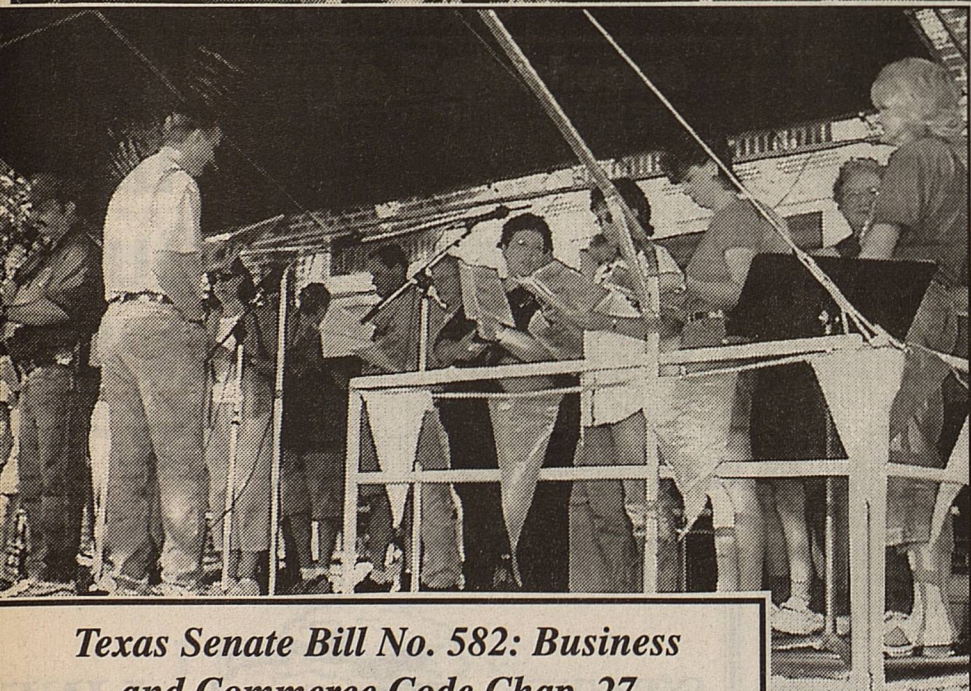
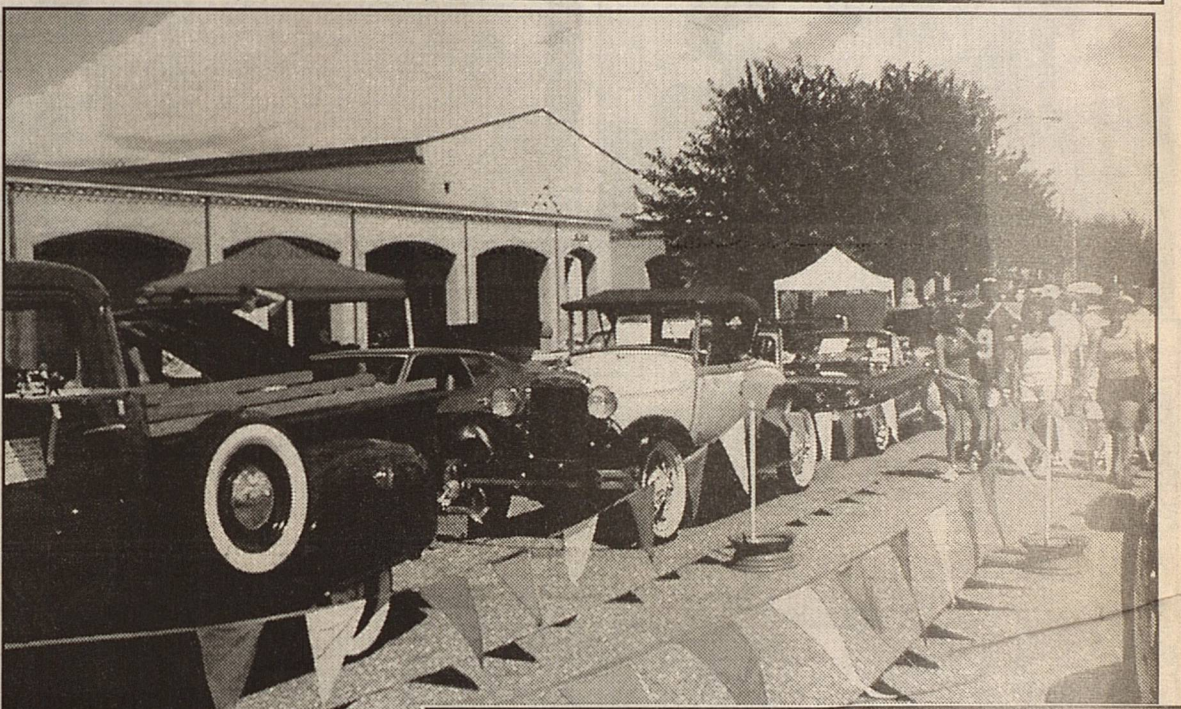
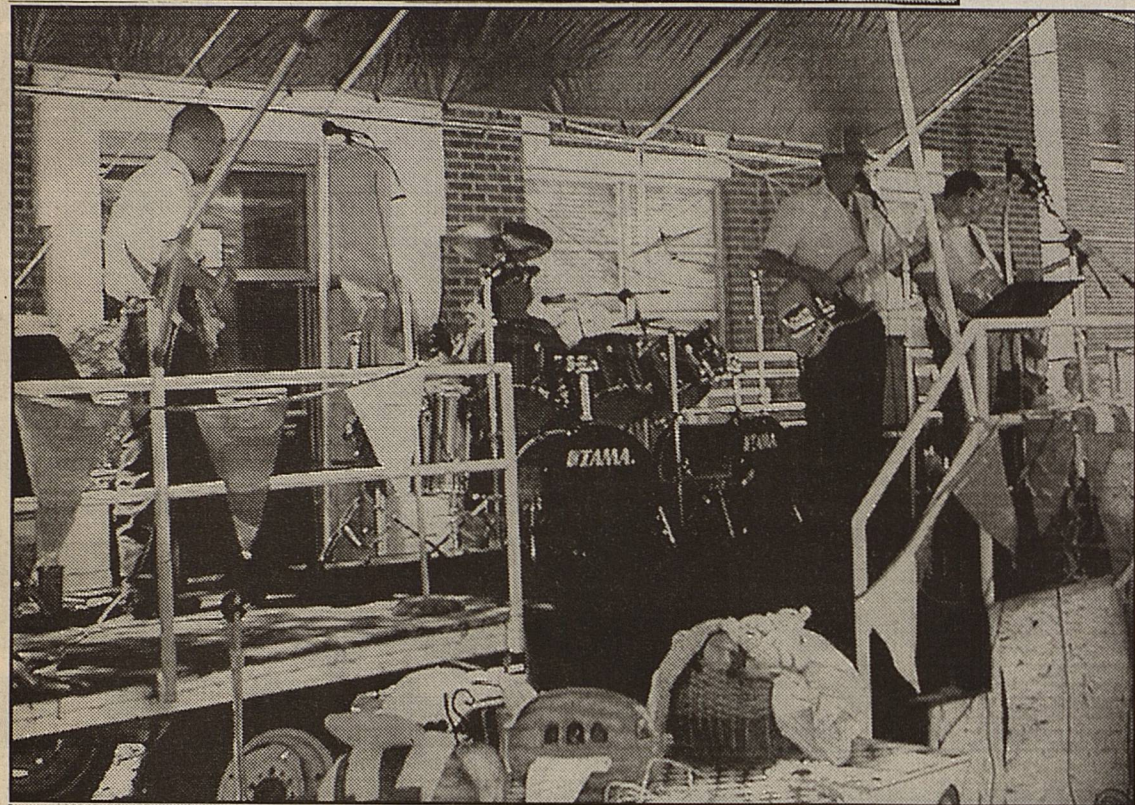
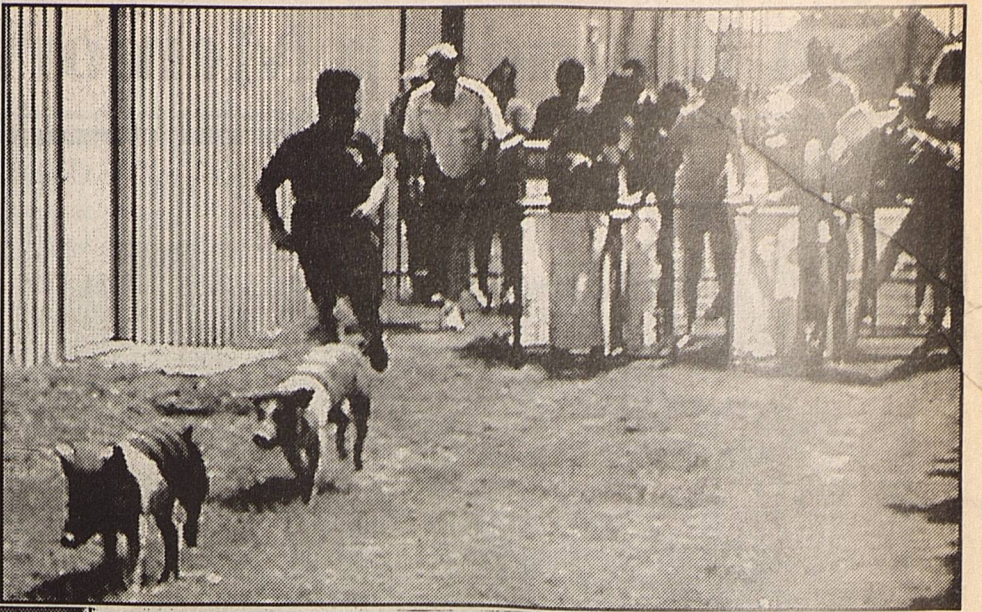
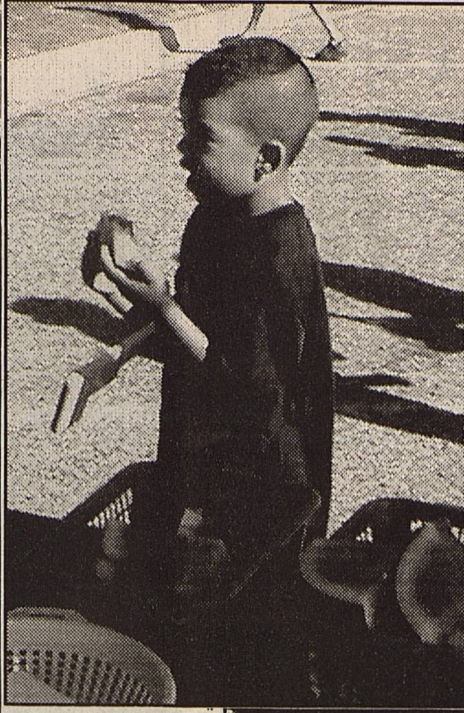
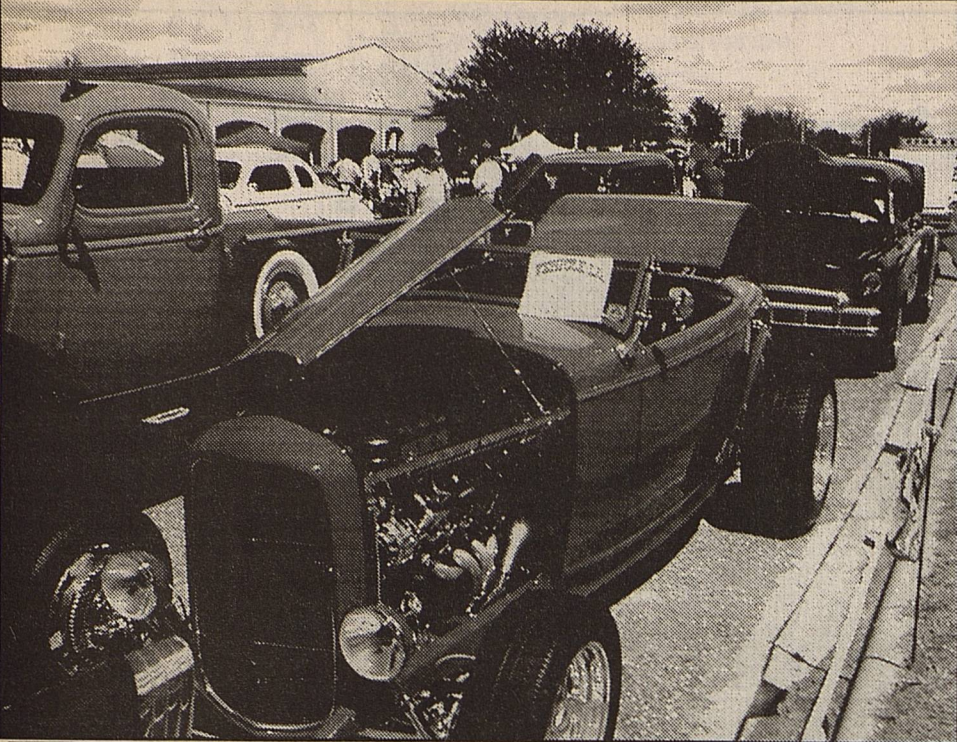
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The bride's cousin, Melinda Guerrero of Corpus Christi, was matron of honor. The groom's brother, Brad Palmer of Plains, was best man.

Kason Huddleston of Brownwood performed the ceremony. Jason Huddleston of Canyon, Tx. and Bradley Palmer of Plains were ushers. Brianna and Zachary, children of the bride were flower girl and ring bearer. Anne Palmer of Plains registered the guests.

The bride is a graduate of Carroll High School and Del Mar College. The groom is a graduate of Plains High School and West Texas State in Canyon.

The bride is Assistant Director of Peter Pan Day School. The groom is women's basketball coach at A & M University at Corpus Christi.

After a honeymoon to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple will live in Corpus Christi.


Plains Booster Club News

At the next Plains Athletic Boosters' meeting, a "Meet the Parents" function will be held. Parents and high school football, volleyball, and cross country athletes are encouraged to attend. Insurance plans available for athletes will be discussed. Refreshments will be

served following the meeting. The following class sponsors were selected. Freshman boys: Daina Flores; Freshman girls: Gloria Covarrubias; Sophomore boys: Pat McNabb; Sophomore girls: Zanna Traweck; Junior boys: Cindy Gray; Junior girls: Cindy Gray; Senior boys: Terri Hansen; Senior girls: Dana Butler. Parents of high school athletes in these classes may contact their class sponsor for questions about the athletic booster club activities.

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Senior Citizens Corner

We didn't make the paper last week because the girl that does it was on vacation. I'll try to squeeze everything in today.

We had our bake auction yesterday, everything sold and we made pretty good on it. Our great big thanks to all who bid on the cakes, pies and bread, also

ones who worked the auction. The '42' tournament was won by 2 men, Tom Clevenger and Chris Humphries. The women lost out this time.

School is back in full force, Mola is back at her painting. The line dancing is still going Monday

every week. Elaine Schneider is in the hospital. Hurry and get out of there, we miss you.

The walkers are still going strong and the ones on the treadmills are going strong also.

Till next week,
Wanda B.

CASA expands to Terry and Yoakum Counties

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) has expanded into Terry and Yoakum Counties. CASA volunteers are trained and court appointed to investigate, monitor, report, and serve as advocates in court for abused and neglected children. CASA of the South Plains now serves children in six counties.

To date, two CASA volunteers from Yoakum County have been trained and appointed as Guardian Ad Litem for area children, but unfortunately, more children in the county do not have a CASA volunteer. Time commitment with these

children varies from 5 to 15 hours a month.

Successful completion of a 26 hour training course is required. The training sessions include child abuse and neglect, child development, foster care, the legal system, child protective systems and advocacy.

The CASA Fall training session starts soon. If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer, call 763-2272 to request an application and schedule an interview. This must be done prior to Monday, September 17.



Obituary

Services Held For Wilson Quinon Duke

Wilson Quinon Duke born December 10, 1918 at Sweet Home, Pike County, Arkansas to Monroe Louis Duke and Gussie Estella Stuart Duke. He graduated from Murfreesboro, Arkansas High School in 1937. He furthered his education at Arkansas State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree and went on to the University of Arkansas to work on his Masters in Agriculture. He was a charter member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Delta Theta Chapter, Jonesboro, AK. Wilson Quinon Duke was a great baseball player. He was on his way to the minor leagues when he was drafted into the Army so we could live in a free country. All the kids would try to

outrun him to first base when got a base hit. In his 40's we couldn't outrun him with a big lead outside the fence.

He served his country during World War II where he was awarded the Bronze Star for the Guadalcanal Campaign, The American Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal, Company C 161st Infantry. He married Melba Darline Smith between summer terms at Jonesboro Arkansas on May 23, 1946. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and loved the Gospel and his eternal family. He worked for the Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service where he

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retired after 31 years at Plains, Yoakum County, Texas. He loved all sports and watched them with his family.

He returned to his Father in Heaven on August 27, 2001. He is loved and will be dearly missed by his wife; daughter Brenda (Gene) Thomas; son Michael Wilson Duke; daughter-in-law, Lanis Duke; grandchildren, Brett Richard Thomas (Jennifer); Quinon Wilson

Duke and Carly Duke; Shauna (Paul) Nelson; granddaughter-in-law, Mary Thomas; great grandchildren; Aubrey, Chase, Brock Thomas, Jacob Thomas. He was preceded in death by his grandson Trent Wilson Thomas. He will be missed very much, but not forgotten.

Graveside services were held Thursday, August 30, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the Bountiful City Cemetery.

Walk Across Texas Project Wraps Up

The 'Walk Across Texas' project sponsored by the Yoakum County Extension Service and the South Plains Public Health District is wrapping up the project this week with results being announced at the Watermelon Roundup festival in Plains on Saturday, September 1 between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. The South Plains Public Health District is sponsoring prizes for the team that walked across Texas first, the individual that walked across Texas first, the team walking the most miles, the individual walking the most miles, the oldest walker, and the youngest walker. There were 72 walkers participating in the project and 8 teams of 8 walkers completed the project. Six of the teams were able to walk across Texas. The walkers chalked up a total of 5,484.66 miles. 'Walk Across Texas' is a fun and flexible way to exercise. Just get a team together of eight people - friends, neighbors, coworkers, or family members and start walking, or jogging, or even biking. Teams can walk together or individually, outside or at a mall or gym, any way that fits the team members' schedules and lifestyles. Teams keep track of the miles walked in 8 weeks and report their totals to the County Extension Office. And by the end of the Walk Across Texas project you'll have a healthy habit that will last a lifetime!

The 1996 Surgeon General's Report on Physical Activity and

Health points out that 60 percent of American adults are not regularly physically active. In fact, 25 percent of Americans are not active at all. Fifty percent of American youths aged 12-21 year of age are not vigorously active on a regular basis. Physical inactivity is a major reason why so many American adults and their children are overweight. Increased physical can have an impact on heart disease, by far the leading cause of death in this country. In addition, increased physical activity improves blood sugar control for people with diabetes, blood pressure control for people with high blood pressure, immunity, and even reduces depression. Getting people moving can have a significant impact on their health.

Research by James Prochaska, Ph.D., points out that improving any lifestyle habit, including increasing one's physical activity level, requires moving from a state of being unaware of needing to increase activity to becoming aware, to preparing to do something, and then finally to taking some action. Prochaska's research shows that people need a tremendous amount of support to move to the action stage. 'Walk Across Texas' can provide that support and get people moving! If you are interested in this project or you need further information on the project, contact Debbie Pollard, County Extension Agent in Family and Consumer Sciences at 806-456-2263.

PHS Cowboys vs Abernathy here, Friday, 8 PM. Be There !

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From The Hack

The Bride and I celebrated her birthday last Wednesday. She asked me to print her age this way. The celebration started for me on the way home at 4:58 PM, finally recalling the event, a frantic dash to Vicki's Flower & Gift Shop, the purchase of a \$6 pot plant, and a tiny card pledging my undying loyalty and love to her.

Thank God, one of the daughters stepped in just earlier with an offer to take Bride and I to Hobbs for dinner.

We ate the Chinese Buffet at the Chinese Kitchen. They must offer some 47 entrees, half of them looking identifiable but edible. We stuffed. And stuffed. Following the Buffet Orgy, we had ice cream... twice.

When we finally rolled ourselves into daughters car, there was a collective sigh, of, "Oh Lord, I'll never do this again!" Approximately 18 miles out of Hobbs, I heard someone's stomach roll, even over the 60 MPH speed limit we were traveling. A mile or two more my belly emitted a mighty roar. There was a pause in the conversation, then, Bride and Daughter chimed, "I'm already hungry!" Thus is the staying power of Chinese food.

On the subject of the Bride; During the weekend-past wedding of her second oldest daughter, she wept a few tears. "This makes me feel so old," she boo-hooed." I tried to console her, and think I did.

I told her, "Of all the lovely, pretty women in this wedding, regardless of age, the one who stood out best for me was you." You know what? I had sausage, eggs, and biscuits four times for breakfast last week!

Tired of mushy friendship poems sounding good but not coming close to reality? Here's a 'friendship' article shedding real light on the subject!

WHEN YOU ARE SAD- I will get you drunk and help you plot revenge against those who made you sad.

WHEN YOU ARE BLUE- I will try to dislodge whatever is choking you.

WHEN YOU ARE SCARED- I will rag you about it every chance I get..

WHEN YOU ARE WORRIED- I will tell you horrible stories about how much worse it could get, and order you to stop whining.

WHEN YOU ARE CONFUSED- I will use very small words to explain it to your dumb butt.

WHEN YOU ARE SICK- Stay away from me until you're well again. I don't want whatever you have.

WHEN YOU FALL- I will laugh and point at your clumsy butt.

THIS IS MY OATH- I pledge 'till the end. Why, you

may ask? Because you're my friend.

P.S. - PS; Send this to ten of your best friends, and get depressed realizing you only have two friends, and one of them is not speaking to you. And remember, a friend will help you move --- a really good friend will help you move a BODY!

Especially for Brother Bill Wright:

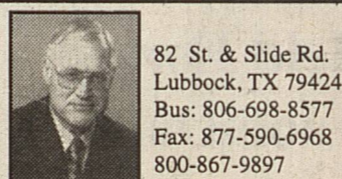
The pastor shocked his congregation by announcing he was retiring and moving to a warmer climate. After the service a little old lady approached him, tears in her eyes. "Oh, Pastor Bill, we'll miss you so much. We don't want you to leave!"

The preacher kindheartedly patted her hand and said comfortingly, "Now, now Betty, don't you carry on so. The pastor who replaces me could be even better than me!"

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE YOAKUM COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

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A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:
Total amount of the appraisal budget is \$266,628.00.
The total amount of increase from the current year's appraisal budget is \$10,305.
The total number of employees compensated in the 2002 budget will be 2 full-time employees.
The total number of employees under the current budget is 2 full-time employees.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district. By final approval by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, the budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities served by the appraisal district.


A copy of the budget is available for inspection in the office of each of the governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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806-456-7101

NOTICE TO LIVESTOCK OWNERS
ALL BRANDS AND MARKS ON TEXAS LIVESTOCK MUST BE RERECORDED WITH COUNTY CLERKS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF AUGUST 30, 2001 ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 6899 J, VERNON'S TEXAS CIVIL STATUTES. (Sept. 1, 2001 Thru Feb. 28, 2002)

The owner shall have the right during this six month period to file the brand and marks now recorded in his name. After this time any unrecorded brand will be available for use on a "first come" basis. It should be noted that it is illegal to brand livestock without first properly recording the brand with the County Clerk in the county in which the livestock are held. When the brand or brands are recorded, the location on the animal, it must be recorded and each additional location for the brand on the animal shall constitute a separate recording of that brand. There is no limit to the number of brands and/or marks which may be recorded in a county by a person as long as requirements of this law governing the recording and rerecording of livestock brands are met. Minors may have marks and brands separate from that of the father or guardian, which must be recorded as provided by the law. The fee each separate recording of brand in \$10.00.
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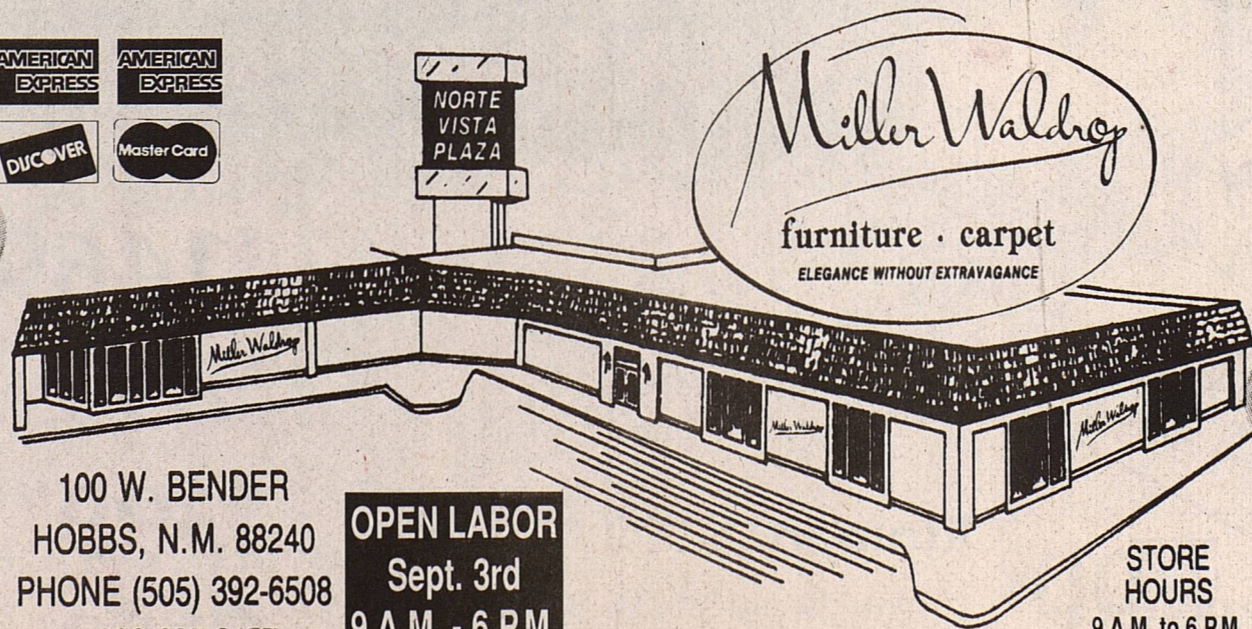
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