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YOAKUM COUNTY MAY LOSE MHMR

Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer attended a public hearing in Lubbock on December 1st to hear two proposals from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

The proposals are entitled Authority/Provider and Equity of Access and could effect the current level of funding to rural MHMR's.

If passed, the Yoakum County MHMR facility will face closing, and of the 15 clinics now operating in 23 surrounding counties, only four regional clinics would remain open.

Additionally, other mental health services outside of the mental health clinics would be reduced or altogether eliminated.

Brewer said the implication of these proposals will result in a face off between rural and urban

communities for the funds necessary to operate these facilities.

"The proposals would create a system for rural and urban counties to compete for the same funding, placing the rural communities at a disadvantage," he said.

"The thing about it is that urban areas have other places where people can go for these services," Brewer said. "In Yoakum County we only have the one facility."

He added that if these proposals are passed he felt that the county would see an increase in court ordered committals to institutions and more requests for charity.

"If our funding were cut and our local center were to close, I believe it would have a devastating effect on Yoakum County," he said.

SALES TAX REBATES

Both Plains and Denver City received a small monetary shot in the arm recently in the form of sales tax rebates from the state.

"Steady economic growth and strong employment by the services and construction industries prompted a 9.2 percent increase in local sales tax rebates in December," State Comptroller John Sharp said today, as he delivered payments of \$122.2 million to 931 cities and 111 counties.

The payments are for taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the Comptroller in November.

While tax rebates for December's holiday shopping will not be returned to Texas cities and counties

until February, Sharp is closely monitoring consumer shopping, and will release a special report on Christmas sales during the week of December 19.

Sharp reported that new jobs in the service and construction industries have continued to increase in all of Texas' major metro areas, contributing to 15 consecutive months of 3 percent or better employment growth, and accounting for new economic activity in all parts of the state. That, in turn, produced higher sales tax returns.

It is interesting to note the rebate figures for Yoakum County's two towns. Plains received a \$2054.21 sales

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COUNTY COURT MEETS

Yoakum County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, Dec. 19. In attendance were County Judge Dallas Brewer, and Commissioners Bob Thurston, John Avara, Jim Barron, and Macky McWhirter.

Also present were Hazel Lowrey, Auditor, Ruby Bruton, Clerk, Toni Jones, Treasurer, and Wanda Smith, Assessor-Collector.

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AN APPEAL FROM US TO YOU!

READERS ARE TELLING US HOW MUCH THEY ENJOY SEEING THE OLD HISTORICAL PHOTOS WE FEATURE FROM TIME TO TIME, AND READING OF THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE AREA.

OUR SOURCES FOR THESE PHOTOS ARE VERY LIMITED, AND WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE THIS POPULAR TYPE FEATURE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOS OF EARLY DAY PLAINS, DENVER CITY OR YOAKUM COUNTY EVENTS AND PEOPLE, WE WANT TO LOOK AT THEM! IF THEIR CONDITION IS GOOD ENOUGH, WE MAY BE ABLE TO REPRODUCE THEM, AND USE THEM IN HISTORICAL TYPE ARTICLES. PLEASE REMEMBER... PICTURES OF PEOPLE AT EVENTS ARE USUALLY OF MORE INTEREST THAN JUST PEOPLE.

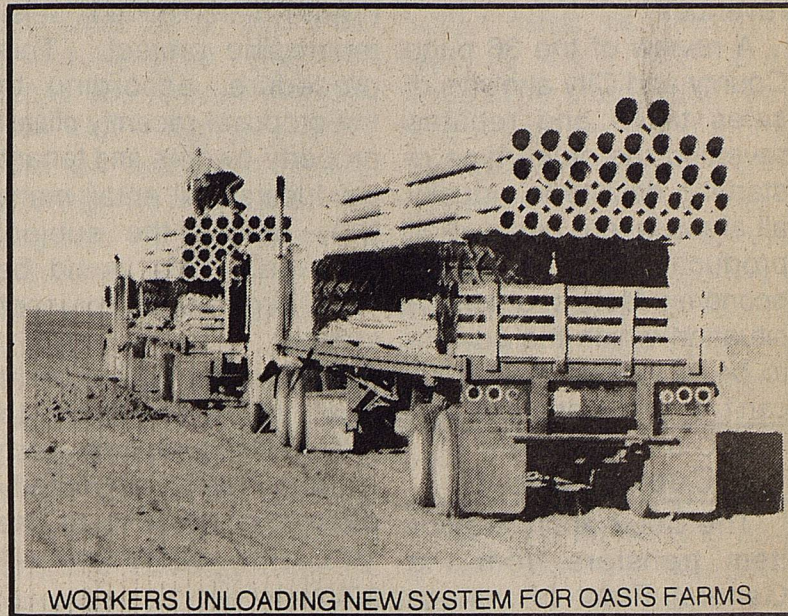
WE HOPE YOU CAN HELP US CONTINUE THIS TYPE COVERAGE.

FARM IRRIGATION EXPANDS

A recent tour of the County offered further proof of many changes in the area farm scene. In the northern part of the County, a traditional dry land area for forty some years, many new irrigation wells have been drilled, and dozens of new center pivot irrigation systems stretch across the landscape.

Jack Spears, owner of Jack Spears Drilling Co., and dealer for Reinke Irrigation Systems, reports he has drilled a record number of wells in 1994, and is drilling more at this time. He reports he has sold seventeen new Reinke Pivot systems this year alone.

Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District Secretary, Kathy Jones, reports, "The month of December has been a very busy one for the office. As of December 15th, we have issued ten new well permits, and more are being processed."



WORKERS UNLOADING NEW SYSTEM FOR OASIS FARMS

She further reported the County has some 2000 producing irrigation wells, and a total of 143 new well permits have been issued to date. That averages a dozen new wells per month.

There are currently 109,743.3 acres in the county devoted to crop production under various USDA government programs. Dry land production totals 61,741.9 acres, still the predominant method

of farming county wide, but irrigated acres are increasing dramatically each year, currently some 48,001.4 acres.

The old adage, 'Seven years dry land farming will produce six years of average to poor results, and one very good year,' may be a thing of the past for the many producers now relying on underground water rather than Mother Nature.

LAND OWNERS GOING TO TAKE "THUMPING"?

Ad Hoc meetings, for special purposes, often hastily called, usually have varying degrees of success for that purpose. A recent meeting of farm producers and property owners at the Community Building on December 15 may not have produced concrete results, but it certainly drew the attention and participation of some three dozen farmers and property owners in the county.

The subject addressed by the group was one Placid Oil Company's current and huge mineral exploratory quest across the county, which will eventually cover some 85 to 125 square miles, possibly entailing two to four trips across individually

owned land, as many as two to four trips with the huge 'Thumper' trucks.

Yoakum County, long one of the top petroleum producers in the state, now facing serious declines of economic productivity, has probably been surveyed hundreds of times, north to south, east to west, and every other direction.

The property owners and farm tenants of the land have no quarrel with the statutes now on the legislative books providing access to their acreage for such seismographical projects. Their only request is for FAIR compensation for surface damages, and the hampering of farm production activities by the Oil companies.

They are thwarted in this request by current legislation that virtually guarantees mineral right owners access to whatever lies beneath the surface, the surface owner or tenant be damned. There is absolutely nothing in the law which requires explorers or developers to pay owners or tenants anything for their crossings of property, unless damages occur, and the burden of proof of damage is on the harmed party.

It is quite easy to trace the background for such protective Mineral Rights Owners benefits. The state would not exist in its present condition if it were not for the hard driving

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tax rebate for October sales, a 4.17% increase over October 1993. In contrast, Denver City, with a large portion of its economy based on the suffering petroleum industry, showed a decrease in rebates. The current rebate was \$12,438.52, down \$3,875.80, a 23.75% decline.

Denver City has recently been forced to cut back in both man power and services in its municipal government due to declining tax revenues.

A review of the 36 page County and City analysis of sales taxes and rebates revealed the same type of startling decline in virtually all areas where gas and oil production are the major economic factors, a serious situation which the powers to be in Washington D. C. can't, or won't, get a grip on.

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The Court approved line item transfers from the General Fund to various county departments. County bills and part-time employee salaries were read and approved.

Tax Assessor-Collector, Wanda Smith reviewed a request by David A. McMahon to remove the assessment of penalty, interest and attorney fees of property taxes on an over riding royalty interest. Smith reported there had been an error in the assessment, and the court voted to remove the assessment

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petroleum industry, nor would we have benefited so handsomely from the resulting tax revenues from the industry all these years.

The problem, according to dozens of concerned citizens, is the degree of fairness not addressed by current legislation on the books. Placid Oil, according to various meeting attendees, is offering owners-tenants a maximum of \$5 per acre for their '3-D (Three dimensioned) seismographic project. This procedure, according to the proposal recently offered property owners and tenant producers, will entail many trips across the subject acreage. This would be 100% legal, under present statutes.

It does not take a great deal of imagination to picture the problems such a long term, physically damaging process to the land this operation will entail.

According to many at the meeting, farm land owners and tenants, ranchers, and even city dwellers, can suffer under the existing law, which allows encroachment and physical damage to surface property, without adequate compensation.

Citing prior payments for similar exploratory projects in the county, attendees protested they had formerly been paid far, far more per acre for similar crossings, and damages. It appears the exploration companies have little regard whether the land is irrigated crop land, dry land production, or even pasture land, compensation is the same \$5 per acre.

A frightening aspect of this current state law is how it could affect not only rural property owners, but city dwellers as well. Imagine your city dwelling; It is entirely possible under the current law for a company to stake a site and actually drill an oil well just a few feet from your home. You may or may not be compensated for damages to your property valuation-- all legally done.

An excellent case in point of the unfairness of this current law is of a young farmer west of town who recently built a new home on a parcel of land, and had their dream home site shattered when an oil company staked a drilling site some 1200-1500 feet from the dwelling. The owner has no doubts the real world valuation of the home would plummet once a well was produced and began pumping. He is correct. It is doubtful his personal taxes on the property will decrease, however.

There are other horror stories about what could happen to you, a property owner, under present mineral rights laws. Say you own an irrigation well. A company could legally drill an oil well hole right thru your water well, and in all probability, you would have little legal recourse.

The purpose of last Thursdays' meeting, of

course, was to encourage local land owners and tenant farmers to confront the State Legislature with the issue of Property Owners Rights.

True, the petroleum industry must continue to function in our state and nation. But equally true is this; the Constitution guarantees certain rights to all citizens, and its main focus is on INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, not Oil Companies. All our property owners and tenant farmers want is fair treatment.

During the course of the meeting, a recent and local court case involving Placid Oil was discussed, in which an attorney for the company was quoted as saying in the trial, "You can take our \$5 per acre offer and be happy with it, or I will take it as part of my legal fees, and file injunctions against all of you, and keep you out of those fields until the company is thru with the project."

At this time of year, after crops have been harvested, our county's sandy soil is highly prone to wind erosion. Each time one of the large, heavy trucks traverses bare crop land, the likelihood of serious soil loss increases. In the large area the exploratory work is planned, producers are helpless to combat this wind erosion, for they cannot get their tractors and equipment on the land to plow, till, and hold the top soil.

It is ironic one federal government agency, the former Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture, came into being as a direct result of the devastating 'Dust Bowl' days of the 1930's. Its original and main function was to educate farmers in how to prevent top soil loss from wind erosion. Our

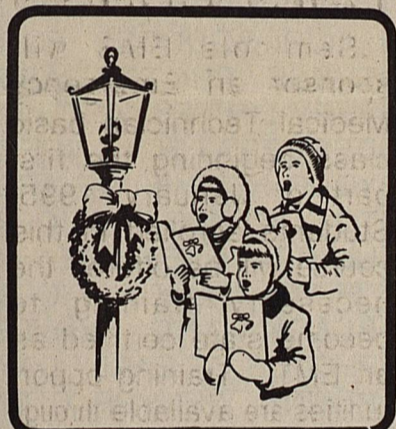


THOUSANDS OF COTTON BALES ON BROWNFIELD COMPRESS YARD, A TINY PORTION OF THE MUCH BETTER THAN EXPECTED 1994 COTTON CROP.

farm producers have learned the lesson and learned well, but now, in this county, they are stymied, waiting helplessly for the exploration projects finish.

Is \$5 per acre fair compensation for damages and delays to land and producers? Consider this; In years past, it was common for exploration companies to pay \$2000 to \$3000 per mile for the practice. Even today, oil companies commonly pay surface owners \$4000 to \$5000 for a single well drilling site, a relatively tiny plot of land compared to the seismograph project.

"Fair is Fair", the saying goes. But who is in charge of "Fair"? This is a subject our Legislature desperately needs to address and remedy -- or do property owners Have No Rights?



A Letter of Thanks;

I would like to thank everyone who helped me achieve all I have through 4-H. It would never have been possible for me to attend National 4-H Congress if so many people had not encouraged, supported, and given up their time to help me, especially Joan Chandler for her untiring efforts that were responsible for everything.

This was a great honor, and an unforgettable experience since this was the last National 4-H Congress to ever be held. A special thank you to everyone who helped sponsor my trip; Arco Oil & Gas, Denver City Chamber of Commerce, Denver City Press, Jerry & Ann Mansur, Linda Powell, Soil Conservation Board, Gary Walker, Yoakum County FCE Council, and Yoakum County Home Economics Committee.

THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

Sincerely,
Julie Hancock

Keeping an eye on Texas

Ag grads pick their jobs

Texas colleges and universities hope to see their graduates with degrees in agriculture, food sciences, natural resources or veterinary medicine fill some of the 48,793 job openings anticipated in those fields throughout the U.S.

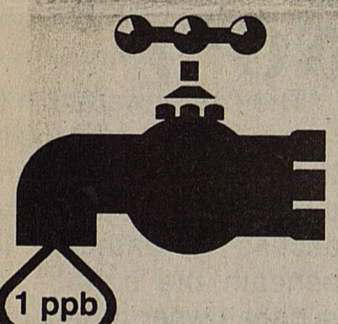
Degrees granted at Texas schools, 1993

In agriculture, food sciences, natural resources and veterinary medicine

Texas A&M	875
Texas Tech	255
Tarleton State	171
Southwest Texas State	110
Stephen F. Austin	99
Sam Houston State	90
Texas A&M, Kingsville	39
West Texas A&M	32
East Texas State	31
Sul Ross	30
Angelo State	21
Prairie View A&M	20

Projected job openings in the agriculture industry, 1995

Marketing, merchandising and sales	15,806
Scientists, engineers	14,021
Managers and financial specialists	6,844
Social services	4,750
Communications and education	3,714
Agricultural production	3,658



HOW MUCH IS ONE PART PER BILLION?

From time to time you have seen newspaper articles or TV news items concerning our drinking water quality. Invariably, anything undesirable in the water will be described as 'So many parts per billion'.

Here are a few ideas to give you a little better grasp on what one part per billion really means;

The world population is about five billion. Next time you walk down the street, speak to five people. THAT'S 1 PPB.

Your rich uncle passes away, leaving you \$10 million. In counting your inheritance, you discover one cent is missing. THAT'S 1 PPB.

If you are 32 years old, you have lived about 1 billion seconds. Close your eyes one second. THAT'S 1 PPB.

Fly around the world seven and one half times. Get off the plane, take one step forward. THAT'S 1 PPB.

Tends to make one think a bit about the significance of a few PPB's, doesn't it?

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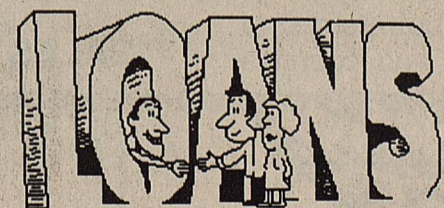
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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

to be held at the Yoakum County Courthouse
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1994
11:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED



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BASKETBALL SUMMARY

VARSITY COWGIRLS STOPPED

The Amherst Varsity was as tough on the Cowgirls as the JV girls in the first game Dec. 13, downing Plains 47-41. The girls played hard, and out scored Amherst the first and final quarters. Point totals were: Misty Willett 11, Kyley Bearden 9, Stacey Jones 6, Robin Squyres 5, Shyloh Winn 5, Amber Bryan 4, and Tessa St. Romain 1.

8TH GRADE LADY WRANGLERS LOSE IN OVERTIME

The Plains A team (8th grade) lost a tough, close contest against their Smyer counter parts, 33-36 in overtime action. Leading scorers were Marcey House 15, with 2-3 pointers, Joylene Burgess 7, Kayla Redman 7, and Tandi Jones 4.

JV BOWS TO CORONADO SOPHS

The JV Cowboys lost to a tough Lubbock Coronado Sophomore group Dec. 13th, 64-48. The Cowboys held a 1 pt. half time lead but Coronado's depth wore Plains down in the second half.

Coach Brink was extremely pleased with the effort put forth by the team. He felt this was his team's best effort to date.

Scoring were: Ralph Ramirez 14, Kirk Parrish 13, Jacob Lester 10, Joe Luna 6, and Chris Payne 5.

PLAINS LADY WRANGLERS DOWN SMYER JR. HIGH 40-29

The Lady Wranglers B team (7th grade) extended their season record to 4-0 in their outing against Smyer. Scoring Wranglers were: Kelli Osborn 15, Krystle Blundell 6, Jessica Flores 6, Rebecca Robertson 5, Candace Bowers 4, Patty Ruiz 2, Anne Palmer 2.

7TH GRADE WRANGLERS 54, SMYER 30

The 7th grade boys put on a scoring show against Smyer in action Dec. 12, and now stand 3-1 for the season. Scoring were: Fermin Luna 19, Colt Winn 10, Alex Tarango 7, Justin Bennett 6, Patrick McGinty 4, Kyle Sisson, Paul Lopez, Josh Bell, and Jeremy Humphrey each had 2 points.

COWGIRL JV LOSE SQUEAKER

Plains JV girls lost a heart breaking game Dec. 13, bowing to the Amherst JV 41-40. Individual scorers were: Sylvia Tarango 15, Mary Morales 9, Shawna Box 7, Lindsey Six 5, Dolly Gonzales 4.

8TH GRADE WRANGLERS 67, SMYER 8TH 34

The 8th grade Wranglers improved their record to 4-0 in their win Dec. 12. Tanner Blount had a hot hand and scored 30 points, followed by Dustin Brunson 11, Mike Bell 7, Steven Bunch 6, Cosme Casillas 6, matt Morgan 6, Tony lazos 1.

Coach McAdams cited the defense and rebounding efforts by Matt Morgan and Tanner Blount in the victory.

COWBOY FROSH BIG WINNERS

December 13, the Freshman boys defeated the Living Waters Christian school JV team from Hobbs by a score of 65-25. Leading scorers for Plains were: Abraham Garcia 14, Adam Dominguez 13, Eric Luna 7, Jonah Moreno 7, Jamie Caballero 6, Roy Ramirez 4, Shawn Cullins 4, Eric Estrada 4, Doug Rushing 3, David Flores 2, Gideon Traweek 1.

Others playing were Chris Willett, Derek Brunson, Will St. Romain, and Alberto Tarango.

COWBOYS BEAT CORONADO JV 74-62

Coach Baucom reported the Cowboys win over Lubbock Coronado's JV was the teams toughest test of the season. "Coronado's quickness gave us experience we really need for the rest of the season, and the team attitude and effort seems to be improving.

Cowboy scorers included: Ladd Winn 15, Shannon Ward 10, Johnny Davis 8, Chase Clanahan 6, Ken McAdams 3, Victor Bernal 3, Pet Flores 2, Stephen Bitolas 2.



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01-02-03

04-05-06-07-08-09-10

11-12-13-14-15-16-17

18-19-20-21-22-23-24

25-26-27-28-29-30-31

COWBOYS MAKE ALL-DISTRICT

The 1994 Cowboy football team, with an excellent 9 and 2 season record, earned additional honors recently when the Class 1A All District teams were announced.

Cowboy First Team honorees were;

Defense:

End-Brad McMinn
Linebacker-Ken Mc Adams
Secondary-Shannon Ward

Offense:

Guard-Ken McAdams
Tackle-Chase Clanahan
End-Brad McMinn
WideReceiver-Shannon Ward

Quarterback-Victor Bernal

Second Team:

Defense:

Def. Line- Chase Clanahan and Joey Guerra
End-Lee Roy Vasquez
Secondary-Stephen Bitolas

Offense:

Center-Greg Salas
Guard- Joey Guerra
Wide Receiver-Ralph Ramirez

Running Back-David and Stephen Bitolas
Kicker-Victor Bernal

Our hearty congratulations to all these Cowboys.

EMS CLASS

Seminole EMS will sponsor an Emergency Medical Technician basic class beginning the first part of January 1995. Students enrolled in this course will be offered the necessary training to become state certified as an EMT. Training opportunities are available through Plains EMS for local persons looking for an exciting and rewarding experience in emergency pre-hospital medical care. For further information contact Joe Humphrey at 456-7419.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

DEC. 27-JAN. 7

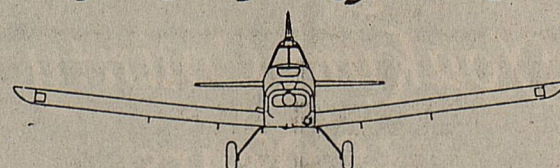
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MEADOW BB TOURNAMENT

Cowgirls:

Game one of the Meadow invitational Basketball Tourny found the Cowgirls taking a thumping by Whiteface 66-31. Cold field goal and free throw shooting played a major part in the loss. Stacey Jones led the scoring with 12 points, followed by Kyley Bearden 8, Misty Willett 5, and Robin Squyres and Sandi Warren 3 each.

The Cowgirls second game against the Lazbuddie Lady Horns produced a dramatic 55-51 come from behind win for Plains. With seven seconds remaining in the game and trailing 51-50, Kyley Bearden was fouled and the Lazbuddie coach drew a technical. Bearden made all four of her free throws, then robin Squyres was fouled, and when she sank her free throw, the final buzzer sounded. Johnny Davis 12, Brad McMinn 11, Victor Bernal 7, Pete Flores 6, and Chase Clanahan 4.

The Cowboys were stung by the always tough Sudan Hornets 78-72 in

game two. They led 37-32 at half time, but the Hornets had a hot second period, outscoring the Cowboys 46-25 points. Ladd was top scorer on both teams with 33, followed by McMinn 16, Ward 10, McAdams 5, and Davis and Flores 4.

Following the grueling Sudan defeat, the Cowboys had to face the 2-A Seagraves after just a few hours rest, and once more the Cowboys handed a 65-62 defeat to the Eagles. Brad McMinn had the hot hand with 22 points, followed by Winn 13, Ward 8, Bernal 7, Joe Juna 5, Clanahan 4, and Flores, McAdams and Davis 2 each.

The Cowboys final game produced a convincing 88-73 win over the Meadow Broncos, the Cowboys enjoying a 58% shooting performance. Winn had another excellent game, scoring 34 points, Ward had 21, Bernal and McMinn 9, Davis 4, and Flores 2.

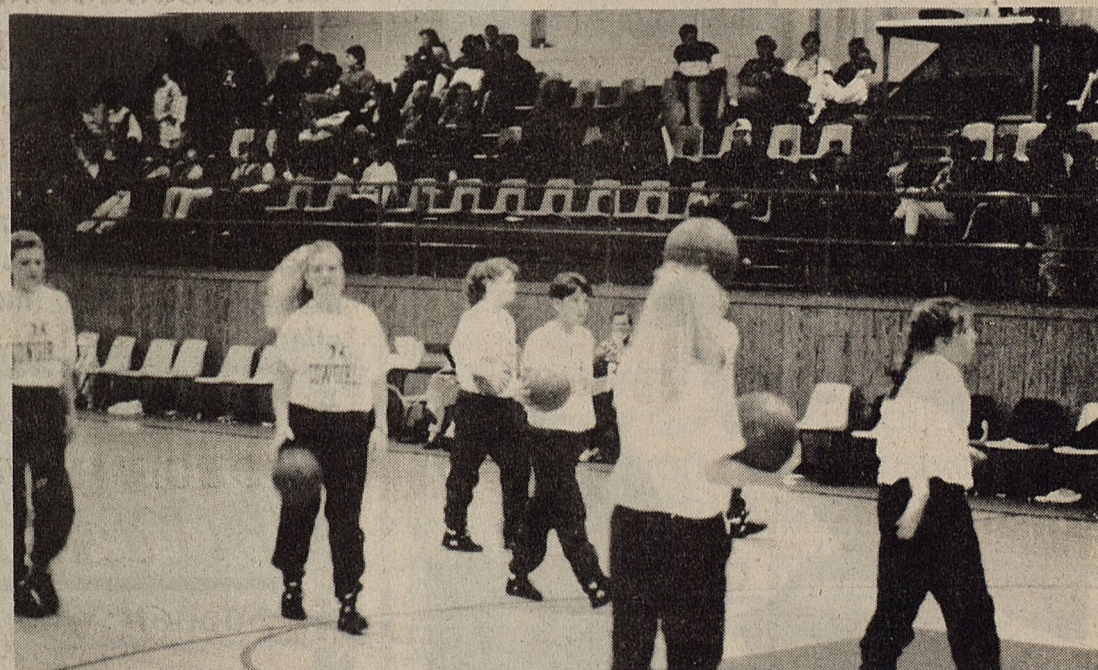
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COWBOY GUARDS WARD AND WINN FIND SUDAN 'D' TOUGH



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Gaining the cooperation of the city council, John Warne Gates fenced in a city plaza and invited Texas cattlemen to throw their wildest steers against the barbed wire. When curious cattlemen obliged, a large crowd gathered to watch the fun. The longhorns attacked the wire furiously, but soon abandoned the idea when they felt the barbs piercing their hides.

The talkative Gates, known as "Bet-a-Million," then invited the cattlemen to step into the nearby Menger Hotel and fill out their orders. Many of the ranch men predict that the new invention will completely change the cattle business. THE TEXAS NEWS, DECEMBER 15, 1876

LIBRARY FILM TIME

The children attending film time on Dec. 14th were entertained by Chris Miller. He plays several instruments and sings. Afterwards Santa arrived with Christmas sacks for the children. Refreshments were served by Helen Penner, Becky Winn, LeAnn Crump, Elizabeth Penner, Kim Gass, Kellie Earnest, Terri Dearing, Elvira Jimenez, and Christie Brink.

Children attending were: Alfredo Martinez, Taylor Banfield, Jacob Brink, Jasmine Mares, Mandie Ramirez, Britne Duran, Lupus Jimenez, Cody & Amber Friesen, Lauren Hise, Kevin John Gass, Christopher & Stephanie Addison, Katie Winn, Joani Bell, Ashley Sellers, Morgan Willis, Marissa Melendez, Landon & Dakota Earnest, Holden, Hunter & Haley Welch, Lauren Davis, Cody Mayes, Heather Penner, Meagan McElroy, Zachary Ramon, Jason Durham, Ryan Crump, and Alex Penner.

The staff at the Library would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas.



SANTA CLAUS & ASHLEY SELLERS

Cutting the Cost of Crime

By State Comptroller JOHN SHARP

The rate of violent crime in Texas has fallen since 1991. Murder, rape, armed assault, burglary and theft are all dramatically down. Parole policies, once among the most lenient in the nation, have been toughened, and a massive prison construction program is underway.

None are willing to declare the battle over, of course, but years of almost single-minded focus from federal, state and local officials, law enforcement professionals, criminal justice experts, victims' rights groups and community leaders have begun to pay off in a sense of cautious optimism as crime rates drop.

In 1992, *Texas Crime*, *Texas Justice* portrayed the full range of our criminal justice system between the covers of a single report. Later that year, *Schools Behind Bars* recommended ways to raise the effectiveness and lower the costs of a specific part of that system -- the prison school system for state inmates. This year, we've published *Forces of Change*, in which we called for strategies to increase parental responsibility and redirect our criminal justice efforts away from just warehousing prisoners toward reducing recidivism, and *Behind the Walls*, a comprehensive look at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), offering hundreds of proposals for improving its performance while saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

Gaining Ground presents a series of new recommendations to help curb the

cost of crime in the state's criminal justice system.

Among the most important recommendations are ways to boost security in state prisons while cutting staff levels and saving taxpayers money; streamlining the state's juvenile justice system, which is currently a fragmented bureaucracy where information is rarely shared among different departments and little effort is made to track the performance of juvenile justice programs; improving coordination between the state's adult and juvenile criminal justice systems; increasing federal funding to combat juvenile crime; and expanding the state's use of the Prison Industry Enhancement program to help inmates cover the costs of their incarceration and receive real training for real jobs upon their release.

Gaining Ground contains one new tax proposal, too -- a sales tax on the items that inmates purchase in prison. Incredibly, prisoners have been exempt from the sales tax all other Texans must pay every day.

Finally, we propose the deportation of thousands of non-violent foreign citizens who, having disregarded immigration laws to enter the country illegally in the first place, have subsequently been convicted of committing other crimes. Texas taxpayers are currently spending millions of dollars each year to construct and operate prison space for anywhere from 4,000 to 10,000 illegal immigrants -- depending on whose estimates are used.

At a time when Texans are digging deeper into their pockets to maintain enough prison cells to keep dangerous criminals behind bars, we believe the savings from our recommendation -- \$70.5 million over the next five years -- will help us manage our prisons more effectively.

YOAKUM COUNTY PIONEERS



Murphy, Ircillia and Lillian Luna at their first home SW of Plains.

Murphy Luna moved with his parents to Yoakum County in 1905 at the age of 15. In May, 1909, he and Lillian Hurst were married in sunrise services, and traveled to Plainview by buggy for their honeymoon.

The Lunas would start their ranching career with a meager 160 acres of land, conveyed to Murphy as part of an estate. They would eventually become the earliest "Shakers and Movers" of the young County, organizing and taking part in a multitude of civic and county projects.

They would have three daughters, Ircilla, now deceased, Wilma Powell, and Mary Jo St. Romain, both living in Plains. Mr. Luna passed away in 1966, and Mrs. Luna followed him in 1980.

They were among the 'True Pioneers' of Yoakum County.

CANCER CENTER TO CELEBRATE EXPANSION

The Southwest Cancer Center at UMC will celebrate its 8,500-square-foot expansion at a candlelight ceremony and reception Jan. 11 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The theme of the opening will be "A New Vista: Courage, Community, Hope, Compassion, Knowledge."

Cancer center patients, both former and current, are invited to submit work for an arts and crafts exhibit to be on display at the opening. The work

may depict the theme if the patient wishes.

The cancer center is nearly doubling in size to 17,500 square feet. The highlight of the renovated center will be a new state-of-the-art linear accelerator in addition to the linear accelerator already installed. Other features of the new center will be a pharmacy, private treatment rooms, nine examination rooms, a Children's Corner in the waiting area, a patient recreation area, an outdoor patio and updated furnishings.

A unique feature of cancer care at Southwest Cancer Center is the weekly multi-disciplinary conference at which physicians

of various specialties, nurses, dietitians, therapists and other experts meet to discuss treatment modalities on each patient.

"Every patient has a whole team of professionals thinking about his or her particular case. Our patients really appreciate the extra care they get through this approach," said Aneta Younger, director of Radiation Oncology.

In addition to the patient art exhibit, the reception will feature tours of the center and hors d'oeuvres.



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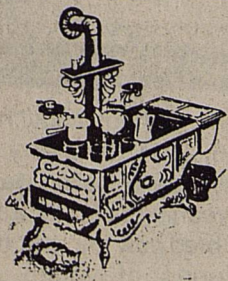
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1-egg, beaten
2-tablespoons vegetable oil
1/4-cup sugar
1/2-cup all-purpose flour
3/4-teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2- teaspoon baking soda
1/2-cup peeled, finely chopped apple
2 1/2-teaspoons wheat germ, toasted and divided

Combine milk and vinegar in a mixing bowl; let stand 1-minute. Add cereal; let stand 5 minutes. Beat in egg and oil; stir in sugar. Combine flour, cinnamon, and soda; add cereal mixture, and stir just until moistened. Fold in apple.

Spoon batter into paper-lined microwave muffin cups, filling 2/3 full. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon wheat germ. Microwave at high 3 minutes, rotating once. Let muffins cool in pan 1 minute; serve immediately. Repeat procedure with remaining batter and wheat germ; yield: 10 muffins.

"DON'T BE AFRAID BRIGADE" HUGE SUCCESS

An appreciative crowd filled the High School Auditorium Sunday evening, Dec. 18, enjoying First Baptist Church's Christmas musical.

The show featured musical talents of some five dozen preschool and school students from local churches, and was directed by Patrick Hamilton, Youth and Music Director, First Baptist.

Following the presentation by the kids, a large adult choir performed "The Song", special medley of music proclaiming the wonder of Christmas. All who took part in producing the program are to be congratulated.

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Likes an easy-going casual look.
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TSA MO GA MEETING

The Plains Tsa Mo Ga study club met Monday evening, December 12, in the home of Bonnie Earnest. Dolores Davis served as co-hostess.

President Sit Jones called the meeting to order, and minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Zareta Winn, program coordinator, announced the program topic, "Community Health Awareness".

Contributing to the program, Mary Lee Swann discussed stress and tension reduction at Christmas time and throughout the year.

Wilma Powel discussed the role played by physical fitness and good nutrition in public health.

Sarah Shelton spoke on substance abuse prevention, and Zareta Winn discussed Family Economics.

The Tsa Mo Ga members made a generous Christmas contribution to Girls Town.

While refreshments were served, Sit Jones read the Christmas Story from the second chapter of Luke.

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Christmas Candlelight Service
December 25, 10:30 AM

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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Saturday Night Mass --
December 24, 9:00 PM
Sunday Christmas Mass --
December 25, 9:00 AM

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Communion Advent Service
December 24, 6 PM
December 25, 10 AM -- NO
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ANOTHER CHRISTMAS BY MARIE BOSTICK

*I see the snowflakes blowing
Soft as feathers thru the air
I see the quail and rabbit hiding
In the brush, in the trees out there*

*I hear the wind grow stronger
Blowing over the glowing snow
The world is spread in color
By the fading twilight slow*

*Down the road I hear singing
As the snow sleds glide along
And a score of happy people
Fill our world with Christmas song*

*The Christmas carols are sifting
Seeking and whispering at the door
Where my memories are bright
As the firelight on my floor*

*I'm thankful for another Christmas time
When pine scent and cooking blend
With love and happy laughter
Of family and friends*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

December 21
Richie & Paula Cullins (A)
December 22
Barbara Brewer, Shannon Ward, Jeremy Martinez, Wayne & Phyllis House (A)
December 23
Daniella Wilson, Steve Jones
December 24
Candace Bowers, Kayla Willis, Darrell & Sue Barron (A)
December 25
Marc Traweek, Holden Kent Welch
December 26
Rose Mary Garcia, Challie Johnson
December 27
Darwin Robertson, Faye Bearden, Larry McMinn, Brad McWhirter, Ace Williams, Rick & B. J. Doyle(A)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

WHAT YOU HAVE BECOME IS THE PRICE YOU PAID TO GET WHAT YOU USED TO WANT.

MIGNON MC LAUGHLIN

THE LOCAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MO IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5:30PM. THE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE AREA.

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Pastor Jose Rodriguez

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ALLTEL LONG DISTANCE BALLOTING

Texas ALLTEL, Inc., customers in the Plains (456) and Higginbotham (732) exchanges should choose their long distance company and return their ballot (the form you received from ALLTEL which allows you to choose the long distance company you prefer). "We urge customers to make a choice," said Pat Rotunno, supervisor-customer services.

If customers haven't yet received a ballot or have misplaced the one that was mailed to them, they should call their business office and ALLTEL will be happy to send one to them.

The company also asked that customers check to see that they have signed and dated the ballot before sending it back. "We have received a few without signatures or dates," said Rotunno. "Those particular ballots aren't valid, and we are returning those ballots to customers for completion."

Customers not making a choice will be randomly assigned a long distance company by computer. "Equal access gives our customers the opportunity to choose the company with the rates and services that are best for them," said Rotunno. Long distance companies available to those customers through equal access are AT&T Long Distance Service, MCI Telecommunications Corporation, Sprint Dial "1" Service, Allnet "Dial 1" Service, ONCOR Communications, Matrix Telecom, and Long Distance Savers, Inc.

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FROM THE HACK

Guess this will be sort of a hodge podge column this week. I started to say 'Potpourri' column, but realized no one at The Table of Wisdom knows the meaning of the word.

Read this in The Dallas Morning News recently, so if it offends you, sue them, not me. Seems a recent sex survey revealed 54 per-cent of all males think about sex daily. The other 46 per-cent are liars, for it is commonly known all men think of sex a minimum of all the time.

Working on this issue just before Christmas got me to thinking about memorable Yuletides past. When I was about ten, I visited a young buddy my age. His mother was doing last minute shopping for a Christmas party that evening.

Bill said he was hungry. Ten year old boys are always hungry. We explored his fridge, and found this huge glass bowl of some sort of goop. Bill said, "Looks like some sort of melted down milk shake, don't it?", stuck a dirty finger in it, licked it, and announced, "yeah, it's kinda weird, but it's gotta be a big ol' milkshake". We proceeded to down four or five glasses of the sweet stuff.

All of the following events are not clear to this day. I

vaguely recall his Mom arriving, her screams of rage at the carnage we had created in the kitchen, and when ol' dad showed up, dragging our semi-comatose bodies to the bathroom, where he forced us to force ourselves to throw up for what seemed like hours.

To this day, if I am even in the same room with Egg Nog, I can taste shells and feathers.

There are some great Movie Titles out now; "Dumb And Dumber"- that must be about two of the Table regulars; "True Lies"- I KNOW that came from the Table.; "Speechless"- nope, that's not from the table, for sure.

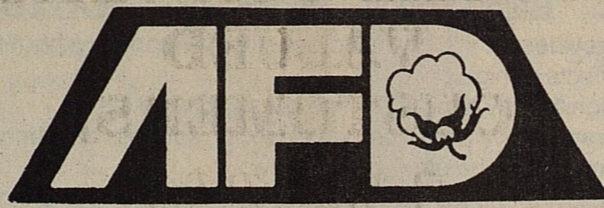
Read a fascinating book review recently, a new offering entitled "HALLY, The Dog Of The Tosis Family". Honest. I swear.

Seems Hally Tosis had such bad breath it would peel wall paper off, wilt flowers and spoil milk even in the refrigerator. One stinking dog.

Heard that Steph Blount is going to decorate spouse Mikes' horse trailer with the name of a Garth Brooks hit song, "Roping The Wind". Says that's all he ever catches.



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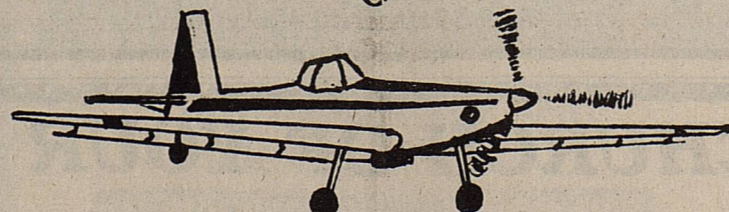
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LLMI sold 924 cattle, 80 sheep and goats, 43 hogs and 8 horses for 169 consignors Friday, December 16, 1994. On a very active market with trade and demand good, buyer participation was very good, as was the market. Calves and yearlings steady with last week. Packer cows ran \$ 4 to \$5 higher, bred cow and pair market was very strong with a good offering of young cows.

Representative sales include:

Claudia Butler	Clint	3 Xbred str	407	90.00
Circle Cross Ranch	Timberon	11 mxd str	286	113.00
Kevin Guinn	Jal	5 Hol str	297	65.00
Faye Klein	Hobbs	4 rd str	374	85.50
Eugenio Iicon	San Elizario	13 Hol str	388	53.00
R.L. Harrell	Hobbs	13 mxd str	364	96.85
Michael M Murphey	Jal	5 mxd str	501	78.50
Brett Madera	Jal	4 mxd str	423	84.50
Bill Smith	Lovington	6 Char str	366	98.00
Doyle Seaton	Plains	1 Limo b	750	81.00
Rick Tate	Marfa	5 rd wf str	324	105.50
Ruben Trejo	Clint	10 HolX str	338	87.50
Circle Cross Ranch	Timberon	17 mxd hfr	355	87.00
Circle Cross Ranch	Timberon	4 Char hfr	404	86.75
Larry Gregory	Hobbs	5 mxd hfr	426	72.00
Hershal Stone	Carlsbad	4 wf hfr	435	74.00
Rick Tate	Marfa	21 wf hfr	593	69.25
Rick Tate	Marfa	7 blk wf hfr	256	88.50
AA Cattle Co	Lubbock	1 wf pr	pair	680.00
Charlie Bettis	Eunice	1 rd wf c	head	640.00
Robert Jameson	Seminole	1 rd c	head	610.00
Double L Cattle Co	Lovington	1 blk c	head	670.00
R & M	Levelland	5 blk c	head	670.00
R & M	Levelland	8 blk pr	pair	770.00
Hershal Stone	Carlsbad	7 wf hfr	head	550.00
Walter Scheller	Hobbs	1 blk wf pr	pair	780.00
Augustine Ranch	Tatum	1 Xbred c	915	42.60
Beestra Dairy	Hobbs	1 Hol c	1290	43.85
Charlie Bettis	Eunice	1 wf c	870	47.00
Curtis Doyal	Carlsbad	1 Xbred c	860	46.00
Diamond & 1/2 Inc	Tatum	1 Hol c	1285	42.50
John Etcheverry	Lovington	1 wf c	1000	43.00
Bill Grobe	Jal	1 CharX c	1055	47.00
High Lonesome Dairy	Hobbs	1 Hol c	1675	45.50
Loma Vista Dairy	Clint	1 Hol c	1365	45.75
R & M	Levelland	1 CharX c	1140	46.50
Rockview Dairy	Hobbs	1 Hol c	1610	44.00
Josey Sanchez	Fabens	1 Hol c	1245	45.50
Jimmy Sterling	Coahoma	1 blk wf c	1150	46.00
S & A Dairy	Lovington	1 Hol c	1225	41.00
Brett Sterling	Tatum	1 blk c	1025	45.50
Rick Tate	Marfa	1 wf c	935	46.25
KR Williams	Fabens	1 blk wf c	1895	41.75
Beestra Dairy	Hobbs	1 Hol b	1850	56.00
Rockview Dairy	Hobbs	1 Hol b	1955	57.00
SHEEP & GOATS				
Mike Finley	Lohn	1 wt nanny	head	190.00
Al Garcia	Hobbs	1brn billy	head	97.50
Alton Logan	Lubbock	1 bff buck	head	70.00
Burl Roberson	Lubbock	9 ewes	head	60.00
Ramon Munoz	El Paso	1 blk billy	head	100.00
Sid Price	Tatum	1 brn kid	head	38.00
Walter Scheller	Hobbs	1 blk billy	head	128.00
John Smith	Artesia	1 tan kid	head	47.50
Royce Smith	Lovington	3 mxd nannies	head	55.00
PIGS				
B & B Inc	Lamesa	1 red sow	345	45.50
Mike Fitzwilliam	Hobbs	2 wt gilts	263	40.50
HORSES				
Ramon Munoz	El Paso	1 sor guilting	1015	720.00
Gassie Menix	Lamesa	1 pnt donkey	315	90.00

The continued loyalty and support by buyers and sellers alike is greatly appreciated by the entire staff here at Lovington Livestock Market Inc. This works for us only if it works for you. If you have any suggestions for making things better, our minds and doors are always open. Remember to let us know of advance consignments as soon as possible, so they can be better advertised, thus better marketed. ADVANCED CONSIGNMENTS:

90 Holstein steers, 400 lbs. 150 Xbred cows, 3-6 years old to be preg tested; 120 mixed cows, including several pairs and bred cows; 75 English X cows, 3-7 years old, to preg test.

The entire staff here at LLMI would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, since there will be no sale December 23, so our staff can enjoy their families during the Holiday Season. See you all December 30. Expecting a big sale and a very good market to close out the year.

For information about upcoming events or to consign live stock, call us anytime toll free, 1-800-371-1755, or locally 396-5381. Also, for advance consignments on the radio, tune in to your favorite station Friday morning at ; 6:10 AM KPOS-107.3 FM, Post, Tx.; 6:15AM KLEA-101.7 FM, Lovington; 6:05 AM W105-105.1 FM, Maljamar; 6:20 AM KPER 95.7 FM, Hobbs; 6:35 AM KSEL 95.3 FM, Portales; 6:45 AM KCCC, 930AM, Carlsbad; 7:00 AM KIUN 1400AM, Pecos, Tx.; 6:55AM KTZA 92.9 FM, Artesia.

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Dear Santa,
How is Rudolf? For Christmas I want football Power Rangers.
Love. Arnold

Dear Santa,
For Christmas want Power Rangers. Indian. Love
Peter NueFeLd

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a bike and a dog and a cat I love
Nicholas curtis

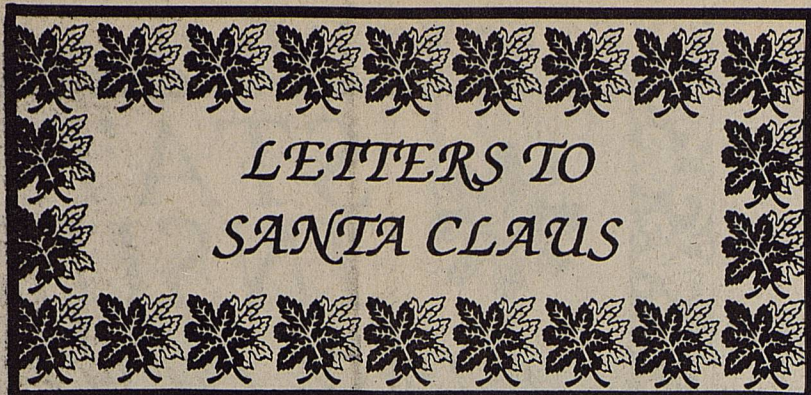
Dear Santa,
What are your reindeers nams? For Christmas I want tratur.
and Plow, and tratur.
Love, Blake O'Quinn

Dear Sant
How is Rudolf? For Christmas I want a bike, a barebie. and a
gift for my mom
Love, Nichole Loya

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie with a pool, tatooldes and a barbie jeep. I would
also like a new bike.
Love, Lauren Davis

Dear Santa
How is Rudolf for Christmas I want a rabbit, and a fish, and a
Hug.
I love you Kat Oswalt

How is Rudolf For Christmas I want a football Love
T.J.Cordova



Dear Santa
I want a BarBe Bot and how is Misis Claus Doig and i like your
reindeer and Austin wounts a sega
Skylar

Dear Santa I want a reindeer and a Barbaire and a nice tiger and a
puppy
For ALLison

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf For christmas I wnnt bat, dog, football.
I Lov you. Manuel

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbe for Christmas and a car Barbe. Love
Vanessa Luna

Dear Santa,
I want a gamboy and a game Gear a a sega vest. Love
Isaac

Dear Santa,
I want a football. I want a 49 jrse. I want a hat. I wus a good
boy.
Love, John

Dear Santa,
I'v Bene a good boy i want a Gega c.d. and a drum set and a
pawer Rangers
Love, CLayton

Dear Santa,
I want a power Ranger sega game. and a drum set. and a
Jurassic park van. and a Deon Sandr Jerisy I've bene a good boy.
Love, Cody

Dear Santa,
I wat a B.B. gun and BBs 10000000. I wot a naw Toy bag.
Love, Johnny Urger.

Dear Santa,
I would want a B. Bour pleas triye to get me a B.B gun.
Beucuse I have ben good and nice. My freind is Raymond.
Love, Eloy Hinojsa

Dear Santa Close.
I am going to rite you this leter because I want a present and I
want wat ever you give to me and wat I would like is a Barby.
Your fraind, Micaela ViLLegas

Dear Santa,
I want a Sega C. D. and a 4 willer and a HarLey Davidson bike
and a B.B. gun with a target and a pouer rengers and a Robocop.
Love Ramiro Barrantez

Dear Santa,
I want a sega C.D. and a set of drums and powerainger sute
and a tracter jurassic parp dinosaur. Mack it T. Rex C.b tapes B.B
Gun shot Gun Toy Bus a toy pickup a chritmis tree Love
Raymond.



TELCOT[®] Report

A WEEKLY SUMMARY OF COTTON MARKETING NEWS

For The Week Ending December 15

The market took a breather early this week as the international trade was still digesting last week's sharp rise in futures prices. However, spot sales remain steady, and despite confusion over the true size of foreign crops, government reports confirm that demand remains strong.

USDA's December crop estimate affirmed the beliefs of most market observers by raising the 1994 U.S. cotton production figure 120,000 bales from its November estimate, pegging the total at 19.6 million bales. However, analysts said the impact of the slight increase in the U.S. crop estimate should be offset by the export and ending stocks figures.

USDA increased 1994 U.S. exports by one million bales to 8.2 million from November's estimate. According to one analyst, a strong export performance by U.S. cotton is attributed to robust mill demand in addition to a lower production outlook in several major producing countries.

As for world figures, USDA's estimate of the 1994 global cotton production was cut one million bales from November's figures bringing the total to 85.8 million bales. The bulk of the global crop reduction was in Pakistan, down 500,000 bales, India was reduced 400,000 bales and Uzbekistan down 200,000 bales. Increases in imports, world beginning stocks and exports, coupled with the loss in production, resulted in a cut in projected world ending stocks of 40,000 bales from the previous month's forecast. Ending stocks for the 1994-95 marketing season now are estimated at 30.85 million

bales. Thus, the December crop report was interpreted as bullish.

The recent changes in the 1994-95 U.S. cotton demand and ending stocks estimates may signal a reduction in the 1995-crop upland cotton acreage reduction program (ARP). In October, USDA announced that based on that month's supply and use estimates, it was determined that a 7.5 percent ARP level most likely would be required. Yet, in December's supply and demand report the U.S. cotton outlook for 1994-95 changed due to prospects for significantly larger exports.

U.S. cotton sales have soared in recent weeks as foreign crop prospects have deteriorated in several key countries. As a result, the projected U.S. exports were revised up to 8.2 million bales. Government sources say that current farm legislation clearly indicates a change in the preliminary 7.5 percent set aside due to these new developments. Though the USDA will announce the final ARP by January 1, 1995, market observers estimate the new set aside could be anywhere from zero to 5.5 percent.

USDA broke new ground this week as it introduced its first GSM-102 credit program for sale of U.S. agricultural products to China. A total of \$100 million in loan guarantees was allowed for the 1995 fiscal year, including a \$20 million line of credit for cotton. This should equate to a proportionate 50,000 bale sale. This is not a large credit package, but if this line of credit is readily used, an additional allocation is possible. According to one market watcher, China is the fastest growing

economy in world and the U.S. seems to be getting into position to be the countries preferred supplier.

Reports continue to conflict concerning the current cotton crop in Pakistan. The most recent private estimate is 4.7 million bales as compared with USDA's estimate of 6.3 million. The Pakistani government admitted that it had signed contracts with Turkmenistan to buy a sizable amount of cotton from the Central Asian republic. However, rumors are circulating that the Central Asian cotton is moving through the pipeline very slowly and some purchases from Uzbekistan may not be filled. It is believed that Pakistan has purchased additional quantities of U.S. styles stemming from the concern that Central Asian styles will not arrive on time.

Demand remained steady in the spot market as inventory was being rebuilt earlier this week. According to one source, due to the producer's willingness to sell at "today's" prices and their aggressive marketing, this year's sales are well ahead of the normal schedule. Spot sales of Texas/Oklahoma cotton on TELCOT for the five trading days ending December 15 totaled 93,136 bales. That was down from the previous week's total of 114,926. Average daily prices received by producers selling on the electronic marketing system ranged from 74.44 to 75.57 cents per pound.

USDA announced export sales of 1994-95 U.S. cotton increased a net 249,300 bales in the week ended December 8, down considerably from the previous week's figure of 1,460,600 bales. Featured buyers were Taiwan, China and Pakistan.

PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Plains, Texas Combining Statement Of Revenues, Expenditures And Changes In Fund Balance-All Governmental Fund Types Year Ended August 31, 1994

DATA CONTROL CODES	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		
	100-199 GENERAL FUND	200-499 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	98 AUGUST 31, 1994	97 AUGUST 31, 1993	
REVENUES:					
5700	Local, Intermediate, and Out-of-State	\$ 9 596 959	\$ 1 456	\$ 9 598 415	\$ 3 983 903
5800	State Program Revenues	172 006	-	172 006	206 473
5900	Federal Program Revenues	139 727	177 837	317 564	257 268
5030	Total Revenues	9 908 692	179 293	10 087 985	4 447 644
EXPENDITURES:					
0011	Instruction	1 934 237	166 687	2 100 924	2 237 344
0014	Contracted Instr. Services Between Public Schools	5 603 088	-	5 603 088	-
0021	Instructional Administration	4 998	6 860	11 858	52 253
0022	Instructional Resources and Media Services	53 360	-	53 360	71 918
0023	School Administration	241 779	-	241 779	219 117
0031	Guidance and Counseling Services	69 636	3 852	73 488	64 717
0033	Health Services	17 480	438	17 918	27 283
0034	Pupil Transportation	84 814	-	84 814	175 538
0036	Co-Curricular Activities	241 217	-	241 217	216 242
0037	Food Services	231 208	-	231 208	235 173
0041	General Administration	275 909	-	275 909	345 912
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	545 910	-	545 910	713 284
0052	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	16 617	-	16 617	-
0075	Data Processing Services	70 307	-	70 307	22 370
0081	Community Service	2 438	-	2 438	5 044
6050	Total Expenditures	9 392 998	177 837	9 570 835	4 386 195
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	515 694	1 456	517 150	61 449
7990	Other Resources	4 540	-	4 540	3 968
8990	Other (Uses)	(82)	-	(82)	-
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Resources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	520 152	1 456	521 608	65 417
0100	Fund Balance--September 1 (Beginning)	1 366 983	418	1 367 401	1 301 984
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(1 742)	-	(1 742)	-
3000	Fund Balance--August 31 (Ending)	\$ 1 885 393	\$ 1 874	\$ 1 887 267	\$ 1 367 401

Yoakum County Landfill Rate Schedule

\$5.00 a Ton - \$3.00 Minimum.

NO out of county waste will be accepted.

All loads must be secured or will be subject to refusal by gate attendant.

NO refrigerant compressor will be accepted unless certified by a qualified recovery system.

For more information, you may contact the Landfill at 806/456-7909.

Effective immediately the
**YOAKUM COUNTY
LANDFILL**
will no longer
accept any waste for disposal
that is mixed with dirt. This
includes workover pits loaded
with backhoes, trash loaded
with front end loaders
any other loads the
Gatekeeper deems unsuitable.