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BY DENNIS POOLE

## CULTURAL PRACTICES BEST CONTROL FOR LAWN WEEDS

Four simple but important steps will do more to provide an attractive, weed-free lawn than an arsenal of weed killing potions.

When weeds invade lawns, many homeowners seek quick solutions through the use of herbicides. Herbicides are only one tool and have only temporary effect on weed control unless other management practices are used.

The best weed control practice is maintaining a dense, actively growing lawn. A well maintained lawn minimizes weed competition and helps prevent establishment of new weeds.

Turfgrass vigor is generally effected most by four cultural practices: selecting a good grass variety, mowing, nutrition and irrigation.

When choosing a

turfgrass variety, select those with a history of doing well in this area. Use mixtures and blends, rather than a single species. This helps the turfgrass compete under a wide range of conditions and lowers the chances of weeds invading the lawn.

Proper mowing is often overlooked for maintaining a healthy lawn. Mowing height and frequency should be adjusted depending on the type of grass and time of year.

Cool season grasses, such as Kentucky bluegrass and fine fescue, should be mowed at one-and-a-half to two inches in the spring and fall, and a two-and-a-half to three inches in summer. Higher cutting height in the summer helps inculcate the grass crown from high temperatures.

In general, bermudagrass performs best at mowing heights of an inch or less.

Regardless of the type of grass, it is best to not remove more than a third of the leaf area with any mowing.

A properly fertilized lawn may not be weed-free it will be better able to compete with weeds than an undernourished lawn. The most effective way to determine a lawn's fertility needs is to take a soil sample and have it analyzed. Your county extension office can tell you how to take the sample and suggest where to send it for inexpensive testing.

Kentucky bluegrass and fescue lawns should receive the bulk of their fertilizer in April/May and September. A total of five pounds of nitrogen

for 1,000 square feet should be sufficient for most cool season lawns, with a third to a half of the nitrogen applied in the spring and the rest in the fall.

For best results, use a balanced fertilizer that contains fast and slow-release sources of nitrogen, with not more than half being fast-relief. Adding iron will help give the grass a darker green color, and other nutrients should be added if the soil test indicates a need.

Bermudagrass should receive between four and six pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn each year. A split application in May and September is generally best. As with cool season lawns, a mixture of fast and slow release nitrogen is best.

Watering is the final cultural practice that will help a lawn compete with weeds. Irrigating deeply and infrequently is preferred over light, frequent waterings that lead to shallow root systems.

Blugrass and fescue require significantly more water than bermudagrass during the heat of summer. In some cases, up to two inches a week may be needed to maintain a cool season lawn through the summer.

By watering early in the morning, less water is lost to evaporation. Watering at night should be avoided, since it tends to make the grass more susceptible to disease.

## BEEF AND CATTLE WORK DAY AND STATE VALIDATION

Validation procedures will be held on Monday, June 18th, 1990 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the show barn in Gail. We will try and conclude all procedures by 1:00 p.m.

Mike Gilmore, hoof trimmer, will be on hand to assist with hoof trimming.

Validation expense will be held to a minimum.

All steers must be tagged with a state validation tag, nose-printed and pictures taken to be eligible for the Borden County and major show competition.

Deworming, fly tags and 7-way blackleg vaccine will be available at cost.

## "STEEL MAGNOLIAS"

Final preparations and rehearsals are being conducted for the Lamesa Community Players of "Steel Magnolias." Season ticket holders can make reservations beginning June 14, and

## MOTH INVASION

A large number of moths are now congregating at night around lights in Borden County. These moths are the adults of two or three species of mesquite cutworms. The number of these moths increased rapidly during the past few days. They will be present in large numbers, then they will quickly disappear.

The mesquite cutworm larvae feed on mesquite leaves. They feed at night and remain hidden under the rough bark or at the base of the tree during the day. When full grown the larvae are about 1 1/4 inches in length. They are black with light-colored to gray parallel lines running the length of the body.

Most of the foliage may be stripped from mesquite trees that are heavily infested by mesquite cutworms.

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general tickets go on sale June 18. Performances will be June 21, 22, & 23 and June 28, 29, & 30. At 8:00 p.m. For reservations, call 806/872-2705. Make your plans now to attend.

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When these cutworms are damaging mesquite trees in the home landscape carbaryl (Sevin) will provide effective control when sprayed on the foliage.

The moths which are almost black have a light colored line about 1/3 of the way back across the wings. When the wings are folded this line forms a V. There is a crescent shaped orange spot on the end of the underwings.

If the moths become a problem in the home, aerosol sprays containing pyrethrins or resmethrins will be helpful in controlling the moths. They will not cause any damage in the home but may be a nuisance. Use yellow lights that do not attract the moths if the presence of large numbers of moths become a problem.

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**June 9-17 - Fiesta Del Concho, San Angelo.** Festivities along the banks of the Concho River include barge rides, art, crafts, parade, food, entertainment and armadillo, raft and balloon races. Frontier Day at Fort Concho on Saturday depicts life in the 1880s with weaving and other demonstrations, wagon rides, infantry drills, quilt show, sheep dog trials and the Texas Sheep Shearing Contest. More information from Convention and Visitors Bureau, 500 Rio Concho Drive, San Angelo 76903 (915/653-1206).

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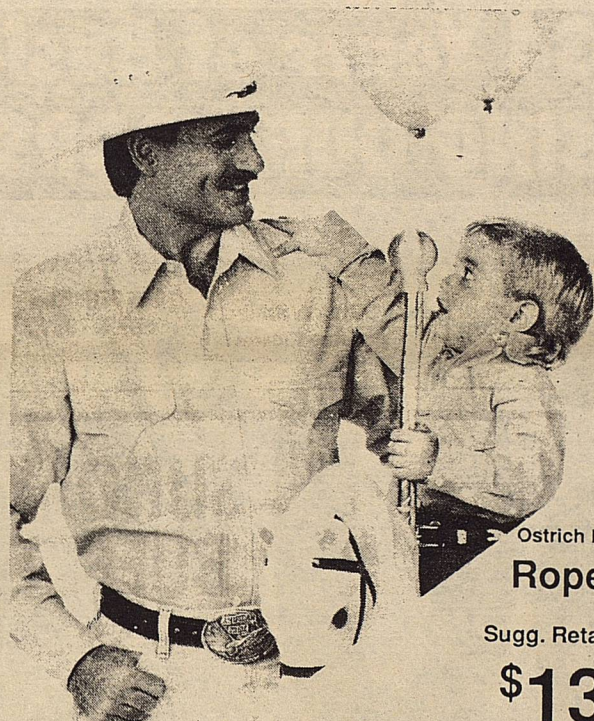
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Pursuant to the settlement, while not admitting liability, Southwestern Bell, the other local exchange telephone companies in Texas, and AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. have agreed to pay refunds to those WATS/800 customers who paid overtime charges attributable to the rounding practices for intrastate WATS/800 services at any time between September, 1976, and February, 1987. The refunds will be based upon either the actual or estimated amount of overtime charges attributable to such rounding practices. An exact refund will be determined for customers able to produce copies of their WATS/800 service bills. For customers who do not have copies of their WATS/800 service bills to establish actual overtime charges paid, an average refund of \$4.53 to \$5.95 per WATS/800 service line per month will be applied. All claims will be subject to verification. The refunds will also include interest at the rate of 7.80% per annum.

### Claim Forms And Additional Information

Those customers who think they may be entitled to a refund or who desire more information must call 1-800-782-3026, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, or write to WATS Refund Pool Administrator, One Bell Plaza, Room 670, P. O. Box 650376, Dallas, Texas 75265-0376, to request a WATS Refund Information Package. The WATS Refund Information Package will contain further information regarding the lawsuit and eligibility for a refund, a description of documentation required to support a customer's claim for refund, and a refund claim form to be filled out and submitted requesting a refund. REQUESTING A WATS REFUND INFORMATION PACKAGE DOES NOT OBLIGATE YOU IN ANY WAY.

All claims for a refund must be received by the Refund Pool Administrator by Friday, October 5, 1990, and all rejections of the settlement (that is, requests for exclusion from the class action lawsuit) must be received by the Court by Wednesday, September 5, 1990. Only those who respond by filing a claim or by filing a rejection of the settlement, as explained in the WATS Refund Information Package, will receive notice of future developments in this proceeding.

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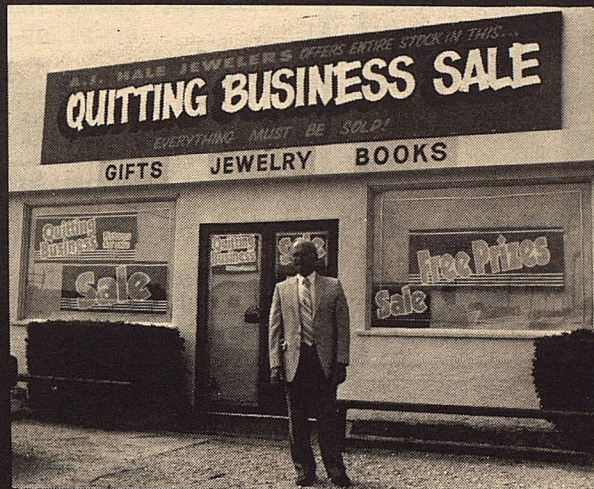
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