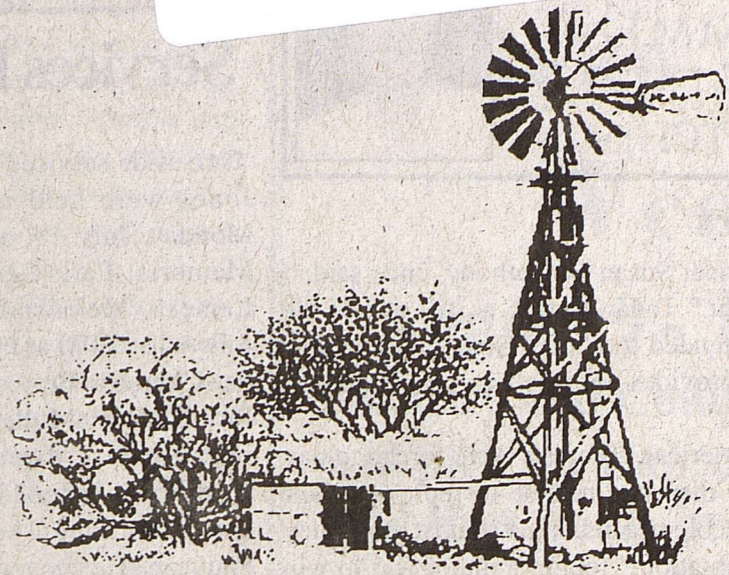


# Cowboy Country News

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## Criminal cases in County Court

Four criminal cases were heard in the July 14 session of County Court, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Donna Ann Bergen pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test refused (BTR). A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She was fined \$500, must pay \$326 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. She will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 10.5 hours served, serve 24 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. Investigating officer was Trooper Robert Munsell.

Eliberto Palma Bordayo Jr. pled guilty to a second DWI. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$326 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend 10 days in jail with two days credit, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI repeat offender program and the TAIP program, must serve 80 hours community service and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. He will lose his license 180 days and install an interlock device in any driven vehicle. bill Fitzgerald was his attorney, and Trooper Carmen Medrano was investigating officer.

Jamie Lynn Candelaria pled guilty to driving while license suspended. She was fined \$200 and must pay \$241 court costs. Investigating officer was Trooper Medrano.

Anthony Ray Loya pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. He was fined @50, must pay \$211 court costs, \$250 appointed attorney fees, \$140 restitution to DPS and \$25 time payment fee. He will surrender his license 180 days, serve 24 hours community service, and complete the drug offender program. Investigating officer was Antonio de la Cruz, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force, and Paul Manusr was his attorney.

## Joint County Extension peanut producers meeting on tap here

Terry and Yoakum County Extension are hosting a Peanut Meeting Thursday, July 22, 2004 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in Plains at the Community building. All producers attending will receive 2 CEU units. Speakers include Arlan Gentry, Yoakum County CEA-Ag, Scott Russell, Terry/Yoakum County Extension Agent, IPM, Dr. Calvin Trostle, District Extension Agronomist, Dr. Thomas Lee, Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist, and Todd Baughman, Assistant Professor and Extension Agronomist. Producers are invited to bring plant samples to be examined and problems addressed.

## Listening to a G.I. home from Iraq Returning army captain shares memories, experiences on long flight with former resident

Recently Glenda (Miller) Malesovos, the daughter of locals T.J. and Lois Miller, and her husband Jerry, returned from a cruise to Alaska. Upon arriving home, she immediately wrote a lengthy letter to her parents, a letter not about the cruise, or the wonders of Alaska, but detailing the three and one-half hour flight from Dallas to Seattle where they would board the cruise vessel. T.J. Miller made the letter available to CCN, which is featured here with some editing for brevity. With the current political furor over Iraq, we think it worthy of every readers attention. The subject soldiers last name has been omitted for privacy reasons.

"On our flight, Jerry and I did not have pre-assigned seats and did not sit together, but were only one row apart. The passenger who sat down beside me was a soldier on leave on his way home, from Iraq to Seattle. Captain Ricardo, dressed in army fatigues, apologized for not

being clean shaven and not having a recent shower. He had been on airplanes three days, flying first from Iraq to Kuwait, then to Budapest, then Ireland, Canada, Dallas, and now his Seattle destination. He is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and wife Corrine and three year old son Sebastian live in nearby Olympia. "I told Ricardo it was my privilege to sit by him, and I thanked him for serving our country. During the flight many passengers near us came over to thank him and wish him well. I learned he is 31, and he said being in Iraq is hard, but even harder for the 18 and 19 year old soldiers. He told me he was very glad as he walked through airports many strangers would come to these young troops and thank them for their service, something really important to the young soldiers.

"I learned Ricardo was born and raised in Puerto Rico. He earned a college scholarship and

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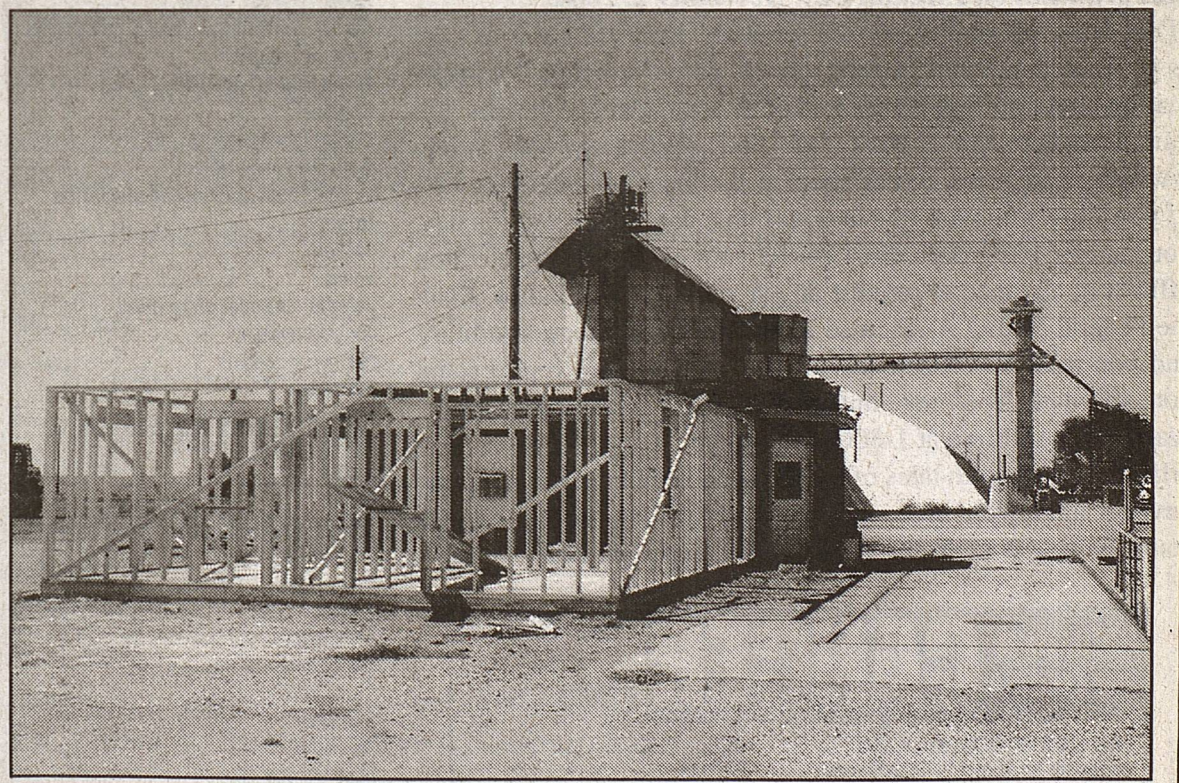
## Conversion of grain to peanut plant site continues on schedule

According to Chris Elkins, there's not much question about the Attebury-Williams peanut facility here being ready in time to accept county goobers. The unknown answer is when will they start rolling in, and how good will the 2004 crop be? Chris Elkins and Ollie Hall were special guests of the local Lions club last week, and gave a brief review of the work going on at the site. Attebury Grain, sixth largest grain merchant in the U.S. and capable of 160 million bushels of storage space, recently joined forces with Clint Williams Company, a division of the Texoma Peanut Company in Madill, Oklahoma, and when work is finished will have peanut handling sites here, Brownfield and Welch.

According to Hall, the Madill plant is capable of handling over 100 thousand tons of peanuts annually, and features a state of the art blanching plant, one of only 20 in the U.S. Elkins told the Lions the receiving site here will handle all four varieties of peanuts, Runner, Spanish, Valencia and Virginia. He explained since the old peanut quota system was abandoned some two years ago most producers feel the price received for their crops has improved somewhat. Elkins said from 60 to 70 percent of U.S. peanuts are exported, with a very large share of the yearly crop going to Europe, but now China and Japan have become significant buyers of the legumes. Both Elkins and Hall assured the Lions when work is finished here, the plant will be a positive asset to town and county.



Plains Lions Vaughn Culwell and Debbie Rushing Spears hold bags of roasted Virginia peanuts presented to the club by Chris Elkins, right foreground, Manager of Attebury-Williams LLC peanut buying plant here, Brownfield and Welch. In right background is Ollie Hall, foreman of the construction and conversion of the old Goodpasture grain elevator here to a new, state of the art handling and buying point for area peanut producers. The lower photo shows progress on renovating the old office building and adding almost 400 square feet to the office.



This statue stands outside an Iraqi palace now the home of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division. It was crafted by an Iraqi artist named Kalat, who for years was forced by the Saddam government to make hundreds of bronze busts of Saddam. Kalat was so grateful for the American liberation of his country he melted three of the Saddam heads to make this memorial to our soldiers and their fallen. On the left of the kneeling soldier is a little Iraqi girl trying to comfort the soldier as he mourns the loss of a fallen comrade.

## Toll-Free number could be key to more drug busts

The South Plains Regional Narcotics Task Force, a multi-jurisdictional "Task Force" which includes an 18 county region is releasing a special number citizens can call to report drug activity or suspicious behavior. The new toll-free number is being introduced to assist area law enforcement agencies in reducing drug trafficking, manufacturing, sales and related crimes in the 18 county area. The new toll-free number is 1-800-621-0608.

The call goes directly to the South Plains Regional Narcotics Task Force office where you can leave a message and a task force officer will get back with you, or you can elect to remain anonymous. The task force hotline will be answered in person Monday-Friday, 8am to 5 pm. For reporting information after hours, holidays and weekends, please leave a detailed message.

The task force supports an 18 county area on the

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CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Your Vote Matters

The great American heroine, Susan B. Anthony, once said, "Suffrage is the pivotal right." Today, voting is still one of the most significant rights extended to United State citizens. The presidential election year provides an excellent opportunity to exercise this right.

Under British rule, the American colonists were forced to pay taxes to Great Britain, yet they had no one to represent their interests in Parliament. The colonists rebelled against this policy of taxation without representation, fought a major war to win independence, and then founded the United States of America as a "Republic." This form of government would allow the citizens to elect people who would then represent their interests in Washington.

For many the new government was an improvement over British rule, but not all could enjoy this new, hard-fought right. Initially, only white, male property owners could vote. It was nearly 200 years before all American citizens over the age of 18 had the right to vote.

Less than a century ago, women could not legally vote. The Women's Suffrage Movement, led by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton throughout the latter part of the 19th century, argued women should also have a say in who represented them. In 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution finally granted women the right to vote.

While black men were enfranchised by the 15th amendment at the end of the Civil War, many African Americans still were obstructed from casting their votes in several states until the mid-1960's. A major element of the Civil Rights Movement focused on getting African Americans registered to vote and calling an end to tactics, such as poll taxes, and property ownership requirements, which created hurdles for many blacks from being able to vote. It was not until 1965, not quite 50 years ago, that African Americans were able to freely exercise their right to vote.

During the height of the Vietnam War, Americans expressed their concern over the idea men could be drafted to fight a war at 18, yet could not vote until they were 21. With the passing of the 26th amendemnt in 1971, nearly every U.S. citizen over 18 could register to vote.

Surprisingly, however, less than half of the voting age population votes. Many Americans may have forgotten the historical significance of being able to vote or believe their votes don't matter. Others neglect to register in time for an election. For instance, in Texas you must be registered at least 30 days prior to the election. **This means if you are not registered by October 3rd, you will have forfeited your right to cast a vote for our next president on Election Day, November 2, 2004.**

Don't pass up your opportunity to vote. Registration is as easy as going to your local Department of Motor Vehicles. For information about polling places and other local election details you can contact the office of the Secretary of State, [www.sos.state.tx.us](http://www.sos.state.tx.us), or call them at 1-800-252-VOTE.

If you know you won't be in your home district on election day, you can still cast your vote. Contact your county or city election official in advance to request an early or absentee ballot. Also, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) serves military and non-military citizens abroad in helping them register and vote absentee. You may contact the FVAP via email at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or toll free at 1-800-438-VOTE.

History is ripe with tales of elections decided by close margins. - even a single vote in some cases - so remember your vote does count. Voting is more tha a right, it's a responsibility!

Obituary

Services held for Truett Jones

Graveside services for Truett Jones were held at 10 AM Monday, July 19, at Lamesa Memorial Park Cemetery in Lamesa. Memorial services followed at 2 PM at First Christian Church in Brownfield with Rev. Chad McMullen officiating, under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home. He was born June 18, 1929 in Paducah. He moved with his parents to Lamesa and graduated from Lamesa High in 1947. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and was a member of the world famous Cowboy Band.

He was an original member of the Cowboy Band Foundation Board of Directors, and lifetime member of the Cowboy Band Foundation. He married Wanda Sue Middleton in 1948. She preceded him in death in 1979. He later married Dixie Brinson McQueen of Brownfield. His major interests were agriculture, travel and antique auto clubs. He served several years on the Plains Independent School District Board. He also served on several ag committees including Plains Cotton Growers, alternate delegate to the Grain Sorghum Producers Board, and FHA County Committee in Yoakum County.

Truett was a Mason since 1950, holding dual memberships in Plains and Brownfield. He was a Scottish Rite Mason, Shrine Member and Deputy Grand Master in 1974. He was a member of First Baptist church in Lamesa, Plains and Brownfield. He was a current member and elder at Brownfield First Christian Church.

A large family and host of friends will miss him. He is survived by his wife Dixie; One son, Russell T. Jones and wife Becky of Lubbock; four daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Rip Walser, Lake Wales, Fla., Jerry and David Lollar, Tokio, Cindy and David Crass, Midland, and Bobbie and Butch Gayle, Plains; a stepson, Doyle McQueen, Euless, TX, 13 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a sister, Carol Green of Phoenix, Arizona.

A sister, Shirley Sikes, preceded him in death in January 2004. His family suggests memorials to your favorite charity or Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Box 199300, Dallas TX 75219-9300; Masonic Home and School, 360 Wichita St. Ft. Worth TX 76119, or Texas Boys Ranch, Box 5665, Lubbock TX 79408-9859.

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graduated with a degree in economics. Lack of funds kept him from going to graduate school, so he joined the army, and successfully completed Officer Candidate School.

Using army benefits he earned his master's degree, and hopes to go on to doctorate school.

"He told me the life of an American soldier in Iraq is hard, but it was clear to me he is very accepting of it, and his being stationed in Kosovo was a vacation compared to Iraq. He first slept in a truck, then tents, then vacated Iraqi army barracks, which 'were awful'. Now he has 'tin can' quarters, a small metal building with shower.

"I asked him, if he could talk to President Bush about anything he wanted, what would he say? Ricardo first said he would not have sent us there, but we ARE there, and we cannot quit now. He said if he spoke to the President he would pray for him to have the wisdom to find a way to successfully get us out of Iraq. Unfortunately, he expects us to be there for ten years. We talked of the new Iraqi president, who at that time had been in office just a few days. We agreed we thought his life expectancy was very short. Ricardo thought he was still alive because (at the time) he had not left his office building since becoming president.

"Ricardo told me the norm for Iraqi people is for them to scream at one another constantly. He thinks about 75% of them are ordinary people, but possibly 25% are insurgent terrorists. Most are uneducated and can't read their own language. He told me Iraqi women are treated horribly. Sex is not considered an act of pleasure or love, but a child is considered a blessing of Allah and reproduction is promoted by Islam. The Koran allows Moslem men four wives. Ricardo said it was very common for 15 year old girls to marry and start having kids. Many women have five kids by time they are 20, and commonly men have four wives, maybe ten kids by each. These 40 kids usually have no source of food or shelter. He said womens life span is about 50 years although at that age they look much older. The men live longer, if they're not killed in a war.

"He told me because of their economy many Iraqis can be hired for \$20 to plant bombs against Americans. Iraqi police earn about \$70 per month. Our forces must act, even drive aggressively, and developing friendship with the Iraqi people is difficult because so many are trying to kill Americans. He said they do much to hurt themselves. Ninety oil trucks daily travel from Iraq to Kuwait with their oil, and about two trucks are blown up daily. A pipeline could move three times as much oil, but the Iraqis will blow it up also.

"He told me about the camp in Mosul where he is stationed. Mosul has a population about the size of San Francisco, and only 5,000 of our troops are stationed there. The camp is large, very spread-out, making a more difficult missile target. One missile struck a G.I. volleyball game, injuring nine soldiers, none seriously. The soldiers go on missions outside the camp everyday, always possible shooting or bombing targets.

Shooting into cars is common. The Iraqi police have very little protection of any kind, and when they are injured are treated in Iraqi medical facilities, which are supplied with equipment and drugs from the U.S. Disease and chronic illness in Iraq usually lead to death because of primitive medical conditions. Ricardo said the entire country is primitive - The camels in Iraq are free to roam and leave Iraq, but the people do not leave!

"Ricardo has had many close calls, once in a vehicle where the other soldiers were all killed but not him. He said he would not be taken hostage, but would fight it out because he has no intention to ever become be-headed. He does not tell his wife of his close calls when he e-mails her. In his ordinary day he rises at 6 am and doesn't finish work until 11 pm. then goes to the camp internet area and e-mails home. He does not tell her "I almost got killed today" or about the other soldiers he was with who were wounded or killed, or "I had a very close call today." He watches a little television on a TV and satellite dish he bought in Iraq. There's no satellite service there, so he kept trying different angles of the dish until it worked. There are only three more TV's in the camp.

"Ricardo said his unit is well equipped and supplied, but there aren't enough armed forces in Iraq. He said the 5,000 man force must patrol everyday, to establish a presence, or the insurgent terrorists will "own Mosul.

"Typically I am not a fan of military boots but I admired Ricardo's, a new style for the military and his unit is the first to get them, along with new style fatigues. The boots featured camel colored suede leather along with semi-canvas material to allow air in, and rubber leather soles with the comfort of tennis shoes. They are not hot, and dry very quickly. The fatigues have lots of velcro instead of buttons and do not get so hot. He told me he felt like something was missing, his own rifle which is always with him, and the 50 pound protective vest with ammunition in it. He had to check his weapon in before he left camp for his two week leave, and will get the same weapon back upon his return.

"I asked him how younger persons work out when they enter the service with a history of drug or behavioural problems. He said some shape up very well and perform and handle responsibility well. The others are booted out because the military cannot afford having them foul up the works. "Clearly I was impressed with Ricardo, his very positive but realistic attitude and his very courteous demeanor. I was lucky to sit beside him, and felt fortunate he was willing to share his experiences with me. I will keep him in my prayers through the rest of this war. I am grateful to the military serving at this difficult time. It was my definite privilege to talk to him.

The three most valuable brand names on earth are Marlboro, Coca-Cola, and Budweiser, in that order

August 6 - 7 Sales Tax Holiday

TAX FREE ITEMS

- Baby clothes
- Belts with attached buckles
- Boots - cowboy, hiking
- Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted
- Coats and wraps
- Diapers - adult and baby
- Dresses
- Gloves (generally)
- Gym suits and uniforms
- Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts
- Hosiery
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jerseys - baseball and football
- Jogging apparel
- Neckwear and ties
- Pajamas
- Pants and trousers
- Raincoats and ponchos
- Robes
- Shirts
- Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking
- Socks (including athletic)
- Shorts
- Suits, slacks, and jackets
- Sweatshirts
- Sweat suits
- Sweaters
- Swimsuits
- Underclothes
- Work clothes and uniforms

TAXED ITEMS

- Accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches
- Backpacks
- Baseball cleats and pants
- Belt buckles (without belt)
- Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders
- Buttons and zippers
- Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics
- Dry cleaning services
- Football pants
- Golf gloves
- Handbags and purses
- Handkerchiefs
- Hard hats
- Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports
- Ice skates
- Jewelry
- Laundrying services
- Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel
- Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder
- Personal flotation devices
- Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes)
- Roller blades and skates
- Safety clothing, glasses
- Shoes - bicycle (cleated), bowling, golf

Both lists above are selected item examples. For a complete list of items log onto [www.window.state.tx.us](http://www.window.state.tx.us)

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## Last Year's Rodeo Queen



Last year's Rodeo Queen, Ashley Vantine, won her crown by selling well over 2,000 tickets for the custom built western saddle or \$500 cash prize sponsored by the Plains Roping Club. This year's Queen Contestants, Skylar Keese, Roping Club, Daniela Lazos, Plains Lions Club, and Priscilla Mares are now hard at work selling tickets, and we urge you to be generous when these ladies call on you. Because of ever escalating costs, the Old Settlers Reunion and the Rodeo could not continue their traditional roles without the efforts of the Queen Contestants. We urge you to help us continue these community and county benefiting events.

## Mixed emotions about area crop outlook

Ask a county ag producer how he assesses this year's crop, he is likely to tell you, "It depends on what part of the county we're looking at... and what crop it is." Early in the year, producers were highly optimistic about the predominant crop mainstays, cotton, peanuts, watermelons, small grains, following welcome early rains, the most early precipitation received here in years. Recently, it has become evident certain areas in the county have fared with Mother Nature better than others. Cooperative Extension Agent-Ag Arlan Gentry recently offered his outlook on county crops by summing up, "We have a pretty wide range of conditions across the county, but all in all, we're in pretty good shape to have a good year with some good yields."

Gentry said the county was fortunate to have missed hailstorms and heavy rains which damaged many acres on the South Plains. "Our weather damage has come from drought, high temperatures, wind and sand burn. Some county areas are still very dry, while many areas received decent to good rains in late June to early July. Some irrigation wells have been able to stay idle a few days, but others have pumped non-stop," Gentry said.



A young Allsweet melon, about 12 inches long but growing rapidly

He reports the peanut crop looks very good now. "Temperatures in the high 80's to low 90's the past week or so have been ideal for peanut growth. Most plants are pegging now, doing extremely well." He describes county irrigated cotton as fair to very good, while the dryland cotton ranges from poor to good. "Moisture amounts and sandblasting are major causes of a wide range of conditions. Insect trapping numbers have been low. Fleahoppers and Lygus bugs are being found in low numbers, and beneficial insects are abundant in most fields", according to the Gentry. "We just need more time, and more

rain." While not as many producers have planted as many acres of the county's famed watermelons as in years past, this year's crop promises to again be high in quality. One producer installed a shallow drip irrigation system for a substantial portion of his watermelon crop this year, and has been well pleased with results to date. All in all, the 2004 crop looks encouraging at this point, but as almost always, producers are hoping for a good price for whatever their labor and investment is producing this year.

## 'Native Texan' specialty plate helps preserve our Texas history

Symbols of Texas' history as an independent country are displayed on a new specialty license plate available to the public. Motorists can now display their Texas pride on their bumpers by purchasing a Native Texas plate available from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Yoakum County Tax Assessor/Collector office here and in Denver City. They are featuring the Native Texan plate as Plate Of The Month.

"Texas pride is rooted in our unique history, and the Native Texan plate generates funds helping preserve sites like those featured in the plate design," said Betty Rivas, Tax Assessor/Collector for the county.

The Native Texan plate displays the Alamo and San Jacinto monument with the Texas flag in the background. The words "Native Texan" run along the bottom of the plate.

The Native Texan plate is available to motorists for a \$30 annual fee, plus \$40 if personalized, in addition to regular vehicle registration fees. \$22 of the \$30 fee is appropriated to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas for programs preserving Texas historic sites, or teach Texas history.

Applications for the Native Texan specialty plate are available at county tax offices, on TxDOT's web site, [www.dot.state.tx.us](http://www.dot.state.tx.us) or by calling the TxDOT Help Desk, 512-465-7611.

TxDOT started its specialty plate program in 1965. Today, there is a wide variety of different plate designs, many of them benefiting a particular group, college or university. Since 1994, more than \$10 million has been raised for this type sponsorship.

## City Wide Clean - Up Week

### August 9 - 13, 2004

**The City and County employees will pick up your old furniture, old tires, junk, and any other non-toxic materials during this week. Please put all items in your alley**

## State unemployment rate down again

June 2004				
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
State of Texas	11,079.8	10,360.0	719.8	6.5
Abilene	62.8	60.4	2.4	3.8
Amurillo	121.0	116.5	4.5	3.7
Austin-San Marcos	775.7	737.4	38.3	4.9
Beaumont-Port Arthur	186.5	168.3	18.2	9.8
Brazoria	117.3	106.2	11.1	9.5
Brownsville-Harlingen	146.1	130.9	15.2	10.4
Bryan-College Station	81.2	79.4	1.8	2.3
Corpus Christi	186.7	172.6	14.1	7.6
Dallas	2,857.0	1,920.5	1,36.5	6.6
El Paso	295.1	270.8	24.3	8.2
Fort Worth-Arlington	976.3	916.9	59.4	6.1
Galveston-Texas City	130.5	119.4	11.1	8.5
Houston	2,360.6	2,195.9	164.7	7.0
Killeen-Temple	124.4	118.1	6.3	5.0
Laredo	88.9	82.2	6.7	7.6
Longview-Marshall	110.0	103.6	6.4	5.8
Lubbock	132.7	127.1	5.6	4.2
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	239.6	210.1	29.5	12.3
Odessa-Midland	128.6	121.5	7.1	5.5
San Angelo	53.6	51.6	2.0	3.8
San Antonio	846.1	798.7	47.4	5.6
Sherman-Denison	51.8	48.6	3.2	6.2
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Tyler	98.6	94.2	4.4	4.5
Victoria	46.6	44.4	2.2	4.7
Waco	106.5	101.3	5.2	4.8
Wichita Falls	66.3	63.4	2.9	4.3

## YOAKUM COUNTY ART ASSOCIATION 2004 SHOW & SALE

**AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 7, 2004.....Community Building, Plains, TX**

**Entry Date: Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

**Fees: Per entry: \$3.00/Members and \$5.00/non-members for both Fine Art and Crafts.**  
\* Yoakum County Art Association gets 15% commission on all sales.

**Eligibility: Limited to those works not previously entered in YCAA competition. Crafts must be made by person entering them.**

**Judge: Michelle Craft, Lubbock, Texas**

**Judging: Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. This is restricted to appointed personnel.**

**Critique: Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Open to the Public: Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.**

**Awards:**  
Best of Show - \$100.00  
Best of Photography - \$50.00  
Best of Crafts - \$50.00

**Purchase Awards: Will be selected by businesses and private patrons Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Only authorized members are allowed at this time.**

**Cash Awards and Ribbons: In each category: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$25.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$15.00**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10.00**

- # Cash awards will be given only in originals and photography.
- # Ribbons awarded in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Honorable Mention places in all categories.
- # No cash prizes will be awarded in divisions with less than 10 entries.
- # **Ribbons and awards presented at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Categories: Originals / Photography / Copies / Graphics / Class Work / Students (Adult / Junior and Senior Youth divisions). No fee for students. CRAFTS: Wood / Fiber / and Other.**

**Divisions: Landscape / Still Life / Portraits / Wildlife / and Miniatures.**

- Miniatures can be no larger than 5X7.
- No entry larger than 30" X 40" (inside dimensions not including the frame).
- Divisions will be established, combined and/or eliminated as necessary.

**Entry Standards: All paintings must be securely wired and ready for hanging at time of arrival. No saw tooth hangers and no wet paint. YCAA "reserves the right" to reject any entry. Each entry must have a form on the back stating artist name, title of entry, and a price. The long form should have each entry listed. YCAA will not be responsible for any loss or damage. All work submitted will signify an agreement by the artist to the above stated conditions.**

**Saleroom: Club members only, and they must have at least one entry in competition. Each entry must have an entry form attached to each item, with a price, name and number, and be listed on the long entry form.**

**Door Prizes: Drawn at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. These will be paintings by club members only, and cannot be sold before the drawing. \$75.00 will be paid to the artist whose paintings are selected.**

**Pick-Up: Works may NOT be picked up before 5:00 p.m., Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Anything left after that time will not be the responsibility of the Yoakum County Art Association.**

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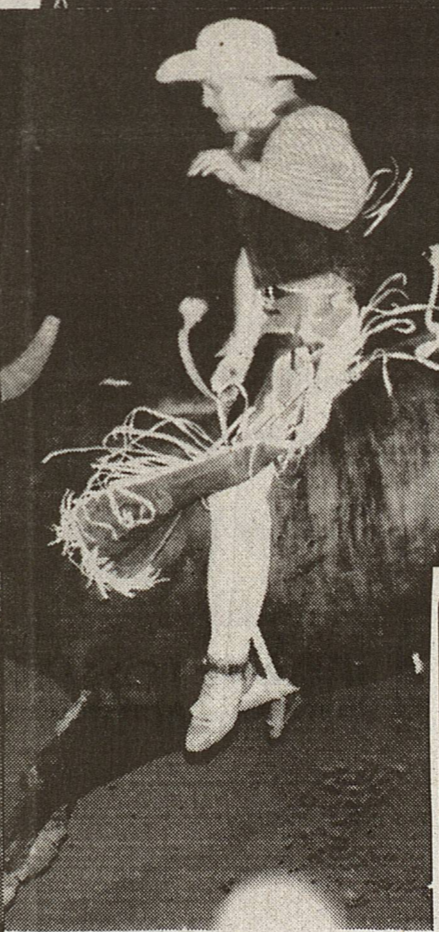
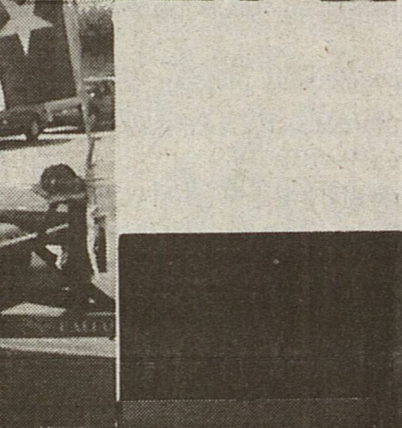
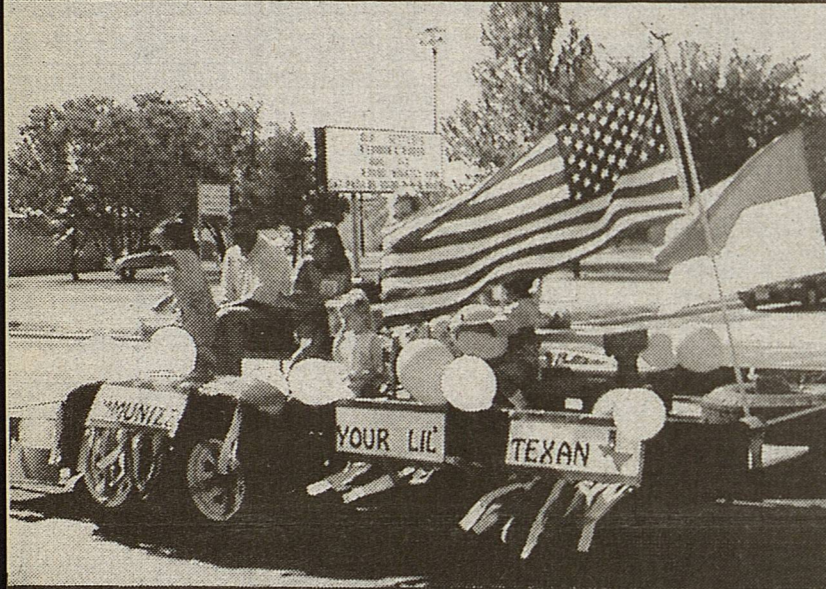
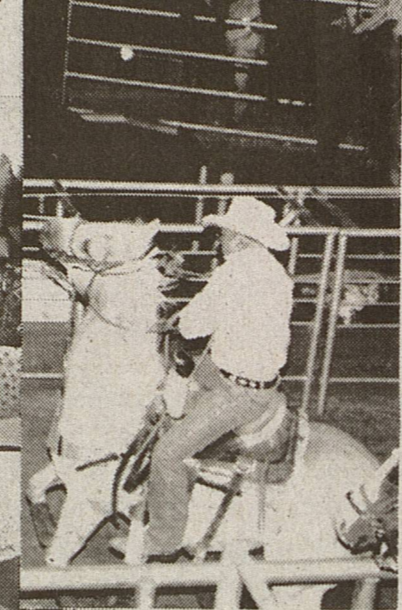
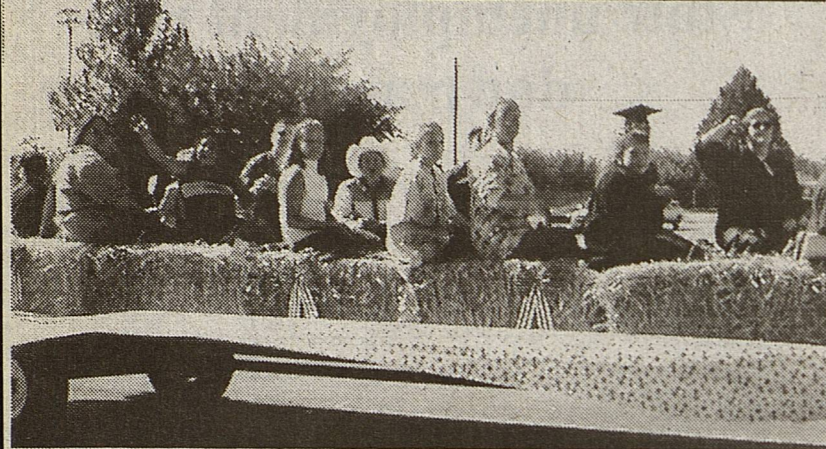
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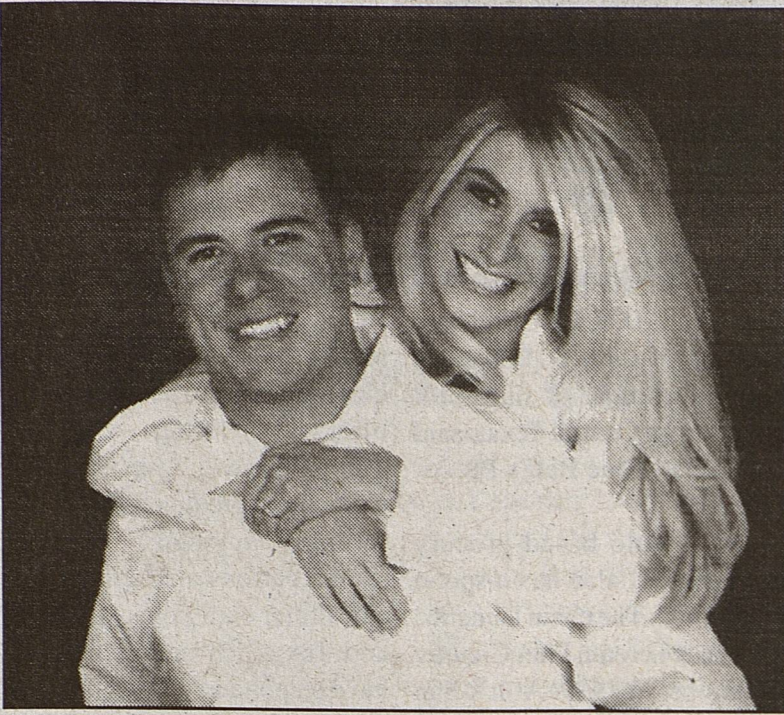
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# Lifelines & Styles

## Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Chris Blundell and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pierce proudly announce the engagement of their children, Krystle LaShaye to Marte Don Pierce.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University receiving a degree in communication studies, and is currently employed by Ralls I.S.D.

The future bridegroom is a graduate of Tarleton State University, receiving a masters degree in Agriculture Education and is currently employed by ARMtech, Inc. of Lubbock.

The couple plans to wed on November 20 at the First Baptist Church in Plains.

## Senior Citizens Corner

An old man was asked, "Which is the happiest season of life?" He thought awhile and answered, "When spring comes, and in the soft air the buds are breaking on the trees, and covered with with blossoms, I think, "How beautiful is spring." And when summer comes and covers the trees with heavy foliage and birds sing among the branches, I think, "How beautiful is summer."

When autumn loads them with golden fruit and their leaves bear the tint of frost, I think, "How beautiful is autumn!" And when the cold winter comes and there is neither foliage nor fruit, I look up through the leafless branches, as I never could until now, and I see the stars shine."

Harley Evans headed off to the northwest in his RV and plans to be gone for a month, relaxing in that beautiful part of our country.

Someone said, "If you look like your passport picture, you probably need a vacation." That sounds like good advice, so, although we don't need to need a passport, we do plan to take a short vacation through the maountain area later this week and spend some time with my sister who is meeting us in Las Cruces for a few days rest, games, family gossip and laughter.

Menatime, things move along well around the Senior Center. The new rec room is looking

better each day and is being daily foe exercise, 42, movies, and just relaxed visiting. Come join us.

If you are looking for a few minutes entertainment, go back to the rec room and view all the photos our Site Council ladies havemounted on the bulletin boards. You may find yourself pictured there and are not even aware you had been photographed.

The rec room is also the site of the lovely computer furnished us by SPAG, for the enjoyment and information use by everyone. It will be hooked to the internet by the end of this week.

Anna Taylor came to bring us her monthly 'health' update Tuesday. Her bubbly personality is always welcome at the lunch hour, though her advice means making changes in our routines. She informes us the first patient has been treated at the new dialysis center and all went well. After a ten day monitoring period, they will be ready to accept all those requiring dialysis treatment. She said the center will be open within a month.

The office is acquiring a brand new look, with the new desks and cabinets. Each day we see more organization in all areas of the office, and it is a welcoming area for anyone wishing to stop by to greet our faithful bookkeeper, Anne Holland, and our new Director, Rosa Lopez.

## Engagement Announced



Gary and Kathy Six announce the engagement of their daughter Lindsey to James Shirey, son of Jimmy and the late Kathie Shirey of Earth. The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed by Raiders Pass Apartments. The future bridegroom is attending Texas Tech University and is employed by Edward Jones Investments. The couple plans to be married August 21, 2004 at the County Line Restaurant in Lubbock.

### NEW ITEMS AT THE YOAKUM COUNTY LIBRARY

#### NONFICTION

*See You on the Radio* by Charles Osgood

*The Hubble Space Telescope* by David DeVorkin

*National Geographic Eyewitness to the 20th Century*

*Sign Language Made Simple* by Edgar Lawrence

*How to Prepare for the TAKS: English Language Arts*

*How to Prepare for the TAKS: Math*

*Painting with Your Artist's Brain* by Carl Purcell

*The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

*Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow

*Christmas with Southern Living 2004*

*Better Homes & Gardens Christmas from the Heart*

#### FICTION

*The Last Sin Eater* by Francine Rivers

*A Town Like Alice* by Nevil Shute

*Ten Big Ones* by Janet Evanovich

*Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Legacy*

*Memorial Day* by Vince Flynn

*A Monstrous Regiment of Women* by Laurie R. King

*A Letter of Mary* by Laurie R. King

*Monday Mourning* by Kathy Reichs

*The Rule of Four* by Ian Caldwell

*The Color of Death* by Elizabeth Lowell

*Beloved Physician* by Al Lacy

*Winter Winds* by Gayle Roper

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## Youth art program gets high marks at Connection meeting

The Yoakum County Connection met July 13 in the Denver City Connection building with eight directors present. President Ed Hansen started the program by asking summer youth arts workshop director Janie Ramos to report on the project. Ramos said more than 700 young students participated in the workshops here and in Denver City in June. Conducting more classes resulted in more student participation. Primary instructors were Ramos and Debbie Pollard, Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

Linda Harris reported the tabloid for the annual Watermelon Round Up is ahead of schedule this year and goes to print next week, with an additional four pages. The September 4 Round Up will have additional entertainment this year, including Greenie The Clown, a magician named Harlin, and trick roper/bull whip artist Wild Bill Cathy from Dora, New Mexico. Arts and Craft booths are going rapidly for the \$60 rental fee, and all of the food

booths have been rented.

Younger kids at the Round Up will enjoy a larger inflated carnival, and the petting zoo and barrel train will return for the younger kids.

Reigning watermelon Queens will again visit, and the fun run will again start by the library. Terry and Wadonna Davis will again head up the Classic Car Show, and expect more than last year's 87 entries, held down by expected rain last year. Vehicles will be registered Saturday, September 4 from 9 to 11 AM.

Jim Brown will chair this year's brisket/rib/chicken cookoff, sanctioned by the Lone Star Barbecue Society. Anyone needing additional information about the Round Up is encouraged to call Jeannette Head at 45 MELON.

Some 200 summer youth art pictures and Round Up photos have been posted by Russell Jones at [www.yoakumconnection.com](http://www.yoakumconnection.com) and [crosswind.net](http://crosswind.net).

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# From The Hack

The following should be construed as a semi-serious apology attempt for recent dumb or semi-dumb blonde jokes in this space:

*Because I'm A Man.....*

When I lock my keys in the car, I will mess with a wire hanger and ignore suggestions we call road service until long after hyperthermia has set in.

When the car isn't running right I will pop the hood and stare at the engine as if I know what I'm looking at. If another man shows up one of us will say, "I used to be able to fix these things, but now with all the high tech computers and stuff I'm lost." We will then drink a beer.

I do not want to visit your mother, have her come visit us, talk to her when she calls or think about her any more than I must. Whatever you got her for Mother's Day is fine, I don't need to see it. And don't forget to pick up something for my mother too.

You don't have to ask if I liked the movie. Chances are if

you're crying at the end, I didn't.

I think what you're wearing is fine. I thought what you wore five minutes ago was fine too. Either pair of shoes is fine. Your hair is fine. You look fine. Can we go now?

I can't help it if I must hold the remote control in my hand while I watch TV.

Feel better, ladies? Here's a parting shot..... Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should get used to the idea.

After I finished typing the front page letter from Glenda Malesovos I was given a print of an e-mail with the picture of the little Iraqi girl comforting one of our soldiers after losing a comrade in arms. This gave me pause to wonder - Why doesn't the national media, the really big guys like AP and Reuters wire service, the BBC, our CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, even CNN, pickup more on POSITIVE aspects of the war in that miserable country?

How much time and space do they give to the millions of dollars and of humanitarian gestures we are making to assist the Iraqi people, some of them, I am sure, similar to the little girl in the bronze statue crafted by an Iraqi.

Instead of good, we get a daily, gagging dose of beheadings and threatened beheadings, torture of prisoners by our G.I. guards, woundings and deaths of our men and women warriors.

Are these media giants aware of the GOOD our people are doing, the schools we are re-

building and opening, equipping and staffing Iraqi hospitals, bringing potable water back to destroyed and wornout systems? Of course they're aware... the other stuff just gets our attention quicker. It's hard for me to grasp WHY? Ooops, I almost forgot... the presidential election comes up in November. It's Dems VS Repubs, liberals VS conservatives. How stupid of me... I forgot which of those control the media. Now it's all simplae again.

### BUMPER STICKERS

- \* Welcome to Texas. Now go home
- \* So many pedestrians... So little time!
- \* Honk if you love peace and quiet
- \* For God's sake, hang up and DRIVE!
- \* Your kid may be an honor student... you're still an idiot.
- \* Honk if you want to see a finger
- \* I often wake up grumpy. Some days I let him sleep

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is herby given that the original Letters of Guardianship of the Person and Estate of OPAL EARLINE GRIMES were issued on July 1, 2004, in the Cause No. 2004-01 pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to: BETTY JO COSTON.

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BRADFORD L. MOORE  
Attorney for the estate

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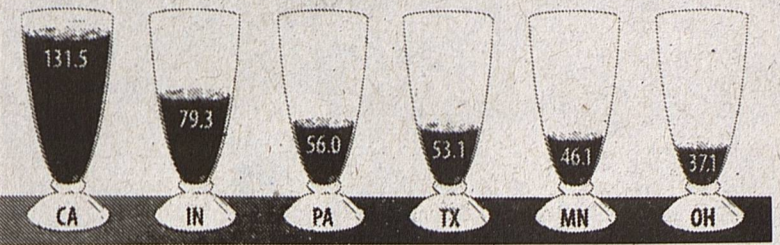
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# Texas Creameries Churn Out Lots Of Sweet Delights

## I scream, you scream

Texas ranked fourth in the nation in ice cream production in 2002, churning out more than 53 million gallons of the cold, creamy creation.

Total national ice cream production, 2002  
In millions of gallons



Texas summers really crank up the heat, and many people cool down with a scoop - or more - of Texas made ice cream. Texas' fondness for the sweet stuff has made Texas one of the top ice cream producing states in the U.S.

Texas is the nation's 4th largest ice cream making state, churning out 53 million gallons, or 2 billion scoops of ice cream in 2002, according to the Texas Ag Statistical Service.

In 2002, the U.S. ice cream industry dished up \$20 billion in annual sales, according to the International Ice Cream Assn. (IICA) and Americans spooned out \$8 billion for ice cream to eat at home and \$12 billion for ice cream at "scoop shops" and restaurants.

"Texas is one of the top ten states in the nation in milk production, and a lot of that is used to make ice cream and mixes," said Ag Commissioner Susan Combs.

Texans looking to take home a bite have many home grown options in grocery stores. Dryer's Grand Ice Cream is based in California, but runs a plant in Houston dishing out more than 23 million gallons of

demand in 2004, Blue Bell uses the milk of some 60,000 cows daily, and most of that milk comes from Central Texas, said Bill Weiss, Blue Bell's PR coordinator.

San Antonio based grocery chain H-E-B also has a spoon in the bowl. The chain launched its own ice cream line, Creamy Creations, in 1999. At its San Antonio dairy plant, H-E-B produces 3.6 million gallons of ice cream annually - enough for 116 million cones.

Texans also can enjoy a scoop of their favorite flavor at one of the state's many ice cream shops.

Established in 1983, Marble Slab Creamery owns one corporate store in Houston and has 233 franchise locations. Marble Slab offers super-premium ice

stores there and three out of town stores. Amy's also specializes in superpremium blends. Owner Amy Simmons says, "we use only the finest ingredients. We don't scrimp on anything."

Some patrons are looking for a healthier experience, though, and Texas ice cream makers have responded with lighter ice cream choices, including low-carb options.

Southwest Foods, the manufacturing division of Tyler based Brookshire's, introduced LeCarb frozen desserts in April 2002, and their sales from 2002 to 2003 quadrupled.

In March 2004 Blue Bell offered Creme de Carb, a low carb ice cream in many flavors, and in May 2004 Dreyer's rolled out Grand Light Slow Churned ice creams with 50 percent less fat and 30 percent less calories than premium blends.

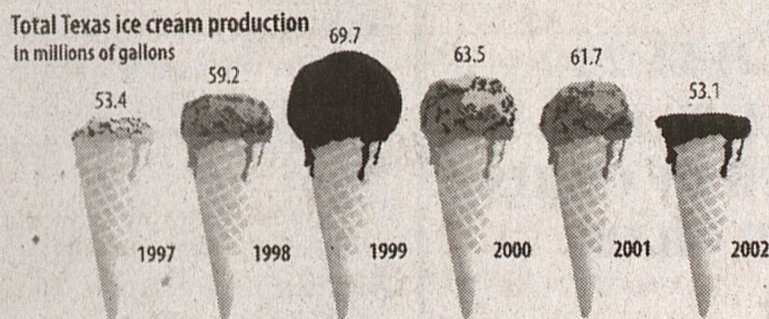
Consumer preferences for lighter dessert options contributed to a 24 percent drop in Texas ice cream production since 1999. Production fell from 69.7 million gallons in 1999 to 53.1 gallons in 2002.

Another factor in the sales decline is the growth in popularity of frozen snacks, or novelty - single servings of a frozen dessert, such as ice cream sandwiches or fudge bars.

There's a whole lot of sweetness in our state!

## Make that one scoop, please

After peaking in 1999 at 69.7 million gallons, Texas ice cream production has declined. Texas ice cream makers attribute the drop to several factors, including the popularity of low-carb and low-fat diets.



premium ice cream annually to Texas and the Southeast, said Elizabeth Varjas, Dreyer's category development manager.

"In Texas our number one flavor is vanilla bean, but we also have limited edition flavors," Varjas said. Dreyer's is considered a "premium" ice cream. The industry categorizes its products in quality segments. Factors deciding each segment includes quality of ingredients and overrun in the ice cream. Overrun refers to the amount of air the ice cream is exposed to during processing.

Brenham based Blue Bell Creameries started cranking out ice cream in 1911 at the rate of two gallons per day. To meet

customers in more than 40 flavors. Customers can have 'mixins', fruits, nuts, cookie dough and candy bars crushed into their icecream.

Amy's Ice Creams opened in Austin in 1984, now owns 8

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Texas Workforce Commission projections for the current decade show strongest job gains in service industries.

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Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	152,790 206,490	53,700
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