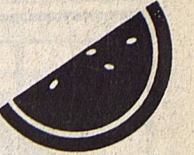


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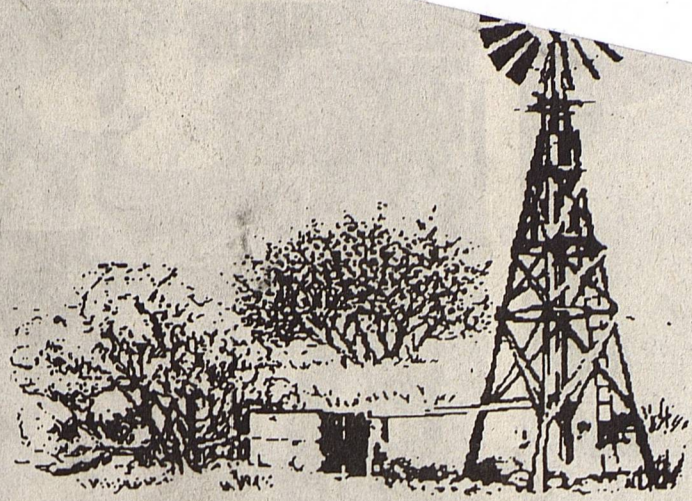


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### Motorists take heed - new traffic laws go into effect September 1

Many driving related bills passed by both the House and Senate in the recent legislative session will go into effect September 1. Texas motorists would be wise to become familiar with the new rules of the road. The following is a partial explanation of just a few of the new requirements.

SB 45 makes it a state jail felony to drive while intoxicated with a passenger younger than 15 years.

SB 193 requires drivers approaching a stopped emergency vehicle with lights activated, unless otherwise directed by an officer, to: vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle if the highway has two or more lanes traveling the direction of the emergency vehicle, slow to a speed not more than 20 mph less than the posted speed limit when the limit is 25 mph or more, or slow to a speed not more than 5 mph when posted speed is less than 25 mph. Violations can result in \$200 fine, if property damage results \$500 fine, if causes bodily injury the offense becomes a Class B misdemeanor.

SB 209 makes having a video display visible from the drivers seat illegal. Video receiving equipment includes digital video disc players, video cassette players or similar equipment.

HB 292 strengthens an existing law and allows a police officer to have a blood or breath alcohol sample taken from a driver involved in an alcohol related crash that kills or seriously injures another person, in a motor vehicle or boat.

HB 1784 makes it an offense to park a vehicle where it blocks a disabled access aisle designed to aid persons with disabilities.

The Driver Responsibility Law contained in HB 3588 establishes a point system for moving violations classified as Class C misdemeanors, and applies surcharges to offenders based on the type of offense. For each conviction, DPS will assign points to a persons license as follows;

\*Two points for moving violation conviction in Texas or another state.

\*No points for speeding less than ten percent over the posted speed limit or seat belt conviction.

\*Three points for moving violation conviction here or other states resulting in a vehicle crash.

Each year DPS will assess a surcharge of licenses of drivers accumulating six or more points during the preceding three years. The driver will pay a \$100 surcharge for the first six points and \$25 for additional points. A first time DWI results in \$1000 surcharge paid annually for three years, second DWI \$1500 for three years.

Convictions for driving with invalid license or failure to maintain financial responsibility results in \$250 surcharge annually for three years. Texas drivers would be well advised to review all of the new driving regulations via the internet, [www.capitol.state.tx.us](http://www.capitol.state.tx.us). Select the enrolled version.

### Criminal cases in County Court

In the August 20 session of County Court, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, Sergio Sandoval pled true and was sentenced to serve 180 days in jail, with credit for 30 days served in a prior DWI cause. A cause of possession of alcohol by minor was adjudicated.

Peter Harms Knelsen pled guilty to DWI, b.t. .15/.160. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He must complete the TAIP program, serve 24 hours community service, and spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 10 hours served. Jimmy Hammons was his lawyer and Sheriff Deputy Inoe Valdez was investigating officer.

Lonnie Clyde Graham pled guilty to DWI, b.t.r./open container. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will attend bi-weekly AA meetings, complete the first offender program, serve 24 hours community service, and spend six days in jail with credit for two days served.

Joanna Elida Diaz pled guilty to assaults causes bodily injury/family violence. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay \$211 court costs, serve 100 hours community service, and complete the batterers prevention program at her cost. Investigating officer was Chris Malloy, DPS.

### Lions learn all about Mesonet weather stations



Wesley Burgett, Operations Manager of Texas Tech's West Texas Mesonet project, was guest speaker at last week's Lions Club meeting here. The Mesonet is a system of some forty automated weather stations spread across a huge portion of the South Plains - almost 30 counties, and 16,000 square miles.

Burgett said the electronic weather monitoring towers are all collecting an incredible amount of weather related data, and transmitting the data to the base station at Lubbock's Reese Center. Each 5 minutes the mesonet station records wind speed at five different heights, relative humidity barometric pressure, and rainfall, for the the five minute period and hourly summation.

Every 15 minutes, the mesonet records soil temperatures under sod covered ground at three depths, soil temperatures at varying depths under bare ground, and measures solar radiation at two meter height. All of the data is posted on the internet and is available free of charge at ; [www.mesonet.ttu.edu](http://www.mesonet.ttu.edu),

A map of the Mesonet system can be seen on Page Four

### Boll Weevil Eradication Notices To Arrive Soon

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices were recently mailed to cotton producers in the Western High Plains eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

A 2 discount percent is available to growers who pay the full assessment by September 10.

To aid WHP growers who have been affected by the adverse weather conditions, the TBWEF is offering payment extension agreements for producers whose accounts are current.

"For those having difficulty paying their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agree-

ment," said Chief Financial Officer Tina Ballard.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment, and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This late fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers who are delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

The Texas Bill Weevil Eradication Foundation is a non-profit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

### Hospital board apparently solves funding dilemma

In this week's session of Commissioners Court, Yoakum County Hospital representative SuAnn Parrish furnished the court with a financial worksheet indicating the hospital board had apparently overcome funding shortfalls for their expansion and improvement project.

Earlier this year county voters approved the hospital's sale of bonds totaling \$2,950,000 for the engineering, construction and equipment purchases for the project. As reported earlier in CCN, when all bids from subcontractors were in, the projected cost of the project had risen to \$3,638,822.

This problem was addressed at length in the August 18 meeting of commissioners court. At that meeting, Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor reported the hospital board were considering a number of plan changes which would reduce the cost of the project. After considerable discussion, Judge Dallas Brewer suggested the matter be tabled until the hospital board could meet and determine exactly what they could do to keep the cost within budget, indicating he felt it would be very difficult for

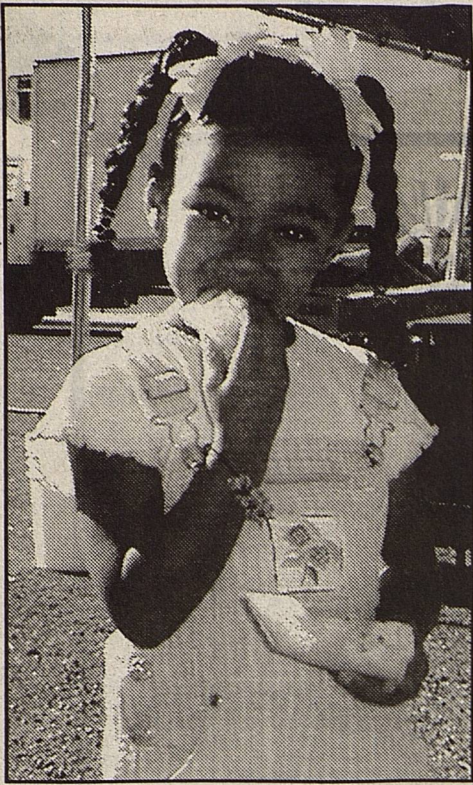
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### This familiar scene will be repeated Saturday at the Round Up

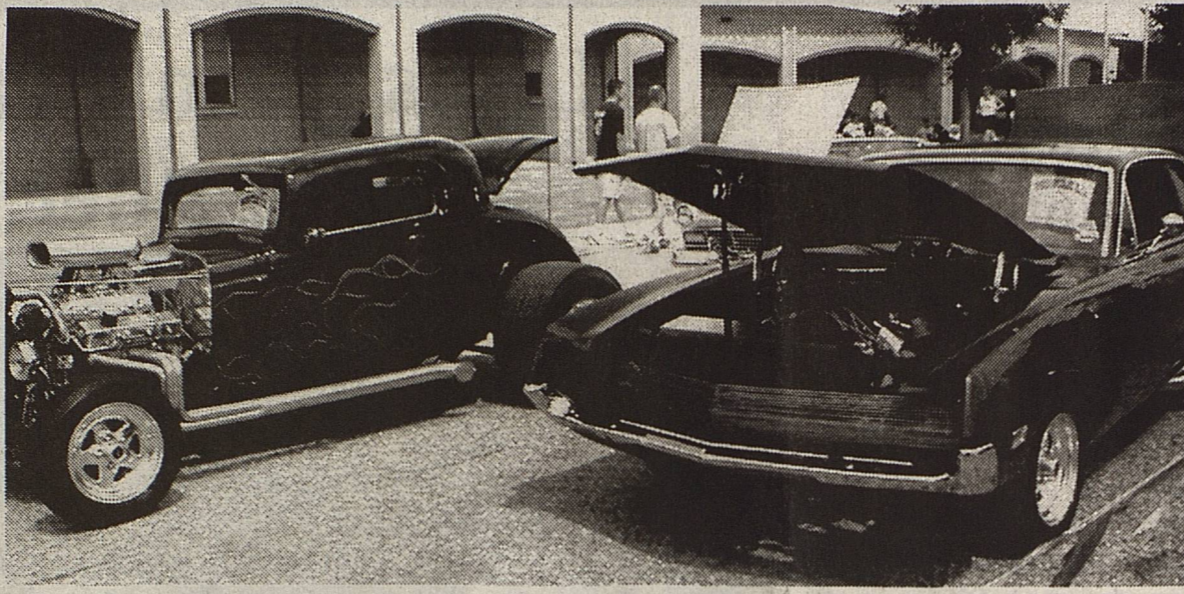


There will be plenty of free, ice cold and sweet watermelons at this weekends eighth Watermelon Round Up. Yoakum County Connection has planned another full day of fun, food and entertainment - make sure you join us!





A few scenes from last year's Watermelon Round Up. This year's event should be even bigger and better!



**CAPITOL COMMENT**

U.S. SENATOR  
**KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON**

**Listening Post**

Stop, look and listen. Those simple directions we often give our children provide an important life lesson for all of us. It's in the listening where we often learn the most. Each August, I distribute my annual "Listening Post" to survey Texans on a variety of issues facing our nation. Hearing firsthand what is important to you helps me better represent Texans in Washington, D.C. In this, the first of a three part series of surveys, I will focus on key domestic agenda items. Later surveys will concentrate on international affairs and homeland security. This year, in addition to mail-in comments, participants will be able to respond online. The web address is listed at the end of this column. Later this year, I will distribute the results of the survey in Capitol Comment columns. I appreciate your participation and look forward to your insightful responses.

**Survey Part 1 - Domestic Agenda**

1. In July, the Senate finally passed a comprehensive national energy policy. The bill is a major step for energy self reliance, conservation, and job production in our country at a time when we need it most. Now that the House and Senate have passed similar bills, we will be working to iron out the differences and get a final bill to the president. In your opinion, what should be our top energy priorities? (Choose all that apply)

- Increase domestic oil and gas production
  - Encourage nuclear power generation
  - Increase standards for fuel efficiency in cars, trucks and SUV's
  - Promote clean burning coal initiatives
  - Provide tax incentives for renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind and hydroelectric power
2. In January 2002, the president signed into law historic education reform, the "No Child Left Behind Act." The legislation encourages innovation, teachers students based on what works and makes schools accountable for achievement. As we continue to implement the reforms, it is important to ensure they continue to enhance our system of public education and meet the needs of our nation's children. In your opinion, what should we be doing to improve our public schools? (Choose any that apply)
- Pay teachers more
  - Require teacher testing for competency in their field
  - Add creativity in curriculum, teaching methods and school structure
  - Give performance bonuses to teachers and schools
  - Increase student testing
  - Decrease student testing

Additional comments:-----

3. In May, Congress passed the 2003 Jobs and Growth package to return \$350 billion in tax cuts to the American people, building on the 2001 tax relief. The legislation accelerates many of the reductions that were being phased in over several years. Of the temporary tax relief provided, which would you like to see made permanent? (Choose any that apply)

- Marriage penalty relief
- Lower marginal rates for all brackets
- Increase in the child tax credit
- Lower taxation of dividends and capital gains

Additional comments:-----

4. Though we have accomplished a great deal in the 108th Congress, there are a number of important domestic issues that Congress must still address. Which of the following items are most important to you? (Choose any that apply)

- Confirmation of federal judges
- Reauthorization of highway funding legislation to build better roads
- Medical liability reform to reduce insurance costs and the number of uninsured Americans
- Inclusion of a prescription drug benefit in the final Medicare bill

Additional comments:-----

Please visit my website and submit your answers online at: [www.hutchison.senate.gov/survey1.htm](http://www.hutchison.senate.gov/survey1.htm)

If you prefer to mail your responses, please send them to: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison  
SURVEY  
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300 East Eighth Street  
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**Governor, Physicians Urge Support For Proposition 12**

Speaking to local health care workers and medical students, Governor Rick Perry today urged voters to pass Proposition 12, saying the measure will help keep health care affordable and accessible "from the delivery room to the emergency room."

"Proposition 12, is about keeping Texas medicine affordable and accessible, from the emergency," Perry said. "It's about attracting and keeping qualified doctors and nurses to care for our families."

Proposition 12, one of the proposed constitutional amendments on the September 13 statewide ballot, would limit non-economic damage awards in medical liability lawsuits to \$750,000. Real economic damages would continue to be awarded without limit.

Perry noted that soaring medical liability costs are causing licensed physicians to curtail their practices as well as discouraging medical student and aspiring health care professionals from pursuing certain medical specialties.

"Anecdotal evidence indicates many medical students are steering clear of specialties with high malpractice premiums," Perry said. "And we know that only 2,038 physicians obtained their first medical license in the last year, the lowest number in a decade. Texans can vote for better health care, and a brighter future, by voting YES on 12."

Many medical students tell me they would not even consider going into obstetrics and some of the high risk specialties because they don't want to become a target for lawsuits as soon as they open their office doors," said Charles W. Bailey, Jr., MD, president of Texas Medical Association. "This is very ominous because we are going to have a short supply of physicians who are willing to go into these specialties."

"It's sad when a physician has to retire early, but it is unspeakable when a young doctor cannot choose some of the most exciting specialties medicine to offer," said Bailey.

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Commissioners Court to authorize more county funds for the expansion project.

Ms. Parrish told the court the hospital board has agreed to trim \$228,759 from the cost of the program by making changes to the overall plans. That would still leave a shortage of \$360,064. The hospital board had then agreed this amount would be taken from the memorial fund account (\$18,473) and either the Dispro Share Account or

the General Fund Account (\$341,591).

The court then agreed to approve the financing plan, and also agreed to help in the construction phase of the project by possibly furnishing sand, gravel or caliche, and county trucks to help move the materials.

The court also heard a detailed report of the 2002 Count Audit, performed by Steve Sawyer's accounting firm.



**Obituary**

**Services Held For "Dunk" Brian**

Memorial services for Rufus Lee 'Dunk' Brian, 71, were held at 2 pm. Friday, August 22, 2003 in First Baptist Church of Plains, with Reverend Bill Wright officiating. Interment in Plains Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home was held that morning at 11 am.

Mr. Brian was born November 28, 1931 in Lea County, New Mexico. He graduated from Plains High School. He married

Margaret Nell McDonnell June 18, 1949 in Plains. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Jerry Brian of Hobbs; two daughters, Rita Caudill, Dallas, and Debbie Kea, Keller; a brother, M.C. 'Bud' Brian of Denver City, and 10 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren. His grandsons were Pallbearers.

**Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
In the Matter of the Proposed Adoption of Amendments to the Rules of Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District**

A public hearing will be held on Friday, August 29, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. in the district office located at 1012 Avenue F, Plains, Texas. The sole purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed changes to the Rules of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District.

Comments on the proposed rule changes are invited and may be in person at the hearing. Copies of the proposed rule changes are available upon request at the district office in Plains.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

As required by law, and by directive of the Commissioners' Court of Yoakum County, Texas, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Hearing on the salaries, expenses and allowances of Elected County and Precinct Officers to be provided for in the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for Yoakum County is set for 3:45 P.M., September 4th, 2003, preceding the Public Hearing on 2004 Proposed Budget. The hearing will be held in the District Courtroom, County Courthouse, Plains, Texas. The proposed increases will be considered and acted upon at this meeting and officially adopted before the completion of the hearing on the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget.

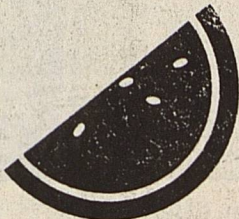
Proposed increases are as follows:

| ELECTED OFFICIAL       | INCREASE/LONGEVITY |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| County Judge           | 372.00             |
| Commissioner, Prc. #1  | 372.00             |
| Commissioner, Prc. #2  | 84.00              |
| Commissioner, Prc. #3  | 516.00             |
| Commissioner, Prc. #4  | 228.00             |
| County Clerk           | 372.00             |
| District Clerk         | 372.00             |
| County Treasurer       | 84.00              |
| Tax Assessor/Collector | 372.00             |
| County Sheriff         | 372.00             |
| JP, Prc. #1            | 372.00             |
| JP, Prc. #2            | 84.00              |

**JP Court Summary**

August 22, 2003-In JP Court Precinct One with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding the following cases and bonds were set: Cases filed: 32 traffic cases, 1 public intoxication.

Bonds set: 2 driving while intoxicated-3rd or more-\$2500 + interlock device ordered. Assault causing bodily injury-1500. Hindering secured creditor-\$3000. Public intoxication-\$500. Park within intersection-\$500. 2 driving while intoxicated-1st-\$1000. Failure to appear-Victoria County-\$300. Failed to maintain financial responsibility-\$600. False report to a Peace Officer-\$1000. Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing.



The band "Wry Dawn" is one of many musical groups performing at the Watermelon Round Up this Saturday. They offer original songs written by band members DW Hadley and Jay London along with music from other artists: CCR, Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, Jimmy Buffet, Joe Ely, Van Morrison, Robert Earl Keen, Bob Marley, The Eagles. etc.

Members include Jay London (lead vocals and rhythm guitar), DW Hadley (vocals, harmonica, and bass), Michael Duran (drums), Paul Caceras (lead guitar), and Eric Katara (mandolin). Jay London lived in Plains with his family from 1981 to 1986 and attended Plains Elementary. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed as a civil engineer by Black and Veatch, Inc. in Fort Worth.

**NOTICE of Vote on Tax Rate**

The Yoakum County Commissioners Court conducted a public hearing on a proposal to

increase the total tax revenues of

Yoakum County by 8 (eight) percent

on August 22, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

The Yoakum County Commissioners Court

is scheduled to vote on the tax

rate that will result in that tax increase

at a public meeting to be held

on September 4, 2003 from 4:00 p.m.

to 6:00 p.m. at the District Courtroom

in the Courthouse at Plains.

**\*PUBLIC NOTICE\* STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM**

NOTICE is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on September 4, 2003 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom in Plains, Texas on the 2004 Proposed Budget for Yoakum County.

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

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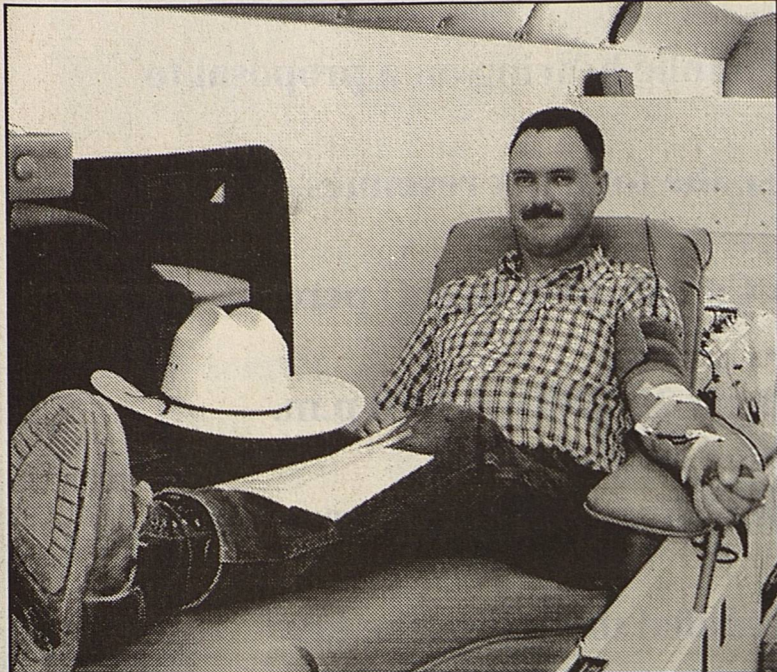
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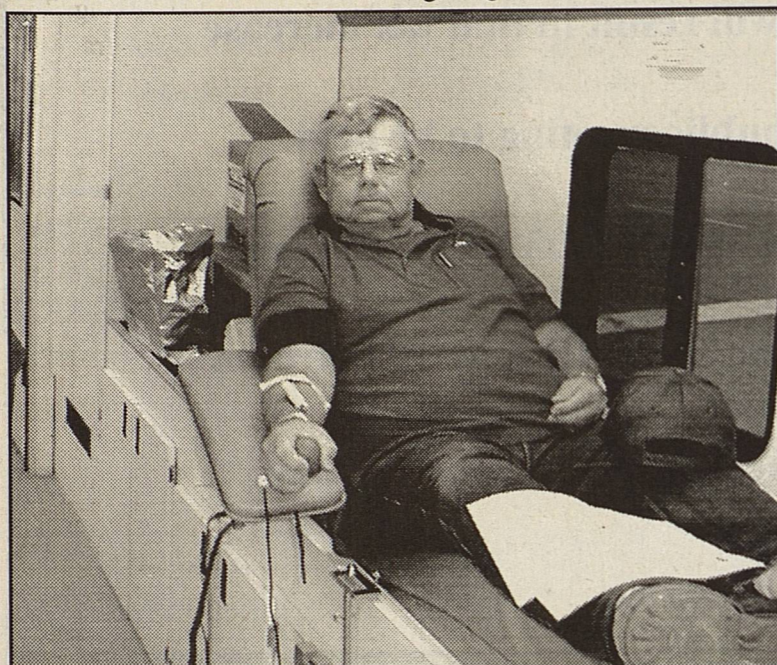


## United Blood Services, Plains Lions Club hold successful blood drive

Last Thursday's Blood Drive in front of the courthouse, co-sponsored by United Blood Services of Lubbock and the Plains Lions Club, attracted over 30 would be donors. but for one reason or another, only twenty five donors were eligible to donate a unit of blood. This was the second successful blood drive jointly sponsored by the two groups.



Donor Jeff Mercer relaxes while giving his blood



Local Butch Mack also survived donating blood

### NOTICE FOR BIDS

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Friday, September 12, 2003, for the sale of laboratory equipment:

- (2) Coagulation instruments and
- (1) Urinalysis instrument for the Yoakum County Hospital.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, September 15, 2003.

For a list of the equipment and more information, please contact Clay Taylor, Hospital Administrator, 412 Mustang Ave, Denver City, Texas 79323 or call 806/592-2121.

Sealed bids should be marked "HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, P.O. Box 456/Cowboy Way and Avenue G., Plains, Texas 79355.

NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

### MEET the COWBOYS/COWGIRLS

Thursday, August 28 at 7:00 pm  
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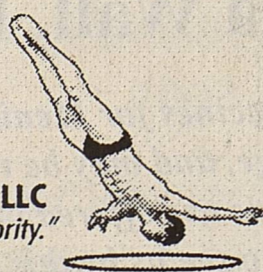
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## Good undercover work takes 60 pounds dope off street

Around 11 a.m. Saturday, August 23, law enforcement officers representing four agencies converged on the parking lot of Lowe's Pay 'n Save grocery here, and in minutes had three men in custody, had seized 60 pounds of marijuana with a street value of approximately \$31,000, plus a 1996 Chevrolet auto and a 1994 Ford van. The investigation continues, with more charges pending.

Llano Estacado Drug Task Force Commander Rick Dickson told CCN, "This was an undercover operation conducted by the Task Force, with great assistance from the Yoakum and Hockley County Sheriff Departments, and Troopers from the DPS."

Dickson explained Task Force undercover agents had arranged earlier buys of marijuana from the suspects, a four pound purchase and then six pounds, while urging them to arrange a much larger purchase, which eventually led to the sixty pound seizure.

Arrested in the sting operation were Manuel Luz Garcia, 22,

and Juan Pablo Garcia, 25, both of Penuitas, in South Texas, and Tomas Alázcon Calvillo, 38, also from the Valley. The two Garcia's were bonded out by Jerome Head, with \$20,000

bonds, and bond for Calvillo was set at \$25,000.

To add great insult to the trio's troubles, the delivery was made in a drug free zone, directly across the highway from the

Plains school. Delivery of over 50 pounds of marijuana is a first degree felony, punishable with 10 to 99 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and a fine not to exceed \$100,000.



## Governor

announces

\$218,458 grant

for county

Governor Rick Perry announced last week a \$218,458 grant to Yoakum County for a drug task force that will cover Terry, Yoakum and Lynn counties.

"It's important we support programs that bring justice to offenders and healing to victims," Perry said. "This Yoakum County program helps provide the resources and support to build stronger communities."

The grant, which is funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, will support the efforts of the Llano Estacado Task Force to investigate and prosecute drug related cases. The task force also works with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to investigate violent crime and organized criminal groups.

Each year, CJD provides more than \$130 million in grants to help Texas at the forefront of the fight against crime. CJD funds a variety of programs for juvenile justice, crime prevention and victim services - all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

## Student of the Week



Student of the week is Evan Cain a junior and the son of

## Cross-Country teams make strong showing

Plains ISD Cross-Country teams competed in their first meet of the year at last week's annual Brownfield Invitational.

In junior high competition, Lauren Davis was the only Lady Wrangler runner, and finished the 2 mile event in 9th place and a time of 15:10, in competition with class 1 to 5A schools.

The three Wrangler runners all placed in the top ten. Zachary Ramos placed second in 13:38, Braden Loya was 6th, and Chris Addison was 9th.

For the first time in several years, the Cowgirls competed as a team, finishing fourth in the competition. Manuela Villegas was top runner, finishing fourth in 14:35, followed by Desiraye Broome 18th, Micaela Villegas 20th, Stacie Alldredge 24th, Ashley Vantine 29th, Kim Trent 38th.

Only two JV Cowboys competed in the meet, Chanden Loya and Scott Addison, their first cross-country experience. Loya ran the 3.2 miles in 19:06 for 3rd place, and Addison placed 10th. Coach Davis considered this an incredible feat, as they competed against runners from 3,4 and 5A area schools.

Charles and Beth Ann Cain. Evan was nominated by Brad Friesen, who said, "Evan is a leader, intelligent, caring, faithful individual who is able to pursue and promote excellence in his profession and community. I've read the obituaries of leaders, but never have I seen a birth announcement for a leader. I can only deduce that somewhere between birth and death, by training, by choice and by strength of character, people become leaders. And I think Evan Cain is one of them. He shows what it takes to be a leader on the football field and in the classroom."

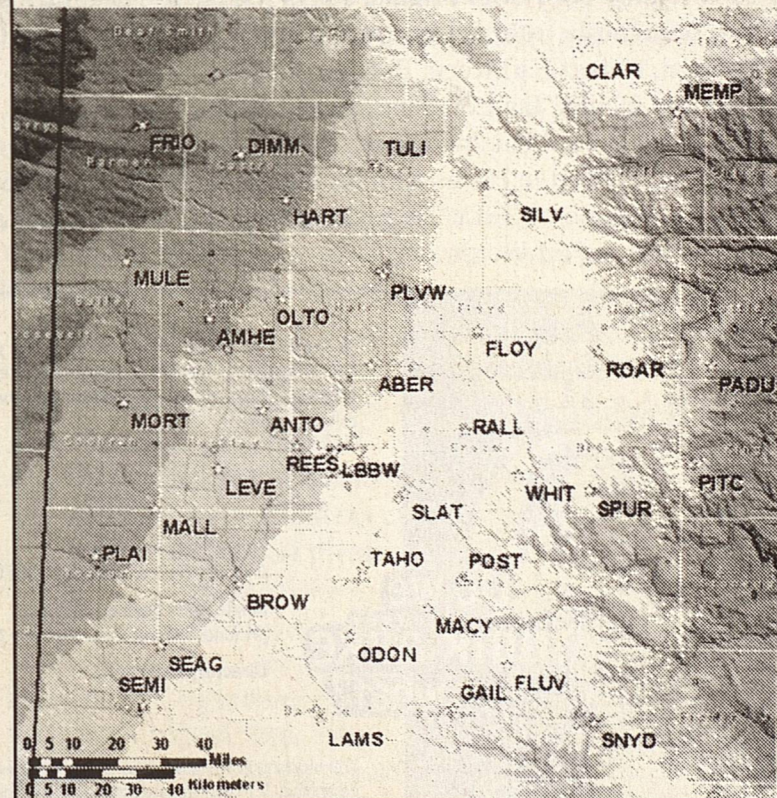
Former Cross-Country Coach Everitt McAdams attended the meet, and reminded the Varsity Cowboy runners this is the year marking the tenth anniversary of the last Cowboys State Title. The Cowboy runners didn't disappoint he or Coach Davis, dominating the competition by having seven runners finish in the top ten. Freshman Jose Villegas was 5th in 17:55, followed in order by Abel Ramos,

Armado Ramirez, Payton Bean, and Adam Guerrero. Brandon Davis was 19th, and Arnold Cordova 30th.

"Overall, it was an outstanding effort. I could not have asked for a better start to the year," Coach Davis noted.

The teams will be running in Watermelon Round Up events this coming Saturday.

West Texas Mesonet Sites as of 20 June 2003.



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# Lifelines & Styles

## Fifty Years Of Ministry



Calvin and Juanez Beach will celebrate their 50th year in the ministry on August 31st, 2003. Brother Calvin will be preaching at First Baptist Church in Plains Sunday morning. They will be honored with a reception at 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Calvin and Juanez both graduated from Plains High School. They began their Christian life at First Baptist Church in Denver City. Year later, God called them to preach the gospel and Calvin attended Howard Payne University in Brownwood and Southern Seminary in Louisville, KY.

They served Baptist churches in Pleasant Hill near Seagraves, Tokio, Lazbuddle, Plains, Albuquerque, N.M. and Terre Haute, IN. After 25 years in the pastorate, God led them into fulltime mission evangelism, they moved to Dallas to join the staff of International Crusades, (now called International Commission). Calvin has preached on six continents of the world, participated in 55 foreign crusades and preached over a hundred revivals in the U.S.

They pray the prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:10) daily asking God to bless them and enlarge their territory for Him. When asked about their life in the ministry they say, "God has been so good to us. We give Him all the praise, it is not what we have done, but what God has done."

Everyone is invited to attend the celebration, and encouraged to write a letter or card of congratulations to be put in a Book Of Memories. Please send them to Jo Ann Barron at P.O. Box 120, Plains, Texas 79355.

### Yoakum County Hospital Foundation Golf Tournament

**Date:** September 17, 2003, Wednesday  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m., Shotgun Start  
**Entry Fee:** \$50.00 - Individual, Team - \$200.00  
**Includes** golf, cart, lunch plus two (2) mulligans  
not refundable  
**Format:** Scramble  
**Entry Deadline:** September 10, 2003  
call: 806-592-7607  
**Location:** Yoakum County Golf Course  
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**All Proceeds Will Go To The YCH  
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### First United Methodist Church

1202 Avenue G - Plains, Texas  
456-3727



**Sunday Schedule**  
Children's Choir - 9:45 am  
followed by Sunday School  
Adult Sunday School - 9:45 am  
Morning Worship - 10:45 am

**If God is your co-pilot,  
You need to switch seats!**

## Senior Citizens Corner

There was much excitement this week on Monday to see Lenore Matus, Lorene Randolph, and Therman Meyer back at the center after long absences. They all look good and assured everyone they were happy to be back. Therman volunteered to work the sign in desk, so we all got to visit with him a moment as we entered the dining room. While on the subject of the registering desk, we are looking for volunteers to do this task. Sign up to take care of it for a week and you will automatically receive free meals that week.

The line dance exercise class took a break on Wednesday so the Health Fair could have use of the gymnasium. They were back on schedule on Friday with an invitation to anyone needing to exercise in a pleasant and social atmosphere to come join us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00 am.

You may make a bid on the copier that the Center replaced. It is in the ceramic room if you'd like to inspect it. It will make an excellent home copier for anyone interested. Check with Gloria in the office if you are interested.

We have been assured that the much anticipated computer class will be held in the very near future. As the definite time

is available, we will pass on the information. This is a free class to any senior who wishes to learn, or perhaps re-learn, things about their home computer that will make it more enjoyable and useful to you. There are over twenty names on the waiting list at this time.

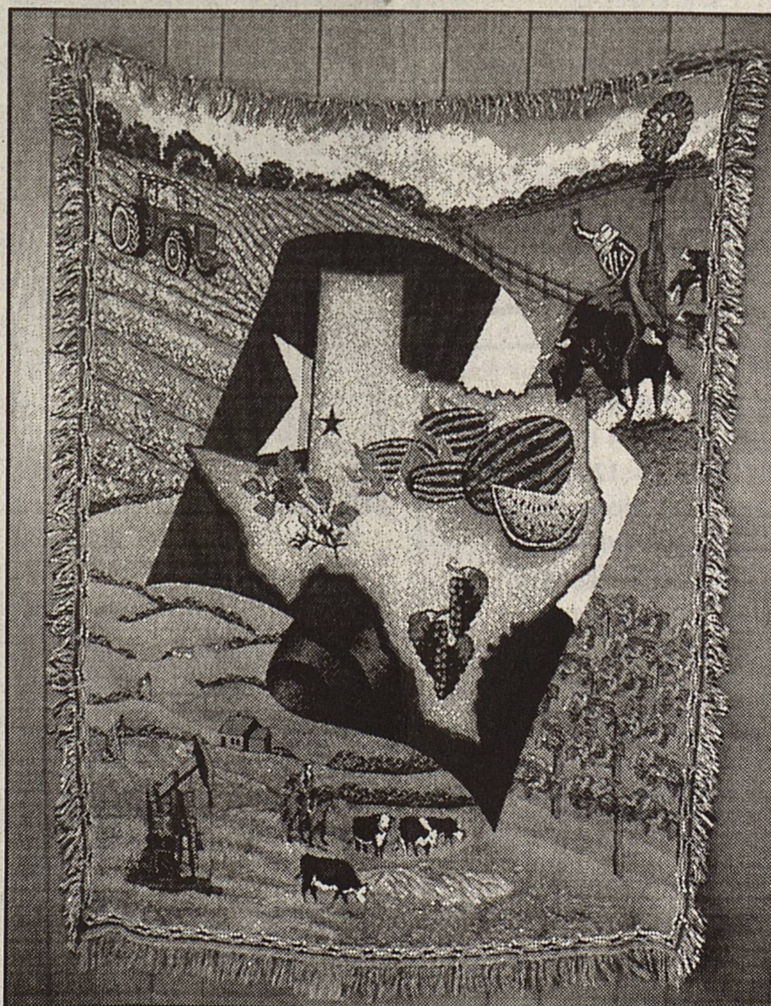
We are sorry to hear of the death of Vera Gibson whom everyone enjoyed when she came to take blood pressure checks. We shall miss her pleasant manner and competent work. Our sympathy goes to her family.

We also sympathize with the Sides family who lost a son-in-law. Part of the family is in Las Vegas, Nevada, this week for the memorial service.

Thought for today: "Be sure to take time to view the planet Mars at night. Mars has not come this close to earth for 5,000 years, and scientists tell us it may be 60,000 years before it will happen again. The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be the brightest object (with the exception of the Moon) in the night sky! It has grown progressively brighter and brighter throughout the month. It is quite an experience to see something that no human being has seen in recorded history. Don't Miss it!"

## Tapestry Throws

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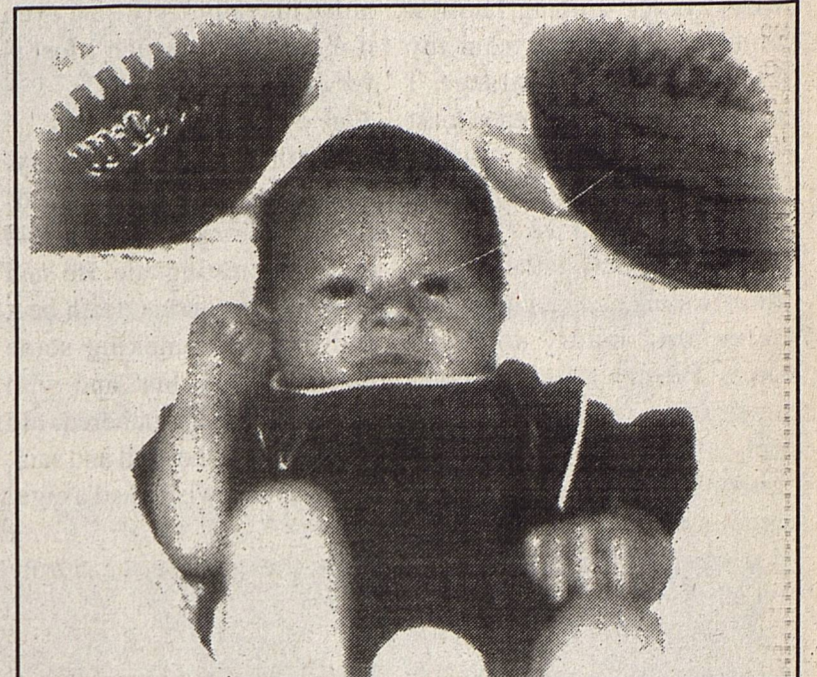
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## New Baby Boy



We are happy to announce the birth of our son Trent Ethan, Monday, July 14, 2003 at nine twenty-six in the evening. 7lbs 14 oz., 12 3/4 in. Reg and Tera McConnell. He is the grandson of former residents Terry and Nancy Isaacs.

## Austin Author Receives Award For Children's Book On Belle Shipwreck

"Raising La Belle," the story of French explorer La Salle's shipwreck off the Texas Coast and the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) remarkable excavation of the vessel and its artifacts won the 2003 Spur Award for Best Western Juvenile Nonfiction from the Western Writers of America. Written and illustrated by Austin author Mark G. Mitchell and published by Eakin Press, the children's book weaves highlights of one of America's most exciting archeological finds with the story of Texas' first European colony.

In 1995, THC archeologists recovered a bronze French cannon in Matagorda Bay that led to the excavation of the Belle's hull and more than one million artifacts. The ship belonged to Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle, and disappeared in a storm in 1686 off the Texas coast. La Salle and his colony went on to settle Fort St. Louis near what is now Victoria. The book details what happened to the lost French colony, where THC archeologists made many exciting discoveries and unearthed nearly one million artifacts, including cannons, musket balls and pottery.

The Spur Awards are given annually for distinguished writing about the American West.

Previous winners include Larry McMurtry for Lonesome Dove and Michael Blake for Dances With Wolves.

U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison paid special tribute to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in a recent Capitol Comment column appearing in newspapers throughout the state. In it, Texas' senior senator congratulates the THC on its 50th anniversary in 2003 and encourages readers to familiarize themselves with the many programs and initiatives the THC oversees, including the Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program, the Texas Main Street Program, the Texas Heritage Trails Program and the Visionaries in Preservation Program.

For more information, or to order a copy of "Raising La Belle", contact Eakin Press at 800/880-8642. For more information about the Belle shipwreck and Fort St. Louis, visit the THC web site at [www.thc.state.tx.us](http://www.thc.state.tx.us) or contact the THC Archeology Division at 512/463-6096.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Plains, Texas

**Sunday School  
9:30 am.  
Morning Worship  
10:45 am.  
Evening Program  
6:00 pm.**



# From The Hack

At 5:30 PM Wednesday, August 27, it will be exactly four weeks and two days since a filthy, rotten, stinking, harmful cigarette has hung from my mouth. And that's strange. I could swear it has been at least 427 weeks.

Has my quitting bothered me a great deal, you ask? Not really. I have only fallen on the floor, rolling and kicking while screaming madly some 13 times. When watching TV and I see some fool smoking, the only effect it has on me is my uncontrollable and copious drooling, as my heart beats like a drum. The nervous tics and twitches my face experiences have now gotten so routine the Bride has quit slapping and screaming at me, and only mutters, "Go to your room until you get it under control, you big sniffer!"

I am beginning to get a bit bored, also, with people coming up and asking, "Are you back on them again? Come on, tell the truth!" What I don't understand about this behavior is why bother asking, when you know the next thing that pops from their mouth is going to be a sneered "I don't believe you!"

Has quitting really been so tough, you sympathetically ask? Not really. It's been a Hell of a lot harder than that! Does it seem to get a bit easier with each passing day, you naively ask? The only time it seems a bit easier to me is when I am dead asleep, and I'm not at all sure about that. Do you really think you can hang on and quit for GOOD, you ask in a doubting Thomas manner? Yes, I am going to really, truly quit, even if it kills me.... which I feel is very near at hand.

One of my golfing friends ... (now that's a stretch... everyone knows you have no friends on the golf course) recently told me an interesting tale. He said his dad was on his death bed, and had quit smoking some thirty years earlier, and with family members gathered, old dad looked at them all and said, "Oh, Lord, I wish I had a cigarette!!" Now, that is a story I can truly believe.

Bored out of my mind Sunday PM with television fare, I grabbed the TV Guide for something, anything, to keep me awake and semi-interested. I was immediately reminded of why I do NOT watch Soap Operas. Here are few of the cutlines reviewing what could be expected from the Soaps; *All My Children*: 'Aidan killed the poisonous snake Kendall had placed in Michael's condo, but Kendall was still bent on revenge.'

That's a no brainer; Michael should immediately place poisonous snakes in Kendall's underwear drawer, and marry Aidan (if she/he is a girl).

In *General Hospital*, I was stunned to learn Courtney ended up in a South American Clinic to learn she had miscarried. Now, I really had emotions about this development. Courtney had never revealed she had been briefly pregnant, but apparently had enjoyed the little fling so much she wanted to get pregnant again. Hmmm.

The *Guiding Light* lead in was intriguing; 'Olivia fell down the staircase and believed Lizzie was involved with her mishap', which put the baby in distress.

Without even turning the show on, I immediately rejected that idea - without knowing if (a) Olivia had the babe in her arms, or (b), was she actually carrying the babe in her tummy, how is ANYONE going to know who to sue and for what charge, much less how many millions?

Perhaps most intriguing was the *Port Charles* intro - 'Livvie was shocked when her bite had no effect on Imani, who quickly disappeared after receiving a mysterious phone call.' Man, call Sherlock on this one! Was Livvie a dog, mongoose or feral hog? Treatment depends on the biter, don't you know? I was really concerned about this drama until later in the review I learned, "Jack kissed Livvie as they reminisced, all part of

the plan." By now I desperately wanted Livvie to be a human type girl, but won't wait around to find out.

The *Young and Restless* review was the final intriguer - I am still confused at the large cast: Kevin trashed Raul & Brittany's apartment, but J.T. thought Bobby did it in jealousy over Brittany, all the while Colleen met J.T. in the park, for, you know what.

I find it hard to believe the director could remember all the names.

Judge: "Sir, I have reviewed this case and decided to give your wife \$775 a week."

Husband: "That's fair, your honor, I'll try to send her a few bucks myself."

Q: How old is your son, the one living with you?

A. Thirty-eight, thirty-six, I can't remember.

Q. How long has he lived with you?

A. Forty-five years.

Q. What was the first thing your husband said when he woke that morning?

A. "Where am I, Cathy?"

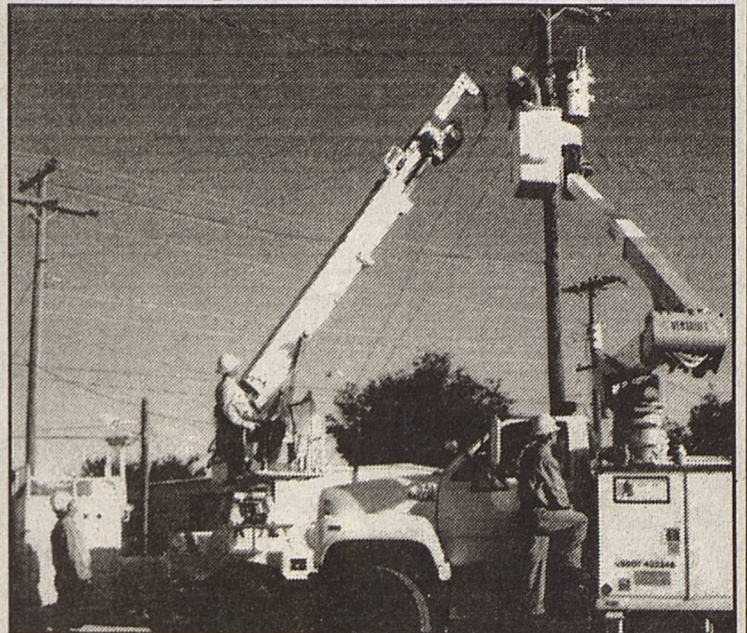
Q. Why did that upset you?

A. My name is Susan!

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What About?... We got a wonderful surprise the other day in Brownfield. Nan and Mike Kent came by to see us. Nan is the owner of the 82nd Airborne discussion group where we keep on Keith's unit. They were in Brownfield for many years, but have moved to Ft. Worth for Mike's work with Valor. It was sure good to finally meet them and get to chat with them live and in person. You never think you will ever actually get to see someone from the Internet. (Well unless your into dating services on the Internet and dumb enough to go to see someone from the net!) You know I have been thinking about how our veterans are treated when they have served our country. Many times placing their lives in harms way for the sake of democracy. And let's not forget those who have actually given the ultimate sacrifice. In our nation, this great nation of strength, internationally feared leadership and military strength, it seems we have fallen down tremendously in the care and treatment of our own. In America today, if you are killed in service or served our country in the military, your family will have a shock at what is provided to those fallen heroes. Let's take the bugler. Did you know most of us have to locate local band students to get a 'live' playing of "TAPS" at the graveside? A military honor guard only has a recorded rendition of the song. Assistance on the funeral bill? Well, a small plot or burial allowance is all there is if you don't own your lots already. And what about the monument or grave markers? Well those are provided at no cost to anyone (unless your family already has a marker there.) And of course when it arrives, you have to either put it in your living room or pay someone to set it at the cemetery. (Costing from \$50 to \$150) But remember: if you don't have a DD-214 or your Honorary Discharge Papers, you will receive nothing. Of course, later, you can get the marker and flag that should have gone on the casket. But the effect is gone by then. We have been told there is a website for the Veterans Administration that will let you obtain a copy of your discharge papers. Some county records will have a copy also. Now, how do you go about getting these benefits? Well at Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors, we file for every benefit that a person "might" be eligible for. Then if the family gets it, it is a surprise to them. If not...So, if you have questions, we're at www.majonesfuneraldirectors.com or e-mail: markajones@door.net or phone us. Until next time... Mark A. Jones



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2003 Watermelon Roundup Activities

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Saturday, August 30, 2003

8:00 a.m.

Until 8:45 Register for Fun Run NW of Old Courthouse  
Brisket & Chili Cook-Offs start - Stanford Park

9:00 a.m.

Flag Presentation & National Anthem, Ashley Vantine/Cub Scouts - Stage

Alltel Fun Run starts - NW of Old Courthouse

Alltel Toddler Run starts - NW of Old Courthouse

Volleyball Tournament starts - Stanford Park

Pony rides/Space walk/Train Ride-Front of New Courthouse

Petting Zoo - Pioneer Park by City Hall open for the day

Decorated Melon Contest Entries - Information Booth

Classic Car Show starts - Front of school

Books open for Team Roping - Plains Rodeo Arena

9:15 a.m.

First Baptist Church Choir/Patrick Hamilton - Stage

9:45 a.m.

First United Methodist Church Choir/Bill Rowe - Stage

10:00 a.m.

"Kiss a Pig"

Team Roping - Plains Rodeo Arena

10:15 a.m.

Harvesters, Levelland - Stage

11:15 a.m.

John Matus & Ashley Vantine, Plains - Stage

Janet Denton, Friona - Stage

Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest (Jr High through Adult) - Front of New Courthouse

12:00 p.m.

Star Dance Academy, Hobbs - Stage

1:00 p.m.

Queen Presentation

"Kiss a Pig"

Country Gentlemen, Hobbs - Stage

Washer Toss - Pioneer Park by City Hall

Watermelon Awards & Recognition Ceremony - Stage

2:00 p.m.

"Kiss a Pig"

Chapparral Band, Denver City/Hobbs - Stage

3:00 p.m.

Rusty Huddleston & John Hartin, South Plains College - Stage

Horseshoe Pitching Contest - Pioneer Park by City Hall

Cowpatty Bingo - Front of Sandy Land UWCD

4:00 p.m.

Cook-Off Winners Announced - Stage

Car Show Awards - Stage

5:00 p.m.

Double Nickles, Ralls - Stage

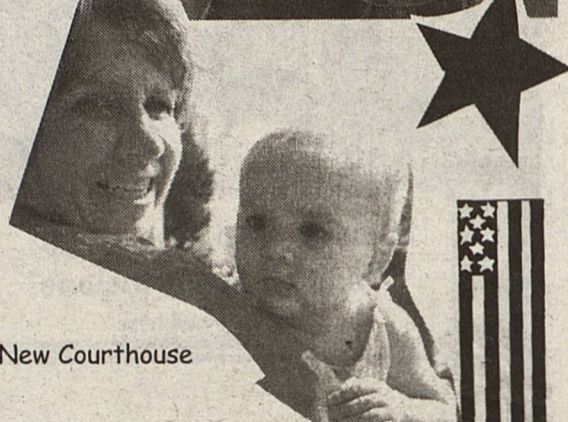
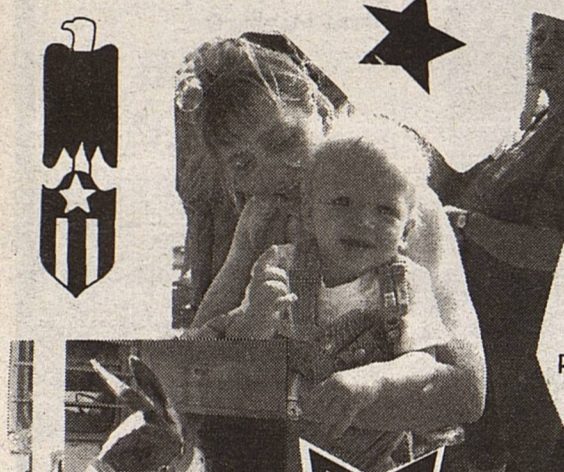
Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest (Toddler through youth) - Front of New Courthouse

6:00 p.m.

Final Announcements - Stage

All activities subject to change. Latest schedule changes available at Information Booth.

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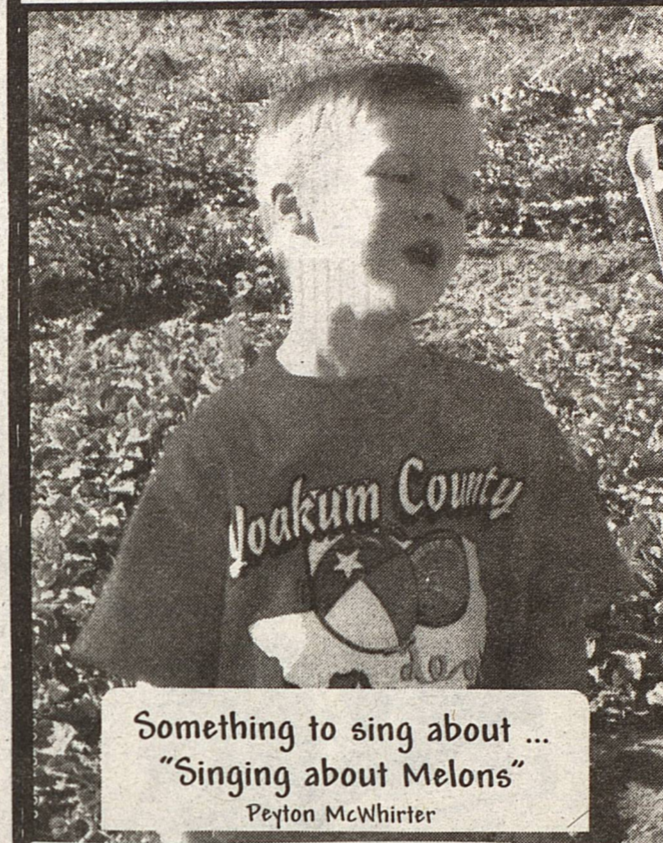
*Yoakum County Welcomes*  
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**JENNIFER CARDEN**



Jennifer will be attending the Yoakum County Watermelon Round-Up, Saturday, August 30, 2003. She will be handing out brochures and discussing watermelon with everyone. Jennifer, a Junior at Texas Tech in Lubbock, was chosen the Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Queen in January, 2003.

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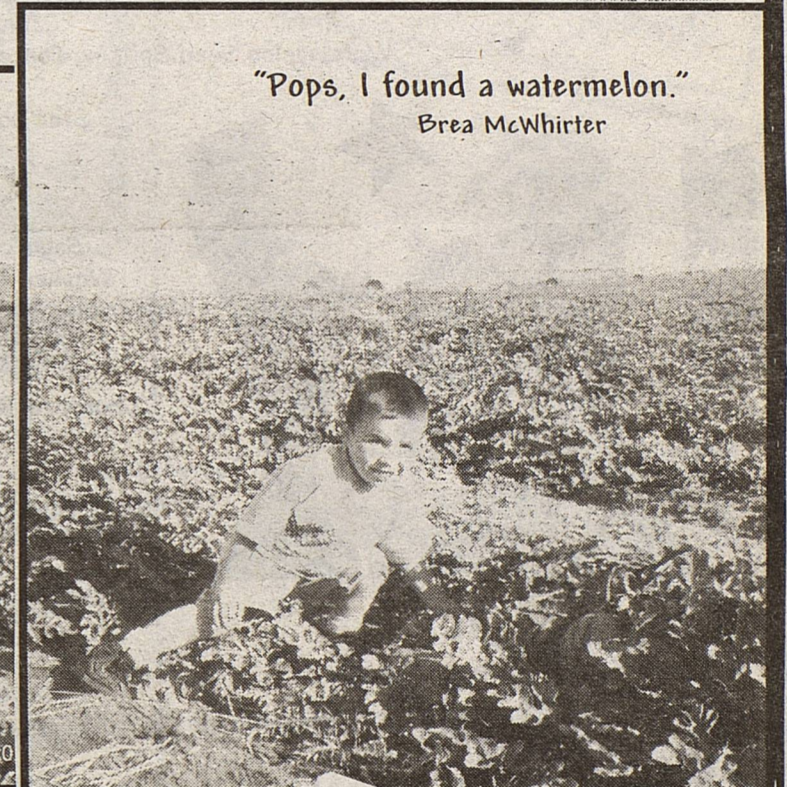
Something to sing about ...  
 "Singing about Melons"  
 Peyton McWhirter



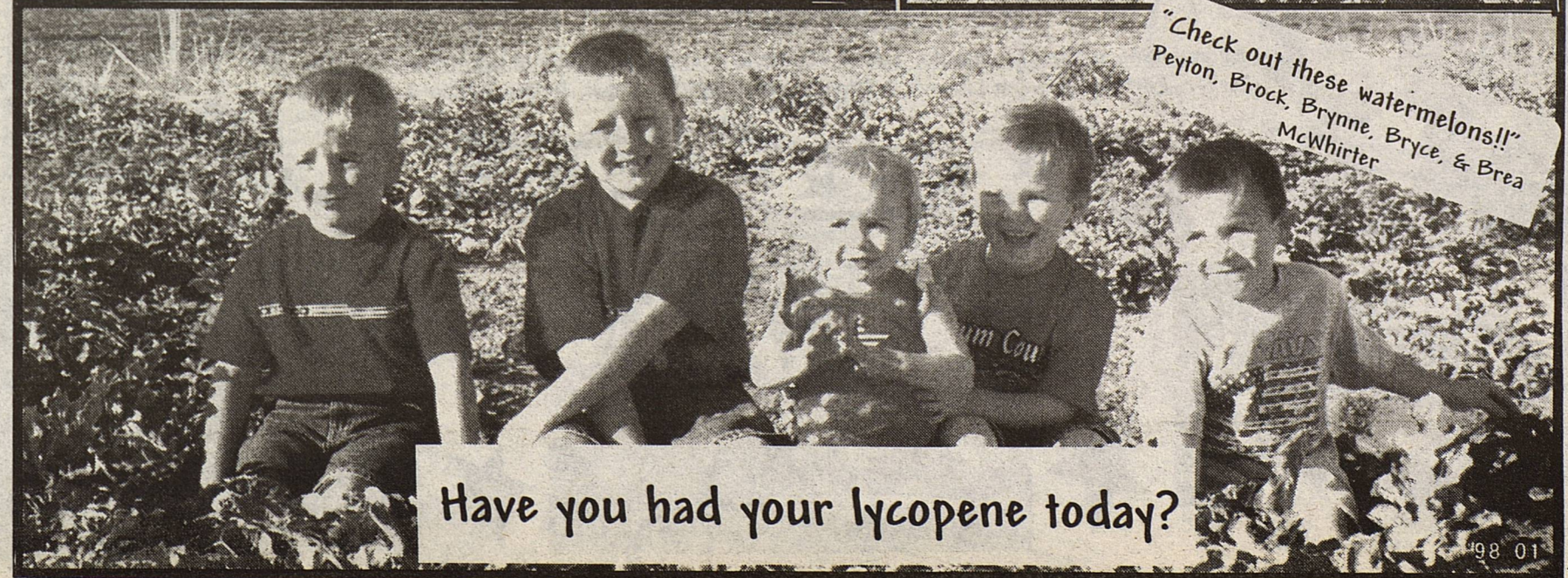
"Wow! Isn't it grand!"  
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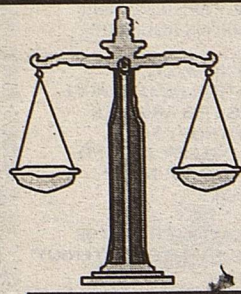
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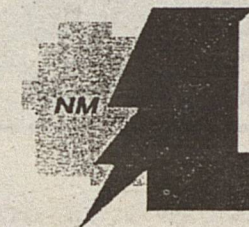
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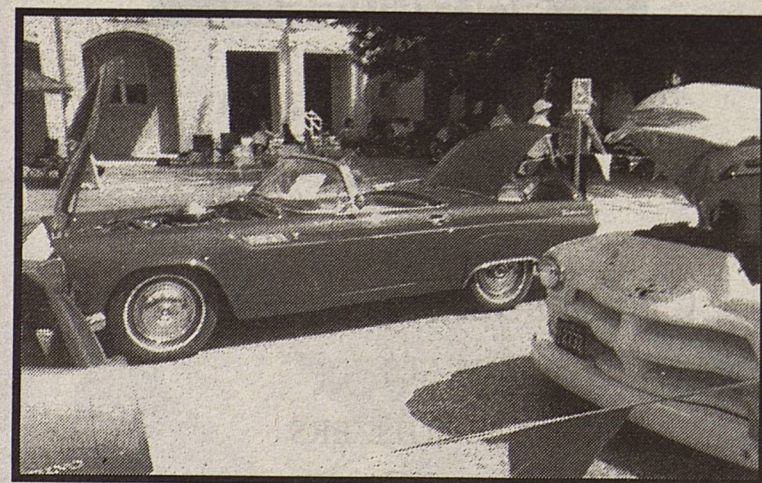
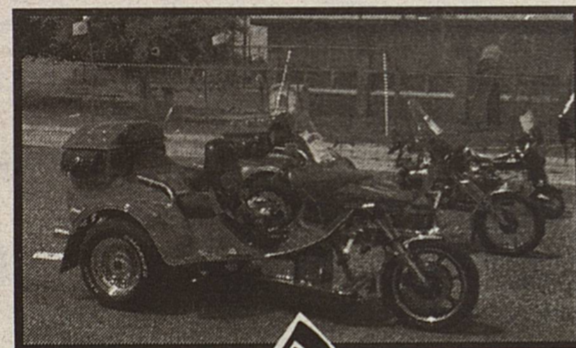
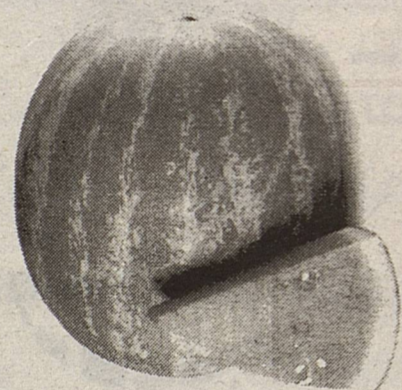
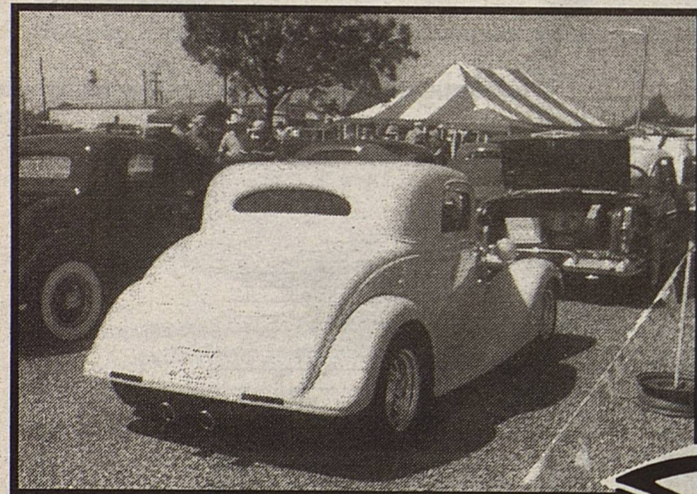
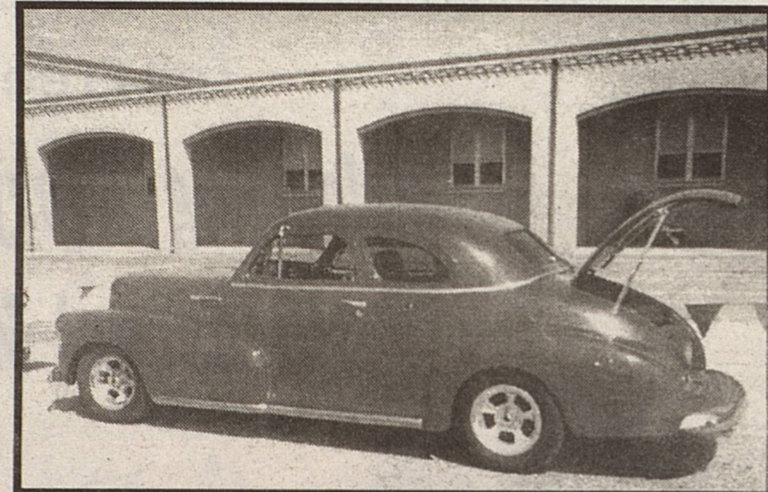
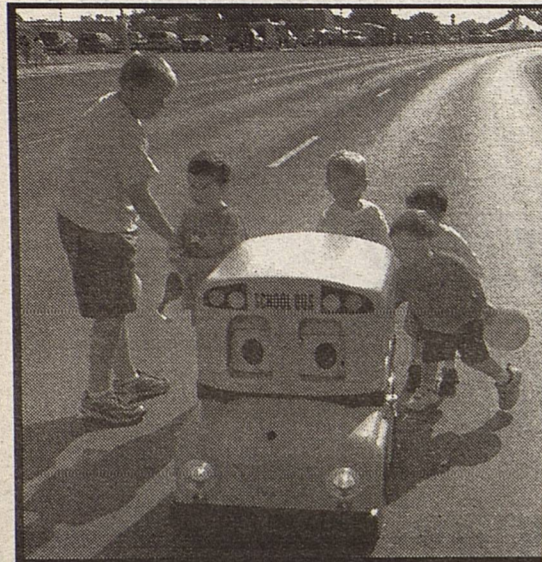
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Saturday, August 30, 2003

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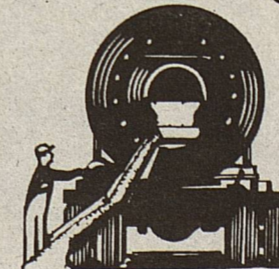
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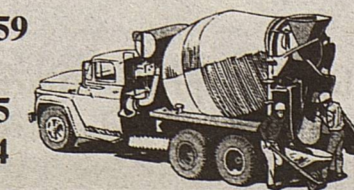
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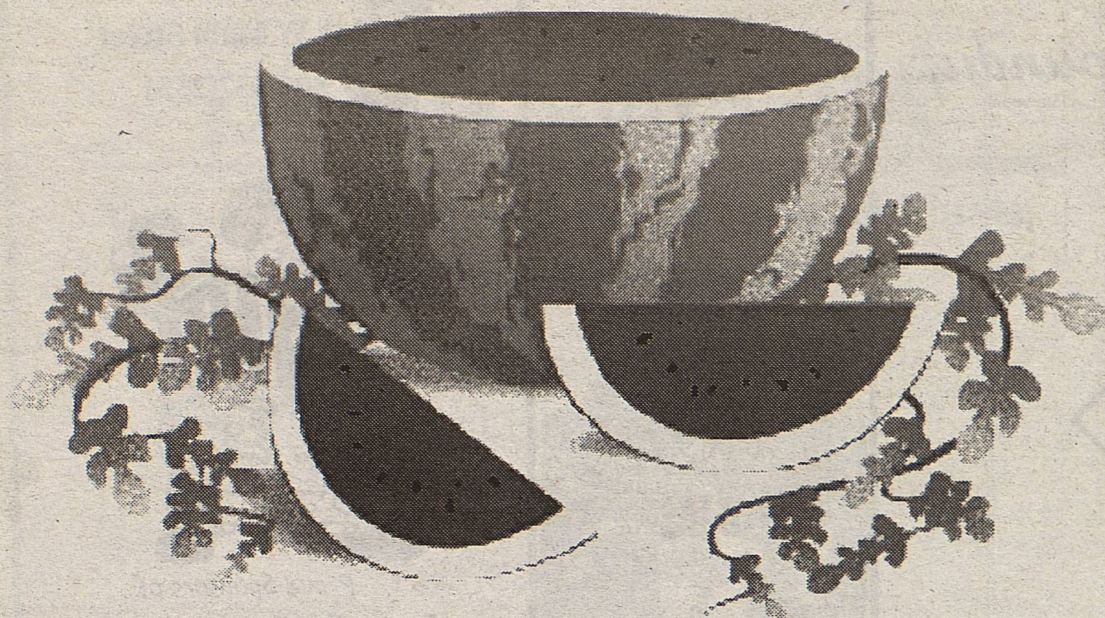


Enjoy the Roundup!

The watermelon, you see, is a curious thing,  
It's big and it's bold, yet it grows on a string.  
The skin of the melon is un-notable green,  
In fact, in the field, it can hardly be seen.  
But what beautiful colors inside you will find,  
The red and the yellow and the creamy white rind!  
The seeds sprinkled in, like a cake of confetti,  
Make my eyes twinkle, while my mouth gets all ready.  
The first bite of the fruit is so cold and so sweet,  
That the whole watermelon I'm sure that I'll eat!  
Down onto my shirt the juice drips from my chin,  
As loud slurping you'll hear from my permanent grin.  
But don't stand too close as you marvel this sight,  
For the seeds in my mouth will sprout wings and take flight.

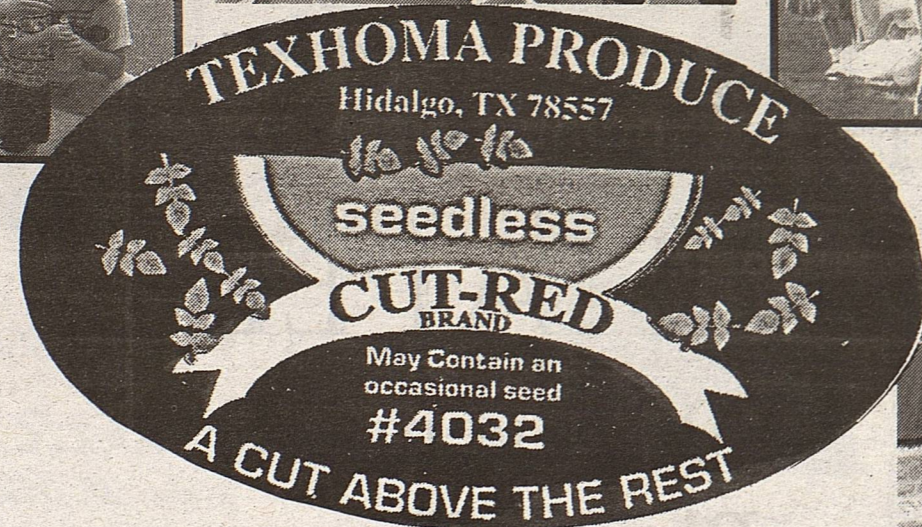
In the West Texas wind they will scatter about,  
And stick to whomever they hit, there's no doubt.  
But alas the great Roundup with all its allure,  
Brings with it a knowledge for which I am sure,  
That the long days of summer are yielding to fall,  
And soon Old Man Winter will pay us a call.  
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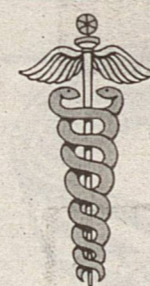
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*We'll see you at the  
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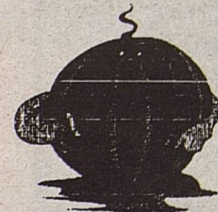
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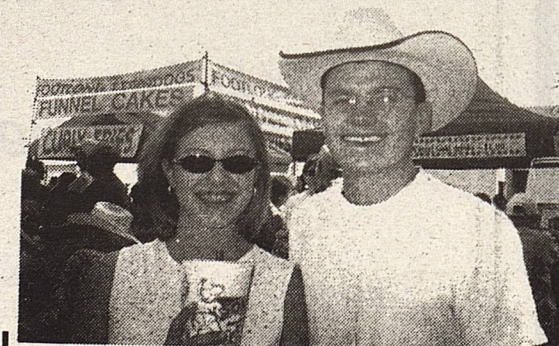
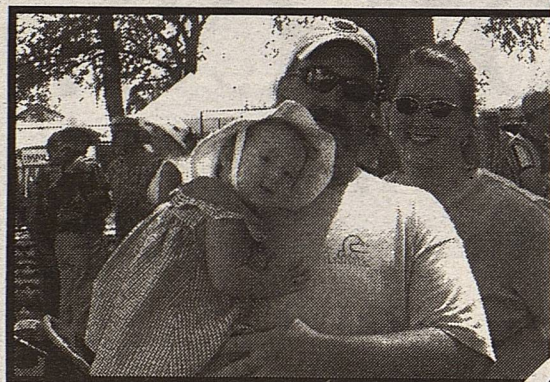
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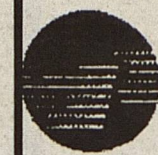
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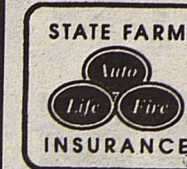


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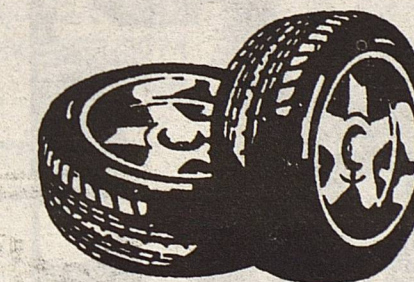
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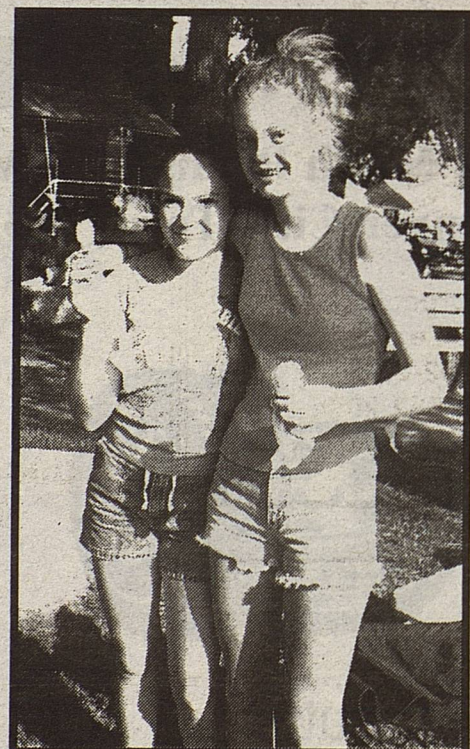
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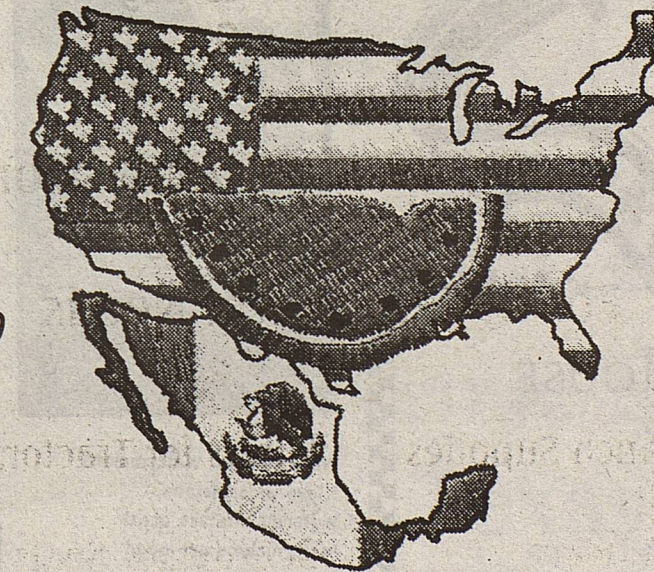
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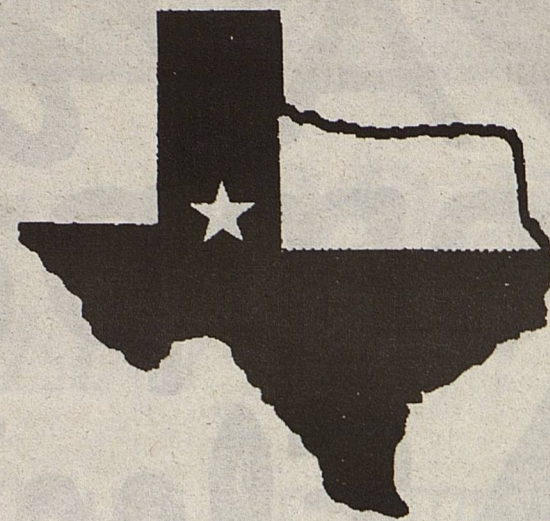
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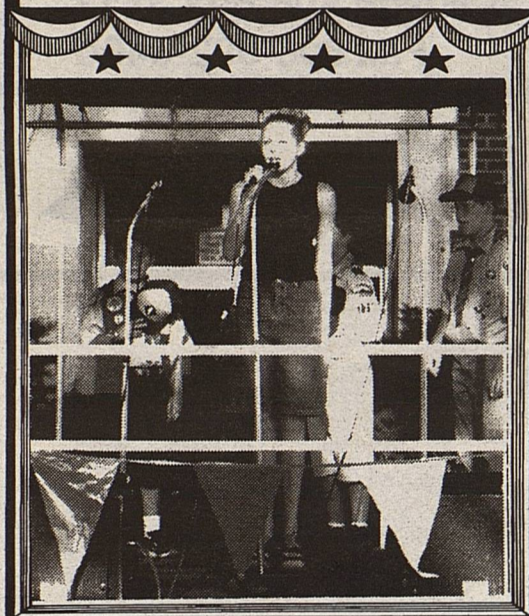
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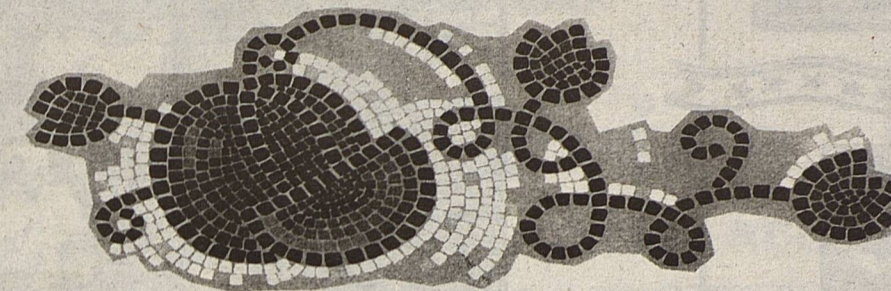


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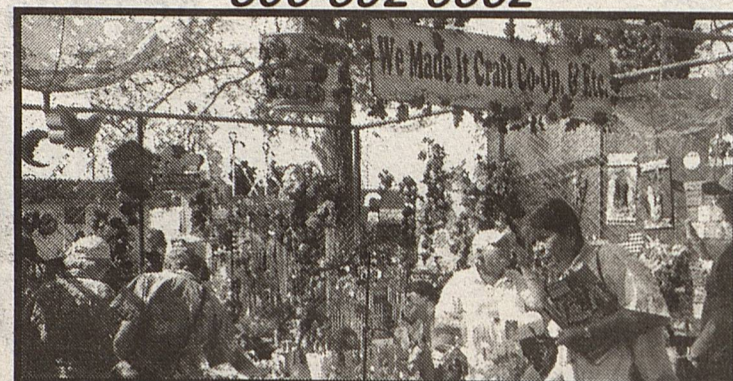
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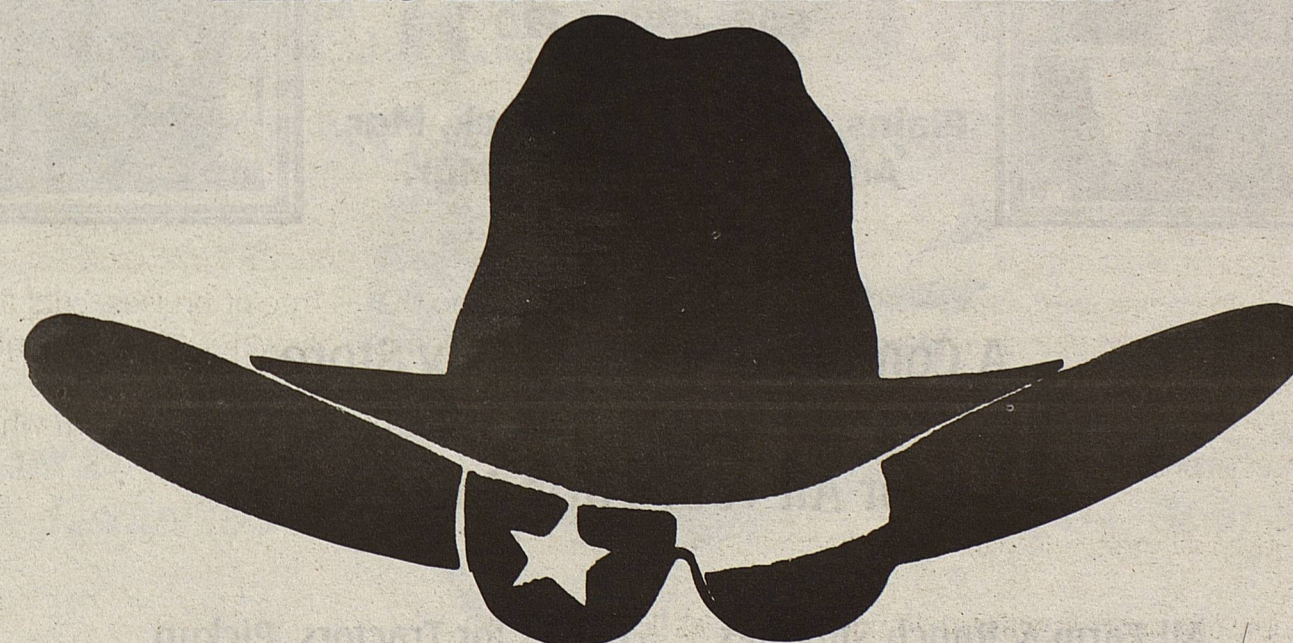
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3. *Turn it over* – on the underside of the watermelon there should be a creamy yellow spot from where it sat on the ground and ripened in the sun.

Following these tips will help you pick the watermelon available.

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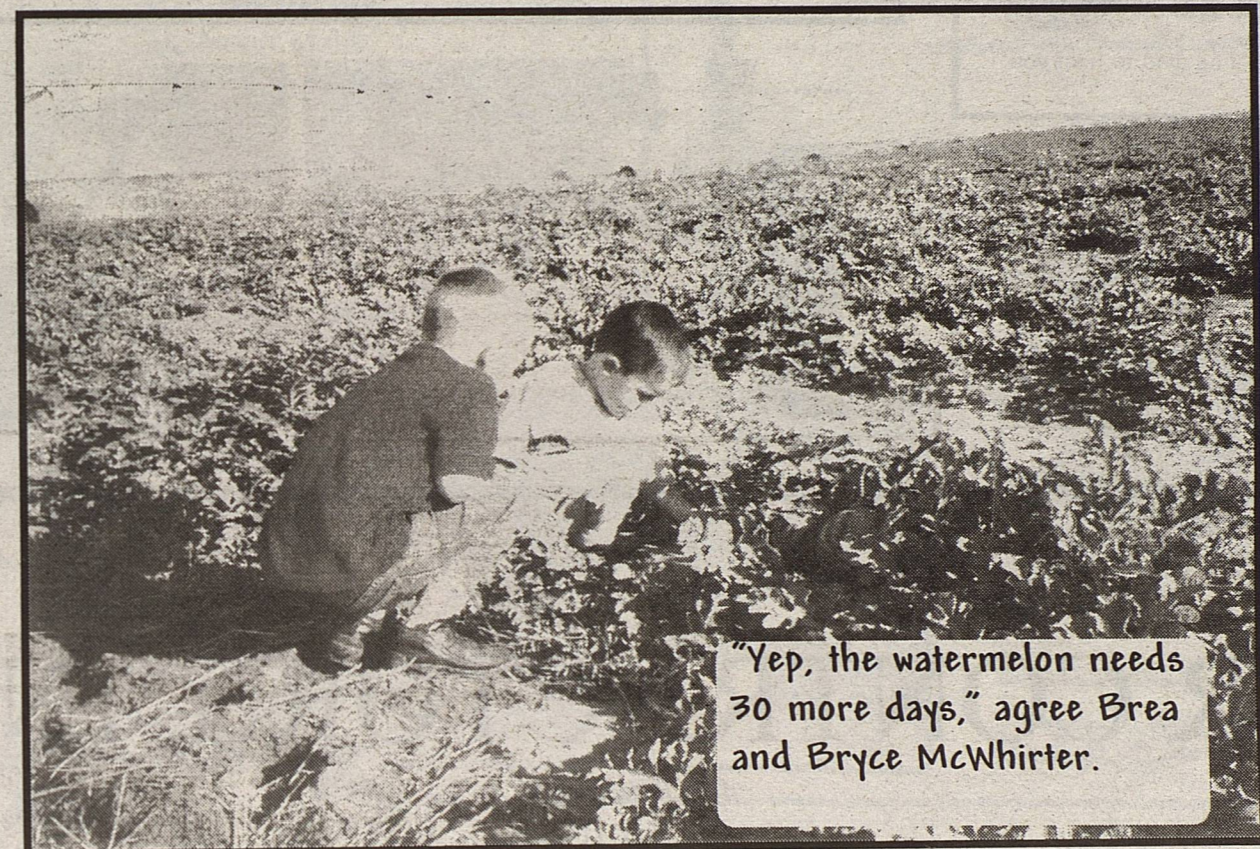
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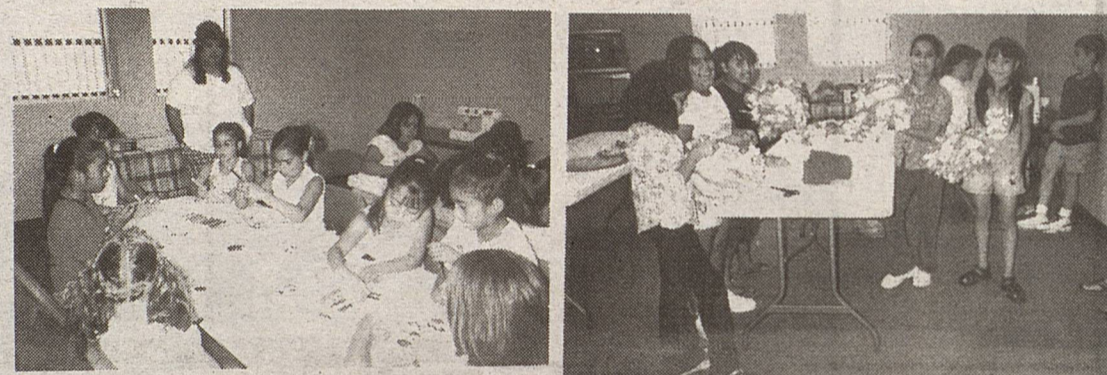
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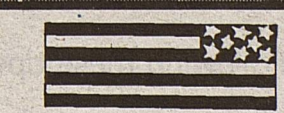
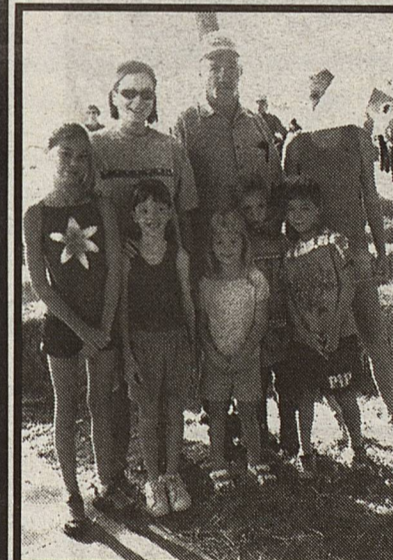
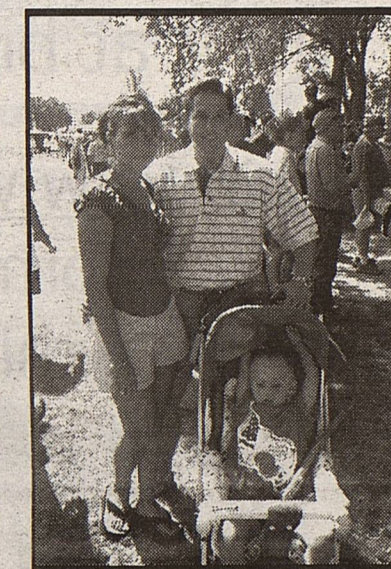
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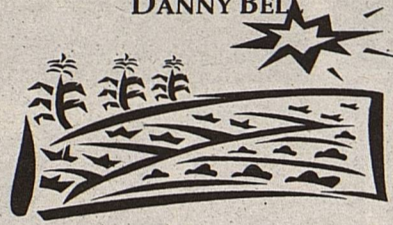


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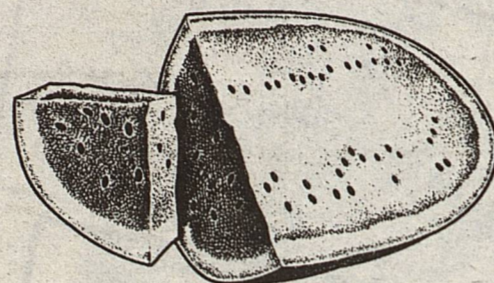


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*Labor Day is when it's held every year.*  
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 Ptoo-Ptoo  
 "Missed. You try."  
 Ptoo  
 "Too high. Hand me 'nother piece."  
 Ptoo- Ptoo  
 "GOT it!"  
 "BOYS, YOU LEAVE THET DOG BE!"  
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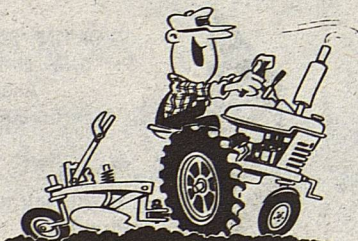
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