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Criminal Cases In County Court

Four criminal cases were heard in County Court June 21, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding.

Robert Dale Romero pled guilty to a first DWI. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$225 in court costs and a \$500 fine with time payments. He will spend five days in jail with credit for two days served, must attend AA meetings weekly, complete the first offender program, and serve 24 hours community service. His attorney Ricardo Alvarado.

Jose Vasquez Barrientes Jr. pled guilty to purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. He was fined \$100 and must pay \$210 court costs.

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Verdugo pled guilty to a subsequent DWI charge. An 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$750 and must pay \$225 court costs. He will serve 90 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI repeat offenders program, install an ignition interlock device on the vehicle he operates, and spend 30 days in jail with credit for 2 days served.

Mario Alberto Chavarria pled guilty to criminal mischief. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250, and must pay \$255 court costs with time payments. He must also attend and pay for an eight hour anger management course

Extension Agent Leaving

Jo Beth Cromer, Yoakum County Extension Agent FCE, submitted her resignation to Commissioners Court this Monday. Cromer told the court she had accepted a teaching position at Crockett Middle School in Amarillo. She will be an instructor in Home Economics.

Cromer said she had enjoyed her duties in the Extension office here, and expressed her appreciation to the commissioners and judge for their support of the extension service. She said her first love after graduation from college

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Assessment notices to be mailed soon

Assessment notices for the Western High Plains eradication zone for the 2000 growing season will be mailed by August 14. The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation bases assessments on information provided by growers to the Farm Services Agency by the final certification date for their area, July 15 in the WHP.

The assessment for 2000 in the WHP is \$6 per acre for dryland cotton and \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton.

Growers who believe the information on their statement is incorrect need to contact FSA and make sure the information the agency has is accurate. If those records are in error, growers should have FSA update their records and send the Foundation a correction. Growers must ask the agency to send the correction, or the Foundation will not know about the changes.

The due date for paying the assessment is September 14 in the WHP. Failure to pay on time will result in late fees in the amount of 1.5 percent of the balance being charged to a grower's account.

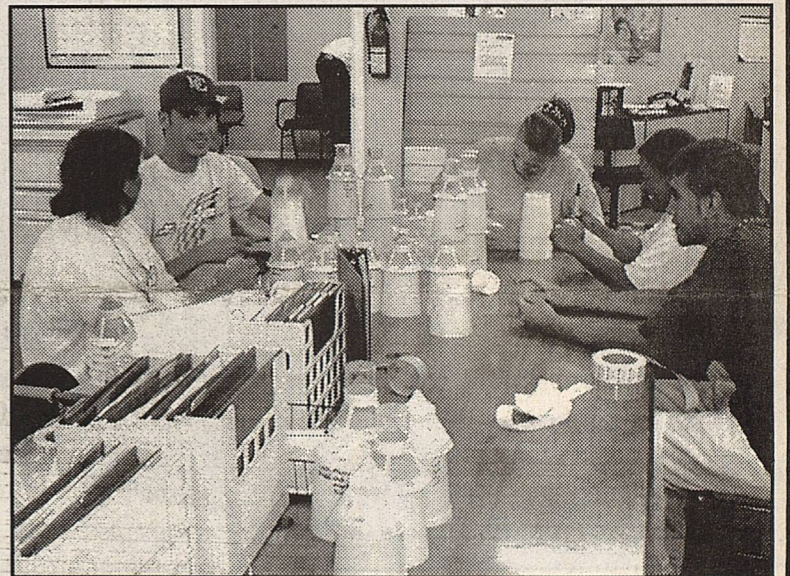
A 2 percent discount is available if the assessment is paid in full by August 30. As an example, if the assessment is \$2,000 growers may deduct \$40 from their bills if they pay by August 30. Growers who forget to deduct the discount or don't wish to figure it, but who pay early, will receive a refund, if the amount is for more than \$10, later in the year.

The continuing drought and general unpredictability of the weather mean some growers may not be able to produce a crop. If they destroy all hostable material - any part of the cotton plant - and certify the crop as failed with FSA by July 15, they will not be charged an assessment.

Destruction of hostable material and keeping the fields clean is necessary to prevent weevil populations from expanding. If growers who failed their crops have not kept fields free of cotton plants after July 15, they will be charged the full assessment. For more information contact the Foundation at 915-672-2800.



This photo shows infamous boll weevils taken from trap. Nickel shown for size perspective.



District boll weevil eradication workers assembling weevil traps.

Riverbend Church musical talent provides smash hit here



Austin's Riverbend Church Chorale and Brass' return trip to Plains' school auditorium Friday evening produced an uninhibited audience of toe tappers, clappers, sing alongs, even shouts of appreciation in a stellar, almost two hour performance. Soloist Johnny Ray Wilson sang a number of songs, and his amazing voice carried him through one piece with no accompaniment at all. The musicians work was tremendous, and the entire visiting group appeared to be enjoying being in Plains again.



Supreme Court decision on school prayer leaves few options

The June 19 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court declaring school prayer must be a private matter disappointed many citizens across the nation, and especially in the State of Texas. The Santa Fe (Texas) school district, in a series of appeals, pushed for the approval of student led prayer prior to high school football games. The highest court in the land, in a 6 to 3 decision, voted to ban this type of religious expression.

Immediately following announcement of the Supreme Court decision on Doe vs Santa Fe ISD, Plains ISD's Superintendent Jim Haynes received communiques from Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA), Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), and the law firm of Owen, Lyle, Voss and Owen, counsel to the school district. All three sources cited Santa Fe ISD's policy of allowing a student elected by the student body "to deliver a brief invocation and/or message to be delivered during pre-game ceremonies of home varsity football

games to solemnize the event, etc." was constitutionally invalid.

The three communiques also cited the Santa Fe Board's decision to hold an election was not permissible. In summation, the court majority opinion concluded, "The policy is invalid on its face because it establishes an improper majoritarian election on religion, and unquestionably has the purpose and creates the perception of encouraging the delivery of prayer at a series of important school events." The court summary also stated, "even if we regard every high school student's decision to attend a home football game as purely voluntary, we are nevertheless persuaded the delivery of a pre-game prayer has the improper effect of coercing those present to participate in an act of religious worship... the government may no more use social pressure to enforce orthodoxy than it may use more direct means."

The law firm, TASA and TASB agreed the policy of

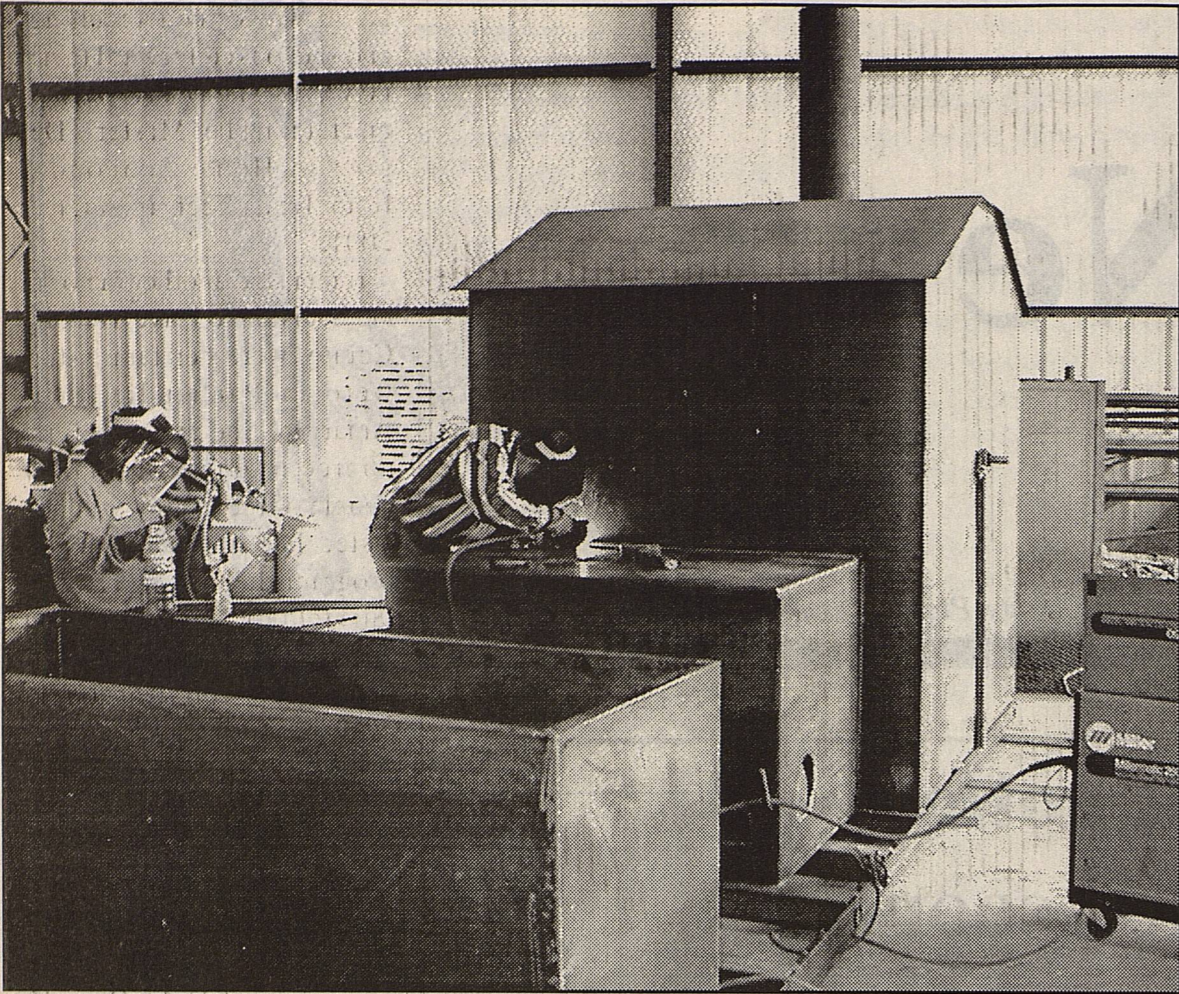
many school districts allowing student led prayer at commencement is now a murky picture. TASA's letter stated, "The Bottom Line: The Supreme Court says it is unconstitutional to have a policy permitting prayer over a loud speaker at extracurricular activities." The three sources also agreed the policy of allowing a moment of silence before an event was not addressed by the court.

Plains ISD Haynes furnished CCN the following statement; "I have been contacted by several folks about my feelings concerning the ruling by the Supreme Court. My initial response is one of outrage. How dare they tell me I can't pray at a football game! I have a right to pray whenever and wherever I want to!

After my initial response I had to stop and think about all the things explained in the decision to support the decree. Some questions I found my-

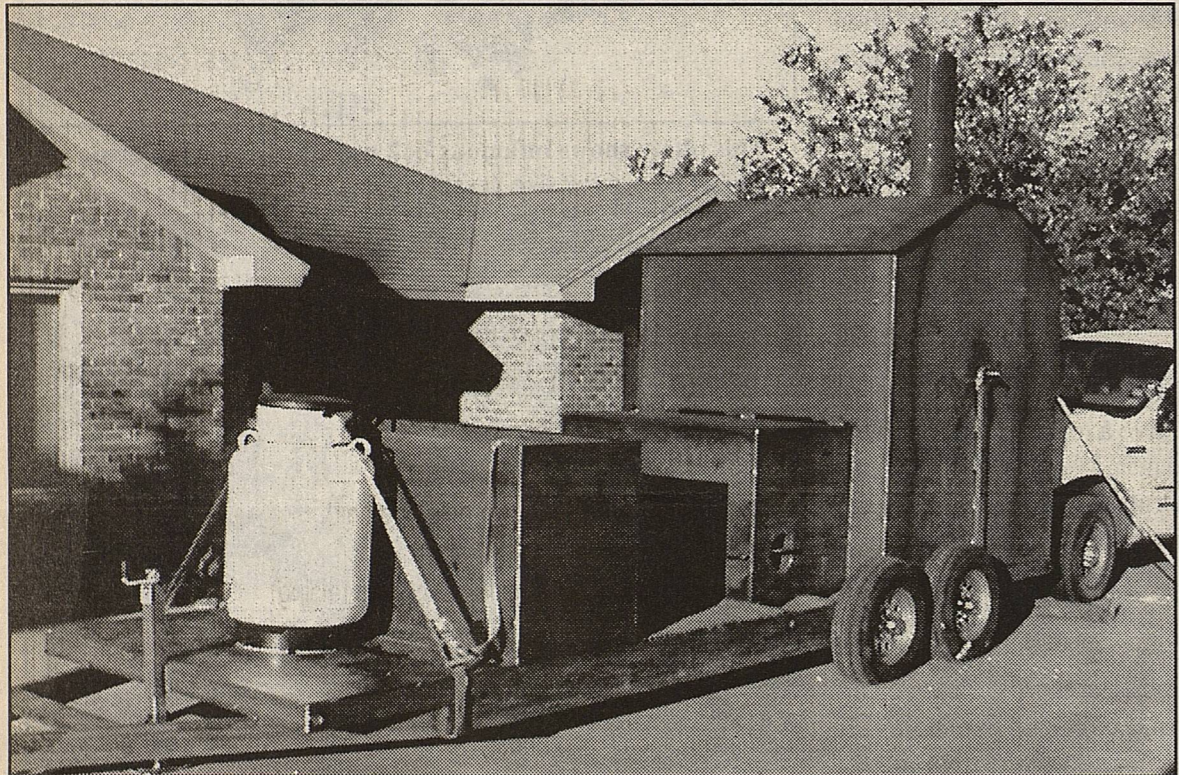
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Here's a REAL smokehouse!



Jered Sellers, under the welding hood in photo, is shown putting some final touches on a gigantic barbecue smoker built at Seller's Ag Supply. The cooking compartment measures 6 by 7 feet at the bottom, and stands 7 1/2 feet tall. Inside are ten spider arms on each side, which will hold a total of thirty expanded metal cooking trays. An electric motor will slowly turn the layers of meat. Sellers says the cooking unit should handle 180 ten pound briskets at a time!

The fire box (under Sellers' arm) appears large enough to hold a small forest of wood, and contains propane burners across the bottom. The other box nearest camera will hold an additional supply of firewood. Sellers said a real test of the unit will come in July when it is taken to the Texas Baptist General Convention conference site at Glorieta, New Mexico, for a Texas size barbecue.



The finished cooker is shown receiving its first 'baptism by fire' Saturday morning. Sellers said he and helpers worked all night to finish the project to start a trial run. He said it was the initial and very small cooking effort... only 28 briskets were being smoked. An indicator of the cookers size is the one-ton Ford pickup parked at the end of the unit.

Alternative TASP Registration Underway

Levelland, Texas--Students planning to enroll this fall at South Plains College in Levelland who have not taken the TASP test this summer need to contact the college about alternative TASP testing. "If they have missed the TASP test, they need to make arrange-

ments immediately for alternative TASP testing," said Claudine Oliver, director of guidance and counseling.

The Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) measures college entry level skills in reading, writing and math.

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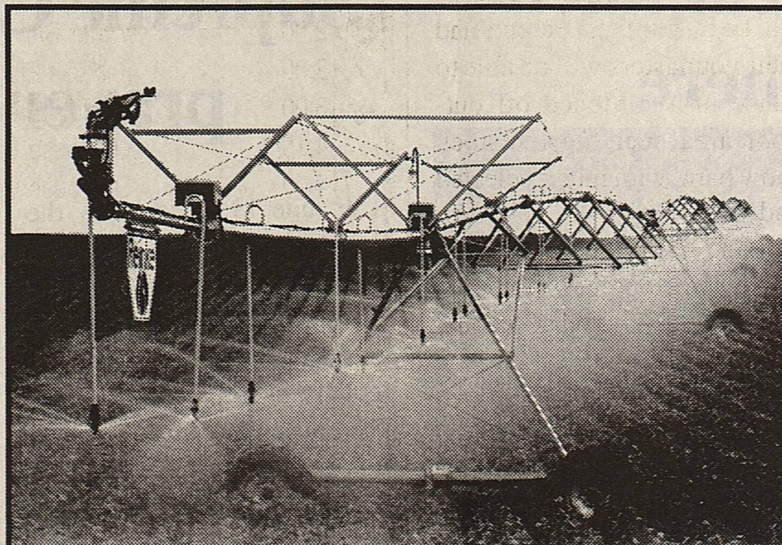
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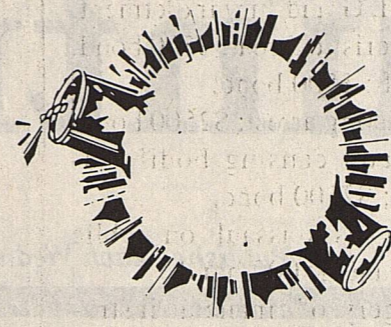
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County Affairs: Authority Could Roll Down Hill

County officials from across Texas recently told state representatives meeting in Fort Worth that if the state would like to devolve authority to county governments, then the state needs to be sure to fund those programs with a reliable revenue stream.

County proponents of devolution contend that just as big business spin off smaller operations in order to respond with greater flexibility to their customers, the state should rely on counties to administer programs locally by locally elected officials who can be held accountable.

"If you hit a pothole on the Interstate driving home, then you hit a pothole on the road in front of your house. You're going to get a lot faster service by calling your county commissioner than you will by calling the highway department," Tarrant County Commissioner Glen Whitley told the House Committee on County Affairs.

Whitley testified that his fellow officials were ready to take on more authority as the local arm of the state, but that such programs not come down unfunded.

But he also cautioned legislators that the rule making author-

ity over any such programs needs to be left up to local government. He said state bureaucrats are ill suited to the task of determining how best to administer programs in 254 unique counties. Whitley and others stressed that any new devolution of authority should be permissive, so that counties may choose whether to participate. "Let us figure out how best to do it in Tarrant County," Whitley said. "There are differences between rural and urban counties. We want you to tell us your goals for the program and let us make it happen," he said.

Speaking on behalf of the Dallas County Commissioners Court, Craig Pardue urged the state to mandate or permit counties to operate only as long as dedicated funds come with the authority. Pardue said that whatever money comes with the programs needs to funnel to the counties outside of the typical legislative appropriations

process, but State Rep. Glenn Lewis balked.

"Every state agency is subject to the appropriations process. They could make the same request (to be exempt from appropriations process) if we treated counties differently. That's asking a lot," said Lewis.

Grayson County Judge Horace Groff's testimony echoed Whitley's fears about one size fits all government programs.

"I'm excited about (devolution), but I'm afraid of the rules. Please don't leave Austin and leave the rule making to some state employee," Groff said.

By Graham Baker from A publication of Texas Association of Counties

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JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of Peace Court, Precinct One, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed:

40 traffic

2 felonies

1 consumption of alcohol by minor

1 possession of drug paraphernalia

1 small claims

Bonds set:

Two cases injury to a child; \$10,000 bond, Grand Jury indictment

Sexual assault; \$3000 bond, Grand Jury indictment.

DWI; \$1000 bond.

DWI, 3rd or more; \$2500 bond, ignition inter lock device ordered

Fugitive from justice; \$2500 bond

Bond forfeiture/burglary of building; \$5000 cash bond.

Failure to appear; \$10,000 bond, Grand Jury indictment.

Terroristic threat; \$500 bond. Theft; \$500 bond.

Resisting arrest; \$2500 bond.

Assault causing bodily injury; \$2500 bond.

Two cases assault on public servant; \$5000 bond.

Forgery of financial instrument; \$5000 bond.

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self asking were:

If the prayer offered wasn't one affirming my Christian faith, would I still be willing to support its offering? If an elected student representative chose to pray to the moon or sun or the God of Thunder would I still be supportive?

Did the ruling say I couldn't pray or that person couldn't pray or did it say that one person couldn't pray for all of us whether we wanted it or not?

If it is so important we pray at a football game, shouldn't it be equally important we pray before a volleyball, baseball basketball, tennis golf or track event?

After much deliberation I have decided even though I don't like the ruling, the Supreme Court is charged with the task of interpreting the laws derived from our constitution in a manner best protecting every American. In this

case, they have decided we can pray if we want to, wherever, whenever we want to; we just can't lead a prayer over the loudspeaker at the football stadium. Take heed and pay attention, however - they didn't say we couldn't still have a moment of silence. Maybe if we are really concerned about the prayer issue, we have been given a perfect opportunity to exercise our freedom and more importantly our faith."

Plains ISD Board of Trustees President Dwayne Canada echoed Jim Haynes sentiments about the decision. "I was very disappointed about the ruling of the court. Some of the accounts I read on comments from the six justices voting to disallow student prayer struck me as pretty harsh on religion itself. Nevertheless, this is their decision, and until something changes the ruling, our school district has no choice but to comply with the law."

Most Texas job growth to be in conventional fields

Although high technology has become a popular explanation for much of Texas' rapid economic growth, the bulk of the new jobs in the next 10 years will be created by more traditional forces.

According to the most recent occupational projections from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), most of the jobs created in Texas will be in large, slow growing occupations.

High tech, as expected, will create a large share of fast-growth positions, in occupations such as systems analysts and computer/electrical engineers. The rapidly growing health care industry will also produce a large number of fast-growth occupations such as nurses, home health care aides and nursing aides/orderlies. Finally, child care centers, restaurants and food preparation services will produce fast growing jobs in a wide range of generally modest paying retail and service occupations.

Occupations growing at 75 percent or less than the statewide average will produce only about 10 percent of the new jobs through 2010. TWC indicates that a wide range of unrelated occupations - general office clerks, janitors and cleaners, lawyers, doctors and college/university faculty, teachers aides and farmers - are in this category.

Half of the new jobs in Texas will be in occupations growing at 75 to 125 percent of the statewide average. Here will lie some of the state's biggest job producing occupations, including cashiers and retail salespersons, general managers, executives and other administrators, supervisors, helpers and laborers, truck drivers, waiters and waitresses, elementary and secondary school teachers.

From The Office Of The State Comptroller.

Aspiring Culinary Artists



Fifteen young would-be chefs attended "Microwave Munchies" last Friday, a Yoakum County 2000 Youth program. They are shown here getting instructions from Extension Agent Jo Beth Cromer on the importance for all cooks to have clean, germ free hands. The demonstration included washing, then coating their hands in a liquid which, under a special light in a dark closet, revealed dirt the kids had missed. They received instructions on creating quick culinary delights via the microwave. A few of the recipes in booklets used by the youngsters had rather unusual names....including "Caterpillar Treat" and "Kitty Litter Cake." Other helpers and instructors in the program included Tracey Lowrey, Tanya Vasquez, Jessica Henry and Tonya Patton.

Plans set for Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion

Officials representing the Plains Lions Club, Roping Club and Chamber of Commerce met recently to complete plans for the August 3rd, 4th and 5th Rodeo, and the Old Settlers Reunion in Stanford Park Saturday, August 5th.

The barbecue meal Saturday will feature brisket and all the trimmings, catered by Johnny's Barbecue of Midland. Volunteers will be needed to help slice the brisket, and work in the serving lines. Locals will again be asked to furnish cobbles for desert.

There will be new wrinkles for the nightly dance following each rodeo performance. On Thursday night, the emphasis will be on families; Parents and their youngsters will be able to dance in a cordoned off outdoor area near the livestock show barn, with music selected and played by a DJ. The Friday and Saturday night dance will also be outdoors, but with a live band. The band has not yet been selected.

Another change in the three day celebration will be the price of tickets to the Saturday barbecue meal. All tickets will be \$6, and will not include free entry to the Saturday night rodeo performance. Rodeo tickets will remain at \$3 for children age 5 through 11, \$5 for all others.

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has always been teaching, and she looked forward to her new job. She plans to work on attaining her Master's Degree in Home Economics from Texas Tech in August, 2001.

Cromer said another factor in her decision to leave Yoakum County were her family ties were in Panhandle, near Amarillo. She expressed her appreciation to the many people of the county who assisted her in her extension programs here.

She told CCN the Extension Service search for her replacement would probably begin around September 1.

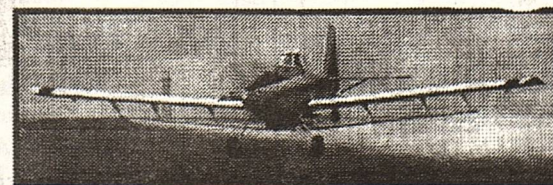
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8:30-10:30	Fishing Derby (Event begins immediately following flag raising)
9:30	Hula Hoop Race
10:00	Egg Toss
	Kiwanis Club Pig Patty Bingo-Game 1
10:30	Treasure Hunt (Children ages 5 and under)
11:00 a.m.-9:00p.m.	Food Booths Open
11:30	3-Legged Race
12:00-5:00	Water Polo
12:30-3:30	Musical Entertainment/Karaoke
1:00	Slip & Slide Contest
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Bingo
2:00	Water Balloon Toss
2:30	Kiwanis Pig Patty Bingo-Game 2
3:00	World's Greatest Lizard Race
4:15	Outhouse Race Sign-in (Enter your 3-man team soon. \$30.00)
4:30	Outhouse Race
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Terry & Yoakum County IPM Update

By Scott A. Russell, EA - IPM

General Situation:

Most of the area has received significant rainfall. Scattered hail and strong winds have caused limited damage, with a few fields being replanted. Irrigated cotton across the two counties is squaring, with many fields at, or near, one-third grown squares. Cotton at this stage should no longer be susceptible to thrips damage. Dryland fields vary from cotelydon to two true leaves. With the rainfall, these dryland fields have a good potential, and one should consider monitoring these fields for insect pests also.

Cotton Boll Weevils:

At a recent meeting of the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone Steering Committee, concerns were expressed. The foundation personnel can only address these concerns when you, the grower, bring things to their attention. I encourage you to get to know the Field Unit Supervisor (FUS) in your area. If you observe something that concerns you (i.e. cotton fields without traps) please contact the FUS. If you feel the need, contact the Zone Manager, Darrell Dusek, at 806-456-4113.

Good news on this front is that at the present time the overwintered weevil population is down by over 90%. This surpasses the previously set goal. At present in the WHP Zone only about 10% of the cotton acreage has been treated for overwintered boll weevils. The BWEF reports indicate traps averaged 1.4 weevils per trap across the WHP Zone the week of June 5 through June 11.

Worms:

Economically damaging worm infestations have been found in some fields. Reports indicate beet army worms are present as well as boll worms and bud worms. Worm populations need to be carefully monitored in light of the Boll Weevil Eradication treatment of fields. Once treated for boll weevils, a field may be predisposed to a secondary pest outbreak, including certain worm species. Monitor for worm activity in the developing squares as well as the terminal bud. Reports from Gaines County indicate an egg laying is occurring there. Be alert!

Boll Weevil Count		Traps Deployed	Total Acres Sprayed	
May 18-24	Current		AIR	
Unit	Count	Unit	Count	
713	1392	4194	713	2565.2
714	589	4041	714	1162.6
715	733	5962	715	3008
716	278	3805	716	1,893
717	809	4912	717	4,095
718	208	3715	718	2819
TOTALS	4009	26629	TOTALS	15343.1

"Gypsy"

The South Plains College Fine Arts Department will stage the musical "Gypsy" July 12-16 as its 2000 summer community production in the Theatre for the Performing Arts. The musical will be presented at 8:00 p.m. July 12-15 and

2:00 p.m. July 16. Admission is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students.

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Sign Of The Times



Over the weekend, the price of gasoline took another skyward leap, as evidenced by this display sign at Uncle's Convenience Store. Ironically, Monday's issue of the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* featured an article detailing Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison's efforts to get Congressional approval to abolish the 18.4 cent federal tax on gasoline. Motorists could stand some relief - vacation auto travelers would be well advised to carry lots of cash or plastic.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Plains will conduct a public hearing concerning the development and adoption of a **Drought Contingency Plan** as required by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS PLAN IS ENCOURAGED.

A copy of the draft **Drought Contingency Plan** is available for reviewing and/or copying by the public at the Plains City Hall during regular business hours. Comments will be received during the public hearing or can be made in advance to David Brunson at the Plains City Hall located at 601 11th Street or by calling 806-456-2288.

Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this public hearing should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. If anyone interested in attending the public hearing requires a translator, please contact City Hall. *Para residentes necesitados de interpretes, favor de comunicarse con la municipalidad antes de las audiencias publicas.* The public hearing will be held as follows:

PUBLIC HEARING
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MINORS: (front) Zachary Ramon, Zachary Ramos, Jacob Garza, Brock Carter, Saul Delgado, Derek Garza. (back) Cody Mayes, Chris Addison, Chris Gonzales, A.J. Martinez, Jacob Rivera, Elias Carrillo. Coaches Eddie Carter, Alfred Martinez, Junior Lira.

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Low-Frerich Wed



Michelle Devon Lowe and Mitchel Lane Frerich were united in marriage on March 4, 2000, in Brackettville, Tx. The ceremony was held in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Householder, which is in Fort Clark Springs in Brackettville. The prelude began with several selections of music including "Pot ti, volare" - Andrea Bocelli, "Pachelbel's Canon", "Air from the G String", and "Ave Maria". "Vangelis' Hymn" was played during the processional. The bridal attendants, as well as the bride and her father, walked down a hill toward the crowd of family and friends. The natural scenery, such as a myriad of trees and the Las Moras Creek, served as a beautiful background to the ceremony. For the recessional, "Trumpet Voluntary" was played. The bride and groom were united in marriage by the groom's uncle, the Reverend Robert Bonner, of Rochester, New York. The Matron of Honor was sister of the bride, Daphne McKaskle, of Lubbock, Tx. The Maid of Honor was sister of the bride, Kassie Lowe, of Lubbock, Tx. The flower girl was niece of the groom, Madison Frerich, of Brackettville. The Best Man was friend of the groom, Jamie Schermerhorn, of Houston, Tx. After the ceremony, everyone joined Mitch and Michelle for a celebration and dance in the Kenney County Civic Center, in Brackettville. The guests were greeted with a receiving line, which led into the line where a brisket dinner was served "buffet" style. Serving as centerpieces on the tables

were fiddles made from horseshoes by the groom and his father. The cakes were made by the groom's mother. The bride's cake was decorated with fresh roses by the bride's sister and her husband, Daphne and Mike McKaskle. Live music was provided by the band "Texas Pride". Serving at the bride's table, were Jae Jones, friend of the couple, from Uvalde, Tx., and Maxine Bonner, aunt of the groom, from Brackettville. Gina Stocks, friend of the couple, from Uvalde, Tx., served at the groom's table, and Joelle Lowe, cousin of the bride, from Lubbock, Tx., served punch. Mrs. Layla Cervantez, friend of the family, from Brackettville, served as hostess. The bride is the daughter of Joel and Debra Lowe of Plains. Grandparents of the bride are Alfred and Faye Bearden and Jack Lowe of Plains. The groom is the son of Raymond and Gaylene Frerich of Brackettville, Tx. The bride is a graduate of Plains High School, and received her B.A. in Psychology from Texas Tech University, and her Masters of Education from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Tx. She is currently a Special Education Teacher for Kindergarten and 1st grades at Garfield Elementary in Del Rio, Tx. The groom is a graduate of Brackett High School and attended San Angelo State University. He is an Engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad. Following a wedding trip to Colorado, the couple resides in Brackettville.

Senior Citizens Corner

How has everyone enjoyed these good rains? Hope we all remember to thank God for them. We had 25 to play pool today. The winners were: Women 8 ball 1st Billie Oneal, 2nd Shirley Blanett, 9 ball 1st Ireta Davis, 2nd Betty Cantrell. Men: 8 ball 1st Santos Garza, 2nd Joe Trujillo, 9 ball 1st Cookie Blancett, 2nd Pete Acubios. We want all of you to come again. It was good to see Ivan and Jim again. '42' tournament is Tuesday 27th at 12:30. It has been good to see Sara and Brady coming to the center. Keep watching for the date of the big garage sale. Remember if you haven't signed to eat, be sure to call by

9:00am. That is the way the cooks have of knowing how many to fix for. The number is 592-8000. Our condolences, love and prayers to Linda Horton on the death of her brother, also the Braswell family on the loss of Naomi. The bridge lessons are going good so I hear. Don't forget the craft room is still active, also line dancing, dominoes, pool, bridge, and exercising, and just visiting with everyone. Remember Tuesday and Thursday is blood pressure day. We have Nutrition program once monthly, also Miracle Ear and Livingston each once monthly. Until next week, Wanda B.

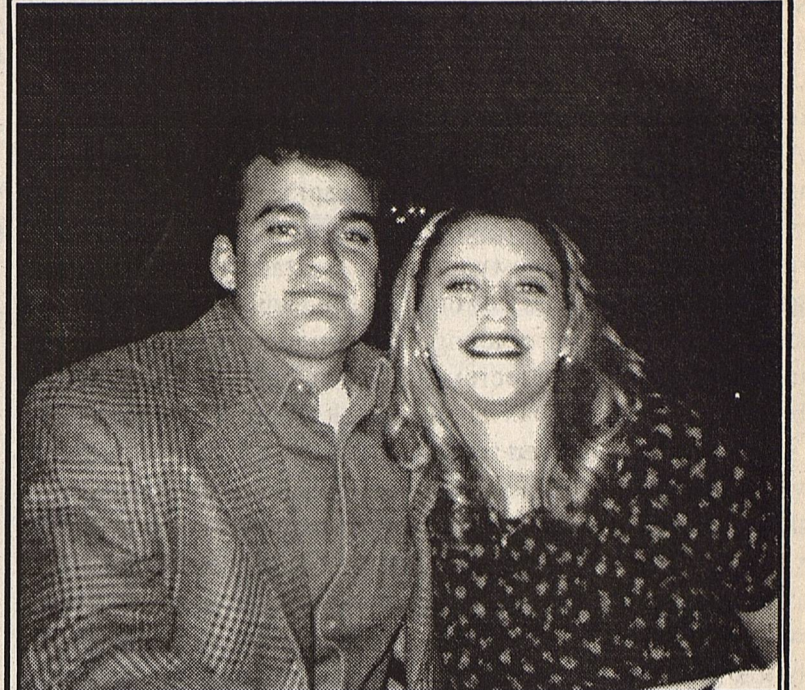
New Baby Sister



Micah Jo welcomes her new sister Dayja Doriann who arrived June 13, 2000 at 9:17 PM. She weighed 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 17 1/4 inches long. Parents are Rebecca and Gildo Flores

of Lubbock. Grandparents are Joe and Elouise St. Romain of Plains, Linda and Pete Valeria of Lubbock and Gildo Jr. and Zelde Flores of Heasford.

Poole-Braswell United In Marriage



Billy and Lorelle Braswell were united in marriage on February 9, 2000 at Cornerstone Fellowship Church in Midland. Brother Richard Spencer united the two in marriage. Lorelle's friend, Tessa Lanning served as Maid of Honor, and serving as best man for Billy was his best friend, Steve Bitolas. Kaitlyn Poole Brown, daughter of Lorelle, stood up with the bride and groom, as they were married. Afterward, Sharon Spencer, wife of Pastor Spencer, and the ladies

of the church honored the bride and groom with a reception. Lorelle is the daughter of Ronnie and Patty Poole of Midland. Billy is the son of Pamela Ryan of Midland and Bill Braswell of Austin. He is the Grandson of Bobbie and Latrell McDonnell of Plains and Mac and Dottie Braswell of Denver City. Billy is Assistant Manager of Produce with Albertson Grocery and Lorelle is employed at Cheddar's. Their home is in Midland.

You are cordially invited to a
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honoring
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Saturday, July 8, 2000
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
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The equipment and supplies can be inspected between 10:00 am and 12:00 the day of the auction. Terms are cash or check at the time of the auction and purchases must be removed before 5:00 pm. Everything is sold as is and all sales final. Any item not sold or picked up will be put in the trash (discarded). Items may be added or withdrawn.

From The Hack

I have just returned from a trip to the dentist. Quite frankly, I am feeling pretty sorry for myself. Of course I always feel sorry my self upon visiting a dentist office, doubly so if I have to pay him for hurting me. And, of course, they always insist on payment, and they always hurt me, so I'm feeling quite low. I am also almost gagging from the wad of cotton stuffed in my mouth soaking up gallons of my precious blood.

The first thing I noticed when we were within seven blocks of the dentist office was my hands were sweating, and I had a nervous tick on my chin, my heart was racing, and I'm sure my blood pressure was probably around 400 over 200. I readily confess to be an out and out coward when it comes to dental work.

An assistant ushered me into one of the rooms of horror, seated me in the reclining chair. Overhead I spied a TV offering a rerun of Lassie. HA. Did they think for one moment I would be so engrossed in that long haired mutt, who must be at least 48 years old by now, I wouldn't notice all those gleaming, evil looking instruments of torture scattered on a nearby table?

The head torturer finally trotted in, all gay and happy, expecting to generate the same attitude in me. I beat him to the punch. I quickly asked, "How much is it gonna cost and hurt THIS time?" He grinned and giggled, "How do I know, when I don't even know what's

your problem." A bit subdued, I mumbled about the sore tooth. He said, "I'll x-ray it and we'll see what we have here." The only response I could think of was, "Will the x-ray hurt? How much does it cost?"

He finally returned, and I thought he looked a bit mournful. He shook his head woe-fully, and said, "I'm sorry. The tooth is too far gone to save, and your old jaw bone is just too deteriorated to think of a root canal. I had really hoped we could do a root canal."

HA. I knew he was hoping so. A root canal costs about a zillion bucks, the tooth yanking can be had for less than a hundred.

An assistant swabs the offending area with something, and a few minutes later here comes the Doc, carrying, naturally, the needle from Hell. I feel tears forming as I gaze at the evil thing, almost the length of a crow bar, and probably just as dull. The Doc grins and says, "It always looks worse than it is." Bull Feathers! That's easy for him to say when all he has to do is squirt that venom in me.

When it takes affect, I'm so numb I think a 30-06 shot to the jaw would have gone unnoticed. He lays a pry bar, vise-grips and water pump pliers on the table before me. Soon as he gets ahold of that sucker I start moaning and mumbling loudly while he tugs, twists, and prides. I was trying to tell him to ease up, I could feel three of my ribs coming loose, when the offending tooth popped out. Delighted, he held it before me, exulting, "There we are... ugly thing, isn't it?" There was no way I could reply, being on the verge of (A) passing out, (B) throwing up on his gleaming shoes, or (C) delivering a blow to a sensitive area just below his beltline.

When I finally, weakly made my way back to the front of the office, the Bride greeted with

that sickening phrase, "Now, see, that wasn't so bad, was it?" Adding injury to insult she offered to drive me home, and I could munch on the peanut brittle and ice-cold coke she'd bought for me. How thoughtful.

E-mail humor:

#1 - A jet took off from JFK, and when it reached cruising altitude the captain announced over the intercom, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is your captain speaking, welcome to flight 293, non stop to Los Angeles. The weather ahead is good, and we should have a very smooth and uneventful flight, so just sit back, relax and.....OH MY GOD!", then silence. The captain finally came back on the intercom and announced, "Ladies and gentlemen, I apologize if I frightened you just now, but while I was talking to you, the flight attendant brought me a cup of coffee, and accidentally spilled it in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!" A passenger in coach piped up, "That's nothing, you should see the back of mine!"

(Don't blame me - this is E-mail from Pecos, Tx.); A Pentagon worker was on his way home when traffic came to a halt, nothing moving. He thought, "This is worse than usual!" He saw a cop walking between the rows of cars, and asked, "Hey, officer, what's the holdup?" The cop replied, "The President is so depressd about moving with Hillary to New York he stopped his motorcade and

HOOVES & HORNS

BY A.W. ERWIN



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