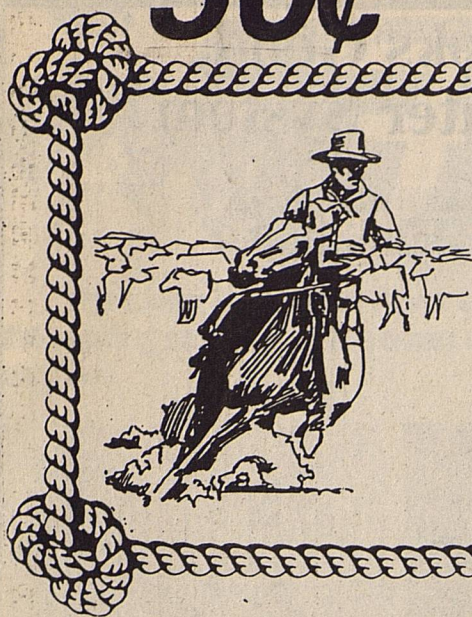


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Dan Wall Named Goodyear Farmer of the Year

Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and the National Association of Conservation Districts annually recognizes an agricultural producer for his conservation efforts. Dan Wall was nominated for the honor by the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District for his outstanding conservation efforts. Dan was presented

with a plaque by Neal Newsom, Chairman of the Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District. Other Board members present were Linda Powell, Don Burgess and Kent Smith.

Dan and his wife, Linda, farm some 3,600 acres of cropland with his principle crops being cotton, milo and small grains. He also has

land in the CRP program. Some of Dan's conservation practices include minimum tillage with small grains such as milo and wheat and modern efficient irrigation systems.

Jared Sellers, owner of Sellers Ag Supply, the local Goodyear distributor, was unable to attend the event.



Linda Powell, Neal Newsom, Dan & Linda Wall, Kent Smith, Don Burgess

Lions hear report on 'Great Bike Ride'

Last week's Thursday meeting of the Plains Lion's Club featured an interesting report from W.H. (Hop) Graham of Lovington on his recent bicycle ride from there to Brunswick, Georgia, a 21 day Odyssey covering more than 1,800 miles.

Hop was accompanied at the meeting by his wife, Jeane. They are former owners-publishers of the Lovington Leader, the oldest Newspaper in Lea County, New Mexico. Both are still active in the daily operation of the five issue weekly paper, contributing feature articles, and Hop writes a weekly column in the Sunday edition.

The bicycle enthusiast planned the grueling trip through the summertime heat of the Deep South several months prior to pedaling off on US Highway 82 June 16. Graham told Lions and guests he had great difficulty in finding anyone to make the trip with him. "One friend hinted he might consider going, but at the last minute, called and said it was out, he'd had a vasectomy. That's going pretty far to avoid a bike ride".

He said he always had problems explaining to people the reasons behind the long, hard trip. "I



'Hop' Graham

thought if I could stay on 82, not an Interstate Highway, I would see more of the real country, have a better opportunity to see and visit interesting people in the flesh. I was right. It was a wonderful experience. I can tell you this; True, America has problems, crime, violence, many other serious problems, but I returned home with a very good feeling about this country. I was met with curiosity, yes, but I experienced some wonderful hospitality, great friendliness and courtesy." Relating some of the amusing experiences he

encountered, he said he attended an all black, large and old Methodist church in rural Alabama one Sunday morning. "It was a different experience. The services lasted over two hours, and the collection plate was passed more than once. Towards the end of the service, the Minister asked the congregation to acknowledge all the visitors. Being the only white, I know I stood out in the audience, but no one mentioned me at all. I

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Rodeo, Reunion, Art Show Enjoyed By All



Marcey House, Brett Squyres carry the colors

County Criminal Court Busy Last Week

The County Criminal Court session July 31 was a busy one, with ten cases heard by County Judge Dallas Brewer. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Jimmy Wayne Crider, 10, pled guilty to a charge of criminal trespass, was fined \$15, and must pay \$192 in Court costs.

Jose Perez Jimenez, 35, pled guilty to a June charge of Criminal Mischief involving damages over \$500 but less than \$1500. He received a 30 day jail sentence probated 18 months, was fined \$250, and must pay \$192 Court costs. He also was to spend 30 days in jail, but had 33 days jail time credited. He must pay restitution of \$1100, and successfully complete the Spanish Batterer's Intervention Program.

Dale Edward Crider, 21, also pled guilty to a charge of Criminal Trespass. He was fine \$15, and had to pay \$192 Court costs.

William Ferrell Bennett, 35, pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended and probated 18 months. He was fined \$250, must pay \$157 Court costs and \$200 in appointed Attorney fees. He must also undergo a

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The biggest and busiest three days of the year came to a close Saturday night, with the final performance of the 43rd annual Rodeo. Well, it was almost over; many Country and Western music lovers danced the last night away, well past midnight.

Many class reunions and family gatherings were held Thursday through Saturday, topped off by the big gathering in Stanford park for the annual barbecue. Volunteer cooks manning seven huge cooking units began preparing the slow cooked briskets a little before midnight Friday. The dozens of workers prepared beef, beans, potato salad and cobblers for an anticipated 1,200 visitors. No official tally of the diners was available, but many estimated the crowd at about 1,000.

The Yoakum County Art Association Show and Sale was held Thursday through Sunday, and featured outstanding works of art and photography. The complete results of the show and sale will be featured in this and

next week's issue of CCN. Over 200 contestants competed for cash and glory in the three nights of rodeo, produced by TNT Rodeo of Anson.

The parade through town Saturday morning was one of the better in recent years, with youngsters on bikes, a number of attractive floats, western music by a group on the 'Yoakum County Connection' float, horse riding, old restored tractors and autos.

Perhaps the most amazing aspect of the three day extravaganza is the amount of plain old hard work required to bring all the events off. The Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Roping Club, Sandy Land Tractor Pullers, The City of Plains, County Precinct 3, and The Art Association all contributed scores of volunteers, joined by individual citizens who gave time and labor during the three day event. Dozens of business firms and private citizens generously contributed funds for the Rodeo and Reunion. A job well done.



Sharon Pickett and 'Best In Show'

Final Rites For Mary Brown

Funeral services for Mary Brown, 60, of Artesia, NM were held Monday, Aug. 5, 1996 at First United Methodist Church, Artesia, with Dr. Terry Anderson of Clovis, NM officiating. Interment followed at Woodbine Cemetery.

She died August 2, 1996 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, TX.

Ms. Brown was born July 11, 1936 at Gorman, TX. She married Jerry D. Brown on Sept. 21, 1957 at Abilene, TX. They moved to Artesia from Albany, TX in 1971. She was a retired teacher; co-sponsored the National Honor Society; Cheerleader & Student Council sponsor; and organized the Paw Prowlers. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Hand Bell Choir and United Methodist Women member; NM Retired teachers Assoc., Delta Kappa Gamma, and Meals on Wheels.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry D. Brown, of the home; her mother, Madelle Jackson of Monahans, TX; 3 sons, Jerry G. Brown of Lubbock, TX, Randy Brown of Texico, NM, and Bill Brown of Austin, TX; 1 daughter, Judi Addison of Plains, TX; 1 brother, William L. Jackson of Arlington, TX; 9 grandchildren and 9 nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Kidney Fund; American Diabetes Association; or the American Heart Association



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drug and chemical dependency evaluation by Lubbock Regional Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, or equivalent organization, and participate in mental health services including medication and crisis support services through MHMR.

Darvin Homer Leverett Jr., 18, pled guilty to a Criminal Trespass charge. He was fined \$65 and must pay \$192 Court costs. In the same matter, Zelma Louis Davis case of Criminal Trespass was dismissed by the Court.

Sesilio Lopez, aka Cecilio Lopez, pled guilty to a first charge DWI offense. He received a 90 jail term, suspended and probated 12 months, was fined \$600, must pay \$235 Court costs, and will spend seven days in jail with four days credited. He was represented by Attorney George Trimbar.

Basilio Gonzalez Larrea, aka Basilio Gonzalez, 35, pled guilty to the charge of assault. He received a 30 day jail sentence, probated 180 days, was fined \$100 and must pay \$192 Court costs prior to August 14.

David Lira, 22, pled guilty to driving while his license was suspended.

He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, probated 12 months, was fined \$250, and must pay \$157 Court costs. He will spend 72 hours in jail, with 31 1/2 hours credited.

Marcie Melissa Khalyleh, aka Marcie Owens, 22, pled guilty to theft by check. She received a 60

jail sentence, probated 12 months, was fined \$226, must pay \$192 Court costs, Appointed Attorney fees of \$200, and \$136 restitution. Part of the arrangement included Adjudication of three other charges, including burglary of a habitation, and she must complete her high school diploma or GED equivalent. She was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Clifton Charles Savage, 24, pled guilty to driving while his license was suspended. He received a 60 day jail term, probated 180 days, was fined \$250, and will pay \$157 Court costs and a \$50 reinstatement fee to the DPS.

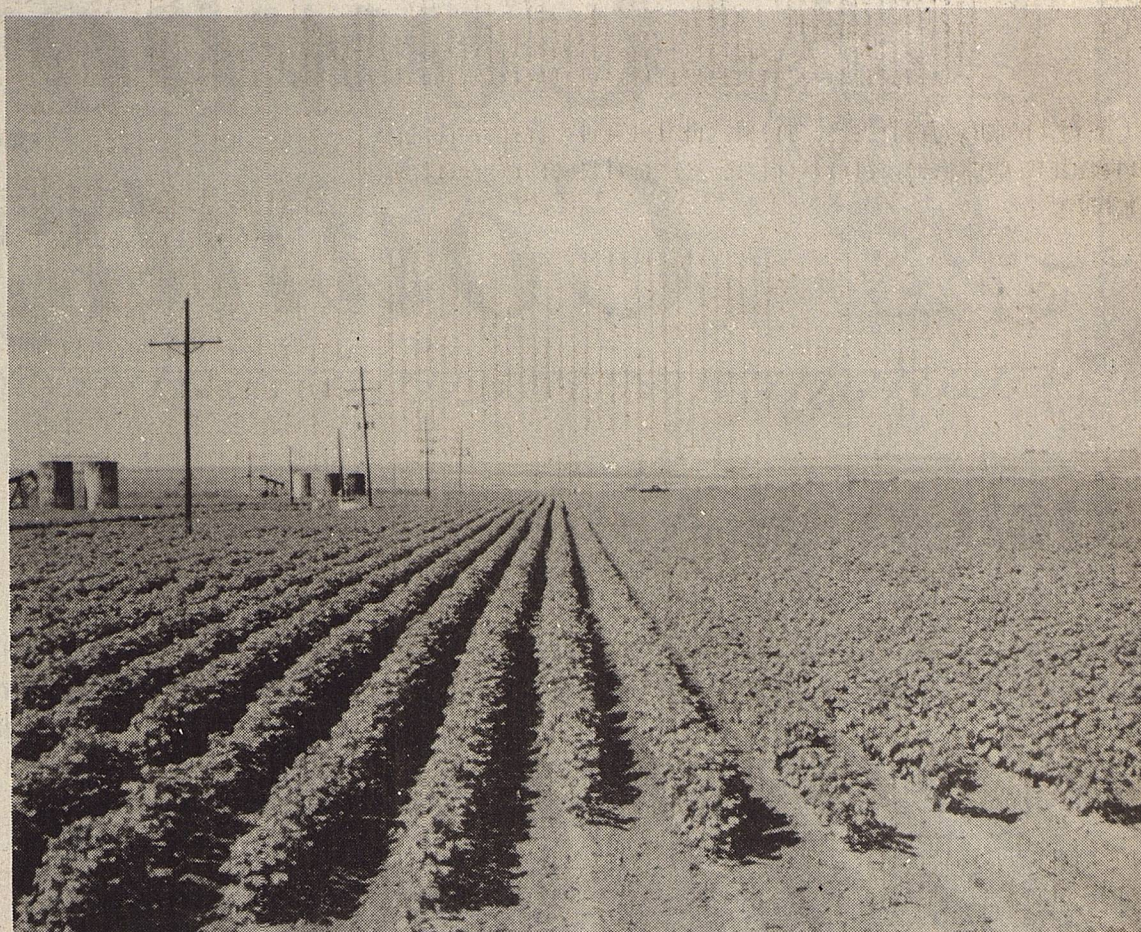
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finally stood up and asked if I could explain my presence. The preacher beamed at me, saying, "Why of course, brother, your presence just slipped by me".

He said all his friends were not impressed by his trip. He related to an Attorney friend the details of his long trip. The Lawyer listened, then shrugged and said, "Let's see now, the altitude in Lovington is about 3900 feet, and you ended up on the Atlantic Ocean coast, at seal level, down hill all the way. Why didn't you turn around and pedal back home?"

"Another interesting guest at the meeting was Jeanine St. Romain, daughter of Pierre and Mary Jo St. Romain. She resides in Virginia Beach, Va., and is a faithful attendee of the annual Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion. She was the very first Rodeo Queen 43 years

Irrigated Field Looks Good, But Where's The Water System?



This impressive field of cotton just east of town on the Joe Ancinec farm, adjoining the PISD livestock sheds, is being watered by the Drip Irrigation System Joe and son Brad Ancinec installed last year. When the drip concept was first experimented with for commercial row crops such as cotton, the idea was met with general skepticism by most producers. It's success in different High Plains areas has brought about much revised thinking. The drip system may never replace the prevalent pivot irrigation systems, but it has demonstrated its feasibility for smaller, irregular and difficult to water plots such as the Ancinec field.

ago, and she served as Lions Club Sweetheart longer than any other girl. She said, "I loved being Lion's Sweetheart, getting out of school so I could play the piano at the meetings".

Other guests included Mary Jo St. Romain, Tanya Vasquez, and Holly Dyer.

'Watermelon Roundup' August 31

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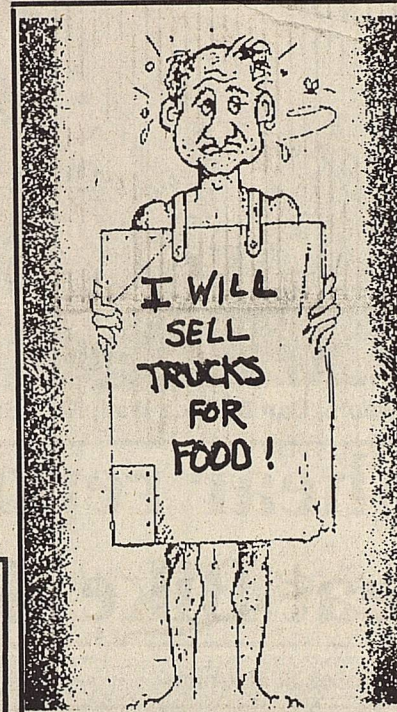
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Femme Friends



The Library wishes to thank all the kids that entered the reading program, and worked so hard to complete the program.



Chelsi Wagon, a Plains Junior High student and a patron of Yoakum County Library will be carrying her own hand painted bag to the halls of school this fall with pride.



Jachary Ramon enters kindergarten at Plains Elementary this year. He is a faithful Library patron and he states he really likes his bear.

Birth Announcement

James & Crystal Altman of Killeen, Tx. would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Michelle. She was born on July 27, 1996 at 9:25 a.m. in the Fort Hook Military Hospital. She weighed in at 4 lbs. 2 oz. and was 17 inches long.

She has an older brother, Matthew and her grandparents are; Frank Bailura of Bozeman MT., Ester Hoelline of Seattle, WA, James & Margaret Altman of Plains. Great Grandparents are Bud & Mary Forbus of Brownfield and Lorena Worsham of Brownfield.

Thought for the Week

But continue thou in the things which thou has learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them,

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, and reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:14-16

Senior Citizens Corner

August--Summer is winding down. Dry, hot weather will soon change to chilly times. We have had a norther already.

Visiting since last time were Ted and Claudia Sue Furgeson, Zelma Boone, Pete Lare representative of SPAG, Jose Corrales, and people from the First National Bank--Clifford Hitt and Barbara Wright. Welcome to each of you visitors and you are invited back again.

In the hospital are T.H. Grimes, and Reba Baker. Pearl Prewett is entering Canterbury Villa. Our wishes that each of these people regain their health soon.

We are sorry to lose Becky Flores from our kitchen. But College calls and she will soon be working toward better things.

The Senior Sports Classic in Lubbock is coming up Aug. 14 through 17.

The Quilt block making

is now. Each one who wishes to make a block, make it 12-1/2 X 12-1/2 inches, any pattern, with your name on it.

'Watermelon Roundup' is Aug. 31. Our Center will have a booth, with interesting items to sell. Also, tickets available now and at the Festival for a Shotgun to be raffled off at the Festival. Everyone is urged to buy some tickets and help a good cause. It is our largest money maker of the year, and I'm sure some dove hunter would like the gun.

Dates to remember:

Line Dancing: Mon., Wed, Fri. at 9:45 a.m.

Pool games: Mon., 6:30 p.m.

Generation B/P: Wed. 11 a.m.

Tatum Pool: Fri., 10 a.m. (MST)

Lunch everyday at 11:30 a.m. Come and enjoy a good meal.

See you next week,

Smitty



HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



TEMPER TANTRUMS-MAINTAINING PARENTAL CONTROL

Toddler's outbursts and other disciplinary issues need to be studied from the child's point of view. When toddlers lose control, they need adult help to recover.

Typically, toddlers exert themselves in "temper tantrums" by about 15 months. These displays of the struggle for independence usually peak in the second and third years (Brazelton, 1992). To help avoid such outbursts, caregivers need to:

- Try to encourage some physical outlets for the child's frustration such as water play, outdoor play, jumping, hammering, running, or pounding a pillow.
- Recognize the developmental readiness for understanding and behaving in certain situations.
- Be aware of the emotions the child is exhibiting...anger, frustration, fatigue, resentment, illness, fear. Acknowledge the feelings of the child.
- Avoid putting the child in situations that he may not be ready to handle.
- Prepare for situations by giving simple rules the child can understand.

ELIMINATE KITCHEN HAZARDS

The kitchen can be a dangerous place for children. For the safety of your children follow these procedures:

- Keep counters free of knives and glassware
- Turn pot handles away from the front of the stove
- Do not let appliance cords dangle over counter edges
- Put child proof locks on drawers and covers on stove knobs
- Set your water heater at 120 degrees to prevent scalding

Penny Green's Tumbling

Fall Registration for Plains students Monday, August 5, 5PM - 8PM, at the Royal Bounders Tumbling Gym (old sheep barn)

Registration \$20 per student, covers insurance from Sept. '96 - Sept. '97.

Lesson costs;

- One day per wk., 45 min. class \$28
- One day per wk., 1 hr, \$32
- Two days wk., 45 min. class \$40
- Two days wk., 1 hr, \$44
- Two days wk., 1hr 15 min. \$55

We will be tumbling on Mondays and Wednesdays this year. Classes begin week of August 19, and in August there will be two weeks of lessons. Parents meeting for recreation students 8pm, for advanced students 8:30pm, following registration.

If you have any questions, or need more information, call Karen Williams, 456-7485

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Past Girl's State's, 1949 to present



Some of PHS grads, classes of 1940-1949



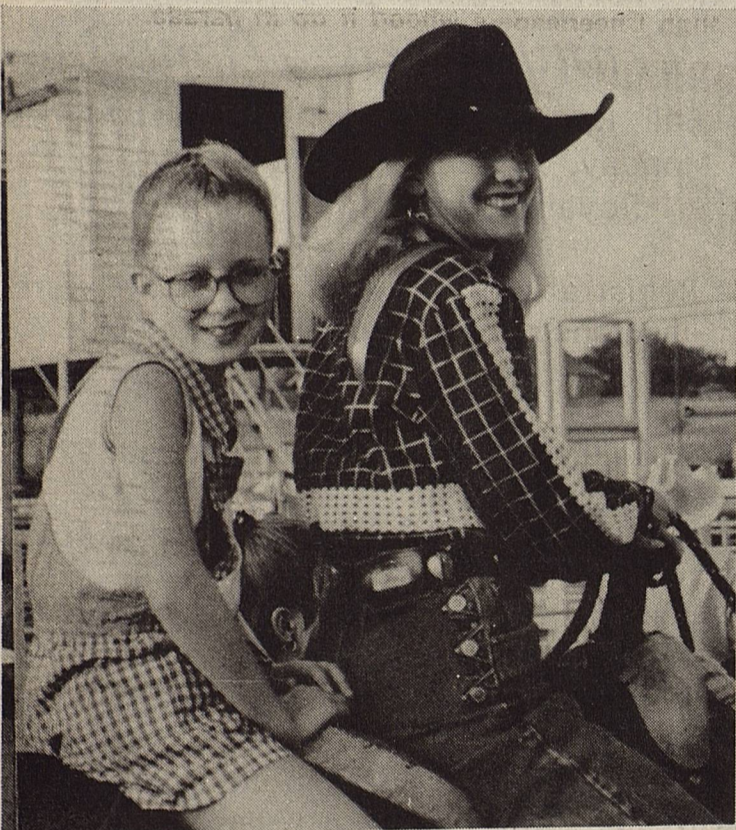
Nolan Newsom & vintage 'Poppin' Johnny'



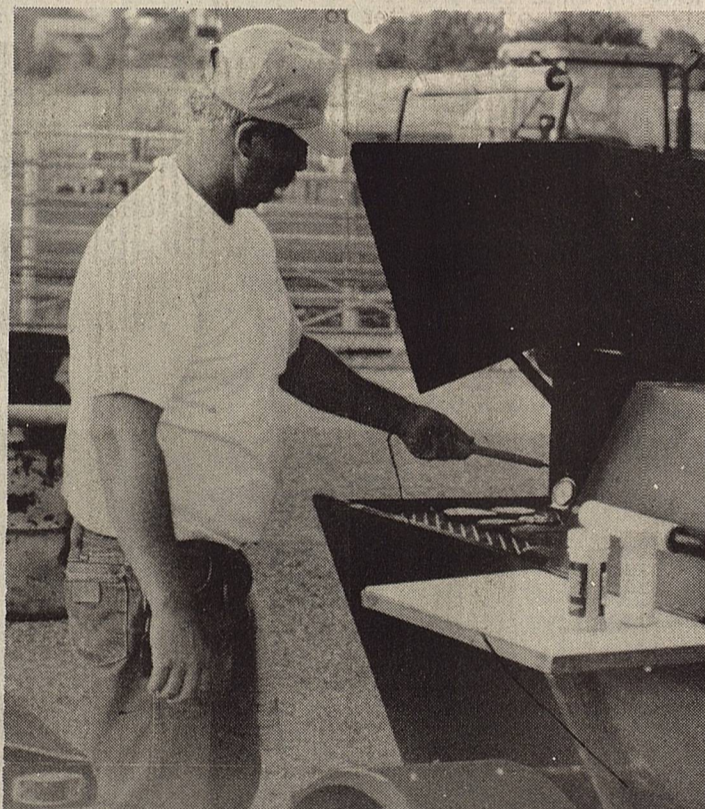
Three Generations, Tsa Mo Ga float



4-H youngsters whoop it up, tossing candy



Liz Davenport rides with '95 Queen Jennifer Lollar



Master Chef Herschel Smith doing burgers



Queen candidates Tanya Vasquez, Lindsey Six



Candace & Donna Bowers, Rodeo Secretaries



Camera surprises Wilma Powell



Two hard workers during rodeo, timers Johnnie Fitzgerald, Billy Winn

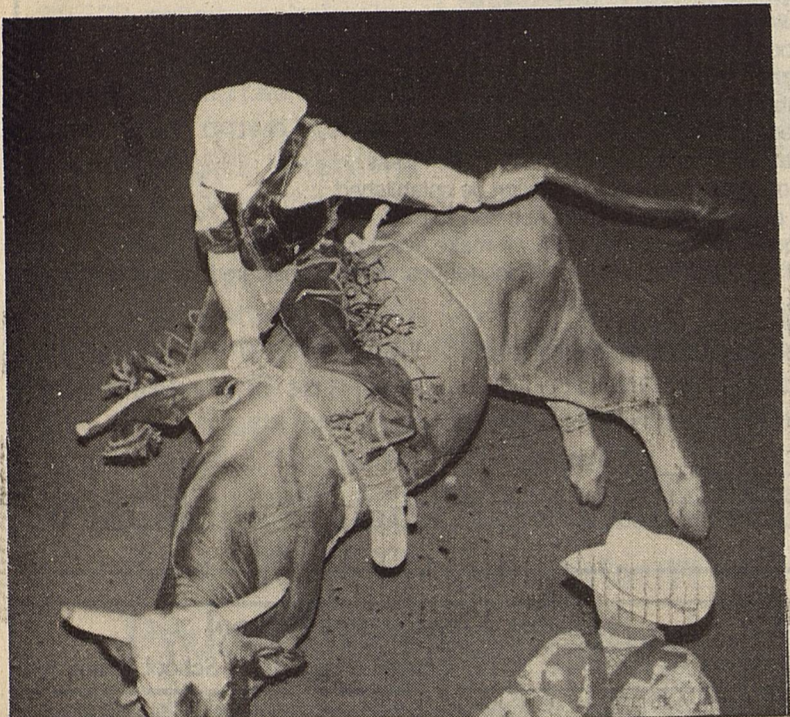
And Aren't You Glad It's All Over !?



Moris Rushing, Jessica, Jaymie, Jim Brown, Terry Montfort, Polly Rushing, Clint Montfort at rodeo



Seven big cookers barbecued over a ton of beef



Local Mike Bell on a bad bull



Rusty Hennard off and after roped calf



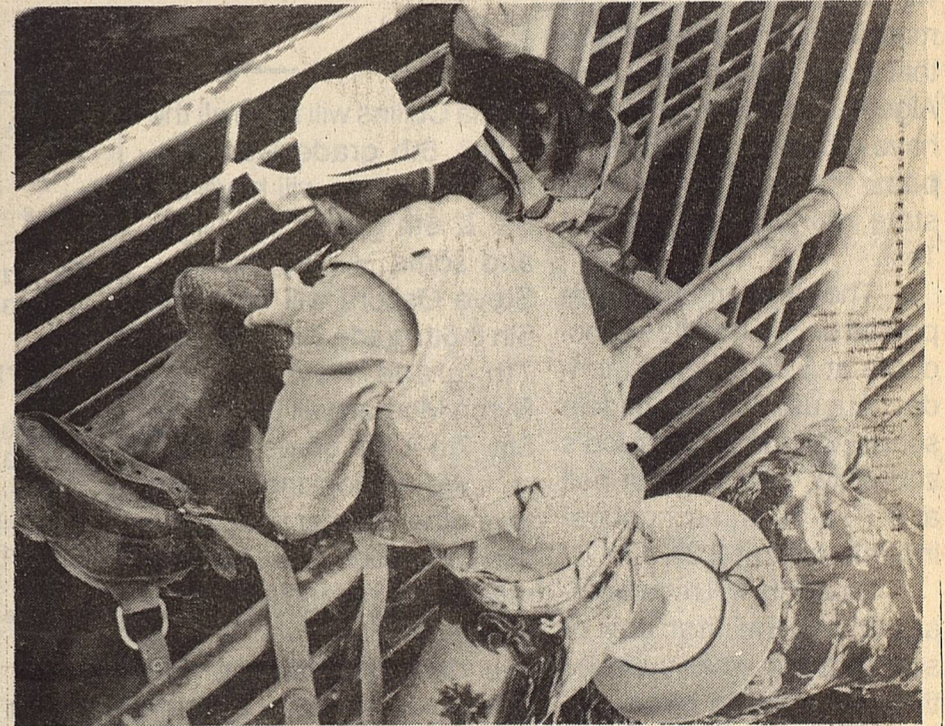
Jr. High Cheerleaders whoop it up in parade.



1996 Rodeo Queen Lindsey Six being honored & crowned



Chelsea Blount wins calf scramble



Serious business, rigging up a saddle bronc



Wilma McDonnell with 1st place Still Life



Inetta Teaff & 1st place Landscape



Eileen Phillip, three Blue Ribbon winner

A Letter From PHS

Summer 1996 has come and gone and it is now time for the 1996-97 school year to begin. A few bits of important information or parents and students; the first day of school will be August 13. First period will begin at 8:15 a.m. with the first bell ringing at 8:11 a.m. Again this year, we will be offering optional classes at zero hour, which begin at 7:25 a.m. Zero hour classes will start August 14.

We currently have twenty-nine students who have requested to take trigonometry and elementary analysis. In comparison, two years ago we had three who requested the classes. There are also high numbers who have requested our advanced placement classes. Some fifty-eight students have requested to be in an Advanced Placement class. We also have some twenty students requesting Chemistry II, nineteen have requested Spanish III, and fourteen have requested Biology II.

Steven O'Queen,
Principal

A Letter From Plains Middle School

School will begin for middle school students on August 13, 1996. Students will be divided according to math abilities in all grades so that those students that take Algebra I in the 8th grade will have a better opportunity to pass the end-of-the-year state mandated Algebra I Test.

The class groups will be posted on the middle school doors at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12. The middle school will run an 8 period schedule, with the first bell at 8:10 a.m. and school being released at 3:31 p.m.

Students will receive instructions the first day of school as to what supplies they will need for each individual class.

The middle school will have a few changes in personnel: Pam Burgess will teach Computer Literacy in the 8th grade for three periods a day and will be in Resource Special Education the remainder of the day. Charles Cain will teach 7th & 8th grade History. Kathy Weems will be the Special Education Diagnostician and Instructor.

The remainder of the personnel is as follows: Sue Alexander will have 7th & 8th grade Math, along with directing U.I.L. for the coming year. Debra Hise will teach 5th & 6th grade Math. Lela Warren will teach the 7th & 8th grade Language Arts & Sandra Foster will have the 5th & 6th grade Language Arts. Vernon Hise will teach 5th & 6th grade Science and Bill May will have the 7th & 8th grade Science. Linda Haragan will teach History, Reading, & Athletics and

Plains Elementary School Student Supply List

1996-97

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- 1 Box of 16 crayons
- 2 glue sticks
- Kleenex
- Scissors - steel edge
- 1 school box
- Pencil

Kindergarten and First Grade

Please write your child's name on each item. We may ask for other items as needed during the year.

Kindergarten

- 3 Glue Sticks
- School box (plastic)
- 2 Elmer's School Glue - medium size
- Regular crayons - 8 count (2nd semester 24 count regular)
- 2 Large pencils with erasers (2nd semester 2 regular pencils)
- 1 package of stickers (for positive reinforcement)
- Non-toxic, large point water color markers (Regular colors)
- Tote bag or back pack (to carry materials to and from school)

First Grade

- 2 Glue Sticks
- 2 - #2 Pencils with erasers
- Scissors - Fiskar
- Elmer's glue (not school glue)
- 1 - 12 inch/30 centimeter ruler
- 1 Plastic zipper pocket organizer
- Crayons (Box of 24)
- Pink pearl erasers
- Kleenex (large box)
- Medium size WHITE Swimsuit

Mrs Morris Room

- 1 Trapper Keeper
- 4 Folders for trapper keeper

Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Ramos Room

- 2 Wireless Neatbook
- 2 highlighters
- 1 Box - Quart size Zip-Lock Baggies

Second Grade

- 2 Red Pencils
- Pink pearl eraser
- Kleenex (Large box)
- 20 Pencils - #2's (send all first day)
- School box - small, cigar box size
- Notebook paper - 2 packages
- Scissors - ones that will cut paper easily
- Please put your child's name on each article brought to school
- Crayons - 24 Count
- 2 Glue sticks
- Spiral notebook
- Ruler
- Swimsuit

Third Grade

- Pencils - 3
- Crayolas
- Notebook paper - 2 packs
- Spiral Notebook (House & Avila class only)
- Swimsuit
- Scissors
- Elmer's Glue - Small or glue stick
- Ruler (House & Avila class only)

Fourth Grade

- 4 Plastic 3-Ring Notebooks
- 4 pocket folders with brads
- Notebook
- Crayons
- Ruler (combination inches and metric)
- Scissors
- Eraser
- Swimsuit
- Two Highlighters
- Three #2 pencils
- wide line notebook paper
- Map colors
- Kleenex - 2 large boxes
- Glue stick

Paula Cullins will have all the 5th & 6th grade Reading. Kenneth Engle will have the 5th & 6th grade Boys P.E. and some History classes. Steve Osborn will have the 5th & 6th grade Girls P.E. and 7th grade Keyboarding. Byron Morgan will teach 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade Band.

We are looking forward to another banner year in the middle school. Our students received a recognized campus recognition with a 97.2 attendance for last year. The Jr. High won their U.I.L. competition for the second year in a row and we are looking forward to going into Class 2A.

We are excited about our school and the upcoming year.

Let's Go Wranglers!!

Ronnie Watkins, Principal
Jonnie Green, Secretary
School Phone: 806-456-7490

Meet The Cowboys & Cowgirls Friday, Aug. 16th, at 8:00 p.m. Cowboy Field



A Letter To All Elementary Student Parents

Dear Parents,

As your new elementary school principal, I would like to extend a welcome to each of you to come and visit with me as time allows. I began my duties on Monday, July 8 and have been very impressed with the students, teachers and community members I have had an opportunity to meet. Please be assured of my dedication to continue the positive trends and high expectations held for all. I am also very pleased with the quality of the personnel at Plains Elementary.

We have an exciting opportunity this school year to possibly offer a pre-kindergarten class. If you have a child who is four years old or will be on or prior to September 1, please call this office for more information. It is most difficult to project the enrollment until school has been in session for a few days. State law allows us to offer this class to those students who qualify. Our minimum class size must be fifteen students.

Our Kindergarten class currently has twenty six students pre-registered for the 1996-97 school year. This seems to be a small group of students compared to the rest of our class sizes. As you may know, our philosophy has been to maintain a low pupil/teacher ratio.

Because of the uncertainty of the Pre-k and the lack of pre-registration in the kindergarten level, we are not placing children in these classes prior to the beginning of school. The first four days we are going to have the students come to school and attend class as a group. Please do not send supplies with your child. When we gather enough information concerning student registration, we will make classroom assignments by Friday, August 16.

PLEASE OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

- August 13-16 Pre-k 7:45 (for breakfast) or 8:10-11:15
- Students will eat lunch at school. Parents, please pick your child up at 11:15 each day.
- August 13-16 Kindergarten 7:45 (for breakfast) or 8:10-11:15
- Students will eat lunch at school. We will deliver the students home after lunch.
- August 13-16 Grades 1-4 School will begin and end at the regular time (same as the last school year)

Class lists for grades 1-4 will be posted on the entrance doors of the elementary school on Friday, August 9 at 3:00 PM.

We also have had a number of parent requests for the 1996-97 school year. I have included a form if you choose to make a request. (See printed form below) Please be assured of our effort to do our very best to match your child's learning style to the instructional philosophy of our instructors. Thank you for your understanding and patience!

Don Weems, Principal
Plains Elementary School

Dear Parents,

Room assignments for students are determined by the school principal with the assistance of the classroom teachers. On occasion, parents feel compelled to request a particular teacher. Those requests will be considered. However, the following applies to all requests:

1. The request must be submitted in writing to the school principal and include valid reasons for the request. All written requests must be received by noon on August 8, 1996.
2. Requests will be considered only after the following criteria has been established.
 - A. An ethnic balance can be established for each class.
 - B. Male/Female balance can be established for each class.
 - C. A heterogeneous grouping of abilities can be established for each class.
 - D. An equal balance of numbers of students in each class can be established.
 - E. Teacher recommendations for pupil placement have been considered.

Although we cannot guarantee your request will be honored, we will make every attempt to place your child where he/she will receive the best educational opportunities possible. Each request will be considered carefully. We will do our best to comply with your wishes.

All requests must have a first and second choice listed.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR MY CHILD:

1ST CHOICE _____

2ND CHOICE _____

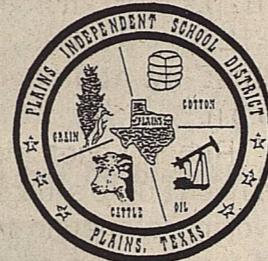
REASON FOR REQUEST: _____

STUDENTS NAME _____

GRADE _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE _____

(FOR THOSE PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE A REQUEST, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO ME.)



PLAINS ISD SCHOOL CALENDAR 1996-97

- 8 Compensatory Staff Development Day
- 9 Compensatory Staff Development Day
- 12 Teacher Preparation Day
- 13 Begin School for Students

September

- 2 Labor Day Holiday
- 20 End 1st Six Weeks (28 Days)
- 23 Begin 2nd Six Weeks

October

- 14 Columbus Day Holiday

November

- 1 End 2nd Six Weeks (29 Days)
- 4 Begin 3rd Six Weeks
- 6 Early release (1:30)
- 27 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 28 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 29 Thanksgiving Holiday

December

- 20 End 3rd Six Weeks (32 Days)
- End of 1st Semester (89 Days)
- Students Begin Christmas Holidays
- Early release (1:30)
- 21 Teacher Preparation Day

January

- 6 Begin 4th Six Weeks

February

- 6 Early release (1:30)
- 7 Yoakum County Stock Show Holiday
- 14 End 4th Six Weeks (29 Days)
- 17 Begin 5th Six Weeks

March

- 17-21 Spring Break
- 27 Early release (1:30)
- 28 Good Friday Easter Holiday

April

- 8 End 5th Six Weeks (31 Days)
- 9 Begin 6th Six Weeks
- 14 Bad Weather Day

May

- 8 Early release (1:30)
- 9 Bad Weather Day
- 23 End 6th Six Weeks (31 Days)
- End of Second Semester (91 Days)
- Early release (1:30), Graduation
- 24 Teacher Preparation Day

Plains Elementary School
7:45-8:10} Breakfast; 8:15} Class Begins; 3:15} School Dismissed

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1996 Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Queen To Be Here For Roundup

Dusty Renee' Briscoe, 19-year-old daughter of Carolyn & Jon Jaques of Hinton, Oklahoma and Doug & Rita Briscoe from Yukon, Oklahoma was chosen for the 1996 Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Queen Pageant held in McAllen, Texas earlier this year. Dusty attends school at Conners State College in Warner, Oklahoma where she majors in Ag Communications. She will be one of our distinguished guests at the first 'Watermelon Roundup', scheduled here August 31. Her visit to the County's first Roundup is being coordinated by Connie McWhirter, wife of melon producer Macky McWhirter.



Dusty receives a \$1,500 college scholarship payable to the school of her choice, \$1,500 cash clothing allowance, crown, banner, and other gifts. Dusty will travel throughout the states promoting watermelon, riding in parades, and in-store promotions giving watermelon nutritional value information and selection tips. She will reign for 1 year as the Texas & Oklahoma Watermelon Queen, then

travel to Lake Tahoe, Nevada where she will compete for the National Watermelon Queen Title with 10 other State Queen Contestants.

Dusty's background in watermelons came through her job with American Sunmelon of Hinton, Okla-

homa, where she hand pollinated melons, learned to do tissue cultures, and other research. This job was made possible through the joint efforts of her FFA program, and the School-To-Work program sponsored by the Caddo-Kiowa Vo-Tech.

SPC Fall Registration Procedures Explained

Levelland: People who want to go to college this fall still have time to initiate the proper steps for fall enrollment at South Plains College, according to Andrea Rangel, registrar.

"First thing is to turn in a completed application for admission, furnish official transcripts from other colleges or high schools and, if you are not a high school graduate, a GED certificate," said Rangel.

"Once the Office of Admissions and Records processes the completed applications, incoming freshmen will receive a letter assigning them an orientation date according to major. So the sooner prospective students turn in their completed applications, the sooner they will receive information about orientation," she noted.

Orientation is required of all incoming freshmen and transfer students who have made unsatisfactory progress at their last college attended. Students will register for fall classes during orientation, which will include information on scholarships, financial aid, housing, improvement of basic college skills, and other details.

Students who are entering college for the first time and who are planning to enroll in nine or more semester hours should plan to take the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) Test or the PreTASP Test prior to registration. TASP and PTT scores are used in advisement and placement of students in appropriate course work. Students with prior college-level work and those

entering specified certificate programs may be waived from TASP requirements.

Interested persons can obtain an application for admission or college catalog between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays at the SPC Levelland campus, 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland, or the SPC Lubbock campus at 13021 Main in Lubbock. For more information, contact the SPC Office of Admissions and Records at 894-9611, ext. 2374 or 2375, or SPC Lubbock at 747-0576, ext. 4660.

Four Guilty Pleas In County Court

Four defendants pled guilty in County Criminal Court August 5, presided over by County Judge Dallas Brewer. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State.

Luis Martinez Granado, 22, pled true to a judgement revoking community supervision on a 1993 conviction of forgery. He was sentenced to 24 months in the Department of Criminal Justice, must pay \$700 restitu-

tion, \$179.50 Court costs, and appointed Attorney fees of \$200. He was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Ruben Lopez Morales also pled true to a judgement revoking probation from a 1991 conviction of Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer. He will spend 10 years in prison, less 141 days credit, was fined \$1,000 and will pay \$84.50 Court costs. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Ruben Alvarez, 18, pled guilty to a charge of theft. He received a two year jail sentence, probated five years. He was fined \$500, must pay \$171.50 Court costs, and \$250 appointed Attorney fees. Conditions of Probation also call for completion of a high school diploma or GED, and must pay restitution of \$9,210 to Edward Keith Blount. Jerry Corbin was his appointed Attorney.

Henry Edward Freeby, 35, pled guilty to forgery charges. He received a two year jail term, probated four years. He was fined \$750, must pay \$181.50 Court costs, \$250 appointed Attorney fees, and \$77.50 restitution to Pay 'N' Save #9. He must serve 60 days in jail with 37 days credited. His Attorney was Warren New.

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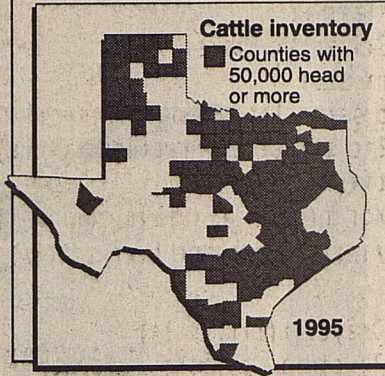


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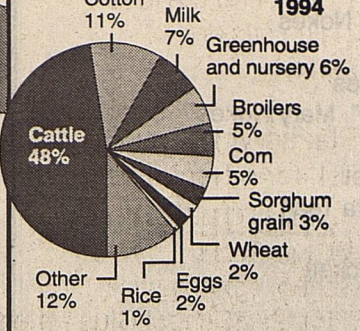
Keeping an eye on Texas

Cattle: King of ag market

The cattle industry is one of the largest in Texas. Cattle sales made up almost half of all agricultural cash receipts and exceeded receipts of natural gas produced in the state in 1995.



Texas agricultural cash receipts 1994



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

Army Gets First Aeroplane

Washington, D.C. Wilbur and Orville Wright delivered their first flying machine to the U.S. Army today. Tests will begin immediately to determine whether it has any practical usefulness.

The Wrights tested their first aeroplane at Kitty Hawk, N.C., on December 17, 1903. Recently Wilbur Wright demonstrated a machine at Le Mans and Pau, France, and at Rome. The kings of England, Spain, and Italy are reported to have been among those who saw the flights. The aeroplane weighs 750 pounds and has a 25-horsepower motor.

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1996 Property Tax Rates in PLAINS I S D

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for PLAINS I S D. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes.....	\$ 6,140,873.09
Last year's debt taxes.....	0.00
Last year's total taxes.....	\$ 6,140,873.09
Last year's tax base.....	409,391,539.00
Last year's total tax rate.....	1.50 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes.....	\$ 6,129,660.89
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
/ This year's adjusted tax base.....	\$ 389,024,293.00
(after subtracting value of new property)	
= This year's effective tax rate.....	1.57 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing.....	
	\$ 1.61 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes.....	\$ 6,129,408.89
/ This year's adjusted tax base.....	\$ 389,024,293.00
= This year's local maintenance and operating rate.....	1.57 /\$100
x Student enrollment adjustment.....	1.00
= This year's adjusted maintenance and operating rate.....	\$ 1.57 /\$100
+ \$.08 = this year's maximum operating rate.....	\$ 1.65 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate.....	/\$100
+ Rate to recoup loss certified by commissioner of education.....	/\$100
= This year's rollback tax rate.....	\$ 1.65 /\$100

SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
PLAINS I S D DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCES	\$.

SCHEDULE B: 1996 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Total required for 1996 debt service				\$0.00
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0.00
- Excess collections last year				\$.
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1996				\$0.00
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect 99% of its taxes in 1996				\$0.00
= Total Debt Levy				\$0.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at YOAKUM COUNTY TAX OFFICE.
Name of person preparing this notice: WANDA SMITH
Title: TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
Date prepared: 07/29/96

Yoakum County Art Association Show & Sale

JUDGE: Terry Watson of Clovis, NM
 BEST IN SHOW: "Glads & Mums", Sharon K. Pickett
 BEST IN PHOTOGRAPHY: "West Texas Sunrise", Pat McNabb
 BEST IN CRAFTS: Wedding Ring Quilt, Fern Miller
 ORIGINAL: PORTRAITS:

First: "On the Edge of Tears", Mary Nokes
 Second: "The Miller", Mary Nokes
 Third: "Great Treasure", Mary Nokes
 Honorable Mention: "Early Lesson", Mary Nokes

ORIGINAL: WILDLIFE:

First: "All Penned Up", Susie Powell
 Second: "Pheasant In Flight", Inetta Teaff
 Third: "Court'n", Susie Powell
 H.M.: "Annie & Colt", Sharon K. Pickett
 "Nectar", Mary Nokes

ORIGINAL: LANDSCAPES:

First: "Heavy Load", Susie Powell
 Second: "The Courtyard", Sharon Pickett
 Third: "Comfort, Texas", Susie Powell
 H.M.: "Taxie Cab", Susie Powell
 "Shopping in the Bahamas", Pat Gipson
 "Organ Vista", Linda Powell
 "Hacienda", Eileen Fillipp

ORIGINAL: STILLIFE:

First: "Potted Perfection", Sharon Pickett
 Second: "Daisies", Susie Powell
 Third: "Cotton", Sharon Pickett
 H.M.: "Flowers & Creamer", Betty Estep
 "Delicate Light", Pat Gipson
 "Iris Garden", Betty L. Askew

ORIGINAL: MINIATURES:

First: "Cotton Patch", Sharon Pickett
 Second: "So-O-O-Good", Inetta Teaff
 Third: "The Gate", Susie Powell
 H.M.: "White Daisies", Inetta Teaff
 "Stained Beauty", Betty Estep
 "Henard's Watering Place", Wilma McDonnell
 "A Bit of Gold", Eileen Fillipp

PHOTOGRAPHY: LANDSCAPES:

First: "In the Round", Sue Holder
 Second: "Texas Roadway", Sue Holder
 Third: "The Old Mill Sluice", Sue Holder
 H.M.: "West Texas Sunset", Sue Holder

PHOTOGRAPHY: PORTRAITS:

First: "Labor of Love", Pat Altman
 Second: "Looking Forward", Doug Gipson
 Third: "Gotcha' Loan Yet?", Peggy Welch
 H.M.: "Amber", Pat Altman

PHOTOGRAPHY: WILDLIFE:

First: "Gunner", Pat McNabb
 Second: "Making Friends", Pat McNabb
 Third: "Barrel of Fun", Doug Gipson
 H.M.: "Resting Time", Pat McNabb

PURCHASE AWARDS:

Dolores Davis - "Two by Two", stationery, Susie Powell
 "Barn #1", Susie Powell
 Bev's Nursery - "Birdhouse", Jimmie Bayer
 Sarah K Burrus - "Church", Susie Powell
 "Stationery", Susie Powell
 Macky & Connie McWhirter - "Ripe on the Vine", Betty Estep
 "Pot n' Flowers", Inetta Teaff
 Mike Cobb - "Pheasant in Flight", Inetta Teaff
 Brad & Charlotte Palmer - "Clouds a' Comin'", Jimmie Bayer
 Cinderella Shop - "Windmill", Eileen Fillipp
 G & B Aerial - "Pansies", Eileen Fillipp
 "Morning Mist", Helen Hunter
 Hazel Lowrey - "Side By Side", Betty Estep
 Texas Equipment - "Canteens and Moccasins", Wilma McDonnell
 Liberty Drug - "Winter's Day", Helen Hunter
 Flowers Out West - "Adobe and Flowers", Inetta Teaff
 Yoakum County Abstract - "Geraniums", Susie Powell
 First National Bank, Denver City - "Gate", Susie Powell
 "Church Window", Susie Powell
 Barbara Wright - Watermelon Quilt, Linda Wall
 Yoakum County Co Op Gin - "Flower Basket", Eileen Fillipp
 Jack Spears - "Just a Hangin'", Betty Estep
 "Um-Um Good", Inetta Teaff
 Dottie Mayes - "Rooster Cogburn", Betty Estep
 Hicks Air & Appliance - "Shopping in Bahamas", Pat Gipson
 Jerry Corbin - "Optical Illusion", Sue Holder
 Richard Clark - "Summer Beauties", Betty Estep
 Plains State Bank - "West Texas Sunset", Sue Holder
 "Roses in Pastel", Eileen Fillipp
 Lorraine Walker - "#6", Eileen Fillipp
 City of Plains - "Spring in Texas", Sue Holder
 Carpenter Oil Field Construction - "Hill Country", Sue Holder
 "Texas Roadway", Sue Holder
 Ag Plus Insurance, Jim Brown - "Watermelon Time", Jimmie Bayer
 "Evening Windmill", Pat McNabb
 "Busy Bee", Sue Holder
 Linda Wall - "Rural Delivery", Sue Holder
 Mary Wilmeth - "My Sheep Stationery", Susie Powell
 "Cotton Patch", Sharon Pickett
 "Cotton", Betty Estep
 Lea County Electric Cooperative - "Melon & Mice", Jimmie Bayer
 "Summer Tank", Pat McNabb
 "Resting Time", Pat McNabb
 Zareta Winn - "Little Red Barn", Juanita Chamberlain
 "Beauty of a Rose", Jimmie Bayer
 Robbie & Cathy Guetersloh - "Rose in Watercolor", Eileen Fillipp
 "Country in Watercolor", Eileen Fillipp
 Plains Automotive, Mr. & Mrs. Cowart - "Fantasy Garden", Eileen Fillipp
 Melba Crutcher - "Flowers of Gold", Jimmie Bayer
 "Country Spring", Inetta Teaff
 Higginbotham Bartlett - "Linda's Flowers", Jimmie Bayer
 Sonnie Stephens - "Papa's Windmill", Juanita Chamberlain
 Leann Lewis - "Peace Like a River", Eileen Fillipp
 Norman & Judy Head - "Tranquility", Sue Holder
 "Tank at Sunrise", Pat McNabb
 "Home Place Memories", Inetta Teaff
 Debbie Rushing - Sunflower Quilt, Linda Wall
 "Cotton", Sharon Pickett
 "White Gold", Inetta Teaff
 Gary & Holly Dyer - "Little Wonder", Inetta Teaff
 "White Petunias", Inetta Teaff
 Kay & Kompany - "Humming Bird & Thistle no 1 & 2", Jimmie Bayer
 "Keys to my Heart", Linda Powell
 "Hmmying my Tune", Linda Powell
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Integrated Pest Management Update

By Phillip Kidd, Terry-Yoakum Pest Management

General Situation:

Average percent square set in scouting program fields is still very high at 95%. Most of Terry and yoakum Counties received rainfall last Wednesday morning ranging from 0.2 to 2.5". Above average moisture is present in irrigated and dryland fields throughout the area.

Bollworms:

Few bollworms eggs are being found in area fields at this time, but treatable populations of small larvae are present in some fields. Many fields have been treated in the Brownfield - Union - Wellman area. Some fields have been treated in other areas of Terry and Yoakum Counties as well. Many different insecticides have been applied across the area and efficacy has been questionable. I have not seen what I would call a failure, but I have seen cases where it took as many as five days to reach an adequate level of control with synthetic pyrethroids. The only thing I have found in common in these cases is the fact that some type of foliar feed was thrown in with the pyrethroid. After consulting with other research and extension personnel, it appears that some foliar feeds may alter the pH in the tank mix and possibly bind or inhibit the insecticide to some extent.

Boll Weevils:

Some area fields have been treated for first field generation weevils. The majority of these fields are very near urban areas. These are the same spots which had high pressure from overwintered weevils about 30 days ago. If you utilized the trap index system and made one or more insecticide applications targeting the boll weevil based on trap counts, then there are probably some weevils in your field at this time. This does not mean you need to treat the field again now. Treatments should be based on square counts at this time, as pheromone trap counts are now virtually meaningless. Divide a field into four equal parts and collect at least 25 large squares from each quadrant. Examine each square for boll weevil egg or feeding punctures. Treatments may be justified when 20% of these squares are punctured. In some instances treatment of field margins may be effective. Therefore, it is important to cover the entire field when collecting squares so you can locate hot spots. If counts are high in only one area of the field, it may not be necessary to treat the rest of the field.

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Notice of Public Hearing
 The Board of Trustees of the plains Independent School District will hold a public hearing on the proposed 1996-97 budget. The public hearing will be held on August 12, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Plains ISD Administrators Office at 1000 Tenth Street.

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Cost-Share Money Available

A meeting of the Yoakum County Conservation Resource Group met Thursday, August 1, 1996 to determine and set conservation priorities for the county. Debra Lowe, representative for Yoakum County FSA, informed the group that \$14,000 has been received, to be used to cost-share conservation practices. These funds must be allocated by August 15, 1996.

The consensus of the group was that our highest area of concern in the county is water conservation and that applications for practices improving water quality and quantity should be approved first.

Rodeo, Reunion Notes

Lindsey Six, the new Rodeo Queen who was sponsored by the Yoakum County Roping Club, won her title by selling 2,606 - \$1 tickets. Runner up Tanya Vasquez, Plains Lion Clubs, sold 1,802 and Dacia Humphrey, Chamber of Commerce, sold 872 tickets.

The custom built saddle drawn for Saturday night was won by Dottie Mayes.

Cindy Poole, District Conservationist, NRCS stated that even though these funds must be allocated by August 15th, does not mean that practices have to be installed by then. She encouraged all members of the group to spread the word to producers who might be interested in receiving cost-share monies for installing conservation practices, on cropland or on rangeland.

Some examples of eligible practices are installing irrigation pipeline, livestock watering facilities, planting grass and building terraces. Interested parties should contact the NRCS or FSA office as soon as possible.

The Plains 4-H Club float took top honors in the parade, earning the youngsters a \$50 prize. The 'Yoakum County Connection' entry earned 2nd place and \$40, while the PHS Cheerleaders float won 3rd place and \$30.

Rodeo Results:
Barrel Racing: 1st, Marcia Beer, \$457, 2nd Cindy Smith, 3rd Kelly Garrison

Girls Breakaway Roping: 1st Lari Dee Guy, \$564, 2nd Tina Sherrrod, 3rd Ashley Sultemeier

Calf roping: 1st Chad Hiatt, \$1,161, tie, 2 & 3, Bruce Gibbs and Jim Locke

Bull Riding: 1st Jay Ross Bryant, \$383, 2nd Bud Shelton, 3rd (tie) Luke Girce & Gene Fletcher

Bareback: 1st Jason Freeman, \$173, 2nd Kenny Tunstall, 3rd (tie) Miles Bell and Todd Bebb

Team Roping: 1st Steve Purcell & Steve Northcott, \$654 each, 2nd Joe Craig McKown & Sterling Price, 3rd Billy Stephens & Zane Bowers.

Boosters Meet, Make Annual Plans

The Plains Athletic Booster Club met Monday, July 15th. Members were introduced to Coach Williams, the new Varsity boys basketball coach.

The schedule poster was discussed and names were divided up to contact families about their signature ads. Pres. Peggy Squyres is contacting the businesses.

The telephone commit-

tee was organized, including Senior boys, Jan Lester; Senior girls, Peggy Squyres; Jr. Boys, Pam Redman; Jr. Girls, Teresa Howard; Soph. boys, Stephania Blount; Soph. girls, Kathy Jones; Fresh. boys, Debbie Morphis; Fresh. girls, Edith Tuggle.

Selling "Plains Banners" was discussed, to be displayed on game days or other special events. Members were also shown small magnets with schedules and team photos printed on them, another possible project for the Club.

The coaches suggested the Club consider a team roster on each side of the scoreboard in the boys gym, listing players names and numbers during games. The Club is also considering new crash pads for the gym, possibly painted with the school logo or mascot names.

The Club still has volleyball & football shirts for sale. Bids will be taken on long sleeve shirts.

The annual "Meet the Cowboys & Cowgirls" event was set for Friday, Aug. 16th at the stadium at 8:00 p.m. The Club will furnish watermelons and drinks. Moms will be asked to bring cookies or brownies.

Keeping an eye on Texas


Spending for Texas students

The 10 most populous states contain slightly more than half of the nation's public school students. Of these, Texas ranks next to last in total spending per public school student. Among all 50 states, Texas ranks 33rd in per student spending.

State	Estimated expenditures* per student 1994-95:
New Jersey	\$9,136
New York	8,217
Pennsylvania	7,040
Illinois	6,502
Michigan	6,286
Ohio	5,661
California	5,297
Florida	5,185
Texas	4,894
North Carolina	4,682

*For operations and maintenance

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and the U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.



* Re-Roofing Proposals *

Plains Independent School District will accept bids for re-roofing the Plains ISD campus facilities. The specified roofing system is polyurethane foam. Bids will be received until 12:00 noon on August 19, 1996 at the Business Office. Bids will be opened and read at that time. Bids should be addressed to Eric Banfield, Business Manager, 1000 10th St., Box 479, Plains, Texas 79355. For information, please contact Eric Banfield at 806-456-7483.

Plains ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive all technicalities. Plains ISD reserves the right to contract with the vendor that represents the best value to the district.

Plains Independent School District will accept bids for re-roofing certain school properties. The specified roofing system will be shingles. Proposals will be received until 12:00 noon on August 19, 1996 at the Business Office. Bids will be opened and read at that time. Bids should be addressed to Eric Banfield, Business Manager, 1000 10th St., Box 479, Plains, Texas 79355. For information, please contact Eric Banfield at 806-456-7483.

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High Plains Jr. Rodeo Assn. Finals

Local youngsters fare well

The final event of the season was held in Clovis on July 24-27.

Kimberly Jackson won in the 8 & under group with a 10th place in round 1 of Barrels, 8th place in the average, 7th place in round 1 in Poles and 8th place in the average.

Keith Jackson won an 8th place in round 1 of the 13-15 Boys Ribbon Roping. Keith and Kimberly are the children of Jim & Jo Jackson.

Marcey House, who competes in the girls 13-15 age group won a 4th place in round 2 of Poles and 8th in the average, 3rd place in round 1 of Ribbon Roping and placed 4th in the average, and was awarded a halter and lead rope for the finish. Marcey is the daughter of Wayne and Phyllis House.

Mike Bell won a 5th place in the 13-15 boys Bull Riding in round 1, and 5th place in the average. Mike is the son of Alan and Teresa Bell.

Robin Squyres placed 4th in round 1 of the girls 16-19 Breakaway Roping, 5th place in round 2 of Ribbon Roping and held on to a 10th in the average of Ribbon Roping.

Brett Squyres, who competes in the boys 9-12 age group, placed 6th in Breakaway Roping, and held on to 3rd place in the average, and won a new rope bag. Brett placed 3rd in round 2 of the 9-12 Ribbon Roping and won the 2nd round of the Steer Stopping with a time of 4.993. That was good for a 3rd place finish in the average, and he won another rope bag. Brett's time lead all Steer stoppers during the finals,



Top, Blake Parrish. Middle, L-R, Brett Squyres, Kimberlee Jones, Robin Squyres, Mike Bell. Front, Marcey House

and he won a Bronze statue. He also won another rope bag donated by Methodist Hospital.

Robin and Brett are the daughter and son of Newell and Peggy Squyres.

Kimberly Jackson won an 8th place in poles and was awarded an events blanket. Marcey House finished 8th in Ribbon Roping, winning 2 events blankets. Next season Marcey will move into the 16-19 age group.

Mike Bell finished the year in 7th place in boys 13-15 Bull Riding and won a set of spurs.

Robin Squyres finished her first year in 10th place in the girls 16-19 Ribbon Roping and won a leather tooled checkbook.

Brett Squyres tied for a 1st place finish for the year in boys 9-12 Steer Stopping and won a buckle. He finished

2nd in the 9-12 Calf-Touching for a second buckle. Brett won a 4th place in Breakaway Roping for the year and received a large Navajo equipment bag. In his last event he placed 9th in the Ribbon Roping and won an events blanket. Because of his four good finishes, he ranked 3rd for the year in total points in the All-Around category, for 3rd he received a \$100 gift certificate from Dollar Western Wear and a large Carhart equipment bag. Next season Brett will move up and compete with the 13-15 year old boys.

HPJRA finished their 22nd year with over 500 members, a 350% increase during the last five years.

Prizes were awarded to the top eleven point winners in each event. There were 1,100 items awarded, valued at over \$60,000.

1996 Property Tax Rates in YOAKUM COUNTY

This notice concerns 1996 property tax rates for YOAKUM COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/Flood Control Fund
oper. taxes	\$ 5,863,914.70	\$ 1,452,322.66
debt taxes	\$ 538,145.88	\$ 00.00
total taxes	\$ 6,402,060.58	\$ 1,452,322.67
tax base	\$ 1,431,619,800.00	\$ 1,429,310,771.00
total tax rate	\$ 0.44719 /\$100	\$ 0.10161 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last yr adj tax	\$ 6,396,077.60	\$ 1,450,965.32
/ This yr adj base	\$ 1,438,787,384.00	\$ 1,436,501,454.00
= This yr eff rate	\$ 0.44454 /\$100	\$ 0.10100 /\$100
Total eff rate	\$ 0.44454 /\$100	\$ 0.10100 /\$100
X 1.03= max rate	\$ 0.45787 /\$100	\$ 0.10403 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:		
1995 adj op taxes	\$ 5,858,410.82	\$ 1,450,957.32
/ Adj tax base	\$ 1,438,787,384.00	\$ 1,436,501,454.00
= Eff oper rate	\$ 0.40717 /\$100	\$ 0.10100 /\$100
X 1.08= max rate	\$ 0.43974 /\$100	\$ 0.10908 /\$100
+ debt rate	\$ 0.03703 /\$100	\$ 0.03703 /\$100
= rollback rate	\$ 0.47677 /\$100	\$ 0.10908 /\$100
= rollback rate	\$ 0.03703 /\$100	\$ 0.10908 /\$100

SCHEDULED A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$ 1,058,365.00
Permanent Improvement Fund	\$ 210,911.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ 1,000.00

SCHEDULE B: 1996 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property at revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Total required for 1996 debt service			\$ 534,010.00	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$ 1,000.00	
- Excess collections last year			\$ 0.00	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1996			\$ 533,010.00	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect 100% of its taxes in 1996			\$ 0.00	
= Total Debt Levy			\$ 533,010.00	

SCHEDULE D: State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The YOAKUM Auditor certifies that YOAKUM has spent \$0 in the previous 12 months beginning August 1, 1995, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The YOAKUM Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at YOAKUM COUNTY TAX OFFICE.

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From The Hack



Covering the Rodeo this weekend, burning lots of camera film, I witnessed an unusual sight. Going down the small walkway between the bucking chutes and the holding pens, I saw three young cowboys entrants, on their knees, in a small huddle. My first thought was, "Well, lookee here, we have a small crap game going on", something not exactly unheard of in the Rodeo circuits, as I remember.

I quickly discovered my mistaken idea when I had to squeeze past the guys, and immediately felt a bit chastised for my original assessment of the scene.

Those Cowboys were Praying, very quietly, very earnestly, very devoutly, and I paused just a moment in surprise, and respect.

Not a bad idea, Cowboys. Those four legged critters, especially the great big uns with big hoofs and horns can hurt your body in lots of ways.

The scene stayed in my mind throughout the evening. I can recall hundreds of rodeos, and a number I participated in, where individual Prayer was certainly not on the agenda.

I can also recall many of the events where a few words offered above could possibly have helped many a contestant avoid "Harm's Way".

You know what? Not one of those three young cowboys was injured in our rodeo, and two of them ended up in the money.

Monday night I picked up the phone to hear a familiar voice start trading insults with me, one Andy Townes, calling from his new address in Bridgeport. He related he had read in CCN of the tragic death of Vennette Fitzgerald Olenik, a former employee of his when he was in the local Abstract office here.

Andy said he and his family were building a new

home in Bridgeport, still commuting to work in Ft. Worth. He said he occasionally runs into former Denver Cityites Jack Duncan and Virgil Short.

I enjoyed the verbal insults traded with young Mr. Townes. We have been doing it for years. He is pretty salty, pretty sharp, but Andy, my good friend, you still can't keep up with your old dad, Vernon.

He also asked me to relay a message for him to Jim Brown, local Ag Insurance Guru, but the message is unfit for the pristine pages of this paper.

What a couple of weeks, the Olympics, our Rodeo and Reunion, sporting and civic events which left local volunteers exhausted, and all Americans proud of the Atlanta games.

What a tragedy the two week period was marred by the senseless, probably terrorist bombing of TWA's flight 800 plane, followed by the inexplicable bombing in Atlanta's Centennial Square, costing additional death and casualties.

We watched dozens of newscasts of the two events on TV. One featured an obviously distraught Atlanta spectator to the bombing, almost hysterically claiming, "The government is supposed to protect us

from this type thing, why can't they prevent it, why can't they stop it?"

A reasonable question, with very few answers, it appears. How do you stop a dedicated, if demented, terrorist from his deadly acts? Considering all the options the deranged, or terrorists, have in plotting their deadly attacks, it would seem our present assets of prevention are incapable of stopping acts of slaughter, despite promises of new, sophisticated detection schemes, stepped up security plans, new suspect profiling schemes.

I have no clear cut answer. We did hear one local guy's opinion of dealing with those committing terroristic acts bringing death to innocents. He believes in a speedy trial, not drawn out months on end, with no frivolous and senseless appeals and delaying tactics. If the defendant(s) is found guilty, make the sentence Mandatory Death, then carry out the sentence in a timely manner.

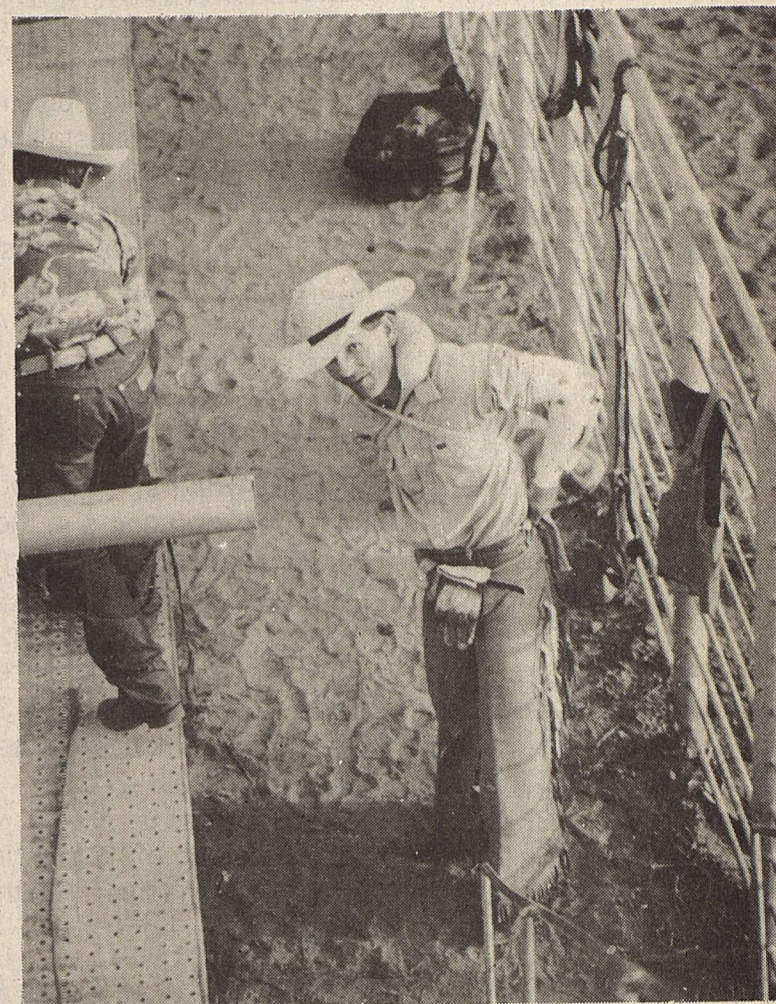
This remedy might not stop fanaticism leading to insane terroristic acts, but it would definitely stop that, or those terrorists, from repeating their bloody acts.

I'm in favor of ANYTHING slowing this slaughter, including taking the guilty out, permanently. Better them than us.

I will probably hear from The American Civil Liberties Union, if any of those bleeding hearts ever read anything from Podunkville.

Consider the egg; It's shell is porous, with tiny pores. In 21 days of incubation, the chick inside will absorb 8 pints of oxygen, and release 7 pints carbon dioxide, and 17 pints water vapor.

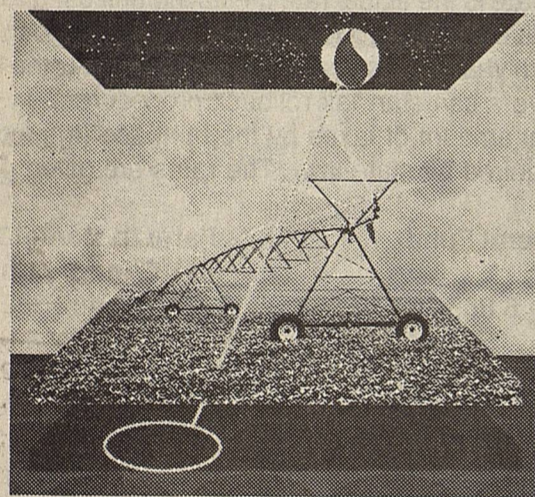
What the well dressed and prudent bronc rider wears



This cowboy was seen preparing for a bareback ride during last week's rodeo. It took him some time to get decked out in leather leggings, a cast type bandage on his left arm, a large neckbrace, a pair of gloves (we still don't know why gloves on both hands), all topped off by the Kevlar vest protecting his chest and upper body.

After some fifteen minutes getting dressed, the poor guy bucked off well before the horn blew.

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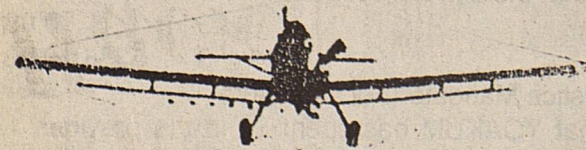
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