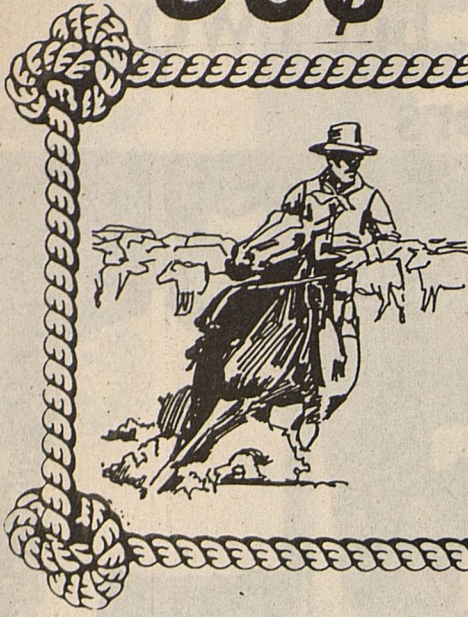


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Many questions remain on battle against boll weevil

Many issues and problems to be addressed before cotton producers vote on referendum

A local resident, a cotton producer, said recently, "If you get 100 West Texas farmers together, present them with an important, tough issue affecting them all, you'll be lucky to get no more than forty or fifty different views on the subject.... The opposing views could go as high as 80 or 90 percent."

Apparently this is the scenario facing the efforts to reestablish a Boll Weevil control program here in the huge cotton patch spread over our High Plains area of the state. At last Thursday's public meeting in Lamesa, sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), dissent was apparent among the ranks of cotton producers in the 19 county Southern High Plains Zone, established by TDA, and the proposed weevil control zone Yoakum County falls in.

Some of the Zone's producers want only a suppression, or diapause program to keep the weevil in check, others favor a full eradication effort. Many feel the proposed \$6 per acre and \$10 per bale proposed assessment for an initial suppression program is too high, yet other cotton growers think a few dollars more per acre would pay for a full eradication program.

Don Parrish, appointed to an advisory committee for the 19 county zone by the Agriculture Commissioner, attended the Lamesa meeting. He said he and the other committee appointees were prepared for diverging viewpoints to be presented at the meeting. "Because of the size of this nineteen county zone, the number of acres of cotton grown, the number of producers involved, and varying degrees of weevil infestation, it may be desirable to split Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Dawson and Gaines, the primary irrigation counties, and neighboring Garza, Kent, Andrews, Martin, Howard, and portions of Borden, Midland and Ector counties from the original 19 county zone. Ag Commissioner Rick Perry has the authority to approve splitting control zones, providing the division doesn't split counties with 'cotton to cotton' areas. Physical features between Yoakum, Terry, Lynn, Gaines and Dawson would allow dividing from the other six northern counties.

He said talks with producers in the southern portion of the zone indicate they are convinced the weevil threat is much more severe than in the northern areas.

"Phillip Kidd, Extension rep in Terry and Yoakum County, recently reported he was finding an average eight weevils per trap. Recommended guidelines call for two five day apart spraying treatments when the trap count reaches 2.4 weevils per trap, so I think it's pretty obvious we have a serious problem." Parrish was interviewed Saturday morning, on his way to start spraying some of his own cotton fields for the boll weevil pest.

Neighboring New Mexico also has serious boll weevil infestations. New Mexico State Entomologist Mike English recently said, "It became a nuisance in Southern New Mexico about four years ago, but the numbers drastically increased last year, the state's worst infestation." He said Lea County, neighbor to Texas' Gaines and Yoakum County has the highest infestation of weevils. Last year, trap lines 30 to 40 miles from any cotton fields between Lea and Eddy counties were averaging as many as 25 weevils per trap.

Apparently efforts are being made to allow Lea County producers to join an eradication with neighboring Texas counties.

According to rules established in the emergency boll weevil bill passed in the closing moments of the 75th Legislature in Austin, any weevil suppression or eradication measure for the 19 county zone will have to be voted on in a Referendum set for August 1. Parrish reported he and other appointed committee members are trying to get language in the proposed referendum ballot changed which would better address the needs of the 13 county 'sub-zone'. "We will have to live with the referendum vote, but we would like to not only see the total 19 county vote counted, but set in place language which would allow a county by county vote tallied on whether our producers want just a suppression, or diapause program, or a full fledged eradication program.

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County youngsters get photo lessons



Six Denver City and Plains youths enjoyed a day long photography class here recently, taught by Pat McNabb, with assistance from Jeannette Head. The class was another summer youth project sponsored by the Yoakum County Connection. The six aspiring photographers gathered at the local library and McNabb gave them some basic photography tips. They then went to the Ty Earl and Linda Powell ranch for lunch, and spent most of the day taking shots of ranch scenes. Each student had a 35 mm camera, and two 24 exposure rolls of film. They will select their favorite photograph, and after enlarging, enter their work in the Yoakum County Art Show held during the Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion dates. Pictured above, L-R, are Natalie Webb, D.C., Jamie Holt, D.C., Sharla Vantine, Plains, Laura Flores, Plains, Jeannette Head, Tanya Hernandez, Plains, Brant Huerta, Plains, and Pat McNabb.

Lea County Electric plans rate reduction for City

At a regular meeting held on Thursday, July 19, 1997, Lea County Electric's Board of Trustees adopted a resolution to utilize the Cooperative's Texas rates for all of its applicable customer classes within the City of Plains. The change is scheduled to become effective September 1, 1997. As prescribed by the Texas Public Utility Regulatory Act of 1995, Lea County Electric has notified the City of Plains of its intent to reduce the rates to its members within the City. Also in keeping with the guidelines of the 1995 regulatory act, on July 22 the Cooperative will provide both the City of plains and Lea County's members with a detailed statement of its intent to reduce rates. The Cooperative is required to provide such notices prior to the rate reduction because the City of Plains has original jurisdiction in approving the rates charged by the Cooperative within its municipal bounds.

The Cooperative has scheduled an informal meeting on Thursday, June 26, at 1:30 p.m. CDT at its Plains, Texas district office to discuss the proposed rate reduction with any of its affected members, Michael Dreyspring, the Cooperative's Executive Vice President and General Manager will be on hand to moderate the meeting and field questions from the Cooperative's membership.

District Court case sees guilty plea

In 121st Judicial District Court June 17, presided over by Judge Kelly G. Moore, Bradley Dale Redwine, a.k.a. Brad Redwine, 38, pled guilty to a charge of theft over \$1500 but less than \$20,000. He was represented by Attorney Jimmy Hammons.

He received a two year state jail division sentence, suspended and probated five years, was fined \$1000 and must pay \$181.50 in Court costs. He was also sentenced to 30 days jail time, with credit for 37 days time served. He must pay \$1600 to Sherman Tingle within 9 months, and attend AA meetings weekly. Two other causes, failure to appear and theft, were adjudicated, provided \$700 restitution is paid to Trinidad Garcia within 9 months. He must also perform 120 hours of community service as a condition of community supervision. The State was represented in the case by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Plains Lions learn of 911 Emergency System success, future plans



Emma Silvas, center, flanked by Debbie Rushing & L.J. Sanders

Emma Silvas, Administrative Assistant in the Denver City Police Department, was guest speaker at last Thursday's Lions Club meeting. Around Denver City she is known as "the 911 lady", for her work in getting the emergency response telephone system up and running for all county residents.

She reported the system is fully operational and is performing well, and more improvements are in the works to make it even more efficient.

All 911 phone calls for emergency situations are routed through the Denver City Police Station lines. The 911 number is manned 24 hours a day. Silvas said "You should be prepared to identify yourself, give the operator your address, and explain your emergency and what kind of response you need, police assistance, a fire crew or an ambulance. The phone system automatically logs your phone number into our computer, and if the call is from Plains residents or county rural residents, your call will automatically be transferred to the Sheriff's Department here in Plains."

She said in the early days of the 911 system their office received a number of prank calls, but when the pranksters realized their calls were being logged into the computer, identifying the phone number where they originated, and had to face law enforcement officials taking a very dim view of their jokes, they are now a rarity. Silvas said the number of emergency 911 calls varies from week to week, but the public is using, and benefitting from, the emergency response system.

All county roads have now been numbered in each of the four precincts, and most of the identifying signs are in place. Large 911 maps will soon be available for emergency service providing agencies, and in the near future, with the cooperation of the Postal Service and two county phone companies, all rural residences will have a definite 911 address, enabling emergency response teams to more quickly identify exact locations of people needing help.

"Boys State" meet makes lasting impression on local delegate

Plains High School Senior Heath Bowlin addressed the local American Legion Post at their annual meeting last Thursday evening, and told the attending armed forces veterans of some of his experiences and memories of attending the annual Legion sponsored Boys State Convention in Austin.

Heath, a Senior in PHS this coming school year, was selected from the boys in the Jun-

ior Class of last year to represent the local Legion Post, an honor awarded to an outstanding Junior male student.

Heath told the Legionnaires, "I was really impressed by the size of this convention. 967 Junior class boys were there, and that's a lot of guys, but what really impressed me was I was one of

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them, of the hundreds of thousands of Juniors around the state."

He said the convention was a work session from time the delegates departed their buses on the UT campus in Austin. "They let us have time to store our gear, and then we went to work, and it was pretty serious stuff."

He explained the delegates are assigned to 'City' districts, focusing on governmental rules and laws much like our state, and each 'city' has four precincts.

Bowlin said one of the first order of business is elections of officials, representing the towns, precincts and districts. He reported, "You are expected to seek some office, play some role in government. I first decided I would run for my city's precinct chairman spot, and I really got tromped at the polls. It was pretty humbling. But, I decided to next run for the position of a voting candidate to the state party convention, and again I lost, but by only 3 votes. I guess I was hard headed, but I ran again for one of our city's Representative position, and believe it or not, I won pretty handily."

Heath said one of the highlights of the convention was the appearance and talk by Governor George W. Bush on Thursday night before the convention ended, and expressed his gratitude to the Legion Post for sponsoring his candidacy.

The annual election of officers resulted in all incumbents voted to serve another term: Gary Dyer, Commander, 'Hoss' Newsom, Adjutant, Bob Phillips, Sergeant At Arms, and Johnnie Fitzgerald, Finance Officer. Two new members joined the ranks of the Legion, WW II Marine Vet Bud Forbus, Vietnam Vet Lee Brown

Keeping an eye on Texas

Some families live in fear

Domestic violence rose 28 percent in Texas from 1991-95, with 92 percent of the crimes committed by men against women. More than one-third, 36 percent, of women killed in 1995 were murdered by their partner.

| Domestic violence in Texas, 1995 | |
|---|----------------|
| Number of women killed by their partner | 130 |
| Number of domestic violence cases | 172,476 |
| Number of women's shelters | 62 |
| Number of adults in shelters in Texas | 12,053 |
| Number to call for help | 1-800-799-7233 |
| Number of children in shelters in Texas | 16,847 |

High Plains Junior Rodeo Results

Eunice Rodeo June 5 through 7; Robin Squyres placed 3rd in the girls 16-19 Ribbon Roping and 9th place in the girls Breakaway.

Marcey House placed 6th in the 16-19 Poles and held on for a 10th place for 1 point in the Barrels.

Kimberly Jackson won 1st place in the 8 and under Goat Tying with a time of 13.112. She also won a 3rd place in the Barrel race and held tough for a 9th spot in the Poles.

Blake Parrish roped 2 of his 3 calves in Eunice but was just out of the points. He competes in the boys 9-12 year olds this season.

The Plains team ropers made a good showing again. Kipp Blount and Tanner Blount won a 5th place. Marte Pierce and Kipp Blount placed 6th and Kirk Parrish and Tanner Blount won a 7th place, all in the 16-19 team roping.

At the Post FFA Junior Rodeo:

Marcey House won a 3rd place in the girls 16-19 Poles.

Kimberly Jackson won two 3rd place ones in the 8 and under Barrels and Goat Tying, and she also won 7th place in the Poles.

Robin Squyres won 2nd place in the girls 16-19 Breakaway Roping and a 5th place in the Ribbon roping.

Brett Squyres and Keith Jackson had a smooth run of 10.942 seconds in the 13-15 Team Roping to win 1st place.

In the 16-19 Team Roping, Kipp Blount and Tanner Blount won 3rd place and Marte Pierce and Tanner Blount were in 6th place.

Next week the rodeo is at Muleshoe, Tx.

Plains Chamber of Commerce meets Tuesday, July 1, 7:00 am, at Johnnie's. Join us!

City gains not one, but TWO new Pastors



L-R, Nancy, Cheri and James Moore

Last Sunday morning Plains' members of the First United Methodist Church greeted their new Pastor, James Stanley Moore, while just a few miles away, members of the Wellman Methodist Church greeted their new Pastor, Nancy Sharon Moore. The husband - wife preaching duo were recently assigned to the respective churches by the Northwest Texas Methodist Conference.

The couple have one child at home, three year old Cheri. James comes to Plains from pastoring the First United Methodist Church in Hamlin. In his inaugural address Sunday, Moore told his audience he was a "Visiting" type preacher, and wanted to eventually become acquainted with all Plains residents, regardless of their faith or denomination. Nancy's church services in Wellman start at 10 a.m., and will usually allow her to be back here for the conclusion of James' services most Sundays. The couple were feted to a church "pounding" and ice cream and cake supper last Sunday evening here.

Republican Rank Grows When 18 Democrats Switch

AUSTIN—Governor George W. Bush and party leaders welcomed 18 Democrat elected officials and activists to the Republican Part at a news conference today in Austin.

"The Republican Party represents the philosophy of Texas," said Governor Bush. "We believe government should do a few things and do them well. We believe in local control of our schools and cities and communities. We believe in strong families and individual responsibility. I welcome these local officials, county commissioners, sheriffs and judges to the party of Texas' future, the Republican Party,"

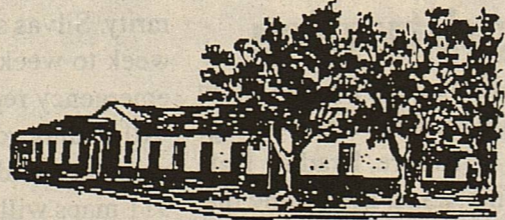
Texas leads the country in the number of party switchers. Of the 227 Democrat elected officials who have switched parties since November 1994, 73 are Texans.

The rally to welcome the Republicans was held at the Doubletree Hotel in Austin. June 10, 1821: Mosses Austin died, leaving establishing his Texas Colony to son Stephen F. Austin.

An open letter to my friends in Yoakum County; To SQUELCH ALL RUMORS... I have not retired... I have not sold or offered my business for sale. The Brownfield Funeral Home is still under the same family ownership since 1920. Sincerely, Carrol W. Collier, Owner

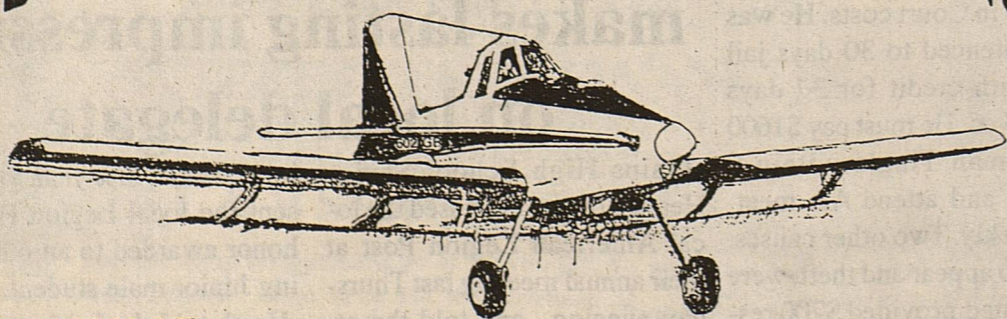
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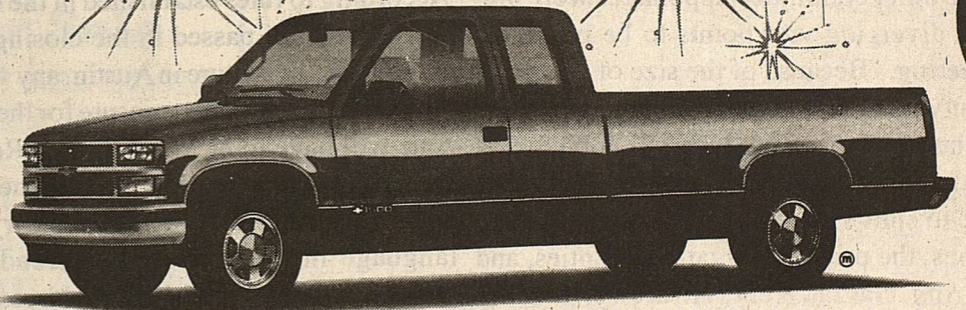


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By: Kathy Adair



Asleep at the Wheel

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 100,000 motor vehicle crashes each year are caused by drivers who fall asleep at the wheel, killing 1,500 people and injuring 71,000 more. Drowsy driving is America's silent killer. Sleepiness slows a driver's reaction time, decreases awareness and impairs judgment, much like alcohol and drugs do.

One explanation for this problem is that we cram so much into each day, and spend less time relaxing and getting sleep time. Most people feel sleepy during the afternoon between 2 and 5 p.m., and between midnight and 7 a.m. Not so coincidentally, those are the times when most drowsy-driver crashes occur.

The following is a list of danger signals of drowsy driving:

- *Eyes close or go out of focus by themselves
- *Trouble keeping your head up
- *Can't stop yawning
- *Have disconnect thoughts
- *Don't remember the last few miles you've driven
- *Driving between lanes, tailgate, or miss traffic signs
- *Keep jerking the car back into the lane
- *Have drifted off the road and narrowly missed crashing

The following are 5 suggestions to keep alert behind the wheel:

1. Be rested...get enough sleep the night before your trip.
2. Pick your time...avoid driving during your body's downtime when sleep is almost irresistible.
3. Take a break...schedule breaks every two hours or 100 miles. Be sure to walk or exercise before continuing your trip and talk with your passenger.
4. Make sure both people in the front of the care are awake. A driver who needs to rest should go to the back seat, buckle up, and sleep.
5. Pull over...if you feel sleepy, pull off the road, find a safe, well-lighted place and sleep. A 15-20 minute nap can be highly restorative.

Most people know how dangerous drinking and driving is. Driving drowsy can be just as fatal as driving drunk. Drive Alert...Arrive Alive.

In the opinion of the editor, "A well bred girl thanks the man who gives her a seat in the street car, and does it in a quiet and not in an effusive way. "She doesn't turn around to look after gamblers or posing actors on the street, and she doesn't think that her good looks are causing the men to stare at her. "She doesn't go to supper after the theater is over alone with a man. "She does not declare that she never rides in the street cars.

"She does not accept a valuable present from any man unless she expects to marry him. "She doesn't want to be a man, and she doesn't try to imitate him by wearing stiff hats, smoking cigarettes, and using an occasional big, big D. "She doesn't scorn the use of a needle, and expects some day to make clothes for very little people who will be very dear to her."

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Senior Citizens Corner

I need to make a correction of last weeks column, the message in Tommy's talk was supposed to read "Seniors, 65 years of age or older, are eligible for a tax "Discount on property taxes" if they choose to ask. This Discount is only on property tax, not IRS. IRS has no money, much less discounts. Last Saturday was "Pay-up" day for all who pay quarterly. Hope you didn't forget.

News happening around the Center: Freddy Niera has had eye surgery, but doing well. Home Health ladies met at lunch time Tuesday. Maxie has returned from a tour up Canada way. Vennie and Ross Shook has had their son and wife visiting. Becky Cryes is home after a long stay with her Mom's last illness. Lets all wish Jay Nodle good luck during his surgery.

Dean Smith and Johnny Jones visited on Wednesday, ate lunch and did a Safety Check. New people are Blanca and Ronnie Valegula.

The Wednesday Pool Tournament well attended. One player from Lovington brought his twin grandsons. Their first sight of Denver City.

Our "Big Thank You" to Editor Bowman for the coverage he gave us on "Cinco de Mayo" day. It was appreciated and I liked his editorial last week.

Next weeks activities:
 Line dancing Mon. Wed. Fri. at

9:30 a.m.
 Mon. Board Meeting at 12:30 p.m. Pool Game at 6:30 p.m.
 Wed. Tatum Pool Tournament at 1:00 p.m.
 Thurs. Gail Ballor
 Lunch every day at 11:30 a.m.
 Watch out for these bad clouds.

Prayer Concerns

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- THE FAMILY OF JEWELL ANDERSON
- THE FAMILY OF BOB LESTER

Attend the church of your choice Sunday.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank everyone for being so good to me during my sickness. On some low days I would get a visit, call, prayer, flower bushes, cookies, card or good thoughts and it really helped. Thank the Good Lord for friends.
 Thanks Again,
 Terry Davis

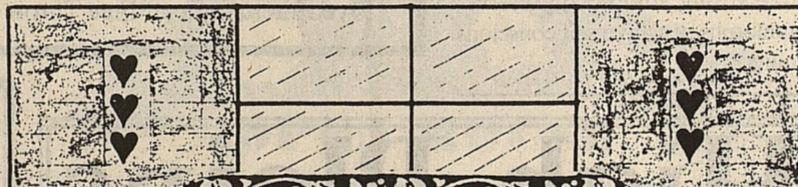
Portraying Ladies Fashions Of The 1890's



Sarah Jane Shelton is shown wearing one of her fashionable dresses at last months Centennial Celebration and Annual Meeting of the Texas Federation of Womens Clubs, held in Waco. Sarah wore the dresses while portraying Mrs. Cone Johnson, one of the early founders of the Federation in 1897, and the attire was modeled after women's fashions of the period.

Kountry Klipper Re-Opens!

When fire damaged my shop in April, I worked the last eight weeks at MARJORIE'S COIFFURE. MY SINCERE AND SPECIAL THANK YOU goes to Marjorie, Melissa, and their clientele for sharing their facility, concern and patience! I have now reopened the Kountry Klipper at 1109 Cowboy Way, and urge all my friends and clients to come by or call, Tuesdays through Fridays.
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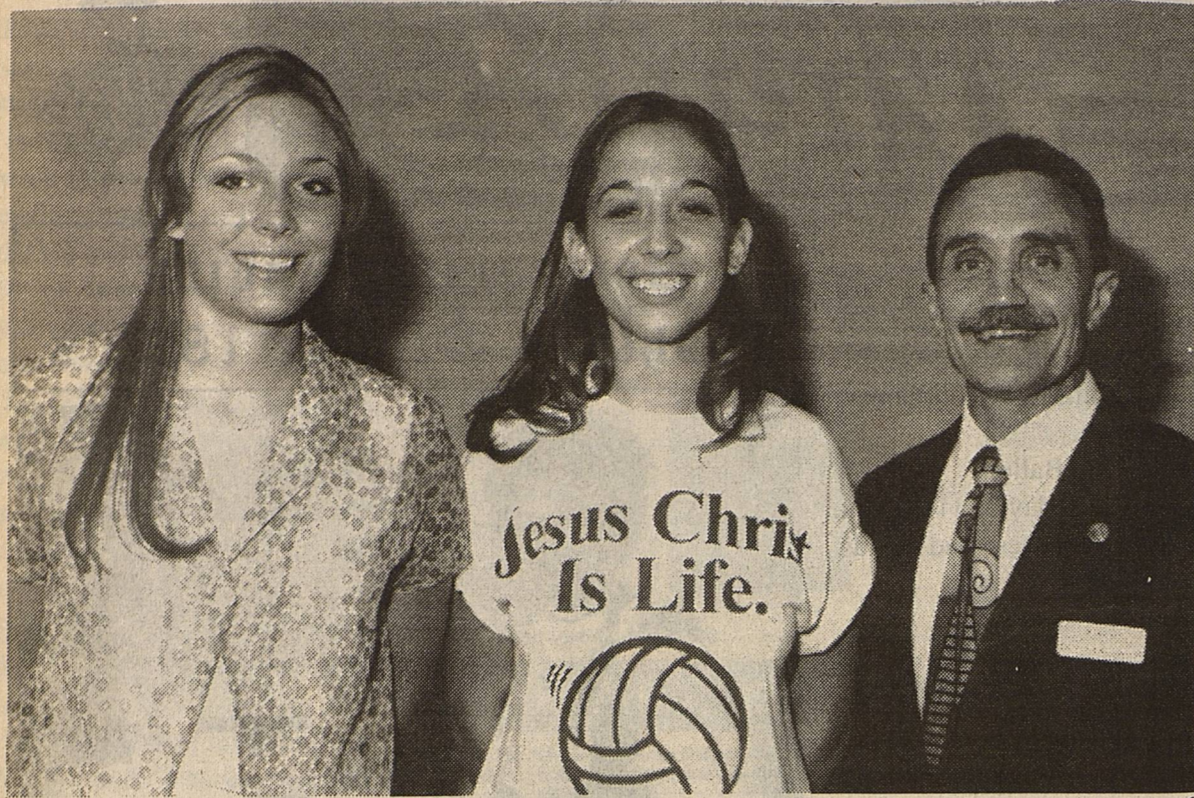
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Plains Students Mean Business



Jolyne Burgess, LaCresha Johnson and Jim Walker, SPC

LEVELLAND—Jolyne Burgess and LaCresha Johnson from Plains were among a group of teenagers who got down to business last week at South Plains College thanks to the first-ever Entrepreneurs of the Future Camp 1997.

Nineteen high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from towns throughout the South Plains attended the two-and-a-half day camp, which was co-sponsored by SPC and a number of state organizations. Students stayed in college housing.

Youth and business are becoming increasingly linked together. "Most colleges are now gearing up for some type of entrepreneurial program, and there are success stories around the nation of young people who have been successful in their own businesses," said Steve Anderson, director of the Small Business Development Center

in Texas Tech University's College of Business Administration.

"Twenty-five years ago the focus was on large corporations, but today small businesses contribute 50 percent annually to the Gross National Product," he said.

They learned about the importance of developing a business plan and promoting their business at trade shows, how to market their product and themselves, use the Internet and libraries as business resources, record keeping, pricing their product, promotion and marketing, and tips on creating a successful craft business.

However, starting a small business can be risky. Statistically, one out of three small businesses fail in the first three months, but 86 percent of those that survive make a profit, he said.

Other towns represented

included Muleshoe, Morton, Littlefield, Nazareth, and Shallowater. They participated in a mini-trade show and heard talks by international trade specialists, and experts in advertising, presentation, promotion and other business topics.

Nancy Robinson Masters from Abilene, a pilot and freelance writer who meets 30 deadlines a month writing everything from children's books to labels on cereal boxes, told the students, "You can read and write. That is a powerful skill that is considered dangerous in some countries. Words are powerful and valuable. In this country, you can choose to be whatever you want to be."

The students received certificates for their participation during Friday's closing ceremonies. But the story won't end there.

Services held for Jewell Anderson

Funeral services for Jewell B. Anderson, 86, were held Monday, June 23, in the First Christian Church of Brownfield, with Brother Chuck Fisher officiating.

Mrs. Anderson died June 22 in the Columbia Lea Regional Medical Center of Hobbs, New Mexico. She was born at Lone Oak, Texas August 12, 1911.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Anderson, her parents, and a brother, Ralph McClellan.

She is survived by daughters Jeaney Edwards of Brownfield, Lou Alice Neal of California, Marie Bowers, Seagraves, Wanda Wolfenbarger, Hobbs, and a brother, Mutt McClellan

of Cedar Creek; 15 grand children, 20 great grand children, and five great-great grandchildren.

Interment was in the Plains Cemetery under direction of Head Family Funeral Home. Pallbearers included Royce Randall, Ty Earl Powell, Kenneth McGinty, Bill Meadows, Neal Newsom, Duane McDonnell, Venum Fitzgerald and Alton Earl McGinty.

Leading Economic Indicators is at 103.5, compared to Texas' 129.5 rating.

New home construction permits are up 9.3 percent compared to last year, and the Texas Stock Index was up sharply, 109.9 percent compared to last year.

The Help Wanted Index is up 9 percent, with 204,000 jobs added in April.

New business incorporations are up 4.1 percent, while unemployment claims are down 1.2 percent, and the number of manufacturing hours per week were up 1.9 percent. The only negative is the price of Texas crude oil, down 17.7 percent from April, 1996.

"Consumer and investor confidence in Texas businesses, a strong job market and a strong home construction market are the key factors keeping the wind in our economic sails", said John Sharp, Texas Comptroller.

Texas economy looking good

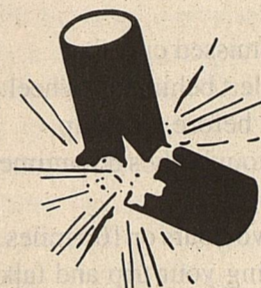
As the Texas economy continues its steady growth, it is outperforming the national economy. The U.S. Index of

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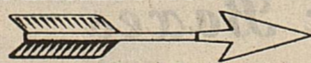


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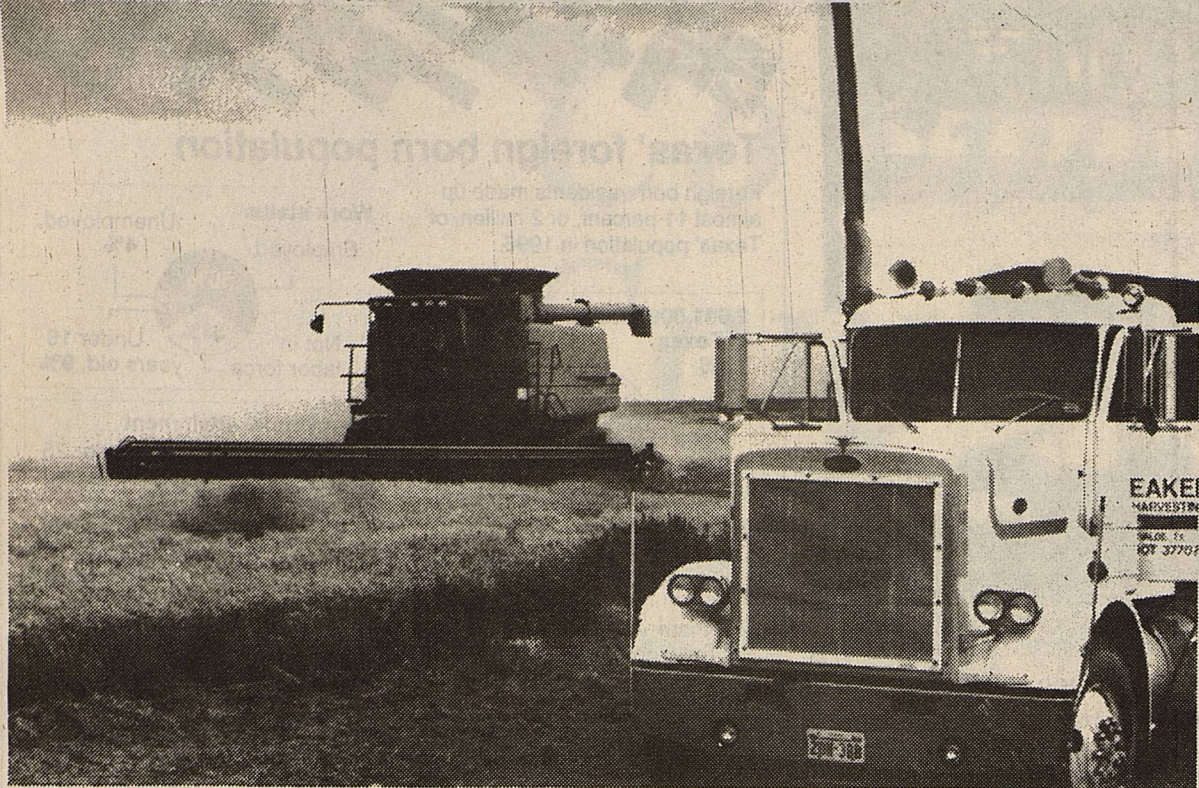
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Harvesters in a hurry



With storm clouds building in the background last week, the harvest crews on Doc Eakers two grain combines were keeping one eye on the wheat crop, the other on the weather. This scene was on an irrigated circle of wheat belonging to Dan Wall along Bennett Road east of town. They managed to complete the cutting.

65,000 Texans Lock in College Tuition Costs

More than 65,000 Texans—some living in 47 other states or stationed on military bases abroad—have now joined the ranks of the state's innovative pay now, learn-later prepaid college tuition plan. Meanwhile, legislators have approved a number of my recommendations to make the state's prepaid college tuition plan even stronger. State Senator Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin and his colleagues—including State Representatives Mark Stiles of Beaumont and Ted Kamel of Tyler, and State Senators Ken Armbrister of Victoria, David Sibley of Waco, and Judith Zaffirini of Laredo—should be commended for working hard to improve the fund. They've increased the investment authority of the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, which oversees the fund, so that we can boost its earning power through a broader range of prudent long-term investments. This will help the fund keep pace with rising tuition costs. Lawmakers have also extended the program to include graduate-level hours, rather than requiring students to stop after they've earned their undergraduate degrees. This provision, sponsored by State Senator Rodney Ellis of Houston, will help enable Texans to pursue their college careers by at least one additional year. And legislators have improved the program's scholarship component for deserving students, a centerpiece of my original *Texas Tomorrow Fund* proposal back in 1994. This will make it possible for many more families to turn the dream of sending their kids to college into reality. If the Governor signs this legislative package into law, the *Texas Tomorrow Fund* will be, without a doubt, the most of prudent long-term flexible plan anywhere in the

country for prepaying the future costs of college tuition and required fees at the state's best public and private universities. Texas voters can help, too. As part of the package of proposals passed by state lawmakers, the November ballot will contain a constitutional amendment placing the full faith and credit of the state behind the fund. We'll all have a chance to signal our commitment to higher education by making the Texas Tomorrow Fund an essential part of the state constitution.

For 65,000 Texas families, the fund is already an essential part of their lives. They've chosen a cost effective way to avoid the inflation of tuition and required fees, which have gone up by more than 8 percent a year over the past decade.

By John Sharp, Comptroller of Public Accounts

Court ok's financing, new roof for building

Bids for the financing of a new motorgrader for Precinct 4 were acted on in Commissioners Court Monday. Bids were received from Capitol City Leasing, Austin, West Texas Caterpillar, Lubbock, and The Municipal Group, Scottsdale, Arizona. The Municipal Group bid was accepted, calling for payments on January 17, 1998 and one year later in the amount of \$45,109.51 each, including interest. The interest rate was lowest of the bids, 5.85%.

The Court approved Commissioner Macky McWhirter's proposal to re-roof the Sheriff Department building in Denver City, severely damaged in the recent wind and rain storm. An all metal gable type roof will be installed at an approximate cost of \$21,000. Insurance will cover some \$6,000 of the new roof on the often damaged old flat roof on the office building.

New metal, double sided storage sheds for the County Clerk's office were also approved, replacing many of the metal filing cabinets, many in poor repair. The \$2604 project will be paid for with Record Management funds, already in the current budget.

The purchase of Lot 1, Block 79, Stanford addition, for \$2000 was approved. The lot, adjacent to the Adult Probation Department office, will be used for additional parking space, and is already paved.

From Page 1 "Boll Weevil"

We also want language included which would allow producers to vote on certain county 'sub-divisions' like our proposed 13 county zone."

He said the Southern Rolling Plains area south of here has conducted a full weevil eradication program the last three years, with good results. Many producers in the area were spending \$70 to \$80 per acre in their individual fight against the weevil before the program was initiated. Last year, they enjoyed one of the best crop years ever, with far fewer numbers of weevils. None of the producers had to spend private dollars in eradication efforts, and paying the program assessment fee actually saved them some \$50 dollars per acre in spraying costs.

Asked if he thought enough local producers agree a full eradication program is needed here, Parrish said, "The growers I have talked to think the \$6 per acre and \$10 per bale is too expensive for just a diapause program. Official bids have been received showing a diapause program could be available for \$116 million. A full eradication program bid was received for \$131 million, just \$15 million additional, and spread among all the producers, we are talking about a very modest increase of the assessment fees. I think our local producers would prefer to spend a few more dollars in an effort to wipe the weevil out, rather than just suppressing it."

USA TODAY Four Day Forecast

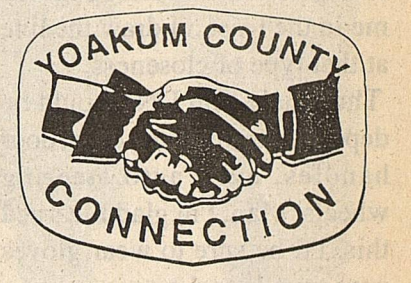
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| FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 80S | 90S |

WEDNESDAY: Clouds with showers and thunderstorms, high 88, night low 61

THURSDAY: Partly cloudy, periods of sunshine, high of 84, overnight low 63.

FRIDAY: Partly cloudy, periods of sunshine, high of 87, overnight low 64.

SATURDAY: Partly cloudy, periods of sunshine, high of 91, overnight low 65.



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From The Hack



I read an interesting article off the Internet page of a last weeks issue of the Dallas Morning News about DNA. You know what DNA is if you watched any of the O.J. Simpson trials on the tube for half a century.

The article says we all may be leaving our DNA 'footprints' in places and ways you'd never expect.

When you shake hands with someone, you exchange traces of DNA on your paws. I put this to my calculator, and while the figures may not be 100% accurate, I figure 127,643 people around the world are walking around with part of me on them. Coversely, that same number of folks are on ME, and I'm a bit uneasy about that, cause I have shaken hands with some real weirdos.

You can pick up someone else's DNA if you share their toothbrush, but that doesn't concern me in the least... I draw the line at that type of closeness.

The article said DNA could be deposited on drinking cups, door handles, even auto steering wheels. Man, I'm glad I learned this. I'll be sure to wear gloves next time I steal a car.

As is usually the case, there were a few shenanigans pulled by Legislators in the recently ended 75th session. One State Senator must have had a rosy face when he was arrested for soliciting a prostitute. And how would you like to vote for and be represented by the like of the State Representative from El Paso who was arrested on a bad check warrant. He at first vehemently denied writing a \$228 hot check to a store in Seguin, claiming he didn't even know where the town was. A few days later, however, he recanted, in the form of a public apology to House Speaker Pete Laney. And

it seems this guy has had troubles keeping track of his bank balance before. He passed another \$825 rubber check in 1992, and it seems he paid no income taxes for some twenty years, and still owes the IRS \$230,000 in back taxes.

Hope he's not on any committee in charge of watching over finances of any type.

You may not be a golf fan, but you are probably familiar with one young Tiger Woods, the 21 year old, long hitting phenom who won three US Amateur championships, turned pro and promptly won the prestigious Masters Tournament. He is of mixed blood descent, part African American, and several other Asian strains.

It was inevitable the personable young man would become the subject of those who make up jokes. The latest I've heard said Tiger went into this ritzy, exclusive East Texas golf club, and said he would like to play a round. The Club Pro told him, "I'm real sorry, but this club doesn't admit blacks", but

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An added feature of this year's pet vaccination at City Hall was a 'dog dip' to fight ticks and fleas on canine friends. Some 50 animals were vaccinated in the City sponsored clinic.

added, "There's another golf course just across the road, and it's just as nice and challenging as ours, and you would be welcome there. It's just about a three iron down the road." Tiger said, "But you don't understand, I want to play HERE. I'm Tiger Woods." The Pro said, "Oh, well, in that case, it would only be a seven iron for you."

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6:00-Plains vs Roosevelt
6:30-Frenship vs Brownfield
7:00-Plains vs Brownfield
7:30-Frenship vs Roosevelt
8:00-Brownfield vs Roosevelt
8:30-Plains vs Frenship

Schedule, July 8;
6:00-Plains vs Tahoka
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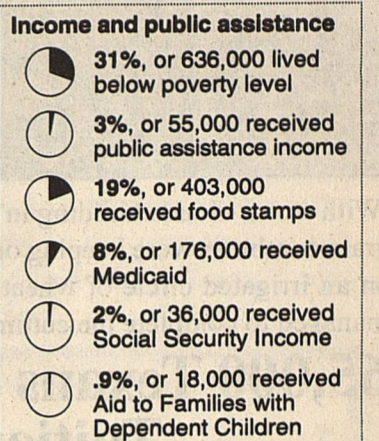
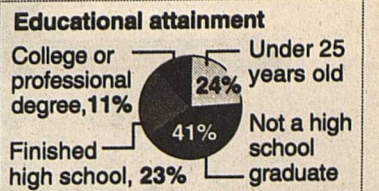
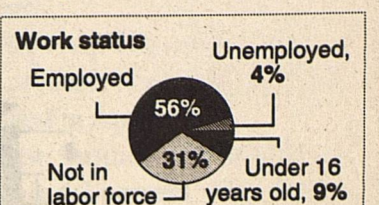
Texas' foreign born population

Foreign born residents made up almost 11 percent, or 2 million, of Texas' population in 1996.

2,081,000 foreign born in Texas, 1996
Naturalized citizen, 23%
Not a citizen, 77%

| Country of birth | Population |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Mexico | 1,345,000 |
| Other Asia | 114,000 |
| India | 88,000 |
| Vietnam | 78,000 |
| El Salvador | 64,000 |
| Other Central America | 60,000 |
| Other Europe | 50,000 |
| Elsewhere | 45,000 |
| South America | 44,000 |
| Philippines | 37,000 |
| Germany | 31,000 |
| Dominican Republic | 25,000 |
| Canada | 24,000 |
| Great Britain | 18,000 |
| China | 17,000 |
| Other Caribbean | 15,000 |
| Korea | 10,000 |
| Cuba | 9,000 |
| Jamaica | 6,000 |

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and U.S. Bureau of the Census.



A new sorghum cereal sensation-- Jo-Krisps

LINCOLN, NEB—Jowar Foods of Hereford, Texas, has developed and introduced a new gluten-free, wheat-free breakfast cereal, said Barbara Kliment, executive director of the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Board.

Jo-Krisps are made from 100 percent grain sorghum with no additives or flavorings. The naturally sweet and nutty flavor of grain sorghum is enhanced through processing to deliver a wonderful tasting cereal that retains its crispness in milk.

Kliment said that she and her administrative assistant Irene Serverin adapted several recipes to use the new sorghum cereal.

"We are really excited about the versatility of this new cereal," Kliment said. "This cereal as well as the other Jowar products offer another dietary option for people who have an intolerance to gluten."

Being a sensational breakfast cereal is only one of the many uses for versatile Jo-Krisps. Jowar Foods recommends the following uses:

- *Croutons to add crunch to your favorite salads
- *Sprinkle on ice cream or yogurt
- *Mix with dried fruits and nuts for a terrific-tasting trail mix

*Crush Jo-Krisps to make an outstanding coating for frying fish or other meats or as a binder for tuna or salmon patties

*Finely crush Jo-Krisps to make a cookie crumb base for your favorite pie or dessert

The company has other grain sorghum flour and baking products that are wheat and gluten free. Jowar Foods is working to introduce their line of products to health food stores and ethnic markets, but they also serve customers through mail order. You can order your own supply of Jo-Krisps or other sorghum products by calling Jowar Foods at 806-364-3258.

School Depository Bid

Sealed bids will be accepted in the office of James Haynes, Superintendent, Plains ISD, 1000 10th Street, until 1:00 p.m., Monday, July 7, 1997. Bids will be opened and read at that time. Information can be obtained by contacting Eric Banfield, Plains ISD, Box 479, Plains, Tx 79355 or calling 806-456-7483.

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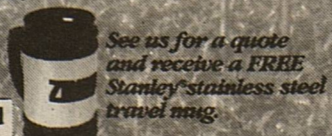
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