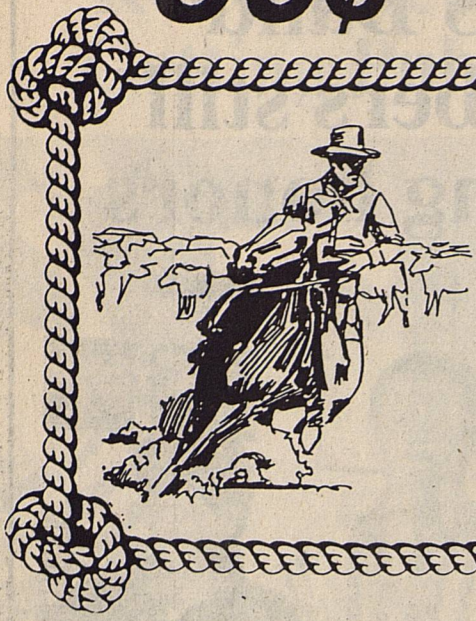


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Rain Fails To Dampen Spirits At Annual Jamaica



Shortly before noon, the scheduled starting time of the annual Jamaica festivities this past Sunday, a slow, drizzling rain began to fall, but the weather failed to keep supporters of the Catholic Church sponsored event at home.

By mid afternoon, Stanford park was bulging at the seams with people, turning out for the home cooked barbeque, burgers, and many Mexican dishes. Many of the young took part in volleyball contests, while hundreds of others listened to bands playing a variety of music.

The annual Jamaica is a fund raising event for the Catholic Church, and despite the grey, drizzly skies, was another big success.

County Criminal Cases Heard

Two criminal cases were heard in County Court on July 10 last week, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the State of Texas.

David Laureles, 26, charged with assault causing bodily injury February 17, 1996, pled guilty to the charge.

He was sentenced to 90 days in county jail, probated for 12 months. He was also fined \$250, must pay \$157 Court costs, and successfully complete the Batterer's Intervention Program.

Martin Medrano, 30, charged with a first offense DWI, pled guilty. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, probated 18 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$227 Court costs. Starting July 19, he must serve 72 hours in jail, with 8 1/2 hours credited.

New Elementary Principal Now On Duty For P.I.S.D.

Weems and wife Kathy happy about appointment.

During the Board of Trustees meeting a few month past, PISD Board President Brad Palmer reported to CCN the search for a replacement for Joel Haragan, Plains Elementary Principal then resigning, would take "as long as necessary to make sure we will find a suitable person to fill Joel's shoes".

The Board's screening process apparently took less time than expected, with the announcement last week Don Weems was selected to serve as the primary school head man for the 1996-97 school term.

Weems, 52, has a rich background in public school education. He comes to Plains ISD from Ruidoso, New Mexico, where he served as Principal of Sierra Vista Primary, a facility with an enrollment of 380 students in grades from K thru 2.

Weem's educational background includes graduation from Portales High School, later receiving a BS degree from Eastern New Mexico University, and later, a MS degree in education from the same institution.

Weem's has experienced over 25 years in educating children. Nineteen of those years have been in school administration.

Asked what prompted him to consider the Plains ISD position, Weems' replied, "It was a combination of things. Both my wife Kathy and I had accumulated enough years to retire under the New Mexico School system, but I'm only 52, and I really wasn't ready to quit educating kids".

He related he and his wife gave Plains a careful going over during a tour prior to the fateful Board meeting.

"What really impressed us were the physical plants and facilities of the school system, which indicated to both of us the tradition and the pride inherent in this school and this community", he related.

Don Weems comes from a learning facility much larger than the one here, but he says size is not an important factor to either he or Kathy. "We saw a number of things around the school, and around town, which told us we could be well satisfied living and working here.



For one thing, the people we first met were very friendly, especially when they learned the purpose of our visit". Both Weems and his wife Kathy were eligible for retirement benefits under the New Mexico education system, but they chose to continue in the field. Weems said, "We felt at our ages, we could continue to contribute in educating our young people. We just weren't ready to quit. The small town atmosphere of Plains really appealed to us. We're not big city folks, and we don't have to have big city benefits to enjoy life".

Weems continued, when asked about his philosophy of educating young

people, "I have come to know all kids can learn and benefit from education, provided they have the right atmosphere, and are given the right attitude by their teachers. This is what I will stress as an administrator".

To date, the new Principal has not met all of his teaching and assisting staff, something he will do before the start of school. Asked about his initial impression of the Plains school system, he reported he was very favorably impressed with "the staff, the other administrators. Everyone I have met reflects the highest standards of educational professionalism. Kathy and I are pleased to be here".

July 15 (see related article page one).

The Court also appointed election judges and alternates to one year terms for the six county voting precincts. Those appointed include Kathy Smiley, Judge, Pct. 101, Suzanne Bachman, alternate; Earlene Freeman, Pct. 202, Judge, Daphne Harrison, alternate; Sarah Guetersloh, Pct. 303, Edith Tuggle, alternate; Loretta Watkins Judge, Pct. 305, Debbie Adcock, alternate; Carolyn Culwell, Judge, Pct. 404, Karen Bearden, alternate; C.R. Gillis, Judge, Pct. 406, Louise Gillis, alternate; Early voting ballot board, Bonnie Earnest, Judge, Caroline Rivas, alternate.

New Captain Named For County Sheriff's Dept.

Dean Smith has impressive background in Law Enforcement.

In the special Commissioner's Court meeting held July 11, the Court unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Dean Smith to the position of Captain of the Yoakum County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Jim Rice had recommended Smith's appointment, replacing former Captain Don Corzine who recently resigned. Smith will assume his new duties July 15, and will be moving to Denver City from Lovington, as soon as he finds housing there.

Sheriff Rice had many words of praise for Smith in an interview last Friday. "I've known Dean some twenty years, and he has a world of experience in law enforcement. He is a very sharp individual, and he still has the zeal and gusto of a twenty year old, and was much more qualified for this position than others being considered".

Sheriff Rice outlined some of Smith's duties in the Department, stating "anytime I



New Captain Dean Smith

must be absence, he will be in charge. He will assist in case investigations, will help on calls if needed, and will participate in establishing Department policies. In the chain of

command, all officers in the field will go thru Dean for advice and assistance".

Rice added, "My son, who

Former locals honored at Texas Tech

Two former residents were recognized by Texas Tech University recently. Lenny Dean Morrow, son of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Morrow, was among more than 3,000 students at Tech qualifying for academic honor lists at the end of the spring semester. He was on the Dean's Honor List, which calls for a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9. He is majoring in exercise and sports science.

Kristi D'Lynn Osborn Coleman, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Osborn, was among more than 1900 graduating students following the spring semester. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in Multi-disciplinary Studies.

Sales Tax Rebates Up For Year

\$143 million in sales tax rebates were returned to over 1,000 Texas cities and 115 counties, a 6.7% increase over rebates a year ago.

John Sharp, State Comptroller of Public Accounts, said, "The fact that local sales tax refunds statewide have averaged 8.6% ahead of the first seven months of last year is an excellent indicator of the state's continuing healthy economic climate".

The City of Houston received the largest rebate, \$16.9 million. Plains and Denver City received a total just over \$17,000.

Final rites for Homer Youngblood

Funeral services for Homer A. Youngblood Jr., 66, of Dayton, Texas, a former resident of Lovington, were conducted Monday morning at Smith-Rogers Chapel in Lovington, with Rev. Father Franklin Eichorst officiating. Burial was in the Lovington Cemetery.

Mr. Youngblood died Tuesday, July 2, in an airplane accident, near Dayton, Tx.

He was born August 28, 1929 at Twitty City, Tx. He was a member of the graduating class of 1947 at Lovington High.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma, of Dayton; two sons, Homer Youngblood III of Lovington, and Ron Youngblood of Mouldin, Mo.; a daughter, Tena Logan of Midland; His mother, Lola Youngblood of Denver City; two sisters, Serena Haire of Jacksonville, Tx., and Vivian Rice of Denver City; A stepson, J.C. Dunnaway of Dodge, Tx., two step daughters, Patsy Perry, Grangerland, Tx., and Nancy Hamill, Huffman, Tx, and 12 grandchildren.

Services held here for Margaret Liles



Funeral services for Margaret Liles, 69, of Big Spring, and a long time Plains resident, were held at 2 pm, Monday, July 15, in the First Baptist Church with their pastor, Rev. Bill Wright, and Rev. Glenn

Harlan of Odessa officiating. Viewing was in the Plains Memorial Chapel, and interment was in the Loop Cemetery. Services were under direction of the Connally Funeral home of Seagraves.

Mrs. Liles passed away Tuesday, July 9, while visiting in Colorado.

She was born in Salida, Colorado, January 9, 1927, to William J. Hutchinson and the former Pearl Chaffee. She married Ben Liles October 27, 1947, in Las Cruces, NM.

She was a resident of Texas some 48 years, and had lived here since 1959, moving here from the Ashmore Community.

She served as church secretary of the First Baptist Church here about 30 years, and also worked in the local library.

She is survived by two sons: Rick Liles of Big Spring, and Gary Liles, of Dallas; Two daughters, Shirley Perrin of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, and Sandra Arndt of Crestone, Colo. Seven grandchildren also survive; two brothers, William C. Hutchinson of Crestone, and Kenneth Hutchinson of Utah.

is also in law enforcement, worked narcotics with Dean a number of years in New Mexico. I asked him once if he could think of any negatives about Dean, and after considerable thought, he told me he couldn't think of one negative aspect. I think that's as good a recommendation as a man can hope for".

Interviewed Monday, the new Captain said, "When I learned of the job opportunity, I was really attracted by the challenge of the position".

Smith has a total of 31 years in law enforcement, 25 of them spent with the New Mexico State Police. He started his career with that department in 1962 at Truth or Consequences. He would be assigned duty stations later in Las Cruces, Tularosa, Clovis, Santa Fe, Hatch, and Hobbs. He spent 14 years in narcotics investigation work.

At the time of his retirement from the New Mexico State Police, he was District Commander of the Roswell District with the rank of Captain.

In 1990, he returned to his chosen avocation, working as a contractual investigator for then Yoakum County Criminal District Attorney Linda Lowrey. He was still working that position for Richard Clark when the Sheriff's Department position became available. Both Sheriff Rice and Captain Smith said they expect arrangements will be made to enable their Department to continue to assist the

PHS Band members still winning honors



Roy San Filippo, Matt Morgan, Tessa St. Romain

Three members of the Cowboy Band attended the huge 'Texas Tech Band Camp' in Lubbock July 6 thru 13. Drum Major Tessa St. Romain, a senior, and Roy San Filippo, a junior, and sophomore Matt Morgan represented the PHS award winning band. More than 1500 students from around the world attended the camp, making it one of the largest in the nation.

On the first day, the students were judged on a selected piece of music for a spot in one of 13 different bands. Roy was selected for band #9, Tessa went to band #5, and Matt was

chosen for the top rated #1 band.

The last day of camp all 13 bands performed. Matt was first chair trumpet in the top band, and achieved an unprecedented honor by winning one of only two "Outstanding Musician" awards at the camp. The other award went to a female musician. This marked the first time a class A school musician won the top award, usually going to a much larger school.

The two Drum Majors also attended numerous classes, learning drum major and marching techniques.

Jo Lena Wall among A&M grads

Criminal District Attorney's office, with Smith possibly acting as liaison between the two organizations.

His wife Georgiana is no stranger to Courthouse halls, having retired as District Court Clerk of Lea County in Lovington.

Diplomas were awarded to more than 4,000 Texas A&M University graduates during May commencement ceremonies.

The degrees were presented at three separate ceremonies. Among those receiving degrees were Jo Lena Wall, the daughter of Ty Earl and Linda Powell of Plains.

Jo Lena graduated Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science Degree, and her major field of study was in Genetics.



Fermin Rivas, cooking up a storm at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church's fund raising 'Jamaica' in Stanford Park Sunday.

Big Watermelons Mean Big Bucks!

Yoakum County Connection recently announced prizes to be awarded in the Watermelon Round-Up "Big Melon Contest". For contestants up to age thirteen (6th grade or under), the biggest melon will earn a \$250 Savings Bond, courtesy of Norwest Bank of Denver City. For contestants 65 and older, they will award another \$250 Savings Bond. Plains State Bank will offer a \$500 Savings Bond to the 'Overall Largest' melon entry. These kinds of monetary rewards should bring out the very best green thumbs around the county.



Spirited volleyball competition which continued throughout almost all of 'Jamaica Sunday' festivities

Redwine Brothers



Construction

Former resident Brad Redwine and son Gerald are currently doing construction work here. Brad, a former Production Mgr. for Morgan Portable Buildings of Eastland, has been a contractor since 1977, and his skills include framing, drywall, tape & bed, ceramic tile, plumbing and roofing. You may contact Brad thru Buddy or Janelle Brantly. He is staying in his travel trailer at the Alan Bell's, next to the D.G.

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Rodeo, Reunion Getting Publicity



Crip Henard, Wilma Powell & Mary Jo St. Romain shown decorating the Appraisal Dist. office window

The rapidly approaching 43rd Annual Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion, scheduled for August 1, 2, and 3, is being touted by the local Tsa Mo Ga Study Club members. A number of the ladies are placing signs in business firm windows, then painting the exterior of the glass to create eye catching scenes of the coming event.

A street parade will kickoff the celebration Thursday, August 1, with rodeo performances each evening at 8 pm. The noon Reunion featuring barbecue brisket will be held in Stanford Park at noon Saturday, August 3. Make your plans now to enjoy the three days of activities, which also feature class reunions, and an art show and sale sponsored by the Yoakum County Art Association.

Girls State exes invited to parade

The local American Legion Women's Auxiliary is inviting all past Blue-bonnet Girls State nominees to attend the upcoming Rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion, and ride on an Auxiliary sponsored float in the opening parade on August 1. A total of 36 former Auxiliary sponsored Girls State candidates have been sent letters of invitation to the event. The majority of the former recipients of the honor live in Texas, but three are from the states of New Mexico, Virginia, California and Oklahoma.

The first Girls State honoree, chosen in 1949, was Virginia Price Sanders, still a Plains resident. Other Honorees, and they year they were chosen include Jeaney Anderson Edwards, 1950, Carol McRae, 1957, Jeanine St. Romain, 1958, Linda Jones Carmack, 1959, Shirley Gayle Cheek, 1960, Roberta Snodgrass Patterson, 1961, Mary Johnson Culwell, 1962, Sylvia McGinty Cayce, 1964, Gayle O'neal Gladden, 1965, Sharon Tarkington Smith, 1967, Joyce Warren Pierce, 1968, Dianne Fitzgerald, 1969, Glenda Fay Miller, 1970, Judy Smith Field, 1971, Beth Ann Hale Cain, 1972, Shelley Williams Phillip, 1973, Paula Crump

Loveless, 1974, Robbie Hale Phipps, 1975, Susan Stroup, 1976, Laine Bayer, 1977, Donna Lackey Huerta, 1978, Kendra Hale Stephens, 1979, Lorie Jones Childress, 1980, B.J. Miller Nicholson, 1981, Leann Ellison, 1982, Johnna Brown Summers, 1983, Melissa Guetersloh Galven, 1984, Traci Nance Scarbrough, 1985, Ruth Diaz Curtis, 1986, Stacey Hinson Kinder, 1987, Nikki McGinty Raff, 1988, Heather Bowlin Sanders, 1993, Stacey Jones, 1994, Valerie Blair, 1995, and Tessa St. Romain, 1996.

School's Out!!!

But not for all kids
When the final bell rang some weeks ago, heralding the last day of the 1995-96 school year, hundreds of our youngsters rushed home shouting with glee for the good old summer vacation time. Not all, however. Some 50 Kindergarten thru 8th graders are currently attending classes in the Elementary and Middle School campuses.

junior High Principal Ronnie Watkins explained, "The summer session is dual functional. We are offering students from Kindergarten thru 8th grade remedial courses for any subjects they had

PHS Classes of 1940 - 49

We are having a get together in conjunction with the Old Settlers Reunion in Plains on August 3, 1996. 50th Anniversary Honor classes will be '45-46' and '46-47'.

TIME AND PLACE: Honor classes are planning to be in the parade through Plains at 10:00 AM adjourning to the park for lunch from 11:00 - 2:00. The charge for lunch will be \$5.00, which serves as a ticket to the rodeo that night if you want to attend. Look for signs at the park for classes. We will go to the 1st Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall - (Denver City Hwy 214) after lunch.

Make plans to join in reminiscing, visiting, and fun from our PHS School days. Looking forward to seeing the teenagers of the 40's. Hopefully we can still recognize each other.

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1946 Class

Front, L-R: Donald Cross, Juanita Taylor Drachenberg, Lois Hughlet Ford, Frances Gray Upton, Leroy Joiner. Back: Lloyd Brooks, Carol Light McCargo, Jimmie Coke Woodruff, Jane Fitzgerald Skains, Joyce Taylor Hoffman, Norwood Heath.

difficulties with last semester, as well as classes for students who need additional work passing the State mandated TAAS test. And, there are a number of youngsters who are attending the summer sessions just for the additional educational benefits".

Watkins reported four teachers in both elementary and junior high are involved in the special sessions, taking place Monday thru Thursdays, 8AM to noon. The special classes end August 1.

Elementary teachers include Phyllis House, Yvette Ramos, Tana May, and Estelle McAdams. The Junior High teachers are Sue Alexander, Sandra Foster, Bill May and Linda Haragan.

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Golfers enjoy tourney, even hampered by rain



J.R. De Los Santos, Raymie Gilstrap, Terry Thrash, Jay Rushing & Ken Taylor watch scores being posted.

The 20th Annual 'Cotton passed away in 1976, and Kilpatrick Open Golf held the course record Tournament', held on the score of 64 on the old 9 Yoakum County Golf hole course, featured 8 Course this past weekend, flights of players, flights was a great success, determined beforehand by despite the hampering weather Sunday, when a play was delayed at least one and one half hours when a thundershower drenched the course and many golfers.

Yoakum County Golf Club Pro Wiley Osborn reported, "We had almost six dozen two member teams entered in the 'Kilpatrick' this year, an excellent turnout, and it would have been a picture perfect tournament, except for the rain delay Sunday. But we certainly shouldn't gripe about rain, as much as we have needed it all year long". An estimated or more rain fell Sunday.

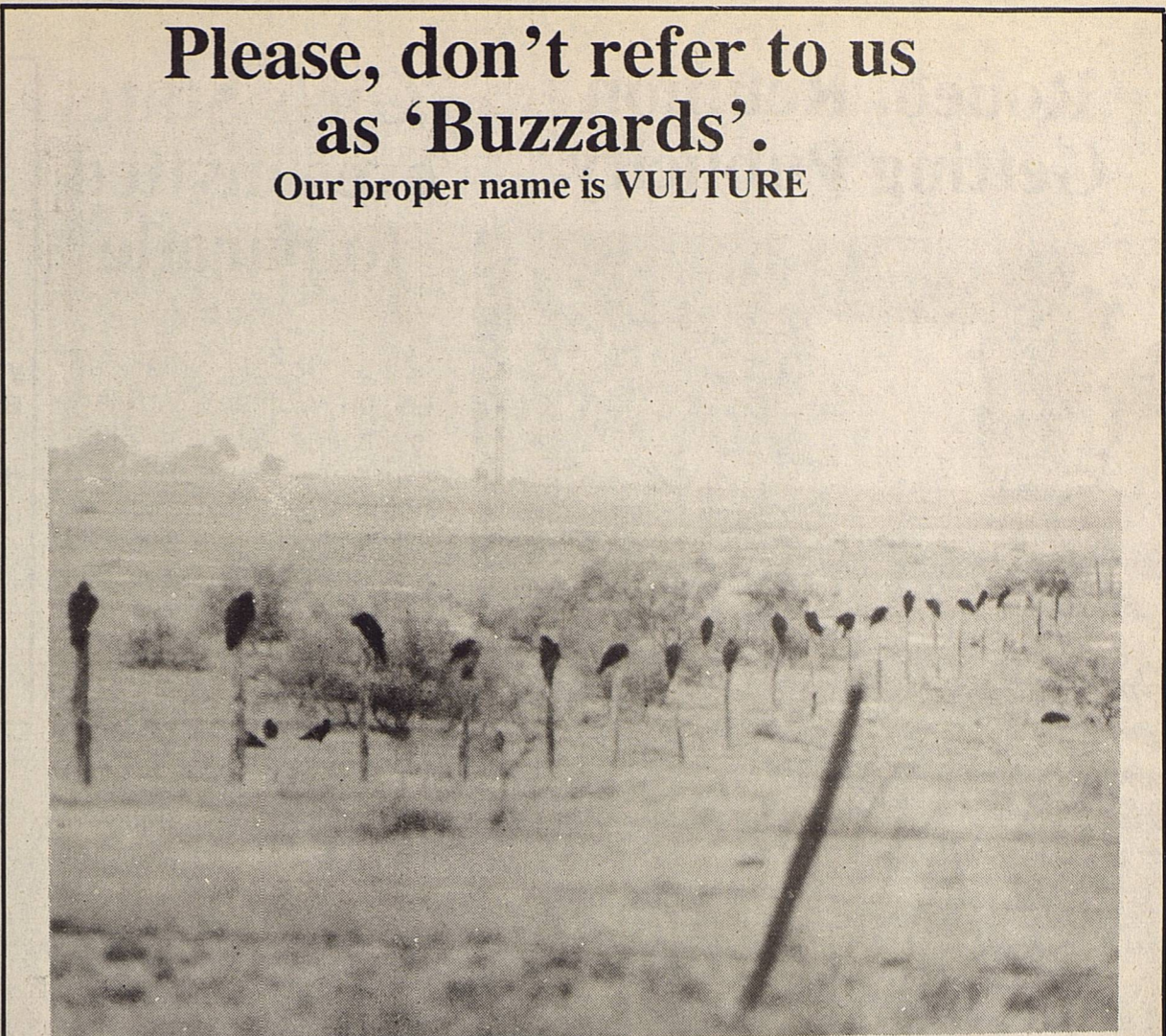
The Tournament, honoring legendary Denver City golfer Cotton Kilpatrick, who

Kilpatrick events we have had recently. Every player seemed to enjoy and appreciate the condition of our course, probably the best it's ever been. The rain really slowed us down, but the players understood it helped our course".

- Sunday's Final Results**
 Overall winners: Mike Jameson-Bobby Bowen 127.
 Championship flight: 1. (won playoff) Richard Choate-Bobby Duncan 128, 2. Dwayne Snell-Jerry Staggs 128, 3. Cody King-Heath Acreey 132.
 Presidents flight: 1. Mike Jameson-Bobby Bowen 127, 2. Slug Blackard-Kelly Hughes 134, 3. J.R. DeLosSantos-Raymie Gilstrap 136.
 First flight: 1. Tony Bell-Joe Ward 133, 2. Harry Wayland-Larry Wayland 135, 3. Brad Cochran-Lynn Young 137.
 Second flight: 1. D.S. Roberts-Scott Marshall 133, 2. Leo Daniels-Ron Mock 136, 3. Sid Underhill-Lonnie Sward 137.
 Third flight: 1. Jim Maynard-Johnny Jones 138, 2. Bob Blundell-Eddy Taylor 142, 3. Ted Welch-Wes Welch 144.
 Fourth flight: 1. Morris Rushing-Jay Rushing 137, 2. Jackie Bailey-Mark Williams 143, 3. Weldon Smith-Mark Ivie 145.
 Fifth flight: 1. J.D. Milligan-Mark Milligan 143, 2. (won playoff) Richard Jones-Otis Ivie 146, 3. Bill Bovell-Bill Rowe 146.
 Sixth flight: 1. Simmon Barrera-Bruce Barrera 144, 2. Joe Humphries-Morty Pierce 145, 3. Mike Payne-Don Gilliam 150.

Osborn duo to coach, compete in Belgium

Steve Osborn, PHS Girls Athletic Coordinator and head Girls Basketball Coach, has been selected as a coach in The Belgium International Basketball Tournament, scheduled for July 30 thru August 6. 40 teams of girls from the United States will compete against teams from Belgium, Croatia, Poland, Germany, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Only three other Texas coaches were selected for the tournament. He will be accompanied



Please, don't refer to us as 'Buzzards'. Our proper name is VULTURE

These vultures perched like a long line of sentries on a fence row just east of Highway 214 have been a familiar sight the last two years. Their numbers are down this year, compared to well over 150 counted last summer.

Unable to find anyone with factual knowledge about the large, carrion eating birds, we consulted the ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANICA. A member of the Cathartidae family of new world vultures, they are completely different from vultures of the old world. The birds here have no voice, lacking a syrinx. There are no vultures of any type in Australia and most oceanic islands. That concludes the short course on vultures.

on the trip by his fourteen year old daughter Kelli, a Freshman at PHS, who was selected to play on one of the Texas teams. She was nominated for the honor, and had to pass a screening process demonstrating playing proficiency

and proper character. Each participating team will play five games in Belgium, and the girls and their coaches will also be able to tour many historical sites in Belgium, and will spend one day in Paris. The large tournament was

organized and coordinated by the Belgium Basketball Federation, and Sports Challenge International, Inc., an organization based in , North Carolina.



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Newsprint prices

Over an 18-month period, average newsprint costs jumped by 80 percent, demonstrating the effects of soaring timber prices.

Average cost of standard newsprint per metric ton

Jan-94	100
Apr-94	150
Jul-94	200
Oct-94	250
Jan-95	300
Apr-95	350
Jul-95	400
Oct-95	450
Jan-96	500
Apr-96	550

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Press Association and Pulp & Paper Weekly.

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Don't forget the Old Settlers Reunion and Rodeo, August 1,2,3 !

Selections: Juhree Stowe & Greg Corman



Femme Friends



Watermelon Roundup Costume Contest

Here's how you can enter the first ever Watermelon Roundup Contest; Write your name, address and phone number on a sheet of paper; Briefly title or describe your entry; Indicate one of the four age groups for contestants, (1)Kindergarten or younger, (2) grades 1 thru 4, (3) grades 5 thru 8, (4) High school, or (5), over 18 years of age. Mail your entry to COSTUME CONTEST, BOX 166, PLAINS, 79355.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE WATERMELON RELATED, and may be enhanced with talent performance - song, dance, poetry, story tellin, etc
ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 26, 1996!

The Costume Contest Committee members are shown below, L-R, Dianne Brunson, Sylvia Martinez, modeling hat, apron and holding basket she made for contest, and Anna Gonzalez. The trio is in charge of all details for the contest, and will receive your entries.



Summer Readers

Some of the youngsters completing the Summer Reading Program at the Library are shown when the received certificates.

Shown are, Back L-R, Zachary Ramon, Wyatt Dearing, Chris Addison, Landon Earnest, Holden Welch. Front, Brianna Conway, Jasmin Mares, & Kimbe Williams

Senior Citizens Corner

The question asked on TV, "Why do I like my Ford?", has a simple, direct answer. I would like to ask the question, "Why do we like the Senior Citizens Center?". Another simple answer. "It's the 'in' place to be several hours each day.

There's always something to do - walking in the hall, line dancing, ceramics, dominos, pool, visiting with friends; a nice lunch, and more activities after lunch.

Reba Baker is receiving care in Lubbock, and the other ladies have returned home.

Recent visitors were Charles and Chandra Niell, Jessica Matias,

Juana Ramos, and Joe and Sudie Thmpson.

Dates to remember; July 15, Line dancing 9:45am, Livingston Hearing aid, 9:30-10:30am, Pool & games, 6:30pm.

July 17, Line dancing, 9:45 am, D.C. pool tournament 10:00 am, Medical Arts B/P test, 11am.

July 18, Miracle ear, 9:45am, Gail Ballou 11 am.

July 19, line dancing 9:45am.

The trouble with doing nothing is you can't stop and rest, so come on in and spend a day!

See you next week..... Smitty.



HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



REDUCING FAT CONTENT WHILE MAINTAINING QUALITY

Fat such as shortening, dairy products, butter and other forms of fat add moisture, flavor and tenderness to the texture in cookies, cakes, quick breads and muffins. Fruit purees such as prune, applesauce, banana and nonfat dairy products like nonfat yogurt, light cream cheese or light or nonfat sour cream provide some of the fat-like characteristics in home-made baked goods without the addition of fat. If you select the fruit purees you'll also be adding a few more nutrients -- vitamins, minerals and fiber. Also the fruit purees may enhance other flavors in recipe such as prunes enhance chocolate, cinnamon and orange. When modifying a recipe, substitute one-half as much of the chosen substitute for fat. For example, one-half cup of pureed prunes in place of one cup of butter. Also, egg whites or egg substitute instead of whole eggs, and graham cracker or chocolate cookie crumb crusts in recipes that call for a higher fat pastry dough crust can help accomplish baked goods with less fat and thus less calories since fat provides one and one-fourth more calories per gram than does carbohydrate or protein. Call your local County Extension agent with family and consumer sciences for more ways of modifying recipes to decrease the fat content.

A LOOK AT ORDINARY DIETS AND DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS

Today, sales of foods in pill or supplement form marketed for their health benefit exceed \$6 billion annually in the United States. In 1988, \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion was spent annually on vitamin/mineral supplements alone with the expectation that the supplement will insure optimal health. Don't be easy prey for supplementation abuse. Instead look to increasing fruit and vegetable consumption (currently 11 percent or less of the population consumes no fruits or vegetables. Also, include other foods containing beneficial health components as part of a varied diet based on the principles of the Food Guide Pyramid. Before taking any dietary supplement such as chitin, green tea, certain herbal preparation or other supplements which also could be dangerous, consult with your personal physician about the real health benefits of the supplement.



Bridal Shower Announced

Juhree Stowe, Bride Elect of Greg Corman, will be honored with a shower Sunday, July 21, in the home of hostess Peggy Welch, 902 First St.

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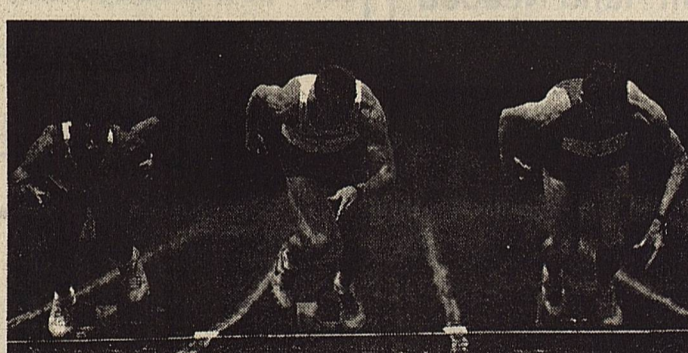
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