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Area legislators outline plan to combat boll weevil

At a press conference held in Brownfield Wednesday, November 18, media representatives heard three area state legislators outline plans to assist in the eradication program of the boll weevil, the nemesis of all cotton producers.

State Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, State Representative Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and State Representative Gary Walker, R-Plains, addressed the weevil threat at the Terry County Airport meeting. Rep. Junell and Senator Duncan outlined a plan they will sponsor during the next legislative session to share in the cost of boll weevil eradication. The plan will be introduced in the 76th Legislature, which convenes January 12, 1999.

The press conference was scheduled to coincide with the same date ballots in the Western High Plains zone are being mailed to producers. The eradication referendum calls for maximum assessment of \$6 per acre for dryland cotton and \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton.

"We want growers to know if they'll do their part, we'll work to do ours. Representative Junell and I are committed to working for the passage and funding of this legislation," Duncan said.

"It's important that any state funds be allocated fairly, and I believe our plan is as fair to all parts of the state as possible," Junell said.

Gary Walker added, "Without eradication of the boll weevil, we will face the consequences equivalent to a drought every year, as far as cotton production goes."



L-R, State Representative Rob Junell, State Senator Robert Duncan, State Representative Gary Walker

Just days prior to the press conference, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Entomologist Roger Haldenby wrote in "PCG Cotton News", a publication of Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., "The 1998 boll weevil grid trapping project conducted by Plains Cotton Growers and the Extension Service has come to its season's end.

"Boll weevil traps spread across 28 High Plains counties have been monitored weekly from April through early November to determine development and spread of weevil populations during the 1998 growing season.

"High temperatures and arid conditions this summer not only took their toll on cotton fields but also on this damaging insect. However, even as the area two million acres of irrigated cotton made a surprising comeback, in spite of challenging weather, so did the cotton boll

weevil. "By late September, thousands upon thousands of weevils had made it through the hot summer and had spread as far north and west as Muleshoe, and even Hereford. The population growth dynamics of boll weevil can easily allow an early season mating pair to generate a quarter million or more viable offspring in a cotton growing season.

"Between the first week in May and the last week in October, 604,452 weevils were trapped in the 1,073 traps gridded across 28 counties. The trap area covered the entire High Plains extending from Deaf Smith County in the north to Midland County in the south; from the New Mexico stateline eastward to Motley, Dickens and Kent Counties. In a normal year, more than 3.5 million acres of cotton is planted in the High Plains of Texas."

Criminal cases in County Court

Twelve criminal cases were heard in County Court November 18. County Judge was the presiding officer, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Karen Kay Costa, 28, pled true to the states motion to revoke community supervision, from a prior DWI charge. Supervision was extended from November 21, 1998, to May 21, 1999. She must attend Alcoholics (Narcotics) Anonymous weekly, and undergo counseling at Womens Protective Service for substance abuse.

Joe Raymond Flores, 32, pled guilty to evading arrest and detention. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. A \$150 fine and \$184 court costs must be paid with

time payments. He must perform 24 hours community service and complete the BIPP program.

David Valverde, AKA David Valverde, 30, pled guilty to resisting arrest. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. A \$500 fine and \$184 court costs will be made with time payments. He must attend weekly AA meetings, obtain anger management counseling, and serve 24 hours community service.

Santiago Hernandez Portillo, 21, pled guilty to criminal trespass of a habitation. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, with credit for 50 days served. He was fined \$500 and must pay \$184 court costs, and pay \$200 court appointed

Attorney's fees. He was represented by Attorney Paul Mansur

Isaac Guerra, 38, pled guilty to theft of more than \$50 but less than \$500. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He will pay a \$500 fine and \$194 court costs of \$194. He must pay \$200 restitution to Peggy Whisenhunt, and serve 24 hours community service.

Jimmy Wayne Crider, 21, pled guilty to 2 ounces or less of marijuana. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. A \$500 fine and \$157 court costs will be made with time payments, and \$140 restitution to DPS. His

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"Court Cases"

School tragedy averted

Quick thinking, actions save elementary student swimmers life

Last Thursday morning about 9:30, some 25 Elementary youngsters are noisily frolicing in the large PISD swimming pool. Coach Michael Davis is in the water at the shallow end of the pool, giving instructions and help to some of the non-swimming youngsters, and Coach Evert McAdams is on the edge of the pool, keeping an eye on the scene, when he sees one of the youngsters underwater. That was the scene when a potentially tragic drama began, thankfully ending on a happy note.

In an interview Friday, McAdams told CCN, "Over the years I have learned to watch anyone underwater until they resurface, and I had my eye on this boy when I heard another kid yell, 'Joe is on the bottom and he's not moving!' ('Joe' is not the correct name of the youngster)

McAdams said before the message was complete, he realized he was looking at 'Joe'. He jumped into the pool, grabbed the small seven year old, and while he was carrying him to

the pool edge, held his nose and blew into his mouth three times. "By the time I had him out of the water he had opened his eyes and started to breathe again," McAdams said. The youngster had regurgitated a small amount, and suddenly stopped breathing again. McAdams administered three sharp shoves against his chest, turned his head to the side and used his fingers to clear his mouth and throat, and the boy began to breathe again.

While this was taking place, Coach Davis had the other second graders out of the pool and under control. He told them to keep quiet, and wait outside in the corridor. He told McAdams he would run for a phone and call 911 for an ambulance. In less than ten minutes Joe Humphrey arrived with the Plains EMS ambulance, escorted by Sheriff Deputy Larry Murphree.

McAdams said as they were preparing to load 'Joe' into the ambulance, the youngster became very frightened. McAdams said Joe was a shy

boy who had trouble with English, and he assured him, "It's OK, 'Joe', I'm going to ride with you to the hospital where they can check you over."

At the Yoakum County Hospital, 'Joe' was examined by Dr. Larry Boyd. As a precautionary measure, Dr. Boyd had called for an air ambulance to transport the boy to UMC for further examination by the trauma unit there. The helicopter was on the ground, but had to wait a short time for 'Joe's' parents to arrive and sign consent papers for the flight.

Later that afternoon, Superintendent James Haynes, in Lubbock for a Regional TEA meeting, was notified of the accident. "When I got to his room at UMC, he was sitting up in bed, enjoying comedies on television."

'Joe is now at home, doing well, with no apparent permanent damage form the scary ordeal.

Late Thursday afternoon, a nurse on Dr. Boyd's staff called CCN, and said the Doctor hoped Turn to page 4, "Tragedy"

Want to help boost PHS Baseball?



Construction crew shown installing new chain link fence around the new and very attractive high school baseball field.

At the regular meeting of Plains ISD Board of Trustees November 9, it was decided to seek community volunteer help in boosting the new high school baseball program. Superintendent James Haynes told CCN his office will soon be sending letters to business firms of the community, asking for their financial help in sponsoring billboard advertising signs on the fence around the new diamond. Money from renting the signs will be used to help defray expenses of new uniforms and equipment for the program.

Haynes said he had contacted a number of other area schools which have successfully conducted similar programs. It was decided to rent 4' by 8' signs for local and area advertisers. The cost of each sign will be \$500 for the first year, and \$350 for an annual renewal.

Haynes said "The board thinks this is an excellent way to advertise our business firms and show community support of our new baseball program."

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Answer:
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Eradication Foundation
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Committee.

Question:
Have We Voted On
This Before?

Answer:
No, All previous votes
regarding the boll weevil
have been on suppression
programs. This is an
Eradication
Program.

Question:
How Much Will
Eradication Cost?

Answer:
\$6/ Land Acre-Dryland
&
\$12/Land Acre-Irrigated
Assessment collections
will last no more
than 10 years.

Question:
Where Will WHP
Assessment Money
Be Spent?

Answer:
All assessments collected
in the zone will STAY in
the WHP Program.
Grower funds cannot
be transferred
between zones.

Question:
Can I Afford This
Assessment?

Answer:
YES, The WHP program
will not be funded only
by producers. State and
Federal funds must be
available before
eradication can
begin.

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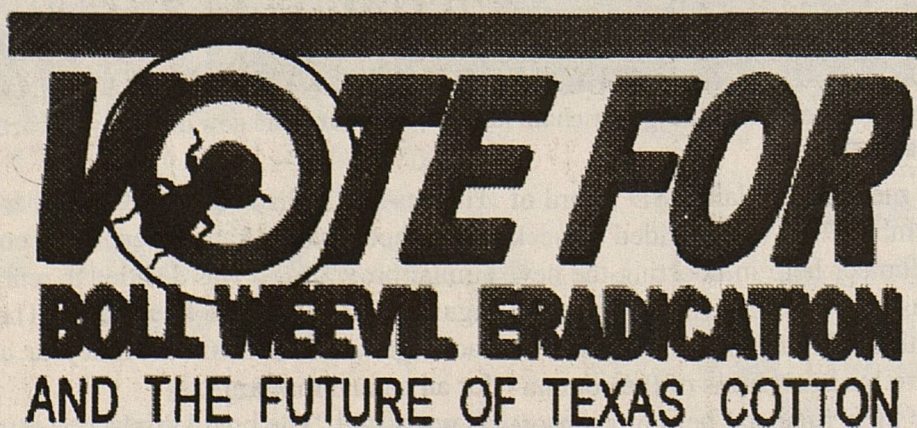
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PISD Basketball action

The 1998 basketball season officially got underway last week with a number of Junior High and High school. The following is a summary of the action available at press time.

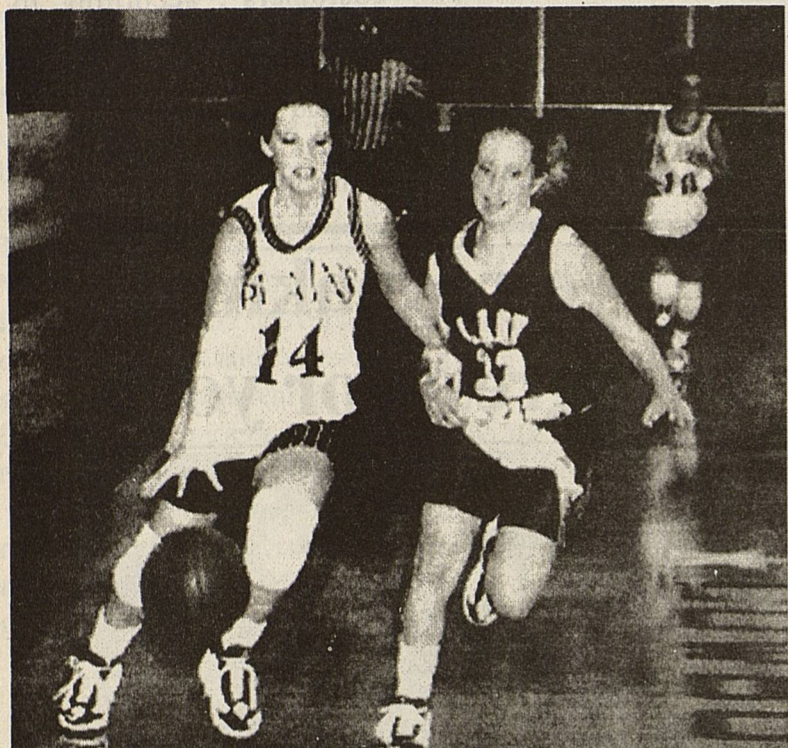
JUNIOR HIGH

7th Lady Wranglers: The younger Junior High girls competed in a tournament at last week, and while they were downed in both games, they started the season with lots of hustle and determination. They lost to Morton 21-15. Down 15 points at one time, they pressed on defense to narrow the gap to just 6 points. Carmen Ponce had 9 points, Helen Neufeld 2, and Manuel Villegas 4. The girls also fell to Whiteface 25-11. Sarah Martinez did a good job setting up the offense with her control and ball handling. Carmen had 9 points, Ashley Vantine and Sarah had 2 each, and Kimberly Trent 1.

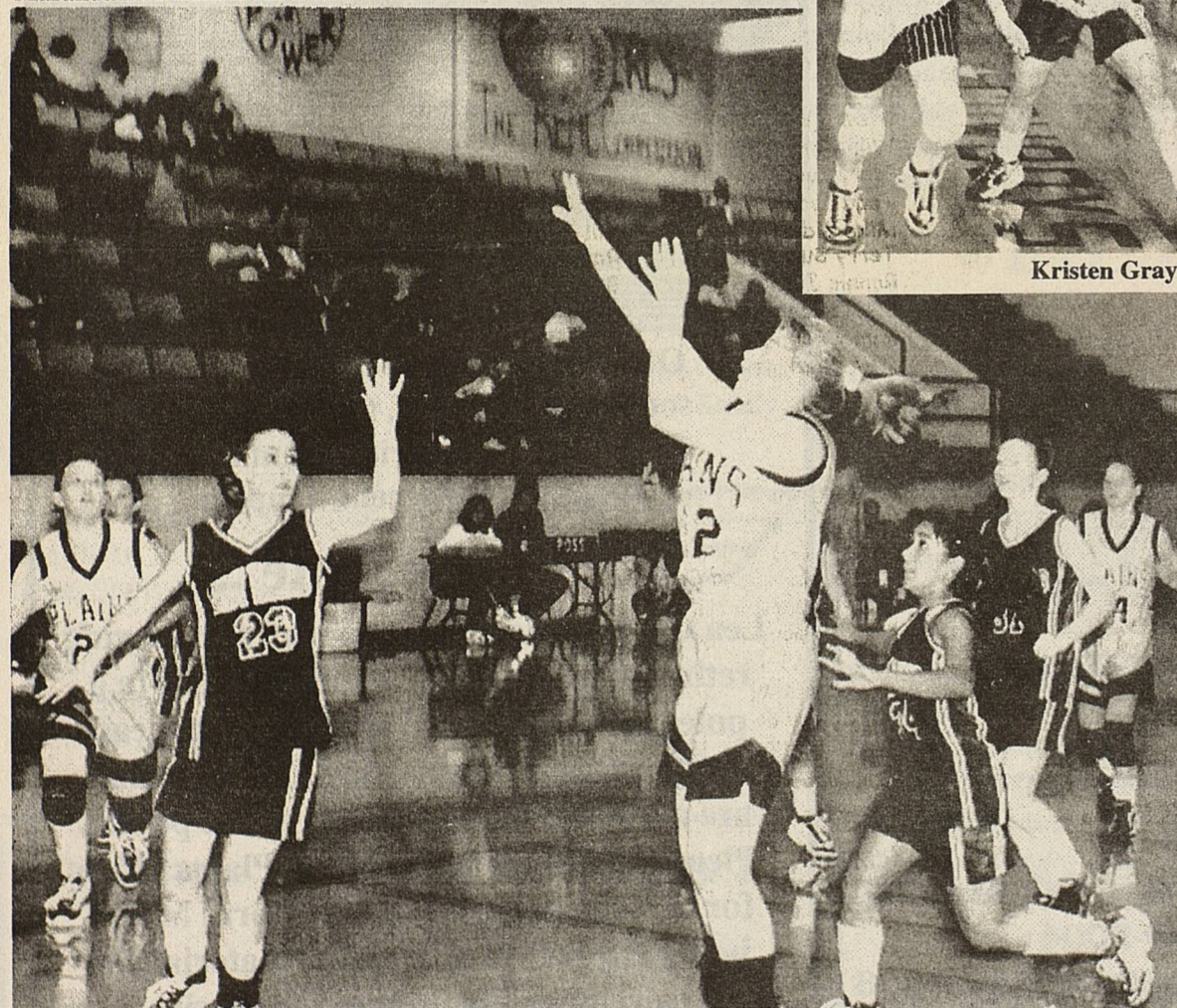
7th Wranglers:

In the Whiteface tourney, the boys got off to a fast start, downing Sudan 36-17. Trent May racked up 13 points, followed by Richard Dia 12, Mike Lopez 4, Armando Ramirez 3, and Tony Gomez and Ryan Martinez, 2 each. They did not fare as well against Shallowater, falling 62-22. Trent managed 8 points, Richard 7, Ryan 4, Armando 2 and Larry Escobar 1. The boys were also downed by Smyer 34-26 in the finale. Richard and Trent managed 9 points each, Rayn had 4, Mike and Armando 2 each.

JV COWGIRLS



Maranda Box hustles the ball down court

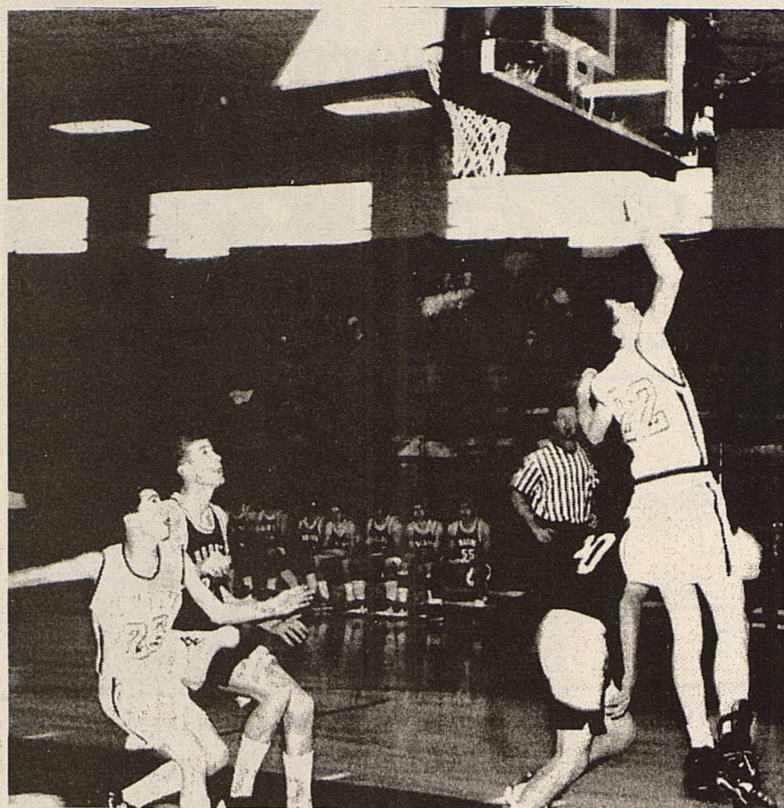


Kim Willis arches shot over Lazbuddie opponent

The younger Cowgirls opened against Lazbuddie last week, and went down 32-22. Top scorers were Annalies O'Quinn with 8, Tanya Vasquez 5, and Michaela Traweck 4. On defense, Lexi Warren had 4 steals,

Annalies grabbed 4 rebounds, and Tanya had 2 assists. The girls showed lots of improvement in their second outing against Wilson, posting a 37-17 win. Kim Willis had 10 points, Michaela 8, Lexi 6. Kim also had 5 rebounds, Tanya had 9 steals, Lexi 5.

JV COWBOYS



Dustin Six goes high for layup, Kelsey Blundell follows

The JV boys had very few problems with Lazbuddie, posting a 56-29 first win. Dustin Six was top gun with 16 points, and Moises Gonzales tallied 11. Coach cited the strong defensive play of Vincent Derlgado and Joseph Rodriguez in the win.

COWGIRLS

The Cowgirls opened with a good win over Lazbuddie, 55-43. Candace Bowers took the scoring honors with 16, followed by Jessica Flores 10, Kim Newland 7, Maranda Box 4, Anne Palmer 3, Krystle Blundell 2, and Kimbe Jones 1. Candace and Kim shared rebound honors with 7 grabs, and Kim had 5 steals



Kristen Gray fires pass downcourt

On Friday the Cowgirls dominated Wilson 54-25. Candace and Kim shared scoring honors with 19 each, Kristen Gray, Maranda, and Anne had 4 each, Krystle, Shay Allsuop, Jessica and Kimbe had 2 each. Kim brought down 12 rebounds and also had 9 steals.

COWBOYS

The Cowboys had little trouble with Lazbuddie, winning 65-46. Tanner Blount scored 23, followed by Adam Garcia 11, Eddie Gallegos 9, Patrick McGinty 6, Jared Bell 3, Alex Tarango, Kyle Sisson, Fermin Luna and Justin Bennett 2 each. Tanner had 8 rebounds, Eddie 6. The Cowboys next took on Brownfield, and trailed at halftime 27-26. They stormed back the second half and dominated the scoring for a final 61-44 win. Tanner was first with points and rebounds, 20 and 11. Adam made 12 points, Fermin 8, Eddie 5, Josh and Jared Bell 4 each, Kyle and Patrick 3, and Justin 2.

Student of the Week



Vincent Delgado steals ball, brings it in for layup



PHS student of the week is Nicole Haynes, a sophomore and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Haynes. She was nominated by Mrs. Lusk, who said, "This week's student of the week is a student that brings joy into my classroom. This student has a smile on her face and a song in her heart each and every day. She also tries to give 110% in everything she does."

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From page 1, "Tragedy

the paper could report the near disaster. "Dr. Boyd said the young boy would not be alive had not Coach McAdams acted in such a swift and professional manner." Dr. Boyd said the fact the youngster did not have any water in his lungs indicated the speed in which McAdams reacted to the accident.

In an interview Friday afternoon, McAdams said he had been working around swimming pools since he was 16 years old. An American Red Cross certified life guard, and also certified in CPR, McAdams said "I have over a 25 year period pulled and helped pull probably a thousand swimmers from the water, but this is the first one who was not breathing a bit, and it was pretty scary."

McAdams said it is a common rule of thumb around pools and swimming areas to have one person watching the activity for every thirty or so swimmers. "There were two of us, and both of us are experienced, and dedicated to taking care of these kids. Yet in just seconds, we almost lost one. It's pretty traumatic."

Superintendent Haynes told CCN, I am extremely proud of Coach McAdams efforts in this accident, and I'm equally proud of Coach Davis getting the other second graders under control. Those kids are to be commended too for their discipline."

Over the years, the swimming program at PISD has taught

swimming and water safety to thousands of youngsters, and there is no way of calculating the number of lives possibly saved by teaching them how to swim.

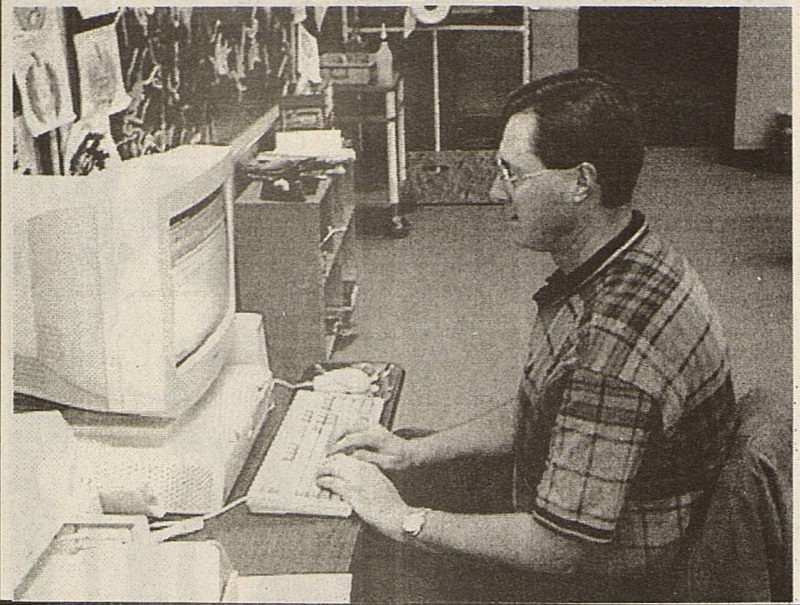
A former PISD Board of Trustees member told CCN, "I was around when we approved the pool and swimming program, and I have never for a moment regretted the decision. I wish it had been available when I was in grade school. I still can't swim a stroke, and I'm so afraid of water I can barely force myself on a boat."

Asked how 'Joe's parents reacted after the emergency was over, McAdams said, "They were very thankful, of course, he will be OK. They also told us they were very grateful for what we did. The said 'Joe' was a shy kid, easy to panic, and that's probably what happened to him, a moment of panic. I think they will want him to continue in the program and learn to swim, especially after this."

CCN would like to add we hope parents will realize their youngsters in the swim program have outstanding supervision, expert instruction, and the immense benefits of youngsters knowing how to swim far outweigh any negative thoughts about the program.

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Vernon Hise receives 'Beyond The Call' award



Each year, Lubbock Christian University honors one of its Alumni with their presentation of the "Beyond The Call" award, given to a teacher who has been a classroom teacher for at least ten years, and has shown excellence in their professional duties. On November 18, Vernon Hise, Plains Middle School Science instructor, was honored with the award during chapel assembly at LCU. A reception for Hise and faculty members in the University Baker Room followed the assembly. Hise was also interviewed by Lubbock's KMAC television crew. Hise, a 5th and 6th grade science teacher, also coaches the UIL dictionary team, drives a route bus and band bus, is active in coaching Little League Baseball, and is a Deacon in the Plains Church of Christ.

Lea County Electric passes through savings on electric rates

Southwestern Public Service Company has announced its plan to cut electric rate to its customers. As a full requirements customer of SPS, Lea County Electric Cooperative should benefit from these savings. Any savings to Lea County Electric will be passed through to our customers. The savings will be factored into the Fuel Cost Adjustment that is applied to each customer's bill.

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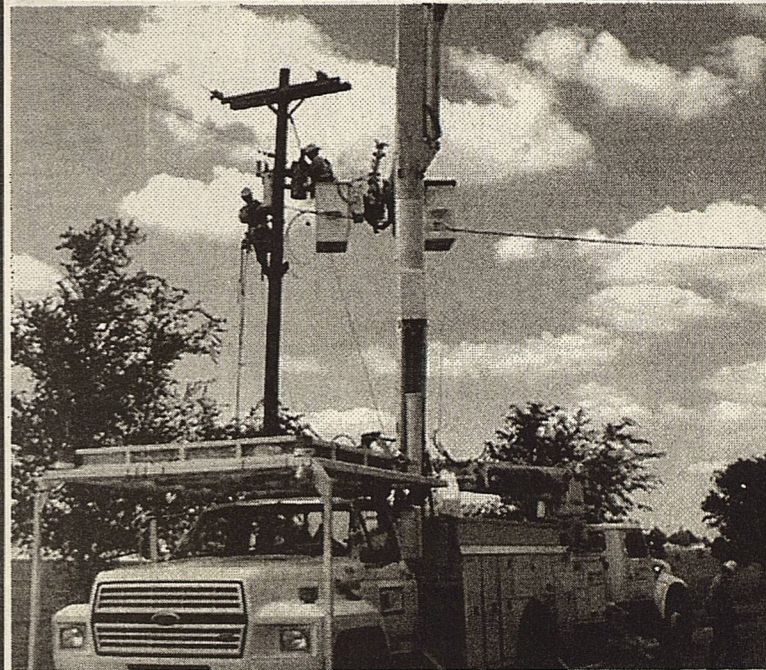
If the New Mexico Public Utility Commission approves

the change, the decrease will go into effect in December and be reflected on billings by January.

Lea County Electric expects a decrease of 1.8 to 2.1 mills. Residential customers that use an average of 700 kwh each month will see a savings of about \$1.50 per month.

"Lea County Electric Cooperative strives to provide the lowest rates possible to our customers", according to LCEC General Manager, Mike Dreyspring. "We are happy to be able to pass the expected savings from SPS on to our members."

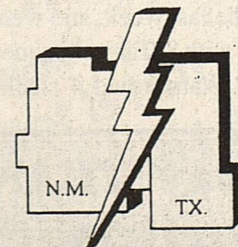
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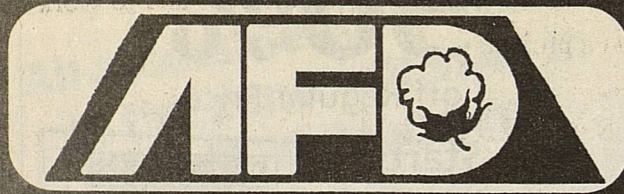
Lea County Electric Cooperative is storing retired and unusable wood products (e.g. poles and crossarms) in an area just east of the City of Plains yard. These items are available free of charge to the public. Please see Mary Ward at the Plains office for further details. A release form MUST be signed before any of this material can be removed from the storage site.



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Categories (in millions):

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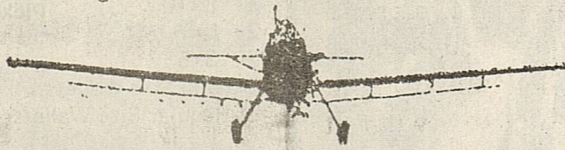
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Boll Weevil Eradication

Cotton producers in Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, and Terry counties, and the southern half of Lynn County are being asked to decide by December 9, 1998 on whether or not to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the five-county Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone. Cotton producers are urged to obtain the facts necessary to cast an informed vote.

Get the facts, make your decision to vote yes or no, and vote. Your vote is important.

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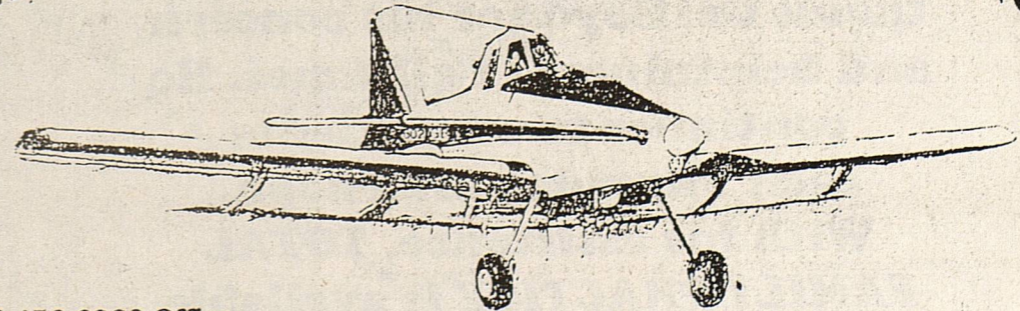


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'Crafts, Etc.' to open Holiday Season

The Lubbock Fine Arts Center announces the opening of the exhibition Crafts, Etc. The exhibition will open Monday, November 30 at the center's gallery at 2600 Avenue P. Crafts, Etc. will feature ceramics, weaving and watercolors from Texas artists Adelaide Paul, Lubbock and Ann Matlock, Johnson City. Adelaide Paul, a native of New Jersey, holds an M.F.A. in ceramics from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge and currently teaches ceramics at Texas Tech University. Ann Matlock holds an M.F.A. in Art Education from the University of Texas at Austin and currently spends part of each year teaching watercolor and art education at Ohio University, Athens, Oh. The sculptural vessels of ceramicist Adelaide Paul combine animal forms with hard-edged geometric forms. Ten of

Adelaide's current pieces will be on display for Craft, Etc. "Most of the images and colors in my weavings are abstracted from the landscape," states Ann Matlock. The subject matter from Matlock's tapestries comes primarily from the plants and landscapes of Texas and Southern California. Yarns are hand spun and hand dyed to mimic the subtle colors of the plant forms. Each tapestry design begins on location with studies in watercolor, drawing or photography.

A reception honoring the artists is scheduled for Monday, December 7 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center.

Crafts, Etc. will remain at the Fine Arts Center through December 24, 1998. Call the Fine Arts Center at 767-2686 for more information.

Senior Citizens Corner

The Thanksgiving Lunch this week was well attended. The cooks dished up 130 delicious trays of Turkey and all the trimmings. I did not get names of the visitors, but to each we say "Thanks for coming, and hurry back!"

The '42' tournament is Wednesday. An invitation to all '42' players to come and enter the competition.

New people at the Center are Ella and Manuel Hernandez.

Louise Green had surgery at Denton, Texas and is recovering there at her daughters home. She is missed here at the center.

Mildred Rawls has moved to San Angelo.

We have an on going garage

here at the center. Everyone is urged to come browse any day you wish.

The center will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. We wish everyone a good day with the kids and no cooking.

Have a big "Thank You" day and remember all the good things in our every day lives.

See you next week, Smitty



presents
A Star Is Born
Dec 13, 2:00 pm.

Local ladies on mission to Africa



Wadonna Davis and Jo Ann Barron and display of African arts and crafts from trip to Malawi.

The local library last week hosted a program for the public featuring a slide presentation and talk by locals Wadonna Davis and Jo Ann Barron, covering their trip to the African Nation of Malawi this summer.

Sponsored by International Crusades, the two were accompanied by some thirty other Americans. Their evangelist mission was to share the gospel with villagers in the vicinity of the Malawi city of Lilongwa.

Ms. Barron said they spent the days visiting with the people, and church services were held each night. Some 60 evangelists from African nations helped conduct the services.

Ms. Barron said Baptist Churches in the Odessa, Denver City and Plains area raised over \$3400 for Bibles, which were distributed in the villages visited. Also making the mission trip were formers residents Calvin and Juanez Beach

FILMTIME

November 18, 1998, there will be no Filmtime next week due to the holidays.

November 18, 1998, there were six children in attendance at Filmtime. They were; Autumn Friesen, Clayton Gass, Karla Powell, Ashley Sellers, Dakota Earnest, and Kristie Lopez. The children sang four songs, played a game, watched two movies and heard two stories.

Dakota Earnest celebrated her 5th birthday with a party of donuts and punch supplied by her mom. We talked about Thanksgiving and what it means to give thanks. Also reminded the children that there



HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



Are You Kidding??

What to do with the teasing Child

Webster's Dictionary defines "teasing" as: "to annoy a person by making him or it the victim of irritating remarks or actions repeated time and time again."

Who do children tease?

Teasing among children is an inevitable part of childhood. School age children take everything literally. They believe if someone calls them a name, like "dummy", that means they are dumb. They have not developed enough self confidence and self identity to be secure in who they are. It is so common place that, most of the time, no one really pays any attention to it. However, teasing contributes to or causes a multitude of problems. Some children can laugh off mild teasing or can give a quick verbal return. Others are more sensitive and become hurt and are unable to shrug it off. Often children become the brunt of teasing from other children.

How can parents control teasing?

*Discuss differences as normal. Emphasize the value and individual traits of each and every person. This helps to build self esteem and a better self concept.

*Recognize that teasing is a form of attention getting behavior. Look for ways to provide positive attention without reinforcing the teasing behavior.

*Discuss the negative aspects of teasing with your child. Talk about how it feels to be teased, why people do it, when it is fun and when it is harmful. Role play different situations and possible solutions with your child.

*Make your child aware of your rules regarding teasing and name calling. Communicate your feelings about teasing. Remember, it is important that you set good examples by your behavior and actions.

*Isolate teaser and teased. Give them an activity to do together. This will allow them time to talk it over and to work cooperatively on a project.

Garden Club Meets

The Plains garden club met Wednesday November 18. For the program each member brought Christmas crafts and told how they were made. There were several beautiful and interesting crafts presented. Refreshments were served by Dean Richardson. Ita Young is taking donations for Operation Christmas Card again this year. Members attending were Kay Canon, Debbie Morphis, Jackie Willis, Ita Young, Dean Richardson, Ruby Sellers, Velma Dearing, and guests were Wyatt, Lee and Katie Dearing.

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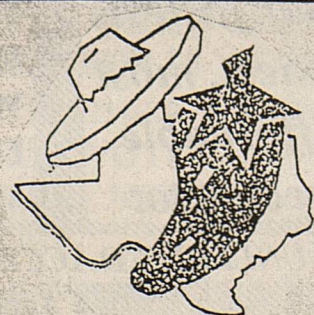
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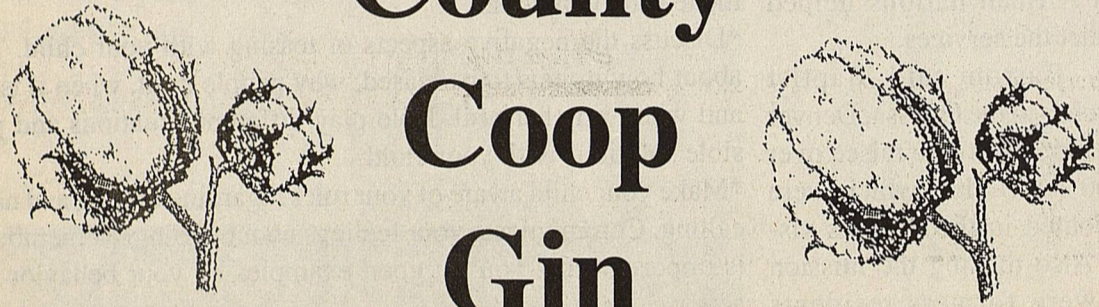
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We Get Letters

Dear Editor,
What has the cotton boll weevil to do with the economic futures of communities across the entire West Texas region? Everything !!
"It is time for everyone to follow the lead of concerned cotton producers. Legislators and lenders, local citizens and businesses must come together with cotton producers to solve the boll weevil problem. Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. stands unequivocally in support of eradicating the boll weevil from the cotton fields of Texas and encourages all cotton producers and landlords to vote for boll weevil eradication."
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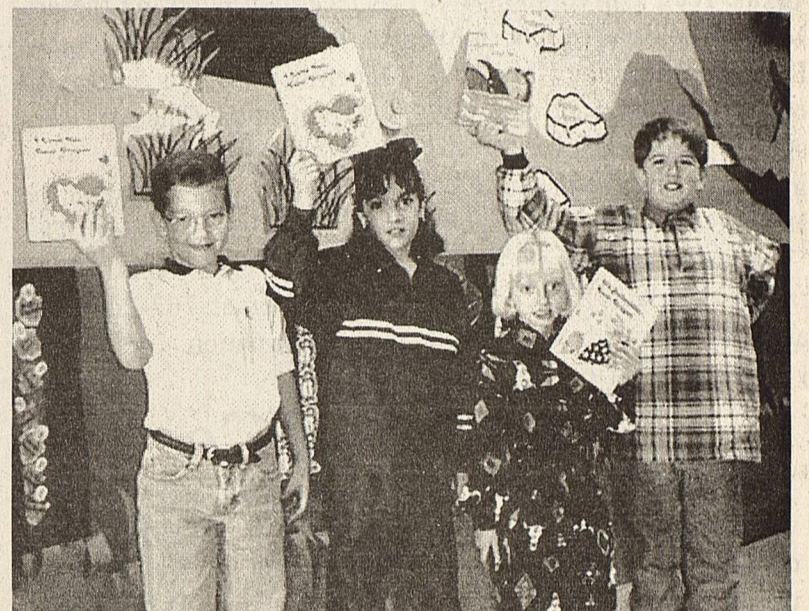
**Elementary launches
new reading program**

Plains Elementary - New anticipation and excitement fill the halls of Plains Elementary School these days. Faculty and students are excited because a new reading motivation program is being implemented to improve reading throughout our classes. Reading is essential to succeed in every area of school-work life. We wish to provide opportunities for K-4 students to learn the joy of reading. Reading Renaissance (Accelerated Reading) is computer based. It will involve reading a book and then taking a test on the computer. The students will earn points for each book that they read. They will be able to buy various things with their points. Students will earn awards.



16 of the "Reading Renaissance" program in the 'reading loft' in Mrs. Joyce Pierce's classroom

We will be doing many exciting things together throughout the year with this program. We need parents and the community to be involved with this program. Watch the Cowboy Country News for more articles that showcase the progress of the boys and girls as they begin their **ADVENTURE THROUGH READING!**



Alex Penner, Rubi Castillo, Heather Penner and Trent Hawthorne display reading material, standing before large poster display promoting reading program

I would like to express my gratitude to all of the wonderful people in Plains for your acts of kindness during my recent hospital stay in Lubbock and rehabilitation at Brownfield. The flowers and cards are beautiful and your visits encouraging. I am most appreciative for all of your prayers for my recovery. I am home now and doing well.

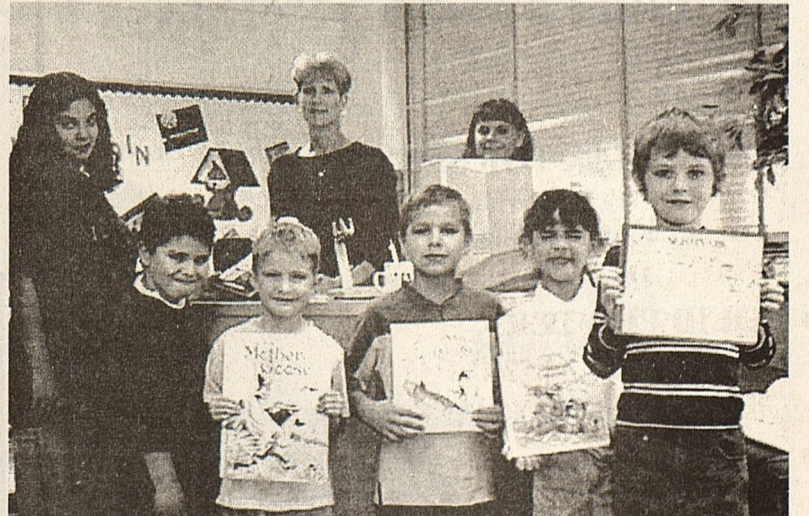
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Skyler Sainz, Jaxon Bean, Jonathan Penner, Lydia Whitel show some of the books available in Elementary Library. Back ground, Partent Volunteer Jill Durham in center, flanked by Norma Delgado and Krystal Sellers, High School volunteers.



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From Page 1, "Court Cases"

license will be suspended 180 days, he will serve 24 hours community service, and complete the Texas Drug Offender Education program at his expense.

Ritchie Alvarez, 23, pled guilty to the purchase/furnishing alcohol to a minor. He was fined \$250 and must pay \$184 court costs. Another purchase/furnish cause was adjudicated.

Joel Madrid Valenzuela, 18, pled guilty to possession of alcohol by a minor. A 30 day jail

sentence was suspended and probated 6 months. A \$250 fine and \$184 court costs will be paid with time payments. His license will be suspended 180 days and he must complete the DWI first offender program.

Miguel Escalante, 23, pled guilty to a first DWI. A 90 jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He served 17 days in jail, must pay a \$500 fine and \$184 court costs with time payments. In another cause, he pled true to the states motion to revoke community supervision from an assault cause, and must pay a delin-

quent \$43 fine and supervision fee of \$120. He was represented by Attorney Wm. Everett Seymore.

Ernesto Campos Chavez, 19, pled guilty to unlawfully carrying a weapon. He spent four days in jail, and must pay \$184 court costs.

Darvin Homer Leverett Jr., 20, pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$184 court costs by January 15, 1999. He must obtain anger management counseling.

Exuberance abounds in "A STAR IS BORN"



It's hard to determine in this photo who is the most "With It", the almost 40 young choir members of First Baptist Church, Director Patrick Hamilton, center, or assistant Jennifer Lollar, right. They were caught last week rehearsing the holiday special, "A Star Is Born", to be performed after Church services and 'Dinner On The Ground' Sunday, December 13. Curtain time is 2 P.M.

Director Hamilton said aspiring performers in grades one through six may still join the choir for the performance.

URGENT! URGENT! URGENT!

The Texas Department of Agriculture today said new boll weevil referendum ballots are being mailed to cotton growers in the five county Western High Plains Eradication Zone. Cotton producers are urged to utilize cream-colored ballots in a Dec. 9 referendum that will determine whether or not to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Western High Plains Zone and set a maximum assessment.

Due to an error by an Austin printing company, ballots with incorrect farm numbers and acreage were mailed to some area producers. The incorrect ballots were sent with a green return envelope. The mistake was the sole responsibility of the printing company and not caused by the TDA or the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

Producers should discard the white ballot and green envelope initially sent them. Producers who have already returned a white ballot to TDA are urged to recast their vote on the cream colored ballot! No white ballot will be considered valid in this referendum, and will NOT be counted!

Voters in the Western High Plains Zone should receive a cream colored ballot by mail after November 23. A postage paid return envelope, with

a letter of explanation and apology from the printing company will be included.

Producers who planted cotton this year, but do not receive a ballot should IMMEDIATELY contact TDA at 512-463-7593 or 1-800-835-5832.

To establish a weevil eradication in the Zone and set an assessment, the proposition must be approved by a two-thirds vote in the Dec. 9 referendum, or those voting in favor must farm more than 50% of the zone's acreage.

Voters will also elect a board member from the Western High Plains Zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation. TDA received one nomination for this position before the Nov. 9 deadline.

The name of Don Parrish of Yoakum County will appear on the ballot as a board nominee. He currently serves as the Commissioner-appointed director for the Zone. Ballots must be postmarked no later than Dec. 9.

PLEASE!

**Make Sure your ballot is
in the mail by Dec. 9!**

JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding: Cases filed-24 traffic cases, 1 civil case, 2 felonies. Bonds set-Driving while license suspended-\$500 bond. Two

cases-Motion to revoke probation-held until hearing. Assault causing bodily injury-\$1500 bond. Three cases-Unlawfully carrying a weapon-\$2500 bond. Unlawfully carrying a weapon-held for Border Patrol. Forgery Government record-\$3500 bond. Criminal mischief-\$1500 bond. Fail to identify-\$500 bond. Fugitive from justice-held until transported.

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WHAT PART OF "NO" DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND?

- IN 1997, THE BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION REFERENDUM IN OUR ZONE WAS OVERWHELMINGLY DEFEATED. THE LUBBOCK AVALANCHE JOURNAL ON NOVEMBER 19TH STATED, "GROWERS ON THE SOUTH PLAINS VOTED AGAINST A \$31 MILLION ... PROGRAM LAST AUGUST." WHY ARE WE BEING ASKED TO VOTE AGAIN ON A SIMILAR PROGRAM THAT IS ESTIMATED TO COST AS MUCH AS \$74 MILLION?
- YOU WERE WARNED BY ENTOMOLOGISTS AND OTHER "EXPERTS" THAT SERIOUS WEEVIL PROBLEMS WERE LIKELY TO DEVELOP DURING 1998. THIS DID NOT HAPPEN. THEY ARE USING THE SAME SCARE TACTICS TO ENTICE YOU TO VOTE FOR THEIR PROGRAM. DOES THE BOLL WEEVIL REALLY POSE ENOUGH OF A THREAT TO YOU TO JUSTIFY THIS TYPE OF EXPENSE?
- THE PREVIOUS ZONE WAS SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER. WHY DID THE FOUNDATION CUT OUT THE AREAS WHERE OPPOSITION WAS STRONGEST?
- FARMERS IN THE VALLEY WERE TOLD THEIR BOLL WEEVILS WOULD BE ERADICATED IN 3 YEARS. WE ARE NOW TOLD 4 YEARS. PROPONENTS TOUT STATES IN WHICH ERADICATION HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL. HOWEVER, HEAVY DAMAGES CAUSED BY SECONDARY PESTS IN ERADICATION ZONES WERE DOCUMENTED IN GEORGIA AND ALABAMA. AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, 365,000 ACRES WERE DESTROYED IN LESS THAN A MONTH BY SERIOUS OUTBREAKS OF SECONDARY PESTS. HAVE YOU BEEN TOLD THE REAL FACTS ON RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE COST OF SECONDARY OUTBREAKS?
- WOODY ANDERSON IS CHAIRMAN OF THE FOUNDATION. IS IT TRUE THAT HE IS PAID \$100,000.00 PER YEAR? WILL OUR ASSESSMENTS GO TO HELP PAY HIS SALARY?
- ACCORDING TO THE AUSTIN CHRONICLE, ED SMALL HAS BEEN PAID \$425,000.00 BY THE FOUNDATION SINCE 1994. HE IS AN ATTORNEY AND LOBBYIST FOR THE CHEMICAL COUNCIL AND THE FOUNDATION. HE REPRESENTED THE FOUNDATION IN THE LAWSUITS FILED BY FARMERS TO HAVE THE PREVIOUS LAW DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL. WILL WE BE HELPING TO PAY HIS OLD ATTORNEY'S FEES AND OTHER OLD FEES FROM PREVIOUS LITIGATION?
- THE FOUNDATION HAS PRODUCED BROCHURES AND IS RUNNING LOTS OF FULL PAGE ADS. WHO IS PAYING FOR THIS AD CAMPAIGN IF NOT THE FARMERS WHO WILL PAY THE ASSESSMENTS?
- THE DROUGHT HAS CAUSED TEXAS TO LOSE 25% OF OUR PRODUCERS. HOW MANY MORE MARGINAL PRODUCERS WILL BE LOST BECAUSE OF ASSESSMENTS THAT DRAG ON FOR 10 YEARS?
- FEWER PRODUCERS MEAN MORE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FOR OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES. WHY WOULD WE VOTE FOR A PROGRAM THAT WILL DECREASE THE NUMBER OF VOICES SUPPORTING RURAL TEXAS?
- TEXAS A & M AND TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HAVE AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS ON THE FACULTY. WHY ISN'T SOMEONE SUGGESTING AN INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, WITH UNIFORM PLANTING DATES AND A DIAPAUSE PROGRAM?
- VOTING INSTRUCTIONS STATE: INITIATION OF AN ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM IS CONTINGENT ON OBTAINING FINANCING AND COST-SHARE FUNDING. THE MAXIMUM ASSESSMENT TO BE VOTED ON ASSUMES THERE WILL BE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL COST-SHARE FUNDS AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, FINANCING MUST BE ARRANGED TO BRIDGE THE GROWERS' CONTRIBUTION PLUS THE COST-SHARE FUNDING TO MEET THE BUDGETED PER ACRE PROGRAM COST. THE AMOUNT OF FINANCING REQUIRED DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON THE AMOUNT OF STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE OBTAINED. WHO ARE WE BORROWING FROM AND AT WHAT INTEREST RATE?
- WHY ARE WE BEING ASKED TO *VOTE NOW* INSTEAD OF WAITING TO BE *CERTAIN* HOW MUCH STATE AND FEDERAL MONEY IS AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH THIS SITUATION, WHICH IS INDUSTRY-WIDE?
- TEXANS HAVE JUST ELECTED A NEW LT. GOVERNOR, RICK PERRY, AND A NEW COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, SUSAN COMBS. THE LEGISLATURE MEETS IN 2 MONTHS. THE REFERENDUM INDICATES A START DATE OF FALL, 1999. WHY DON'T WE WAIT TO SEE WHAT THEY WILL DO FOR PRODUCERS?
- IN THE LUBBOCK AVALANCHE-JOURNAL ON NOVEMBER 19TH, AN ARTICLE RAN UNDER THIS HEADLINE: STATE LAWMAKERS PUSH FOR WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM FUNDS. WHY DID THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A LEGISLATIVE FUNDING PROPOSAL BY DUNCAN AND JUNELL COME ON THE SAME DAY THAT BALLOTS WERE MAILED?
- AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS CONTRIBUTE SEVERAL BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO OUR STATE'S ECONOMY EACH YEAR. WHY CAN'T OUR LEGISLATORS HELP US IN SOME MANNER THAT IS LESS EXPENSIVE FOR PRODUCERS?
- DUNCAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "WE WANT GROWERS TO KNOW IF THEY'LL DO THEIR PART, WE'LL WORK TO DO OURS. REP. JUNELL AND I ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING FOR PASSAGE AND FUNDING OF THIS LEGISLATION." WHEN HAVE WE NOT DONE OUR PART AND WHY ARE THEY TRYING TO "BRIBE" US INTO VOTING FOR THIS ZONE PROPOSAL BY OFFERING TO HELP ONLY IF WE VOTE THEIR WAY?
- IF IT LOOKS LIKE, ACTS LIKE, FEELS LIKE AND SMELLS LIKE A SKUNK, IT IS PROBABLY A SKUNK. DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THE FOUNDATION WILL ERADICATE BOLL WEEVILS IN 4 YEARS?
- WHAT IS OUR RECOURSE IF WE WIND UP LIKE THE VALLEY WITH BEET ARMYWORMS AND NO BENEFICIALS LEFT AFTER THE SPRAYING?
- THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ASSESSMENTS CAN BE UP TO \$25.00 PER ACRE. COULD WE LOSE OUR LAND IF WE HAVE ANOTHER SERIOUS DROUGHT NEXT YEAR AND NO ONE HAS MONEY TO PAY THE ASSESSMENTS?

IF YOU ARE SATISFIED THAT YOU KNOW THE ANSWER TO THESE QUESTIONS, VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE.

PAID FOR BY LINDA LOWREY, P. O. BOX 669, PLAINS, TX 79355, RURAL ADVOCATE AND PRODUCER'S WIFE.

From The Hack

I've really enjoyed the start of the PHS basketball season. Both the Cowgirls and 'boys are not exactly NBA height this year, but they're pretty quick, fast, and skilled enough to do well this season.

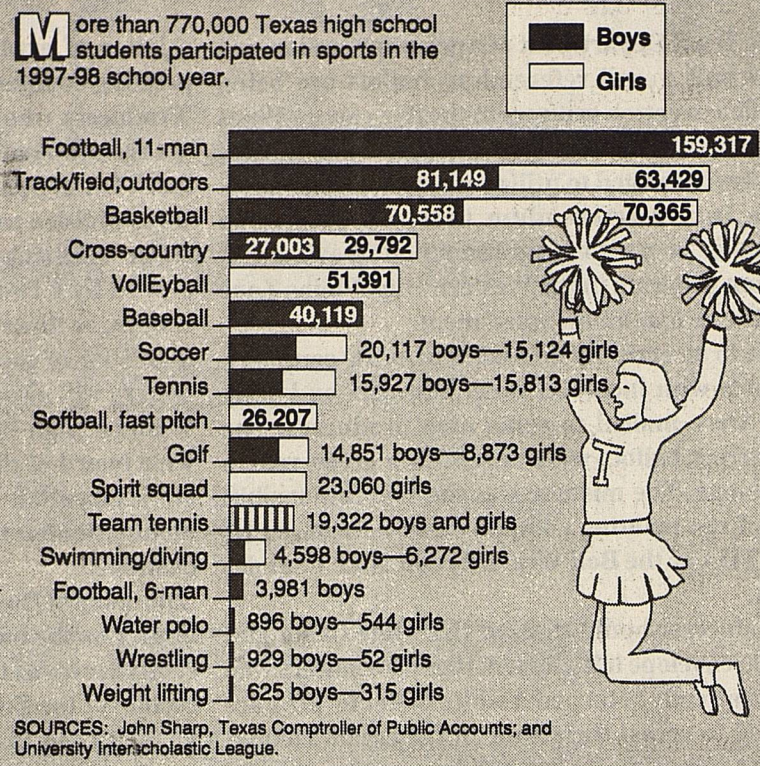
Watching a couple of scrimmage and warmup games prior to the serious district stuff has brought back a few memories of my not so glorious high school basket ball career. Back during the Dark Ages when I played, there was no Junior High basketball program, so when I came out as a Freshman, the extent of my knowledge consisted of the fact I knew the ball was round, brown and pretty hard to handle, but all you really had to know was, "Bounce It Down The Court, Throw It Through The Hoop," and pretty young girls would cheer your name. Man, what a fun deal.

I still find it difficult to understand, but somehow when the season finally began, I was a starter on the JV team as a Forward. Upon reflection, I now know why our coach didn't start me as a guard; (1) I was not fast enough, and (2) I dribbled the ball like I was throwing rocks at gophers, and (3) I could'nt pass the ball thru a Kleenex wall. I was a perfect Forward, he said. Just look dumb, stumble around back there, and if one of the guards throws it to you, don't shoot the thing, try to get it to someone else who CAN. I still recall how confident I was when I trotted

Keeping an eye on Texas

High school sports draw 770,000 kids

More than 770,000 Texas high school students participated in sports in the 1997-98 school year.



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; and University Interscholastic League.

on the floor that first game..... about like the Christians in the Coliseum against the Lions, Tigers, Bears and Nero.

We played about half a quarter, and really weren't doing too badly, just down 49-12. I recall having one of our dimmer witted guards shoot the ball to me, which I fumbled about for a moment, looked it over carefully to make sure it was OURS, then, not knowing what else to do, slung the thing to the nearest friendly colored uniform.

Naturally, things can always go wrong, even with the very best of plans. An opposing player stepped in front of my pass, fielded the ball quite easily, raced down court for an easy dunk, which brought an instant response from our kind, compassionate and understanding coach; "DYER, GET YOUR BOTTOM OFF THAT FLOOR AND ON THIS BENCH!"

I sat, red faced, furious, humiliated, through most of the game. Finally, only trailing now 123-21, the coach knew he had to start playing smart basketball.

He screamed my name, foaming at the mouth, and said "Get in there, Weaselhead, you can't do much worse than the clown there now! Now, this time, if you gotta pass the ball to someone, throw it hard, put some STEAM on it, make it SIZZLE, OK?"

I nodded, so pumped up with adrenaline I fell over a chair going onto the floor. Our fans did not respond in a positive manner to my re-entry in the game in this fashion.

I raced about frantically in what I thought just might be my assigned area, also hoping to avoid colliding with one of those ape sized opponents, but darn my luck, one of our guards, in desperation, shot the dumb ball to me the second time that night. I again quickly looked it over to determine if it was OURS, and then, recalling my beloved coach's friendly advice about VELOCITY on the ball, I flung that sucker hard as I could toward one of our good guys.

I still maintain to this day I was victimized. It was absolutely not my fault the idiot referee stepped in front of my pass, and the ball smacked him staright in the chops, with the whistle clamped in his teeth.

It was not a pretty sight, a gang of people gathered about the fallen ref, digging in his throat for the whistle, and also carefully setting aside the broken off teeth scattered about, trying to hold him still while he kept mumbling "mmffghhaahugh" I really felt bad about it, especially after I heard what the ref was whispering about me through his bloody lips.

I slunk off the floor, hurried to the dressing room, slung my clothes on over my uniform, jock strap and all, and sailed out the gym. Ain't played basketball since. Sure ain't starting now.

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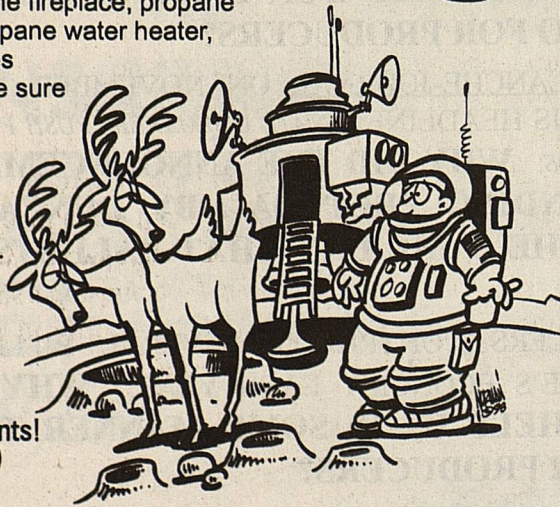
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The topic of the essay should relate to an evaluation of the water situation in our area and contain proposals for future conservation of that water.

The essays, due no later than April 5, 1999, should have a minimum of 1,000 words, and be typed and double spaced with parenthetical footnotes. References must accompany the paper in the form of a bibliography page. Reference material may be acquired from the Sandy Land UWCD office in Plains. In submitting the papers, students must supply cover sheets containing their names, essay title, local high school and date.

For further information, please contact the district office at 456-2155.