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New County FCS Extension Agent named

In its August 5 session, Yoakum County Commissioners Court approved the hiring of Debra J. Pollard as the new Family and Consumer Science Program leader. She will assume those duties on September 15, and replaces Jo Beth Cromer, who recently resigned to enter the teaching field.

Pollard brings a wealth of experience to the County Extension Service, including 20 years extension service, and two years teaching experience as a high school home economics instructor.

Prior to accepting the extension agent position here, she served as county extension agent FCS in Parmer County from 1991 to August of this year. She also served as county extension agent in Borden and Winkler County. Her two years teaching experience was at Sierra Blanca.

Pollard received her BS Degree from New Mexico State University in 1978, with a home economics major and English literature minor. She earned her Masters Degree in home economics education at Texas Tech in 1995.

Pollard is state certified in family and community leadership and as a master parent volunteer.

Among an impressive list of honors awarded to Pollard, she holds a state and national distinguished service award, a number of awards from the Texas Association of Home Economics, and National Extension Association awards.

She has been named to many district and state extension association of FCS boards and committees and is an alternate director of Epsilon Sigma Phi, an honorary extension service fraternity.

Court OK's equipment for county hospital

In Monday's court session, the Commissioners Court approved bids for new medical equipment for the county hospital.

Hologic, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$34,000 for an X-Ray Bone Densitometer for use in the hospital's X-Ray Department.

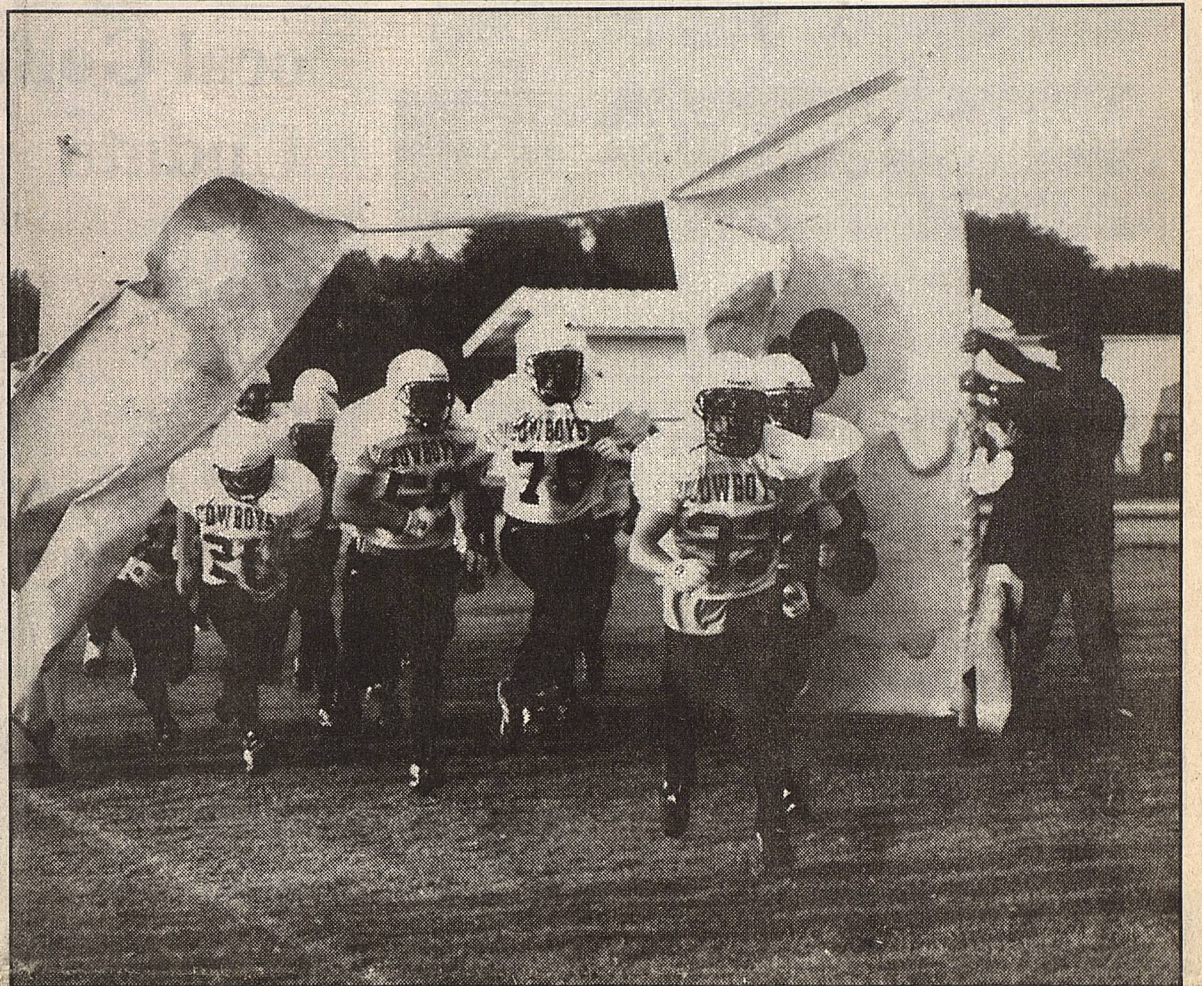
The court also approved a bid of \$89,014 for a new Endoscopic Camera from Karl Storz Endoscopy America, Inc.

The Tax Assessor/Collector reported tax collections of \$19,024 during the month of August. The court approved advertising for bids on a new 1/2 half ton pickup, with trade-in, for Precinct 2.

Pct. 4 Commissioner Jack Cobb moved to declare an

Turn To Page 5,
'Court'

Cowboys fall to Abernathy 29-13 in season opener



Fired-up Cowboys take the field in 2000's season opener

It is not a great distance from Plains to Abernathy, but it's much longer coming home for players, coaches and fans when your team goes down in defeat to start the long, grueling football season.

Following the coaching staff review of the game film Saturday morning, head coach Larry McMinn offered a succinct assessment of the Abernathy Antelopes; "They're big and tough, they have a good football team." Enough said.

The Cowboys got off to a sluggish start and could not overcome the 'Lopes defense. In the first period, Abernathy went to the air, and their quarterback Pierce drew first blood with a scoring pass covering 37 yards and a 7-0 lead. In the same period, the Cowboys suffered a safety when Stan Caballero was sacked in the end zone to put the Antelopes up

9-0. In the second quarter Abernathy increased their lead to 22-0 on two more scoring strikes by Pierce. The Cowboy offense came alive and advanced the ball to the one yard line, where Jared Bell crunched it into the end zone. The conversion attempt failed and the score stood at 22-6.

In the third period Abernathy's strong running back Wilson dashed 64 yards for a touchdown, and the PAT put them up 29-6.

Very late in the final period, the Cowboys successfully executed a bit of razzle dazzle. Stan Caballero took the snap, fired a short pass to Adam Garcia, who quickly lateraled the ball to trailing Jared Bell, and with a couple of down fields blocks, Bell raced 52 yards for the Cowboy TD. Caballero's kick made the fi-

nal score 29-13. There were some excellent individual efforts by the Cowboys. Adam Garcia racked up 82 yards on punt returns, and Joseph Rodriguez averaged 46 yards on three kickoffs. Brett Squyres was credited with 12 tackles, Louis Escobar had 10, and Chris Gscheidle 8. Aaron Cain punted the ball 5 times for a 31 yard average.

Stan Caballero completed 5 passes for 74 yards, with Tanner Hamm receiving two, Adam Garcia, Jared Bell and Kelsey Blundell one each. Brett Squyres gained 68 yards on the ground in 4 rushes, including one for 55 yards, and Bell was the workhorse rusher with 18 carries and 54 yards gained.

The Cowboys face long time tough foe Sudan here Friday at 8 P.M.

2000 Cotton Crop - there may be good news... but then there's bad news



A field of irrigated cotton on 30 " rows, roughly 36 inches tall, fully loaded with opening bolls

Recently CCN conducted an informal, and highly un-scientific poll of several area cotton gin staffers, as well as a number of local cotton producers. Following the poll, we are convinced of only one scenario for this year's crop - There is good news, and there is bad news.

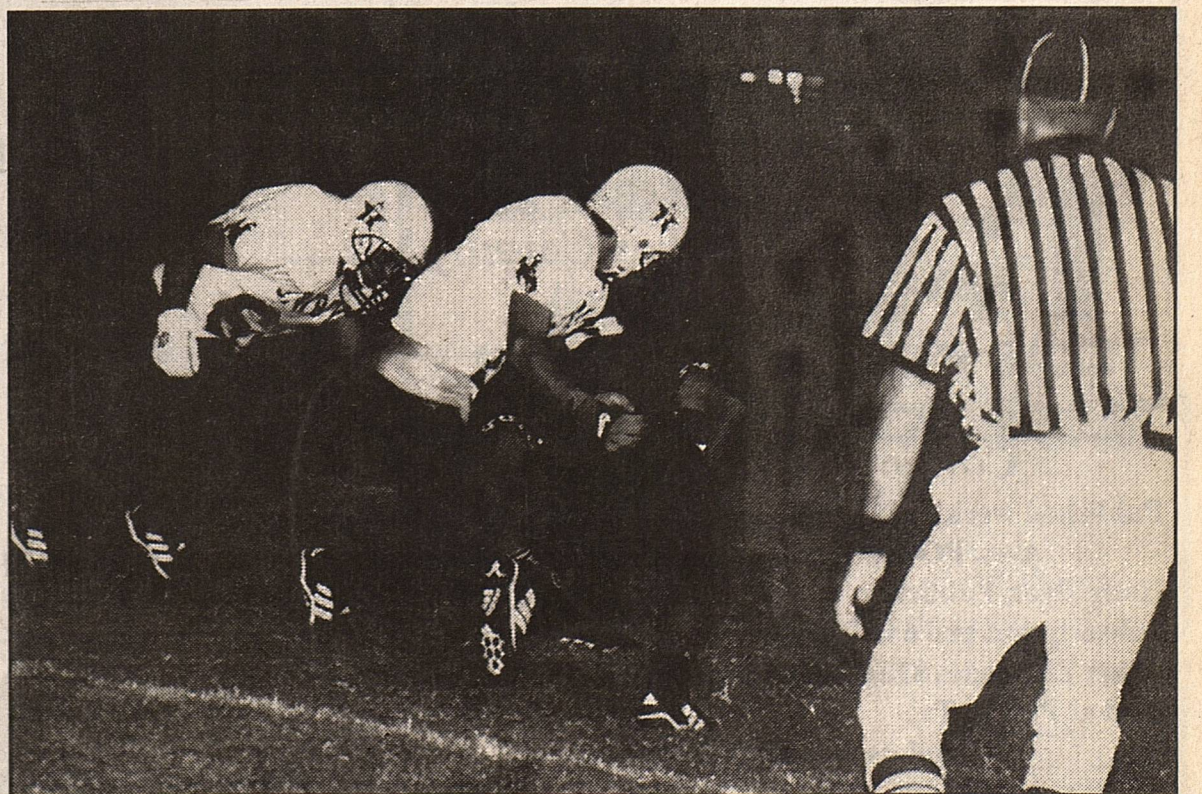
All sources agreed on one aspect of the year's production efforts. It has been brimming full of adversities for growers of the fiber crop. Earlier hail storms took their toll on many acres. Some areas of the county received bountiful earlier rains, some areas remained bone dry, even to this very day. Insects have caused monumental problems this growing season. While the Boll Weevil Eradication program has posted impressive results in reducing numbers of the cotton pest, other

insect types, especially beet army worms and boll worms, have flourished, and have proven to be extremely difficult to kill this year.

Gayle Craft of New Tex Gin told CCN he remains optimistic about the overall production prospects. "I know our dry land yields will be well down from previous years simply because of the drought conditions, but there are some excellent fields of irrigated cotton throughout the area. I think we may be surprised and pleased when the final bale count is in," Craft related.

He said the New Tex plant ginned over 34,000 bales of cotton last year, and expects to gin at least that much, if not several thousand more bales in 2000.

The Board of Directors of Tokio COOP Gin Please turn to page 2, 'Cotton Crop'



A pair of Cowboy defenders extend a rude greeting to Antelope runner



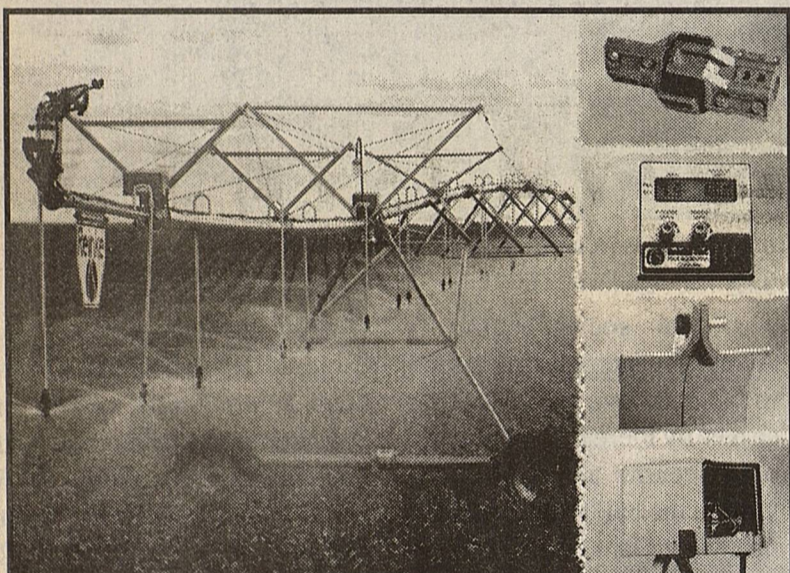
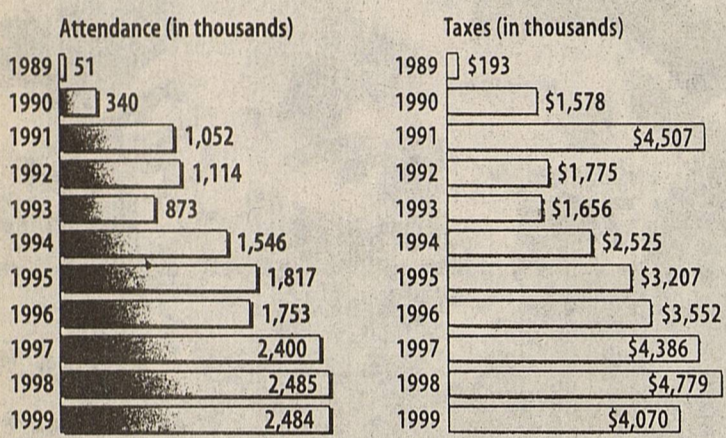
A typical field of dry land cotton obviously not going to make acceptable production levels

met last Friday morning, and gin manager Marc Traweek told CCN, "We're certainly not happy with the way this cotton year has progressed, but in our meeting today, we all agreed this immediate area is in much better condition than most of the other areas of the South Plains 'cotton patch'. Most all of the

production area to the south of us is a real disaster scene." Traweek said the Tokio Gin processed some 22,500 bales of cotton last season, and he thinks there is a realistic prospect of ginning about the same amount this year.

Watching ponies and taxes

Texas reduced the tax on pari-mutuel racing twice to attract bettors, but steady attendance growth has slowed since 1997.



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Local Golf Update

News from the Yoakum County Golf Club:

County golfer records score lower than his age! Denver City golfer Bill Qualls, age 69, achieved a very difficult feat on September 5. Playing with Danny Bell of Plains, and Kenny Hemmeline, Jim Beal, Paul New and Robery Fleming of Denver City, Qualls posted a bogey free round of 67 on the county course. Congratulations, Bill!

Labor Day Scramble Postings:
Championship Flight - 1st, Ernest Hilburn, Randy Cavazos, Michael Cavazos, 59, 2nd, Greg Hix, Charlie Jividen, Casey Thompson, 59,

3rd, Ray, Raymie and Derek Gilstrap, 60.

First Flight- 1st, Danny & Alan Bell, Jeff Roper, 59. 2nd, Kenny Smith, Paul New, Veronica Sanders, 62. 3rd, Ricky Gregory, Ricky Sanders, R.C. Sanders, 62.

2nd Flight- 1st, Woody Bryant, Steve Bryant, Ali Najjar, 62. 2nd, Jim Maynard, Johnny Jones, Dale Carter, 62. 3rd, Rodney Deaton, Betsy Deaton, Bill Smith, 62.

3rd Flight- Robert Gilbert, Mike McKinney, Bryant Meir, 64. 2nd, Bruce Lester, Randy Tuggle, Jackie Allen, 64. 3rd, Dan Sherrod, Reggie & Greg Martin, 66.

4th Flight- 1st, Gary Jones, Phillip Beck, Val Stephens, 63. 2nd, Jimmy Shaver, Rex Wilkes, Steve Furlow, 67. 3rd, Cruz Alvarez, Gil Espinosa, Jeff McCauley, 67.

5th Flight- 1st, Joe & Tony Kay, Jake Depew, 66. 2nd, Tony Lazos, Tony Guerra, Ed Moreno, 66. 3rd, James Atchison, Tony & Barbara Wright, 68.

All ties were decided by scorecard playoff

Services for Lorena Worsham

Services for Lorena Worsham, 90, of Lubbock were held at 10:00 a.m. in the W. W. Rix Chapel with Reverends Tim Winn and Terry Jones officiating. Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors.

She died Sunday, September 10, 2000, at Brownfield Rehabilitation Care Center.

She was born August 16, 1910, in Gainesville, Texas.

She married James Hindlan

Western Peanut Growers Research Farm Tour Slated For September 20th

Seminole, Tx.-At the beginning of this year, Western Peanut Growers Association, Inc. (WPGA) began the operation of a 320 acre research farm located approximately 10 miles west of Seagraves. As this farm's first crop is reaching maturity, WPGA will hold a Peanut Research Farm Tour on September 20, 2000 beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Funded by WPGA, the peanut research farm is the first of its kind, forming a unique research alliance consisting of USDA - ARS, Texas Tech University, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. The research farm provides a consistent site to conduct tests that would otherwise be virtually impossible to perform on a single producer's farm year after year. Water needs and irrigation research are a large focus of the farm, along with soil fertility, crop rotation, cultivation, plant population, improved genetics, and economic analysis of production systems.

Tentative Tour Schedule and Speakers: 8:30 am-Register for 1 1/2 CEU's-Gaines County Park, Party House (located on Hwy 385, eight miles south of Seagraves or seven miles north of Seminole). 9:00 am-Depart

for Research Farm, 9:30 am-Opening statements/Recognition of participants, 10: am-Drip irrigation, Ron Sorenson, 10:15 am-Cotton Entomology, Scott Armstrong, Cotton Pathology/Breeding, Terry Wheeler, Peanut Breeding, Charles Simpson, Peanut Entomology & Thielaviopsis Study, Clyde Crumley, Pivot Irrigation/Precision Ag, Mike Schubert, Fertility, Calvin Trostle, Weeds, Pete Dotray, Valmont/AccuPulse Demonstration, Peanut Industry Overview-Southwest Peanut Growers, Dan Hunter. 11:45 am-Receive CEU Certificates & Return to Gaines County Park Party House for lunch.

Western Peanut Growers Association, Inc., is a non profit organization funded and governed by peanut producers on the South Plains. WPGA is the only political voice dedicated to the West Texas peanut producer. The primary purpose of the association is to improve the West Texas peanut industry, using tools such as education, research, technology, and promotion. To learn more about WPGA or the research farm tour, contact Robbie Blount, Executive Director, at WPGA's office in Seminole at 915-758-2050.

Worsham, December 23, 1926, in Lubbock, Texas. He dies August 27, 1967. A daughter, Bula Mae Worsham died in 1935 and a son, Glen D. Worsham, November 2, 1988.

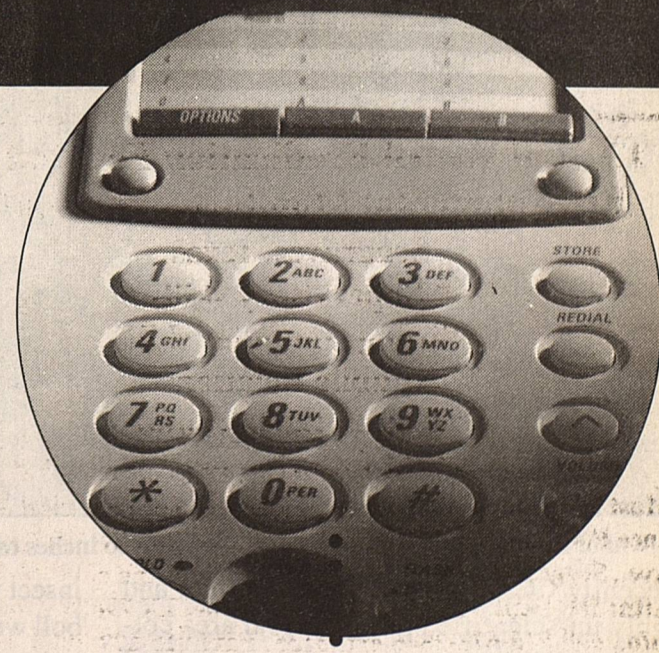
She was a homemaker and later she became a nurse's aide at the Lubbock Memorial Hospital for several years. She was a member of College Avenue Baptist Church for ten years before transferring

her membership to New Deal Baptist Church for forty five years. Survivors include two daughters, Alice Perry of Lubbock and Margaret Altman of Plains, Texas; nine grandchildren, twenty one great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.

The pallbearers were Alan Altman, Alton Lawson, Terry W. Davis, Albert Haag, Robert Thomas Pugh, and Randy Forbus.

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PISD Volleyball Update

Jr. High:

7th Grade Girls- The 7th Lady Wranglers finished second in the tournament held here last weekend. They first downed Jal, 17-15, 6-15 and 16-11. They next won in three games over Brownfield, 14-16, 15-13 and 15-1. They fell to a tough Lamesa team in the championship match, 15-2 and 15-1. Coach Newland expressed her pride in their play and second place showing.

8th Girls - The 8th Lady Wranglers defeated Levelland in three games, 5-15, 15-12 and 17-15.

Junior Varsity Cowgirls -

The JV girls competed in a two day tournament at Lamesa September 8 and 9. In their first outing they fell to Greenwood 2-15, 12-15. They bounced back to defeat Lubbock Christian High 12-15, 15-5 and 15-8. The girls next defeated San Angelo Central Sophomres 15-12 and 15-11. They won their final outing against Denver City 3-15, 15-8 and 16-14 to win Consolation honors in the tourney. Their season record is now 10 wins, 2 losses.

Varsity Cowgirls - On August 29, the Cowgirls split with Midland Trinity, 15-15, 1-9. Kari Guetersloh and Michaela Traweek had 7 kills each, Tanya Vasquez had 16 assists, Lexi Warren 10 digs, and Annaliesa O'Quinn 3 blocks.

On September 1, the Cowgirls also split with Brownfield, 15-15, 6-12. Kari had 10 kills, Tanya 24 assists, Lexi 12 digs, and Chelsi Wagnon 4 blocks.

In the Lubbock Trinity Tournament the girls fell to Lubock Trinity 13-15, 16-14, 8-15. They were also downed by San Jacinto Christian 11-15, 9-15. They were next defeated by Trinity Fellowship 10-15, 9-15. Their season record is now 8 and 4.

PISD Cross Country Results

September 9 Seminole Meet : (* denotes medal won)

Junior High Boys - Payton Bean, 11th, 11:48 *

Daniel Estrada 40th, 14:49

JV Girls - Kayla Willis 19th, 13:56 *

Jo Anna Diaz, 45th, 14:44

Keri Hansen, 56th, 14:57

Kenia Molina 61st, 15:05

Becky Coronel 78th, 15:44

JV Boys - Manuel Hernandez 9th, 19:-4 *

Chisum Justus 15th, 19:38 *

Richard Diaz 25th, 20:18

Arnold Cordova 29th, 21:13

Abraham Becerra 29th, 21:13

Gerry Granados 52nd, 22:34

Ryan Martinez 54th, 25:01

Brownfield Meet September 2-

Jr. High Boys- Payton Bean 16th, 12:02 *

Daniel Estrada 47th, 15:33

Cowgirls - Kayla Willis 20th, 13:49 *

JoAnna Diaz 50th, 15:02

Kenia Molina 60th, 15:28

Jill Gray 66th, 15:42

Becky Coronel 83rd, 16:08

Cowboys - Armando Ramirez 12th, 20:12 *

Manuel Hernandez 15th, 20:29 *

Chisum Justus 20th, 20:50 *

Adam Guerro 21st, 20:58 *

Richard Diaz 22nd, 21:01 *

Jonathan DeLaRosa 35th, 21:55 *

Abraham Becerra 68th, 24:28

Gerry Granados 71st, 25:15

Ryan Martinez 74th, 25:46

JV Cowboy Football

The younger Cowboys took on the Abernathy JV Antelopes here last Thursday, and made a good showing, but were nosed out 28-24. Running Back Nick Hays scored all three Cowboy touchdowns, Richard Diaz tossed passes to Justin Chambliss and Zach Broome for two extra point conversions, and Diaz ran the other two pointer in. Coach Davis said the team missed some opportunities, but the entire team played extremely hard and never gave up in the contest.

2000 Cross Country Schedule

September 16	Morton	JH/HS
September 23	New Home	JH/HS
September 30	Lubbock	HS
October 7	Sundown	JH/HS
October 23	District	Hosted by Plains
November 4	Regional	Lubbock
November 11	State	Round Rock

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Student of the Week

Student of the week is Aaron Cain, a senior, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cain. Aaron was nominated by Mr. Friesen who said, "Aaron Cain was nominated because of his willingness to take the hard road his senior year. He is taking courses to help him in college. He has developed definite goals for his education and has worked out a plan to attain these goals. He has a good reputation among his teachers and peers. I know he will continue to better himself as he progresses through this school year and beyond."



ACTION SCENES FROM ABERNATHY



Tri-Captains Stan Caballero, Joel Gallegos and Adam Garcia head to mid-field for pregame coin toss



Israel Moreno desperately holds onto Antelope runner



Adam Garcia heads upfield with opening kickoff behind Jared Bell

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Booster Club says 'Thank You' to Cowboy Fans

The Plains Athletic Booster Club wishes to thank everyone for attending the "Meet The Cowboys and Cowboy Band" night. Following the introduction, the booster club and band boosters served drinks and cookies.

Football and volleyball are in full swing. Jr. High volleyball games are on Monday nights, JV and Varsity Tuesday nights. Check your calendars for times and place. The cross country teams run on Saturday.

The booster club has order

forms for shirts, caps, jackets and other items featuring the Cowboy, Wrangler or Roper logo. The order forms are available from Donna Bowers, Kathy Bell or other club members. All orders must be turned in by September 22.

If your family or business are not booster club members, we urge you to contact Donna at 456-5621, or Kathy at 456-6325. Memberships are \$10, and club meetings are at 7:30 pm Monday in the school cafeteria.



Aaron Cain barely gets punt away

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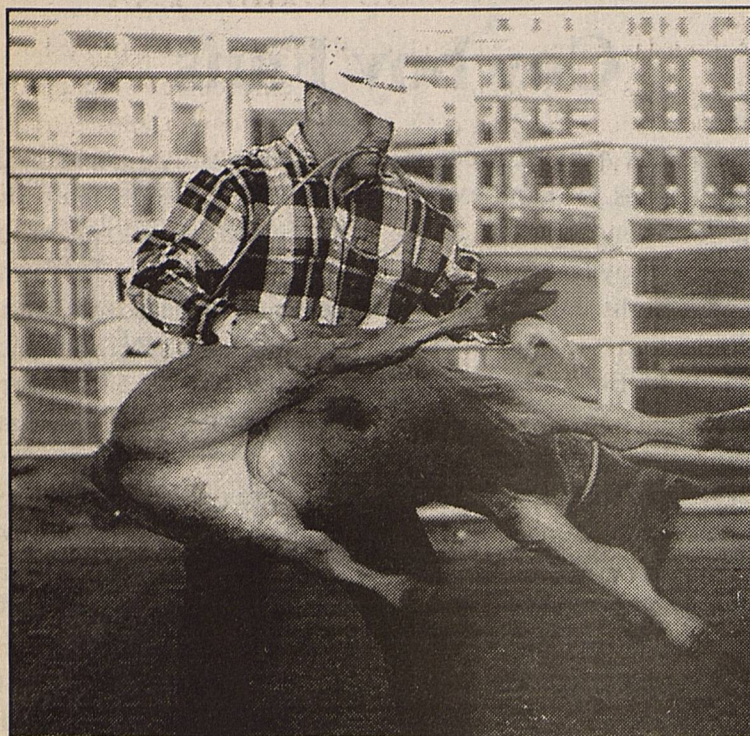
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Squyres Places 2nd In Big Roping



Brett Squyres, a Senior at Plains High, participated in the 2nd Annual Gully Productions Youth Calf Roping in Abilene on September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Brett was entered in the 19 and under tiedown calf roping which was held on Sunday afternoon, September 3rd. Brett roped against 38 ropers in a 3 round contest with the top 15 coming back for the Short Go. Brett's time in the first round

was 14.74 seconds. The second round was much better with a 10.32 second run. The third round kept him in the average with a good run of 10.35 seconds. His average was 35.41 on 3 head, which was good enough for a fifth place in the Short Go. Brett posted a 10.49 second run with solid consistent roping. He won 2nd place and was only 3 seconds behind the leader, Brady Brock.

Yoakum County Marketing Club

The Yoakum County Marketing Club met on August 21, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Extension Office.

Members present include Traysa Field, Jack and Martha Palmer, Brad and Charlotte Palmer, Tommy and Cindra Box, Ron Craft, Mark Lewis, Bo Stephens, John Norris, Brad Crump, Trey Davis and Ace Hamm.

The club meets the third Monday each month. The next meeting is September 18 at 7:00 pm in the County Extension Office, will feature a class on Fundamentals of Marketing.

Tommy Box spoke on the importance of budgeting, and also covered the DTN machine and other Websites available for marketing. All interested producers are encouraged to attend the club meeting.

Shortly before our print deadline Tuesday we learned of the passing of D.C. 'Hoss' Newsom. Our condolences to the family

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE

YOAKUM COUNTY APPRAISAL

DISTRICT BUDGET

The Yoakum County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the budget for the 2001 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 19, 2000 at 2:00 PM in the office of the Yoakum County Appraisal District.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

Total amount of the appraisal budget is \$256,323.00.

The total amount of decrease from the current year's appraisal budget is \$14,432.

The total number of employees compensated in the 2001 budget will be 2 full-time employees.

The total number of employees under the current budget is 2 full-time employees.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

By final approval by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, the budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts and cities served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the budget is available for inspection in the office of each of the governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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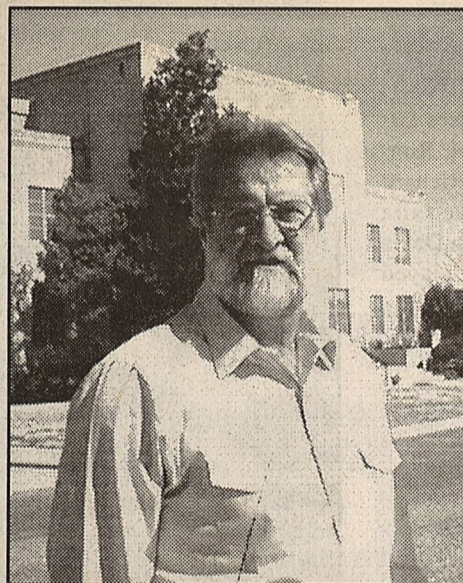


Jared Bell (we think) follows some good blocking around the right corner for good gain.



It was hot in Abernathy. Cowboys take a water break, and Referee joins them.

Rex Swann



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Yoakum County Jury List

The following people have been chosen to serve as Jurors for the 121st District Court County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to appear at the Courthouse in Plains at 9:00 A.M. on the 19th day of September 2000.

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Please remember to report to the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains on Tuesday, September 19, 2000 at 9:00 A.M.

Senior Citizens Corner

Well here it is Thursday A.M. around 3 o'clock. Couldn't sleep and it hit me like a rock that I had not done my duty. Being closed on Monday threw me of on my days. This week has been sort of slow not any activities going on. We have been having good crowds to eat at the Center. The people are beginning to come in from the cool mountains.

I thought I might explain a little that goes on up here besides the fun stuff.

We have a board of directors that is our governing body. They set the rules and set the prices of our lunches, which are very reasonable for what we are served.

We have a Site Council that plans all the things to do such as our garage sale, bake sales, and auctions. We hold the bake sales and auctions after lunch, that way more people will be here.

The ones in the craft room make crafts all the time to sell. We will take orders and paint the things to suit you, the customer. We crochet pot holders also.

Volunteers 'work the desk'. We answer the phone, take messages and give change to people that need it. Thelma

fixes a calender each week and we put our names down for when we want to work.

We have a bulletin board in the hall. We take pictures of different activities, all of the birthdays and anniversaries then we change about once a month.

We want to send our condolences, prayers and love to the families of Mavis Sessions, Estelle Ivy and Robert Dewlen Mavis was one of our Site Council members and was active. Estelle had come pretty regularly for several years, she was active in Trinity Baptist also. Mr. Dewlen had moved from here several years ago, but still has friends and family here.

Bertie Mae (Smitty) finally got moved into the retirement center at Lubbock. Her address is, Bertie M. Smith, Rm 212 9812 Vinton Ave. Lubbock Texas.

Don't forget birthday party Monday 11 am. to 11:30 am. Miracle ear is Thursday 14th and also Memorial Home Health for blood pressures - '42' tournament is Tuesday the 12th.

That's about all I know so till next week. Wanda B.

Emergency Vehicle Operations Class Set

A three day Emergency Vehicle Operations Class begins September 26 at South Plains College in Levelland.

The course is designed to train police officers to properly handle a vehicle during emergency driving situations.

Classroom lectures are scheduled 8:00 am. - 5:00 pm. September 26-27 in the SPC Petroleum Technology-Law Enforcement Building, room 108, and actual drive time is scheduled 9:00 pm. - 1:00 am., September 28 at SPC's driving track at the Reese Center campus. Cost is \$50.00.

Registration deadline is a week prior to class.

"The course is a realistic, medium stress competency based driving school that gives the students about 18 hours of actual driving time," said James

Richey, assistant professor of law enforcement technology. The curriculum has been developed by the Texas Municipal League and meets requirements set by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE).

Students are required to furnish their own vehicles and any safety equipment, such as helmets, that they wish. Participants should expect moderate to heavy wear on tires and brakes.

An additional class is scheduled October 24-26.

Either payment in full or a purchase order number is required on the first day of class.

To preregister, contact the SPC Law Enforcement Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2291.

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emergency to discuss budgeting and funding for the Physician Clinic for the operation of the clinic for the remainder of 2000. Administrator Ed

Rogers told the court the full amount would probably not be needed, but was requested in case of future contingencies. The request was approved.

Fifth Annual Watermelon Round Up Car Show

The 2000 Watermelon Car Show was a success, with 112 paid entries and several other cars on display. Entries were from El Paso, Ft. Worth, Ft. Stockton, from all over the South Plains and Eastern New Mexico and the Permian Basin. Long distance award went to Ray Richards who drove his street rod from Waukesha, Wisconsin, a total of 1565 miles. Carl Goetz from Odessa won Best of Show. Merchants from Denver City who sponsored the show were; Denver City Bank, Sun Cot Gin, Quality Truck Tires 11, South

Plains Imp. LLC, The Magnolia and Wilson Supply. Plains Sponsors were; Lea County Electric Co-op, Ag Insurance Plus, Jim Brown, Agro Distribution, Eddie Earnest Farms, Macky McWhirter Farms, G & B Aerial, Eddin - Walcher, PISD and Terry Davis Farms. Brownfield sponsors were; Kay Reese and Associates and Ryburn Mufflers and a Lubbock sponsor, Marquis Supply. A big THANKS goes to these sponsors, participants, and the Car Show Committee who did a great job!

A Special Thanks to These Watermelon Producers for donating melons for the Watermelon Giveaway booth: Brad Ashburn, Eddie Earnest, Jerry Hartman, Doug Issacks, Macky McWhirter, Brad Palmer, Morris Rushing, Jack Spears, Jet Wilmeth, and Anderson Produce.

Library Story Time

The first Story Time of the year at the Yoakum County Library in Plains was held Wednesday, September 6th. We saluted the United States and Texas flags, sang songs, read books, and watched films. Librarian Opal Roberts, led the children in a rousing rendition of Todderobics. The children attending were: Bethany Mares, Iris Mejia, Kevin Mejia, Kay'D Lamar, Micah St. Romain,

Sieanna Sosa, Clayton Gass, Claire Carpenter, and Jentry Wall.

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Texas consumers benefit from lawsuit reforms

By BILL SUMMERS

Pick up just about any Texas newspaper and you can already read about personal injury lawyers complaining that the latest potential lawsuit gravy train won't net them millions in legal fees. This time the culprit is Firestone, the product is tires, and the complaint is that personal injury lawyers may not be making the millions of dollars they're used to.

Desperate to hide their greed, Texas personal injury lawyers are attempting to cast consumers as victims of the legal reform enacted five years ago and are using the Firestone tire situation to lead the most recent charge to eliminate Texas' successful legal reforms. Their attacks are meant to scare injured consumers into thinking that they will not be able to seek just compensation from Firestone. They couldn't be more wrong.

Consumers, in fact, have more protections now than ever before, and our rights are strengthened, not threatened, by legal reform.

Fear mongering by the group Court Watch is a smoke screen to obscure the true reason for their indignation, which is that personal injury lawyers won't have the opportunity to seek ridiculous punitive damages that add bundles to their own wallets. Consumers won with legal reform, and the proof is in the pudding. Thanks to legal reform, Texas consumers enjoy real benefits, including:

- a more efficient court system to hear their legitimate cases;
- insurance savings; and
- greater job opportunities.

So, it's time once again to set the record straight on how these legal reforms fixed a broken system and allowed consumers to reap the benefits. With respect to the Firestone tire case, Texas courts will continue to administer justice to both the plaintiffs and defendants in a fair

and consistent manner. Texas consumers, who are harmed for any reason, have full access to the courts and ability to seek compensation for their losses. For anyone to say otherwise is simply not true. The real truth is that the state's legal reforms have saved Texas plenty of money and helped boost economic productivity and opportunity.

In 1995, the Legislature passed a package of legal reforms to help provide relief from a system that attacked our economy and benefited only personal injury lawyers.

Texas was known throughout the country as a haven for lawyers looking to get rich quick. The state's liability system hurt small and large business; the casualties of this system were consumers and businesses alike.

At the time, astronomical liability insurance premiums, excessive punitive damages, and loose liability laws all prompted Governor George W. Bush to make legal reform a top legislative priority. The reforms passed into law reflect common-sense solutions to help limit junk lawsuits and extreme punitive damage awards, which did nothing more than line the pockets of wealthy personal injury lawyers.

The Perryman Group, an economic research and an analysis company, recently completed a study on the effects of this legal reform and found that it has vastly reduced the cost of the state's civil justice system and has helped make Texas more competitive in attracting businesses and jobs.

And, the study showed, consumers have benefited in Texas-sized proportions — \$1,078 in annual savings through lower prices and total personal income.

The reforms helped to create more than 195,700 jobs in Texas, which brought \$7.1 billion in additional personal income (\$862 per

household) and \$4.2 billion in enhanced consumer spending per year (\$517 per household), the study found.

Texas consumers deserve to know the truth about the benefits of legal reform on their bottom line. Scare tactics and doomsday predictions by self-serving personal injury lawyers help no one but them.

Texas consumers won with legal reform, but a few sore losers are still trying to change the score. So the next time you hear personal injury lawyers or one of their so-called consumer organizations harping about lost opportunities to file lawsuits, remember the days when junk lawsuits ruled Texas. Then, think about the enormous economic benefits brought about by legal reform. It should then be clear what's best for Texas consumers.

Bill Summers is president of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse in Westaco. Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse is a non-profit community coalition whose mission is to raise awareness of the cost and consequences of lawsuit abuse.

County Court

In the September session of County Court, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, Reynaldo Garza pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 18 months.

He must pay \$210 court costs on plea day, successfully complete the batterer's treatment program at his expense.

He must also perform 90 hours of community service.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Presenting gospel Music Artist gabriel Callis



Gospel and Country music artist, Gabriel Matthew Callis, will be in concert at Plains Assembly of God Church, Sunday, September 24th, at 10:45 a.m. Gabriel, who specializes in Sacred Music, has been sharing his testimony in singing for the past three years. His powerful testimony and anointed singing have touched many hearts and brought hope to numbers of folks who have been distressed by the darkness of sin in our world today. Gabriel still believes God is our hope and peace, and that is the message he hopes to share with his songs. You will be blessed by the testimony and singing of this talented artist. The public is cordially invited. A love offering will be received and Gabriel's first professional album will be on display for anyone who wishes a copy.

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Former PISD student makes Sports Illustrated

The September 11 Special Olympics issue of Sports Illustrated features a familiar face to many here, especially his parents, Manuel and Corina Estrada, the parents of Chris Estrada, featured on page 114 of the publication. Chris is a member of the Acrospirits Elite Trampoline Team, based in Levelland and directed by Sherry Mulkey.

Mulkey said the US Senior Trampoline Team is featured in the article, featuring the debut of trampoline as an Olympic Sport. "The photo shoot took three days of preparation. It was done at the LCU fieldhouse in Lubbock. Our Acrospirits Jr. Elite Trampoline took part in two days preparation for the photo session. All

the doors of the building were closed and the windows blacked out. The temperature in the fieldhouse got up to 115," Mulkey said.

The special trampoline article and photos featured Olympian Jennifer Parilla, who with other Olympians will compete in the trampoline event on September 22. The page 114 photo shows 17 year old Chris Estrada on the far right, and another South Plains Acrospirits Team member, Mindy Gore of Sudan.

The acrospirits team will be cheering for Jennifer to medal in Sydney. Chris said, "She can medal if she does her best. She felt like she was at her best ever when we did the photo shoot."

In fact, Firestone paid thousands of dollars in court ordered fines before relinquishing the documents to Roberts. Recalling the day the boxes of Firestone documents arrived at his Tyler office, Roberts is quoted in the article saying, "I was ecstatic. I could now prove there was a serious problem," Roberts in turn shared this information with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and the Firestone "firestorm" was sparked.

Randy Roberts is a partner in the Tyler law firm of Roberts and Roberts. When the Tyler firm agreed to represent Jim and Cathy Taylor in their case against Firestone for the death of their daughter, Roberts never dreamed he'd uncover a deadly trend involving two of the country's most powerful corporations, Firestone and Ford.

Texas law firm force Firestone tire recall

Tyler attorney Randall Roberts is featured in the September 11 edition of *Time* Magazine's article, "Anatomy of a Recall" dealing with the recent Firestone tire recall. In a lawsuit Roberts filed against Firestone involving the death of a 14 year old girl, Roberts forced Firestone to turn over information which has led to the second largest tire recall in U.S. history. The *Time* Magazine article describes how this local lawsuit led to the biggest consumer alert since the Tylenol scare.

The parent of the deceased teenager worked with Roberts to "get the information out" about these tires, and rebuffed Firestone's early attempts at settling the lawsuit. *Time* magazine's report focuses on the unprecedented state court ruling Roberts obtained against Firestone. The ruling forced the tire company to turn over documents related to other accidents and lawsuits involving the company's ATX and ATX II tires. Documents other attorneys handling similar cases had been able to get from Firestone.

Art Club Meeting Held

The Yoakum County Art Association held its monthly meeting on September 11.

Club President Helen Hunter conducted the business meeting, and Treasurer Betty Estep reported the club paid out \$4125 to area artists during the annual art show held in August.

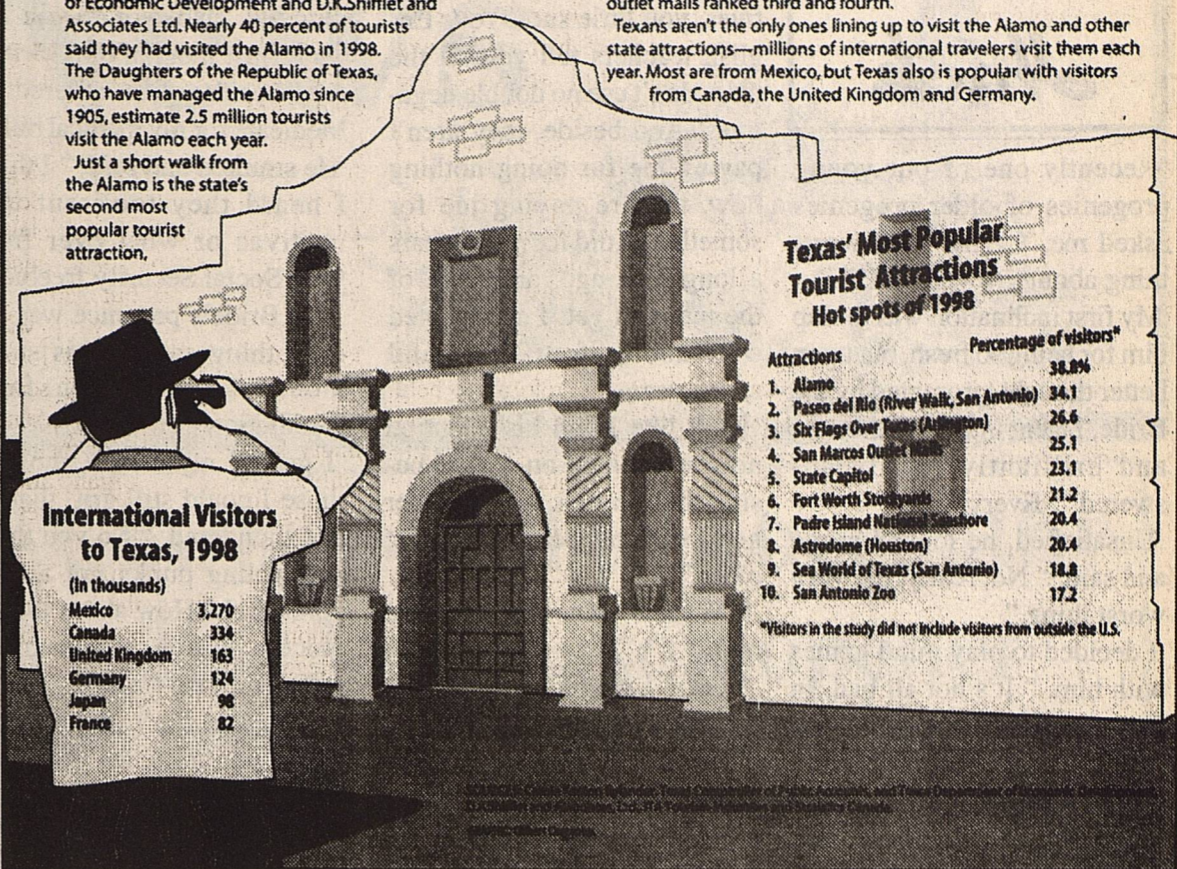
Special guest Lois Lawrence conducted a demonstration of watercolors. She told the members "Men see art values better than women, but women have the advantage on colors." She encouraged all members to practice sketching at least 15

Something to See

Texas and tourists rarely forget the Alamo. The shrine of the Texas Revolution is the state's top tourist attraction, according to a survey released in 1999 by the Texas Department of Economic Development and D.K. Shifflet and Associates Ltd. Nearly 40 percent of tourists said they had visited the Alamo in 1998. The Daughters of the Republic of Texas, who have managed the Alamo since 1905, estimate 2.5 million tourists visit the Alamo each year. Just a short walk from the Alamo is the state's second most popular tourist attraction,

the Paseo del Rio, or River Walk. About 34 percent of the survey's respondents had strolled along the downtown waterway. The Six Flags Over Texas amusement park in Arlington and San Marcos outlet malls ranked third and fourth.

Texas aren't the only ones lining up to visit the Alamo and other state attractions—millions of international travelers visit them each year. Most are from Mexico, but Texas is also popular with visitors from Canada, the United Kingdom and Germany.



minutes each day. Hostesses at the meeting were Florene Rohman and Ruth Gooch of Denver City.

The next club meeting will be on October 3, and Wilma Powell will demonstrate the art of china painting. Visitors are always welcome.

Attebury Grain buys seed firm

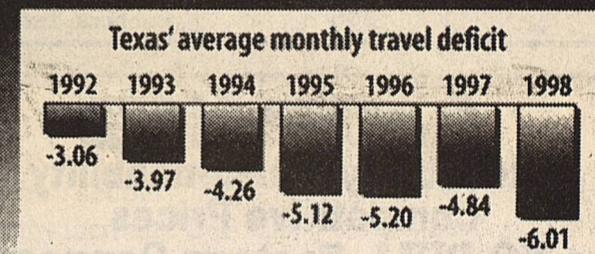
The Tulia based Seed Resource has been purchased by

the Texas based Attebury Grain, Inc. The purchase of Seed Resource by Attebury furthers the level of service and products that the local Attebury elevators can provide to their customers. Gary Regner, the general manager of Seed Resource, believes that this combination will allow area farmers easier access to a wider selection of high quality seed products. Seed Resource spe-

cializes in the research, growing and processing of forage seed products. Regner says the limitations of a research and production centered company has historically been the limited amount of time available for direct farmer contact and feedback. With the many farmer contacts that Attebury has, this is an ideal situation for the agricultural community.

Out of state

Texas' travel deficit, the number of days each month Texans spend vacationing in other states compared to the number of days tourists from other states spend in Texas, is increasing.



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Wildcat Classic Tennis Tournament

WHEN: Sept. 23-24, 2000

WHERE: Lovington High School Tennis Courts

TIME: Play will begin at 9:00am Saturday

COST: \$15.00 / Singles
\$20.00/ Doubles

Make check payable to *Wildcat Tennis Boosters*. T-shirts will be given to the first 100 entries!

DIVISIONS: There will be a junior division (by age groups) and an adult division (open). Players may only enter one (1) singles division and one (1) doubles division.

ENTRY DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, September 16.

DRAW: The draw will be made on Thursday, Sept. 21. Entrants may call (505) 396-0308 or (505) 396-6480 after 6:00 p.m.

From The Hack

Recently one of our young progenies of older progenies asked me, "What's the worst thing about growing old?"

My first inclination was to slap him for being so fresh, but upon better thought, prompted by the Bride, I went into deep thought and brilliantly finally answered, "Everything."

Unsatisfied, he looked at me and said, "No, really, the very worst thing."

I decided to play mind games with him. "It's not all bad. In fact, there are some real good things, some super freaky things, as you guys would put it."

I have never seen a more skeptical look on the face of a youngster, and he sneered, "Yeah, like what?"

"Well, there's Social Security, for one thing," I solemnly intoned

"I've heard of it. That's where they pay you for doing nothing, right?"

"No, not exactly. I receive a check for all the years I've

worked and contributed to Social Security."

He looked at me very carefully, and said, "But you're not doing nothing now, right?"

I was a bit ticked off and said, "Hey, don't use double negatives, you little snot. Your English teachers tell you all the time, don't use no double negatives! And beside, they aren't paying me for doing nothing now, they're paying me for something I did for many years a long time ago, and a lot of the money I get, I contributed over about four score and seven years."

I felt like I had his attention now and roared on, "And beside that, there's lots of other good stuff happens as you get older."

"What?" was his skeptical reply.

"OK," I thundered. "Now, I get to hit off the yellow tees at the golf course, making the holes play much, much

shorter."

The kid grinned at me and simpered, "But all the guys still beat you."

My immediate thought was a garrote around his scrawny neck, but I managed to mumble, "No, Not Always, Always, just most of the Always. And besides, I'm covered by Medicare for my medical bills."

He smirked and said, "I think I heard they took out that medivac or what ever from your Social Security freebie."

The Bride's presence was the only thing saving this smart mouth small person from annihilation now.

I gritted my teeth (most of those I could still grit, that is) and thundered, "So you think you young punks got all the perks, huh? How about the senior discount on stuff like medicine, movie tickets, motel rooms. And don't you ever forget, minor brain, we get all we

ever want to eat at Furr's Cafeteria at the Senior Discount Price! How 'bout them apples, Mr. Numbness?"

That insidious grin again, and he chortled, "Yeah, but you gotta dodge all those old coots in their motor chairs and the ones who'll hit you with their

walking canes if you get in front of them in that mile long line"

The only thing saving him was the Bride. She stepped between us, and said, "Now, now, dear, he's only a young, innocent boy, remember?" She then gave the kid a true crocodile

grin and muttered quietly, "You little snot, you've forgotten, I'm a few years older than the Dolt I am married to, so straighten your mouth up fast, kid, or I'll kick some skinny butt and report you to Preacher Bill Wright!" Boy, that cooled his mouth off!

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PERMIT NO. 22867

APPLICATION New Tex Gin, Inc., Route 1, Plains, Texas 79355, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 22867 which would authorize modification of their Cotton Gin which is located on US 82, 15 miles west of Plains, Yoakum County, Texas. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and unburned hydrocarbons.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on July 27, 2000. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, TNRCC Lubbock regional office, and Yoakum County Courthouse, Avenue G and Cowboy Way, Plains, Yoakum County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Lubbock regional office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

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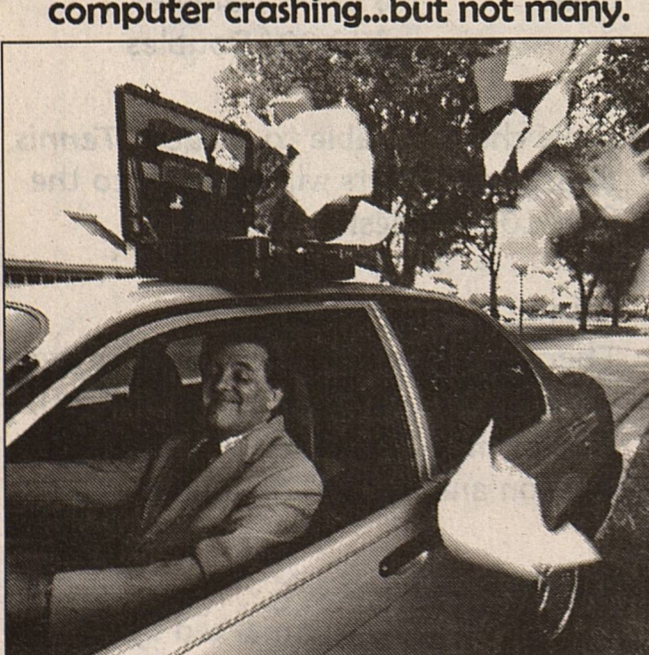
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