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Increase in county tax values prompts question, 'Will taxes come down accordingly?'

Estimated valuation figures for the taxing entities of Yoakum County were obtained from Sandra Stephens, Chief Appraiser of the County Appraisal District. In an interview with CCN, Stephens said, "I want to stress these figures are only current estimates. We have tax hearing scheduled for July 15, 16 and 17, and following the hearings, the actual valuation figures must be Certified no later than July 25. Only then will the county, our two cities and the two school districts know the exact dollar numbers they have to work with in their budgeting processes".

County Judge Dallas Brewer, interviewed later Wednesday, said he and all county department heads are busy working on their respective operating budgets for 1997. "our Auditor, Hazel Lowrey, gave us figures for the anticipated valuations, and those numbers are pretty close to the Appraisal Districts estimate. Before we can actually propose our budget, we need the exact figures after certification. Our time schedule calls for a public hearing on the proposed budget and tax rate August 25. I can't make a definite statement at this time, but it is probable our budget will be based very close to the effective tax rate, which is determined by Tax Assessor/Collector Wanda Smith when she gets the final valuation amounts". Judge Brewer said.

Plains ISD Business Manager Eric Banfield said that same day the school must also wait for the final valuation figures before making any final rate and budget decisions. "Another factor we have to consider is the general election in August for the proposed constitutional amendment increasing all Texas homestead exemptions another \$10,000. While it may not be generally known, this piece of legislature passed in the recent session also triggered previously built in measures of the school finance plan which, if the exemption passes, and most people feel it will, automatically raises the state teachers minimum salary scale about 5%. We currently pay our teachers some \$6,000 above scale, which is a bit higher than some mineral wealthy districts, but lower than many others. This would mean an automatic increase in salary expense for the district. In any event, we can't set our tax rate or budget until we see the final valuation figures, and see the results of the constitution amendment election".

City Administrator David Brunson echoed the thoughts presented by Judge Brewer and Banfield. He said the City would probably set their new tax rate and budget in early September, and the budget will go into effect October 1. He thought it a real possibility the City Council may adopt a budget which could result in a decline in the present tax rate.

Gary Walker, Consultant with Sandy Land Underground Water District, reported his Board of Directors would start working on budget figures Friday, July 11. He said the water districts budget is set for January 1 through Decemebr 31 each year. "Our 1997 budget was \$180,190, and unlike some other taxing entities, we generate some income from the sale of irrigation sprinkler packages, and interest on loans to producers for center pivot system purchases, which is used to offset operating costs, and thus keep our actual tax rate down. Our Board members are conservative minded, and if our 1998 budget stays about the same as this year's, our tax rate may come down a bit".

The chart below depicts the Appraisal District estimated values of all county mineral and property values for 1997, and reflects the percentage increases in values over 1996 figures. Countywide mineral values, not summarized below, were up approximately 18% over last year.

YOAKUM COUNTY	
Mineral & Related taxable value	\$ 1,471,299,060.00
Local property taxable value	203,760,950.00
Total Taxable Value	\$ 1,675,060,010.00
* Reflects approximate 16.5% increase over 1996 values *	
SANDY LAND WATER DISTRICT	
Mineral & Related taxable value	\$ 1,471,299,060.00
Local property taxable value	203,760,950.00
Total taxable value	\$ 1,675,060,010.00
* Same as County General Fund increase *	
DENVER CITY ISD	
Mineral & Related taxable value	\$ 1,016,947,280.00
Local property taxable value	108,319,140.00
Total taxable value	\$ 1,125,266,420.00
* approximate 15% increase in values *	
PLAINS ISD	
Mineral & Related taxable value	\$ 392,366,890.00
Local property taxable value	79,313,980.00
Total taxable value	\$ 471,680,870.00
* Reflects almost 20% increase *	
CITY OF DENVER CITY	
Mineral & Related taxable value	\$ 66,024,520.00
Local property taxable value	68,368,250.00
Total taxable value	\$ 134,392,770.00
* Almost 10% increase over 1996 *	
CITY OF PLAINS	
Mineral & Related taxable value	\$ 955,070.00
Local property taxable value	19,400,450.00
Total taxable value	\$ 20,355,520.00
*Up almost 12.5 % over 1996 values *	

New slate of officers installed by Plains Lions Club



Front row, L-R; Debbie Rushing, Pierre St. Romain. Back row; Harry Richardson, David Bunch, Vaughn Culwell, Jerry Morphis, L.J. Sanders

In ceremonies at last Thursday's meeting of the Plains Lions Club, L. J. Sanders was installed as the clubs new President. He replaces out going past President Jerry Morphis. Other new officers installed were David Bunch, First Vice President, and Vaughn Culwell, Second Vice President. Other officers re-elected included Harry Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer, Debbie Rushing, Club Tail Twister, and Pierre St. Romain, Lion Tamer.

The club's next project will be manning the concession stand during the three performances of the annual rodeo July 31, August 1 and 2

Fire Department awards trip to Six Flags

The Plains Volunteer Fire Department held a fund raising raffle recently, with the winner receiving a free trip to Six Flags Over Texas, including 4 adult two-day passes and two nights lodging.

Dora Gallegos of Plains was the lucky winner, whose ticket was drawn from the hopper by La Shonda Diamond, daughter of Fire Department Chief Charles Diamond and wife Donna. Earlier this spring, La Shonda attended a Firemen's convention

in Fort Stockton, along with many of the other firemen's children. Her name was drawn, naming her Sweetheart of the Convention.

The Volunteer Firefighters will conduct another fund raiser soon, selling tickets for a Mossberg 12 guage pump shotgun, to be awarded during the Watermelon Round Up August 30. Buying tickets will benefit the volunteers, and some lucky winner will walk away with a new shotgun.



La Shonda Diamond and Mayor T. J. Miller with winning ticket

PISD Board accepts two resignations

In the regular meeting of the PISD Board of Trustees June 16, the resignations of Steve Osborn and W.R. (Dub) Nelms were accepted. Osborn, former head girls basketball coach who assisted with the girls track and volleyball programs, has accepted a teaching-coaching position with the Robert Lee school system. Nelms has retired and moved to Haskell.

The Board authorized Eric Banfield, PISD Business Manager, Jim Haynes, Superintendent, and Tim Addison, Board President, to act as school representatives to Tex Pool and Lone Star Investment Pool. The firms act as investing agencies for temporary excess school funds.

A Code of Conduct for student athletes was approved, and will be placed in the Student Handbook. The Code defines acceptable and unacceptable personal conduct by both male and female students taking part in all athletic programs.

Discussion and consideration of the teacher and administrator salary schedules was tabled until the next Board meeting on July 14.

Board members present for the meeting included Tim Addison, Danny Bell, Anna M. Gonzalez, Brad Palmer, and Randy Tuggle. Also present were Jim Haynes, Arlon Alexander, Eric Banfield, Steve O'Quinn, Larry McMinn, Richard Clark and Rick Dickson.

'CHIP AHOY!'



This impressive pile of chipped up trees and tree limbs are the remains of a large portion of trees broken and uprooted about the county in the violent wind and rain storm here the last week of June.

Yoakum County Landfill Manager David Bruton last week told CCN county precinct trucks were busy hauling felled trees and limbs from the county park and golf course on Highway 214 for three consecutive days following the violent storm. Many more tons of debris were delivered from both Denver City and

The Expanding Internet

The popularity of the World Wide Web, which adds graphics, sound and video to the Internet, has fueled network growth. The number of host computers supporting the Internet has soared since the Web's debut in 1993. The number of Web sites more than doubles every year and reached

Plains.

The trees had to be hand fed to the wood chipping machine prior to stacking, and according to Brunson, "should make excellent mulching material for peoples gardening and landscaping projects. We are making these chips available to the public on a first come, first served basis, but they must be aware of restrictions on how they may obtain the chips".

Bruton explained the Landfill hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and encourages people to come after the

a total of 250,000 "entry" sites in 1996.

*In 1997, almost 12 million new users in the U.S. are expected to log on to the Internet or an on-line service for the first time.

*The top on-line activities are receiving e-mail and getting information about hobbies, products and services.

*Only one out of 10 is con-

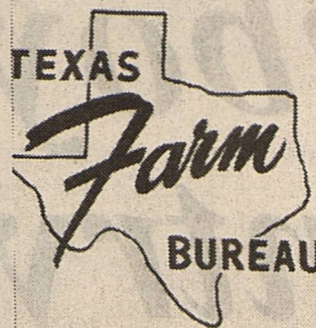
sidered a "heavy user," posting 20 or more hours a week online. *Twice as many Internet users have primary access at home than at work. *About 47 million Americans, age 16 or older, were using the Internet or on-line services by the late 1996. That was a 34% jump from nine months earlier, when the estimate was placed at 35 million.

chips in the morning hours because of work schedules. Everyone must bring their own large plastic bags or some sort of container, and a shovel, and must fill their containers themselves-Landfill personnel may not assist.

Bruton also asked the public to help in not scattering the piles of wood chips any more than absolutely necessary.

This is a good opportunity to put the results of Mother Nature's fickleness to good use.

Local Student Attends Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar in San Angelo



CITIZEN SEMINAR



SAN ANGELO—Attending the Texas Farm Bureau's 34th annual Citizenship Seminar here June 16-20 was Tandi Jones of Plains. Tandi is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Jones.

Sponsored by the Yoakum County Farm Bureau, she was among approximately 400 high school junior and senior students from over 150 counties

across the state.

The purpose of the seminar is to provide the students with a better understanding of their American heritage and the capitalistic free enterprise system, according to Lanny Smith of Plain, county FB president.

The students were welcomed to the seminar by Dr. James Hindman, president of Angelo

State University. "Farm Bureau—Your Host" was presented by Bob Stallman, president of Texas Farm Bureau.

Dale Bullock, TFB Field Representative, Cara Chimes, 1996 Miss TFB, and Michael Santos, the 1996 Speech contest winner, presented a program on "Farm Bureau Youth Activities."

Speakers at this year's seminar and their subjects were as follows: David Vernon and Jerad Boyd, Lubbock Christian University, "Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)", Earl Taylor of the National Center for Constitutional Studies, "The Making of America", and Kurt Swanda, Fort Worth, "American".

The video tape "A more Perfect Union" was shown to the students and there were also special presentations by Dale Minnick and Clebe McClary, motivational speakers.

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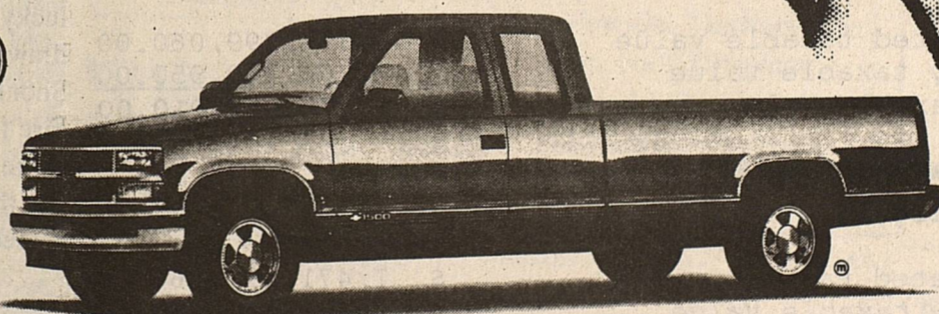
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South Plains Royal Bounders Medal At Nationals

The South Plains Royal Bounders Tumbling and Trampoline Team recently traveled to Orlando, Florida to compete in the USA Tumbling and Trampoline National Championships. This was the first year for the team to compete in the National Championships, and the athletes brought home great success. The team had to travel to three qualifying meets to compete in nationals. The competitive team athletes ages range from 5 years to 14 years old. The team consists of Chris Estrada - 14 years of Plains, Taylor Miller-7 of Denver City, Courtney Miller-5 of Denver City, Michele Norman-6 of Denver City, Landon Earnest-6 of Plains, Todd Williams-10 of Plains, Ashlee Nichols-8 of Loop, Tiffany Davis-7 of Maple, and Caleb Powell-8 of Bledsoe, and coached by Penny Green and Kellie Earnest. The team brought home one Gold medal, Two Silver medals, and four Bronze medals. "These kids have put forth tons of energy and dedication to get to this level of competition. I am very proud of all of the kids and their parents for the extreme patience and dedication to the team and to this sport," said Penny Green.

The results are as follows: Chris Estrada-Tramp-bronze-DM-4th, Taylor Miller-Tramp-gold-DM-bronze-Tumb-silver, Courtney Miller-Tramp-4th-Tumb-bronze, Michele Norman-Tramp-7th-Tumb-7th overall, 2nd, Landon Earnest-Tramp-bronze,DM-5th-Tumb-4th, Todd Williams-Tramp-5th-DM-7th-Tumb-8th, Ashlee Nichols-Tramp-5th-DM-9th-Tumb-10th, Tiffany Davis-Tramp-5th-DM-6th-Tumb-7th, Caleb Powell-Tramp-4th-DM-silver-Tumb-5th

The team also received a great achievement, Chris Estrada was named to the US team for the World Championships in 1998 in Australia. Chris will be competing in the World Indo-Pacific Games in Durboun, South Africa in August.

The SPRB National Team would like to say thank you to all of their sponsors throughout the year. We could not have done it without the continuing support in the community and businesses. Thank you all! Congratulations to all of the competitors.



Front row, L-R, Landon Earnest, Michele Norman, Courtney Miller, Taylor Miller; 2nd row, Todd Williams, Chris Estrada, Caleb Powell; Top, Ashlee Nichols, Casey Gregory, Tiffany Davis.

County Court meets

Yoakum County Commissioners Court met Monday to consider a very brief agenda.

The Tax Assessor/Collectors report showing taxes collected during the month of June total-

ing \$30,946.21 was approved.

Approval of Election Judges and Alternate Judges for all county voting precincts was

tabled because of uncertainty about two of the prospective Judges being able to serve. The

appointments will be made in a special commissioners court meeting Thursday, July 10

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Two criminal cases heard

In District Court July 3, Judge Kelly G. Moore presided over two criminal cases presented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Sergio Ceja Hernandez, 23, pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision for the offense of marijuana possession. He will serve 5 years in prison, with credit for 297 days time served. He must pay \$1,118.50 to the County Community Supervision and Corrections Department, including \$140 restitution to the DPS. He was represented by Attorney Jerry Corbin.

Monica Ann Minor, aka Monica Ann Guetersloh, 32, received adjudication of guilt deferred, pleading guilty to a class A misdemeanor, theft over \$500 but less than \$1500, suspended and probated two years. She was fined \$250, must pay \$181.50 court costs and \$112 restitution to Kevin Guetersloh. She must serve 80 hours community service and obtain drug/alcohol dependency evaluation from the Lubbock regional Council or drug and alcohol abuse at her expense. She was represented by Attorney Alton Griffin.

JP Court Cases Heard

The following is a summary of cases heard, bonds and fines set in Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct One, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

60 traffic cases, 1 felony case filed.

Bonds Set: Driving while intoxicated--No bond; Assault (Lubbock County)--\$500.00 bond; Burglary of a vehicle--\$2000.00 bond; Criminal Mischief--\$2000.00 bond; False report to a police officer--\$500.00 bond; Driving while license suspended--\$500.00 bond; Probation violation (terroristic threat)--\$1000.00 bond; Possession of marijuana--\$1500.00 bond.

There were 403 fatalities among motorcycle riders in 1986. Fatalities fell to 113 in 1996, thanks mainly to motorcycle safety classes.

Plains Little League All Stars

11 and 12 year old boys



Front row, L-R, Zachary Broome, Armando Ramirez, Larry Escobar, Austin Keese, Chase Howell, Dominic Dominguez, Back row, Jonathan de la Rosa, Richard Diaz, Miguel Coronado, Trent May, Fabian Luna, Angel Ruiz., with Coaches Carlos Howell and Bryan Morgan. Coach David Huerta not present for photo.

Battle lines drawn on transportation funding

Texas joins "donor" states coalition to lobby for alternate plan

The federal transportation act that financed hundreds of billions of dollars of roadway expansions, mass transit programs and bridge repairs will soon be history. Just what will take its place has been called the most important states-oriented legislation Congress will consider this year.

In anticipation of all highway and transit programs expiring September 30, 1997, Congress has held hearings for the last year on proposed funding programs. Texas has joined a coalition of 25 "donor" states working to revamp the distribution of federal aid. These states typically send more to Washington than they get back. In the opposing camp are states, primarily in the Northeast, that have long been the chief beneficiaries of transportation funding formulas.

Since 1992, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) has been the driving force behind transportation programing and planning.

The law was a breakthrough in that it allowed communities to spend federal funds on what made the most sense locally. Local planning committees were set up with a goal of working toward clean air, energy conservation and equality of access. Metropolitan areas became responsible for incorporating alternate modes of transportation such as vanpools, "intelligent" highways and light rails in their long-range plans.

Over the last six years, ISTEA has sent Texas more than \$6 billion, most of which went for the National Highway System, including the maintenance of interstate highways, bridge repairs, safety programs and suballocations to cities to address local priorities. About \$552 million of the ISTEA funds went to cities that had not met air quality standards and helped pay for traffic management and mass transit projects. While Texas transportation officials are satisfied with the program advances made under ISTEA, they say the long standing problem with inequitable highway funding formulas remains.

The long-time explanation for

the lopsided transportation funding was the need to address national priorities, such as construction of a national interstate highway system. But the interstates are almost completed, and funding formulas still are based on outmoded measures such as postal road mileage and 1980 state population counts.

Such formulas ignore Texas fast-growing population and international commercial activity. Eighty percent of all truck and rail trade between the U.S. and Mexico travels through Texas and Texas' border crossings are some of the busiest ports in North America.

Texas has joined a coalition of states supporting the Steamlined Transportation Efficiency Program for the 21st Century (STEP21), an alternative that would enable each state to receive at least 95% of its payments to the federal Highway Trust Fund.

The bill would give states greater flexibility in using the funds they received and would consolidate some existing programs.

Under STEP 21, Texas would receive about 97 cents in federal funding for every dollar sent to Washington in highway taxes, as opposed to ISTEA's allocation level of 93 cents. STEP 21 would boost Texas annual average allocation to \$1.9 billion.

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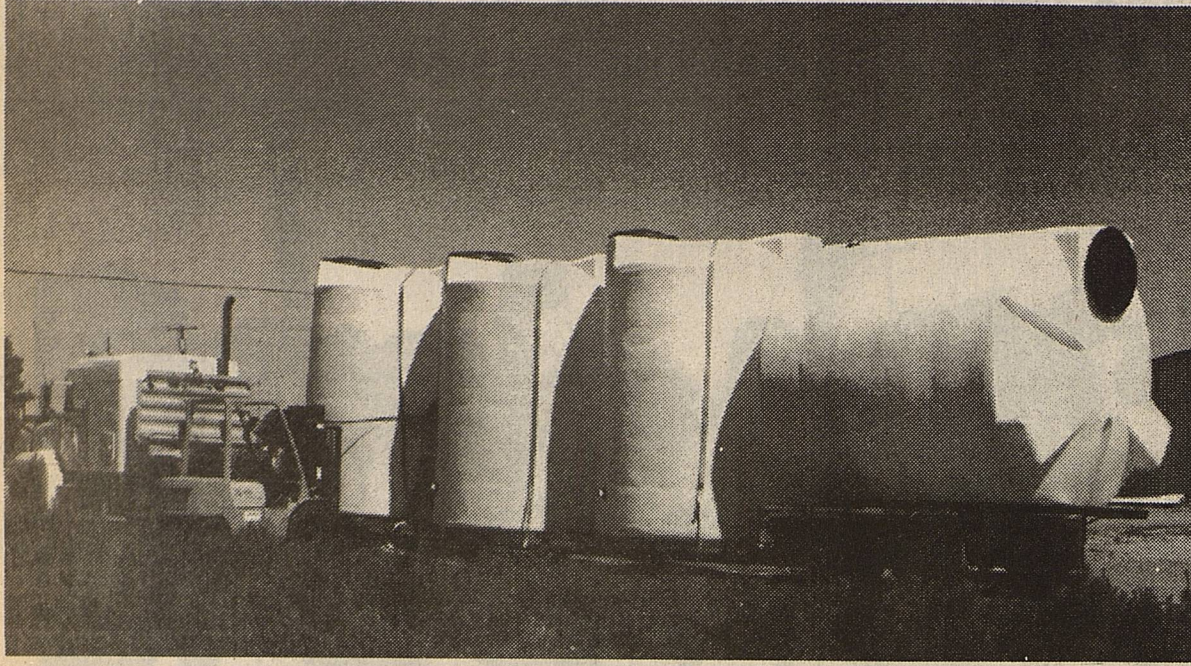
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That's a lot of "Poly"



These four 6400 gallon polypropylene fertilizer storage tanks being unloaded at Sellers Ag Supply made an interesting photo last week.

Producers attend weevil programs here

A whirlwind series of educational meetings were held in three area gins and in Terry County last Thursday to furnish cotton producers information about the upcoming referendum vote on the Boll Weevil Suppression and Eradication program. Spokesman Don Parrish said about 50 producers attended the meetings at New Tex, Yoakum County CoOp and Tokio CoOp Gins, and some 60 producers attended the Terry County meeting.

On hand to field landowners and producers questions were Katie Dickey, Texas Department of Agriculture director of

producer relations, Michelle Thompson, public relations director of the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Chad Raines and Johnny Anderson, field representatives with Plains Cotton Growers, and Phillip Kidd, Ag Extension Service Agent taking part in the weevil monitoring program in Yoakum and Terry Counties.

Parrish said there would be no suppression or eradication efforts in 1997. He and the other officials stressed it is vitally important, however, for both producers and landowners to vote on the referendum, for the first step in the program must

establish an eradication zone for area counties infested with weevils. Unless the zones are approved by the vote no further action can be taken.

Most local producers continue to feel the proposed assessment is too high for only a suppression program. If the eradication zones are approved in the vote, another vote would be possible, probably in January, and the assessment issue could be addressed again.

Let's Rodeo!



July 31, Aug. 1,
Aug. 2

Services held for Le Ann Mojica

Funeral service for Le Ann Mojica, 11, were held Tuesday, July 8, at 10 a.m. in the Head Family Funeral Home Chapel in Brownfield, with Isidro Ponce officiating.

She passed away in the Levelland Methodist Hospital on July 6.

She was the daughter of Epifanio Jr. and Olga Mojica of Tokio. She is also survived by brothers Jim Mojica and his wife Monica of Tokio, and Timothy Mojica and wife Mellisa of Brownfield; Her grandparents Epifanio Sr. and Louise Mojica of Lubbock, and Fidel and Rosie Morales, Lamesa, and Mary Morales, Tahoka, and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Morales, Fidel Morales Jr., Roger Morales, Joe Morales, Johnny Morales and David Graves. Interment followed in the Peaceful Gardens Memorial Cemetery.

Texas Stock Index continues record setting

(Austin) - "Just one month after hitting the '300 mark' for the first time in its history, the Texas Stock Index has left that landmark far behind, climbing to 356.8," State Comptroller John Sharp announced.

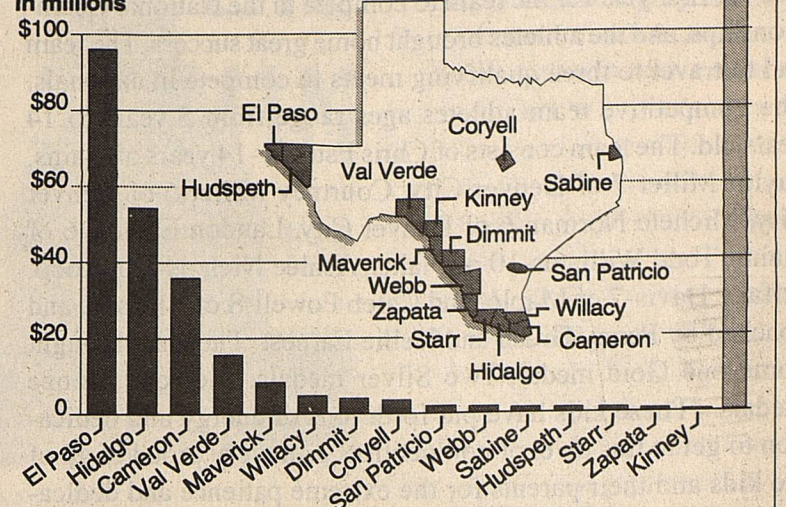
"After rising 21.8 points in

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texas turns on the tap

The state will provide more than \$230 million to economically distressed counties to help provide water and wastewater to households that do not meet minimal state standards.

State spending for water and wastewater development* In millions



* Includes completed projects as well as those under construction or planned, as of April, 1997. SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, and Texas Water Development Board.

April, the TSI climbed another 46.6 points in May. The index 53.4 percent higher than one year ago," Sharp said.

"In comparison, the Standard and Poor's 500, which tracks a nationwide sampling of stock prices, rose 47 points in May. In percentage terms, the Standard and Poor's index rose 5.9 percent, while the TSI rose 15 percent," Sharp said.

Texas technology companies' stock values soared an astounding 240.2 points, or 28.7 percent. Overall, technology stock prices are up 143.2 percent compared to one year ago. All eight technology stocks tracked by the TSI gained value in May. Texas Instruments, Inc. saw its stock value rise as the company announced that it has won a \$98.3 million contract to produce infrared imaging technology for the U.S. Army. Houston-based Compag Computer Corpora-

tion saw an increase in its stock value. The company plans to hire 2,000 salespeople this year to provide better customer service, and plans to expand its sales force in Japan. Dell Computer Corporation stock climbed as the company announced first quarter profits of \$198 million, up from \$82 million one year ago.

The roller coaster ride continues for Texas energy sector stocks. After dropping 2.3 percent in April, energy stock prices rose 9.6 points, or 8.6 percent in May. Energy stock prices are up 19.1 percent compared to one year ago. Valero Energy Corporation stock rose as the company completed its acquisition of Base Petroleum, Inc. for \$485 million. Halliburton Company saw its stock price increase as the U.S. Army extended a contract worth \$137.9 million for logistic support

First Baptist Church
UBS Roundup Parade
Meet at Courthouse—11:00 a.m.
Chuck Wagon Lunch
Stanford Park—12 noon
Saturday, July 19



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Femme Friends



County Roping Club names Rodeo Queen Candidate



Marcey Layne House, 16 year old daughter of Wayne and Phyllis House will be representing Yoakum County Roping Club as a Queen Candidate during this year's Old Settler's Reunion and Rodeo.

Marcey is a member of the Church of Christ. She will graduate next year from Plains High School where she is active in UIL, stock shows, volleyball

and track. She is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as a volunteer on Teen Court.

Marcey participates in rodeos February through July each year. She is a member of American Junior Rodeo Association, High Plains Junior Rodeo Association, Lea County Barrel Racers Association and the Yoakum County 4H Horse Program.

Thought For the Week

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Heb.4:16
Prayer-Help us to claim all that you offer us, O God, enabling us to live lives that reflect your grace to others. Amen.

A Big Thank You

I want to thank everybody that prayed and was concerned about me. I really appreciate the prayers. God Bless You All.

Sincerely, Brant Huerta

(This young man recently underwent heart surgery. He and his dad came by our office with this letter, he said I am doing fine.)

High Plains Jr. Rodeo Results

Lovington N.M. Rodeo held June 26-27-28:
Marcey House won 2nd place in the girls 16-19 Ribbon roping.

Brett Squyres placed 8th in the boys 13-15 Breakaway.

Blake Parrish placed 9th in the 9-12 Ribbon roping and 10th in the calf touching.

Kimberly Jackson really rang the bell this week. She finished 1st in the 8 and under Poles, she won 2 second places in goat tying and breakaway roping with a blistering 5.842 seconds. She also won a 3rd place in the barrels.

Next week the rodeo is in Muleshoe, and only two left before the finals, Colorado City and Big Springs.

Tsa Mo Ga ladies help with reading program

Volunteers from the Tsa Mo Ga study club are helping with the summer reading program for youngsters at the Library this summer. They are on hand every morning from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. to listen to and assist young readers from kindergarten through the 6th grade.

Some 250 young readers have signed up for the program, and 70 of them have completed reading enough books to earn an achievement certificate and a coupon for a free ice cream come at the Dairy Queen. If you have a youngster wanting to read for fun or to improve their skills, they are invited to take part in the reading program.

The Library reminds parents and youngsters of their planned clown costume contest to be held during the Rodeo and Old Settlers Parade. The winner of the contest for the best clown costume will win a gift, and if you plan for your youngsters to enter the contest, please contact the library now.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the community for their prayers and concerns. Facing an illness is much easier with friends and family offering support and encouragement.

Thank You,
Barron Blair



HOWDY!

By: Kathy Adair



Mexican Food Diet And Diabetes

From a nutritional standpoint, a traditional Mexican-American diet offers many advantages. It reflects Spanish and Indian influences-mainly vegetarian based on maize, beans and squash. The diet is high in complex carbohydrates and emphasizes the consumption of fruits and vegetables rich in vitamins A and C, which is what the USDA dietary guidelines recommend.

However, what do you think when you want to eat Mexican food? Greasy, cheesy, and covered with fat filled gravies. Right? The drawbacks of the Mexican-American diet are the liberal use of added fat and a preference for high-fat meats. A contributing factor of baking and boiling. Most foods, including meat, beans, tortillas, rice, and potatoes, are fried.

When a person's diet consists mainly of fried foods, added fat and other high-fat products, it could lead to obesity. As a result, this individual could end up with hypertension, heart disease, diabetes mellitus, or a combination of these illnesses.

According to the American Diabetes Association, more than one million of the estimated 22 million Hispanics in the United States have diabetes-that's one in every 10 Hispanic adults. Also, population studies among Hispanic women with diabetes show significantly higher death and complication rates during pregnancy.

Cutting the Fat!

Only a few steps need to be taken to cut down on fat, sodium and sugar in the diet. Meals and recipes can be modified by the following steps:

- * Increase carbohydrate intake up to 55 percent to 60 percent. Eat more servings of bread, cereal, pasta, fruits and vegetables. Continue to serve sopa de arroz (Spanish rice), fedeo (a similar noodle dish), potatoes, tortillas or beans with each meal.
- * Use corn tortillas instead of flour tortillas. Make tortillas from ingredients using whole wheat flour and margarine made from unsaturated fat such as canola, safflower, or corn oil. Include beans daily to maintain high levels of soluble dietary fiber consumption.
- * Increase intake of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- * Drink water instead of sweetened soft drinks.

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From The Hack



I read an interesting piece gleaned from the Internet recently, a poll of modern day journalists asking what story they would most have preferred to cover and write about, occurring in the last twenty some odd centuries. The answers astonished me.

One writer said he would have loved to have covered the drying up of the Red Sea, allowing Moses' tribes to escape from the pursuing Pharaoh's army. One guy said he wished he had been able to cover the trench warfare of World War I in person, when over a million men died fruit-

lessly in a few brief years. One journalist reported he would have killed to be able to get into the minds of the American Revolutionists, and the writers of the Declaration of Independence when it was being so hotly debated by the framers. Another historical writer wished he could have interviewed a knowledgeable Psychiatrist who had been able to pry into Adolph Hitler's degenerate brain, and one scribe said he would have died and gone to Heaven if he'd been allowed to sail on Columbus' Nina, Pinta or Santa Maria.

All of those would have been exhilarating and rewarding interviews, and I too wish I could have been involved in any of them. But you know who my favorite subject for an in-depth interview would be if I could do it right now, and at what period in his life on this earth?

I would choose to interview Jesus Christ in his last hours, before his trip up Galgotha. Despite medical miracles discovered daily, despite our 'Rover' stumbling around on the surface of Mars, all the modern day miracles and advances, no story has yet to come close to it for sheer thrills, credibility, promise and hope. But, I remind myself, no mere mortal writer could compare to what is already in print.

I do not nor probably ever will understand the fickleness of the fateful finger of fickleness, which seems destined to plague me for eternity.

Once again, I foolishly anted up thirty bucks to play in the 4th of July Three Man Scramble Golf Tournament, and once again got fleeced.

My team was composed of three superlative players, just inches away from the professional level. Well, perhaps that is embellished just a bit. To our misfortune, we were victimized by circumstance, and my (reluctantly admitted) son in law, Morris J. Rushing, who should have been wearing a mask and carrying both gun and knife. The very first thing he did, on the first hole, was penalize me with a stroke for what he called a "whiffed ball". Ridiculous. Does the idiot not know the difference in taking a 100% vicious practice swing, and missing the ball? I was so incensed and furious about this call it affected my play the remainder of the day, doubtlessly leading to our finishing just out of the prize money.

Now, here is the absolutely, positively, emphatically true story of how Rushing's team ended up winning their flight, regardless of the fact my superlative team beat them a full stroke, and should have won considerable dollars from them, but once again, son-in-law carried the score card;

When it was all over, we three Class AAAA golfers beat Rushing's scrubby team 67-68 strokes. When the score cards were turned in to Club Pro Wylie Osborn however, it seems our fate was once again sealed. In a very complicated maneuver (probably under the table with bribe money involved) which resulted in my team being placed in Second Flight, while Irish Shamrock Lucky Rushing

was moved back to the Fourth flight.... the flight his team WON! Boy, talk about a bad odor coming from that.

He also reneged on paying me \$5 for making a superlative 87 foot putt on the very final hole, claiming he did not pay off on 'Acts of God'.

That's OK, Rushing... Try to find all the beer you left in my fridge for 'safekeeping'.... a masked bandit hit here too!

Back to the Independence Day golf tournament, I thought it was a pretty neat deal when so many golfers showed up wearing Red, White and Blue motif attire. One Guy sported a tri-colored huge Eagle on his shirt, many wore red, white and blue star spangled shirts, and one or two, including Judge Dallas Brewer, displayed the USA colors on their golf carts.

I did think it a bit of overkill, however, when I saw Bill Qualls wearing a pair of bright red stockings, at least panty hose length, along with his white and blue shirt. Someone said it was an improvement over seeing his normally naked legs. And incidentally, I was served a Notice of Impending Lawsuit Action by Paul New for last weeks in fun only tidbits about lawyers. Some people just can't take a joke.

Our sincere THANKS

To each and everyone in the community for your support and caring during the loss of our loved one. We sincerely appreciate all the cards, flowers, food and prayers. Your support made a difficult time easier for all of us.

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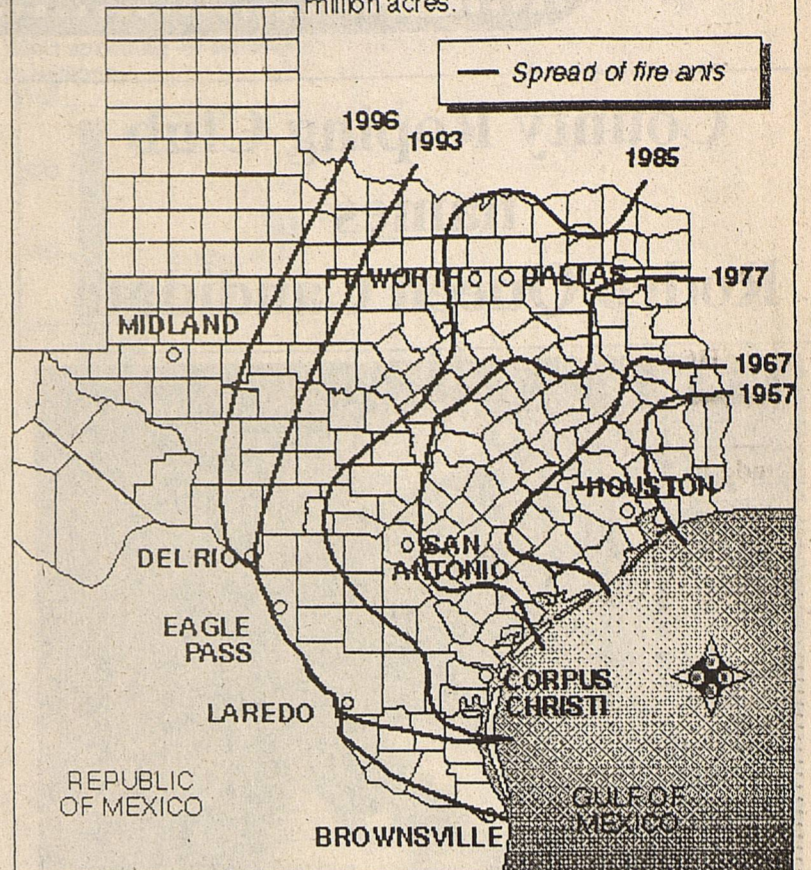
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