5th Annual Watermelon Round Up Special

Cowboy Country

News

Published each Wednesday in the county seat of Yoakum County, Plains, Texas

Round Up number five bigger, better than ever!

Chair persons and volunteer workers of the many special activities during Saturday's day long Watermelon Round Up gave a very weary sigh of relief when the band played the last tune at 6 p.m. The 5th Annual event was history, possibly record making history. Virtually every Round Up volunteer worker told CCN they felt sure this year's crowd was the largest yet, and also voiced their regrets about the impossibility of getting an accurate count of visitors. Estimates ranged from 5 to 7 thousand. The musical entertainment on the stage started promptly at 9 a.m., and continued throughout the day. Bin after bin of watermelons were delivered to the cooling tanks, sliced and handed out all day. A worker more novel entries had the apcarving the donated melons reported he had worn out two of his best knives slicing red, vellow and seedless melons.

The classic car show drew almost 100 entries of spectacular and impressively restored



Many tons of watermelons were iced, sliced and handed out, including two for this bright eyed little girl

pearance of a shiny speedboat. but inside the hull of the boat an auto engine and running gear propelled the 'boat' down

The Brisket and Chili Cook Off drew one more combinaautos and trucks. One of the tion team than last year in the Stanford Park.

A minor disappointment occurred in the Big Melon Contest. Many attending had hoped the contest would produce another new state record. Two years ago the Loewen family produced a gigantic 183 melon

spirited competition at to break the Texas record. The a 73 pound melon, and also home. Loewens weren't able to enter the contest this year, reporting the vines carrying their largest watermelons became diseased and died. Another family duo did take top honors; Lloyd Clark of Denver City won the Senior grower first place with

captured the Open division with an 81 pounder. His young granddaughter Kallie Clark won the Junior division with a 67 pound melon. She won \$250 grandfather walked away with scenes inside **

New attractions at the Round Up this year were twelve commercial booth display areas across the street from courthouse square. Several business firms have expressed interest in making next years event.

The large team roping started at ten a.m., and was still going strong with the arena lights on Saturday night Some 300 teams competed in this, the second term roping held during the Round Up.

Another new wrinkle this year was a fly in breakfast held at the County Airport. The first time event drew nineteen airplanes. Many of the pilots and their friends and families were shuttled into town to visit the Round Up, and were given free watermelons when they flew

The members of Yoakum County Connection, every planner, worker and donor, you are to be commended for another GREAT ROUND UP! for her green thumb, and her ** Many more Round Up

Criminal Cases in County Court

heard in county court August 30, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. CDA Richard Clark was suspended and probated represented the state.

Teddy Joe Morris pled guilty to a first DWI, BT .132/.127. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was assessed a fine of \$500 and court costs of \$225. A marijuana cause was adjudicated. He must spend 72 hours in jail, with credit for 10 hours served, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, and perform 24 hours community service.

Roxana Holguin pled guilty to and perform 80 hours commufailure to appear and bond forfeiture. She will serve 40 days served.

Nieves Badillo Castro pled suspended. He was fined \$500 and must pay \$157 court costs. He will serve 10 days in jail.

Seven criminal cases were Martin Martinez Salazar pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. His 60 day jail sentence 12 months. \$210 court costs and a \$250 fine will be met with time payments. He must enroll within 30 days in a batterer's treatment program at his expense. He must also attend aftercare counseling, and serve 80 hours community ser-

Jesus Rodriguez pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. \$210 court costs and \$500 fine will be met with time payments. He must also complete the batterers treatment program nity service.

in jail with credit for 27 days guilty to possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. A 60 day jail sentence was susguilty to driving while license pended and probated 12 months. Court costs were \$190,

Turn To Page 5. 'County Court'

PISD Superintendent explains proposed tax rate

Plains ISD Superintendent process. Jim Haynes furnished CCN the following news release concerning the District Budget and Proposed Tax Rate illustrated on Page Six;

"The District was required by the state to publish the Notice of Public Meeting to Discuss Budget and Proposed Tax Rate once in August and once in September to reach the desired tax rate of \$1.42 for the current year. The notice in August, with a \$1.39 proposed tax rate represented the calculated maintenance and operations rate plus 3 cents. This was the maximum rate allowed without a rollback election if the tax rate were adopted in August. Rusty Scott Morgan pled The September notice with a \$1.42 proposed tax rate was to represent the calculated maintenance and operations rate plus 6 cents, the maximum rate allowed without a roll back election. This would have completed the required two step

"While the proposed rate in the September notice is at the desired rate of \$1.42 it now represents an updated maintenance and operations rate of \$1.39 plus 3 cents. The district's proposed tax rate at \$1.42 is three cents less than the rollaback rate of \$1.45, and 8 cents less than last year's rate of \$1.50, the rate which represents the calculated maintenance and operations rate plus 6 cents, as is allowed for districts adopting the tax rate in of the TBWEF. September."

Make the trip Friday! Help the Cowboys Beat Abernathy

Cotton Field Day Held Update on boll weevil eradication shows impressive results

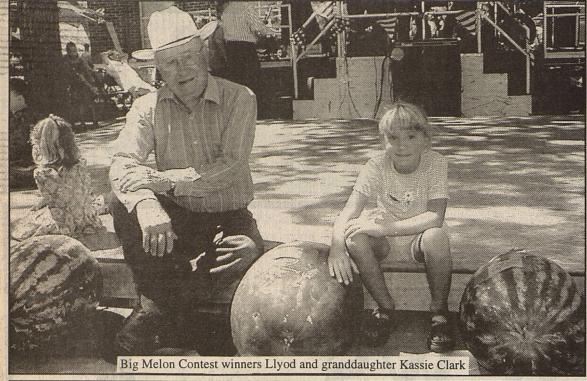
A turn-row cotton field day was held Tuesday morning on a Ricky Bearden farm east of the Tokio Gin. Some of the speakers and topics discussed included Dr. Randy Boman, Texas Agricultural Extension Service Agronomist, who outlined differences in yield potential, growth and development between cotton varieties and harvest aids; Dr. Jim Leser, Extension cotton entomologist, insect pressure difference in Bt cotton; Gary Walker, Sandy Land Water Conservation District, precipitation enhancement project; Dr. Alan Brashears, USDA Ag Engineer, proper timing of cotton stripping; Don Parrish, local producer and member of the State Board of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation (TBWEF), planned efforts to prevent re-infestation of cotton acreage with the boll weevil, and Darrel Dusek Zone Manager, Western High Plains Zone

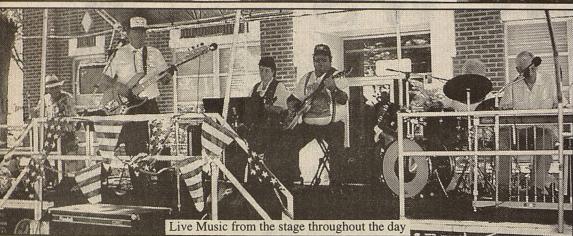
In an earlier interview Monday, Dusek told CCN recent weekly data indicate impressive reduction of weevils in the Plains eradication district. "Our report for the week of August 21-27 in 1999 showed a count average of 12.9 weevils per trap. This year, the weekly report showed only an average of .697 weevils per trap, a 94.5 percent reduction in numbers. The trap count in the other four counties (Terry, Gaines, Lynn and Andrews) showed an even greater reduction in weevils, 97 percent," Dusek said.

He explained Yoakum county's higher trap count indicated a heavier infestation of weevils when the initial diapause control program started.

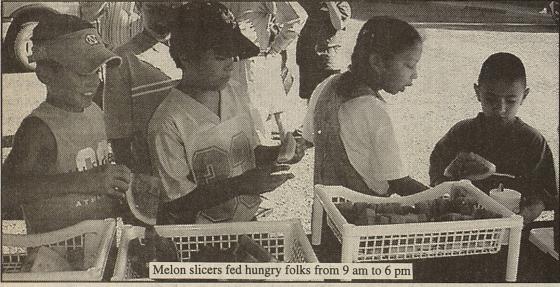
Please turn to page 2, 'Boll Weevil'

Watermelon Round Up Scenes











G. B. Aerial Application, Inc.



Professional, Licensed Ag Applications
At Affordable Rates!

806-632-5375 Dain Mobile

806-456-6300 Office 806-456-6790 Fax 806-456-7536 David Mobile 806-456-7974 Sarah Mobile

GGB



Texas-Oklahoma Watermelon Queen Sarah Williams and Watermelon Round Up Chief mover and shaker Jennette Head. Both ladies put in a long day at the Round Up.

His Needs...... Her Needs

Interactive Marriage Seminar Do you know your own marital needs?

Do you know the marital needs of your spouse?

The needs of men and women are similar. But according to Dr. Harley, their priorities are vastly different. Are you able to identify which of the following needs are his and which are hers? Out of the ten marital needs listed here, which are most important to you? In your opinon, which five are most important to your spouse?

NEEDS

Admiration Affection An Attractive Spouse Conversation
Domestic Support Family Commitment Financial Support
Honesty and Openess Recreational Companionship Sexual Fulfillment

To find the answers... be part of the class! You will discover how identifing and meeting your mate's most important needs will deepen your love and desire for each other. Learn how to become irresistable to your spouse by being part of the His Needs, Her Needs Interactive Marriage Seminar

brought to you by your friends at

Hillside Church of Christ

Seminar begins Wednesday, September 20th Register by September 11th.

For more information call 456-3800 or 456-2552



BAYER LUMBER & HARDWARE

1018 Ave. E Plains, Tx 79355 806-456-4800 Voice & Fax

WE ACCEPT VISA, MASTER CARD, and DISCOVER

STRAW HATS \$3.99
CHOPPING HOES \$16.95
LIME \$2.99 BAG
16-8-8 FERTILIZER \$7.95 Per 40 LB BAG

RINSE-N-VAC CARPET CLEANER \$18.00 PER DAY RENTAL

chili cookoff winning team, 'Mex- Tex'



Even a little politicing took place



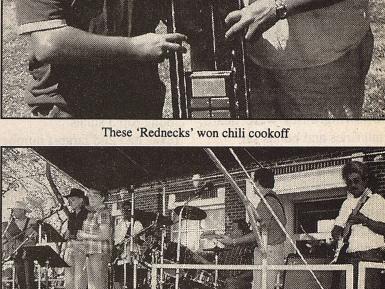




TOP - A truckload of GOLD MIDDLE -A stuffed dog gets curb

BOTTOM- This train was 'barrels of

service in '57 chevy



This little babe was a bit puzzled with the melon

Tuesday, September 12, 2000 10:00 AM.

Plains, Texas, 1/2 mile North on 214 from the Intersection of 380/82 and 214

* AUCTION *

USDA Farm Service Agency - OWNER

To inquire contact Cullen Johnson Equipment & Auction at 806-298-4607. Auctioneers Note: All equipment belonging to USDA Farm Service Agency will sell at absolute auction to the highest bidder.

Quality consignment will be accepted, please contact auctioneer. At this same time there are few small items. Please make plans Tractors: 85 JD 4650 MFWD* 84 JD 4850 MFWD* 84 JD 4450 MFWD* 76 JD 4630* 84 JD 4850* 79 JD 4440* 66 JD

4020* JD 40* JD H* IH 450 Gas* IH 350 LPG Cotton Equipment: 91 Case/IH 1800 Stripper, sn 133003, 1914 Hrs, 4R Brush Head, Nice 78 JD 484 Stripper, sn 315, 4R Brush Head w/expanded metal covers, Big 12 Module Builder* 88 JD 7445 Stripper* 82 JD 484* Shop Made Stripper Trailer*

Caldwell Single Dump Boll Buggy Peanut Equipment: KMC 6R Digger* Amadas 6R Combine* KMC 6R Combine

Trucks: *97 Ford Aeromax 9000, 12.7L Detriot 450 HP, 9 spd, AR, Jakes, Cruise, 60" Stand Up Sleeper* 94 Freightliner Conventional* 89 Chevy 2500 4x4* 85 Dodge 150* 93 Chevy Diesel 4x4* 88 Ford 4x4

Equipment: JD 1408 PT Shredder* Wylie 500 gal PT Spray Rig* 1800 gal Snyder Tank* 24' 4-Wheel Trailer* Tye 8R 3 pt Drill* Wylie 1000 gal water trailer, B&S motor & pump* RAC 8R-40 3pt fertillizer Rig* Wylie PT Fertillizer Trailer* John Blue Pump* 2- 500 gal Fuel Trailers w/electric Pumps* JD 900 11SK Ripper* Baker 4S Disc Plow* JD 60 8R-40 Buster Planter, Drags & PW* Pull Type Packer* RAC 8R-40 Stiff Shank Cultivator* JD 235 Fold Wing Double Offset* JD 9R-40

Listerw/Markers* 16R 3pt Spray Boom* 2- Phares & Wilkens 16R-40 Double Fold Sand Fighters* RAC 8R-40 Rod Weeder* Sam Stevens 8R-40 Knife Slide* 2-JD 400 Rotary Hoe* JD 71 Flex 8R-40 Planter* D&J 20' Land Plain* JD 32' Spring Tooth* Noble 32' Spring Tooth* Harrell 5 Bottom Switch Plow* Lynch 4 Bottom Switch Plow* Sandia side mount tanks* Wylie side mount tanks for MFWD* Heard 3pt Broadcast Seeder* 2 - 4 Wheel 1000 gal Water Trailers* JD 727 Shredder* S&S 7 Shank Ripper* 12' 3pt Tandem* Shaffer 21' PT Tandem* Noble 28' Springtooth* Noble 40' Springtooth* RAC 28' Double 4x4 Tool Bar* RAC 9R Lister 4x7 Bar* JD 965 6 Bottom Switch Plow

Misc: 2- Wildcat Sprayers* Lee 4 WD Spider Spot Sprayer* JD 600 Sprayer, sn641* Miller Bobcat 225G Plus Welder, 8000 Watt Generator, 151 hrs, on trailer* Air Compressor w/B&S 16 HP Motor* JD Front Weights & Bracket* 16' Utility Trailer* 2-

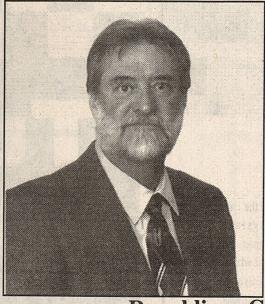
Irrigation: 3-454 Well Motors* 6-292 Well Motors* 2-40 HP Electric Motors*

Busses: 68 Am Eagle 40', 48 Passenger Bus* 87 & 88 Blue Bird, Chevy C-60, 35 Passenger Busses

Cullen Johnson, TX Auc. Lic. 11859, Rt. 2 Box 116C, Abernathy, TX 79311 806-298-4607 Office 806-781-4607 Mobile 806-298-2811 Fax

www.johnsonequipment.com

Rex Swann



"50 years of experience dealing with agriculture, oil, education, and the people of Yoakum County. The resources which drive our economy"

Republican Candidate For

Yoakum County Commissioner

Precinct 3

Paid Political Advertisement by Rex Swann, Box 190, Plains, Texas 79355

We strive to care for you... because WE CARE Plains Memorial Chapel

Norman & Judy Head, Owners

910 Avenue E Across from old couthouse

PO Box 40 806-456-2152

IRAs 6.64% to 8.19%

The grass may be greener

on our side of the fence.

Let us show you IRA alternatives. There's a good chance we can offer a higher rate than you're earning now.

*Corporate bond yields to maturity effective 8-25-2000 subject to availability. Yield and market value may fluctuate if sold prior to maturity.



Call or stop by today. Wayne House Bus 806-698-8577 Hm 806-456-3900 800-867-9897 www.edwardjones.com

Edward Jones Serving Individual Investors Since 1871

WE NEED USED HOMES!! lomes New Dealer in Lubbock

and we're ready to trade. Great prices, selection & easy financing. No down payment for qualified land owners. 2318 N. University. Just outside the Loop 767-0544 or Call us FREE 888-840-1LUV

AG INSURANCE PLUS

CROP INSURANCE MPCI-CRC-CAT-CROP HAIL FARM MACHINERY INSURANCE

456-2788 Jim Brown Mobile 806-891-0449 or 891-0450

Home 592-3490

Jeff Lowery Mobile 806-891-3133 Home 456-3195

From Page One, "Boll Weevil"

Dusek continued, "We now have some 30,000 traps deployed in the Plains District. We are lowering our weevil count trigger to one weevil per forty acres of cotton, rather than the previous three wevils per trap. One weevil will call for aerial application, and will increase the acreage we are spraying some 20 to 25 percent, or roughly 140,000 acres."

Dusek said the Plains district currently employs 51 seasonal field personnel, and 10 full time people. He said aerial application of Malathion will continue in freexe occurs, or there is no more hostable material for the weevils in cotton fields. He said the diapause, or hibernation phase of the eradivil trap counts, with weekly application subject to weather conditions.

JP Court

following cases were heard, among top 3 states. and fines and bonds set:

civil case.

check - fines totaling 1995.11. the state ranked 2nd in U.S. 2 cases - bond forfeiture bonds totaling 1500.00

ure to appear - bonds totaling

1 case - fail to identify fugitive from justice - 500.00 bond. juana - 2000.00 cash bond.

1 case - driving while intoxicated - 2500.00 bond plus in- the truth. terlock device.

500.00 bond.

1 case - driving while license suspended - 500.00 bond. 1 case - motion to revoke probation - held for hearing.

Texas Trivia

the district until a killing growth rate. Nearly 411,000 are placed Texas 6th in nation.

workers. Lone Star State's companies or individuals. 4.4% unemployment rate is September 1, 2000- In Pct. 1 13th best in the United States. Justice of Peace Court, Judge Total personal income of 1,303 retail centers; employs Melba Crutcher presiding, the \$543.56 million ranks Texas over 25,100 workers.

Texas had 2nd largest number Cases filed: 45 traffic and 1 of residential bldg. permits (YTD May). In single family 11 cases - issuance of bad home sales (1st Quarter 2000),

Texas is considered the king of the manufactured housing in-2 cases - bail jumping and fail- dustry. State has 36 plants and

Texas tort reform won't stop Firestone suits

The Firestone Tires tragedy has led some advocates for trial lawyers 1 case - possession of mari- to claim that Texas consumers will not fare well in our courts because of recent reforms to our civil justice'system. Nothing could be further from

At least a hundred lawsuits have 1 case - public intoxication - already been filed against both Firestone Tires and the Ford Motor Company. At least five separate class action lawsuits have already been filed here in Texas. These pending lawsuits against Firestone and Ford as well as hundreds of judgments and settlements against other Texas companies that are reported in newspapers on an almost daily basis are the Texas ranks number two na- best proof that recent tort reforms tionally in high tech jobs. Be- have not limited consumers rights to tween 1993-1998, 132,000 tech sue. On the contrary, courts are more jobs added to the state, a 48% accessible because of fewer frivolous

Hysterical pronouncements that now employed in 12,228 com- Texans will be shortchanged on juspanies across the state. Tech tice because of recent reforms are calcompanies now have 56 out of culated to inflame the public but have every 1,000 private sector jobs. no basis in fact. What grates the State ranked 4th in venture dom to legally extort money from cation program will be car- capital investments in '99 with companies and individuals that are ried out on the basis of wee- \$1.5 bln. The \$9.5 bln. spent on innocent has been greatly reduced research and development because of legislative changes over recent years. Despite their latest claims, these reforms do not limit the Texas has the nation's 2nd larg-right of consumers to bring lawsuits est labor force with 10.4 mln. or to win damages against guilty

> But high profile, politically powerful lawyers have pulled out every

> Texas has 254 counties, more than any other state in the nation. About 225 have historic courthouses.

> Texas owns 122 parks, historic sites, natural areas, & fishing piers. Ranks 7th in number of parks among all 50 states, 4th in total park acerage. Texas spends \$1.79 per capita on parks annually, 63% below US

> Over 82,000 people moved to Texas from other countries in 1999. Nearly 23,000 settled in Houston where 1 out of every 7 is an immigrant.



KEN HOAGLAND Texans for **Lawsuit Reform**

stop in an attempt to return Texas to the old days-"a lawyer's paradise" as described by the Wall St. Journal. In what can only be described as the emergence of a new political class, a mere five Texas lawyers have funneled millions of dollars into the Texas political process, funded front groups purporting to represent consumers and have worked overtime to convince Texans that they have lost

The latest attack holds that a recent decision by the Texas Supreme Court will virtually end class action lawsuits in Texas. The reality is that the Supreme Court ruled that for lower courts to certify a group as a class-meaning that the people in the group truly have common circumstances and harm-that lower court must apply, not disregard, the rules that have been on the books in Texas since 1941.

Many Texas trial courts let class action lawsuits go forward when they did not meet the requirements of those rules. Texas was out of the mainstream of American law on class action litigation. What the Supreme Southwest Refining Co. vs. Bernal) is entirely consistent with the position of most other states, the federal courts, and the United States Supreme Court. But the trial lawyers have a very powerful reason for seizing on the Firestone tragedy and arguing that change in the current practice of almost automatic class action certification of is bad for consumers. The reason is simple; money.

The standards that Texas trial courts and courts of appeal have been applying to class actions developed when the class action device was a rarely used legal oddity. There was little harm in giving class actions the benefit of the doubt or letting them slide on certain requirements. Texas courts developed a philosophy of letting class actions go forward even if they did not fit the requirements and "worrying later" about the conse-

Today, class actions are filed everyday all over Texas. They are big money lawsuits that can generate enormous fees for plaintiffs' lawyers (example, the \$3.3 billion tobacco fee) and can bankrupt even the largest (example, companies Dow Chemical). They are the highest staked litigation in our country.

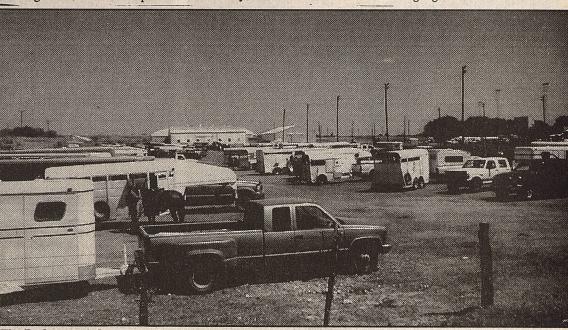
The reality is that the certification process essentially becomes 99% of the fight. In virtually every case, if the class is certified, the defendant immediately pursues a settlement at almost any cost because an adverse

Court decided on this point (in outcome jeopardizes the very existence of the company. This is true regardless of the "merits of the case"or the innocence of the company.

Class actions, once certified, are a figurative gun to the head of a defendant daring the defendant to risk everything. As a result, if you are a plaintiffs' lawyer and you can get a class certified, you are in line for a big payday whether your case is a good one or a marginal one. That is why in recent years not a single class action lawsuit in Texas has actually been decided by a jury.

Courts all across America are recognizing the economic coercive power of class actions and their effects on defendants and the economy. They are simply stepping back from an overly loose application of the class action rule and noting that both sides in class action lawsuits have rights to be protected. Does that mean that class action lawsuits, such as those naming Firestone Tires will not go forward? Absolutely not. It simply means that Texas lawyers will have to conduct themselves according to national norms and define the common elements of that class-a requirement that has been on the Texas law books for decades.

Hoagland Communications Director of Texans for Lawsuit Reform, a bi-partisan civil justice reform advocacy organization working to eliminate lawsuit abuse and protect consumers right to bring legitimate lawsuits.



The Rodeo grounds swarmed with team roping horse trailers.

that Reinke repair components cost less than those of our competitors. Reinke systems also are designed so less costly components act as "shear points." Nobody likes to talk

that systems sometimes need repair, but it's good to know that when a Reinke Irrigation System needs work, it will cost less. See your Reinke Dealer today for more information!

Jack Spears **Drilling Company** Water Well Drilling & Pump Service 456-4925 - 456-3845



The future of irrigation. www.reinke.com • 402-365-7251



MEMBER 2000 Cowboy Country

News **TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**

Cowboy Country News Published Weekly each Wednesday at 1205 Copeland Ave., PO Box 179, Plains, TX 79355 Holly Dyer, Publisher Gary Dyer, Editor Subscription price in Zip Code 793 \$15 annually Other Zip Codes \$18 annually E-Mail us at ccn@hiplains.net

ID # 017574 806-456-8451 FAX 806-456-2010

TurboCharge your phone.

Turn your phone into a high-performance machine with 12 calling features for only \$14.95. That's a savings of 60 percent,* with a money-back guarantee.



For better performance, you need the ALLTEL Complete Package. You'll get 12 features, including Caller ID Deluxe, Call Waiting, Call Return and more, all for only \$14.95.

The power to simplify

Call 1-877-234-7723 to order or for more information.

*Average savings based on Complete Package. Display devices that are compatible with Caller ID or Caller ID Deluxe service may not necessarily work with Caller ID on Call Waiting

Sign up now and there's no activation fee.

Meet The Cowgirl Volleyball Teams



Varsity- L-R, Mackenzie Winn, Lexi Warren, Chelsi Wagnon, Kim Willis, Annaliesa O'Quinn, Michaela Traweek, Kari Guetersloh, Amanda Garcia, Frances Cordova, Tanya Vasquez



JV- L-R, Kim Martinez, Laura Cantu, Toni Murgia, Chelsea Blount, Jessica Rodriquez, Ashley Gonzalez, Moriah Traweek, Kim Trent, Sandra Gallegos, Sarah Martinez, Krystal

Baby Shower "It's a GIRL"

honoring

Rhonda Griffiths

Saturday, September 16th, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

in the home of

Mrs. Kay Sellers

Plains, Texas

MY UTMOST FOR

a worship musical Sunday, September 17 at 10:45 a.m.

Aide Class Begins

Certified Nurse

A course in Certified Nurse Aide begins September 11 at South Plains College in Levelland. The course includes 56 hours of classroom lecture and 24 hours of clinical experience and covers skills necessary to work in long term care, home health or hospital environments. Students will take the State of Texas Certified Nurse Aide Competency Exam on completion of the course.

Student must provide proof of immunization for MMR, Tetanus and they must have a current TB test.

Participants who satisfactorily complete the course will receive a certificate for 8.0 continuing education units.

Classes will meet 5:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays through October 27 in the SPC Technical arts Building, room 112. Clinicals are scheduled 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays at a location to be arranged.

Instructor is Linda K. Newman, L.V.N. Tuition is \$300. State exam fee is \$64.75 Enrollment is limited to 16 students.

To pre-register, contact the SPC Office of Continuing Education at 894-9611, ext. 2341.

From Page 1, 'County Court'

his fine was \$250, and he must pay \$140 restitution to Texas DPS. He must serve 24 hours community service, attend the drug offenders education program, and have his driver license suspended one year.

A job is easily accomplished when you believe that you have the ability to do it. And all the ability you need in life is the will to concentrate and the desire to succeed. The next time you begin to doubt your skills, simply apply your talents.

medical

Equipment & Supply

P.O. Box 1347 * Denver City, Texas 79323

* 1-888-209-3706 Pager *(806) 891-0656 Cellular

(806) 592-1000 - Office * 592-3538 - Fax

TOLL FREE 1-800-688-9049

Serving the South Plains Region and BEYOND ... Denver City * Seminole * Plains * Brownfield * Lubbock * Midland

* Odessa * Andrews * Hobbs, NM * Lovington, NM

24-Hour Personal Service * 7 Days A Week

Sept. 29th & 30th

Wagon Wheel Music Park Snyder, TX.

915-573-2348 Sponsored by Wilson Motors

& Big Country Auto Land

ホホホエエ

Senior Citizens Corner

were Billie Oneal and Jean Poage, congratulations to you

The Center will accept phone day, Wednesday, and Friday. calls after 8:45 am. Monday through Friday.

If you need a ride to the Center of want to eat and are not registered for that day, call between 8:45 & 9:45 am., that will give the driver and the cooks time to include you in that days plans or better still, if at all possible call the day before/

It was real good to have Mary Richards back yesterday. Please keep coming. We need you and love you.

The activities continue each week, walking in the hall, exercising on the treadmill and other machines.

Playing dominoes, '42' tournaments 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. 1st Monday of September 4th. each month we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for that Wanda B.

The winners of '42' tournament month. Memorial Home Health every Thursday from 10:30 - 11:30 am. Line dancing is from 10:00 - 11:00 Mon-Pool tournament 3rd Wednesday of each month. Gail Ballou for insurance, if you need help in anyway with your insurance he will help.

It was also good to have Faye Bruton back from her lengthy absence. We miss you and need you & love you also.

I hope I can get this to the Press & CCN on time. Sometimes we miss our deadline. We try to be on time, but things happen to prevent us from being on time.

Well I guess thats about all for this time. If I have left anyone or anything out I will try to get next week and make apologies. We will be closed Monday

See you soon,

ituaries

Funeral service for Gina McKenzie, 39, of Seagraves, Tx, were held at 2:00 pm., Sunday, September 3, 2000, at the First Baptist Church of Seagraves, with Rev. Rick Smith, pastor, officiating.

Burial was held in Seagraves Cemetery, under the direction of Head Family Funeral Home. She died Thursday, August 31, 2000 in Covenant Medical Center, Lubbock.

She was born July 17, 1961, in Littlefield, to the former Nancy Callaway and Curtis Clevenger. She married Tommy McKenzie, July 27, 1979, in Seagraves.

Gina had lived in Texas all her life, and in Seagraves since 1976, moving here from Lubbock. She was a teacher assistant in the Seagraves school system, a member of the First Bap- 79423. tist Church, and an avid motor-

cyclist.

Survivors include: her husband Tommy of Seagraves. Sons: Cody and wife, Jana McKenzie of Levelland, and Lonnie McKenzie of Seagraves. Mother and step-father: Nancy and C.E. 'Bill' Williams of Seagraves. Father and step-mother: Curtis and Arlene Clevenger of Floyada. Brother and wife: Andy and Kelly Williams of Eieleson Air Force Base, Alaska. Sister and husband: Pamela and Nickey Ham of Bentonville, Arkansas. Gina leaves aunts, uncles,

nieces, and nephews, cousins, in Seagraves, Loop, Seminole, Denver City, Plains, Brownfield, Levelland, and Lubbock.

The family suggests memorials to American Cancer Society, 3411 73rd St., Lubbock, Tx



First United Methodist Church of Plains Invites you to Worship!

Sunday School 9:45 am Morning Worship 10:45 am **Evening Worship 6:30 pm** Evening Study 7:00 pm Thursday Afternoon Study 5:15 pm

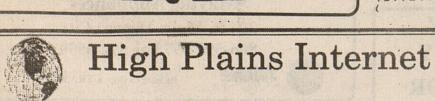
Yoakum County Hospital and Dr. Mohammed Halipoto, M.D., FACOG

are pleased to announce the opening of

The Woman's Center for Well Being

Board Certified in specialty of Obstetrics and Gynecology, extensive experience in endoscopic surgical procedures, infertility; gynecological urology; cancer detection and treatment; treatment and detection of osteoporosis; OB and GYN ultrasound; contraceptives; obstetrics-normal and high risk; general obstetrics and

gynecological surgeries and counseling. The Yoakum County Hospital is Please call for Appointment 592-9300 412 N. Avenue F **Denver City**



Your Fastest,

Easiest, Most

Affordable

SERVING PLAINS, DENVER CITY, HIGGINBOTHAM & SURROUNDING AREA WORLD WIDE WEB - E-MAIL - IRC CHAT -WEB PAGES - NEWS GROUPS - AG INFO. -**WEATHER - SPORTS - NEWS - RESEARCH** LIBRARIES - BUSINESS & STOCKS, AND

Access To: **UNLIMITED ACCESS JUST \$24.95 PER MONTH PLUS TAX!**

MUCH, MUCH MORE.

Apple, Macintosh computers welcome 820 N. MUSTANG DR. 592-3359 **DENVER CITY**

I was elated when I read last Wednesday's edition of the Lubbock AJ. Elation is not a common occurence caused by reading the AJ. There was an flub-up, however, I did find an article in the sports section covering one Dat Nguyen (pronounced 'Win'), a former on page 8D. Texas A&M footballer now playing middle line backer for the Dallas Cowboys. Dat was the first Vietnamese to play in the NFL last season.

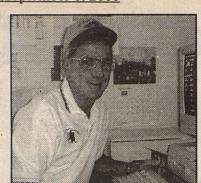
front page of the AJ sports section. At the end of the column I was instructed to "See NGUYEN page 4D."

I turned to 4D, and sure enough, there was the header, "Nguyen feels no pressure." I dove back into the artcle, but whoa! Suddenly I am reading an article about problems with A&M's quarterbacks and other aspects of their team and upcoming season. Nothing about Dat at all.

I thought, well, they got the wrong article under the header. and I'll find it somewhere else.

HELP WANTED

Assistant Manager Part time, Full time, apply at Uncle's for application



Not so. The article about Dat Nguyen was nowhere to be found in the entire sports section. Adding insult to the AJ's entire repeat of the article on the Aggie team printed again

I felt all warm and giddy when I realized I had found someone capable of making an asinine mistake - someone other than me. Let me rush right up front The article appeared on the and assure you, yes, we do make mistakes. I know for a fact, however, we have never run the same article twice in the same issue.

Sure, we've made a few minor bobbles, like having a man being born after his death in an obituary, naming a new born baby a boy when it was a girl, you know, putting the wrong

nor calamities. Thank you, AJ, for making my day.

names of a group of ladies un-

der the wrong picture, just mi-

Last Sunday's church service was interesting. I started to add, ' for a change 'but thought better of it. Our preacher really got on a roll with the Book of Exodus and Moses' dilemmas with the burning bush and the shepherd's rod which turned into a snake when tossed on the ground. He made the point, Moses obeyed God's command to pick up the snake, but probably very, very reluctantly. He asked us sinners, "How would YOU respond to God's command

to grab the snake?" I wanted to shout at him, "I know what the Bride would do," but held my tongue.

She is deathly afraid of snakes. She won't even watch a snake on the tube, and rushes from the room if one appears over 8 seconds. She readily admits, "There are only two kinds of snakes, deadly and deadlier, and they all want to bite and kill me."

Curious, I asked her, "What would you do if God told you to pick up a snake?" She stared at me

Plains Independent School District is taking applications for substitutes for custodians, cafeteria staff, teachers and bus drivers. If interested, please apply at the superintendent's office. Criminal history checks on all prospective substitutes are done on a routinebasis. Bus drivers are subject to drug testing.

ZERO DOWN!! Call for details. Clayton Homes

2005 N. University 877-749-4063

Deluxe 2 bedroom 2 bath home only \$13,995. Price includes-**Delivery-Set Up** A/C & Underpinning. 749-4062

like I was a deformed squash, and said, "You mush head, you KNOW what I would do! I would say, now listen, God, Iknow you're a good guy, and you really want only the best for me, but let's be reasonable. Why pick on me? Even after Eve screwed up in the garden, you didn't ask her to pick up that bad old snake, did you?

"I know we're not supposed to plea bargain with you, but here's my offer, and yes, it's my final answer. You provide me with a long, and I mean a really long forked stick, say a 42 footer, and give me swer.

thirty minutes to stop throwing up, I will poke at it, and if I pick it up the first poke, but that's it! Please don't persecute me, you've already saddled me with my husband, isn't that enough?"

That would truly be her final an-

50-280 (Rev. 4-00/1)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

PLAINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

will hold a public

meeting at Monday, September 18, 7:30 P.M. in THE Administration Office

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the

school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Maintenance	LOUIS COLDE SENSE MANUFACTURE CHICAL CHICAL PROSESSION OF COLDENS AND COLDENS	with Last Yea		Chata Davisania
	& Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	<u>Total</u>	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.50	\$ 0.00*	\$ 1.50	\$ 8,265	\$ 366
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue &	1.39		1.39	8,923	279
Pay Debt Service	\$	\$ *	\$	\$	\$
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.42	. \$ *	\$ 1.42	\$ 9.276	\$ 279

The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	<u>Inis Year</u>
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 34,394	\$ 35,038
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 12,515	\$ 13,031
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.42
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 187.73	\$ 185.04
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ (2.69)

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.45 This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

\$ 1,448,776.00

LEED VILLE IN

Reliability • Dependability **Competitive Prices** Your NO BULL Factory Connection We Sell We Service We Insure 2005 N. University 749-4063 • 877-749-4063

Combine and Trucks - Need Milo and Sunflowers to harvest. Call Joe Palmer 806-787-5187 - 806-748-6106 806-863-2689

Some things are worse than your

computer crashing...but not many.

Plains Independent School District is taking applications for substitutes for custodians, cafeteria staff, teachers and bus drivers. If interested, please apply at the superintendent's office. Criminal history checks on all prospective substitutes are done on a routine basis. Bus drivers are subject to drug testing.

CRP

grass seeding *shredding, crop planting and discing* CALL 806-456-7450 456-7550 mobile

* House For Sale* 4 Br, 2 Bath 1508 Ave. G **For Appointment** to see call Tim 456-7195 or call 662-334-4416

AIR CONDITIONING

Financing available on new central refrigerated air conditioning and heating equipment. Payments as low as \$59 Monthly. Bankruptcy? Bad Credit? No problem! WE WILL **FINANCE YOU! AIR AMERICA 791-1093**

Assistant Manager Trainee Needed \$2,000 monthly full time \$1,000 monthly part time if qualified **Call for Information** 806-795-9275

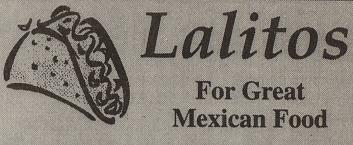
Trailers For Sale New trailers at good prices, from 8' to 20' in length, can custom build to meet your individual needs. Call 505-396-4192

Dyck Pump Service Sales & Supply P.O. Box 451 Seminole, Tx. 79360 Welding, Machine Work, Fast Bailing, Well Drilling 915-758-5432 Mobile 758-9671

Advertise It Here!

TERRY COUNTY **TRACTOR**

Massey Ferguson Kubota **Bush Hog Shredders**, **Lilliston Rolling** Cultivators, Lorenz & Buffalo Cultivators, **Baker Disc & Switch** Plows, Spray Coupe, Wilmar Sprayer Brownfield, Tx. 806-637-4569



Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11:00 -9:00 Sat. 11:00 - 8:00 Sun. 11:00 - 2:00

All Major Credit Cards are Accepted 456-2233



Nelson's **Prescription Pharmacy** "Your Business is always appreciated"

Use our Toll-Free Number 1-800-658-9604 For All Your Pharmacy Needs!! 805 Tahoka Rd. Brownfield, TX

*Carpet *Heating *Air Conditioning *Maytag Appliances

204 N. Main, Denver City 806-592-3973 or 592-3930

" Its hard to stop a TRANE"

CROP & CROP HAIL **MULTI - PERIL** STATE LINE INSUMANCE **DANNY BELL**

Office 456-3521 Home 456-6325 Mobile 456-7517



Let PowerShield help Starting at \$6.69/month For more information call Lea County Electric today! (505) 396-3631 or Toll Free: (800) 510-5232

