# Cowboy Country

News

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

## **Producers seeing benefits** of weevil eradication efforts

Abilene - Cotton growers in eradication program, Box said Texas have always had to he was paying at least twice as worry about adverse weather much per acre as he pays now conditions, increased produc- for weevil control. tion expenses, and until re- McClain agreed. "The bencently, the damaging effects of efits outweigh the costs. You the cotton boll weevil.

Growers in eradication zones of production to pay the cost," entering their third season as he said. part of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication program say they County said he believes groware receiving help with their ers in the Permian Basin zone worries.

Although the program has no control over the weather, it does help with production costs and producers in these zones are noticing a decrease in wee- it starts raining," Wells said. vil numbers and the damages these insects cause.

Jerry McClain of Childress is seeing the results of eradication on his farms in Childress, Hardeman and Cottle counties, encouragement to those who part of the Northern Rolling are not part of the program, or Plains eradication zone.

"The last three crops before eradication began, the weevils ate us up. It wasn't worth pulling." McClain said. But during worse," McClain said. the diapause year of the program, McClain was able to some producres in his area who usually get all of that," he said. program have had a change of "The last two years there heart, and now support their hasn't been a weevil problem, local offices. "Knowing what but there have been weather has been accomplished by the problems." He is enthusiastic program and seeing results in about results of the program." "We had to have something, sion I had," Box said. "I beor I wouldn't be able to raise lieve this is the best program cotton anymore," he said.

western Yoakum County, noted the cost-saving aspect of eradication in the Western High Plains zone. "I am definitely saving money," he said. " It would cost me more if I were them." treating it myself." Before the

only need twenty extra pounds

Theodore Wells of Martin will see the same benefits when the weather cooperates.

" The eradication program has decreased boll weevil damage and will work in this area when

Program employees know growers fund the program and Wells says he believes they work hard to spend the money wisely. These producers offer have misgivings.

"Some people may think they don't have a weevil program, but they do, and it will get

Wells says he has noticed make a top crop. "The weevils were once were against the other areas eased any apprehenavailable. It's getting control of Tommy Box, a producer in the weevil. Because of so many variables, such as weather conditions and various expenses, it's a relief not to have to worry about the boll weevil. We are letting the program take care of

## Plains Lions Club.... 55 years of service

The Plains Lions Club in- Shannon, Ropesvill Lions, and coming year at a catered ban- T2T. quet in the Community building last Friday evening.

Bill Butler is the new Tail easier." as Lion Tamer.

cials was conducted by Charles union.

stalled new officers for the past Governor of Lions District

New President Butch Mack was recognized for his efforts Butch Mack will serve as the leading to over thirty new new Club President. David members joining the club, and Brunson is the new First Vice out going President Rushing President, Eric Banfield Sec- recognized a number of club ond VP, Harry Richardson re- members "who made my year turns as Secretary-Treasurer, in office a pleasure, and much

Twister, and T.J. Miller returns The club will play a large role in helping stage the upcoming The swearing in of new offi- Rodeo and Old Settlers Re-



Almost two dozen new club members were recognized



Club officials T.J. Miller, Bill Butler, Gary Dyer, Vaughn Culwell & Johnnie Fitzgerald



Outgoing President Debbie Rushing addresses crowd

## Criminal cases heard in District Court

Three criminal cases were heard in 121st Judicial Court here on July 2, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Michael Wayne Scott pled guilty to burglary of a building. A two year prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1000. Time payments will be made on \$302 court costs. He must perform 120 hours community service, and pay \$250 court appointed attorney fees. He was represented by Attorney Warren New, and investigating officer was Sheriff Deputy Jerry Howard.

Lorenzo Carrillo pled true to modification of terms of his original probation from a prior criminal attemptsof murder cause. He must pay \$166 delinquent court costs,\$520 delinquent su-Turn To Page 2, "Crime Cases"

#### **Commissioners Court covers** lengthy agenda Monday Denver City's Economic De- new business had been opened

way 84 which initially would employ 14 workers. Another

velopment Coucil Director in Denver City which would Mike Fears was up beat when have four employees, a new he addressed the Court on July hair salon had opened, and the 9. "I am extremely pleased to local cleaning business was report some positive steps to- expanding with help from the wards strengthening Denver EDC and the City Council. City's, and the county's Fears also gave the court an upeconomy in recent develop- date on the previously reported ments." He reported an oil tire re-cycling plant planned for field service company had Denver City. "We're confident moved into the old John Deere it will be a done deal, but we dealership property on High- must wait until the initial fund-

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#### 2000 School Tax Burden Who Paid And How Much?

In 2000, Texas school taxes in-school tax share increase just uncreased 12 percent to reach \$13.4 billion, as reported to the of local school taxes. Owners of Comptroller's Property Tax Divisingle family residences paid alsion by 1,035 independent school district's (ISDs). Who paid these school taxes and what was the percentage of tax burden?

Texas businesses and residential properties paid almost the same total amount in school taxes, with businesses at \$6.2 billion and residential properties at \$6.1 billion.

Texas businesses paid almost 47 percent of 2000 school taxes, about \$515 million more in 2000 taxes than in 1999. Of all business properties, only the utilities' category experienced a tax decrease at almost \$55 million. Part of this decrease was reclassifying electric generation to the industrial cat-

All residential properties - single family homes, multi-family units and residential inventory- saw the

der \$821 million, about 46 percent most 40 percnt of local school taxes and saw their property taxes grow by \$722 million.

Vacant lots, rural acreage and farm and ranch improvements generated about 7.1 percent of school taxes with about \$956 million, a \$63 million increase from 1999.

The table on page two shows Texas property grouped into 14 categories and then grouped into four main property types: business, acreage/lots/farm and ranch, and other personal property. The fourth type - other personal property including privately owned vehicles in school districts where they are taxed - represented about one half of one percent of total school taxes, some \$77 million.

(See Chart Page Two)

#### Summer Pool Side Fun Has Serious Moments, Too



The long, hot days of summer are made more endurable, more enjoyable with frequent visits to the County swimming pool in Stanford Park. Closed only on Mondays, the pool is usually jammed with youngsters from all grade levels, and many mothers bring their toddlers to enjoy the wading pool.



Several times daily, pool manager Todd Davis calls a break. Swimmers leave the pool, and life guards on duty practice safety and rescue drills. Here lifeguard Aaron Cain, on left, dives in to rescue 'drowning' Chris Hansen. The personnel on duty swap out as rescuers and the rescued to keep in practice.



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On The Level

with Donald Haley **USDA/NRCS** 

Nobody ever said Rowe Stephens won't try something new!

And with cotton surrounding a 153-acre block of rangeland southeast of Plains on Sulphur Draw, he was looking for options other than spraying for controlling mesquite.

Emerging cotton always seemed to coincide with adequate leaf conditions on mesquite and high enough soil temperatures to allow proper translocation expensive chemical.

So, aerial spraying was out spring to early summer. of the question and even hand-held foliar spraying was mesquite, 1 pellet for every 2 dangerous. Conditions for foot later fall spraying never recommended. seemed to work out either.

Working with Carter, Natural Conservation Service (NRCS), a different plan of attack has begun.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in 1/4 to 1/2 inch of rainfall. 1997 to treat 60 acres of the 153 acre block for mesquite.

cotton problem, progress on acre. brush control looked dead in

that a new type of mesquite in Velpar, a recognized control is now available – a chemical to most producers. pellet that could be applied aerially or by hand

control. Power Pellets, manufactured and yucca.

by Pro-Serve, Inc. product



active growth, from early

For multi-stemmed of height

For single stem mesquite, Philip apply 1 to 2 pellets for every Rangeland inch of stem, distributed Management Specialist with uniformly around the trunk, Resources approximately 36-inches out from the trunk.

Rainfall the carries chemical down into the root Rowe was accepted into the zone. Results will normally appear 3-6 weeks following

There are no label restrictions on grazing or hay With the surrounding cutting below 600 pellets per

The active ingredient in Pronone is Hexazanone, Research by Carter revealed which is the active ingredient

Other common local rangeland species labeled for that is proving to be control are redberry and successful on mesquite blueberry cedar, huisache, catclaw acacia, hackberry, The product is Pronone sumac, whitebrush, cholla

Due to drought years in label 1998 and 1999 and admitted recommends that Pronone be "laziness" on Rowe's part applied during periods of this last year, he has hand

applied the pellets on only about six acres so far.

"The major reason for inadequate control is that most of the Pronone pellets are still in the bucket they came in... but I've had

pretty good control mesquites I went ahead and treated this past fall.

According to NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist Philip Carter, Pronone is even more effective in our sandier soils than on soils higher in clay or organic matter content, because the chemical does not get tied up and can get to the root zone more effectively.

Thus, the effective application rate on our soil is normally about half that of more clayey soils.

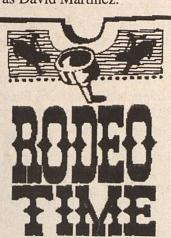
Cost for Pronone runs about 8 cents per pellet. If you figure an average three pellets per tree (multi-stem ,1 pellet per two feet of height), it costs about a quarter per treated tree for the chemical.

As for the potentially high labor costs involved for individual hand treatment, Rowe says he gets a real bargain there; "It's just me, and I charge myself what I'm worth!"

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pervision fees, \$169 delinquent attorney fees, \$544 delinquent restitution. He must also pay remaining Restitution of \$42,324 at \$400 per month. His attorney was Steve Herschberger.

Sherry Williams Cleveland, aka Sherry Leggett Cleveland pled guilty to a third or more DWI. A 10 year prison term was suspended and probated 10 years. She was fined \$1500 and will make time payments on \$237 court costs, and must pay \$140 restitution to DPS. A drug possession charge was adjudicated. She must serve confinement in Managed Care Center, Lubbock, for at least 30 days, not more than six months. Upon completion of the facility program she must attend weekly AA meetings, install an interlock device on any driven vehicle, complete the DWI repeat offender program, and surrender her license 90 days. Investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Shugart, and her attorney was David Martinez.



Reunion Barbecue Saturday Noon, Stanford Park

Table 3: Federal and State Motor Gasoline Taxes, 1962-2001 (cents per gallon)

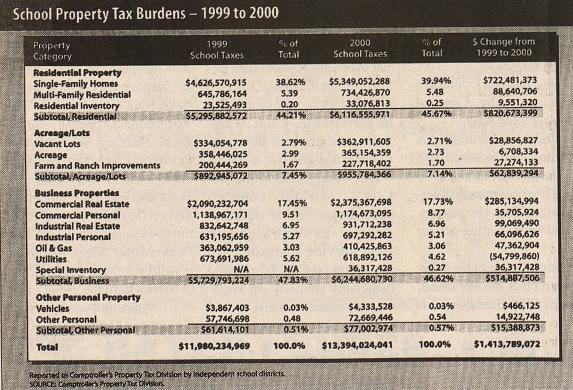
Taxes, 1962-2001 (cents per gallon) Federal Inflation-				
	Federal	State		Adjusted
Year	Taxes	Taxes	Total <sup>b</sup>	Total
	Takoo	TUNCO		
1962	4.0	6.3	10.3	60.0
1963	4.0	6.3	10.3	59.4
1964	4.0	6.4	10.4	59.0
1965	4.0	6.5	10.5	58.5
1966	4.0	8,5	19.5	571.0
-1967	4.0	6.6	10.6	56.0
1968	4.0	6.8	10.8	54.6
1969	4.0	7.0	11.0	52.8
1970	4.0	7.1	11.1	50.6
1971	4.0	72	11.2	46.9
1972	4.0	7.7	11.7	49.2
1973	4.0	7.9	11.9	47.4
1974	4.0	8.3	12.3	44.0
1976	4.0	8.4	12.4	40.6
1977	4.0	8.6	12.6	36.7
1978	4.0	8.7	12.7	34.3
1979	4.0	9.2	1,3.2	32.1
1980	4.0	9.8	13.8	29.5
1001	4.0	3.0	10.0	28.1
1982	4.0	10.9	14.9	27.2
1983	7.8	11.6	19.3	34.2
1984	9.0	12.4	21.4	36.3
1985	9.0	13.0	22.0	36.0
1986	9.0	13.7	22.7	38.5
1987	9.1	14.4	23.5	36.5
1988	9.1	15.0	24.1	35.9
1989	9.1	16.0	25.1	35.7
1990	9.5	17.4	26.9	36.3
1991	14.1	18,7	32.6	42.5
1992	14.1	19.5	33.6	42.2
1993	15.2	20.2	35.4	43.2
1994	18.4	20.8	39.2	46.6
1995	18.4	22.0	40.4	46.7
1996	18.3	22.4	40.7	45.7
1997	18.4	22.4	40.8	44.8
1998	18.4	22.6	41.0	44.3
1999	18.4	23.1	41.5	43.9
2000	18.4	23.8	42.2	43.2
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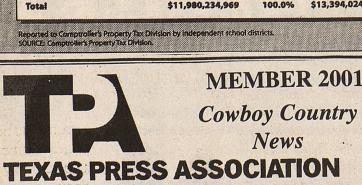
Represents annualized tax increases.

Excludes local taxes.

Measured in 2001 cents per gallon. Sources: American Petroleum Institute summaries of "State Motor Fuel Tax Rates," and reports on

"Nationwide and State-by-State- Motor Fuel Taxes," www.api.org/consumer

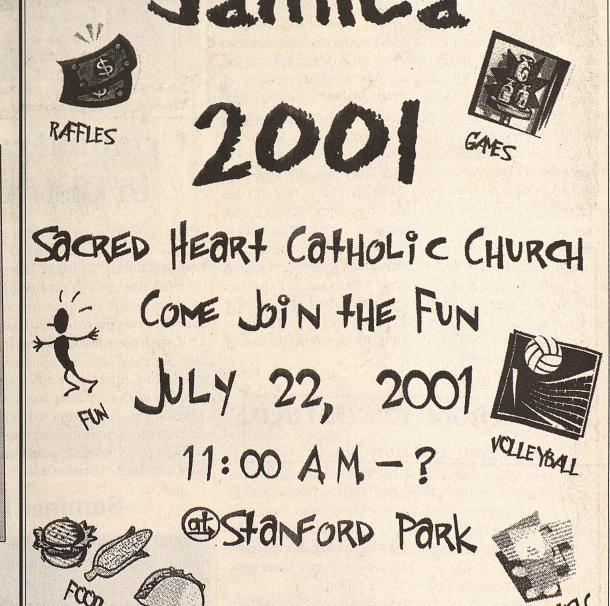




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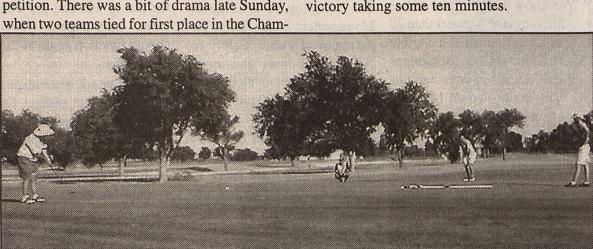
The Yoakum County Golf Course saw lots of pressure over the week of July 4th. A three man scramble drawing 46 teams was the feature on Wednesday, the 4th, followed almost immediately by a Pro-Am one day tourney Friday, July 6, and then the annual Cotton Kilpatrick Partnership Tournament, the premier event staged by the Club.

Well over a month of very high temperatures, winds and no rain have taken a toll on the local course, but it remains in remarkably good condition considering Mother Nature's lack of cooperation.

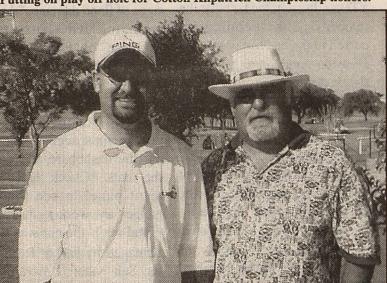
The Cotton Kilpatrick again drew a field of good golfers making up seven flights of competition. There was a bit of drama late Sunday,

pionship flight with identical two day scores of 134. The format called for a sudden death playoff starting on the number one hole. The team of Kenny Dierschke and Ken Taylor faced Randy Cavasos and Mitch Shain. Dierschkie's drive landed deep in the left rough, Taylor was in the fairway about 170 yards out, a few yards behind Cavasos' drive, while Shain's ball was in the right rough. All four golfers second shots made the green. Taylor putted first, and missed on the hard and very fast green. Cavasos attempted the second putt, another near miss. ThenShain's ball also slid by the elusive hole. Dieschke, some 7 to 8 feet out, tapped a big, breaking putt square into the hole for a payoff victory taking some ten minutes.

SCORES>>>>>>>>



Putting on play off hole for Cotton Kilpatrick Champioship honors.



Son & father duo of Jeff and Jim Beal won Kilpatrick first flight with two day score of 134



Plains trio of Alan Bell, Bill Butler, Danny Bell won Championship

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#### KILPATRIC SCORES

First Flight:

1st-138-Brad Stegall, Codi Crane

1st- 139- Buddy & Rick Hanna

3rd-147-Chris Blundell, Robby Guetersloh

Fifth Flight:

2nd- 146- Terry, Tracy Summers 3rd- 146 (scorecard draw) Wes McCormick, Daniel Armstrong

1st- 148- Joel Trevino, Ray Ater

3rd-151- Ko Hart, Charlie Evans

Championship Flight: 1st (won playoff) 134 - Ken Taylor & Kenny Dierschke 2nd (lost playoff) 134- Mitch Shain, Randy Cavasos 3rd - 136- Steve Evans, Todd Stroud

1st- 134- Jim and Jeff Beal 2nd-136-Larry Sutton, Hal Wood 3rd-137- Terry Burton, Terry Ott Second Flight:

2nd- 140- Calvin Stewart, Mark

3rd- 145-Rodney Deaton, Larry Belcher Third Flight:

2nd-141- Wade Daughtery, Gary Washington

Fourth Flight: 1st- 145- Corky, Johnny Black 2nd- 145 (scorecard draw) Mark Ivie, Weldon Smith 3rd -146- Ted & Wes Welch

1st- 143- Steve Robles, Koby Hooker

Sixth Flight:

2nd- 149- Mike Payne, Don Gilliam

latest idea for escaping the conflict over its Vieques, Puerto Rico bombing range by relocating the facility to the Texas Gulf Coast has the service under fire from the nation's largest con-

servation group.

"The Navy must not target Texas, nor the sensitive wild habitat areas of any other states," warns National Wildlife Federation (NWF) President Mark Van Putten in a letter fired off today to Navy Secretary Gordon England at the Pentagon. "Neither members and supporters of the National Wildlife Federation nor the American public at large will sit still for an attack on the spe-

NWF's concerns were spurred by published reports that the Navy is considering converting a 20 mile stretch of coastline along the upper Laguna Madre into an "Expeditionary warfare training center." In addition to disturbing an ecologically sen-

cial wild places they cherish,"

added Van Putten.

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#### **Navy Plan Prompts Angry** Warning From Wildlife Group

"Don't Target Texas"

Austin, TX.- The U.S. Navy's sitive estuary, this proposal would reportedly involve cutting mile wide swaths across Padre Island National Seashore, which separates the Laguna from the Gulf of Mexico. The NWF president cites special concerns about the plan's consideration of Padre Island, which he terms an area of "national ecological and recreational significance." The letter also notes the tremendous array of wildlife and economic

assets potentially at risk from

the Navy plan. "These are real and serious concerns," said NWF Vice President Susan Rieff, from her office in Austin. "This is a threat to the people and the wildlife of a place that is very special to Texans and others who love the coast." Rieff echoed Van Putten's letter by calling on the Navy to immediately abandon what the group calls its "ill advised idea to wage war on a National Seashore and

#### Walker named to T.A.R. 2001 Hall of Fame

fragile coastal ecosystem."

State Representative Gary Walker has been named to the Texas Association of Realtors 2001 Legislative Hall of Fame. "Representative Walker, both in words and in actions during the 77th session, demonstrated a strong commitment to property owners in his district," said Jack Eckstrum, chairman of the statewide Realtror organization. "We share the common goal of protecting thr rights of private property owners - a principle on which Texas was founded."

Only 19 0f 181 state representatives and senators were named to the Texas Association of Realtors 2001 Legislative Hall of Fame. TAR is one of the state's largest professional associations with a membership in excess of 55,000 Texans.

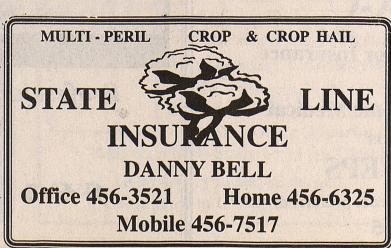
#### Office space Commercial vacancy rates in the downtown areas of Texas cities declined significantly between 1995 and 2000. The rates may increase some as the economy slows, but real estate developers expect the market to remain healthy. 19.8% 14.7% 10.1% 29.0% 31.9% 32.0% 20.1% 21.9% 18.1% 11.5% 95 '98 SOURCE: CB Richard Ellis.

#### **2001 Youth Range Workshop**

Joel Horn, Plains 4-H member, Forbus. was selected to attend the Youth Range Workshop in Junction, Texas, June 24-29. Selection of participants was based on outstanding projects and activities within 4-H or FFA, and their interest in range and natural resource management. Joel's sponsor's were: Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District, Sandy Land Underground Water District, Plains 4-H Club, and Bud and Mary Dale more than 1,600 Texas youths.

The workshop, sponsored by the Texas Section Society for Range Management, featured field trips to ranches in Kimble and Menard counties and other Hill Country areas. Workshop instructors included Texas Agricultural Extension Service nors. specialists, Experiment Station scientists and County Extension Agents. The workshop program began in 1955, and has provided training benefitting

Thanks for reading **Cowboy Country News!** 



#### JP Court

Peace Court Precinct 1, with bond. Driving while intoxi-Judge Melba Crutcher presid- cated-2nd \$1,500.00 bond + ing there were 131 traffic cases, interlock device ordered, 2 2 possession of drug parapher- cases-Bail jumping and failure nalia, 2 consumption of alco- to appear \$500.00 bond. No hol by minors, 2 driving under motorcycle driver's license the influence of alcohol by mi- (Hidalgo County) \$112.00 fine.

report to a police officer ily member \$2,500.00 bond.

\$500.00 bond. Purchase/fur-June 22, 2001-In Justice of the nish alcohol to a minor \$500.00 Operate motorcycle without Bonds set-Motion of surety approved helmet \$112.00 fine. \$1,000.00 bond. 2 cases-Driv- Driver license/ID false \$500.00 ing under the influence of al- bond. Public intoxication cohol by minor \$500.00 bond. \$250.00 fine. Motion to revoke Operating motor vehicle with- probation-Held until hearing. out driver's license \$200.00 Theft 0/\$20-U/\$500 by check bond. Assault causes bodily in- (Hockley County) \$1,000.00 jury \$1,500.00 bond. Motion to bond. Bond forfeiture (Lubrevoke community supervi- bock County) \$5,000.00 bond. sion-Held until hearing. 2 Bond Forfeiture (Lubbock cases-Driving while license County) \$3,000.00 bond. Assuspended \$500.00 bond. False sault causes bodily injury-fam-



#### Edward Jones

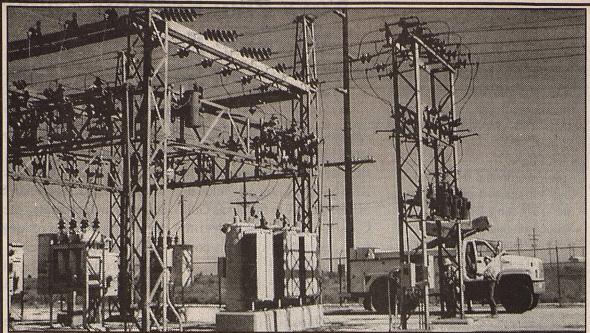
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The City experienced an power outage around 4:35 PM Monday. The Lea County Electric Plains' Line Crew shown here at the sub-station on the Old Lovington Road Manuel Estrada, Jeff Redman, Gary Jones, Dare Walker, and Brett Squyres had the power restored at approximately 5:10 PM.

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ing is in place to secure the major financing for the crumb rubber manufacturing facility, planned to initially employ some 25 people. The County had earlier pledged financial support of the EDC group.

David Turnbough, a resident along county road 390, and Mike Hancock, representing Mustang Station, the large electricity generating plant also just off 390,,urged the court to conof the county road. Turnbough road.

Sil

said over the years he has seen many vehicle accidnets on the narrow road, which badly needs widening, and centerstriped. Hancock agreed, and said the generating plant had many large, heavy trucks using the road.

Precinct One Commissioner Woody Lindsey told the spokesmen he had made budgetary arrangements for rebuilding the road, and said gravel was already being sider badly needed re-building stored along the heavily used

If your TV goes out tonight...

...what will you be looking at?

The court approved a bid from Yellowhouse Machinery, Lubbock, for the purchase of a new asphalt distributor. Purchase price of the Entyre 'Shooter' was \$97,995. The court also agreed to accept a bid from Bee Equipment for the sale of three old distributors from Precincts 1,3 and 4. Bee Equipment offered a total of \$40,017 for the units.

The Court approved employment of Dianne Brunson and Jo Ann Martinez as Dispatchers in the Sheriff Department.

O.H. Gilbert addressed the court on tax issues on Mesa Pecan Grove, section 757 in Block D of the County. Gilbert explained the original owner and developer of Mesa, Nuel Shofner, later obtained court permission to subdivide the property into 10 and 20 acre tracts. Gilbert said the appraiser for the County Appraisal District had appraised all of the tracts as non-agricultural property, resulting in drastically higher taxes. "The tracts smaller than 20 acres are being appraised at about \$35 per acre. We know a provision exists which says the 'smaller than 20 acre tracts' can still be eligible for agricultural use exemptions if they are all in one contguos block, which would be about ten times lower than the present ing major damage.

He reported the appraisal district office here was apparently trying to get legal advice about \$100,000 in past due taxes, penalties and interest, but had been unsuccessful to date.

rates."

Commissioner Lindsey, that the court didn't have the authority to intervene in the dispute, but would discuss the matter with the appraisal disattorney.

Tax Assessor Collector Betty Rivas reported collecting \$26,213 in taxes during June.

#### Armed **Forces** News

Luke Anthony Smith graduated from the United States Army Noncommissioned Officer Academy Friday, June 29, 2001, and has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Luke is a 1996 graduate of or county." Plains High Schoo and the son of Hershel and Debbie Smith. He enlisted in the United States Army in January, 1999, and received his basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. In June of 1999, after completing basic training, Luke was transferred to Fort Campbell, Kentucky. During his two years of service at Fort Campbell, Luke has completed Commando Training in Belgium and served for six months with the NATO Peace Keeping Force in Kosovo.

He is currently stationed at Fort Campbell as a member of the 101st Airborne Division.l

#### **Texas Used Car Lots Target For Flood Damaged Vehicles**

The devastation caused by Tropical Storm Allison continues to mount across Texas with damage approaching \$5 billion and the death toll at 23.

But, the very nature of the storm, heavy rains in 30 counties including the state's largest, will keep officials busy fro months to come.

In all, 21 federal and state agencies and organizations have combined efforts to ease the tragic results of the storm. The Division of Emergency Management of the Texas Department of Public Safety reports 483 homes and apartments destroyed in the flooding and another 13,000 plus suffer-

Tallying the numbers from flooded vehicles will keep insurance companies busy for months, with increased personpossibly forgiving some nel working around the clock to resolve tens of thousands of claims.

Although not a record setter for After a lengthy discussion, a Texas disaster, the fact that the Judge Brewer concurred with majority of the flooding occurred in the heavily populated Houston area added greatly to the devastation.

Willy Graves, president of Progressive County Mutual of trict and possibly the county Texas, warned that the effects of Allison could also harm Texans outside the flood stricken area. "Cars damaged by the floods could show up on a local used car lot," Graves said. "Consumers need to know the warning signs before purchasing a used car."

He said vehicles salvaged from such floods are sometimes resold to consumers who are completely unaware of the vehicles' flood history.

"It's called 'washing the title," Graves said. "A car that can be rebuilt and restored is often retitles in another part of the state

damage, Graves said there is no reason it should not be a good used car. "But buyers need to

protect themselves by looking for clues that the car has been salvaged from a flood. It's all in knowing where to look, what to look for and what questions to ask," Graves added.

Some vehicle components, on the other hand, are not normally affected by water. For example, the radio, air conditioning and cooling system are all closed off and unaffected by the elements. The steering, suspension and brake systems are designed for use in wet and dry conditions, and power steering should function again after being drained.

Progressive advises consumers who are in the market for a used car to protect themselves by following these steps: \*Buy only from a reputable used car dealer. \*Ask the dealer if the vehicle has been flood damaged. Get the answer in writing with the bill of sale. \*Take the vehicle to a trusted mechanic to be checked for nay signs of flood damage. \*Ask to see the title. If it is not stamped "Salvage" or "Flood", ask for the car's history to see if it came from a state that recently experienced flooding. \*Look for dried mud or rust in the glove compartment, trunk, under the dashboard and under the seats. \*Check the instrument panel to see that all gauges are working properly. \*Find out if the car was flood damaged by salt or fresh water. Salt water is more corrosive and can cause more serious damage. \* Look for discolored, faded or stained upholstery or carpeting. If the carpeting fits loosely or the color does not match the interior, it may have been replaced because the vehicle was flood damaged. \*Check on the outside of the engine, inside garnish moldings and "Kick If a car sustained only minor Plates", inside rear compartment for a distinguishing water line to see how deep the car was submerged.

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4th celebration as much as I did. It made me feel so proud they were. There were so many that go to the center. It was so pretty the music, flags and the will start up again. men walking with their heads held high.

at the center. We miss each person when they go off to the mountains or to the valley.

We still have cards 2 for \$1.00-'Get Well', 'Sympathy', 'Birthday' and 'Thinking of You'.

Remember we have a memorial fund that helps us raise money for the center.

I hope everyone enjoyed the There are several people walking in the hall and using our exercise equipment. The pool to see the veterans honored like players are still going strong, also dominoes and now that Tom is back the bridge players

The pot luck supper is the 19th at 6:30 pm. Bo Boggs and his It was good to see Paul back band will be here for Country Western Music, so fix something and come join us. We break up about 9:00 pm.

Wednesday the 18th is pool tournament. Tuesday the 10th is dominoes.

Everyone have a good week. Till Next Week, Wanda B.

#### **CSW To Offer NYC Theatre Tour**

College of the Southwest will ing Day Parade. offer area residents and students a chance to experience New York City over the Thanksgiving holiday along with the chance to earn two hours' college credit. The seven day, six night tour, guided by CSW's Theatre Director Glynese Floyd, will leave November 20 and return November 26, 2001.

Members of the tour group will not only attend a Broadway and an Off-Broadway show, the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show, and be treated to a memorable Thanksgiving feast in Little Italy, but will also have plenty of time to explore many of of Liberty, the World Trade time." Canter, Lincoln Center, and the Metropolitan Museum, to name only a few. One of the featured highlights will be the renowned Macy's Thanksgiv-

The \$1,490.00 tour package includes round trip airfare from Lubbock, Texas, to New York City; transportation to and from the airport in New York; double occupancy hotel accommodations; theatre tickets, and the Thanksgiving meal in Little Italy. Tickets must be reserved no later than August 20, 2001. Students desiring two hours' credit must complete registration before October 1, 2001.

According to Floyd, who has guided the theatre tour for a number of years, it is a memorable experience. "This is New York's most impressive season, and the holiday excitement is just wonderful. If someone New York City's world famous wants to experience the true attractions including the Statue magic of New York, this is the

> For further information and details, contact Glynese Floyd at College of the Southwest at 505-392-6561, extension 1078.

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work for the Plains Independent School district last year as a 7th and 8th grade science teacher cept of customer service will and 7th grade boys coach (all sports). They have two sons: Christopher, age 7, will be a in Plains. We are extremely second grader this fall, and Robert, age 10 will be entering

fourth grade. The family enjoys cycling, spending time at the city pool (Todd is managing the facility this summer), and camping.

October, the Davis family lived as an admitting coordinator foe Covenant Medical Center. According to Allan Brown, the Tina's husband, Todd, came to Co-op's manager of marketing, "Tina's experience and personal commitment to the conprove valuable in helping us meet the needs of our members proud to have her on board."

#### **Hobbs Chamber Honors Former Resident** Kim Van Dyke

Chamber of Commerce ban- ing with First United Methodquet honored winners of a num- ist Church's vacation Bible ber of citizenship awards winners. A former Plains resident and PHS graduate, Kim Van Dyke, was named the Out-

nominated his wife for her own community work and dedicathe family business.

Van Dyke has taken on more and more community spirited tion, where she sits the example responsibilities over the past year, including a United Way Team chairmanship and accepting chairmanship for Hobbs' National Day of Prayer.

This is in addition to working \$3,000.00. full time at Lea Regional Medical Canter and helping running the family fencing business, not to mention filling in for her Stephens. husband's advisory position at

The 69th annual Hobbs, NM Hobbs High School and help-

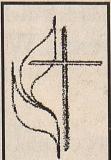
Kim is also President of the New Mexico FFA Alumni Association and New Mexico's standing Young Woman of the delegate to the National FFA Alumni Conference in Lexing-Husband Brent Van Dyke ton, Kentucky in October.

As a devoted Christian she is a super role model for the youth tion to both her own career and of her community as well as hundreds of young people in the New Mexico FFA Associaof servanthood when she helped organize a state auction to raise money to send students to summer camp. This year's state auction raised over

Kim is a 1982 graduate of Plains High School and the daughter of Bo and Sheila

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#### Octoberfest '01 The Wild, Wild West!

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Sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Octoberfest is offered for men and women alike to enjoy the wonderful activities offered 25, 2001.

Opportunities include "hands on "learning centers where one Before moving to Plains last can learn holiday crafts, line dancing and other exciting

its best this year "Deep in the on topics such as horticulture,

Fishing on Lake Brownwood add popularity to your stay. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, card & table games are all popular activities. Fun and educational tours are also an option for those who prefer this type of fun! "Octoberfest '01! Are you 50 or older? Then its for during the week of October 22- you! Get away and learn to make the most of the best years of your life. Call your county Extension office today at 456-

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Be still, my fluttering heart! My excitement was hard to control when last week I read a release from the Texas Secretary of State's office announcing 19 constitutional amendments will appear on the November General Election ballot.

Surely you remember how exciting these constitutional amendments can be. NO? The following propositions should not be read or pondered if (A) you have the slightest history of heart problems, or (B), watching rust form excites you. How about Proposition 1: "The amendment providing for clearing of land titles by release of a state claim of interest to owners of certain land in Bastrop County." Now, I'm sure this matter must be of some import to someone in Bastrop County with some land of some sort, but I'm fuzzy about how my vote could help or hinder this cause - and I couldn't care less.

Proposition 3 is equally intriguing; "The amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation raw cocoa and green coffee held in Harris County." My first thought was, what is raw cocoa and green coffee, and next question was, where is it being held - in jail, a DEA lab, the pantry of a Presbyterian Church? I am a bit puzzled why anyone would WANT to hold the yukky sounding stuff. Start thinking about it now, it's ap-

parently a big deal. Proposition 5 is a wee bit more

appealing to me, "The amendment authorizing municipalities to donate outdated or surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to undedeveloped countries." I would personally like to amend that amendment to read, " ..... undedeveloped nations which are our avowed enemies and which preach ' death to the Infidel Uncle Sam and George W'." Serve 'em right to get over stocked with leaking fire hoses and pumper truck that don't pump.

Proposition 12 is one I am quite familiar with; " An amendment to eliminate obsolete, archaic, redundant and unnecessary provisions and to clarify, update and harmonize certain provisions of the Texas Constitution." The reason I am quite familiar with this piece of work is I have seen it on every single ballot containing Constitutional Amendments since at least 1950. Someone has been working at least that long to get rid of all the above, yet the Constitution remains obsolete, archaic, redundant, and out of date and completely without any harmony. Vote AGAINST this Proposition 12. It's obviously asking the impossible of someone. Remain satisfied with a clumsy, confusing Constitution - it's part of living in

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Sunday School. I suspicion part of my problem may be the theme of recent lessons. A few Sunday's back, we were into ' Tender Love'. Our mentor asked the class what we thought of when we heard tender love. I replied I immediately thought of Elvis singing 'Love Me Tender'. Apparently that was not the answer he sought, for he gave me a glare, and the Bride gave me a sharp elbow in the ribs. The next Sunday we delved

I seem to be struggling a bit in

into 'Thoughtful Love'. I was determined to be up on this one, and studied furiously most all of Saturday night and then early Sunday morn. Well, I DID pour over the thing as the Bride drove us to Church. The teacher again asked our opinion of thoughtful love. I suspect he asks us these questions because he doesn't know the answers either.

I volunteered thoughtful love was when, at the end of the day, you realize it's your mate's birthday, or anniversary, and you have to make a speed run somewhere to grab a last minute gift. That proves your thoughtful love, I offered. I got another glare from the guy, and another dig in the ribs. I must not be paying attention.

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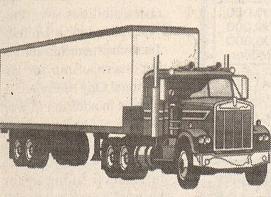
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