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PLAINS, YOAKUM COUNTY, TEXAS

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## Tommy Guy Box given recognition as Farmer of the Year

The Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District has selected Tommy Guy Box of Plains, as the Conservation Farmer of the Year for 1992. He is the son of Margaret Box and the late Tom Box of Plains. Tommy is married to the former Cindra McDermott of Levelland and they have two daughters, Shawna and Maranda. He is a 1976 graduate of South Plains College with an Associates Degree in Agri-Business.

Tommy Guy owns 320 acres of farmland in Texas and New Mexico, of which 160 acres are in CRP. He operates and manages an additional 5,120 acres, of these 3,200 acres are in rangeland and 1,920 acres are cropland. Of the 1,920 acres, 320 acres are in CRP in Yoakum, Deaf Smith and Gaines counties. In addition to the farming operation, Tommy also oversees a cow-calf operation consisting of 110 mother cows.

The cropland is both dryland and irrigated and is normally planted to cotton (800 ac.), grain sorghum (780 ac.), and wheat (180 ac.). There are 657 acres which are irrigated using five center pivots on six circles. Box is very concerned with water conservation, which is evident by the fact that all of his pivots have low pressure packages, using sprays or wobblers. He personally has converted two of the pivots himself, from high pressure impact sprinklers to low pressure systems with pressure regulators, drops and wobblers.

Tommy's main vegetative conservation practices are the use of a crop rotation and management of his residue. He rotates crops on his farms, by planting cotton two years and then grain sorghum two years on the same acres. He is planning on experimenting with rotating every year, to see how this works. He also plants other high residue crops such as wheat and rye and manages the residues to protect against wind and water erosion.

Other soil erosion control and soil moisture conserving practices that he employs, are the use of various emergency tillage methods. To enhance



1992 CONSERVATION FARMER OF THE YEAR, selected by Yoakum Soil and Water Conservation District is Tommy Guy Box, center. At his left is his wife, Cindra. Making the presentation is L.J. Sanders, director.

fertility, improve infiltration, and reduce erosion, Box uses deep breaking or deep plowing. He normally breaks 1/3 to 1/2 of all the land he works, the rest of the land is chiseled.

Conservation practices on rangeland consist of brush control for shin oak and broom snakeweed. The rangeland is also divided into several

pastures and a grazing management system is used, where the cattle are rotated through the various pastures. This is to ensure that none of the pastures are overgrazed.

In addition to his farming, Box is very active in his community. He currently serves on the local ASCS county committee, is 4-H Adult Leader President, is a Bible School teacher at the

Hillside Church of Christ, and is treasurer of the Hillside Church of Christ. In the past, he has been President and Secretary of the Young Farmers, has served on the Farm Bureau County Board and on the Field Crops Committee for the Extension Service. He also served for 14 years on the AG Advisory Board for South Plains College.

## Country Caravan to be here Friday

South Plains College's Country Caravan will present their popular country music show in Plains Friday, June 18 in Stanford (City) Park. The show is slated to get underway at 8:30 p.m. Prior to the start, local organizations will man food booths beginning at 7 p.m.

Sponsor of the event is Plains Chamber of Commerce.

Country Caravan, whose theme this year is Take A Trip to The Country, features nearly 30 country music favorites, both past and present, in a fast-paced 90 minute family entertainment package. The latest country music hits plus classic country standards are performed by a talented cast.



JIMMY ROBERTSON

## Robertson receives number one rating in State Solo Contest

Jimmy Robertson, 1993 graduate of Plains High School, received a division one rating on a class one French Horn solo in the State Solo and Ensemble Contests May 29 in San Marcos.

Accompanied by Cynthia Blair, he played "Horn Concerto Number One in E-flat Major, Op. II". His judge, Charles Gavin, was impressed with his style and tone.

Robertson will attend Trinity Valley Community College this fall, majoring in music.

Band Director Byron Morgan and his wife, Carrol, attended the contest.

# U.N. Treaty threatens parental authority

It boggles the mind. As if we Americans don't have trouble enough raising our kids in these disorderly times, a gaggle of left-wing social "reformers" is pushing for adoption of a U.N. treaty that would weaken or preempt what remains of our parental authority.

By Philip C. Clark

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, as it's called, was adopted unanimously by the U.N. General Assembly and signed in January, 1990, by representatives of more than 100 member nations - but thus far not the United States. The Convention, or Treaty, has the stated purpose of protecting children worldwide from tyranny and exploitation. That's all to the good, especially as it applies to Third World dictatorships and helpless young war victims. But several of the document's 54 Articles - it's lengthier than the U.S. Constitution - would severely undermine or completely abolish the rights and prerogatives traditionally held by parents in most advanced countries.

In the considered opinion of Phyllis Schlafly, President of the pro-family Eagle Forum, the U.N. Treaty would "dictate how American parents must raise their children, and spell out the areas where the government (or the U.N.) must step in to replace parents." This is no exaggeration. Article 12, for example, gives children the right to express their views freely "in all matters." Article 13 grants the right to receive information of all kinds through "media of the child's choice." (Including the "Playboy" channel?) Article 14 guarantees children freedom of "thought, conscience and religion" of their own choosing. Parents would be prohibited from interfering.

There's more. Article 15 denies any restrictions on a child's freedom of association, "except as necessary for national security, public safety or order, public health or morals or to protect the rights and freedoms of others." There is no mention of parental rights to oppose a child's possible undesirable relationships, say, with a street gang or a fanatical cult. Article 16 guarantees the absolute right of privacy to any child - even from their own parents. Article 24 requires governments to develop family planning services, such as those provided by Planned Parenthood. Article 31 guarantees children the right to "rest and leisure."

As Mrs. Schlafly asks, "What do all these rights mean? How would they be enforced, and against whom? The parents? For example, would it mean a child could refuse to do his homework and household chores because it would interfere with his rights to rest, leisure and TV viewing? Does it mean a child could assert the right to say anything he or she wanted to say at the family dinner table? The questions are endless.

Other provisions prescribe standards for day-care centers and for school curricula in a number of sensitive areas. Article 28, for instance, includes a controversial rule that governments "shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that school discipline is administered in a manner consistent with the child's human dignity...." One can only imagine how this would play among our many independent-minded local school districts, let alone the parents!

Although the Rights of the Child Treaty has now been enacted into law by most of the signatory nations, President Bush declined to send the document to Congress as requested by both Houses, pending further study. But there's reason to believe President Clinton, perhaps urged on by the First Lady, Hillary, and other liberal advocates, may well submit the treaty to the Senate for ratification when the timing seems favorable. And under our Constitution, all treaties once ratified become "law of the land."

If the treaty does reach Congress, it won't be all smooth sailing, however. Among the relatively few lawmakers who have studied the document and now warn of its danger is Rep. Thomas J. Bliley, Jr., of Virginia, the ranking Republican member of the House Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families. He calls the treaty "fundamentally flawed (because) it's based on the belief that all rights come from government." He's also dubious about the bureaucratic apparatus in charge of compliance. Under the treaty terms, a committee of ten "experts" will be chosen from candidates nominated by the signatory nations. The U.N. Secretary-General will provide the necessary staff and facilities to help monitor and report on compliance.

Should the treaty be ratified, says Bliley, "hundreds of Judges will be left to interpret the Convention as they

please and will have all power to supersede state laws." And this doesn't include the horde of child-advocacy lawyers who would get into the act, presumably by suing parents!

As Congressman Bliley concludes: "It finally becomes clear. Ratification is not about children; it is about (political) power....It is a potential threat to some of our most precious freedoms, civil liberties and our form of government."

## Salvation Army aids victims in Wylie

The Salvation Army Service Network System linked with Wylie businesses to aid in clean-up and relief efforts following the devastating tornado.

Seventy-five volunteers worked 900 hours serving meals to 24,500 emergency personnel and victims, distributing groceries to 8,400 people, and providing 1,519 items of clothing. Seven Salvation Army officers, all ordained ministers, counseled 34 victims and worked with volunteers serving the community.

Two regionally located mobile kitchens from Dallas and Tyler, the Garland Salvation Army Corps Community Center, The Salvation Army volunteer Wylie Service Unit Committee and generous local businesses joined forced to help.

Salvation Army vehicles traveled through the devastated residential areas taking food, supplies and water to the people. Home Depot donated over \$100,000 in building supplies; Sam's donated thousands of dollars; McDonald's, Busway and Domino's donated meals; and Brookshire's and Albertson's provided a wide range of supplies and food.

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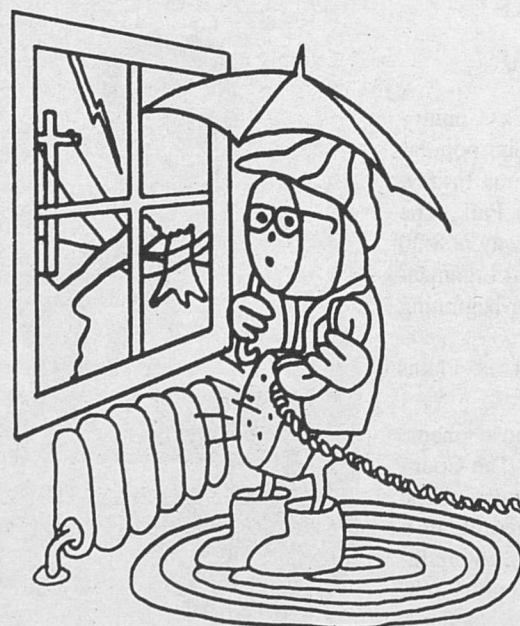
-Laurence J. Peter

## Better Business Bureau Report

Informercials are paid commercials which often resemble talk shows or news broadcast. This relatively new way of advertising has increased in popularity and is often easily identified by the view as being a commercial. Some are identified throughout the program as being a paid advertisement; however others are hard to detect. Many of the products advertised deliver what they promise, but some have been investigated by the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's office for deceptive advertising. The Attorney General offers these steps to take before buying a product advertised in an infomercials: 1) Make sure you can receive a full refund if not completely satisfied with the product and keep a copy of the phone number and address in case you need it later; 2) Be wary of products with "miracle health claims," if promises seem unrealistic, they probably are; and 3) Check it out with your Better Business Bureau or Attorney General's office.

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## Yoakum County Art Association installs new slate of officers

Yoakum County Art Association met June 8. New officers were installed by Louise Goehry, who portrayed Governor Ann Richards. She challenged officers, "Get out of the kitchen and quit baking cookies because opportunities in politics are present for women."

Officers include Inetta Teaff, president; Mae Barnett, vice president; Linda Powell, secretary; Wilma Powell, treasurer; Jimmie Bayer, program and education; Sheila Stephens, membership; Barbara Brown, refreshments; Bonnie Earnest, photography and scrapbook; Willie Mae Engle, telephone; Betty Estep and Eileen Fillipp, juried show; and Burve Overton, cards and flowers.

Marvin Stevenson of Odessa presented a program on watercolors. He and his wife operate "Art of the West Gallery" in Odessa.

He stated that he believes the most important attribute of a painting is originality and a different point of view. He encouraged the group to do what you like to do because it's fun. Get the big shapes right and then you can detail it to death," he said.

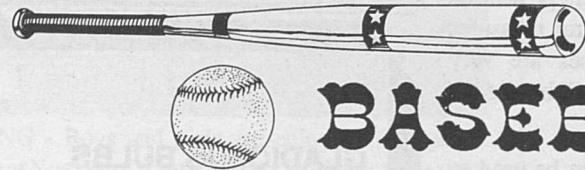
Stevenson urged, "Find something you're familiar with and then do something different with it."

The club's annual open art show is Aug. 5-7 in conjunction with the Old Settlers' Reunion and Rodeo. It was

announced the parade will be held this year on Saturday instead of earlier in the week.

Announcement was also made that dues for the new year are \$15. New members are encouraged.

Refreshments of sandwiches and cold drinks were served by Mmes. Cheatham and Engle.



## BASEBALL

Stateline Insurance Cowboys whipped Willis Auto Red Sox 21-15 June 7, using three pitchers in the effort. Keith Jackson went two innings, allowing 10 runs on nine hits, walking four and striking out four. Tony Lazos pitched three innings, giving up four runs on three hits, six walks and striking out three. Adam Garcia wrapped it up with one run on three hits, no walks and fanning five.

Gerry Rivas went three innings for the Red Sox, giving up 11 runs on 11 hits. He walked one and struck out four. Dustin Brunson finished with 10 runs on three hits, walking 11 and striking out five. He gave up one homer to Alex Tarango.

## Kim McClure to be feted

Ms. Kim McClure, daughter of Mike and Kay McClure, will be honored with a lullaby shower Sunday, June 27 in the home of Mrs. Jim Barron, 202 1st Street.

Calling hours are from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited. Selections have been made at Renaissance Flowers and Gifts.

## New Arrivals



Ryan and Misty Taylor announce the arrival of a daughter born at 6:15 a.m. June 4 in Lubbock. The little miss weighed six pounds 15 and a half ounces. She has been named Katie Lynn. Grandparents are David and Trudy Martin. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Martin of Crosbyton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mack of Post and Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Pilgrim of Temple. Great-great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Buck Martin of Lubbock and Mrs. Trudy Hasteley of Salt Lake City, Ut.

Tim and Johna DeBusk of Phoenix, Az. announce the arrival of a son born May 17 in Dessert Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix. The little lad weighed seven pounds 13 ounces and measured 20 and a half inches long. Named Drayton Timothy, he has two siblings, Dru, eight years old and Dylan, one. Grandparents are Johnnie and Melba Fitzgerald and Pat and Dwyana DeBusk of Idalou. Woodrow and Nellie DeBusk of Idalou are great-grandparents.

The Corral Youth Center in Plains would like to remind its members that the 1992-93 memberships are still due. The memberships are \$5.00 each and are due by Sept. 1. Those purchasing memberships are students in grades 7-12. The students will not be allowed to use the facility if memberships are not purchased by July 2, 1993. Also the 1993-94 memberships can be purchased at this time.

### Hours for the Youth Center are as follows:

Friday Nights: 7:30 to 12:00 for Grades 7-12  
Saturday Nights: 7:30 to 12:00 for Grades 7-12  
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## Control bagworms now

Bagworms are one of the major pests of junipers and other trees and shrubs in Texas. Spring hatch began in early May on the South Plains this year. Hatching is usually completed in about three weeks. Insecticide control is most effective in late May and early June when the bagworms are small, says Yoakum County Extension Agent, Terry J. Millican.

In the spring, bagworm larvae emerge from hatching eggs inside last year's bags and begin feeding on foliage. They soon begin to construct their own protective bag of silk, twigs and leaves, making them camouflaged and hard to see. As the larvae and their bags continue to grow, control becomes more difficult.

Bagworms feed throughout the summer months, building their bags until the bags are about one and a half inches long, Agent Millican adds. In the fall, the bagworms become adults, mate and the females lay eggs inside their bags. They then overwinter in these bags in the egg stage on trees and shrubs. Each overwintering female bag

on a tree contains from 500 to 1500 eggs.

"Since the bagworm only completes one generation a year and spreads very slowly from plant to plant, picking the bags off infested plants in the winter will help a lot toward controlling this pest," says Millican. "But if bagworms were present on plants last year and control measures were not applied, chances are very good that an insecticide will be needed this spring."

Insecticides which can be used to control bagworms include sevin, dursban, diazinon, malathion and orthene. The biological insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* can also be used. To obtain effective control, thorough coverage of the foliage is important. The addition of a small amount of liquid soap or surfactant to the spray solution will improve control because it helps adhere the insecticide to the treated trees and shrubs. Always read and follow label instructions when applying insecticides.

of newsprint and 35,000 tons of magazines from Texas landfills each year.

**Q:** We're ready to tackle the woodwork in our "new" old house. Are there alternatives to powerful chemical paint strippers?

**A:** Yes, but we urge you to proceed with caution anytime you remove old paint, no matter what method you use. As much as we admire do-it-yourselfers, when it comes to paint removal, a consultation with a professional, or at least a thorough study of available information, is a good idea. Depending on the age of your house, your paint may contain lead, a hazard to be dealt with carefully. You may want to consider heat plates or heat guns, which melt the paint off without using chemical reactions. But when using heat, you should use protective gear, including filtered masks. For small areas, or furniture, chemical strippers that are less toxic than traditional compounds are now available. Several manufacturers have products that don't contain methylene chloride, a traditional stripping product that is now banned in California and New York because of its toxicity. Don't be lulled into thinking that sanding is a safer method. Breathing the fine particles created by a sander can also be harmful. Call CLEAN TEXAS 2000 at 1-800-64-TEXAS for general information and referral to other sources.

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QUESTIONS TO THE CLEAN TEXAS 2000 HOTLINE: 1-800-64-TEXAS

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**A:** We think recycling paper is a good idea for at least two reasons—it saves landfill space and resources. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that paper and paper products make up about 32 percent of an average landfill. The Garbage Project at the University of Arizona places the share even higher, at more than 40 percent. In this day of dwindling space in current landfills and scarcity of good sites for new landfills, it makes sense to concentrate many of our efforts on keeping as much paper out of landfills as possible. Recycling paper, rather than making it out of virgin materials, saves 25 to 70 percent of the energy and 60 percent of the water. Each ton of paper made from recycled paper means 17 fewer trees that have to be cut. Recycling is also a growth industry, adding new jobs to the Texas economy. Champion International Corp. has recently opened an \$85 million deinking and recycling plant near Houston that can divert more than 140,000 tons

## AG Association to meet June 17

Yoakum County Livestock Agricultural Improvement Association will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 17 in the clubroom of the old courthouse.

All interested persons are invited.

## Notice

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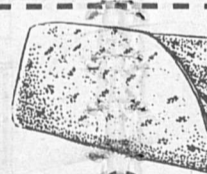
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ENJOYING SUMMER READING - Boys and girls are enjoying the special events of the summer reading club at Yoakum County Library in Plains. Others are invited to join in the fun.



"TOOTHFULLY SPEAKING" - Plains 4-H'ers Elizabeth Clanahan and Ragan McGinty demonstrate care of the teeth for Turner Extension Homemakers Club recently.



CONDUCT 4-H DEMONSTRATION - Rustin Knight and Casey Mayes give their demonstration on the selection of pecans for Turner Extension Homemakers. They chose "Pecans in a Nut-shell" as their theme.



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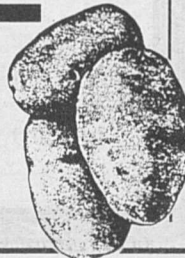
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### Thirteen 4-H'ers compete in district judging contests

Thirteen Yoakum County youngsters competed in the District 4-H Livestock and Wool contests held recently on the Texas Tech campus in Lubbock. The livestock team competed against 54 of the top teams in the District.

The junior livestock team of Kelton Mason, Ashlei Mason, Marcey House, Justin Bennett and Rustin Knight, all of Plains and Josh Taylor of Denver City placed fourth overall and second in the swine judging event. Kelton Mason won overall individual honors and placed first overall in swine judging. Teammate Justin Bennett placed second overall in swine.

Senior livestock team of Lyndi Rowe, Jamey Garland and Robert Knight placed seventh overall.

Senior wool judging team of Julie Hancock and Cody Williams, both of Denver City, and Amanda Koncaba and Kelly McGinty placed third overall, first in placings, fourth in questions and third in the rail. Julie Hancock was first high individual.

The junior horse judging team of Kelton Mason, Marcey House, Josh Taylor, Kristy Alexander and Tara Cooper placed second overall, second in halter division and second in performance division. Kristy Alexander tied for first high individual in halter and fourth high individual in overall. Kelton Mason was second in performance.

The senior team placed sixth overall. Team members were Wesley Bowers, who placed seventh high overall, and Julie Hancock, Cody Williams and Billy Braswell.

### Diet is important to teen athletes

Diet is an important factor in teenage athletes' performance, but many teens have poor and irregular eating habits.

To keep energy reserves "topped up," a well balanced diet should be divided into three meals and at least two between-meal snacks, said Dr. Marta Fiorotto of the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

She recommends against eating candy for quick energy, preferring granola, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, bananas, low-fat milk or dried fruits.

All young athletes should drink plenty of water to replace fluids lost through perspiration. Fiorotto suggests a cup of cold water every 20 minutes while working out to prevent dehydration, heat cramps and heat exhaustion.



4-H'ERS COMPETE IN DISTRICT - These Yoakum County youngsters competed well in recent livestock judging contests in Lubbock. Shown, left to right, front row, Marcey House, Josh Taylor, Kelton Mason, Justin Bennett, Ashlei Mason, Rustin Knight. Back row, Julie Hancock, Cody Williams, Robert Knight, Lyndi Rowe, Jamey Garland. Not pictured: Kelly McGinty and Amanda Koncaba.

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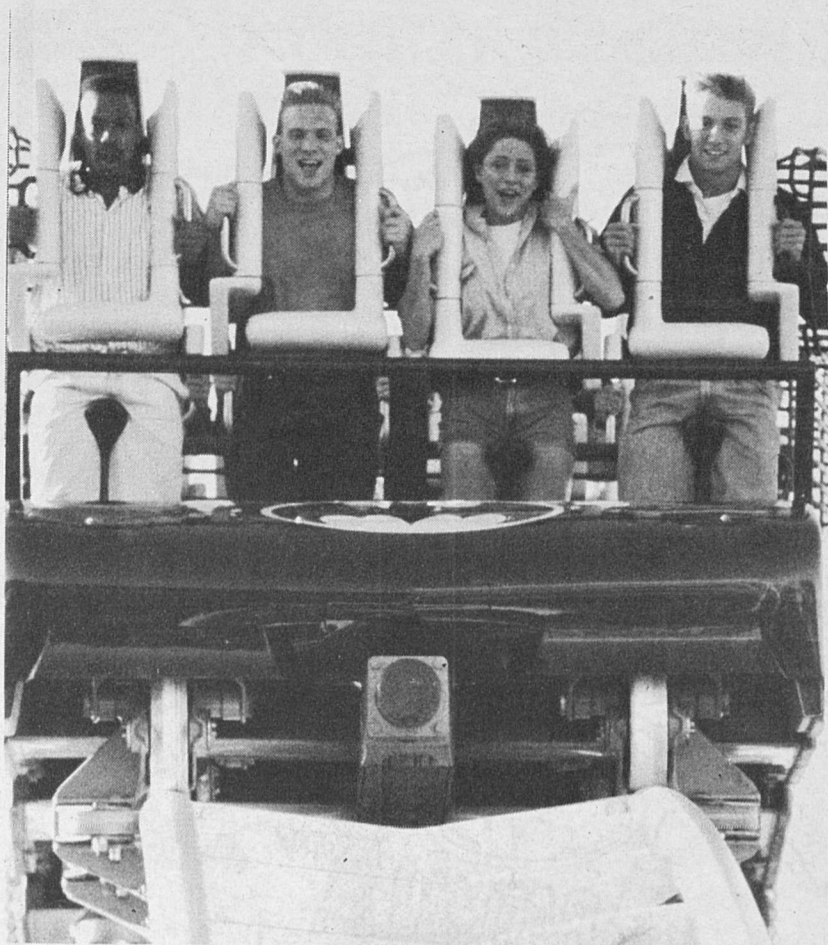
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GET READY for the stand-up ride of a lifetime on BATMAN THE ESCAPE, a completely themed fantasy adventure at AstroWorld, Houston's Six Flags theme park. This one-of-a-kind attraction features a 360-degree loop, tight, hair-pin turns and a tunnel. Stand up to the challenge of BATMAN THE ESCAPE -- only at AstroWorld. (Enter the contest on page eight. 14 tickets to AstroWorld and 14 tickets to WaterWorld, located next door to AstroWorld, will be given away June 23.)

## 28 Tickets to AstroWorld to be given away June 23

Boys and girls ten years of age and under are invited to participate in a coloring contest in a promotion sponsored by AstroWorld of Houston, Texas. Entry must be the original contest page (located on page eight - no copies accepted).

The contest launches a new attraction at AstroWorld, a Six Flags Theme Park located in Houston. BATMAN THE ESCAPE is a fantasy adventure which takes one through the inner-workings of the Batcave, Arctic Park and Gotham City Cold Storage before embarking on a stand-up ride of a lifetime.

BATMAN THE ESCAPE is a one-of-a-kind, precedent-setting attraction that is making Six Flags history.

The picture to color and enter in the contest can be found on page eight of this issue and will also be printed in next week's issue. Entries should be addressed to The Plains Pride, P.O. Box 774, Olton, Texas or left at the Plains Library. Entry deadline is June 21 and winners will be announced in the June 23 issue of The Plains Pride.

Two grand prize winners will receive five tickets to AstroWorld Six Flags Park and five tickets to WaterWorld water park, located right next door. There will also be a runner-up receiving tickets for a family of four to each park.

AstroWorld is owned by Six Flags Theme Parks, Inc., the largest operator

of regional theme parks in the country. Other parks include Six Flags Over Texas (Dallas/Ft. Worth), Six Flags Great Adventure (New York/Philadelphia), Six Flags Great America (Chicago), Six Flags Magic Mountain (Los Angeles), Six Flags Over Georgia (Atlanta), and Six Flags over Mid-America (St. Louis). Six Flags Theme Parks, Inc. is a subsidiary of Six Flags Entertainment, a Time Warner affiliated company.

During the park's summer season over 2,000 hosts and hostesses are employed at AstroWorld.

In addition to the new BATMAN, THE ESCAPE, other heart-pounding rides include Excalibur, AstroWorld's first roller coaster; Texas Cyclone, debuting in 1976, reaches speeds of up to 60 mph and is modeled after the famous Coney Island Cyclone of New York, but in true Texas fashion - taller and faster! The Texas Cyclone has a 92-foot lift and free falls onto a 53 degree angle drop.

Also Greezed Lightnin', a shuttle loop coaster featuring an elliptical 360 degree loop, instant acceleration and backward motion. Riders are propelled from 0 to 60 mph in four seconds, circle the loop, then surge up a near-vertical 70 degree incline and then repeat the journey - backwards!

One of the most unique coasters at AstroWorld is XLR-8, which opened in 1984. From a maximum height of 81 feet, riders are suspended from a track overhead and float freely through the

air. XLR-8 soars through space, banking exciting turns, gliding over water and land far below!

Viper, which opened in the 1989 season, is a venomous steel loop coaster, where riders are plunged into sheer darkness in the Viper pit, then sent twisting and turning over 1,968 feet of track and catapulted through a 360 degree loop. For coaster enthusiasts, the Viper is a dream come true, as the thrill of speed is combined with a dark tunnel and twisting turns, for a ride like no other coaster.

AstroWorld features a ride like no other of its kind in America. Ultra

Twister opened in 1990. It's high tech design will make its riders head spin as

the coaster dives 92 feet straight down, before making a 360 degree rotating turn - forwards then backwards through 1400 feet of track. Ultra Twister gives a new twist to the word "exhilarating!"

There are also rides for the less courageous...suitable for all family members and then of course the little ones are welcomed to enchanted kingdom, a three-acre wonderland for kids which features 12 pint-sized rides and activity centers like Tweety Twirlers, Foghorn Flyers, Sylvester Roadsters and more.



The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) county committee election this year will be held on July 12, 1993. The ballot below must be filled out, detached and mailed and received or returned in person to County Office Plains, TX not later than July 12, 1993. If you do not vote in person you should mail your ballot inside a blank envelope marked ballot to ensure a secret ballot. This blank envelope should be placed inside the envelope you use to mail your ballot. Your name and address must be legible on the outer envelope. Failure to provide this information will render your ballot invalid. Only one ballot may be voted in person or by mail by any voter. Votes in envelopes containing more than one absentee ballot will not be counted. Ballots and envelopes may also be obtained from your local FmHA office.

The slate of nominees for Yoakum County are listed in the ballot below. The qualifications of persons voting are described in the "Voter Certification Statement." For further information regarding voting and voter eligibility, see the County Office listed above. FmHA elections are open to all eligible voters without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, political affiliation, marital status, sex, and/or handicap.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION  
BALLOT FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)

State TEXAS County YOAKUM

\*Candidate(s) GEORGE R. BLOUNT

\*ONLY VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE

Please detach this notice before voting ballot

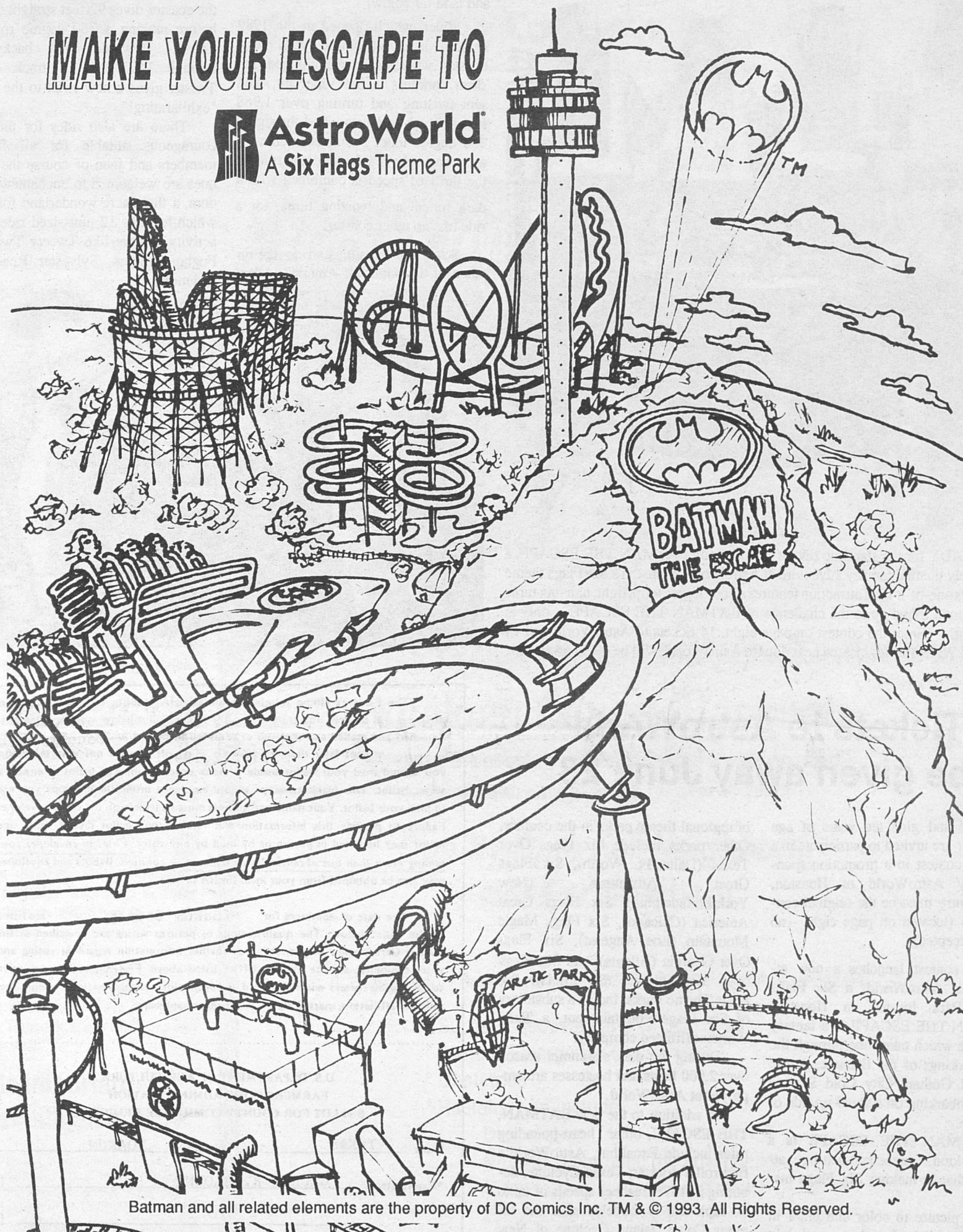
### VOTER CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Subpart W of Part 2054 of Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations requires that all eligible voters for FmHA county or area committee elections meet the following eligibility requirements: (a) be farmers or spouses of farmers; and (b) have their principal farming operation within the county or area for which the election is being held.

By submitting this ballot, I attest that I meet the criteria to vote.

# MAKE YOUR ESCAPE TO

**AstroWorld**  
A Six Flags Theme Park



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## ASTROWORLD COLORING CONTEST

A TOTAL OF 28 TICKETS

(14 TO WATERWORLD & 14 TO ASTROWORLD)

WILL BE GIVEN AWAY!!

SEND YOUR ENTRY (NO COPIES ALLOWED, MUST BE ORIGINAL NEWSPAPER COPY)  
TO THE PLAINS PRIDE, P.O. BOX 774, OLTON, TEXAS 79064 OR DROP BY PLAINS LIBRARY.  
DEADLINE IS JUNE 21, 1993. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED JUNE 23 IN THE PLAINS PRIDE.  
ALL CHILDREN TEN YEARS AND YOUNGER ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. YOU NEED NOT BE A  
RESIDENT OF PLAINS. OUT-OF-TOWN SUBSCRIBERS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO ENTER.