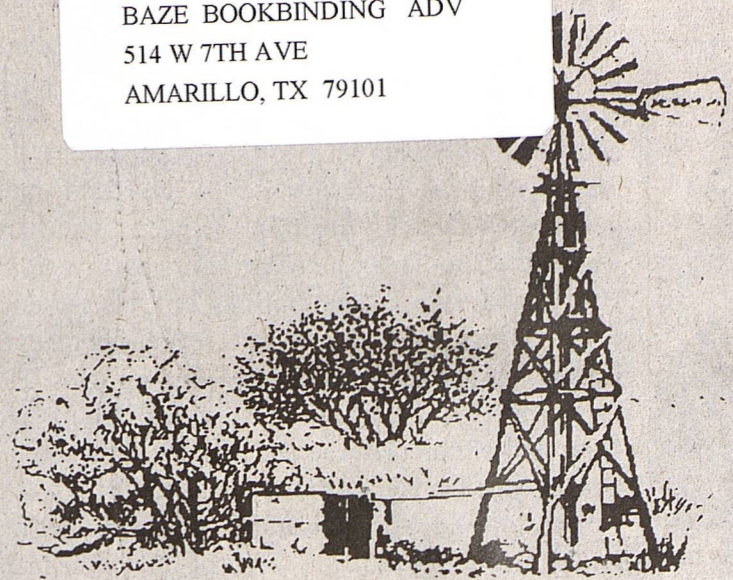


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## BUMMER!

### Rain Halts Watermelon Round Up # 11

The dozens if not hundreds of volunteer helpers who labored long and hard in the planning and setting up of the Round Up must have been distressed when they awoke Saturday morning to be greeted by rain, followed all day by more rain. As this is being written Monday morning, it is *STILL* raining. With forecasters agreeing Saturday the rain would be here for some time, Round Up officials had no choice but to cancel the event. The food vendors with covered spaces remained in business, a few contests were completed, but Round Up #11 was officially over.



**Uniform Of The Day - Umbrellas, Water Shedding Jackets, And Bright Smiles. These Two Couples Appeared Undaunted By The Trickiness Of Mother Nature. A Small Fortune Could Have Been Made Selling Umbrellas and Raincoats Last Saturday.**

### 'Soggy Round Up' Notes

Very few of the many events planned for the day long Round Up took place because of the persistent rain throughout the morning and afternoon.

The annual Cookoff in Stanford Park did get underway Friday evening, and the many cooking teams manned their fires throughout the rain that night and Saturday.

Official results posted Saturday:

CHICKEN: 1st- Harvey Gebbard, \$297, 2nd Frankie Davila \$178, 3rd Ernie Lazos.

RIBS: 1st Harvey Gebbard, \$297, 2nd Josh Helms \$178, 3rd David Massey \$118.

BRISKET: 1st Darrell Dusek \$297, 2nd Alan Bell \$178, 3rd Ernie Lazos \$118.

Overall Honors went to Harvey Gebbard

Decorate Melon Contest:

BEST IN SHOW; Gavin S. Blank, \$400 Savings Bond, Sundown State Bank

ADULT; Danielle Swisher, \$200 Savings Bond, Wells Fargo Bank

JUNIOR; Taylor Britany Michaelson, \$200 Saving Bond, Plains State Bank.

Round Up officials announced the Cow Patty Bingo contest was not held because of weather. All contest squares were not sold because of the rain, and the event will take place at an announced future date. Tickets for the drawing are \$10 per square.

### Criminal cases heard in County Court

Seven criminal cases were heard in the August 30 session of County Court, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State.

Jose Fidel Villegas pled guilty to first DWI, b.t. 159/.151. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$335 court costs, \$259 attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. He will attend weekly AA meetings, serve 35 hours community service, complete the DWI first offender program and pay \$50 supervision fees. Bill Helwig was his attorney and DPS Trooper Jarod Browne was investigating officer.

Raul Romero pled guilty to second DWI, b.t. 188/.181. A year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He will serve 80 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, surrender his license 90 days, complete the DWI repeat offender program, serve 72 hours in jail, pay \$750 fine, \$335 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. Investigating officer was Trooper Jarod Browne.

Felipa Mendoza Perez pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior 2nd DWI conviction. Defendant will serve 90 days in jail with credit for 39 days served.

Cruz Armando Sigala pled guilty to second DWI, b.t.r. A year jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 month, must pay \$335 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 7 days in jail with two days credit, will complete the DWI repeat offender program, and must complete the TAIP at his cost. He will lose his license 90 days and must install interlock device on any vehicle driven. Investigating officer was Trooper Browne, and Warren New was his attorney.

Marcus Alan Tovar pled guilty to reckless driving, was fined \$200, and must pay \$249 court costs. Investigating officer was Deputy Inoe Valdez and Warren New served as his attorney.

Jesse Ojeda Garza pled true to state's motion to revoke supervision from a prior DWI. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for 21 served, must pay \$212 delinquent attorney fees, and \$300 supervision fees.

Lucille Mungia pled guilty to criminal mischief less than \$1500. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated, she must pay \$951 restitution to Juan Hidalgo, and serve 80 hours service. Patricia Valdez, D.C. Police, was investigating officer.

### Cowboys drop opener to Farwell 42-15

Football statistics, like some TV news reports, can be deceiving. First glance at the computer generated play by play report on the Farwell game indicated a severe trouncing of the Cowboys by the Steers, yet the stat report furnished CCN indicates the Cowboys racked up 54 offensive plays to Farwells 52, producing 292 total yards to the Steers 259 yards - never the less, the final score remained *Final*.

It could be considered a minor miracle the young Cowboys managed to survive the first quarter, featuring three costly lost fumbles and a pass interception, but the Steers could only capitalize for two scores and a 14-0 lead to start

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### Turnbough steps down from Sandy Land

On August 31, 2006, David Turnbough announced his retirement from the Sandy Land Water Conservation District Board of Directors, where he served as President. He and his wife Vi, long time residents of Denver City, have moved to Lubbock.

Gary Walker, Consultant to the Board, issued this statement on the resignation: " For more than seventeen years, David Turnbough has unselfishly served Yoakum County as director and President of the board of Sandy Land. As a proponent of local control of our groundwater resources, he went about helping with the creation legislation, confirmation election, and organization of the district in 1989. Since that time his progressive thinking and vision has helped guide Sandy Land and contributed much to the success of the programs it provides."



Gary Walker, left, presents Mr. & Mrs. Turnbough with going away gifts.



## Services for Elbert Hinkle



A memorial service was held Monday, August 21, 2005 at Behtel Baptist Church in

Roswell, New Mexico for Elbert H (BUD) Hinkle, age 77. He passed away August 17 at his home in Roswell.

He was born April 17, 1929 in Tokio, to Elbert and Vicie (Donaghe) Hinkle. His parents and a daughter Nola Maxwell preceded him in death. Survivors are Rheda, his wife of 53 years of the home, a son, Don Hinkle and wife Linda, children Marla Hinkle of Louisville, Colorado, a daughter Norma Hedler and husband Gary and children Reese and Brandi Mac Donald of Fruita, Colorado, and Michael and Kristy Hedler, Florida.

Also surviving is a brother Don and wife Pat of Granbury,

three sisters, Lucile Kirkland of Brownwood, Faye Nelms of Plains, Ruth Murphree and husband Larry of Sanger, an aunt, Faye Bearden and husband Alfred of Plains, many nieces, nephews and cousins. He attended school in Tokio, Brownfield and Plains. He served in the army, and his greatest joy was serving the Lord. He served as deacon in several churches and helped on mission trips. He will be remembered for his kind, loving spirit and showing pictures of his family.

The family wishes to thank all of you for the many cards, calls and food.



## Remembering the Lessons of 9-11

By U.S. Sen. John Cornyn

Our country will soon observe the fifth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks that claimed more than 3,000 innocent American lives. That was a day that changed America, perhaps forever.

Over those five years, we have lost the feeling of national unity we generated in the immediate aftermath of the assault on our soil. But it's important that we do not lose sight of the lessons we've learned, or should have learned, from that tragic day.

As the U.S. has emerged as the world's beacon for individual freedom, our enemies have learned they cannot defeat the U.S. military on an open battlefield. They know their only hope is the short attention span of the American people. We're a peace-loving people, and we become impatient with war and its costs.

It is now increasingly apparent that the war on terrorism is not a conventional contest. It is instead a guerrilla action, a war of attrition, a test that requires not only strength, but national will. The war on terrorism is similar to the Cold War, which required vigilance and commitment over three generations before we prevailed.

Our military has done an outstanding job delivering justice to al Qaeda operatives from Afghanistan to Iraq over the past five years. However, it would be foolhardy to believe that the threat of Islamic fascism has passed.

This is a conflict deeply rooted in the ruthless and repeated actions of a global, extremist movement that has hijacked one of the world's leading religions to advance their imperialistic and anti-democratic views through any and all violent means possible. If successful, they would oppress millions of peaceful Muslims and operate as an exporter of acts of terrorism against the rest of the world.

There should be no doubt that al Qaeda's goal is the destruction of the United States, and any nation that upholds freedom and individual liberties. We do not seek war, but we understand that sometimes war must be fought - and won. We are now in such a time.

Our responsibility to our children and grandchildren is to see this war through. Even if we have a healthy debate on how best to defend

America and defeat terrorism, we should always agree that we must win this war.

We have no excuse if we forget the lessons of 9-11. There are constant reminders available about the consequences of failure. In the last few months, several critically-acclaimed movies have brought the horror of that day home again to us all.

One film, "World Trade Center," centers on two Port Authority Police first responders who were trapped under the "pile," the burning rubble of Towers 1 and 2, for 12 hours. Their stories movingly remind us of what these heroes experienced on that terrible day. And it reminds us of the ways this tragedy touched us all.

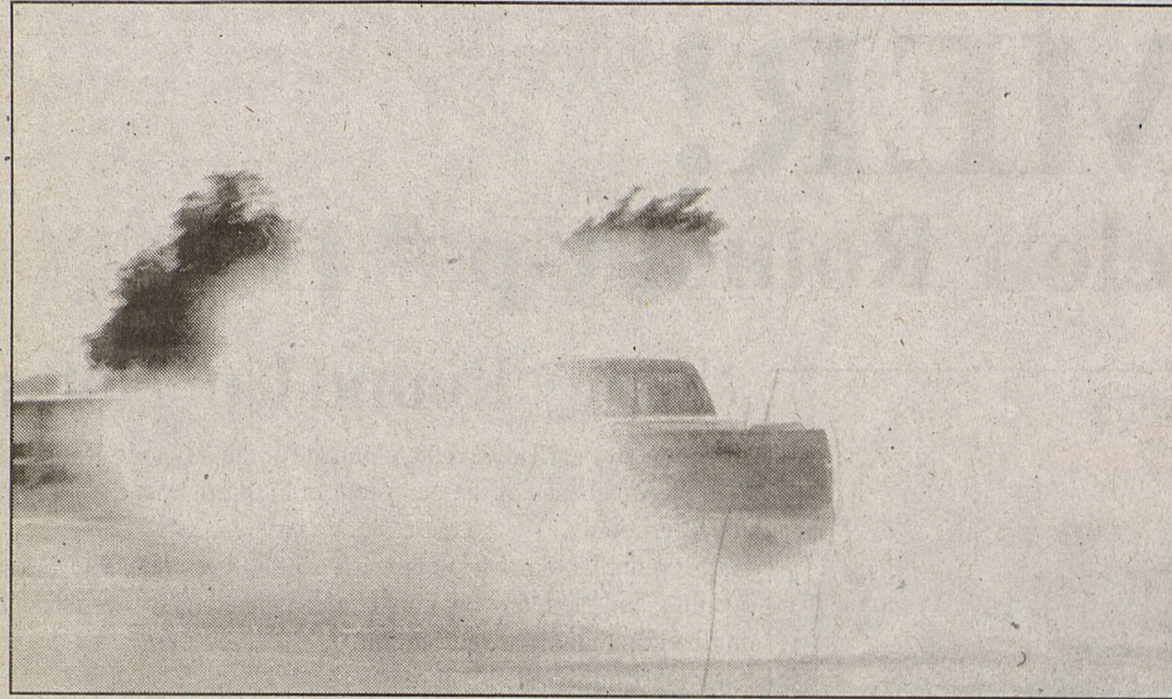
Earlier this year, two films depicting the gut-wrenching last hours of United Flight 93 were also released. This was the hijacked flight, believed to be aimed at the U.S. Capitol, that went down in rural Pennsylvania as brave crew and passengers fought the terrorists.

And if we needed any more reminders of the continuing threat, British authorities this month broke up a plot to plant hard-to-detect explosives in several U.S.-bound jumbo jets flying out of London. Those fanatic plotters may be in custody, but the threat continues.

I believe that we must combat Islamic fascism worldwide by supporting vigorously those who advocate democracy and human rights in the troubled areas of the world where terrorism breeds. Freedom is the only long-term antidote to the poison being spread by these terrorists.

Over 100 years ago, the philosopher George Santayana noted: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Our battle against al Qaeda and related terrorist operations promises to be long, and taxing and costly in terms of blood and treasure. But the cost of forgetting the lessons of 9-11 would be much higher.

Sen. Cornyn is a member of the following Senate Committees: Armed Services, Judiciary, Budget, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Joint Economic. He is also the chairman of the subcommittees on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship and Emerging Threats and Capabilities.



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Herman states, "The change of offices was made as a convenience for people in Yoakum County as most residents live closer to Hobbs than Lubbock, saving money for county residents. The change does not affect any pending claims or other issues for claimants at either office.

Yoakum County residents

may contact the Hobbs office for all their S.S. needs including filing for retirement, disability, survivor, medicare and supplemental security income benefits, S.S. cards, some Medicare issues and other issues.

There are 315 people in Plains receiving Social Security benefits and 36 individuals receiving Supplemental Social Security Income. There are 910 people in Denver City receiving Social Security benefits and 107 receiving Supplemental

tal benefits. For more information please call our toll free number, 800-772-1213 from 7am through 7 pm Monday through Friday. Spanish language interviewers are available at the toll free number and at the Hobbs office. The Hobbs office is located at 501 E. Bender. Our phone number is 505-393-7357, fax 505-397-1268. We are open 9am to 4pm MST, and closed on federal holidays. When you visit our office please register at the computer in the lobby, take a number and we will call you as soon as possible. Please remember Mountain Standard Time is one hour earlier than Central (Texas) time.

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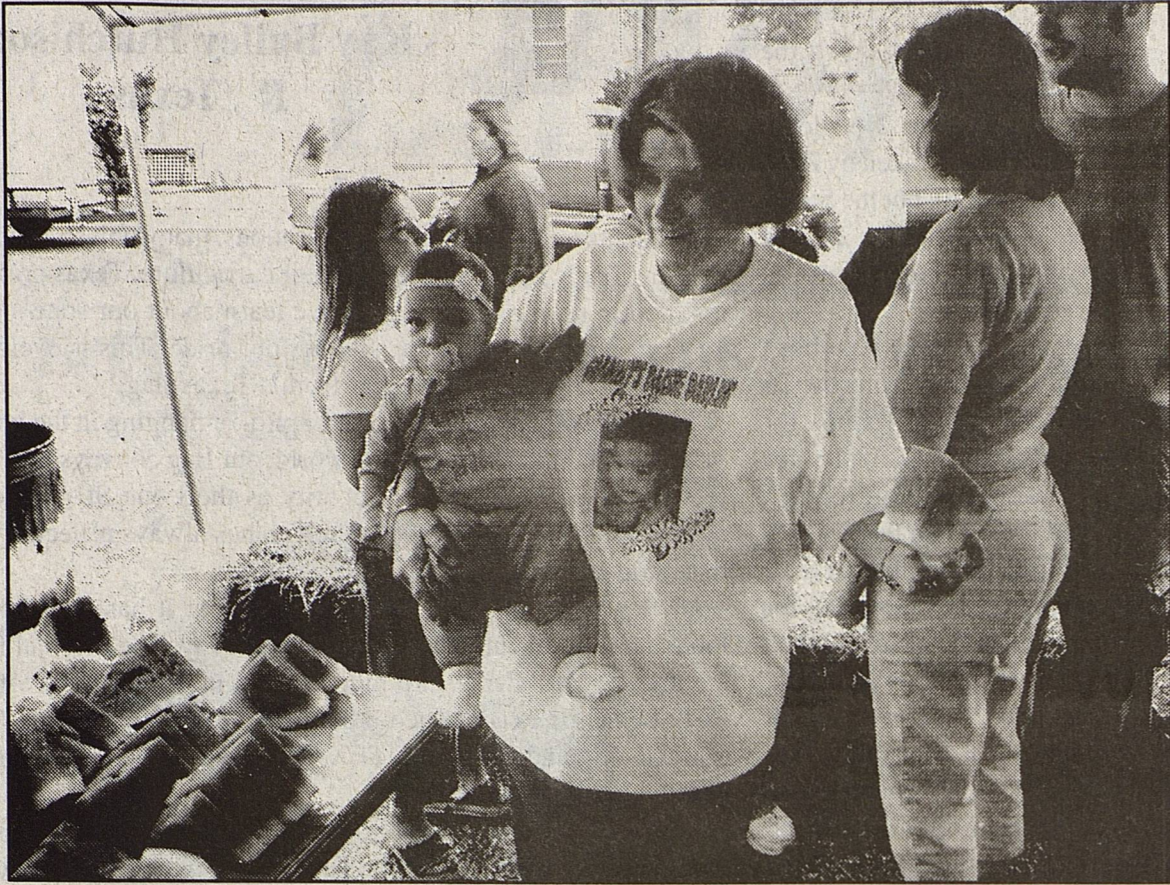
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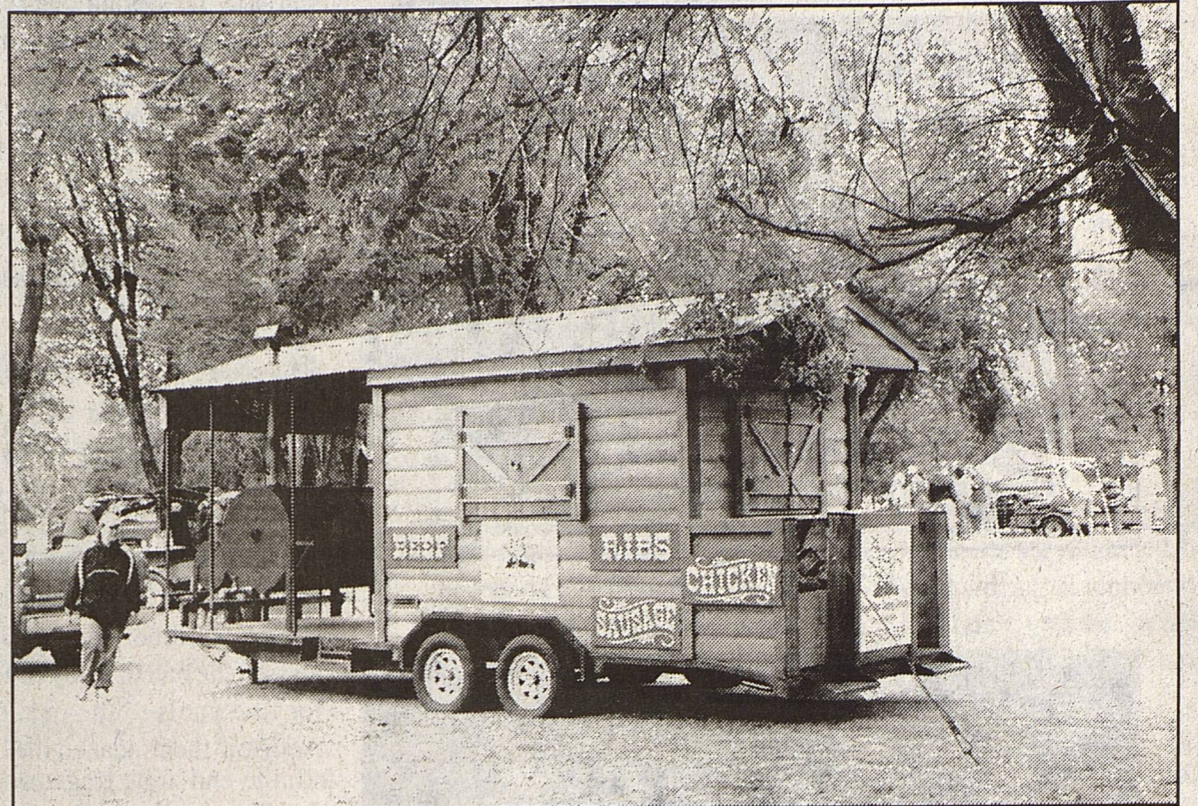
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# Photo shots from abbreviated Round Up



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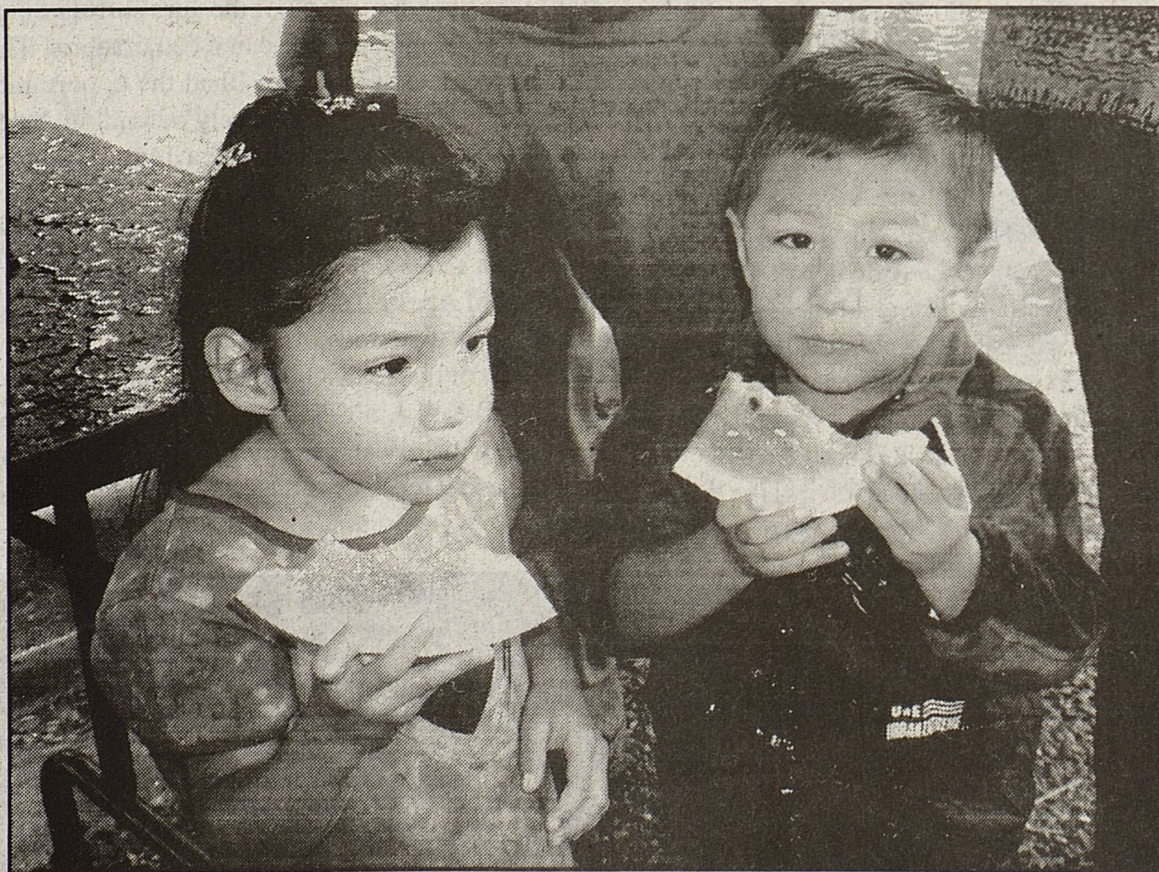
Fancy cooking rig at Barbecue Cookoff



A little gossip going on under umbrellas



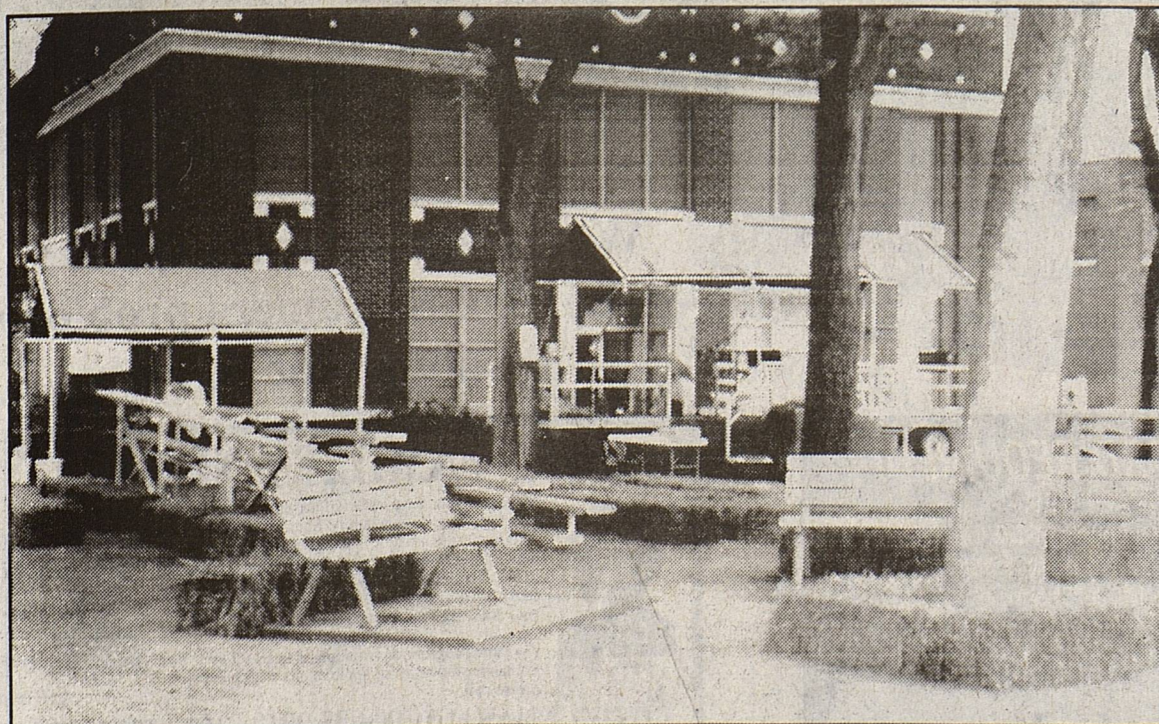
The little girl appeared to be counting the watermelon slices



"It's not anything to get excited about, it's just watermelon slices"



Looks like a winter scene, just rain runoff from county park



Old courthouse is usually surrounded by thousands of visitors

## Rita still taking toll in East Texas

High winds in last September's Hurricane Rita took a massive toll on the Texas timber industry, snapping off and uprooting trees across the region. Texas Forest Service estimates total volume of timber damaged to be 771,000 acres worth about \$833 million, or 6 percent of the growing stock in 43 East Texas counties.

Many damaged trees will likely die within 12 months. Trees slightly leaning or losing foliage will have impaired growth and be susceptible to insects and disease.

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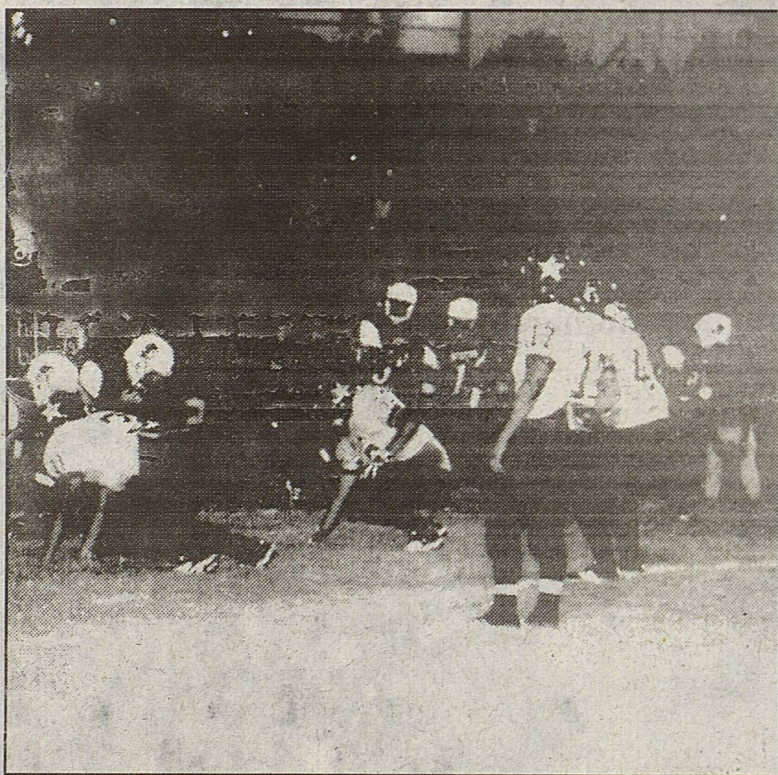
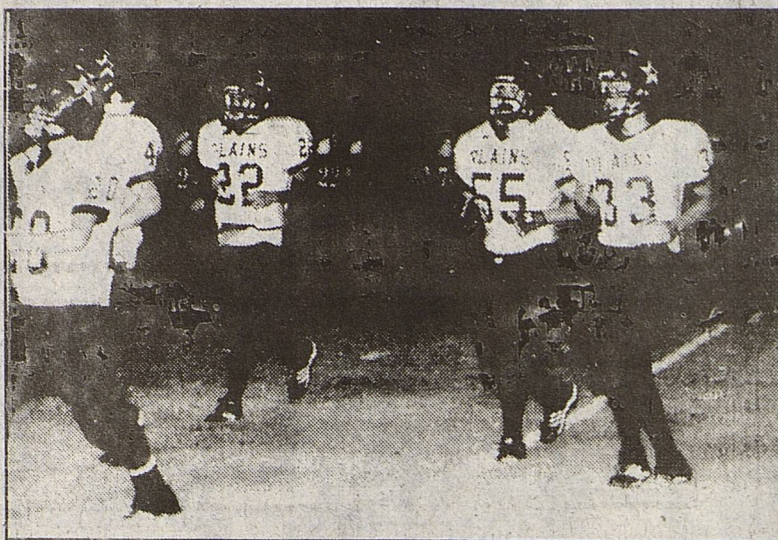
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## Cowboy action scenes



I would like to express my appreciation to the people of Plains and surrounding area for their support during the recent rodeo. I was honored to represent the Plains Roping Club as their Queen Candidate. I feel blessed to live in this community.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Davis

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## PISD Sports Update

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the second period. Early in the second quarter a pass from Chris Addison to Zack Ramos and run by Chase Guetersloh advanced the ball for a Cowboy first down, but an errant throw was picked off and returned for a 75 yard touchdown, and the extra point run failed, to put the Steers out front 20-0.

The Cowboys took the kick-off at their 13, and Addison found Ramos open for a 48 yard reception. He next tossed the ball to Guetersloh for another 34 yard gain. John Tyson hit up the middle for 4 yards to the 6 yardline. Addison then tossed the ball to Cody Mayes for five yards to the one, and Addison then sneaked the ball into the end zone to get on the scoreboard 20-7.

Late in the period the Cowboy defenders came alive and after allowing one first down, stopped the Steers at the 46, where Derek Garza sacked the QB for a two yard loss. A.J. Martinez blocked and recovered their punt. Addison quickly completed a throw for a first down, and eight more yards to Rudy Gonzales. A rush by Guetersloh lost two yards, and Addison's next attempt was picked off to end the drive.

The Cowboys took the second half kickoff at their ten yardline. Addison failed to hit Zach Ramos with a pass, but connected with the next for 12 yards. Tyson went up the mid-

dle for 6 yards then 7 more to the 38, but a fumble stalled the drive.

The Steers moved down the field 63 yards in 8 plays to score again for a 27-7 lead. They kicked off, taken by Zach Ramos at the 20, but the Steers forced a fumble at the 26, and two plays later Farwell scored to lead 35-7.

To their credit the Cowboys fought back, and from the 26 Addison threw to Ramos for 18 yards, Chris Gonzales for 12. Tyson and Guetersloh moved the ball on the ground, and Addison completed a 20 yard toss to Rudy Gonzales for 6 points, and AJ Martinez then threw to Cody Mayes for 2 points and 35-15 score. That was their final offensive threat, while the Steers managed to score on the ground late in the period for the final 42-15 score.

Tyson managed 23 yards on the ground, Rudy Gonzales 11, Addison had 16 pass completions in 29 attempts, Guetersloh had 5 receptions for 74 yards, followed closely by Zach Ramos, 3 for 73 yards. A.J. Martinez was credited with a blocked punt. Two leading tacklers were Martinez and J. Vasquez, Mayes, Vasquez and Longoria had tackles for loses, and Rudy Gonzales had the only interception.

The Cowboys will be at home Friday, September 8 to face Anton at 8 PM. They can use your help!!

**JV Cowgirls Volleyball;** August 29 the JV Cowgirls lost to Lubbock Estacado 23-25 and 15-25. Natalie Butler had 3 digs, 1 block and 1 ace, Courtni Asebedo had 4 digs, 1 ace, Jasmine Mares had 1 dig and 1 kill, Lydia Whitzel had 4 digs and 1 ace, Abby Hernandez had 2 digs, 1 block, 2 aces, Ashlee Torres 2 digs, Natalie Haynes 1 dig, block and ace.

**Varsity Cowgirls;** On August 29 the Varsity Cowgirls lost to Lubbock Estacado 19-25, 14-25 and 22-25. Joani Bell had 8 digs, 9 kills, 6 blocks, 1 ace. Katie Winn had 1 dig, 8 assists. Reyna Gallegos 10 digs, 1 kill, 1 ace. Desiraye Broome 5 digs, 7 kills, 7 blocks. Lauren Hise 1 kill, 3 blocks, Meghan Garcia 10 digs, Regina Morales 20 digs. Heather Parrot had 1 dig, 5 blocks, Kimber Williams 1 block. September 1 and 2 the Cowgirls competed in the Class A Best of The West tournament in Bronte. On Friday the Cowgirls lost to #7 ranked Albany 12-25 and 20-25. Joani Bell led the team with 5 kills and 4 blocks, Katie Winn and Liz Perez each had 3 assists, Regina Morales led with 6 digs. The Cowgirls lost to #1 ranked Windthorst 20-25 and 14-25. Joani Bell led the team with 5 kills, Katie Winn had 4 assists, Lauren Hise led with 5 blocks, and Regina Morales led the team in digs with 7. On September 2 the Cowgirls lost to Abilene Christian 5-25 and 22-25. Regina Morales had 5 digs, Desiraye Broome had 1 kill, Joani Bell had 4 blocks, Liz Perez 2 assists. The Cowgirls next beat Fort Davis 24-26, 25-19 and 25-10. Joani Bell had 11 digs, 11 kills, 4 blocks, 3 aces. Katie Winn and Liz Perez each had 11 assists. Finally, the girls lost to Albany 17-25 and 11-25. Joani Bell led the team in kills with 4 and 3 blocks. Kateie Winn led in assists with 4, Meghan led the team with 5 digs.

### Jr. High Cross Country Results

The Junior High Girls and Boys Cross Country Teams competed in a meet at Seminole last Saturday. Results included:

**GIRLS:** Stephanie Addison 10th, Jasmine Whitzel 11th, Hannah Crump 14th, Samantha DeLa Rosa 37th, Patti Avila 40th, Fabi Ruvalcaba 42nd. The girls finished in the top 3 as a team.

**BOYS:** Federico Villegas 1st, Robert Reyna 3rd, Mychal Sainz 5th, Peter Neufeld 6th, Jaxon Bean 9th, Dray DeBusk 16th, Kameron Loya 32nd, Shain Flores 53rd.

## Capitol Comments

U.S. Senator  
Kay Bailey Hutchison  
R, Texas



As students return from summer vacations, many will soon begin learning Texas history as part of their curriculum. Texas pride is instilled in us at an early age as we learn about our state's history in school. As we grow, so does our pride. This is evident by the fact a Texan is never far from a Texas flag. Whether flying above the Texas Capitol or hanging in the home of displaced Texans around the world, our flag conveys how we feel about our state. Texas' identity as the Lone Star State is represented in the flags' design which has always reflected our independence.

Our flag's history dates back to 1836, but it has not always looked as simple and classic as it does today. The original flag featured a gold star in the middle of a blue field, while other early Texas flags contained a blue field featuring a white five pointed star and the word "TEXAS" sewn between the star's points.

The dimensions and colors of our current flag were adopted and specifically defined by the Texas Congress when Texas was a republic in 1839; a blue, vertical stripe on the left comprises one third of its width, red and white horizontal stripes are each equal to half of its length, and a white five pointed star is in the center of the blue stripe - the Lone Star. Folk lore explains the red stripe as representing the bloodied ground in Texas' battle for independence from Mexico. State legislation passed in 1933 qualified the flag's colors as blood red, azure blue and white, representing bravery, loyalty and purity, respectively. In 1993 these colors were changed to "old Glory Red" and "Old Glory Blue" to mimic the colors of the U.S. flag.

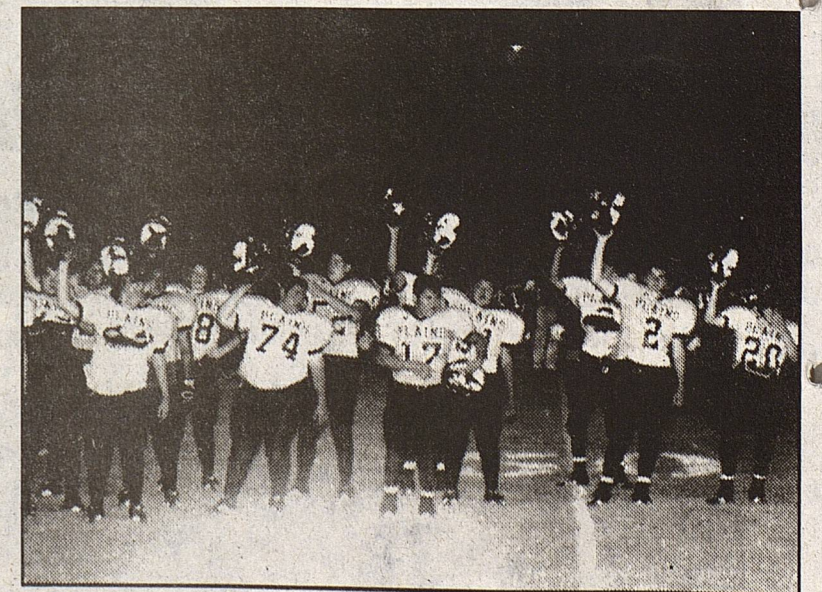
Because our current flag is such a recognizable image, many do not realize it is only one in a line of six flags that have flown over our state. The "Six Flags Over Texas" - the Kingdom of France, the Kingdom of Spain, The Mexican republic, the Republic of Texas, the Confederate States of America and the United States of America - all represent different eras, and the legacy of each flag contributes to our state's culture. This unique heritage resonates not only in our diversity but also in our varied styles of music, art, food and culture.

Texans take great pride in our flag - especially when they see one outside Texas. In the U.S. Senate building in Washington, DC, a large Texas flag is displayed at the end of the hallway in front of my office, and few visitors leave without taking pictures with this flag. I regularly observe families crowding around the flag to recite the Texas pledge, "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas one and indivisible."

The Texas flag has a special mystique. When I visit Texans serving abroad in the armed forces, I often notice the display of the Texas flag. Texas soldiers speak of the aura surrounding the flag and its ability to heighten morale and camaraderie. This is the essence of our flag. Not long ago I had the opportunity to tour Afghanistan and visit soldiers bravely defending America in the War On Terror. I was moved to see a Texas flag waving proudly in that war torn country.

Our flag has even been to Space. In 1972 NASA astronaut Charlie Duke took a Texas flag to the moon. When he served as lunar module pilot of Apollo 16, the fifth manned lunar landing mission, a Texas flag was stowed behind his seat. The flag is currently on display at the Texas State History Museum in Austin as part of the "It Still Ain't Braggin' If It's True" exhibit.

Our flag has a deep history and strength. It has a special place in our state's lore, and it represents the pride of Texas wherever it is displayed.



We apologize for the quality of the photos. Camera problems were abundant all night

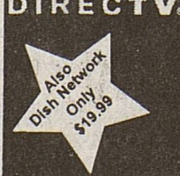
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# Lifelines & Styles

## Retirement Celebration for Brother Joe & Pura



Church members of Templo Bautista Nueva Vision in Plains, along with many friends, guests and family members will celebrate the retirement from the pastoring career of Brother Jose Rodriguez, along with his wife Pura. The celebration will take place September 10 in the local church and all friends are invited.

Brother Rodriguez was called to the Holy Ministry in March of 1964, and licensed that

same year by First Baptist Church in Plainview.

In 1967 he began his first pastorate at Primera Mision Bautista in Abernathy, where he and his wife served for 17 years. They were later called to pastor Primera Mision Bautista in Dalhart and served seven more years.

In January 1991 they came to Templo Bautista here in Plains, where the couple have faithfully served 15 years and 8 months, and are assets to the community.

*I think all this talk about age is foolish, Every time I'm one year older, everyone else is too.*  
Gloria Swanson

*Every good & precious gift comes from above! Announcing our newest blessing, Ava Jolee Lester  
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Great grandparents - Lee Hanna of Plains  
Teny Lester of Sweetwater**

## Seniors Corner

By Claudia Sue Ferguson

Welcome from the Center. Once again our hearts are saddened by the loss of one of our members. G.W. Cleveland, a true pioneer of Yoakum County, a long time resident of Plains, will be greatly missed, not only in Plains but also in Denver City and the Senior Center. Our deepest prayers go to the Cleveland family.

Also, Dorothy Anderson, a member of our site council, lost her twin sister last week. She had been ill many years, so her loss was met with mixed feelings, both sadness and yet a sense of relief her suffering was over. Our love and prayers go out to Dorothy and her family.

Genevieve Gordy's son Joe suffered a serious heart attack last week and is in critical condition in the Odessa hospital. We pray for his recovery and send our love to the family.

Wednesday was a great day for the Center. Not only did we have our cooks famous turkey and dressing, we also had a bake sale which helped pull in some funds for the Center.

It's good to see Bruce and Ann Greer back with us, and also the Kuceras. Welcome back! We had a number of people come in the Center this week who are not here regularly and it was good to see them and see more of our tables are filled.

I mentioned Ann Holland will soon be leaving us after some 20 years. Ann has been a true asset to the Center and we will miss her. We wish her the best in Levelland.

Our board has hired a replacement for Ann, Ayde Gandara and we hear she is making the transition quickly with no trouble at all. She is a warm, sweet person who smiles easily and is fitting in nicely. Be sure to stop by the office and say hello and welcome to Ayde.

Come and try our Center. Call in by 10 am if you plan to eat or come in for a carry out meal. Meals are available to seniors 60 and over for a donation of \$3, visitors under 60 for \$4. Our meals are planned by a dietician, and believe me, you get plenty to eat!

EDITORS NOTE: ClaudiaSue ended her column with this comment; "Everyone get out and support the City of Plains this weekend. Pray the weather holds and doesn't put a damper on the Watermelon Round Up. See you in Plains!"

## Summer Reading program ends at library

The 2006 Summer reading program was a big success at Yoakum County Library in Plains. Out of 126 participants, 54 finished the program by reading 10 or more library books. Those who finished the program had their names entered in a drawing for a chance to win one of six basketballs. Winners were: Eryn Hill, Benny Wieler, Maggie Wieler, Braedon Davis, Brittany Thomas, and Elijah McAdams. Congratulations to all the participants because reading makes them all winners!

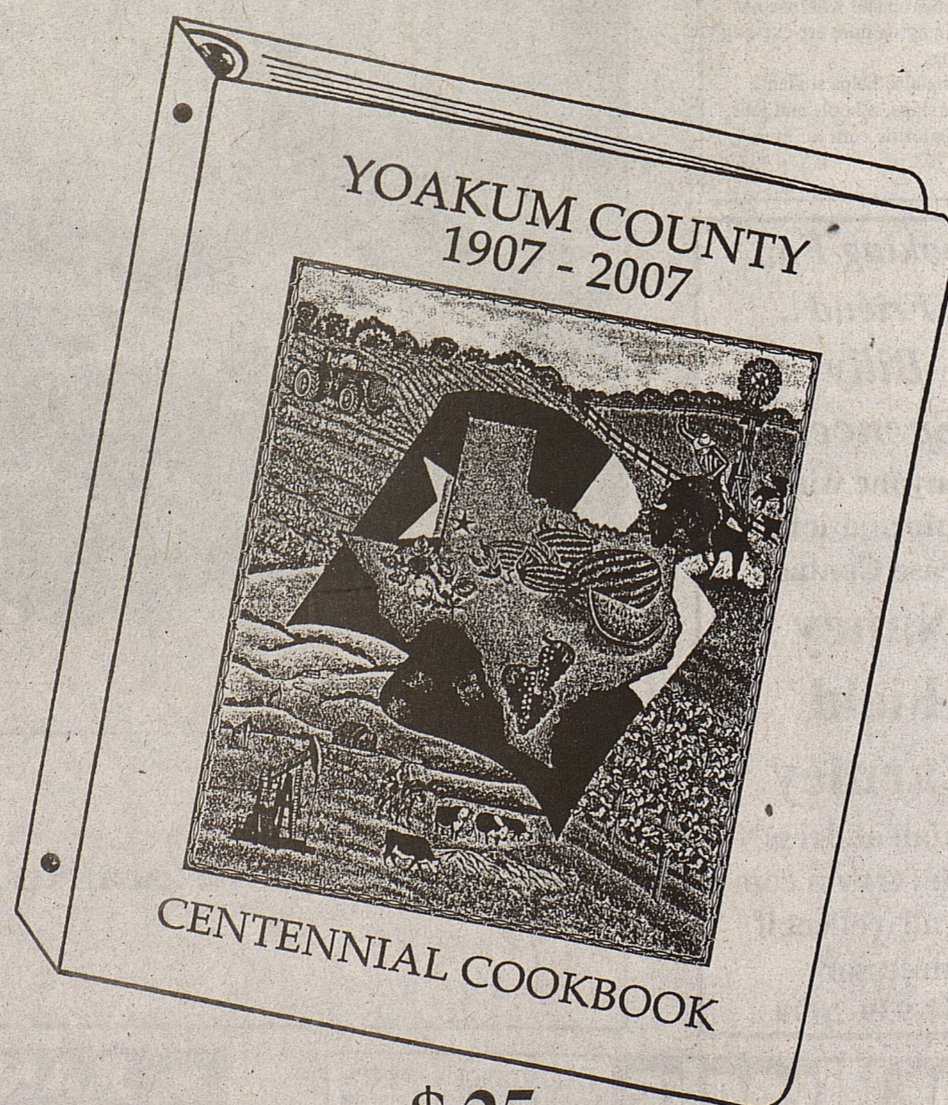
## Services held for Kris Culwell

Memorial services for Kris Culwell, 35, of Lubbock were held August 10, 2006 at First Baptist Church in Seagraves. Dr. Jerry Joplin of Bacon Heights Baptist Church officiated.

Kris was born June 24, 1971 in Brownfield and died August 7, 2006 in Lubbock. She attended Seagraves schools. She was a former employee of Shugart's Studio and was a member of Bacon Heights Church in Lubbock. She was preceded in death by her mother and grandmother. She is survived by one daughter, Nicole Culwell of Sweetwater, Texas; her grandfather J.O. Adams of Seagraves, a brother, Michael Adams of Grove, OK, one sister, Mendi Nelson of Abilene, and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Services were under direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors.

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# From The Hack

I have been a West Texan way long enough to know one simply does not ever curse a rain in this part of the country - ever! Nevertheless, there was plenty of disappointment last Saturday morning when the rain refused to stop, and it was finally necessary to officially call the Watermelon Round Up off. I believe those disappointed the most by the decision were the scores of people involved in the almost year around planning of the event, and then the kids attending. They have planned a day of games, contests, rides, gorging on cold watermelon and other delights, just a time to have FUN, out of the ordinary FUN.

I felt particularly sorry for many youngsters who were scheduled to take part in the planned daylong entertainment on stage. I watched one group of dancers unload from their vehicles, dressed in impressive costumes and extremely well groomed. When they arrived at the stage area, completely deserted, of course, their disappointment was quite apparent, as was their accompanying parents or friends.

No, we cannot curse the Rain Gods, but I CAN strongly suggest to County Judge Dallas Brewer he does not issue any

more Proclamations asking us all to Pray For Rain anytime in the immediate future!

I hate it when people forward phony e-mail warnings, and I confess I have done it myself a couple of times, but this one is real, and it's important - so please, send this on to everyone on your e-mail list; If someone comes to your door and tells you they are checking for ticks because of all the hot, wet weather, and to take your clothes off and dance around naked with your arms up, DO NOT DO IT! IT'S A SCAM!! They only want to see you naked. Boy, I wish I'd gotten this yesterday. I feel so STUPID!

A young ventriloquist was touring and one night in a Chicago club he has his dummy on his knee, telling the usual dumb blonde jokes, when a blonde woman in the audience suddenly stands on her chair and starts shouting: "I've heard enough of your dumb blonde jokes! What makes you think you can stereotype women that way? What does the color of a woman's hair have to do with her worth as a human being? It's people like you who keep women like me down, not respected at work or in the community. Your kind of discrimination only hurts people like me!"

The ventriloquist is embarrassed, and starts to apologize to the woman, but she screams, "You stay out of this, buster. I'm talking to the sawed off little runt sitting on your knee!"

## Submitted by a local femme

Men are like Place Mats - They only show up when food's on the table.

Men are like Bike Helmets - handy in an emergency but otherwise just look stupid.

Men are like Government Bonds - They take way too long to mature.

Men are like Copiers - You need them for reproduction, but that's about all.

Men are like Bank Accounts - Without a lot of money, they just don't generate much interest

Men are like Curling Irons - They're always hot, and they're always in your hair.

## This Issue Of CCN Marks The Start Of Our 13th Year

### Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

As a child I never imagined I would some day be the Texas agriculture commissioner. But I should have known I would find myself working in some sector of the industry - my family has firm roots in agriculture.

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One way to stimulate interest in agriculture is by exposing young people to the many different career paths agriculture has to offer. One Web site does just that. It's called Ag For Life and was created by grants from the Altria and Pioneer corporations in partnership with Texas A&M University.

Ag For Life creates awareness of career opportunities in agriculture, food and life sciences among middle school, high school and college students. Students, educators and parents will learn about careers in agriculture that go beyond traditional farming and ranching.

The site features a Virtual Career Guide, where kids can learn that agricultural careers aren't just about crops and livestock, but also include finance, sales, science and marketing. Visitors to the Web site will discover that careers in agriculture are exciting and rewarding.

Ag For Life also helps students locate scholarships, schools and jobs. Go to [www.agforlife.com](http://www.agforlife.com) for more information.

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# Local TxDOT employees help clean up after El Paso floods

More than 30 Lubbock District TxDOT employees headed west to El Paso recently to help with clean up efforts after heavy rains caused flooding throughout the region.

The district sent two tank trucks and a water pump early in the week, followed with dump trucks, service vehicles and trucks carrying bob cats and loaders.

Most of the employees were working west of El Paso along I-10 and the Rio Grande river. Some of the crew removed rock from Mt. Franklin highways after heavy rains caused rock slides. They joined TxDOT forces from two other West Texas Districts working around the clock pumping water and removing mud and debris from roadways.

"Lubbock District employees made a huge impact on the response and recovery efforts," said Tracy Cumby, TxDOT maintenance administrator.

Lubbock District personnel assisting in the El Paso recovery work were from Brownfield, Lamesa, Littlefield, Plainview, Tahoka, Lubbock and Plains. Plains employees were James Wright, Sammy Blanco, Ryan Martinez and David Huerta.



CNN subscriber and 1976 Plains High graduate Steve Lackey is shown with other young men from a church in Sunset, Texas helping dig out mud from a church pastor's home following recent serious flooding in El Paso. See related article below.

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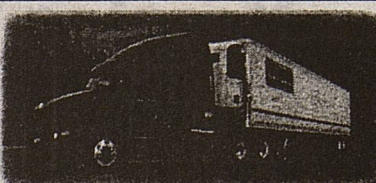
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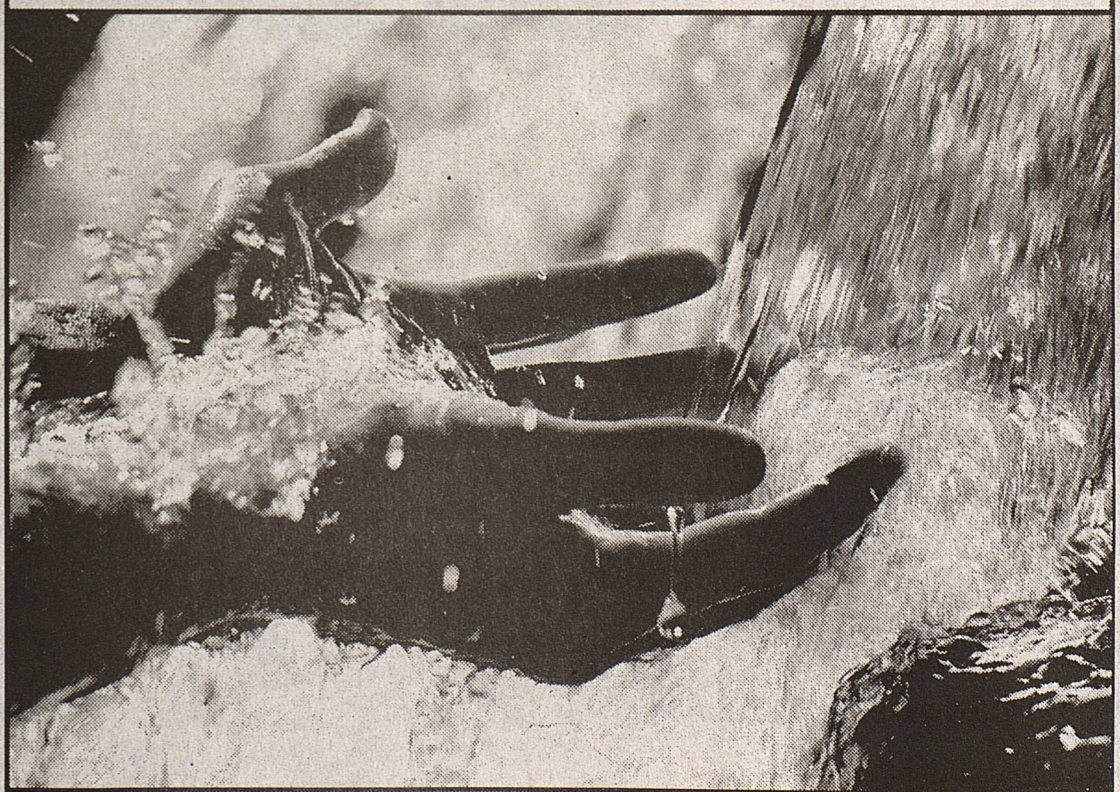
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