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School Trustee Election Set For May 5

Plains Independent School District will conduct a school trustee election on Saturday, May 5, 2001 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the foyer of the school auditorium. Two district places are up for election, District 2 and At-Large 7. All registered voters of the school district may vote for the At-Large candidate. Only voters residing in District 2 may vote for the candidate running in that position. Randy Tuggle, District 2, and Dwayne Canada, At-Large 7, are the current trustees in these positions.

The first day to apply for a place on the ballot was February 19. Any person interested in running for a trustee position may file at the school administration offices from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on weekdays except for school holidays. Plains ISD will have a Spring Break on March 12 through March 16. The administration offices will be closed during this week. Any interested potential candidate must apply by March 21.

The first day to accept applications for early voting ballots to be voted by mail is March 6. Those wishing to vote by mail should send their request to Gail Holley, Plains ISD, PO Box 479, Plains, Texas, 79355.

Early voting by personal appearance begins April 18 and ends May 1. If you wish to view a map of the voting districts, please feel free to come by the school superintendents office anytime during the school day. Please call 456-7401 or 456-7483 if you have questions.

Water District To Call Election

Members of the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District board of directors met in regular session Friday, February 9, 2001. The Board called for a board of directors election to be held May 5, 2001, for the purpose of electing two (2) board directors at large. Application for place on the ballot is open and will be received until 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 21, 2001. Applications for filing for place on the board can be picked up at the Sandy Land UWCD office.

The two (2) positions up for election include: Dennis G. Harrison and R.E. Bearden. Incumbents Harrison and Bearden have already filed for re-election. These positions are

for four year terms.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at 1012 Avenue F, Plains, TX., between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5: p.m., beginning on April 18, 2001 and continuing through May 1, 2001. Additional early voting by personal appearance will be held at the Denver City Chamber of Commerce, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Applications for ballot by mail should be mailed to Kathy Jones, Early Voting Clerk, at P.O. Box 130, Plains, TX 79355. April 27, 2001 is the last day to receive application for early voting ballots by mail.

Questions can be answered at 806-456-2155.

Criminal cases heard in County Court

Five cases were heard in the February session of County Court, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. The state was represented by Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark.

Sandra Bazan pled guilty to a first DWI, breath test refused. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay a \$500 fine and \$225 court costs, serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 16.5 hours served, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, and serve 24 hours community service. Investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Shugart.

Jason Wayne Allen pled guilty to minor in consumption of alcohol, third offense enhanced. He will be confined in county jail up to 90 days or until space is available in the Managed Care Center, Lubbock, where he will serve a term of confinement and treatment of up to six months, but not less than thirty days. Community supervision fees will be waived while he is confined, and will be resumed when he is released. He was represented by Attorney Bill McGowan.

Adam Gregory Deines pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail. His attorney was Paul Mansur, and investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Shugart.

Andrew Flores Jr. pled guilty to a first DWI, B.T. .120/.132.

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Cowboys Bi-District, Area Champs!



Adam Garcia prepares to take jump shot, trailed by Cowboys Eddy Gallegos and Kelsey Blundell.

In recent basketball playoff action, the Plains Cowboys took on the Post Antelopes February 19 and scored a convincing 73-52 win to clinch Bi-District honors. They next journeyed to Big Spring Saturday, February 24 to meet the highly regarded Wall Hawks and again came away with a big 56-49 win to claim the area championship trophy. They will next take on Reagan County in Midland at 7 PM Tuesday, and the winner of that contest will be named Regional champ, and compete in the big regional tournament at ACU in Abilene.

New precinct lines a strong possibility here

Census Bureau figures may lead to re-districting

When the U.S. Bureau of the Census releases it's official number count of all Americans, the constantly growing population and population shifts will definitely call for re-drawing of congressional, state, county and city district lines through out the nation. County Judge Dallas Brewer thinks it is highly likely some redistricting lines will have to be drawn in Yoakum County.

In an interview last Friday, the Judge said, "Until we get the final census figures, we won't know for sure, but I feel it's very possible there will have to be some adjustments to district lines here, probably for the most part in Denver City." He

thinks economic fluctuations in the petroleum industry could have changed that town's population numbers since the last census in 1991 enough to mandate re-drawing precinct lines. "Plains, with a smaller and probably more stable population base, may not be looking at changes in its lines. We'll just have to wait and see," the Judge added.

The Judge explained, "The county has a contract with the Jim Allison and Associates law firm in Austin, the firm which re-drew our precinct lines in 1991. They are scheduled to meet with commissioners court March 14 and give us their initial assessment. Of course,

nothing will be definite until the final and official census numbers are in place, and the deadline for that report is April 1."

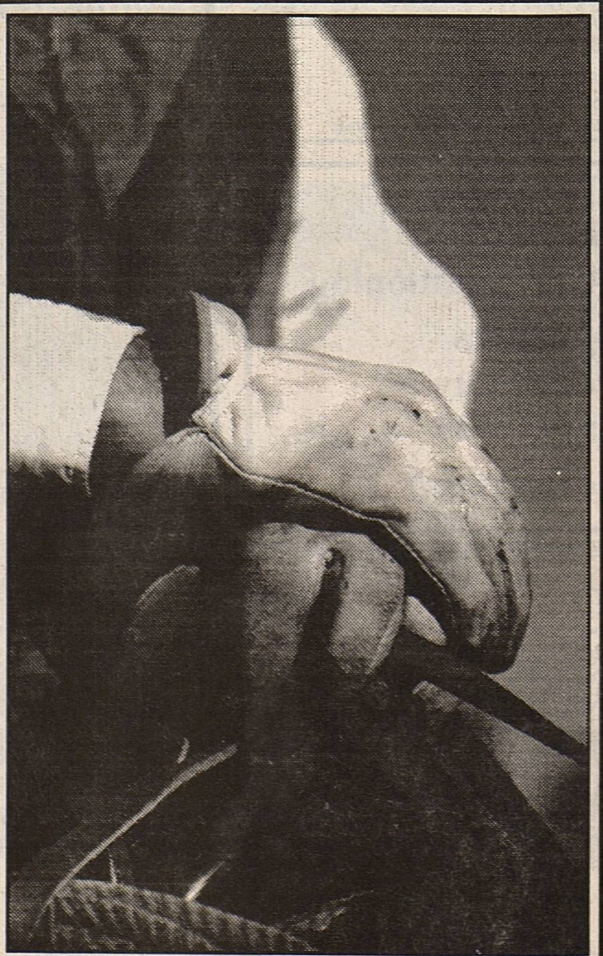
The Judge explained the contract with the Austin law firm requires a payment of \$6,000 for the first phase assessment of the county numbers. If enough population changes are apparent, requiring actual re-drawing precinct lines, the firm would be paid \$12,000 for that work, instead of the \$6,000 fee. Commissioners Court would have to accept the firms plan, and it would have to be sent to the Legislature, and finally to the US Census Bureau.

Local photographer wins honors in world wide photo contest

The photo shown here received one of four Honorable Mention spots in the huge New York Institute of Photography contest. The photo was taken by local artist Pat McNabb, and depicts the gloved hands of rancher and Commissioner Ty Earl Powell. McNabb said the contest, one of four held annually, required the subject matter of contest photos to be limited to expressive shots of peoples hands.

The photography institute is the oldest and most prestigious teaching institution in the U.S., and the contests draw contestants from around the world.

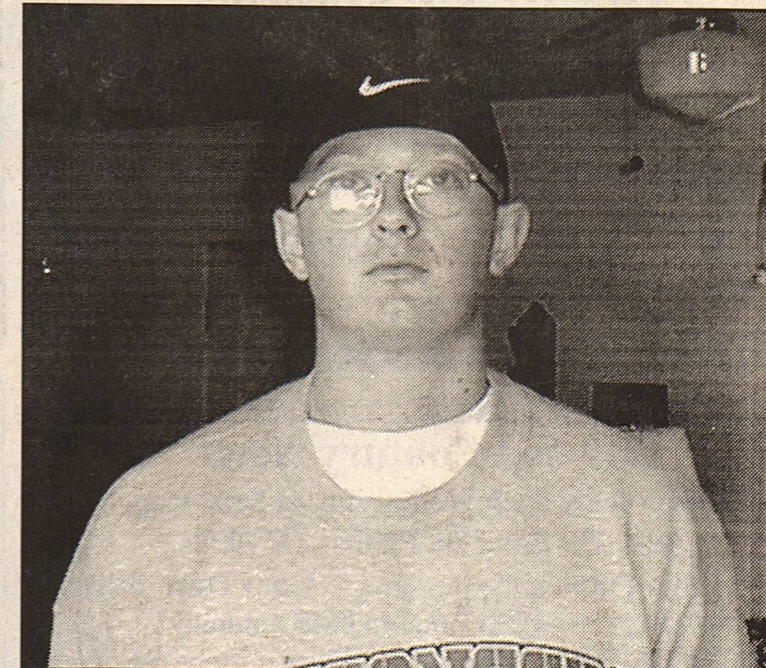
McNabb, a member of the Yoakum County Art Association, has had prize winning photos in the local art show and other areas shows. "I was truly thrilled to have one of my pictures win a place in this contest," she told CCN.



Home From Kosovo

Corporal Luke Smith arrived home in Plains February 23 following a six month tour of peace keeping duties in strife torn Kosovo. The former PHS graduate is the son of Debbie and Hershel Smith.

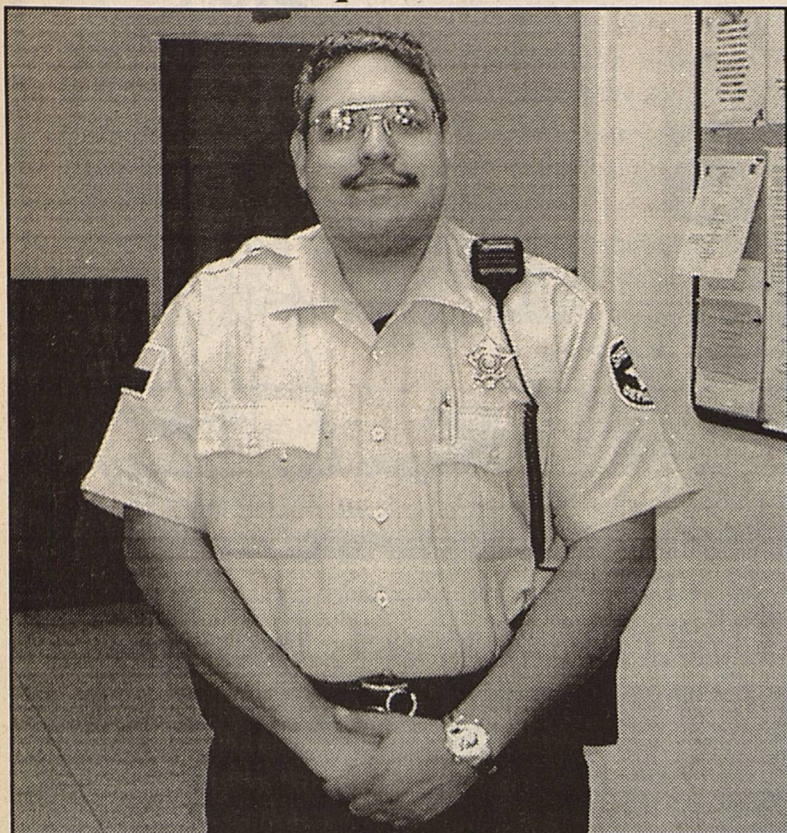
The young soldier furnished CCN an interesting interview last week. He and some 238 men of the Army's 2nd/327 Infantry were stationed in the small town of Vitana, populated mostly by ethnic Serbs. "Our primary mission was to keep the peace between the Serbs and Albanians. We went on daily foot or truck patrols of the area, conducted random searches of suspected Albanian troublemakers, and guarded a Serb school and church against



bomb or grenade attacks." Serb homes and buildings, and Luke said his unit took no enemy fire directed at them, but there were frequent attacks on

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New Deputy In Sheriff Department Here



Curtis Coffman, 34, came on board as a new deputy in the County Sheriff Department February 1.

His law enforcement career started in 1990 after he completed courses at South Plains Assn. of Governments in Lubbock, leading to his certification as a peace officer. He first served as Chief of Police at Earth, Texas, later transferred to Lamb County where he served in the K-9 division of the Lamb County Sheriff Department. He was later promoted to the Criminal Investigation Division of the department, where he worked until hired by Yoakum County Sheriff Don Corzine.

Coffman and his wife have three children, a 15 year old son, Brandon, another son, 7 year old Peyton, and a daughter, 4 year old Brianna. Asked how his family was experiencing the move here, he said,

"We love it here. It's one of the friendliest towns I have experienced. People have gone out of their way to meet me and my family, offer to help us get settled. My boy Brandon is in awe with the school system here, he thinks it's just great. The younger son takes a bit longer to impress."

The new officer also had positive comments about the sheriff department. "I am impressed with the cooperation in the department, and that between our department and the Denver City Police Department. The department here enjoys an open door policy, and the citizens seem very comfortable approaching us about a question or assistance. It's obvious there is good team work in the department."

Coffman believes the move here is a definite step upwards in his law enforcement career.

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groups. Asked if he thought there would ever be true peace in the area, Smith said, "I don't see it happening anytime soon. There is just too much hate there, which has dominated the region for centuries."

He said there was absolutely no social life for the G.I.'s when off duty. "Some of us did get four days off to visit Bulgaria, and my unit spent two weeks training with a Belgian Commando group in Brussels. We got to visit many of the famous battle zones of World War II, including the town of Bastogne where the Battle of the Bulge occurred."

Smith said the 60 day tour in

Kosovo left him feeling very grateful his unit suffered no casualties from the conflict.

When he returns to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, his permanent base of duty, he will attend a Primary Leadership Development course, and if he successfully passes the course, will be promoted to Sergeant.

Smith enlisted in the Army for three years in January, 1999. When his enlistment is up in 2002, he will give serious thought to re-enlisting. "I can truthfully say I have enjoyed my Army experience so far. If I choose to continue in the Army, I will try to be assigned to Germany."

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He received a 90 day jail sentence, suspended and probated 12 months. Time payments will meet \$225 court costs and \$500 fine, he must serve 72 hours in jail, attend weekly AA meetings, complete the DWI first offender program, serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 12.5 hours served, and 24 hours community service. Investigating officer was Sheriff Deputy Kenley Powell.

Rosendo Holguin pled guilty to evading arrest and detention. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended 12 months. \$210 court costs and a \$200 fine will be met with time payments. He must perform 80 hours community service, spend 24 hours in jail with credit for 11.5 hours served, and complete the anger management counseling class provided by the Women's Protective Service of Denver City, and pay the \$25 cost. Investigating officer was Deputy James Melendez.

Plains High School 2001 Quiz Bowl Teams

- Freshmen Black Team**
Helena Neufeld
Nolan Newsom
Moriah Traweek
- Gold Team**
Stacie Alldredge
Grady McNabb
Manuela Villegas
- Sophomores Black Team**
Jordan Bean
Amrio Bonilla
Jill Gray
- Gold Team**
Manuel Ramoz
Ryan Swann
Liz Wilmeth
- Juniors Black Team**
Allison Butler
Annaliesa O'Quinn
Becky Wilmeth
- Gold Team**
Jared Bell
Chris Hansen
Jarod Newland
- Seniors Black Team**
Aaron Cain
Nicole Haynes
Dustin Six
- Gold Team**
Kelsey Blundell
Eddie Gallegos
Lesli Rowe

The Quiz Bowl will be played March 6,7,8,9, at 10:00 am.-10:45 daily.

Credit Union hosts 52nd annual meeting



Some 140 members and guests attended the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Yoakum County Credit Union last Saturday evening in the Plains school cafeteria. Members brought covered dishes, salads and desserts, and the credit union provided ham for the annual supper.

The Presidents Report was delivered by Melvin Dearing, Ruby Sellers gave the Supervisory Committee report, and Vivian Rice presented the Treasurer's report.

The invocation was given by Bill Adams, and the benediction was given by Pastor Jose Rodriguez. An impressive display of donated door prizes were delivered throughout the evening. Musical entertainment was furnished by Jason and Jimmy Robertson.

Officers elected for 2001 include Melvin Dearing, President, Ruby Sellers, Vice President, Lisa Switzer, Secretary, Vivian Rice, Treasurer, Tommie Brown, Chair, Supervisory Comm. Directors include Arlon Alexander, Owen Schneider, Bill Adams, and Tommie Brown.

Door prize donors included Christy Brink's Visualize Hair & Nails, The Magnolia, Sisters

n Friends, Liberty Drug, J.R. Slentz, Gonzales Tire Service, Hazel Lowrey, Lea County Sheriff Keith Rice & Shannon McDonalds, Debbie Rushing, Agro Intl., Yoakum County Library, Betty Rivas, Sellers Ag Supply, Grandma Pride Candles, Higginbotham Lumber, Lanelle's, Palace Drug, Richard Clark, Excel Equine Service, Crosswind Enterprises, Sonic Drive In, Dallas Brewer, Jack Cobb, Aurelio's Restaurant, Woody Lindsey, Amigas Restaurant, Henry & Teddy Knox, Vickie Blundell, Dale's Venture Foods, Jeannette & Jerome Head, Melba Crutcher, Western Sales, Yoakum County Coop Gin, David's Appliance, Ag Insurance Plus, Doug's Specialties, Hicks Air & Appliance, Bill Helwig, Mickey Cowart, Cowboy Cafe, West Texas Gas, Toni Jones, Charlie's Restaurant, Marjories Coiffures, Pierre & Mary Jo St. Romain, Mustang Country, Grand Entry, Johnnie's Restaurant, La Especial Bakery, Plains Dairy Queen, Lalitos Restaurant, Y.C. Fed. Credit Union, Willis Automotive, Lea County Electric, Y.C. Abstract, Family Dollar Store, Hale Tires, Star Printing, Kountry Klipper, Ty Earl Powell, and Rosa's Restaurant.

Gov. Perry outlines math initiative to school officials

In a recent meeting of Texas school administrators attending the TEA Midwinter Conference, Governor Rick Perry asked the administrators to support his goal of developing math initiatives in public schools to better prepare students for college.

"Only 55 percent of college bound students can pass the college entrance exam for math, and only 45 percent of Algebra One students passed the end-of course exam in Texas last Spring," The Governor stated.

These test scores underline the need for Texas to focus on ways to improve math instruction and learning, Perry added. He

noted the scheduled changes in the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), the state mandated testing program, and tougher high school graduation standards make his math initiative even more imperative. Citing the success of the Texas Reading Initiative, Perry said, "Clearly we must now do for math what we have done for reading."

His proposed math initiative would provide funding for Math Academies to prepare teachers on the best way to teach the subject; A Master Math Teacher program would pay a \$5,000 annual stipend to those who receive expert certification; and intensive summer and after school programs for students in danger of falling behind. The governor's proposed budget earmarks some

\$41 million for the plan. The reading initiative is directed at early education and pupils in kindergarten through third grade. Perry's proposed math program would focus on students in grades five through eight

The Governor's proposed budget also would increase the Student Success Initiative by more than \$100 million, and more than triple the Teach For Texas Grant Program to encourage more young people to pursue teaching careers.

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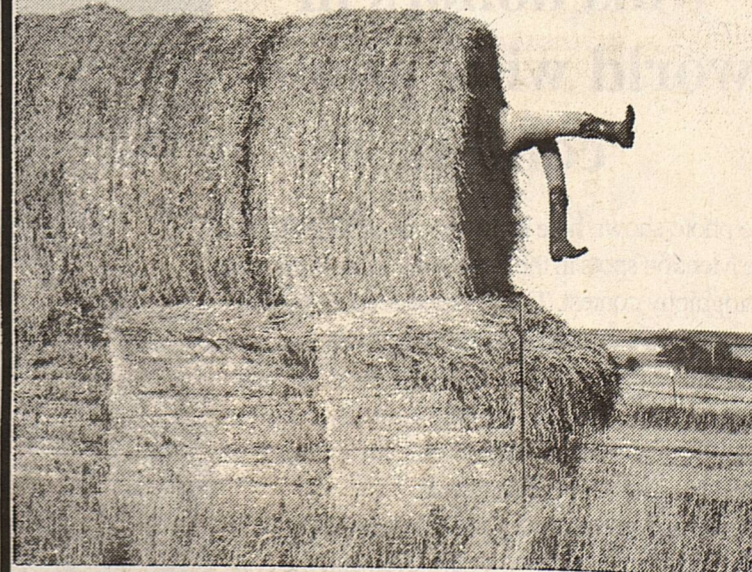
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Obituaries

Services Held For Verl Stephens

Verl Stephens, 84, of Austin, died Sunday, February 25, 2001. She was born in Hollis, Oklahoma and lived most of her life in Brownfield, Tx. She was the daughter of Lee and Ella Windham Hulse. She married Lowell Stephens on December 17, 1937 in Brownfield.

She is survived by her children, Rowe Stephens of Plains, Pamela Powers of Lubbock, and Theresa Goldston and Senith Hickey of Austin. She is also survived by her ten grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; one brother, Curtis Hulse of Brownfield; and one sister, Rae Dunagan of Burleson.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m., February 28, 2001 at the Terry County Memorial Cemetery in Brownfield under the direction of Amey Funeral Home.

Graveside Services Held For Ira Eldridge Tidwell

neral Home, 712 N. Ave., Elgin, Texas.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, March 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tidwell Family Cemetery, 14000 S. Hwy 95, Coupland, Texas under the direction of Elgin Funeral Home.

The pallbearers will be the grandsons.

On February 25, 2001, Ira Eldridge Tidwell, 88, a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great great grandfather, and brother was called home to be with God.

Ira was born October 26, 1912, in Midlothian, Ellis County, Texas. He was married on July 12, 1941 to Marie Elisabeth Galyon. He lived and farmed in Yoakum County, Texas for more than fifty years.

Ira is preceded in death by his father, Rufus Tidwell; his mother, Flossie Tidwell, and a brother, Floyd Tidwell.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marie Tidwell; his daughter and son in law Paula and Crawley Gazaway of Lake Sherwood, Missouri; his sons and daughters in law Eldridge and Deanna Tidwell of Coupland, Texas; Randy and Cindy Tidwell of Troup, Texas; Lyndyl and Terry Tidwell of Brownwood, Texas; sister, Zellie Tidwell McAllister of Lubbock, Texas; brother, Alton (Boots) Tidwell of Lubbock, Texas; ten grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, March 1, from 6:00 until 8:00 pm at Elgin Fu-

New Books at the Library

Fiction: *Blood Lure*. Nevada Barr, *Cat Who Smelled A Rat*. Lilian Braun, *Darkness More Than Night*. Michael Connelly, *Provinces Of Night*. William Gay, *This Heart Of Mine*. Susan E. Phillips, *Electric God*. Catherine R. Hyde, *A Painted House*. John Grisham, *The Way Forward Is With A Broken Heart*. Alice Walker, *Lakota Woman*. Janelle Taylor, *Outer Perimeter*. Ken Goddard, *A Good House*. Bonnie Burnard, *Badger Boy*. Elmer Kelton, *The Island Wife*. Jessica Sterling, *Cold Flat Junction*. Martha Grimes.

Non-Fiction: *Stolen Valor: How The Vietnam Generation Was Robbed Of Its Heroes and Its History*. B.G. Burkett, *Painting Flowers A to Z*. Sherry Nelson, *Painting With Thread: Embroidered Pictures To Make and Cherish*. Kit Nicol, *Sassy Cats: Purr-Fect Craft Projects*. Sheila Rauen, *25 Gorgeous Sweaters For The Brand New Knitter*. Catherine Ham, *Flashing Before My Eyes: 50 Years Of Headlines, Deadlines & Punchlines*. Dick Schaap, *Mind Siege: The Battle For Truth In The New Millennium*. Tim LaHaye, *Ice Bound: A Doctor's Incredible Battle For Survival At The South Pole*. Dr. Jerri Nielsen, *Secrets Of The Baby Whisperer*. Tracy Hogg.

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County Student Makes President's List

Abilene, TX-Hardin Simmons University announces that Plains resident Shaunda Eady has made the President's List for the fall 2000 semester.

The HSU President's List honors students who completed at least 12 semester hours with a 4.0 grade point average.

QuickBooks Class Coming To Plains

An "Introduction to QuickBooks" class will be presented in Plains on Wednesday, March 7th by Dan Cowan of Accelerated Learning Center.

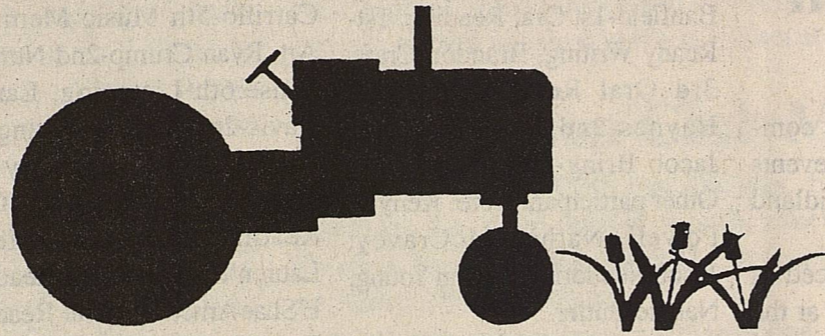
"This hands on class covers important skills and demonstrates the most commonly used features of QuickBooks bookkeeping software. Routine tasks such as setting up your company and handling everyday transactions are explained in simple and easy to understand terms.

The one day class will be

held in Plains, from 9:00 am. to 4:00 pm., at the Plains Community Building, 1006 Ave. G. The cost is \$129 per person. Call (888) 320-5552 to reserve your seat or obtain more information.

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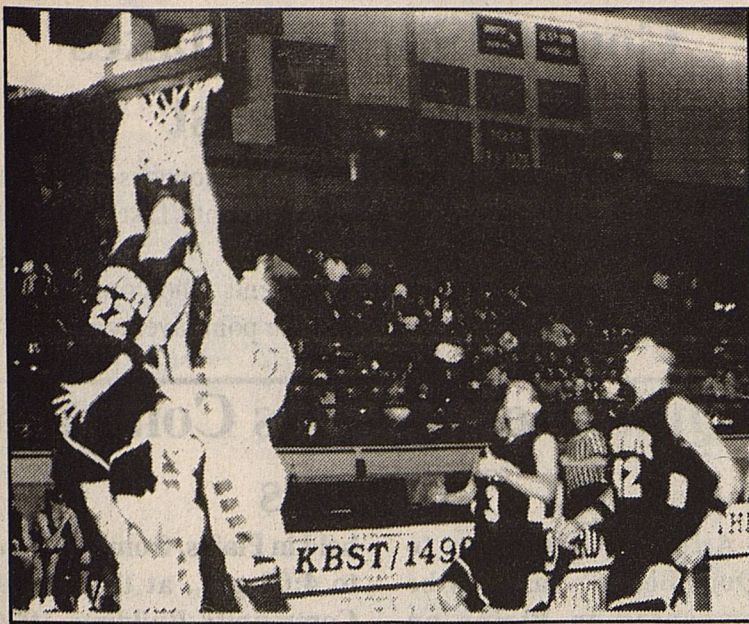
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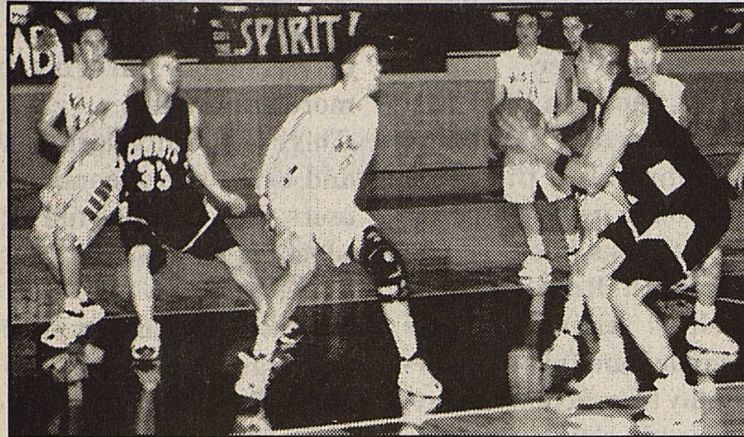
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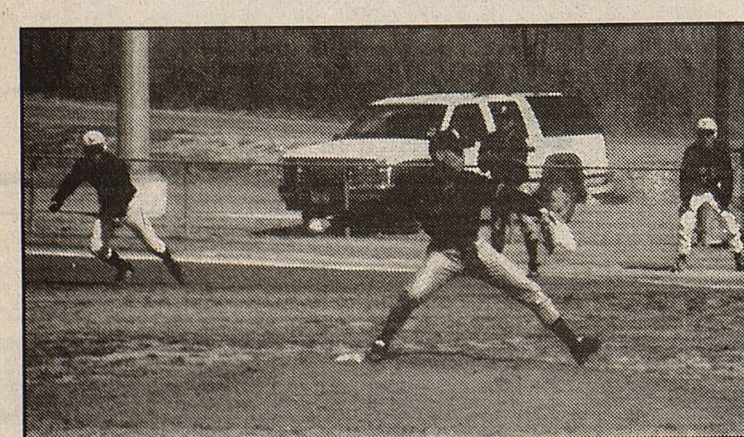
Eddy Gallegos prepares to shoot



Adam Garcia, with ball, is dwarfed by 6'7" wall player



Ryan Martinez, right, gets ball too late to tag Morton runner



Arnold Cordova fires fast ball

Cowboy Basketball Summary

In the February 19 game to determine the Bi-District winner, The Cowboys thrashed Post 73-52 with hot shooting and good defense. Adam Garcia, Dustin Six and Jarod Newland scored 15 points each, followed by Eddy Gallegos with 10, Jared Bell 6, Moises Gonzales 5, Tanner Hamm 3, Kelsey Blundell and Brett Squyres 2 each. Eddy pulled down 10 rebounds, Adam had three steals. The team shot 50% from the floor, and made 67% of their free throws.

In their Regional win over Wall, their shooting was not quite so effective, just 35% field goals, but good enough for a 56-49 win. Adam poured in 20 points, Bell and Eddy each had 10 points, Kelsey and Jarod had 5 each, Dustin 4, Brett 2. Bell also had 13 rebounds and 4 big steals.

UIL Journalism Results

Plains UIL Journalism competitors placed in all four events at a practice meet at Midland College February 23.

Senior Lesli Rowe placed in three of the four events at the meet.

In headline writing, senior Nicole Haynes was third, Rowe was fifth and junior Annaliesa O'Quinn was sixth place.

Rowe placed fifth in editorial writing, junior Chris Hansen placed sixth, and Rowe and Haynes placed seventh and eighth in feature writing.

Sophomore Liz Wilmeth took eighth place in news writing.

The team finished third overall in the meet with 12 schools and over 100 competitors entered.

Cowboys lose opener

Plains City Hall weather instruments recorded wind gusts of 54 miles an hour last Saturday, and the Cowboy Baseball team must have thought it was even higher. In the miserable conditions, they fell to Morton in their opener 12-3. Jerry Rivas, Ryan Martinez and Arnold Cordova were the only Cowboys managing to score runs.

Plains Elementary UIL Winners



The second through fifth grade students triumphed in the recent District UIL meet held here. They beat out Seagraves for first place in the big event. Individual participants and results include:

2nd Grade

Stephanie Addison-3rd Storytelling; 1st Creative Writing, Kristen Knight-3rd Creative Writing, Jaxon Bean-1st Storytelling. Other participant were: Hannah Crump, Cody Friesen, Chase Ortega, and Samantha DeLaRosa.

Reading, Yesenia Loya-2nd Art, Lydia Whitzel-2nd Art. Other participants were: Chris Addison, Wyatt Dearing, Zack Ramon, Zachary Guerra, Landon Earnest, Derek Garza, Holden Welch.

5th Grade

Brett Hawthorne-2nd Spelling, 2nd Ready Writing, Taylor Banfield-1st Oral Reading, 1st Ready Writing, Brandon Craft-3rd Oral Reading, Natalie Haynes-2nd Oral Reading, Jacob Brink-4th Storytelling. Other participant were: Kenyon Powell, Nathan McCravey, Jacob Neudorf, Katelynn Young, Natalie Butler.

John Tyson-5th Music Mem: 1st Listening, Jacob Rivera-5th Music Mem.: 5th Art, Elias Carrillo-5th Music Mem.: 5th Art, Ryan Crump-2nd Number Sense: 6th Listening, Lauren Davis-2nd Ready Writing: 5th Art, Douglas Conway-6th Ready Writing: 3rd Oral Reading: 5th Music Mem., Lauren Hise-2nd Oral Reading, L'Shae Amett-4th Oral Reading, Sergio Olivas-5th Music Mem., Trent Hawthorne-5th Music Mem., Joani Bell-5th Music Mem., Amber Friesen-2nd Number Sense: 5th Art. Other participants were: Kurt Allredge and Cody Mayes.

4th Grade

Reyna Gallegos-2nd Art, Kimber Williams-2nd Art, 4th Ready Writing, Heather Parrot-6th Ready Writing, Mari Ruiz-2nd Art, Skylar Sainz-1st Oral Reading, A.J. Martinez-3rd Oral

Student of the Week



PHS Student of the Week is Moriah Traweek, a freshman and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Marc Traweek. She was nominated by Mrs Lusk, who said,

"Happy children just naturally sing and dream and imagine. This student of the week does all three. She is a hard working and intelligent young lady, who excels beyond her years both in academics and sports."

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Scholarship Winner Announced

The Texas Society of CPA's (TSCPA) today announced recipients of academic scholarships, awarded by TSCPA's Accounting Education Foundation (AEF). Renewal of scholarships from last year's recipients was also announced.

Shawna Box of Plains was awarded a TSCPA Accounting Education Foundation scholarship. Shawna is a student at Abilene Christian University. Since 1957, the TSCPA Ac-

counting Education Foundation has distributed almost \$5 million to promote, develop and advance accounting education in Texas. Through donations from Texas CPA's and interest on endowed funds, the TSCPA Accounting Education Foundation is currently awarding approximately \$95,000 in scholarships to the best and brightest students enrolled in accounting programs in the state.

Judge Moore Recognized

Austin-The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 3,900 attorneys as members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon in Austin on February 3. This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than eight percent of the total number of attorneys in Texas.

The College was created in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each

year. To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a three year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete at least 30 hours of CLE each year, twice the number of hours required of all lawyers in Texas.

Honored at the Awards Ceremonies was Kelly G. Moore, Judge of the 121st Judicial District of Terry and Yoakum Counties.

Pastor, Laymen conference elects new officers



New officers for the Panhandle Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, held annually at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, were elected during the February 19-20 event. The new officers will organize the 2002 event. Pictured, left to right, are President-Elect Bill Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church Plains; Vice President Tim Holloway, pastor of Baptist Community Services in Amarillo; President Phillip Hilton, pastor of First Baptist Church Sunray; and secretary/treasurer Dr. Charles Bassett, special assistant to the president at Wayland

Garden Club Meets

The Plains Garden Club met Tuesday, February 20th in the clubroom for their regular monthly meeting, with Debbie Morphis, President, presiding. The Spring District Meeting will be March 20th in Lubbock.

Other business discussed was Operation Christmas Card and the Cemetery project. If anyone knows of an unmarked grave please let the club know, with information concerning the site, the Garden Club will arrange for a head stone.

New plants available was the subject of the program presented by Dean Richardson.

Those attending the meeting included Debbie Morphis, Kay Canon, Ruby Sellers, Velma Dearing and Dean Richardson.

A Hint: Plant bare rooted roses now, and cool season annual plants, including pinks, pansies, snapdragons, English daisies, calendulas, larkspurs, iceland poppies, alyssum and stocks.

Senior Citizens Corner

Everyone is delighted to welcome new people as they visit our senior center. Some of those who have shared lunch with us in recent days are Betty Williams, Elaine and Walter Schnieder, Clara Ellen Williams, V.H. Wright, Marjorie Keel, Earlene Rolin, Donaciana and Felipe Cenicerros, and G.W. Cleveland. Come again soon and bring a guest. The delicious meals and good fellowship brighten any overcast day.

A personal note of appreciation to our excellent work force who brightens my day as I see them breathe a sigh and sit down to enjoy their own meal after making sure every senior has been adequately fed. Gloria Carrasco, who serves as our director, along with the kitchen team, consisting of Mary Flores, Mary Newman, Mary Moya, and Stella Montes; and Sylvia Lozano who expertly drives our bus to deliver seniors to the center for lunch and home again at 1:00 o'clock PM.

These ladies' lunch time laughter is like a ray of sunshine. Whoever said laughter is life's best medicine must have ladies like these in mind. A special note of appreciation to Ann Holland who quietly

keeps everything in the book-keeping department running smoothly. She slips in and out so quietly, it seems like things are accomplished by some kind of magic.

We've visited countless senior centers around these United States and come home each time with new appreciation for our hometown facility and all of those who make it possible.

Pool tournament results for this month are as follows: Women 8-ball 1st Ireta Davis, 2nd Betty Contrell, 9-ball 1st Betty Contrell, 2nd June Hanneman. Men 8-ball 1st Leo Daniel, 2nd Bob Fillipp, 9-ball 1st Pete Arenivas, 2nd Leo Daniel.

The Harvesters from Levelland gave us an excellent program of gospel music on Jamboree night last week. They have promised to return soon.

We all rejoice for Tom and Darlene Clevenger as the reports continue to improve for their grandson, Mark. Grandchildren are the favorite topic of conversation as we all gather each day.

Get well wishes go to Wanda and Layne Black who are 'under the weather' this week.

NEW BABY BOY!!

Irma & Bob Wilhelm proudly announce the birth of their son, Jaxon Dean on February 1 in Seminole Hospital. He weighed 5 pounds 11 ounces, and was 19 inches long. He was welcomed by his sister Chelsi Wagnon and brother John Wagnon. Maternal grandparents are Anita and Bruno Gonzales of Plains. Paternal grandparents are Dean and Diana Wilhelm of Nazareth.

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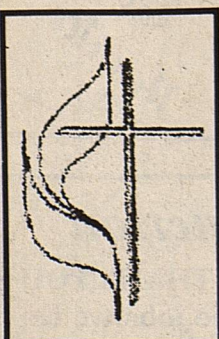
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From The Hack

In last week's issue, we featured a photo of the young PHS Cowboy Baseball team work-out.

Nostalgia kicked in, and I vaguely recalled my only experience involving the sport while in school at Pecos.

I remember somewhere in my last Junior High years, maybe even as a freshman, the athletic department Gurus decided baseball should be included in the P.E. agenda. At that time, the sport was non-existent. I immediately decided I would become a pitcher. As dumb as I was, I already realized crowd attention was always centered, briefly, on the pitcher, every single play, and that was where I determined Glory would be found.

It was not a recognized UIL event in our district, just a PE event. I practiced pitching every day. One of my dimmer witted friends would serve as my catcher during recess, or whatever they called it then, and during lunch. I would burn that ball into his glove like a missile from Hell, unerringly in the strike zone. The genius coaches finally scheduled a mock game during a lunch period. I was selected to pitch.

I was already anticipating college scholarship offers when I took the mound, wearing my usual Levis and boots. I faced the batter, a wimp looking kid one year younger than me, and thought, "You are Dog Meat, you pimple on a mole!"

I flung my best fastball which I thought reached supersonic speed levels, but if radar guns had been available it may have achieved 28 miles per hour. I had always been noted for my accuracy. I struck the Umpire, (also my Government Coach whom I hated) square dab in the throat. Since it was just a fun game, and no one but the catchers wore protective gear, the coach-ump suffered considerable discomfort and an abiding

hatred for me throughout my continuing outstanding high school athletic career.

They allowed me a couple more pitches. I nailed my own classmate buddy on the knee, then, determined to really bare down and throw like I and God knew I could, against my third batter, I managed to hit my catcher on the only unprotected portion of his body, that big old knobby bone on your ankle, whatever you call it, which seemed to create exquisite and very vocal pain reminiscent of Inquisition tortures.

I was retired from the unofficial team, and it was years later before Pecos High would even consider resuming baseball.

I had a very scary experience in Hobbs, NM this weekend. I carried film of the Cowboys baseball and basketball games to WalMart for developing.

When I was giving them the film, this big burly type guy about the size of a Green Bay Packer lineman nudged me and said, "Hey, buddy I see your cap reads Plains, Is that Plains, Texas?"

I admitted, yes, it is. He asked, "Do you know the guy that does that newspaper over there, the Cowboy something or other?"

My heart beat faster. This guy has read our paper, and is going to say something good to me. I answered politely, "Yes sir, I do, quite well," anticipating words of praise and adoration.

This huge hunk of meat guy glowered like a hungry Rottweiler and said, "Well, tell that jerk idiot there's some of us over here in Hobbs who wanta whup his hiney. We got some chubby folks, I admit, but they ain't all in WalMart. He better not have been talking about my wife. She's 5' 9" tall, and weighs just 237, and by NFL standards, she's in good shape."

I readily admit I thought I was in deep stuff, and said, "Sir, the guy who writes all that garbage is a little wimp 86 year old. He is barely literate, his wife has terminal cancer, he tithes, sings in the church choir, donates to the Cancer Society, the Kosovo Orphans fund, and the NRA. I would suggest, sir, you leave

him alone. He is an extremely good man."

The big bruiser sniffed, said, "Well, I still ain't fond of him calling us Wal Mart Hobbs shoppers all fat people. I can think of lots more towns got fatter people than us. Like Tatum, maybe Eunice."

Very humbly, I told him I would pass his comments on to the editor of the "PLAINS WIPE", as he snarled it.

I've got to be more careful about offending community pride, and I suspicion, the slightly over-weight readers in Hobbs, NM.

Notice For Bids

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 21, 2001, for a County Depository for the County of Yoakum for a period of four (4) years ending sixty days from the time fixed by law for the next selection of a depository.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, March 26th, 2001. For bid forms and specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, 806-456-2422, P.O. Box 516, Plains, TX, 79355 or Yoakum County Treasurer, 806-456-8794, P.O. Box 492, Plains TX 79355.

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Larry Combest Comments

Most of us remember the "supply and demand" lecture from our Economics 101 class. The goal is to have enough supply of your product to meet the demand. Apparently, some folks in California skipped that class in high school. California is now experiencing a major power supply problem, causing serious concern for consumers and businesses, and potentially for the rest of the country.

The problems they are facing are simply supply/demand economics that result from a badly written deregulation law and some poor energy choices. While deregulation can bring lower power bills, the 1996 California electricity deregulation put a cap on retail prices, hiding the true cost of electricity from consumers and leaving them no incentive to conserve. It also did not cap wholesale prices and prevented utilities from entering into long term power contracts, which made them subject to the always volatile spot market. Now the utilities are facing the painful reality of bankruptcy.

California imports 25 percent of their electricity and discourages energy production within the state. Californians want electricity from clean burning, environmentally correct natural gas, but they do not want to drill for it or build new plants. From 1988-98, the state's electric generating capacity actually declined five percent, according to the Department of Energy, yet, power consumption rose 15 percent over the same period. Not surprisingly, their surging demand is now outstripping their dwindling supply, and doing so very quickly. Just like California our country is headed for an energy crisis. Fortunately, President Bush and the U.S. Congress have

made energy a top priority. I believe we have a monumental opportunity to correct the poor energy decisions of the past and adopt a comprehensive, long term energy policy that promotes all forms of energy, particularly petroleum. Our domestic petroleum resources are not in short supply; however, access to that supply must be addressed in any legislation.

To begin with, we must limit our dependence on foreign oil. Approximately 56 of crude consumed by our country last year was imported from foreign countries. This is projected to increase to 64 percent by 2020 if policies stay the same. I have cosponsored legislation to establish a competitive oil and gas leasing program for the exploration and production of oil and gas resources in the Arctic Coastal Plain. The U.S. Geological Survey estimates that there is enough oil to replace all imports from Saudi Arabia for the next 30 years. In addition, there is a pipeline less than 90 miles away with enough capacity to carry an additional million barrels of oil a day. The hurdle to opening ANWR, for the security of the nation, is the wide spread misinformation being promoted by extreme environmental groups.

Closer to home our farmers, ranchers and consumers are feeling the energy crunch. Prices for fertilizer are at an all time high, the costs of irrigation are skyrocketing, and consumers are struggling with huge natural gas and electricity bills. Why has this happened? Our economy has been

booming and demand for electricity throughout the nation is high. Also, many electricity generating plants have switched from coal to natural gas, which is in high demand but of which there is less in stock.

Because of several years of low petroleum prices, exploration and drilling for natural gas slowed dramatically. When prices were catastrophically low in 1998-99, the industry had to shut in productive wells, because they were no longer economical to operate. This industry downturn caused the loss of 50,000 jobs. The condition lasted for 18 months and gave consumers a period of historic lows for petroleum products. The "boom or bust" cycle of oil and gas prices is bad for consumers. Producers in the Permian Basin do not want a reliable price with which they can make long term investment decisions. The industry is rebounding and doing their best to drill new wells, but there is a lag time of 12-18 months to get that product from well to market.

Sadly, there is very little we can do in the short term to fix the recent price escalation of energy products. But there is much that can be done for the long term. We must realize that there is no such thing as the perfect energy source, but that each is needed to produce a balanced mix that gives us stable energy supplies and prices. Furthermore, we cannot afford to demonize industries that benefit us. Energy production and environmental protection and not mutually exclusive. We need to protect our environment but in realistic and balanced terms.

ELECTION CALENDAR

Listed below are the major dates concerning the upcoming City Council General Election on Saturday, May 5, 2001.

PURPOSE

To elect three (3) Council members. Those with expiring terms are: Arlon Alexander, Rick Ramos and Owen Schneider.

FILING DATES TO RUN

Tuesday, February 20, 2001 until Wednesday, March 21, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Thursday, April 5, 2001 is the last day to register to vote in the May 5, 2001 City Council General Election. Voter registration is at the Yoakum County Courthouse Tax Office.

EARLY VOTING

By Personal Appearance - Wednesday, April 18, 2001 until Tuesday, May 1, 2001. At Plains City Hall, 601 11th Street from 8:00 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

Saturday, May 5, 2001
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