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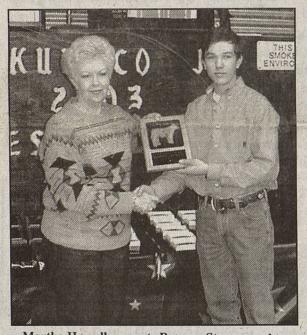
2003 Junior Livestock Show Issue



Association Pres. Danny Williams, 2003 Show Queen Kaitlyn Moore, 2002 Queen Elizabeth Clanahan



The 2003 Show was dedicated to the late Kenneth McGinty. Family members shown are Anne, Nikki (Raff) McGinty, Ragan, Brandon McGinty and Danny Williams.



Martha Harrell presents Reserve Steer award to



Williams gives Reserve Barrow award to Michael Therwhanger



Chris Chambliss gives Reserve Gilt award to Julie



Williams and 2003 Top Hand Award to Jennifer Lewis, beside 2001 and 2002 winners T.J. Kitchens and Michael Therwhanger

School Board Recognition Month Announced

As citizen leaders, individual school board members face complex and demanding challenges. Yet, few people fully understand the scope and far reaching implications of board members' responsibilities. All Texans should recognize the vital contributions of these men and women and focus attention on the crucial role these elected public officials play in the education of our children.

Their job is to establish a vision for the education program, design a structure to achieve that vision, assure schools are accountable to the community, and strongly advocate continuous improvement in student learning. That job entails an endless string of meetings and school functions to attend; reams of reports, agendas, proposals, and other information to read and study; and a host of difficult decisions to make. School board members come from all walks of life. They are farmers, secretaries, doctors, lawyers, homemakers, architects, truck drivers, professors, business owners, and real estate agents, to name just a few.

While they wear many hats in the workday world, school board members put on a collective hat when they get down to the business of leading their school districts. Board members must pull together as a team toward a common goal, helping students achieve. While they may individually disagree on certain issues, their role as a board is to consistently strive toward that

Board members contribute hundreds and hundreds of hours each year leading their districts. Whether it be crafting policies, hiring administrators, listening to staff and student concerns, or recognizing outstanding programs, board members always keep their eyes on the goal of student achievement.

The time spent in board meetings represents just a small fraction of the hours school board members spend in leading their districts. They also work hard at seminars and training sessions to keep abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership, are deeply involved in community activities, and spend many hours in the schools and at extracurricular events. Their love of learning, and concern and caring for students, staff and the community, drive board members' desire to lead so students can

In recognition of this dedicated service, January is designated "School Board Recognition Month". This is a time to show our appreciation and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide a better future for our children. In January, join with others from throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.

School board members for Plains Independent School District are Danny Bell (President), Wayne Sisson (Vice president), Brad Palmer (Secretary), Dwayne Canada, Ramon Diaz, John Gray, and Randy Tuggle.

Jim Haynes PISD Superintendent

Bill Christian Announces Candidacy For Congress



Harry Richardson, County Republican Chair, Bill Christian, 19th District Congressional Candidate, and Trace Anderson, Deputy Campaign

Christian formally announced his candidacy for the 19th Congressional District of Texas.

"I am very excited to campaign for the opportunity to represent my fellow West Texans in Congress, and I look forward to presenting my vision for a higher and stronger future to the constituents of the 19th District." Christian said.

Bill Christian has over 15 years of Congressional experience, having worked in both the United States Senate and candidate who has the ability to United States House of Repre-

Senators John Tower and Phil Methodist . Church Gramm, both Republicans of Monahans. Texas.

ence who has a proven history Texas my home." of serving the people of West Texas," said Christian. "The people of this district cannot afford the luxury of allowing their new Congressman a session or to 'learn the ropes' in Washington, D.C. I am the only be effective from the first day

in office and really hit the ground running."

Bill Christian has significant military experience, having served in the United States Marines Corps in both active and reserve status. He first enlisted as an infantry martaman in 1983, was commissioned in 1990 as a field artillery officer, and was promoted to the rank of Major in 2000. Bill currently serves as the Officer-in-Charge of a Marine Corps Reserve detachment in this race."

As an only child of adoptive parents, Bill Christian was raised in West Texas, graduating from Monahans High School as Valedictorian. He currently votes and owns a home in Midland, has an office On January 24 in Plains, Bill sentatives. His experience in- in Odessa, and is a lifelong cludes service with former U.S. member of the First United

> Christian said, "I have dedi-"I am the only candidate with cated my life to public service, direct Congressional experi- and I'm proud to call West

> > County **Hospital Bond** Election Day, Saturday, February 1

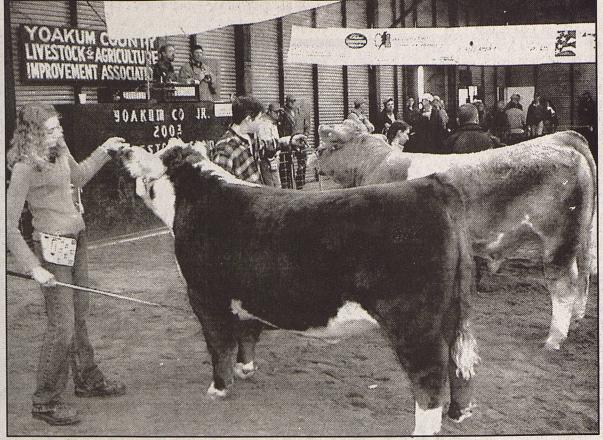
Plains ISD to offer teacher retirement incentive

Plains ISD is faced with a funding problem for rent school year. other cost saving procedures must be made to tained without filling the position. pay the recapture bill to the state and still fund Mr. Haynes stated, "There are other methods

ployment with the district at the end of the cur- system will be developed."

the next few years. This funding problem ex- Mr. James Haynes, the school superintendent, ists because the district has suffered a large drop estimates there are about 12 emplyees who are in student population over the last three years. eligible for the package. This package is a way This means the state requires more money to to cut staff and save the school district money. It be sent to Austin in the form of recapture (Robin is the way that will be the least traumatic to the Hood). This money must be raised through lo-school, its employees, and the community. Evcal property taxes. Since the district is already ery position that is vacated will be evaluated to taxing at the maximum level, budget cuts and determine if the district program can be main-

also being considered by the board to help with The Plains ISD Board of Trustees met Mon- cost savings for the district. These could be day night, January 27, to address the funding implemented as the board continues working issue and voted to offer a retirement incentive on the funding problem. Some of the methods package to those professional employees of the will range from a possible bond election to cutdistrict who are eligible for retirement under the ting costs for each program. Should the fund-Teacher Retirement System of the State of ing problem still exist the district will have to Texas. This means those teachers at Plains ISD look at cutting additional positions and prowho are eligible for retirement but are continu- grams. Our goal is to be able to survive until ing to work will be offered a lump sum pay- the 2005 legislative session when we hope a ment for their promise to terminate their em- final solution to the "Robin Hood" funding



Ten top quality Steers were shown in the 2003 livestock show by 4-H and FFA exhibitors

Application Deadline For Federal Farm Program Approaching

Producers Should Contact Local Farm Service Agency For Appointment

Lawsuit reform: The real consumers decide

For five months every two years, citizens get the chance to actually see if their legislators are true to the principles and promises made in their campaigns. But those who oppose the promises made by these elected public officials, and whose candidates lost their elections, often wage misinformation campaigns to intimidate legislators from making good on their campaign commitments. These opponents will try to win in the 2003 Legislature what they lost in the November 2002 elections.

The misinformation campaign against the effort to rein in abusive litigation is a perfect example. The overwhelming majority of elected officials believe that Texas should have a fair and balanced civil justice system, one in which neither the plaintiff nor the defendant has an unfair advantage. But a certain group of personal injury lawyers make literally billions of dollars by making sure the system is biased in their favor. So they call lawsuit reform "anti-consumer," and characterize reform as "the slamming of the courthouse door" or as "limiting lawsuits."

But the fact is that well crafted and well-reasoned tort reform is pro-consumer. Look at a few of the issues.

Medical Malpractice Reform -Currently many doctors are leaving Texas, or even leaving their profession, since they can no longer afford the risk of practicing medicine here. Those remaining pay huge medical insurance premiums, which then show up in higher health care costs and premiums for consumers. It is pro-consumer to protect the award of economic damages in medical malpractice cases but to cap highly subjective non-economic damages, also known as "soft damages," so that Texans can have accessible, affordable health care. It is anti-consumer to allow a few plaintiffs and plaintiff's lawyers to hit the "lottery" and win millions at the expense of the rest of Texas consumers.



Linbeck Jr. Texans for Lawsuit

There is no "free lunch" for consumers in medical malpractice. When someone is awarded \$20 million, that cost is spread among all the rest of insurance consumers. The goal of litigation should be to fully and quickly compensate injured parties, not to make a few people and their lawyers instant millionaires. Also in the health care consumer's interest, we strongly support strict enforcement of medical standards of practice to protect patients from rogue practitioners.

Class Action Reform: Currently, virtually every lawsuit that a judge allows to be certified as a class action is settled because the defendant cannot afford the risk of trying such a lawsuit, even if the defendant is totally innocent. Texas juries never get to decide class action lawsuits on their mer-

its. Outrageous settlement costs are often nothing more than legalized extortion, and are reflected in higher costs for the products and services we all buy, lower returns on pensions and 401k plans, and fewer job opportunities for Texans. It is pro-consumer to make class certification appealable to the Supreme Court so that a consistent and equitable body of law can be created by the court.

Fair Settlements: What stops people from using lawsuits as a way to harass, punish and extort money from people or companies? In Texas, the answer is "almost nothing." Our courthouses are filled with cases that should not be there, and hundreds of millions of dollars are spent on, costly and unnecessary pre-trial motions, discovery, and legal fees. It is proconsumer to institute a system in which a plaintiff who refuses to

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settle a case for a reasonable amount and then wins less than that amount is penalized by paying the other parties' legal fees and costs out of the proceeds of any judgment. It is also in the consumer's interest to create a system where defendants have an incentive to offer full and early settlements.

There are many other badly needed, common sense reforms to our legal system that will be debated this legislative session. These reforms will be opposed by those who profit from the system as it is today. But when you hear lawsuit reforms called "anti-consumer," look behind the attacks to the facts. Returning our court system to a place where it is appropriately used as a last resort to resolve legitimate disputes is good for the overwhelming majority of Texas' con-

Leo Linbeck Jr. is senior chairman of Texans for Lawsuit Reform.

Gary Six, County Executive lowing advice for preparing for Director for the Yoakum Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds area farmers and ranchers to make an appointment to sign up for the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). The deadline to update bases and yields is April 1, 2003. This date outlined in legislation and no extensions will be made.

"The new farm legislation is complex in nature," said Six. "Maximizing benefits received from these programs will require producers to organize and plan ahead before visiting our offices," he said.

Six, commented that sign-up for DCP is averaging at least one hour per farm. He encourages producers to avoid procrastinating and offers the fol-

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a visit to FSA. If a producer is planning to update bases and yields, Six encourages using the Base and Yield Analyzer Internet tool available at http:// www.fas.usda.gov/pas/ farmbill/tools.asp. The analyzer assists producers in evaluating a farm's historic data and enables them to make educated decisions about their specific

If electing to update yields, producers will be required to provide all production records for 1998-2000. For cash leased land, FSA requires a copy of the lease agreement if available and proof of lease payment. If no written lease agreement is provided, the landowner must sign for zero shares.

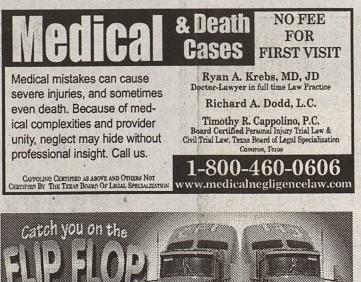
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Additionally, producers who have dropped, added, purchased, sold or otherwise. changed their farming operation need to be prepared to report theses changes to the FSA office. Also, producers must certify any 2002 crop plantings or land use changes not previously reported.

"Gathering all necessary documentation and arriving at our office with a general idea of specific farm program goals, will insure accurate program decisions and better use of staff and customer time," said Six.

For more information about DCP, FSA or the farm bill provisions contact your local FSA office at 806-456-2132 visit the national website at http:// www.fsa/usda/gov.

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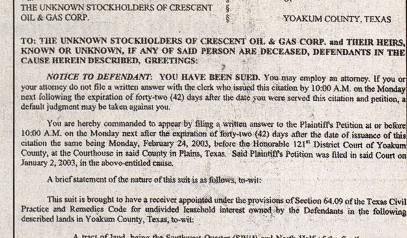
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A tract of land, being the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) and North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N/2 SE/4) of Section 5, Block K, PSL, Yoakum County, Texas;

provisions of said statute

as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL of said Court at Plains, Texas, on January 8th

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BC - Breed Champion RBC - Reserve Champion * Grand Champion

* Reserve Champion LAMBS:

Fine wool crosses: 1-BC - Chelsey-Anne Bearden

2- RBC- Chelsey-Anne Bearden 3 - Jennifer Lewis Lt. Weight Medium:

1-RBC-**- Marty Roberts 2 -Chelsey-Anne Bearden 3 - Chelsey-Anne Bearden

4 - Marty Roberts Hvy. Weight Medium; 1- BC *- Macy Roberts 2- Marty Roberts

3- Macy Roberts GOATS:

Class 1-1 - Logan Wood 2 - LaNaye Wood

3 - Sara Horn 4 - Cody Mayes Class 2-

1 - T.J. Kitchens 2 - Logan Wood 3 - Sara Horn

4 - Kelly Sellers Class 3-1 *- T. j. Kitchens

2 - La Naye Loyd 3 - Cody Mayes Class 4: 1** T.J. Kitchens 2 - LaNaye Loyd

3 - Jasmine Rivera Class 5: 1 - T.J. Kitchen 2 - Logan Wood

3 - Landra Wood 4 - Leah Gibson

STEERS: British Breeds-; 1 - Skylar Keesee

2 - Skye Sellers 3 - Stetson Sellers 4 - Stetson Sellers American Breeds;

1 ** - Austin Keesee 2 - Austin Keesee 3 - Austin Keesee

European Breeds; 1 * - Jennifer Lewis 2 - Megan Lewis 3 - Skye Sellers

RABBITS: Jr. Fancy Bucks; 1 - Clayton Gass

Sr. Fancy Bucks; 1 - ** Forrest Booth 2 Micah Horn 3 - Lydia Whitzel 4 - Jasmine Whitzel

Jr. Fancy Doe; 1 - Kevin Gass 2- Kevin Gass

1 - Grady McNabb

2 - Cody Mayes 3 - Brennan Whitzel 4 - Callie Howell

Jr. Commercial Bucks; 1 - Grady McNabb 2 - Kameran Loya

Sr. Commercial Bucks; 1 - Sara Horn Jr. Commercial Doea; 1 - Natalie Butler

Sr. Commercial Does;

1 * - Cody Mayes 2 - Callie Howell 3 - Cody Mayes 4 - Callie Howell

SWINE: Gilts-Lt. Wgt. Durocs; 1 BC- Kristen Knight

2 - Chase Gibson 3 - Lisa Gibson 4 - Harley Ranney(Brasuel) Hvt. Wgt Durocs; 1 BC- Rowdy Brumley

2 - Rowdy Brumley 3 - Hannah Sutton 4 - Jessica Knight Lt. Wgt. Hamps;

1 RBC - Michael Therwhanger 2 - Cameron Knight 3 - Pete Wall 4 - Matthew McKinzie

Med. Wgt. Hamps; 1 - Matthew Ellis 2 - Scott Addison 3 - Randon Lance

4 - Ivan Parra

Hvy. Wgt. Hamps; 1 - BC- Cameron Knight 2 - Rowdy Brumley 3 - Randon Lance 4 - Sierra Harrel

Lt. Wgt. Spots; 1 BC- Kaitlyn Moore 2 - Michael Therwhanger 3 - Harley Ranney (Brasuel) 4 - Kerry Sisson

Hvy. Wgt. Spots 1 - RBC- Cheyenne Durham 2 - Halee Lowrey 3 - Leslie Lowrey 4 - Dylan Hunter

Hvy Wgt. Yorks 1 - Hannah Sutton 2 - Christy Tedford 3 - Randon Lance 4 - Chris Addison Hvy. Wgt Yorks;

1 - 1 BC- Cameron Knight 2 -RBC- Sierra Howell 3 - Justin Chambliss 4 - Halee Lowrey Lt. Wgt. OPB

1 BC- Rowdy Brumley 2 - Kevin Gass 3 - Merrit Crump Hvy. Wgt OPB:

1 RBC - Amanda Hiller

2 -Harley Ranney (Brasuel) Lt. Wgt Crosses 1 - Cameron Knight

3 - Justin Chambliss 4 - Reagan Haynes Med. Wgt Crosses 1 - Kristen Knight 2 - Pete Wall

2 - Pete Wall

3 - Justin Chambliss 4 - Reagan Haynes Hvy. Wgt. Crosses 1 BC - Kristen Knight

2 RBC *- Julie Hix 3 - Amanda Hiller 4 - Matthew Ellis Barrows;

Lt. Wgt Durocs; 1 BC - Megan Lewis 2 RBC - Justin Chambliss 3 - Josh Curtis 4 - Kerry Sisson

Hvy. Wgt. Durocs; 1 - M'Leah Mckinzie 2 - Ghisum Justus 3 - Arturo Sanchez 4 - Jessica Knight

Lt. Wgt Hamps; 1 RBC- David Garza 2 Matthew Merritt 3 - Matthew Merritt 4 - Cody Mayes

Hvy. Wgt Hamps 1 BC- Chase Gibson 2 - Christy Tedford 3 - Ashli Hunter 4 - Missi Ennis

Spots; 1 BC- Kaitlyn Moore 2 RBC- Kassidy Moore 3 - Michael Therwhanger

Lt. Wgt . Yorks; 1 RBC- Chelsea Blount 2 - Reagan Haynes 3 - Lisa Gibson 4 - Forrest Booth

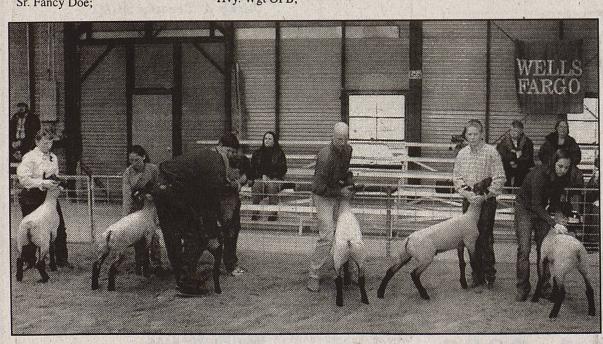
4 - Kerry Sisson

Hvy. Wgt. Yorks; 1 BC **- Michael Therwhanger 2 - Megan Lewis 3 - Kaitlyn Moore 4 - Megan Allsup (Rushing) Lt. Wgt. OPB

1 BC - Dylan Hunter 2 RBC - Cody Mayes 3 - Cassie Coronel Lt. Wgt. Crosses; 1 - Chase Howell

2 - Kassidy Moore 3 - Josh Curtis 4 - Chelsea Blount Hvy. Wgt. Crosses; 1 BC- Kristen Knight

2 - Chase Gibson 3 - Matthew Merritt 4 - Amanda Hiller



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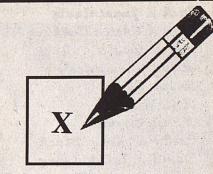
2003 Livestock Show Scenes

(The photographer missed some of the award ceremony photos because of camera battery problems)





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Yoakum County Hospital Improvements

Certificate of Obligation Election Saturday, Feb. 1

(Early voting begins Wednesday, January 15) **Project Recommendations Include:**

* Dialysis Center

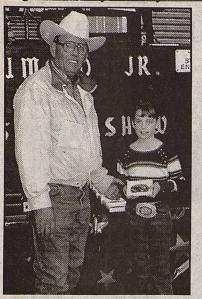
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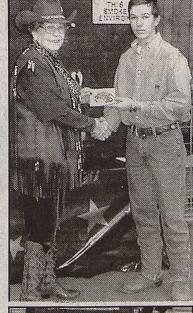
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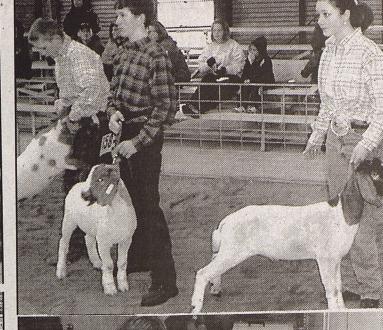


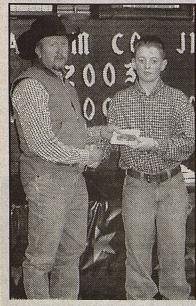




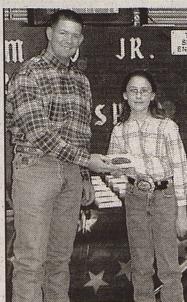


























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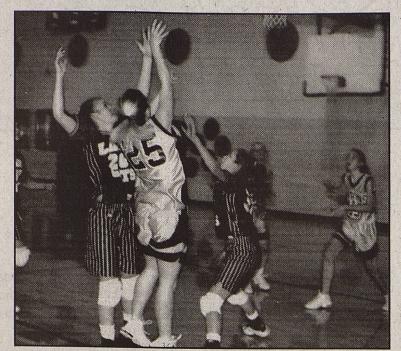
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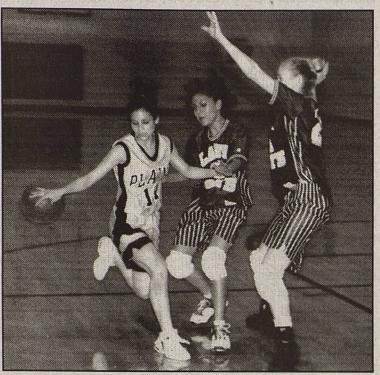
Steven Williams



JV Cowgirl, Cowboy **Action Scenes**



Ashli Hunter takes jump shot



Sandra Gallegos tries to evade two defenders



COWGIRLS & COWBOYS !!!!

Plains ISD sports capsule

Jr. High-

7th Girls- The younger Lady Wranglers fell to Sundown 30-20. Lauren Davis had 12 points, Joanie Bell 8 for all the scoring. 8th Girls- The older girls were also downed by Sundown 48-23. Desiraye Broome topped scoring with 12 points, Meghan Garcia 5, Regina Morales 4, Caitlin Carter 2.

Because of injuries the 7th and 8th boys combined forces tomeet Sundown, but were downed 59-51. Zach Ramos had 12 points, Scott Addison 7, Douglas Conway and Landon Craft 6 each, Kirk Alldredge 4, Cody Mayes 3, John Tyson, Juan Lara and Trent Hawthorne 2 each, and C.J. Tarango 1.

8th Boys- In tournament action, the 8th boys first met Seagraves and were defeated 42-25. Leading scorers included Rudy Gonzales, Landon Craft and T.J. Tarango with 6 points each. Steven Dominguez was cited for defense play. They next lost a heart breaker in the last few seconds to Sundown, 33-30. Landon led scoring with 13, Scott Addison 8, Rudy 4, Steven 3 and C.J. 2. In the tourney finale, they were edged out 31-28 by Smyer. Scott was top scorer with 12, Landon 5, Rudy 5, C,J. 4, Steven

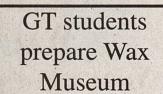
JV Cowgirls- The younger Cowgirls were outscored by Morton 36-31. Sandra Gandara topped scoring with 10 points, Allison friesen made all her free throws and had 9 points, Skylar Keesee had 4. Cecilia Bonilla and Micaela Villegas 3 each, LaShonda Diamond 2. In the District Tournament, sickness and injury plagued the Cowgirls. They lost to Smyer 38-12. Sandra managed 4 points, Skylar 3, Stacie Alldredge and Kim Trent 2 each, Allison 1. The also fell to Morton 25-19. Allison and Kim had 6 points each, Skylar, Sandra and Cecilia 2 each, Stacie 1.

JV Cowboys- In a very tough and physical outing against Morton the young Cowboys ousted Morton 40-33. Cody Flores topped scoring with 15 points, Kerry Sisson had 9, TJ Cordova 7, Brandon Davis 3, Payton Bean, Blake O'Quinn and Arnold Cordova 2 each. In the District JV Tourney, They felled Smyer 50-33. Cody was lead scorer wwith 20, Brandon had 14, Kerry 10, Payton, Todd Williams and Blake 2 each. In game two they were dropped by Morton 61-58. TJ Made 19 points, Cody 14, Kerry 12, Payton 4, Patrick Cotton 4 Blake and Brandon 2 each, Arnold Cordova 1. In the final game they were defeated by Sundown 54-49. TJ managed 17 points, Payton 13, Cody 8, Brandon 5, Arnold 3, Patrick 2, Kerri 1.

Varsity Cowgirls- In what Coach Thaggard considers their best game of the long season, the Cowgirls were edged 56-49 by Morton. Chelsea Blount lead scoring with 15 points, Kayla Willis had 10, Sarah Martinez 8, Jill Gray 6, Jamie Covarrubias and Kristian Morales 4 each. The girls next fell to Sundown 55-37. Chelsea made 23 points, Kayla 6, Jill and Jamie 3 each. Kristian

The Cowboys took on the top rated Morton Indians January 21 and were downed 47-37, but scored a moral victory - it was the first time Morton had scored less than 50. Bradley Palmer had

> 11 points, Kevin Bartley 8, Kelly Bowers 7, Chase Howell 6, Brandon Hise 3, Evan Cain 2. They also fell to Sundown, 43-34. Zach broome managed 9 points, Kevin 8, Evan 7, Kelly 6, Chase and Brandon 2 each.



Plains Schools will present a Wax Museum by Gifted and Talented classes from grades 4, 5 and 6. Performances will be January 30 and 31, 2:00-3:00 in the school Resource Center. The public is welcome to attend. Famous people on exhibit will be Queen Elizabeth 1, Ben Farnklin, Johnny Appleseed, Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, Davy Crockett, Abraham Lincoln, Mary Todd Lincoln, Helen Keller, George S. Patton, John F. Kennedy, Jackie Kennedy, Diana, Princess of Wales, and Laura Bush. Part of the GT curriculum is acquiring research skills. Each student has researched a famous person of his/her choice for this project.

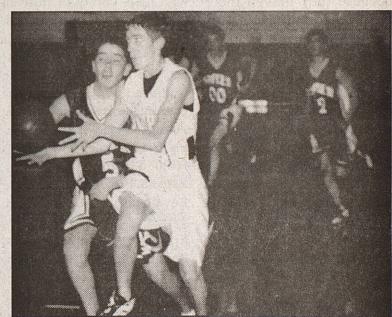


Patrick Cotton makes layup shot

Kerry Sisson made this shot



Blake O'Quinn, Cody Flores play defense

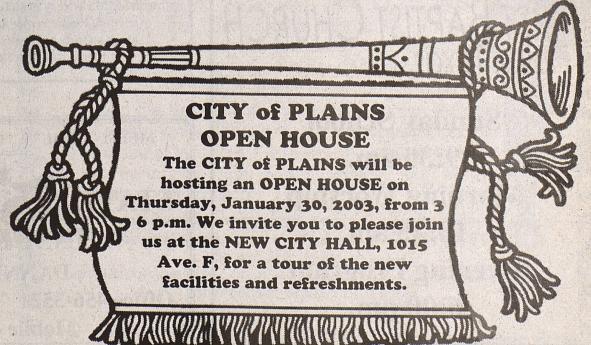


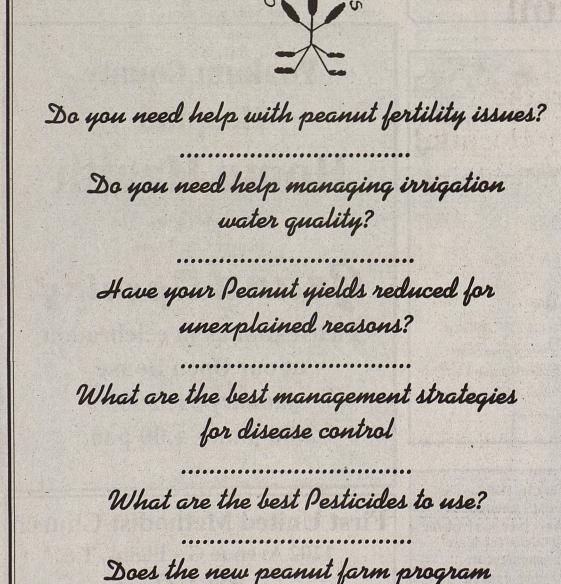
Payton Bean tries to work ball inside

Student of the Week

Student of the week is Evan Cain, a sophomore and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Cain. He was nominated by Mrs. O'Quinn, who said, "Evan gives 100% every day and always goes the extra mile in academic work, UIL events, and in ath letics. He is a great writer an excellent student with a great sense of humor. He is a pleasure to have in class"







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Senior Citizens Corner

Our selected Senior of the week is Billie Faye McDonnell. Billie is a resident of Plains, Taxes who commutes daily via the Senior Citizen van from Faye Lewellen on the second day of January, 1927 in Shields, Texas. Her early school years were spent in Shields and she finished her education in Santa Anna, TX.

she married S.T. (Tommie) McDonnell. This couple produced three children who are Darlene Wilson, Plains, who cares for her grandchildren; Dene Rafferty who works at Johnnie's Restaurant, Plains, in addition to refereeing volleyball, her son, Jackie McDonnell works for Lea County Electric, Plains.

There are four grandsons and one granddaughter in Billie's family in addition to five great grandchildren. She states that the family is eagerly looking forward to the sixth great grandchild who is due in June. Billie has lived at several different places in Texas during her lifetime beginning in Shield, for eight years then Santa Anna for nine years. She spent two years in Eastland before moving to Plains. She also lists four years in Tokio because they moved there where her husband worked, but they moved back to Plains.

She has led a busy life and lists several different employment situations including working in a cafe in Santa Anna; a hotel in Eastland; a rubber company in San Antonio; a grocery store in Plains; and owning a cafe in Plains where she worked twenty five hours out of every twenty four. Billie served on the board of Directors of the Senior Center for several years and presently shares the responsibility of driving the friends." Plains Senior Citizen van.

Various travel destination for Billie and her family include New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, that area. She was born Billie Nevada, Louisiana, and Old Mexico.

She lists hobbies as dancing, reading, working jig saw puzzles, and playing dominoes and pool at the Senior Center. She states that she especially On the fifth of January, 1946 enjoys card games with her children.

Billie likes all kinds of sports and enjoys the Sport and Music channels on TV. She chooses pork chops as her favorite meal and says that How Great Thou Art is her first choice of songs.

When asked about when she began coming to the Center she replied that it was in 1984 or 1985. She started coming just to have something to do and she states that it gives her something to look forward to each day and that she has made a lot of friends at the Center who are very dear to her and that she enjoys helping others.

She says that the most important experience in her life was being married to Tommie McDonnell for thirty seven years. She tells of how they traveled many ,miles and visited many interesting places with their family of thirteen people. They canned, fished, due to his heart attack, which attended rodeos, football rendered him unable to work, games, basketball games, tennis, and baseball games. She continued by saying that she enjoyed the new people she met during the years she went dancing; having met new friends from Seminole, Andrews, Lamesa, Brownfield, Lubbock, Levelland, and Denver City. TX as well as from Tatum, Lovington, Eunice, Hobbs, Portales, and Clovis in New Mexico. Her final statement was, "Now, I enjoy spending time with my family and

by June Hanneman

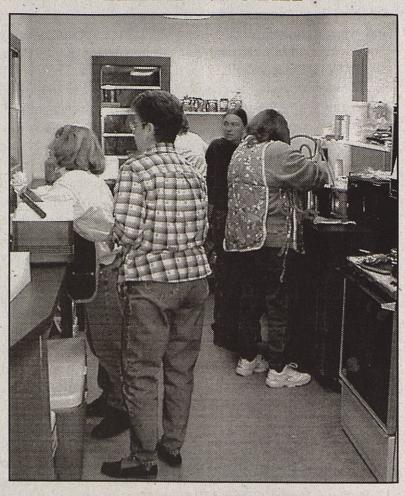
Local Named To LCU Dean's List

William Boyles of Plains has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2002. In order to be considered a part of the dean's list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.



Sunday School 9:30 am. **Morning Worship** 10:45 am. **Evening Program** 6:00 pm.

HARD WORK



The volunteer ladies manning the concession stand during the stock show labored long and hard preparing food and drink for exhibitors and visitors.

To all the wonderful, caring, and Christian folks in our community, whose compassion for their fellow citizens has been exhibited in our time of need,

Bill and I have often joked about what God was thinking bringing "Okies" to West Texas, On January 20, 2003 He once again reminded us of what a great blessing He'd given us in bringing us to Plains. A big thank you to the Plains EMS and Volunteer Fire Department,

not only for their professional skills, but for the genuine concern they showed me. A heartfelt and sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, con-

cern, food, and kindness following my accident. I feel humbled and honored to live in a community that unites and shows such love and thoughtfulness to others. May God bless each of you as he has blessed

Pam and Bill Rowe and girls



In America's early days, our founding fathers wanted to do something very different from what they had experienced in Europe. They wanted every child in America to have a quality public education. The stan- cation. According to research dard they set forth more than from the National Parent 200 years ago has been the foundation of our democracy and our economic success.

Unfortunately, in the past few public education. Creativity and accountability in our public schools became increasingly each child in America gets an equal opportunity to succeed, it was christened the No Child Left Behind Act. This January key components of No Child we celebrated the one year an- Left Behind was a series of reniversary of these landmark forms aimed at empowering education reforms to improve parents. An element I introour nation's public school sys- duced was the parents report

pectations for our children and our schools. And Congress out Additionally, the law provides its money where its mouth is. immediate new options for par-Along with the objectives of ents of students in chronically empowering parents and edu- underachieving and dangerous cators, the legislation provided public schools. The Departmore federal dollars with fewer ment of Education has also bureaucratic strings for our na- dedicated part of its website to tions schools. Last fall when providing resources for par-Americans children went back ents.

to school, so too did millions of dollars in new resources and the mandate that our nations schools improve.

We know that parents are one of the keys to a successful edu-Teacher Association, parental involvement results in higher grades, test scores, and graduation rates; increased motivayears we have not kept pace tion and higher self esteem; with the demand for quality in decreased use of drugs and alcohol; and greater enrollment rates in post secondary educa-. tion. The benefits are limitless. rare. But last year Congress But what happens if parents passed legislation to turn the have been left with little retide. In the spirit of ensuring course to fix the problem or seek alternatives within the public system.

But not any longer. One of the card, which provides parents No Child Behind set high ex- regular updates on the performance of their childs school.



Mrs. Bruce Bennett (4 miles east of Plains on Hwy. 82 - turn south on FM #435 go approximately 7 miles-house on west side of road) Gift selections: J.C. Penney, Wal-Mart, Dillard's, Einens-n-Things, Bayer Bumber-Plains, Just Silver & Ace Hard-

ware (Coast to Coast)-Denver City

Donations continue to be accepted at City Hall for the purchase of new radios for Plains EMS ambulances. A number of generous contributions have been received, for which EMS is very grateful, but additional funds are needed. Please remember, these volunteers are

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NOTICE OF PETITION

Texas ALLTEL, Inc. (Texas ALLTEL) has filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish a surcharge to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) petitions for several Texas ALLTEL exchanges. The submission of this petition is based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221, a measure established in Senate Bill 632 in the 73rd session of the Texas State Legislature.

ELCS permits an exchange to expand its local calling scope to include one or more exchanges if customers approve by ballot the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues recoverable through a surcharge are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee, and are to be recovered from all access lines within the company. Because the ELCS surcharge that Texas ALLTEL customers are currently paying on the ELCS routes implemented prior to September 1, 1996 and in the year 2000 was only approved by the Commission for two years, that portion of the surcharge customers are currently paying will expire in February 2003. The breakout of the surcharge customers are currently paying is:

Business	Residential
\$1.60	\$.80 (Expires October 2005)

\$.61 (Expires February 2003) \$1.41 Total customers are currently paying

The costs and lost revenues for which recovery is sought in this petition are for ELCS routes implemented prior to September 1, 1996 and those implemented in the years 2000 and 2002. If the Texas ALLTEL petition is approved, the surcharge that customers will pay will be:

Business	Residential	
\$1.60	\$.80 (Expires October 2005)	
\$2.20	\$1.10 (Requested in this Petition–Includes add'l	
\$3.80	routes implemented in the year 2002) S1.90 Total customers would pay, if petition is approve	
\$3.00	31.50 Total customers would pay, if petition is approve	

Customers will see no change in their monthly bill until and unless the Commission approves a surcharge different from the surcharge currently being charged. When a final rate is approved by the Commission, customer bills will be changed to reflect the new approved monthly surcharge with an effective date of February 20, 2003, with appropriate retroactive adjustments made as needed.

The net annual effect on the revenues of Texas ALLTEL will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses Texas ALLTEL for the increased direct cost of service associated with all ELCS petitions placed in service prior to September 1, 1996 and after January 1, 2000. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs Texas ALLTEL seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$41,250 monthly.

If you have questions about this charge or would like further

information, please call Texas ALLTEL at 1-800-452-5354. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27033 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the Commission by February 10, 2003. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. For information on intervening, please call the Commission at (512) 936-7120. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO DESOLICITUD

Texas ALLTEL, Inc. (Texas ALLTEL) ha presentado una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) (Comisión) para establecer un recargo para recuperar ingresos perdidos y el aumento de los costos asociados con la solicitud del Servicio de Expansión de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) (ELCS) para varias áreas de Texas ALLTEL. La presentación de esta solicitud se basa en la Regla Legislativa 26.221 de la Comisión, una medida establecida en el Proyecto de Ley 632 del Senado en la 73a sesión de la Legislatura del Estado de Texas.

El ELCS permite que un área amplíe los límites del área de llamadas locales para incluir a una o más áreas si los clientes dan su aprobación por medio de una votación para el pago de una tarifa por el ELCS en lugar de cargos por llamadas de larga distancia. Los costos e ingresos perdidos recuperables a través del recargo son aquellos que no son recuperables a través de la tarifa por el ELCS, y serán recuperados de todas las líneas de acceso dentro de la compañía. Debido a que el recargo por el ELCS que los clientes de Texas ALLTEL están pagando actualmente en las rutas del ELCS implementadas antes del 1 de septiembre de 1996 y en el año 2000 fue aprobado por la Comisión solamente por dos años, esa porción del recargo que los clientes están pagando en la actualidad caducará en febrero de 2003. El detalle del recargo que los clientes están pagando en la actualidad es:

Comercial	Resider	Residencial		
\$1.60	\$.80	(Caduca en octubre de 2005)		
\$1.22	\$.61	(Caduca en febrero de 2003)		
\$2.82	\$1.41	Total que los clientes están pagando en la actualidad		
Los costos e in	gresos perd	idos para los cuales se desea obtener la		
recuperación en e	esta solicitud	d son para las rutas del ELCS implementadas		
		1996 y aquellas implementadas en los años		

2000 y 2002. Si se aprueba la solicitud de Texas ALLTEL, el recargo que los clientes pagarán será:

Comercial	Vesidell	
\$1.60	\$.80	(Caduca en octubre de 2005)
\$2.20	\$1.10	(Solicitado en esta petición-Incluye
HALLMAN.		rutas adicionales implementadas en el año 2002)
\$3.80	\$1.90	Total que los clientes pagarian, si se aprobara la solicitud
		igún cambio en su factura mensual hasta qu
		go distinto al recargo que se está cobrando omisión apruebe una tarifa final, se
cambiarán las fac	turas de los d	clientes para reflejar el nuevo recargo cha de entrada en vigor del 20 de febrero d
2003, con ajustes	retroactivos	aproximados según sea necesario.

El efecto anual neto sobre los ingresos de Texas ALLTEL será "cero" ya que el recargo solicitado reemplaza ingresos perdidos y reembolsa a Texas ALLTEL por el costo directo creciente del servicio asociado con todas las solicitudes del ELCS puestas en servicio antes del 1 de septiembre de 1996 y después del 1 de enero de 2000. El total calculado de los ingresos perdidos y el aumento de los costos que Texas ALLTEL desea recuperar a través de este proceso es de \$41,250 mensuales.

Si tiene preguntas acerca de este cargo o desea más información, por favor llame a Texas ALLTEL al 1-800-452-5354.

La Public Utility Commission ha asignado el número de proyecto 27033 a este proceso. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este proceso deben avisar a la Comisión antes del 10 de febrero de 2003. Todas las solicitudes para intervenir deben ser enviadas por correo a la Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para obtener información para intervenir, llamen a la Comisión al (512) 936-7120. Las personas con problemas auditivos o del habla que tengan un teléfono de texto (TTY) pueden llamar a la Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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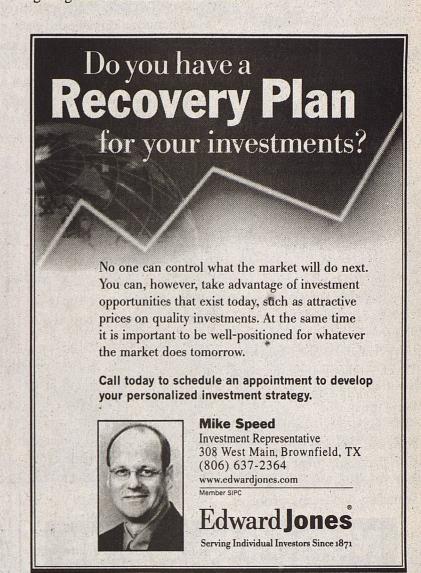
Plains Employee Accepts Supervisory Position

Carlos Howell, former crew chief in Plains, has accepted the position of roadway maintenance supervisor for the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT's) Plains Maintenance

Howell graduated from Brownfield High School in 1977. He moved to Plains in 1986 and joined TxDOT in 1995 as a maintenance technician. Howell was promoted three times before accepting his present supervisory position. In addition, he served as office backup from May 2001 until February 2002.

He oversees 12 employees who are responsible for maintaining state highways in Yoakum County.

Howell and his wife, Billie, have two children. Their son, Chase, is a senior at Plains High School and daughter, Callie, is in the eighth grade at Plains Middle School.



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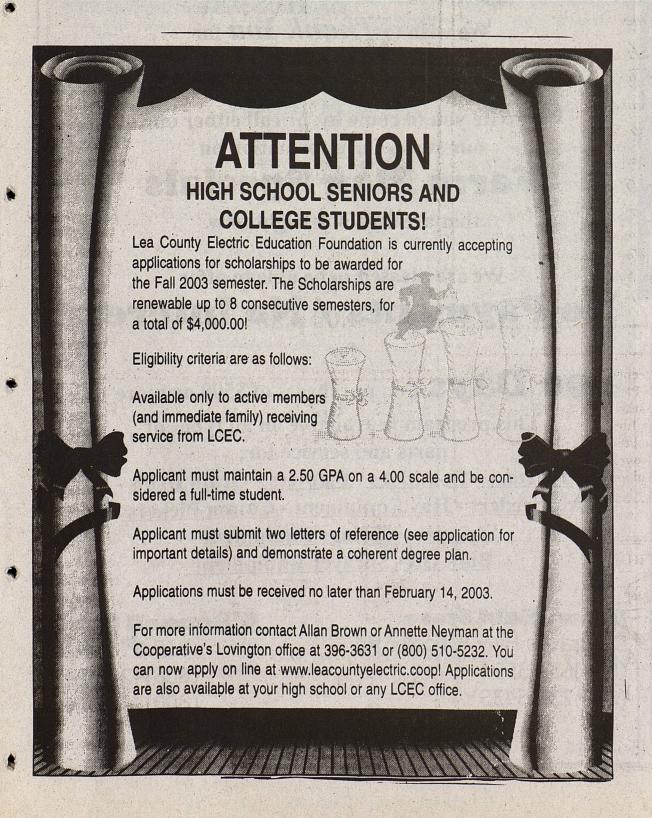


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www.leacountyelectric.coop! Applications are also available at your high school or any LCEC office.

Applications due by February 14, 2003.

From The Hack

I was favorably impressed with Super Bowl XXXVII, My team won. My sentiments weren't so much I was in love with Tampa Bay.... I was just so much, much less in love with the Raiders.

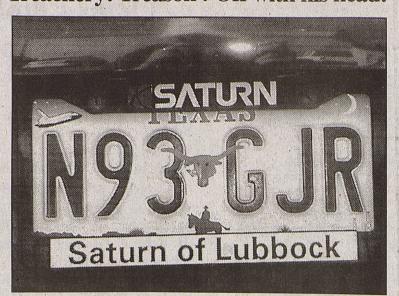
The only good thing I can recall about Oakland was I liked them when John Madden was rible conditions, "I LOVE IT! I love seeing all our big old fat linemen covered in mud and blood knocking those other big old fat linemen on their butt in black and white equine with its the mud. That's football!"

Wasn't much mud in San Diego, but there was lots of good Texas cowhands watch, then line play by the Bucs with and one drawls, "This confirms it, without the ball.

the pre-game show gala -Celine Deion's 'God Bless bras." America, the Dixie Chicks National Anthem, then the Navy Appropriate; F-!8 Super Hornet fly over were great.

The now to be expected jillion and start bragging about it. bucks per minute commercials also had some great moments. you are when everything dries My favorite was the Bud ad up or starts to leak featuring two teams of horses,

Treachery! Treason! Off with his head!



This photo, along with the following note, were found in our porch mailbox; "Editor - this is a photo of a license plate on the back of a black Saturn automobile driven by a guy who graduated from Texas their head Guru. I recall after A&M, who bleeds Purple & White when cut, and even has a kid in one memorable win when the A&M now! He is very closely associated with the Plains School TV guys stuck a mike in his District. WHY is he betraying his Alma Mater in such a scurilous face after a tough win in hor- manner? Did he lose money betting on the Aggies? Just Curious." Frankly, we know nothing of this, but I would suggest the owner not buy more Longhorn stickers. He could be shot by a REAL Aggie!

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patiently lined up waiting for a nose stuck in an instant replay video booth. Two obvious all referees are jackasses." The For once I was impressed with other guy drawls, "I hate to tell you this, they're called Ze-

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The Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District is again sponsoring an essay writing contest for senior students at Plains and Denver City High Schools. All senior students are eligible to enter the essay contest. The contest winner from each school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for 1st place and a \$500 scholarship for 2nd place to the college(s) of their choice.

The topic of the essay should relate to an evaluation of the water situation in our area at the present time and contain proposals for future conservation of that water. The criteria for the contest is:

- 1. A minimum of 1000 words.
- Typed and double-spaced with footnotes or endnotes.
- References must accompany paper in the form of a bibliography page. Reference material may be acquired from the Sandy Land U.W.C.D. office located in Plains.
- 4. Cover sheet containing: student's name, essay title, local high school, and
- 5. The essays are due no later than March 17, 2003.

For further information, please contact the District office at (806) 456-2155.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

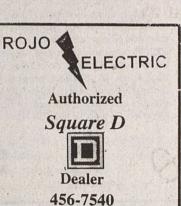
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Garland H. Swann, Deceased, were issued on January 9, 2003, in Cause No. 1421 pending in the County Court of Yoakum County, Texas, to: Rex Riley Swann.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Yoakum County, Texas. The post office address is:

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Brownfield, Texas 79316 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the Executor at the above listed address within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 9th day of January,

> BRADFORD L. MOORE Attorney for the Estate



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