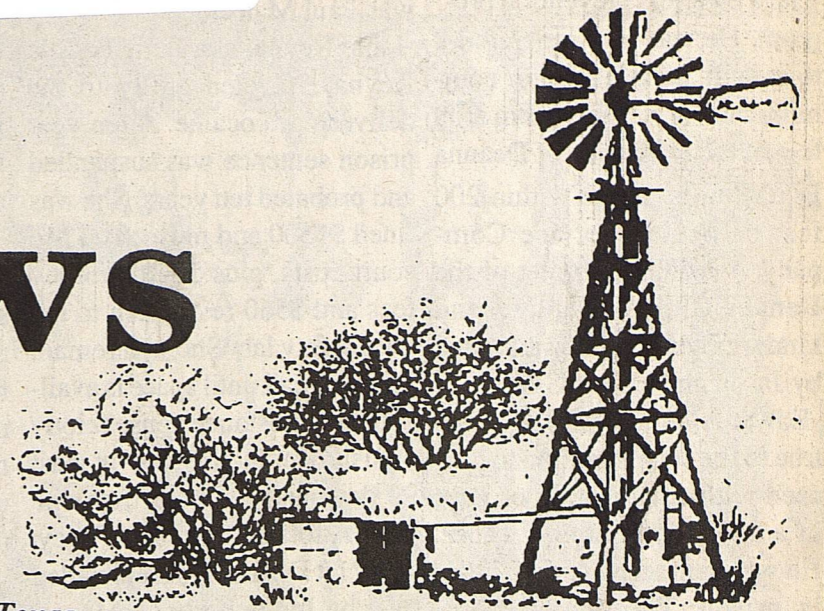


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Good Samaritans have not become extinct

An entire family is at ease and returning to normal life, thanks to the efforts and concerns of two area men, and the work of the Yoakum County Sheriff Department. On April 21, an elderly gentleman stopped at Palmer's Station near the Tokio CoOp Gin. He entered into a discussion with store owner Joe Palmer and area farmer Jim Sherrin, and the two realized he was in a very confused state of mind. He thought he was in the state of Arizona.

They called the Sheriff Department here, and Deputy Jerry Howard drove to the store. The gentleman's name, according to documents in his wallet, was Harold Stevens, a resident of Yuma, Arizona. In an interview Friday, Howard said the man's wallet also carried several phone numbers and addresses of relatives, probably placed in the wallet by the family. Howard brought Mr. Stevens to the jail office here, and while Stevens watched TV and snacked, calls were made to the numbers.

A daughter, Sherry Hiler, in Delta, Colorado, began crying in relief when she learned her dad had been found and was safe. A son, Larry Stevens, also in Colorado, was notified. He arranged for a commercial flight to Lubbock. Fortunately, Sheriff Department Lieutenant Lisa Switzer was in Lubbock on department business that same day. She was able to pick Larry up at the airport and bring him here where he was reunited with his father.

Mr. Stevens was driving an Oldsmobile Cutlass when he turned up at Palmers store. The vehicle was brought to the sheriff office, and Deputy Howard said credit card receipts for gasoline, food and lodging indicated he had driven from Yuma, across Arizona, New Mexico, with stops at Sierra Blanca and Brownfield before showing up here.

His daughter Sherry and son Larry said they had been sick with worry since his disappearance from Yuma on April 18. They said they and law enforcement officials had been looking for him in southern Arizona and California and Mexico, just a few miles to the south. They felt sure he had probably met with some type of foul play, and had nothing but words of praise for Palmer and Sherrin's role in bringing their father to the safety of the sheriff department.

Before Larry left with his dad in the Cutlass, he expressed his appreciation to Howard and Switzer and the entire department. Ironically, both he and his dad were retired sheriff deputies, Larry serving in Oklahoma, Mr. Stevens in Arizona.

County and District Court criminal cases

In County Judge Dallas Brewer's Court last week, six criminal causes were heard.

Tammie Lewis, 29, pled guilty to DWI charge (subsequent) in which a blood test was refused. A 90 day jail term was suspended and probated 18 months. He must pay court costs of \$199 and was fined \$750. He must surrender his license 180 days, complete a repeat offenders program, install an interlock device on any driven vehicle, attend AA weekly, and undergo counseling and alcohol/drug dependency evaluation. Attorney was Mark Fasmire.

Aurelio Hernandez Larrea, 30, pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He must pay \$214 court costs and \$250 fine, serve 100 hours community service, spend 72 hours in county jail, and attend weekly AA meetings.

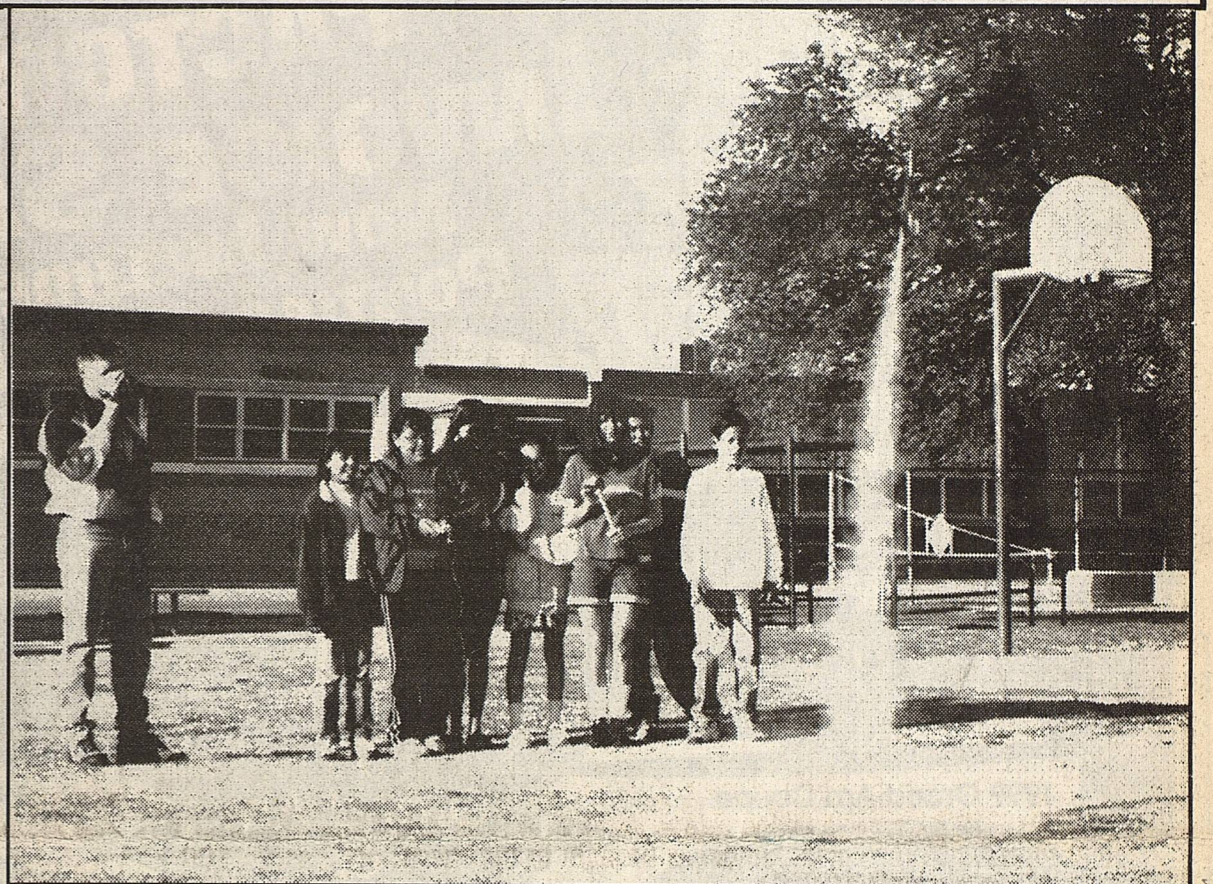
Tony R. Moreno, 23, pled guilty to driving while license was suspended. He was fined \$250 and will pay \$184 court costs.

Russell Loyd Smith, 37, pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury. He must pay a \$250 fine, \$184 court costs, and \$830 restitution to Bruton Service Company. He must serve 80 hours community service, at-

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6th Grade Science Students Discover "New Heights"

Newton was right - what goes up must come down



Vernon Hise and students Micaela Villegas, Judy Luna, Kristian Morales, Maricela Lopez, Sandra Gandara, Isaac Gonzales and Aldo Fierro are still focused on the ground when rocket is already airborne.

Sixth grade science students in Mr. Vernon Hise's class, while not reaching outer space, are learning about the thrills and wonders of rocket powered flight.

The 30 some odd students last week spent part of Wednesday morning firing off a series of rockets built by the students.

Hise said the rockets are constructed of common items found around the house. The rocket body and stabilizing tail fins are cardboard, paper and glue. In-

side the rocket is a tiny parachute constructed of twine and plastic from garbage sacks. The only items purchased for the project are the small, solid fuel type B engines, similar to those used in propelling bottle rocket fire works, and an electronic remote controlled firing device.

The mighty, earth shaking roar of a Cape Canaveral rocket launching the Space Shuttle is absent when the small rockets are fired by the students. There is only a hissing whoosh, and the

rocket soars some 400 feet into the air.

Normally, the little parachute pops out and floats the rocket to earth for the students to retrieve.

Last Wednesday, one parachute failed to open, and the CCN photographer, engrossed in attempting to capture the scene on film, had to scurry to get out of harms way when the rocket fell feet from him, much to the delight of Hise and the students.

LCEC goes all out to celebrate 'Fifty Years Of Cooperation'



The cooperative served barbecue and all the trimmings to almost 1,000 hungry members and guests

When Lea County Electric Cooperative decided to celebrate its 50th birthday, they did it right - They Celebrated! The Lea County Fairgrounds in Lovington was the scene of an impressive exhibit of Lea County Electric Cooperative's Golden Anniversary bash last Saturday, and in terms of the cooperative's membership at-

tendance figures, and their comments and many guests', the birthday event was a hit.

The only downside of the day was the weather, before, and during the celebration. The freakish misty, drizzly weather drifting through the area Friday night and on into Saturday morning played havoc with a number of the cooperative's

distribution lines, causing outages west of Lovington, and east in portions of their Gaines and Yoakum County customer area.

Billy Royce Medlin, President of the LCEC Board of Directors, told CCN Saturday morning, "We really regret this unfortunate weather problem. It called many of our service

people out around 1 a.m., and lots of those guys are still out there working to fix the outage." He and LCEC officials were forced to make the decision to cancel many entertaining and exciting outdoor events, including a 'Linemans Rodeo'.

Weather put a damper on another featured part of the program. Former Dallas Cowboy football defensive stars Charlie Waters and Cliff Harris were scheduled to be at the Fairgrounds around 11 a.m. A series of frantic cell phone calls between the celebrities and LCEC people discovered weather, plane problems, all led to their two hour late arrival. Nevertheless, a large contingent of Cowboy fans were on hand to cheer when they finally arrived.

During the business section of the meeting, general Manager Mike dreyspring reviewed the company's very successful service to some 6,403 member/cus-



Veteran Board Members Jack McMillan, Dist. 7, and J.W. 'Lefty' Spears, Dist. 4 were returned to office by their district's members

successful negotiations between J.W. 'Lefty' Spears, District 4, LCEC officials and the City of Plains Council, which ultimately led to the sale of the city utility system to LCEC, as one of the most successful projects of the year, for both cities.

Two LCEC Board members, Jack McMillan, Vice-President of the Board, representing District 7 in the cooperative's service area, was returned to office.

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tend a batterers prevention program. He was also ordered not to assault, harass, stalk or communicate or come within 200 feet of the residence of Deanna Blair Smith, come within 200 feet of Bruton Service Company, or within 200 feet of the Denver City elementary and kindergarten schools attended by Jason and Colton Smith.

Edward Joe Smyers, 18, pled true to the state's motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt in a habitation burglary cause. He was sentenced to five years in prison. The court recommended placing the defendant in the State Boot Camp Program,

and does not retain jurisdiction over the defendant. Attorney was Paul Mansur.

Janie Reyna, aka Janie Padilla Reyna, 36, pled guilty to the delivery of cocaine. A ten year prison sentence was suspended and probated ten years. She was fined \$1500 and must pay \$246 court costs, plus \$350 attorney fees and \$560 restitution to the DPS safety lab. She will remain in county jail until space is available in a substance abuse felony punishment facility, for at least 90 days and no more than one year. Attorney was Frank Lacy. In 121st District Court presided over by Judge Kelly G. Moore, Johnny William Kelly, 38, pled guilty to possession of mari-

juana. A two year state prison sentence was suspended and probated 5 years. He must pay \$186 court costs, attorney fees of \$325, and was fined \$1500. He must serve 120 hours community service. He was represented by Attorney Lacy.

Tony Joe Diaz, 26, agreed to modification of his community supervision from a prior cocaine possession cause. He must perform at least 150 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings, submit bi-monthly urine samples for 6 months, and must pay \$200 attorney fees. He was represented by Attorney Warren New.

Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the

State in both courts.

**High Plains
Junior Rodeo**

The Eastern New Mexico University Rodeo Club sponsored a rodeo at Clovis April 17 and 18. Three local youngsters entered in the show. Blake Parrish placed 9th in 9-12 year old calf-touching with time of 14.475. Marcey House finished 9th in girls 16-19 year old pole bending. Brett Squyres won the 13-15 year old team roping in 8.699, and also placed 6th in ribbon roping with a time of 9.371.

**PISD Superintendent addresses
the horror, anguish of Littleton**

Are our schools safe? No one can guarantee any place is completely safe, yet schools are still the safest place to be. They are much safer in terms of violence, and many more children are injured and killed at home from abuse than in schools. The streets of our country are still much more violent than schools. Our schools are safer in terms of accidents as well; there is no comparison if we talk about traffic accidents, but also think of the number of times you or your child were injured at school because of a minor mishap, compared to injuries you have sustained at home or work. Our school board, administrators, teachers and employees are continually working to make and keep our schools safe from accidents and violence. They must be supported. Students must be provided with clear boundaries and learn to operate within these boundaries. Our society must help set, support and model these boundaries.

I sat stunned as I first heard the news, then watched the news coverage of Columbine High School. Once again, a few students with no moral character or conscience have destroyed lives and families.

I began to reflect on the possible reasons for such an act. Once again I am afraid we are missing the real message. I continue to hear blame being focused on the instruments of destruction instead of the user of the instruments. Once again we choose to avoid the issue of providing real moral guidance for our children. Once again we will choose to legislate morality by eliminating inanimate, unthinking objects.

The point is this; as parents, we must make the effort to monitor our children's activities and provide proper guidance. This means we must spend time with our children, time at home, time at school and church activities, time working and time playing. We must accept the fact saying "NO" is something our children must hear, and learn to accept. "No" teaches our children restraint. It reinforces the fact anything and everything is not OK, and starts setting in their minds limits which cannot be exceeded.

We need to provide limits to things our children watch and read. When a child can watch every kind of violent act on television, any type sexual deviation, any type immoral behavior on TV, the movies, the internet, and in print, is it any wonder they are confused and unable to determine the difference between fantasy and reality?

When you add to this the lack of moral guidance many children receive at home, the lack of moral public role models, the inability of legislation and litigation of the schools to provide moral guidance, the seeds of destruction are sown and begin to germinate. These bad seeds sprouted and were harvested in Littleton, Colorado.

To be sure, we must have tough laws to deal with violence, but the solution to our problems of violence in this country lies in the adherence to the Ten Basic Laws from which all others are taken. God made them, and if we live by them, and teach them to our children, our country, and our schools, will be better, stronger and safer.

James Haynes,
Superintendent, Plains ISD

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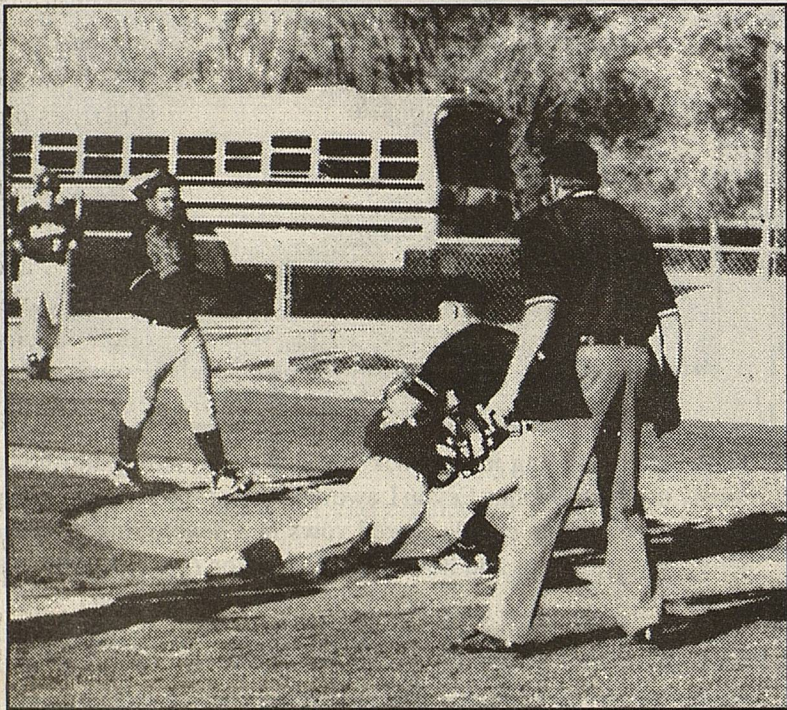
Cowboy Baseball Action

In recent diamond action, the Cowboys scored back to back victories. They downed Morton 10-5 with lots of good hitting. Adam Garcia, Steven Bunch and Aaron Cain got doubles, and others with hits included Josh Bell, Alex Tarango, and Vincent Delgado. Gerry Rivas pitched the first three innings, and Steven Bunch took the mound the last four.



Coach Carter yells Aaron Cain towards home plate

In the next home game, the Cowboys out classed Hale Center 4-1. Bunch led the hitting with a home run, double and two singles. Delgado had a double and two singles, Cain a double and single. Rivas got two hits and Jose Bell had a single. Bunch was on the mound 5 innings, relieved by Rivas in the last two.



Steven Bunch in a tussle tagging runner out at home



Gerry Rivas comes into third.



Steven throws, Gerry Rivas blows bubble on 1st.



"Vinnie" Delgado flies into third after good hit.

Tech Department Shines at Regional

The Industrial Technology Department of Plains High School attended Regional Competition Saturday, April 24, 1999, at Odessa High School. Eight students participated with a total of 27 projects. The students who participated were; Joshua Bell, Leticia Canon, Tandi Jones, Albert Lopez, Armando Luna, Ross Nixon, Felipe Reyna, and Stephanie Vasquez.

Placing at Regional Competition were as follows; Joshua Bell, two 2nd places, Leticia Canon two 1st places and a third, Tandi Jones, 1st place, Armando Luna, 2nd and 3rd places, Ross Nixon 1st and 2nd places, Felipe Reyna, 1st and 2nd places, Stephanie Vasquez, two 1st places.

GOOD LUCK May 7-8 at the State Contest in Waco.

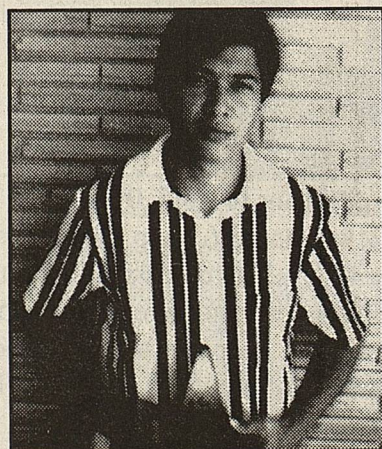
PHS Track Regional Qualifiers

Cowgirl qualifiers include Kayla Redman, Amanda Garcia, Wendy Hernandez, Michaela Traweek, Ann Palmer, Kristen Gray, Krystle Blundell, and Lisa Parrish.

Cowboys going to the meet are Steven Bunch, Jared Bell, and Felipe Reyna.

LEARN Inc. of Educational Opportunity Center from Lubbock will be at PHS all day May 4 to help Seniors with financial aid. They have made 54 contacts this year with Seniors and or their parents, and some past PHS graduates who have decided to attend college.

PHS Student of the Week



Student of the week is David Granados, a junior and the son of Salvador and Maria Granados. He was nominated by Mrs. Lusk who said, "Seeing much, suffering much, and studying much, are the three pillars of learning." Anonymous. "I believe this week's student of the week has started down the road of success. He is experiencing the 3 pillars of learning each and every day. He is a very hard worker in class and on the track.

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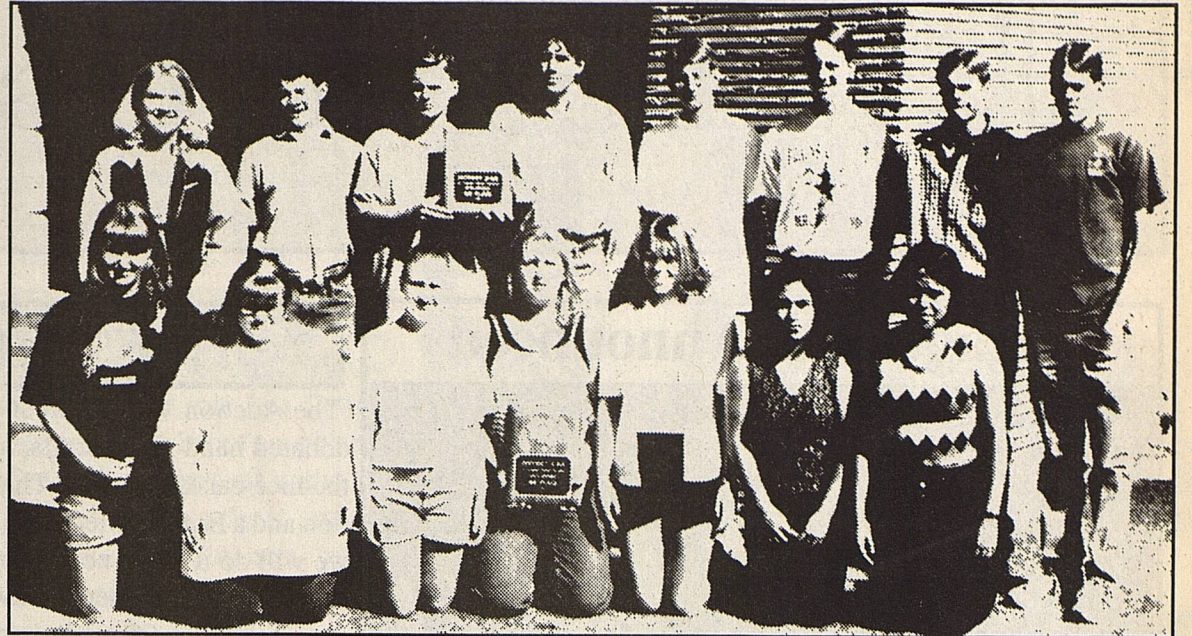
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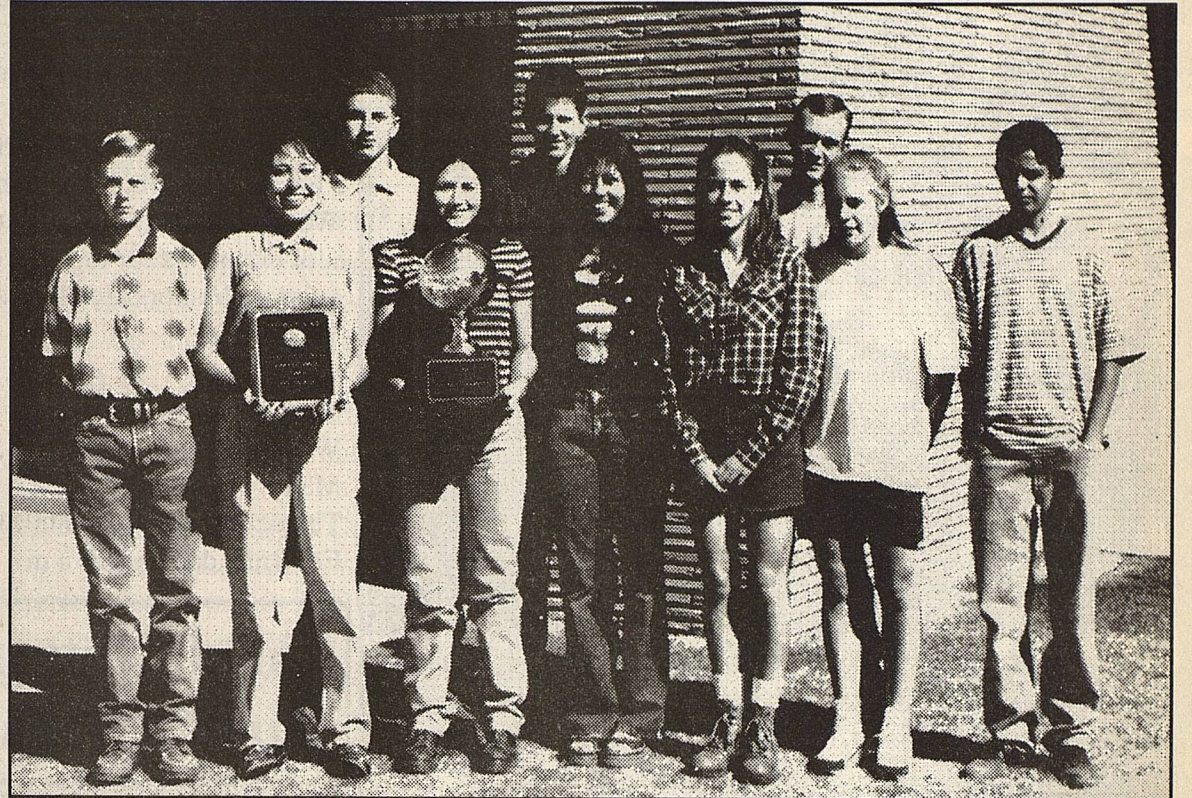


"It's hard to stop a TRANE!"

PHS Tennis Teams display their 'GOLD'



Junior Varsity members with boys and girls team trophies. Front, L - R, Lesli Rowe, Becky Wilmeth, Ragan McGinty, Nicole Haynes, Lexi Warren, Elva Ruiz, Tanya Vasquez. Back - Elizabeth Clanahan, Jason Swann, Jarod Newland, Taylor Gray, Eric Nixon, Tyrel Tyson, Tanner Hamm, Jeremy Diamond.



Varsity members with girls team trophy and boys and girls District Champion trophy. L - R, Sterling Deaton, Jessica Flores, Patty Ruiz, Laura Morales, Wendy Hernandez, Velvet Canada, Greg Gonzales. Back - Dustin Brunson, Dustin Six, Rustin Knight, Clint Burrus not pictured.

TASSP Honors Clint Burrus

Clint Burrus, a Senior at Plains High School, has been selected by the Texas Association of Secondary Principals (TASSP) as a Finalist in the TASSP Academic Excellence Award Program.

This is the tenth year TASSP has conducted the program to recognize high school seniors for their outstanding academic achievements.

Over three hundred senior students were nominated by their high school principals based on the student's scores on the SAT or ACT test, overall academic grade point average, pursuit of advanced diploma, and other evidence of exceptional academic ability. Each student was asked to write a monitored 300-500 word essay to submit with the application. From this group of outstanding young scholars, twenty were chosen for the TASSP all State Academic Team and thirty were chosen as Finalists.

As a Finalists in the TASSP awards program, Clint is to be congratulated for his superior scholarship.

U.I.L. State Meet Bound!

Complete results from last weekend's Regional UIL meet in Abilene were unavailable at press time. PHS Principal Steven O'Quinn was able to release the names of students definitely qualified for the prestigious state meet in Austin. They include;

Number Sense Team	Kristen Gray, Jr. Clint Burrus, Sr. Annaliesa O'Quinn, Fr.
Calculator Team	Clint Burrus Tommie McNabb, Sr.
Feature Writing	Kristen Gray Leslie Rowe, Soph.
Computer Applications	Kyle Sisson, Jr.



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Engagement Announced



Mr. and Mrs. Monte Fields of Paducah, Texas would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Michelle, to Michael Kipp Blount, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Blount of Plains, Texas. The wedding is planned July 17, 1999 at the Church of Christ in Paducah, Texas.

Dirt Gardeners Meet

Gardening through the summer and transplanting was the program presented to the garden club by Velma Dearing, April 21, at the regular meeting of the club. Many interesting ideas were brought out on growing flowers as well as vegetables. Refreshments were

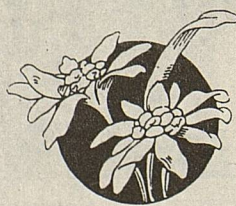
served by Ita Young. Those attending were Dean Richardson, Ruby Sellers, Ita Young, Kay Canon, Jackie Willis, and Velma Dearing.

No one can arrive from talent alone. God gives talent. Work transforms talent into genius

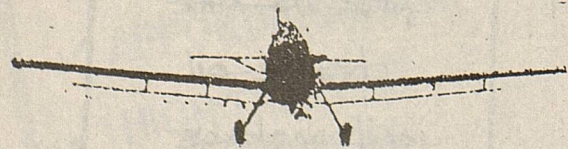
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Senior Citizens Corner

The Auction was a real success. Our thanks to everyone who donated hand made crafts, new and usable household items and the nice cakes and pies. Thanks to all who helped with the Auction and a Big Double "Thank You" to the Auctioneer. Stay ready, we will do it again next year.

The '42' Tournament is always fun. Be sure and remember the date and ask a friend to come join in. There's always room for another table.

Althea Scott is recuperating in Lubbock Hospital. Bruce and Ann Gram are back for a few days. They said it snowed on their "Spring Break" at Cloudcroft.

Maxine Pardue and Mildred Rawls are visiting a few days from San Angelo.

The Denver City Pool Tournament was well attended. They had 2 new people join in the games.

Woody and Patti Lindsey ate lunch with us on Monday. We had a lot of visitors for the Turkey and Dressing meal and attend the Auction. Visitors are always welcome.

See you next week,
Smitty

Activities:

Wed.: Line dancing 10 a.m., Tatum pool tournament 1:00 p.m. MST

Thurs.: Memorial Health B/P 10:30 a.m.

Fri.: Line dancing 10 a.m.

Local flower, gift shop now under new management



Vickie Delgado shows gift items to Holly Dyer

The former Lavender Patch flower and gift shop on Cowboy Way is still alive and well, thank you. The owners, David and Cherie Sanders, with other interests, made arrangements with a former employee, Vickie Delgado, to keep the business open and act as manager. Vickie is now operating the firm as "The Flower Patch".

Vickie, who had some prior experience with various crafts, assisted prior owner Linda Powell for seven years when the business was named the "Renaissance". Vicki said, "Linda taught me a great deal about handling flowers over those years, for which I am now especially grateful."

Vickie and Vincent Delgado have two children graduating from Plains High this May, Vincent Jr. and Norma.

The Flower Patch hours are 10 to 5 Monday through Friday, and 9 to noon on Saturday.

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Lowe - McKaskle Wedding Vows Exchanged



The Baker Building in Lubbock, Texas was the setting for the ceremony in which Daphne Eevon Lowe and Mike McKaskle exchanged wedding vows. The couple shared vows in a double ring ceremony before family, friends and Rev. Derek Osburn on April 17, 1999 at six in the evening.

The bride is the daughter of Joel and Debra Lowe of Plains, and the granddaughter of Jack Lowe and the former Cora Lowe, and Alfred and Faye Bearden of Plains. The groom is the son of Charles and Jan McKaskle of Stanton, Texas.

Decorations for the ceremony included large iron urns filled with fresh blush roses, pink and blue hydrangeas, pure white lilies, fresh lavender, heather and peonies. The balconies were draped with green vinery.

The Seraphim String Quartet played 'Ave Maria' for the seating of grandparents and mothers, and 'Canon In D' for the Brides Maids processional as they walked along the balcony and down the stairs, 'The Bridal Chorus' for the brides processional. 'O Perfect Love' accompanied the unity candle lighting, and 'Wedding March' for the recessional.

Given in marriage by her parents, the Bride was escorted along the balcony, encircling the first floor and down the winding staircase by her father, Joel.

The Bride's dress was a Mori Lee Gown. The princess style train with full skirt and long tulle train was accented with appliques, pearls and sequins. The fitted waist bodice was elaborate lace appliques, pearls and sequins. Lace shoulder straps and a romantic Victorian style corset lace were featured on the back of the dress. The Bride chose a triple tiered Tiara full, the headpiece accented with pearls across the crown. The Bridal Bouquet was a nosegay arrangement of fresh pink roses, heather blue hydrangeas and spring flowers tied with satin ribbons.

Serving as flower girls were Joani Bell, cousin of the bride. She wore a long, straight, soft pink dress to match the bridesmaids. She also carried a spring bouquet of spring flowers, and was escorted by the ring bearer, Travis Horstman, nephew of the Groom.

Serving as Maid Of Honor was Kassie Lowe of Levelland, the Bride's sister. She wore an ankle length, straight, high waist, soft pink dress with a slit side. The back featured a Deep V accented with earrings given by the Bride, and carried a nosegay of flowers similar to the Bride's.

Bridesmaids included Ms. Michelle Lowe, Bracketville, Ms. Andrea Helmer, Ft. Worth, Ms. Rena McElroy, Borger, and Ms. Stephanie Kinnibrugh, Austin.

Serving as Best Man was Mr. John Mark Matthews of Lubbock. Groomsmen included Scottie Terrel, Keller, Aaron Holt, Lubbock, Clint Anderson, Big Spring, and Chad Wells, Stanton. Ushers were Robert Hitt, Lubbock, and Shane Terrel, Lubbock.

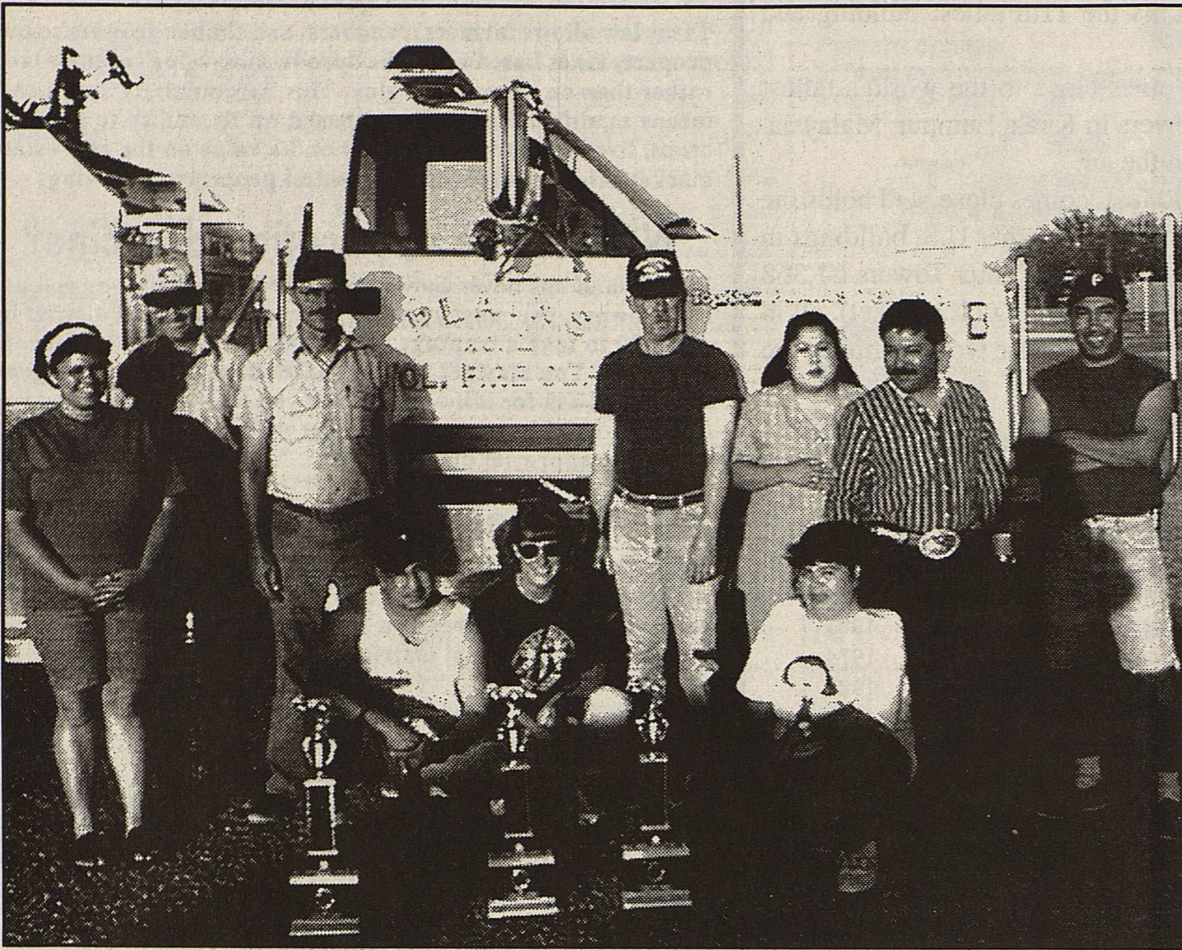
The Bridal cake was a tiered white, with pink roses topped with a white garden gate. The serving table held a silver punch bowl and trays of nuts and mints. The cake was served to guests by Brandi Gayle and Kemi Cobb, friends of the bride and groom.

The Grooms cake was of chocolate icing decorated with green grapes and Cand M's in the center, and served by Candace Matthews and Dawn Porter, friends of the couple.

Following the ceremonies, in a room filled with fresh spring flowers, the wedding party and guests danced to music of the 'Music Man' group.

After a seven night honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple returned to their home in Abilene, Texas, where the Bride is employed as a Registered Nurse at Hendrick Medical Center, and the Groom is attending Hardin Simmons University's school of physical therapy.

Plains Firefighters bring meet trophies home



Kneeling, Alex Barrientes, Donna Diamond, Sally Wright. Back row, Susan Barrientes, time keeper, Allen Altman, James Wright, Charles Diamond, Terri Balderas, Honorio Balderas and Michael Barrientes.

The Plains Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary members were one of nine area community fire fighting units competing in a skills contest at Lamesa recently.

The Plains ladies team, with only three members, faced a considerable handicap, competing against other six member teams. Donna Diamond, Terri Balderas and Sally Wright earned third place honors and trophies in two events, the women's hose relay and six lady pump race. Both contests involve speed, strength and dexterity used in laying out and connecting water

hoses to hydrants and trucks and getting the hoses ready to spray water.

The mens team, Firechief Charles Diamond, Allen Altman, James Wright, Honorio Balderas, Alex and Michael Barrientes, also brought home a third place trophy in the six man hose relay event, similar to the ladies event, but with larger and heavier water hose.

Other area towns represented at the meet were Seminole, Denver City, Crane, Pecos, West Odessa, Wink and Brownfield.

Graveside

Service held for Evelyn Stroup

Graveside services for Evelyn Stroup, 87, of Plains were held April 23, at 11:00 a.m., in the Denver City Cemetery with Reverend Bill Wright officiating. She died April 20, 1999 at Yoakum County Hospital, Denver City. Ms. Stroup was born March 31, 1912 in Mitchell, Louisiana. She married Bob Stroup on June 30, 1928, in Mikeover, Arkansas, he preceded her in death in August, 1975. Her parents also preceded her in death. Ms. Stroup has lived in Plains since 1975

and was a homemaker.

Survivors include: a son, Carl Stroup of Plains, Tx., a daughter, Patricia Moody of Brookeland, Tx., a brother, Clayton Fitty of Rosenberg, Tx., six grandchildren, eight great - grandchildren.

Treasurer Jones attends Seminar

Toni Jones, Yoakum County Treasurer, joined more than 200 county officials at the 27th County Treasurers continuing education seminar April 12 at Texas A & M. The event was hosted by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, part of the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service.

"Many Treasurers serve as investment officers for their counties," explained Richard Avery, Extension specialist. "As well as serving as custodians of public finance, some treasurers serve as county personnel officers."

The Institute of County Government was created by the 61 st Texas Legislature, and provides informational, educational and technical assistance

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operative, told CCN, "My background in Lea County, and especially Lovington, made me want to be here with these good people." Another Yoakum County official present was Debbie Rushing, County Treasurer. In a conversation with Mike Dreyspring, LCEC General Manager, she said, "I know what a major role Lea County Electric plays in our county, and I'm really impressed with your support of our school and it's students. The financial assistance you provide for our young people is invaluable."

County Treasurer Toni Jones was also spotted among County Officials attending the meeting, and she too expressed appreciation for the cooperative's role in supporting our youth.

SPC Summer Registration Announced

Registration for summer terms at South Plains College Levelland and Lubbock will be May 27.

Registration for SPC summer classes at the Reese Center will be May 25-26.

SPC Levelland, 1401 S. College Avenue in Levelland, will have registration for its first summer session and ten week courses 3-6 p.m. May 27 in the Women's Gym. SPC Lubbock, 1302 Main St. in Lubbock, will have registration for its summer term 9 a.m. - noon and 3 - 6 p.m. May 27.

Reese Center sign up times are 5 - 7:30 p.m. May 26-26 in Building 820 at the center, 9730 Reese Blvd.

Summer 1999 class schedules are now available.

Classes and late registration begin June 1 at all three locations.

For more information, contact SPC Levelland at 806-894-9611, ext. 2374 or 2375, SPC Lubbock at 806-747-0576, ext. 4660 or 4606 or the SPC Reese Center at 806-747-0576, ext. 2902.

Lea County Electric meeting scenes



Terry Davis, LCEC Director, being interviewed by radio station personalities.



Plains City Administrator David Brunson, seated, and Sandy Land's Kathy Jones, center, were "volunteered" to assist with registration. Lea County Electric employees Su Ann Parrish and Mary Ward were "told" to be present to lend a hand.

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The changing face of Texas

Census Bureau figures indicate the Texas population grew by almost 375,000 from 1997 to 1998: It is expected to reach 20 million by 2000. The Lone Star State's 1.9% annual growth rate is faster than all but four states, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia and Nevada.

In terms of the absolute number of persons added to the state's population totals, only California saw a larger increase, with a 485,000 person rise. That growth, however is not as notable as the Texas gain, as the '97 population base in California was about 66% larger than Texas' '97 base, meaning California is growing slower than Texas.

Texas is currently the second most populous state. The State Comptroller's office estimates at the end of 1998 the population was about 19.8 million; Of that total, 11.2 million are non-Hispanic White, 5.8 are Hispanic, 2.3 are non-Hispanic Black, and 0.5 million are other race/ethnicities. Census Bureau estimates say the state's immigrant population at 2.3 million, up

more than 50% since 1990. Of these people, almost 85% lived in metropolitan areas.

Recent forecasts indicate the total Texas population in 2025 may reach 28.9 million. While the number of additional Texans is notable, the changes in the composition of the populace are even more striking.

The population is becoming increasingly diverse. The effects of immigration and varying relative fertility rates among racial/ethnic categories is that Texas becomes a "minority majority state in the next 10 to 15 years. Non-Hispanic Whites will become a minority in Texas. By 2030, it is estimated the numbers of non-Hispanic Whites and Hispanics will be about equal.

The state's population is also aging. The number of Texans aged 18 or older is expected to grow from 13.3 million in 1995 to 19.8 million (73%) in 2025. Despite the apparent contradiction of growing numbers of elderly, the state will continue to have a relative young population compared to other states.

Towering Over Texas

The ten tallest buildings in Texas rank among the 100 tallest in the world. All ten towers are in Houston or Dallas. All but one were built during the 1970's and 80's; a latecomer was constructed in the 1990's.

Texas' tallest is Chase Tower in Houston, formerly Texas Commerce Tower. At 1,002 feet, it is the 11th tallest building and 22nd tallest in the world.

None of Texas' skyscrapers comes close to the world's tallest buildings, the twin Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Each tower looms 1,483 feet in the air.

Chicago's Sears Tower, at 1,450 feet, comes close, and holds the U.S. title, and ranks third worldwide. The other U.S. buildings in the world top ten are the two World Trade Center Towers (1,368 and 1,362 feet) and the Empire State Building (1,250 feet), all in New York City. The other four buildings in the world's top ten are all in China.

Texas rank	U.S. rank	World rank	Texas buildings*	Location	Year built
1	11	22	Chase Tower	Houston	1982
2	13	26	First Interstate Plaza	Houston	1983
3	21	35	NationsBank Plaza	Dallas	1985
4	23	41	Transco Tower	Houston	1983
5	28	42	Renaissance Tower	Dallas	1974
6	50	71	Bank One Center	Dallas	1987
7	51	75	NationsBank Center	Houston	1983
8	58	83	Republic Center	Dallas	1992
9	59	85	Heritage Plaza	Houston	1987
10	69	98	Southwest Bank of Texas	Houston	1980

*Current names of buildings are used.

JP Court Summary

April 23, 1999 - The following is a summary of cases heard and bonds set in Justice of the Peace Court, Precinct 1, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases filed - 32 traffic cases filed, 2 felony cases

filed. Bonds set - 3 cases Assault against public servant - \$1000 bond. Theft over \$20 and under \$500 by check - no bond. 2 cases - Fugitive from justice - held until transported. Driving while license suspended - \$500 bond. 8 cases - Issuance of bad check - \$500 bond.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans take care of Texas

Earth Day is April 22 this year, and since the first Earth Day held in 1970, a generation has grown up learning to protect the environment.

Texas Environmental Facts

88% of Texas households reported saving cans, bottles, or newspapers for recycling.

64% of Texans report leaving yard trimmings on the lawn all or most of the time.

54% of Texans reported choosing a product made of recycled materials over a regular product "all or most of the time" when both have an equivalent price.

54% of Texans favor the "pay as you throw" program for garbage pickup.

39% of Texans report taking hazardous waste to collection facilities "all or most of the time."

Texans report that they recycle aluminum cans "all or most of the time," followed by paper (39% of the time), plastic (31%), tin cans (26%), and glass (24%).

For more information on how you can help call: 1-800-CLEAN-UP.

SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, 1997 Survey of Environmental Behaviors and Attitudes of Texans, and 1996 Texas Environmental Survey (Rice University).



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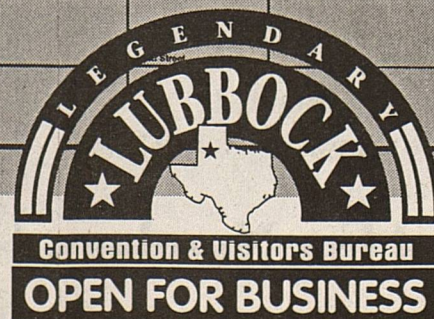
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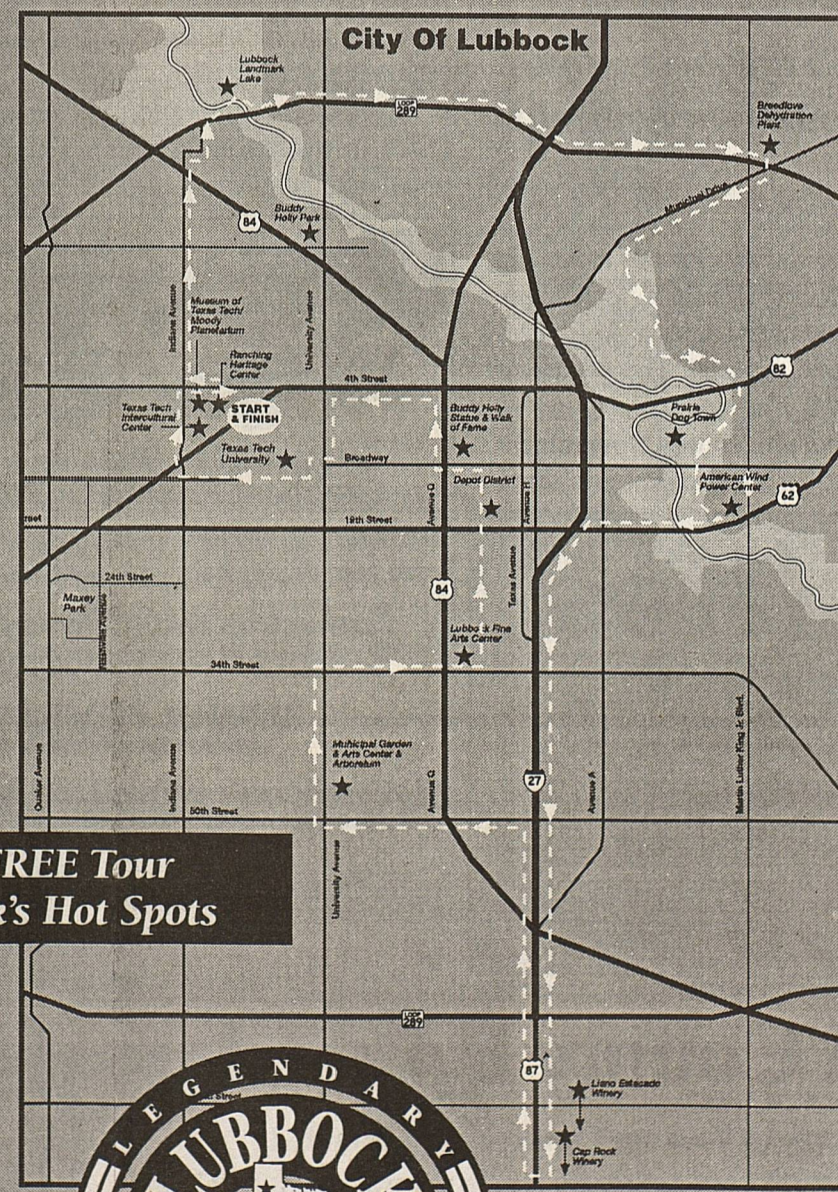
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Appropriations Bill Passes House

HB 3050 arrived on the House floor Tuesday and was passed. The legislation will greatly increase the effectiveness of the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority, providing millions of dollars more in loans to Texas farmers for variety of important agribusiness enterprises while also tightening creditworthiness requirements. HB 3050 would allow loans to be made to such entities as the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program and the Texas Forest Service, which may need financing from TAFE as a result of drought.

The Young Farmer Loan Guarantee program would be used more effectively than before because of a streamlined loan application, increased maximum loan amounts and an expanded eligibility definition. This program is critically needed to help young Texas start and continue farming and ranching, as the average age of a farmer is 60.

Broadening the types of businesses eligible for loans would help farmers and ranchers diversify and cushion themselves against economic fluctuation caused by drought and shifting commodity prices. For example, a rancher could branch into the feed store business, or other agriculture related businesses. This loan program would help agriculture related businesses expand and diversify their markets. Also of interest is the passage of HB 3328, which would allow the Texas Department of Transportation to increase the daytime maximum speed limit on certain rural highways to 75 miles per hour. Ten other states have adopted the 75-mile-per-hour rural highway speed limit, and no evidence of an increase in traffic accidents, injuries, or fatalities has been reported. The increase would apply only to passenger cars, motorcycles, cars and light trucks towing trailers less than 26 feet long, and cars and light trucks towing trailers designed and used to transport livestock. My bill allowing school buses to travel the posted speed limit when transporting students to and from extracurricular events passed the House on second reading Thursday. We hope to have it on its way to the Senate by early next week.

From The Hack

It is so interesting, so intellectually stimulating, to visit the local Table of Wisdom. It's like being freshened by a breath of knowledge from Sir Isaac Newton, Galileo, Michaelangelo or other genius types.

In a visit last week, I casually asked what was a good remedy for those fat, ugly, white grubs doing a job in our bermuda grass. I said Diazanon didn't seem to be working, and one visiting genius replied, "Of course not. Diazanon is at the top of the grubs list of favorite foods. Couple years ago, I gave them three consecutive doses in my back yard, and kept finding bigger patches of dead grass. I dug around, and those suckers had gotten so fat on the stuff they looked like bullfrogs. They were so big and vicious they fought back when I tried stomping 'em. A couple actually jumped out of the ground and tried to attack me."

This brought on a lively discussion of other types of yardwork, evidently not high on anyone's lists of favorite pastimes. One visitor to The Table said, "Well, you can believe it or not, but I finally found the surefire cure for dandelions. You take an eyedropper, and drop a few drops of brake fluid on the plant, and they almost scream in pain before they wither up and die, right before your eyes."

Another chum agreed, saying "Yes sirree bob, it sure does work, that I can testify to. Of course, I don't use it no more. I'd rather have dandelions than the wrecked pickup I got when I pulled into our garage last year and I didn't have no brakes. Didn't do the garage much good, either."

All this brainy discussion led to another yard pest, our West Texas gophers. One guy said

he'd "wore out a shotgun trying to shoot 'em, and I stopped when my neighbor filed charges on me for killing his Rottweiler dog."

Another intellectual type piped up, "Don't waste no money buying those little plastic windmill doodads you stick in the ground to scare the critters away. I put six out one breezy day, and the next morning, four were laying on the ground with the wood stick part gnawed off, and the other two had been pulled down some new gopher holes, plumb out of sight."

I'll wager our backyard will soon look much better after all these priceless tips.

Seated in the huge building holding Lea County Electric's huge crowd of people stuffing their faces with huge portions of barbecue at the cooperative's huge annual meeting last Saturday, I had a rather different conversation with a young lady sitting directly across from me. Gnawing brisket and sausage, she asked, "Look up there at the main head table. That guy with a tie, and the front part of his bald head, do you think that could be Cliff Harris, the Dallas Cowboy guy supposed to be here?"

Recalling Cliff indeed had a frontal baldness when he was such a wrecker for the Cowboys in past glory days, I studied him a bit, and finally admitted, "I'm not sure. He's a long way off, but he could be, I just don't know."

She almost sobbed, studying the man, and finally gasped, "Oh, God, I hope it's not! I loved all those Cowboys back then, and he's gotten so, well, old looking, and OH, OH, I'm 45, he's older than I am, so what does that make me look like? He's better preserved than I am!"

Knowing better than offering sensible argument to a woman, I told her she was still a very attractive young lady, sure that would reassure her.

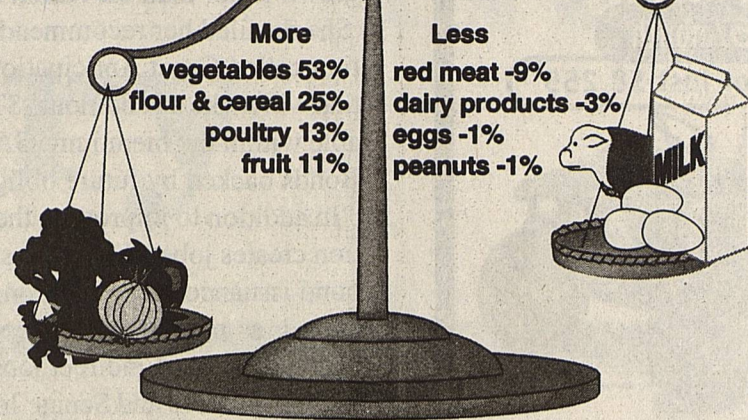
"Oh, yeah, sure, 45 years old, three kids, grandkids, here I am wanting to see my favorite Cowboys, they've turned old,

Keeping an eye on Texas

Texans eat more veggies

A decade ago, consumers ate more red meat, dairy products, eggs and peanuts. By 1997, we were eating 99 more pounds of the major food commodities, but preferred more vegetables, grain products, fruits and poultry.

Percent change in food consumption from 1988-1997



SOURCES: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us), and U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service.

and it makes me feel all that, much older!" She then left.

What was amusing about this was, the guy sitting by himself at the 'Big Cheese' table was NOT Cliff Harris. I never did learn his identity. Probably an IRS agent who'd weezled his way in for a freebie before filing papers on some of the Lea County bunch.

Anyway, giving up on Harris and Waters appearance, already announced late because of airplane problems, on my way out of the building, here the famed pair came striding in.

A true report - Harris, always a bit larger than Waters, still has wisps of very nice, silvery hair, an almost unnoticeable small bulge around his belt level, still looks like he could knock you out of your jock. Waters, never a big man, looks as though he still retains his playing weight, and has absolutely every single one of his original dark, curly hairs, a flat belly, and the most expensive looking pair of Ostrich boots on his feet I've ever seen.

I wish the young lady I enjoyed lunch with could have seen the two. It would have been nice if she'd known those two guys have survived very well, as she has.

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Massive highway improvement plan being studied for border

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander testified before the Senate Border Affairs Committee on her recommendation to take advantage of a new financing mechanism and the importance of jump starting infrastructure along the border.

"My vision for Texas," Rylanders said, "is limited government and unlimited opportunity. Yet the people along the border have not prospered significantly, even though the Texas economy has grown faster than the nation as a whole.

She detailed her recommendations to use a federal funding option called Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEES), that will make an additional \$700 million of highway funds available within the biennium. GARVEES are highway construction Bonds backed by future obligations of federal highway funds.

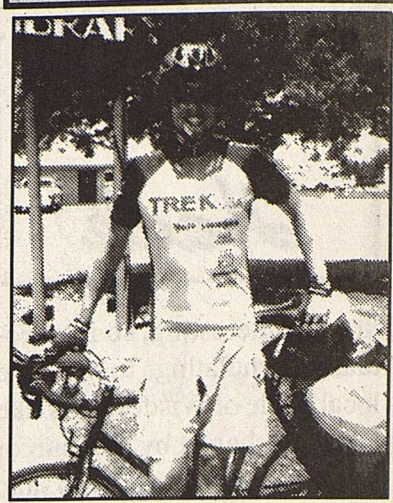
"In addition to improving the infrastructure, highway construction creates jobs," Rylander said. "If \$700 million of GARVEE bond issuance were spent on highway projects over a two year period, as many as 6,000 construction jobs would be created, and just as many indirect jobs."

Senate Bill 966 and Senate Joint Resolution 45 would authorize Tx DOT to use GARVEES to issue bonds for highway projects in the border area. "Tx DOT has identified more than 30 priority transportation corridor and border infrastructure projects needed to handle ever growing trade and traffic in the region. It could take five or more years for all the projects to start, and decades more for them to be completed.

Rylander said, "It doesn't take a traffic engineer to know Texans, especially those depending on cross-border trade, cannot afford such a long wait. My proposal offers an exit from this waiting game." Utilizing GARVEE bonds would allow Texas to meet transportation needs and solve gridlock problems faster; Highway users to benefit much sooner; The state to spread the cost of road construction over the road's useful life, thus part of the cost is borne by future users.

"Texas highways make money for the state. In 1997, the value of US exports shipped by truck to Mexico totaled \$55 billion."

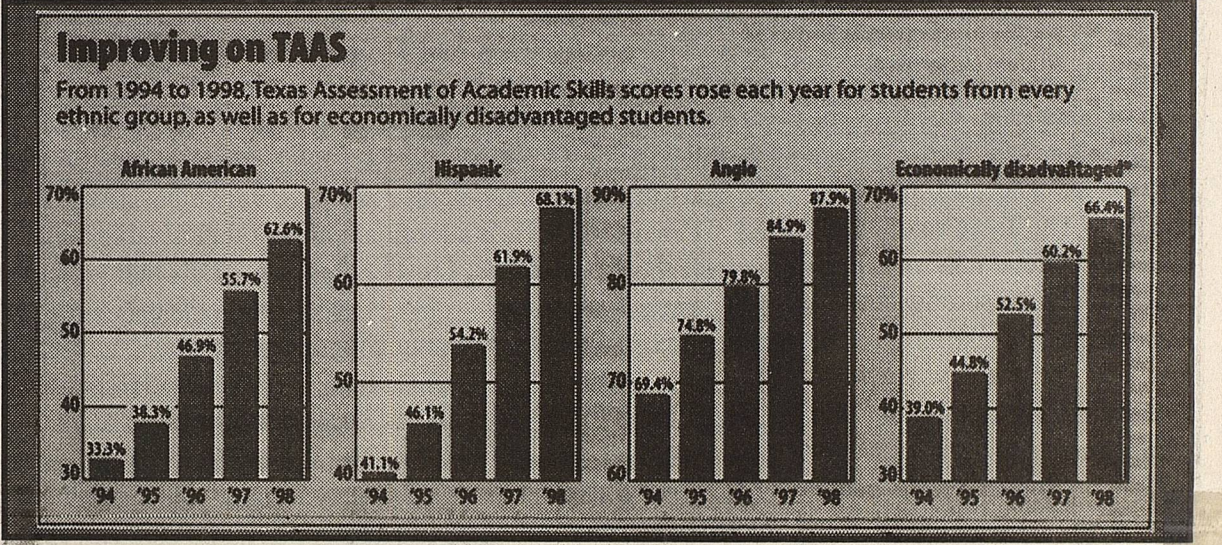
Coast to Coast on two wheels



Plains was visited recently by a rather unusual visitor. Tyler Durham, 20, dipped the rear wheel of his Trek bicycle in the Atlantic Ocean on March 8, and intends to dip the front wheel in the Pacific somewhere in California.


Tyler paid a brief visit to the County Library here and became acquainted with staffers Lattrell McDonnell, Dolores Davis and Pat McNabb. He also talked his way into some time on the library computer and internet, the method he uses to keep in touch with a buddy he intends to meet in California.

He carries a bedroll and camp gear, but said he hadn't used it since he entered Texas. "People have been great about putting me up and feeding me."




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