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USDA to accept FSA county committee nominations

Yoakum County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Gary Six today announced the USDA will soon begin accepting nomination forms for eligible candidates to serve on local FSA County Committees. The nomination period is June 15-August 1. For Yoakum County, the committee seat up for election in 2005 represents LAA#1, West Boundary is Lea County NM. Line, North Boundary is Cochran County Line, East Boundary is the Terry County Line. South Boundary is HWY 380 from Terry Co. to Plains then 4 miles North on HWY 214 then 5 miles due west to HWY 380 then west to Lea County NM. Line.

"I encourage local producers to get involved and make a difference in the local agriculture industry by becoming a member of their local FSA County Committee," said Six. "FSA County Committees play an important role in the decision making process for commodity price supports loans and payments, conservation and disaster programs and other important agricultural issues in impacting their farming community."

Almost anyone participating or cooperating in a local FSA program and who is of legal voting age can be nominated as a

candidate. Individuals may nominate themselves or others. All nomination forms must be received in the County FSA Office or postmarked by August 1. Voting takes place between November 4th and December 5th, 2005.

To hold office as an FSA County Committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility requirements described below: 1. Participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA. 2. Be eligible to vote in a county committee election. 3. Reside in the LAA in which the person is a candidate. (In some cases, this requirement may be waived. Check with the local county office). 4. A person must not have been: * Removed or disqualified from the office if FSA County Committee member, alternate, or employee; * Removed for cause from any public office or have been convicted of fraud, larceny, embezzlement, or any other felony; or * Dishonorably discharged from any branch of the armed services.

Interested individuals who are uncertain about their eligibility to serve on the FSA County Committee should contact their local FSA office for affirmation of eligibility to serve.

PHS students attend Girls, Boys State



Allison Friesen, sponsored by Plains Tsa Mo Ga Club

Allison Friesen, a junior at Plains High and the daughter of Brad and Donna Friesen, was selected to attend the Texas American Legion Auxiliary Bluebonnet Girls State convention in Seguin June 7th thru June 14th at the Texas Lutheran University campus.

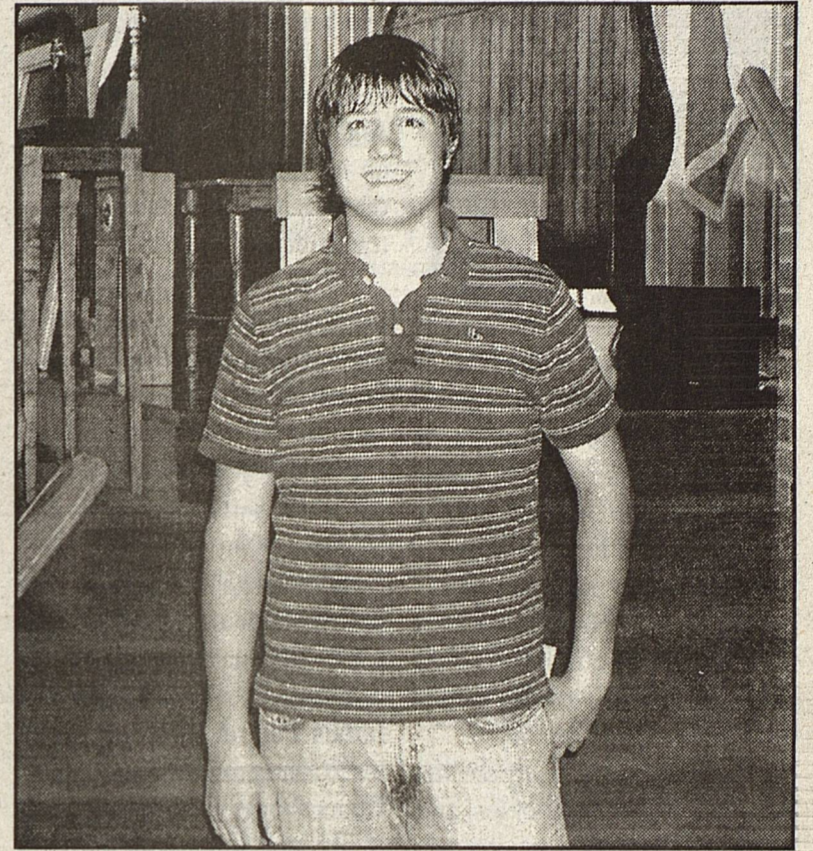
Allison is sponsored by Plains American Legion Auxiliary and co-sponsored by GFWC Tsa Mo Ga Club for her current academic standing.

The purpose of the Girls State convention is to educate our young women in the duties,

privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. It attempts to awaken within the youth of our nation a sincere conviction a well informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is most vitally needed to protect and preserve our American institutions and our American democracy.

Allison was a member of the Plains UIL Calculator Team which ranked number one in the state Class A competition, and is extremely active in school and church activities.

B.J. Lester, a Plains High Senior when school starts again,



B.J. Lester, sponsored by Plains Lions Club

is the son of Bruce and Jan Lester. He was the candidate chosen to attend the annual American Legion Boys State convention held on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

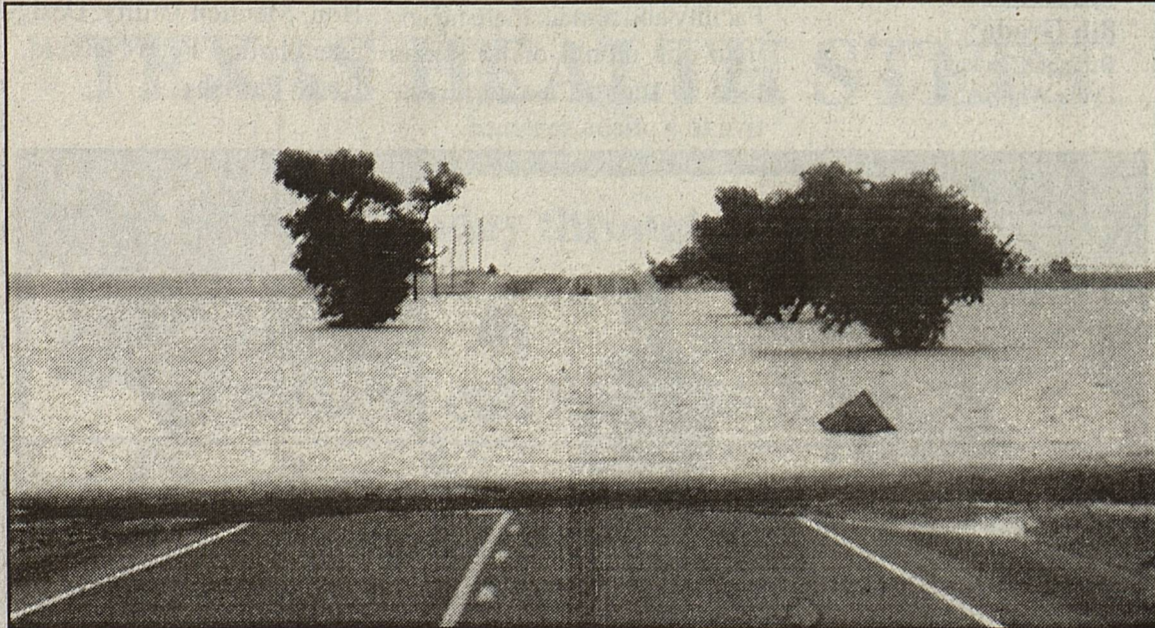
When the local Legion Post was abandoned here several years ago, remaining cash assets of the Post were given to PISD as a source of scholarship funds for graduating seniors: The Plains Lions Club very generously volunteered to continue the Boys State program by paying the nominee's tuition, bus transportation and small amount

of spending money for the week long event.

B.J. is active in PHS sports, is the repeat Student Council President, was a member of the PHS winning UIL Calculator Team, and is a talented pianist who recently won a competition with a One rating.

Like Allison, he will keep busy at the convention. He will take part in civic meetings, will be encouraged to run for a government office, and will learn in detail the process of being active in civic affairs for more effective government.

Not 40 days and 40 nights, but lots of water!



These photos, courtesy Carlos Howell, TxDot Maintenance Office, show a section of US 82/380 about one mile west of Gomez, taken the afternoon after an apparent cloud burst the night of May 28. The top photo looks east where the road is over eight feet deep. Below shows the scene looking west and two abandoned cars now visible. Area residents reported some 10 to 13 inches of rain fell in a brief period of time.



District Court crime cases

Four criminal cases were heard in District Court May 31 with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, and criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Robert Paul Reynoso pled true to an order modifying community supervision from a prior aggravated sexual assault of child cause. He will spend 27 days in jail, pay delinquent fine and fees totaling \$580 at \$25 per month, additional \$80 court cost before July 30, and additional appointed \$578 attorney fees. All provisions in the original judgement remain in effect.

Darvin Homer Leverett pled true to an order modifying supervision from a prior building burglary cause. Community supervision will be extended one year, fees and restitution totaling \$1797 will be paid with \$52 monthly payments, and \$325 appointed attorney fees will be paid with \$40 monthly installments.

Pedro Loewen Bergen pled

Turn to Pg. 2
"District Court"

County Clerk Rushing nominated for state honors



Yoakum County Clerk Debbie (CDCAT). The region encompasses 36 counties. Rushing and Justice of Peace Judge Melba Crutcher were recognized by County Judge Dallas Brewer in a recent session of Commissioners Court.

Judge Crutcher was recently named Judge of the Year in the West Texas Justices of Peace Association, representing 148 West Texas counties.

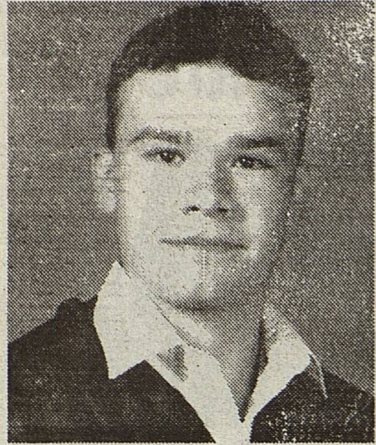
Rushing was recently nominated to represent the Region 2 of the County and District Clerk's Association of Texas

The region encompasses 36 counties. Rushing will attend the CDCAT annual conference at South Padre Island June 19-23. The eight region's nominees for County Clerk of the Year will be introduced and the winner announced at the Wednesday evening banquet.

In his remarks at the Commissioners Court session, Judge Brewer congratulated both ladies for their professional representation of Yoakum County.

PHS Grads Demonstrate Journalistic Skills

Two of the Plains High students receiving multiple honors at the recent Academic Awards night reaped some of their awards by demonstrating again the power of the written word. Cody Flores and Evan Cain, both 2005 graduates, won honors for their skills with computer produced word processing. We are pleased to print samples of their work and skills.



Cody competed in the prestigious UIL Academic State Meet in Austin, and won a fifth place medal in Feature Writing with his story about soon to retire UIL Academic Director Bobby Hawthorne. The contestants were given one-page biographical sketches of Hawthorne, and then the group conducted a 30 minute interview of the director. Here is Cody's story:

"The young boy sharpens his pencil, cracks his knuckles, and in his room, writes quietly behind his desk. Years later, the now successful UIL academics director finds himself in a very similar situation. As an adult, he still has time for writing, but has become "tired of administering." So, after 28 years, Bobby Hawthorne has decided to end that chapter in his life.

"Being administrator and director leaves Hawthorne with little time to do what he loves most. "I love to write," Hawthorne said. "So why am I retiring from being UIL Academic Director? So I can do more of it." Hawthorne first became interested in journalism as a young boy growing up in White Oak High School. "Journalism was the only thing I could do," he said. "I didn't like math or shop, and there was no home ec, so I went with journalism."

His skills were seen during his high school years by a local newspaper. "I was hired to write sports," Hawthorne said. "I loved it. The more I wrote, the better it got. It's like a drug."

Hawthorne's relationship with UIL began long before he started working there. "Thirty five years ago I was sitting in the state UIL feature writing room," Hawthorne said. "I made it my junior year, then came back my senior year and did pretty well."

He later attended the University of Texas in Austin, where he became an intern at UIL. In June of 1977, he was hired as an assistant to the journalism director. One year later, he was the director.

"I got involved with UIL because I love working with kids who are motivated and smart," Hawthorne said. "UIL kids are the best and brightest, and when you have a chance to work with the best and brightest, you do it."

Hawthorne has won many awards over the years including Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Gold Key and James Pachal Awards, given for distinguished service to Texas scholastic journalism.

"Texas is known as the state producing the best publications in the nation," former ILPC director Randy Vonderheid said. "Without Bobby's leadership, we would not have that reputation nationwide."

Late in his career Hawthorne has taught in Budapest, Hungary and Bucharest, Romania, for the Centers for Independent Journalism. "I loved the kids in Romania," Hawthorne said. "They always seemed eager to learn and push the envelope."

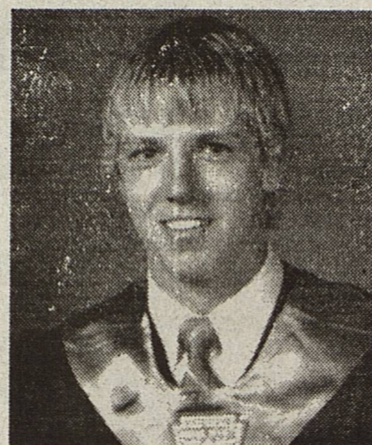
He plans to focus on writing in the future and is already working on a number of books. He will continue to do what he loves to do most. "It's been fun," Hawthorne said, "and I'm looking forward to the next chapter in my life."

Our congratulations to Cody

Evan competed in the big UIL Academic State Meet, but not in any of the writing categories.

He entered an essay writing contest sponsored by the Yoakum County Art Association, competing with a number of other students for a college scholarship provided by the Association.

Evan's winning essay was in a personal vein. He wrote:



The Yoakum County Art Association received many scholarship essays from PHS students this year, and after careful review, chose the following work by Senior Evan Cain as the winning entry.

"Music to me is something difficult to describe in words. The feelings are amazing that an audible melody can evoke by just simply hearing something. No other art form has the power to conjure tears, laughter, sorrow, or joy, in an instant like music can. I became interested in music more in depth than just singing in the car about ten years ago when I began playing the guitar. I quickly became not only interested in just the melodic side, but in every different possible angle music could be observed from. "I began to notice things like artistic styles, the way it was pieced together, the overall message the writer was trying to get across. As I matured more through playing the guitar, I found my tastes in music maturing as well. I began to appreciate this art form for more than just a pastime. A band director once told me that the reason music is so special is because it charms the soul."

Through my growth, I am just now beginning to understand what he meant. Music medicates, educates, and is always there for you. Learning to play the guitar was one of the best decisions that I ever made because I have taken so much from it. I have gained a form of expression, character, and love for an art form that I had no idea I could care so much about.

"The last hundred years have truly been a testament to this amazing art form. It has displayed the ability to conform to several different generations, yet still contain the qualities to tie them all together. Music will be around today, tomorrow, and forever, but will always be changing to shape the lives of its listeners for a long time to come. This is what real art is all about."

Our congratulations to both young men for their literary interests and skills.

Plains Middle School Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks

"A" Honor Roll

5th Grade

Adrianna Corrales
Mayra Cueto
Dakota Earnest
Denise Tarango
Brooke Wilson

6th Grade

Kelbi Bartley
Jaxon Bean
Forrest Booth
Hannah Crump
Dylan DeBusk
Hunter Welch

7th Grade

Brandon Craft
Emilia Gallegos
Nathan McCravey

8th Grade

Troy Parrish
Chris Addison
Yesenia Loya

"A" - 1B Honor Roll

5th Grade

Taylor Fitzgerald
Carolina Hernandez
Mariela Martinez
Fabiola Rubalcaba

6th Grade

Samantha DeLaRosa
Cody Friesen

7th Grade

Brianna Conway
Lydia Whitzel

Eating Light Never Tasted So Good.

If you haven't enjoyed one of these salads yet, come try one! The DQ® Crispy and Grilled Chicken Salads are served on mixed greens with shredded cheese, diced tomatoes and crisp bacon, with tangy honey mustard dressing. They're delicious! And, only at DQ®!

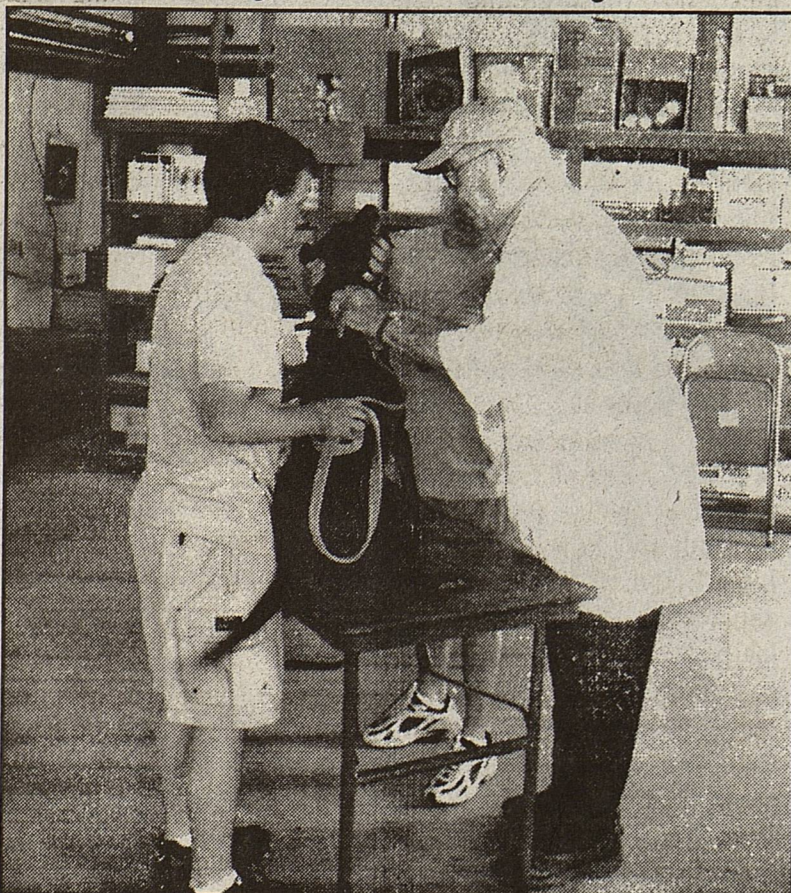


From Pg. 1 "District Court" guilty to DWI with child under 15 in vehicle. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$375 appointed attorney fees, \$393 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 7 days in jail, complete a 30 day treatment program and complete the DWI first offender program. Investigating officer was DPS Trooper Carmen Medrano, and Paul Mansur was his attorney. Royce Dee Bownds pled guilty to third or more DWI. A 10 year prison sentence was suspended and probated ten years. He must complete the DWI repeat offender program within 240 days, must report to jail by June 7 and remain there 30 days or until space is available in the Ray D. Anderson Corrections Facility and remain there no less than one month or no longer than 24 months as an alternative to a prison sentence.

Cowboy Baseball All-District Selections

- Most Valuable Player - T.J. Cordova
- 1st Team Pitcher - Tyler Caffey
- 1st Team Catcher - Landon Craft
- 1st Team Infielder - Adam McCravey
- 2nd Team Pitcher - Cody Mayes
- 2nd Team Infielder - Ramiro Martinez
- 2nd Team Outfielder - Tyler Caffey
- Honorable Mention Outfielder - Blake O'Quinn
- Hon. Mention Utility, Designated Hitter - Peter Neufeld, Blake Parrish

City pets get needled, but very reluctantly



Ryan Crump holds his black dog steady for Dr. Faulkenberry

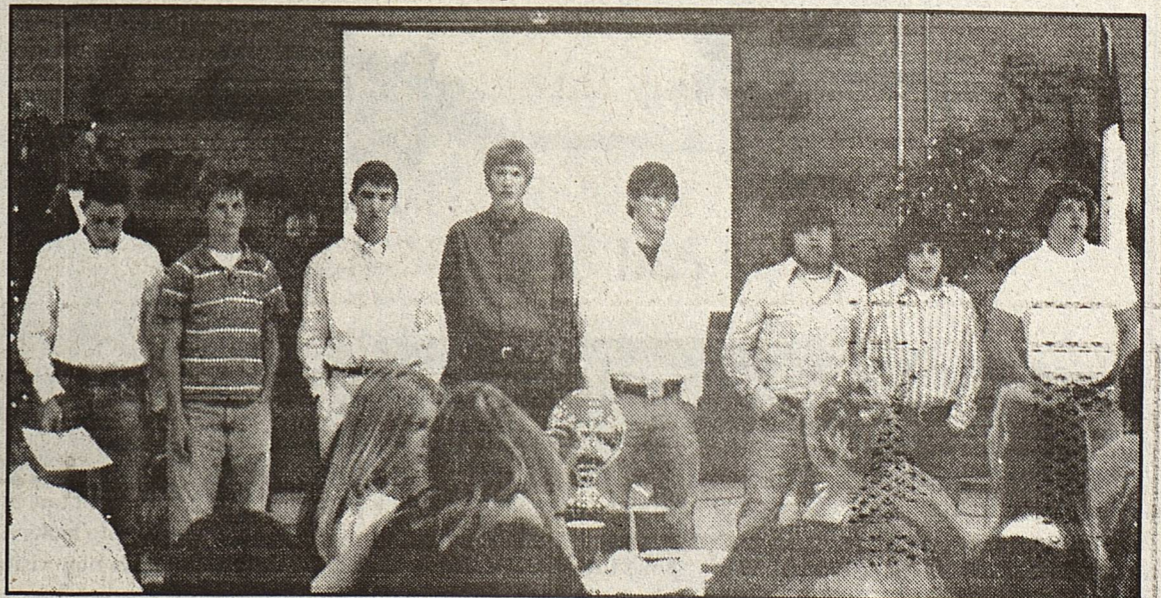
Dr. of Veterinary medicine Tim Faulkenberry made his annual trek to Plains this week to vaccinate the town's four legged pets, and none of them were happy about his visit. Some 55 dogs and cats were vaccinated, and the City sold 14 license tags for owners animals.

Attention Parents!

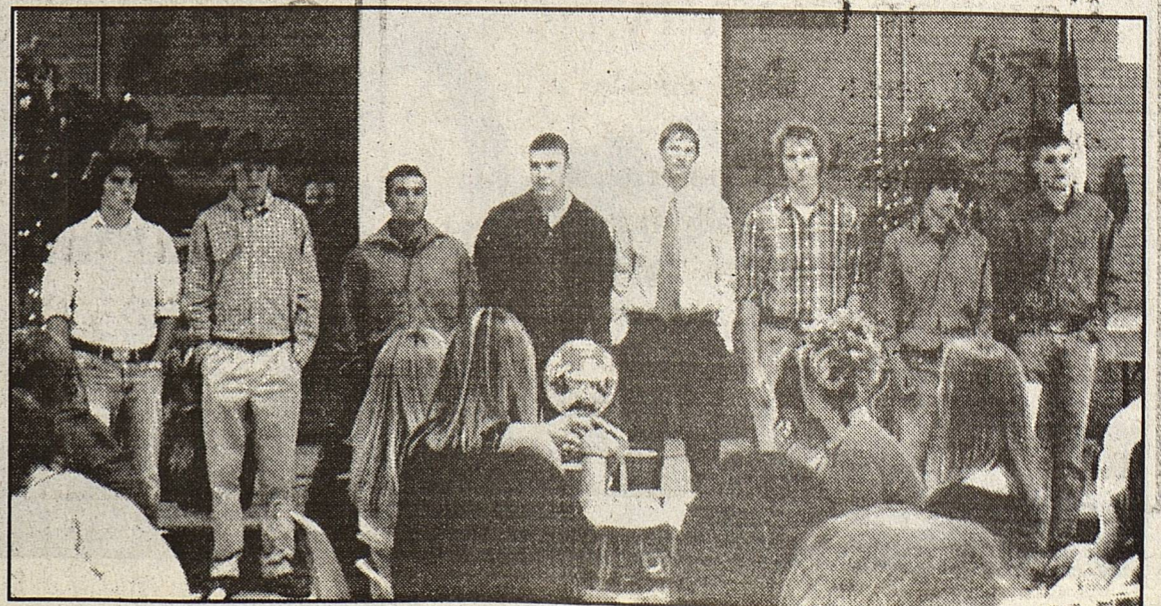
This summer lunch will be served in the Plains ISD cafeteria each weekday from 12 noon to 1 PM. ANY CHILD 0-18 years old may eat lunch FREE! Adults may eat lunch for only \$2.50 each. Make your plans now to join us for lunch every day!

County Court Case

In the May 31 session of County Court, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, Robert Paul Reynoso entered a plea of guilty for a fictitious/counterfeit inspection sticker. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, with credit for 2 days served. A charge of false report to peace officer was adjudicated. Sheriff Deputy David Bryant was investigating officer, and Jimmy Hammons was his attorney.



PHS Athletic Banquet scenes courtesy Yvette Ramos, other photos unavailable. More scenes on Page Four. JV Basketball top, Varsity Basketball below



Judge Moore Among Graduates Of Texas College For Judicial Studies

Kelly G. Moore, Presiding Judge of the 9th Judicial Region and Judge of the 121st District Court in Brownfield, was one of approximately 70 Texas judges that comprised the 2005 graduating class of the 3-year judicial training program, the Texas College for Judicial Studies. The College was held at the Austin Marriott at the Capitol in Austin from May 1-6, 2005. The Texas College for Judicial Studies is a multi-year program curriculum designed to provide advanced educational opportu-

nities to judges who desire to improve their adjudication skills and acquire more knowledge in their jurisdictional specialization. The Texas Center for the Judiciary, an Austin-based non-profit judicial education group, developed the College curriculum. Judges who currently serve on the bench of a Texas county court at law, district, or appellate court with four years of judicial experience were invited to apply for admission to the College.



CAPITOL COMMENT
SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



With summer vacation approaching, most students freed from school are anticipating a great many activities: swimming, playing baseball, hiking and camping. These are wonderful pastimes, but I would urge parents to make sure there is something else on that list: reading. A brain needs exercise just as much as muscles do. Encouraging our children to continue reading not only makes summer more interesting, it also gives them a head start on the coming school year. A fascinating study published by the Johns Hopkins University examined the impact of summer vacation on student achievement. Since 1906, researchers have discovered students score better on standardized tests at the beginning of summer than they do at the end of summer when they are 'rusty.'

Low income students tend to experience significant losses in reading comprehension and word recognition while middle income students have slight gains in reading skills over the summer. This goes a long way toward explaining different performance in schools between students from families of different economic backgrounds. Studies show these students make similar progress during the school year, but those from lower income families tend to lose ground each summer. Educators believe a lack of emphasis on reading in some homes could lead to this disparity. During the summer months, middle income students lose an average of one month of combined math and reading proficiency, while lower income students lose an average of three months. Over the 12 years of primary and secondary schooling, those cumulative losses leave low income students far behind their middle income peers.

Some educators use this information as an argument on behalf of year round education. Others say more summer education programs should be made available to students. All of them agree that parents need to do as much as they can to keep little minds active. The 2000 Census found that seven to 15 million 'latchkey

children' return home to an empty house each afternoon. After school programs meet only half this demand, but during summer months, not even this is available. Only 10 percent of students attend public schools during summer months but I am pleased to say there has been progress. Over a period of 25 years, the largest school districts offering summer programs rose from only 50 percent to nearly 100 percent.

Another approach, which has proven effective for participants, is the Texas Summer Reading Club Program promoted state-wide by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). This summer, the theme is 'Go wild...read!' TSLAC provides materials and information, while local libraries implement their own programs to encourage summer reading. David Price, County Librarian for the Burnett County Library System, tells me his program reaches 50 percent of the children in the county at a very important age.

"In those early years, up through fifth grade, they are extremely energetic and very curious and they want to learn," he said. "It is the perfect time to develop their reading skills." This investment in reading programs is cost-effective. According to the Johns Hopkins study, the cost of making up the summertime loss of learning is expensive. Nationwide, taxpayers provide \$7,000 per year per student. The time spent getting students back up to speed averages \$1,540 per pupil per year. The large urban school district of Baltimore, Maryland, with 90,000 students, finds itself spending nearly \$138 million per year helping students make up ground lost during the summer. The worst loss is not financial: it is time. You can recoup monetary losses, but time can never be recovered.

Consult your local library for a summer reading program. If your children are too old to participate in that program, consider giving them a summer reading list with a reward for reading 75 percent of the books on it. It will expand their horizons and give their brains a good healthy workout.

JP Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and fines and bonds set in Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

- Cases filed:
51 traffic, 4 felonies
Bonds set:
Possession controled substance/drug free zone- \$6500
Engaging in organized criminal activity- \$5000
Criminal trespass/Hale Co.- \$500
Cruelty to animals- \$1000
Forgery/Gaines Co. - \$1500
Bail jumping, failure to appear- \$1500
Violate driver license restriction on occupational license- \$500
Unlawfully carrying weapon- \$1000
Theft over \$500, less than \$1500- \$1500
DWI- \$2500, interlock
Application to provoke probation, assault, domestic violence- \$9000
Criminal mischief- held for Border Patrol
Tamper with govt. records- \$1500
No financial responsibility- \$248
Indecency with child, exposes- \$10,000
Possession controled substance- \$500
Motion to proceed with adjudication of guilt- \$25,000
Motion to revoke probation/burglary of building-bond denied
Fugitive from justice, New Mexico- \$2500
Motion to proceed/adjudication of guilt- \$3500
Resisting arrest or search- \$1000

Bradley Ashburn earns law degree

Texas Wesleyan University recently announced Bradley Ashburn has earned the degree of Juris Doctor from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law.

Hooping ceremonies were held May 13 at Will Rogers Memorial Center in Fort Worth.

Ashburn and his wife, the former Stephanie Fleming of Denver City will continue to make their home in the Fort Worth area. Ashburn is the son of Stanley and Sheila Ashburn of Plains, the grandson of the late G.R. and Wanda Marlow of Denver City and J.B. and the late Wanda Ashburn of Plains.

50-280 (Rev. 4-001)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Plains Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30p.m. on June 20, 2005 in Administrative Office 1000 Tenth Street, Plains, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.3400	\$.16	\$ 1.50	\$ 9,889	\$ 0
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.1969	\$.126	\$ 1.3229	\$ 9,779	\$ 0
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.374	\$.126	\$ 1.5000	\$ 11,088	\$ 0

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence			
	Last Year \$39,006	This Year \$39,007	
Average Market Value of Residences			
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 20,508	\$ 20,988	
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.50	
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 307.62	\$ 314.82	
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 7.20	

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.3829. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.3829.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 1,550,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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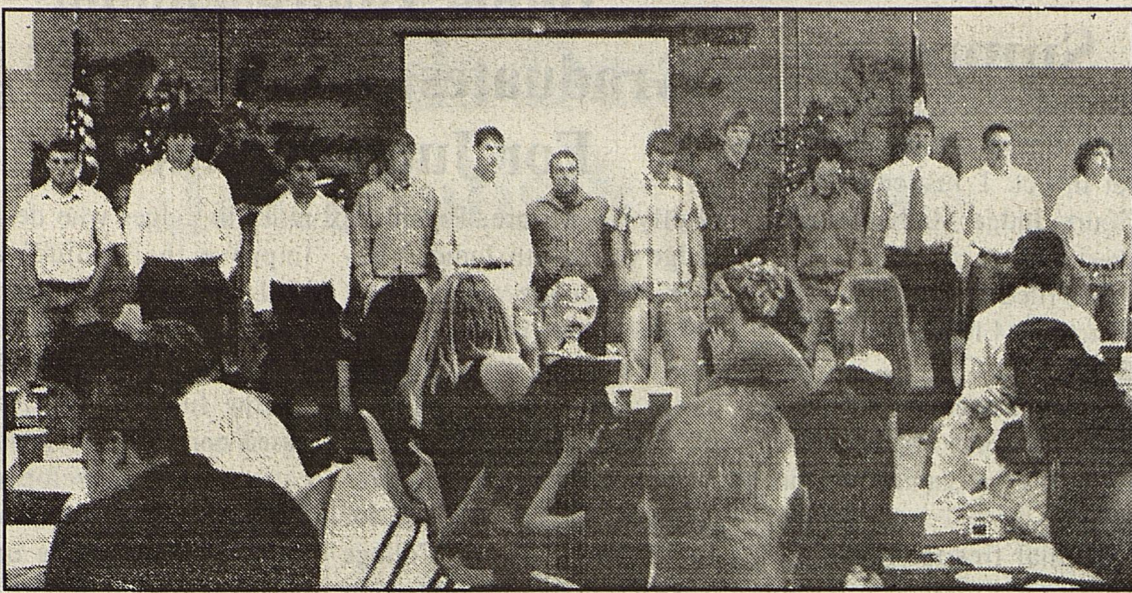
Constructors, Inc.

Will start construction work at the Plains County Airport this week.

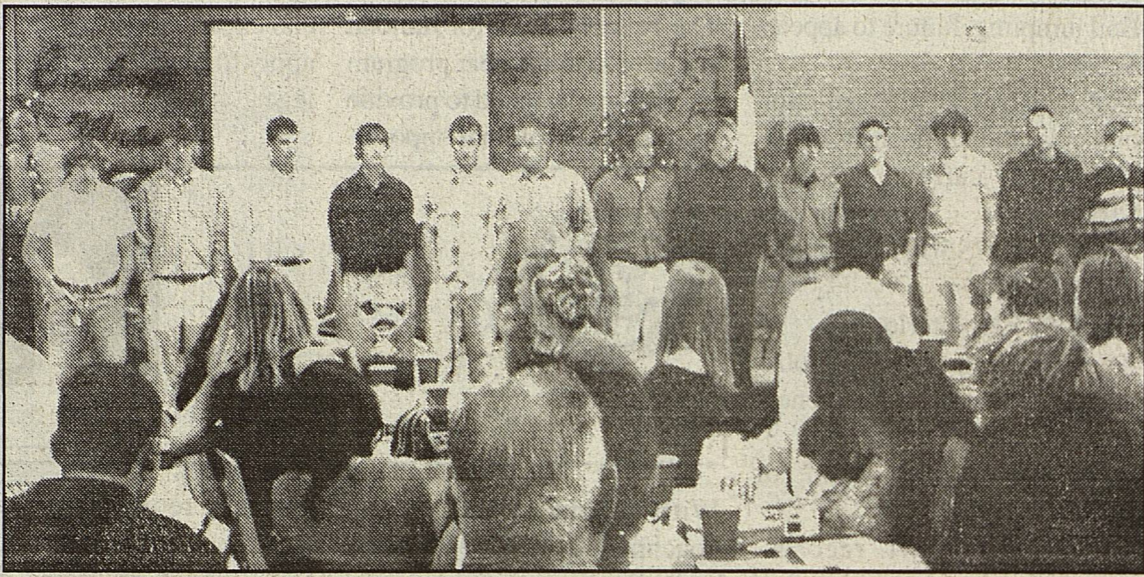
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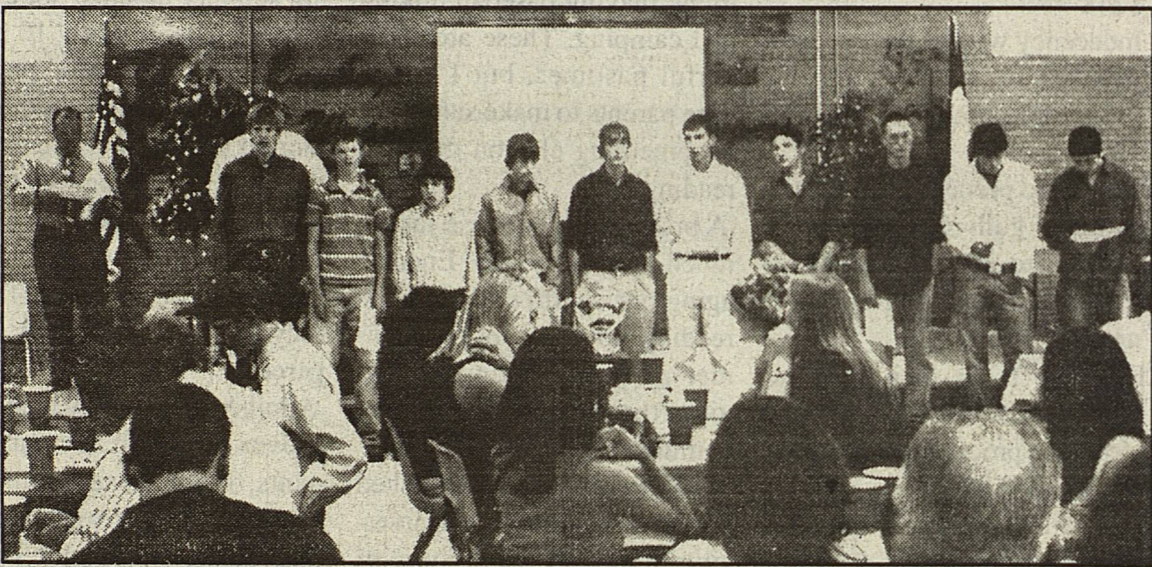
2005 PHS Athletic Banquet Scenes



Cowboy Baseball Team



Varsity Track Team



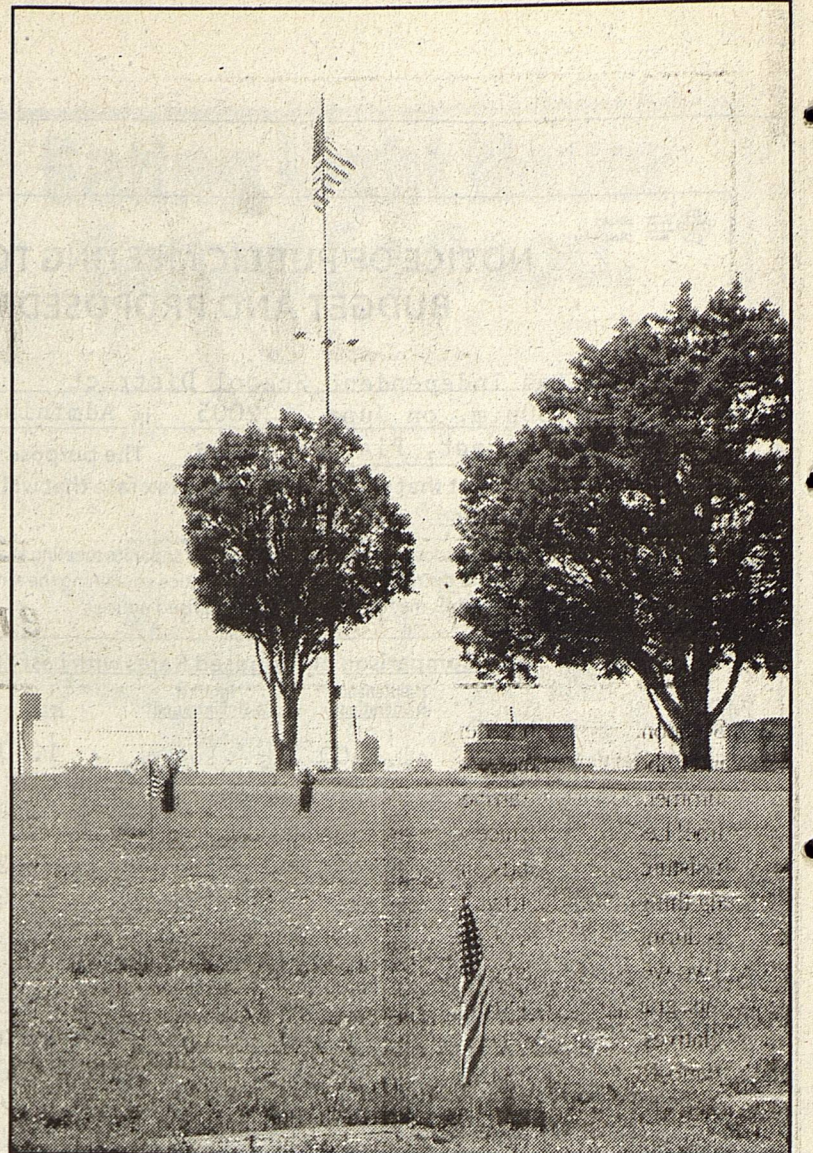
Cross Country Team, including State Champs

Summer Reading Program for Kids

The 2005 Texas Reading Club, "Go Wild.. Read. or. Vuelvete Loco Por Leer!" provides opportunities for children of all ages to enjoy reading. It started May 31 at the Yoakum County Library. The free program is co-sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and includes weekly activities and events.

"More than 60 children joined last summer," said librarian Pat McNabb. "This year we anticipate the children of Plains will break that record and encourage others to join." With the help of local school officials, teachers and parents our efforts to help our school children maintain and improve their academic skills will be a success.

Information about the Texas Reading Club is available by calling 456-8725. Programs will run through July 29. The Yoakum County Library is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 5:30 pm, and is open Tuesday's from 2 pm to 8 pm.



Old Glory was truly in all it's glory this Memorial Day. The small flag in the foreground was one of 84 flags placed on graves of veterans at rest, again this year by Pat, Darryl and Tommie McNabb

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 8A
DATE OF ISSUANCE: May 16, 2004

Rule 37/38 Case No. 0242910

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TEXLAND PETROLEUM, L.P., [RRC Operator No. 849735] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE and DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirements of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 486, Bk. D, GIBSON, J H/ CARLISLE, MRS T C Survey, A-1302, OWNBY, WEST (SAN ANDRES) Field, YOAKUM County, being 7 miles E direction from PLAINS, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows:

FIELD: OWNBY, WEST (SAN ANDRES)

Lease/Unit Name : SHELL-MORE
Lease/Unit Well No. : 7
Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 160.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 523.0

Lease Lines : 1477.0 F NORTH L, 1840.0 F WEST L
Survey Lines : 1477.0 F NORTH L, 1840.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

OWNBY, WEST (SAN ANDRES) : OIL Statewide rules - 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 5500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, JERRI HARBER MS., at (817)9001226.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Jun 28, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

Old Folks Pension

Austin - Texas will soon be making payments to its old folks as a result of ratification of the old-age pension amendment by voters in the recent election. The amendment meets requirements of the federal government, and legislative leaders have assured the public they will rush passage of any legislation needed to put the old-age pension system in operation. Under the plan, those over 65 years may receive pension payments on the basis of need. The maximum pension which a person may receive under the law is \$30 per month, although the average amount will be much less. The state and national governments will jointly fund the program.

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October, 1935

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Senior Citizens Corner

Someone has said that Memorial Day and Labor Day are the 'book-ends' of summer. So we have arrived one more time! Let's enjoy the nice weather, the moisture, good friends, and interesting things our little town has to offer us during these days of summer.

Two weeks ago a large group of parents, grandparents, and other assorted relatives gathered to hear the Spring Piano Recital of Resa Hanneman's class of hard working students. Even as an unrelated spectator, it is always exciting to see the improvement the students make from year to year. As I listened, I wondered how many hours had been spent at the piano by these young people in order to perform so well. It is especially gratifying to see this kind of effort in our world of all kinds of automated music devices that require only a listening ear. Congratulations to each student, as well as to each parent and to Resa. We look forward to next spring when we can listen again.

Some advice that crossed my desk this week may be worth sharing: (1) The next time you order checks, have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or if you use your first name, but your bank will know. (2) When writing checks to pay on credit card accounts, **DO NOT** put the complete account number on the 'For' line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of it. (3) **NEVER** have your Social Security number printed on your checks.

Turkey Day brought in several visitors who came to share our choice meal of turkey and dressing with all of the trimmings. Some of the names appearing on the visitor list that day were Pam Young, Ruby Icenbice, Linda and Eddie Coker, Jeannie McKinney, Rojean Thumwinder, Virginia Bennett, Jean Segar, Barbara Qualls, and Lynn Ribble.

While on the subject of our turkey meal, we are planning a "Turkey" luncheon on Thursday, June 16th, for Father's Day! We always have many visitors on turkey day, but this time will be special because we shall be preparing turkey meals to 'carry out' as well; so come on by and pick up some special turkey meals and take them home to enjoy with others. The price of 'carry out' meals will be \$5.00 each, while the usual price of \$4.00 for those under 60 years old and \$3.00 per lunch for our seniors eating in the dining room will apply, as always. See you there!

On Thursday Charlie Gillis celebrated his eighty-sixth birthday by having many of his family come to share lunch with him. We sang 'Happy Birthday' to him, took family photo's, and ate delicious birthday cake. Con-

gratulations, Charlie! May you have many more! Other visitors on Thursday included Glenny Marriett, Kevin Bruton, and Gene Moore.

Harley Evans has returned from a visit to see his daughter in Little Rock, Arkansas. It's always good to see our people back home safely from their trips to visit family.

Reports are that Bruce Greer is recovering at home after suffering a heart problem and being hospitalized in Lubbock. We all send wishes for a complete recovery, Bruce.

Ben and Jennie Coston have returned from Alaska where they visited with family and enjoyed seeing a grand-daughter graduate from high school. Ben described a beautiful bouquet of a dozen red roses his granddaughter received from a special young man which in itself isn't so unusual, but he continued by saying that his daughter (the girl's mother) received six pink roses and Grandma Jennie also received six pink roses. I like Alaska!

Ben (at sixty) was looking for sympathy because he is so tired from the long and exciting trip. Should we tell him he hasn't seen anything yet?

We were visiting with some old friends this week when the term 'fender skirts' came up. We all knew what we were talking about, but for those under fifty years old, some of those endearing old 'terms' are brand new. As we continued remembering some of our favorite cars down through the years, someone innocently mentioned the 'emergency brake'.

And then we moved on to the foot-feed. How many young people know how much easier that was to say than to say accelerator? As we continued to reminisce, someone mentioned the running board. What a thrill that was to steal a ride into the yard on the running board, when Dad came home, and as the years passed, we begged permission to use the car to go to the picture show. No one ever heard of movies in those days. Then somewhere along the line we lost the good old percolator to coffee maker which isn't nearly so romantic nor fun to say.

Then as we moved from the 1950's to the 1960's, someone mentioned rat-fink. Oh, what a put down! As I lived through that era, I was never quite sure what that word meant, but at our house I never heard it used in a very complimentary way and I found myself discouraging its use when it appeared in some heated conversations.

Then finally someone mentioned a word that hasn't entirely disappeared, but is definitely on the endangered list 'supper'. Now everyone says 'dinner.' So let's save a great word, invite someone to 'supper' and sit around remembering fender skirts and emergency brakes!

Thought for today: "Good ideas need landing gear as well as wings." C.D. Jackson

Local In Miss Texas Pageant

Karina Sol Hoecker, 5, of Plains, Texas, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Texas Pageant to be held on July 30-31 at the Hotel InterContinental in Dallas. The pageant is for girls ages 4 through 6.

Karina is the daughter of Monica and Thomas Hoecker.

Karina's activities include tumbling, T-ball, ballet, jazz, tap and reading books with her mom and dad. She also enjoys singing and going to school.

Her sponsors include her parents, Granny D, Grandpa KK who is currently deployed in Afghanistan, Esme & Robert Salas, Michael Salas, Martin & Fela Huerta, David Huerta, and Manuel & Juana Ramos.



The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California.

Pageants take place in each state for girls ages 4 to 18, in five age groups.

Locals Make Honors List

College of the Southwest recently named 2 students from Plains to the President's List for the Spring 2005 semester. In order to be named to the President's List, a student must maintain a semester GPA of 4.0.

Full time students named to the President's List are Lori Michaleson and Tony Benson.



What About?

In a recent journal I read the following couple of items with some interest: "Vet-

eran Pillsbury spokesman Pop N Fresh died yesterday of a severe yeast infection. He was 71. Known to friends as Brown-N-Serve, Fresh was an avid gardener and tennis player."

"Fresh was buried in one of the largest funeral ceremonies in recent years. Dozens of celebrities turned out including Mrs. Butterworth, the California Raisins, Hungry Jack, Aunt Jemima, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Skippy."

"The grave site was piled high with flours as longtime friend Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy, describing Fresh as a man who "never knew how much he was kneaded."

Fresh rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with many turnovers."

"He was not considered a very smart cookie wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes, considered by those who buttered him up. Still, even as a crusty old man, he was a roll model for millions."

"Fresh is survived by his second wife. They have two children and another bun in the oven."

"The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes."

So I guess you can see that even the smallest of persons should have a service remembering their lives.

Autumn Justus of Plains has been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the spring semester of 2005.

In order to be considered a part of the President's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the entire semester.

As everyone knows, Harry Potter is very popular with the kids, and some adults. But we found out he has been buried.

That's right, in Ramle, Israel, the 19 year old British soldier, Corporal Harry Potter a member of the Royal Worcestershire regiment was killed 66 years ago.

The locals were amazed at what all the rukus was about with this young soldier.

Someone finally told about the books in America about Harry Potter the magician or what ever he is.

I love to walk the cemeteries and read the monuments and tombstones. Some of the inscriptions are really interesting.

Some of the older monuments such as the Woodman of the World tree stump monuments are now a thing of the past. It's sad to see such a tradition cease to exist because of the cost of those 'tree stump' monuments in the Ralls, TX cemetery.

A few years ago, I was walking around the cemetery in Olton, TX reading the epitaphs on the stones.

One particular monument caught my eye. The man passed away and the wife put up a double monument for both of them.

The epitaph? It simply read, "He told me he was sick."

I guess she didn't believe him, huh?

Until next time....

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A different perception on AGING

The following was taken from 'Seniors Are Special', a publication of UMC in Lubbock.

The other day a young person asked how I felt about being old. I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction she was embarrassed, but I explained it was an interesting question, and I would ponder on it and let her know.

Old age, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, more nearly the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometimes despair over my body- the wrinkles, baggy eyes, skin spots and bumps, the sagging butt, etc. And often I am taken aback by the old person living in my mirror, but I don't agonize over those things for long. It's God's plan for us.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, and my wonderful family for less grey hair or flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating an extra cookie or for not making my bed or for buying that silly cement gecko I didn't need but looks so avant garde on my patio. I am entitled to overeat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many good friends leave this world too soon - before understanding the great freedom coming with aging.

Whose business is it if I read to 4 AM and sleep till noon? I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 60's and if I wish to weep over a lost love, I will. I will walk the beach in a swim suit stretched over a bulging body and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose, despite pitying glances from the bikini set. Oh, yes, they too will get old.

I am often forgetful, but some of life is just as well forgotten. I eventually remember most of the important things. Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can it not break when you lose a loved one or when a child suffers or when a beloved pet is hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength, understanding and compassion.

I am so blessed to have my youthful hair turn grey, to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, died before their hair could turn silver. As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what others think. I don't question myself anymore, I've earned the right to be wrong.

To answer your question, I like being old. I like the person I have become. I won't live forever but I will not waste my time lamenting on what could have been or worrying about what will be. And, I shall eat dessert every single day if I desire!

Author Unknown.

Buffalo Soldier Encampment In Cochran County

The weekend of June 24-26, Soldiers, Vaqueros, Black Cowboys, Frontier Women, Native American Indians and other cultural groups in Texas during the 1800's.

A number of other exciting activities are planned as well, including a parade, horse-drawn buggy rides, Indian storytelling and dances, Mexican folk dances, a Buffalo hunter encampment, 1800 style baseball game, a bluegrass and early American music concert, bingo games, clown show, motorcycle run, cowboy chili supper and campfire sing-a-long, Sunday morning community worship service, soul food dinner, and plenty of refreshments and fun!

The Texas Buffalo Soldier Living History Program sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will set up at Cochran County Park. They will be available to talk with visitors about the history and to demonstrate what daily life was like in a typical Buffalo soldier camp. Additional educational programs and exhibits will emphasize the multi-shared western heritage about the Buffalo

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From The Hack

I just finished reading this statement; "One reason adults over 55 should travel is because it helps them live longer."

This may be true for some so called seniors. I'm not so sure about moi. As I pen this it is Thursday, June 2, and I have been on 'vacation' since Wednesday, May 25. During this time of leisure and brain recharging I journeyed to the Queen City of the Pecos Valley, conveniently named Pecos, Texas.

Before you ask, No, It Was Not Hotter Than Hades there. I will tell you something else even more incredible - it RAINED while I was there! Phenomenal! I was lured there by an old friend seeking my skills as his partner in an annual golf tournament. This is the same guy who in 1951 lured me into volunteering our dumb butts into the US Navy. I should have been forewarned about his devious ways.

The golf tourney was a fiasco. Our qualifying round Saturday placed us in the next to last flight, to our astounded horror. We had worked extremely hard and diligently to ease into the LAST flight, along with all the other lesser skilled guys, where we agreed we belonged, but no, there we were, posted in big, bold print, dead last among the eleven teams, ONLY 20 STROKES behind the flight leaders.

I was furious, Bill was furious, but his lovely wife Jo was beserk, ballistic, and 'madder than Hell' is a gross understatement. She picked up her phone (I watched intently, sure it would melt in her hand) and called the tournament director.

She left little doubt in the guy's mind about what she thought of his ancestry and where he would be banished to in the future.

When she finally shrieked her last and slammed the phone down, I had to admire the performance, and told her Bill had done a masterful job teaching her how to speak Navy stuff. The next day, when all the scores were posted, guess what? We were STILL dead last in the dummy flight. I was so embarrassed I snuck out of town even before all the free beer was gone, wearing a disguising towel wrapped about my head.

After a day of recuperation at home, I headed to Ruidoso, that mecca in the pines I had not visited in many years. When I drove into town, I was astounded to the point I stopped and checked a New Mexico road map, afraid I had taken a wrong turn somewhere and had sailed into Albuquerque. I could not believe the growth. I was again the overnight guest of the same Bill and Jo, and was relieved to see she was no longer red faced and panting with rage. They gave me the royal tour, and I was impressed - mainly by the tons of Texans money invested in the town where the Mountain Gods reside.

That evening they led me to that Inn the Mountain Gods own. I thought it it would be a large hotel with a huge building containing Apache artifacts, clay pots, kachina dolls and turquoise turtles, but NO! There was no mistaking all those glittering, honking, beeping machines with neon dollar signs flashing. I was even more shocked when we strolled by a couple of tables covered with green colored cloth and a 20

dollar bill fell from my pocket directly on a section of the table marked PASS, and a guy with a long stick that looked like a goat or chicken catcher sang out, "7 Out, Line Away, Next Shooter!"

We hurried home to a kinder, gentler environment. The next AM Bill and I foolishly played golf again at a course foolishly named Cree Meadows - before the day was over I renamed it Creepy Pastures Of Apache Hell. We did not distinguish ourselves. During the Pecos opening tourney day, I somehow managed to get in the rough, then hit the same cedar tree - twice. At Ruidoso, Bill displayed his practiced and honed ineptitude by hitting four pine trees on four consecutive holes. The very nice couple we played with seemed to enjoy the day immensely. Both laughed hysterically at our efforts, and when the mayhem was finally over, the lady gave us both a hug and beamed, "I haven't had

so much fun since I watched my first Three Stooges movie!"

Vacations. Bah, Humbug!

With the fiasco in Austin temporarily stalled, the following seems VERY timely:

Once upon a time in Heaven God was missing for six days. Michael the Archangel found him resting on the seventh day. He asked God, "Where have you been?"

God sighed a sigh of satisfaction and pointed downwards through the clouds, "Look what I have made, Michael!" Michael appeared puzzled and said, "What is it?" God answered, "It's a planet and I've put life on it. I'm going to call it earth and it's going to be a great place of balance."

"Balance?" inquired Michael, still confused.

God pointed to different parts of earth and said, "For example,

northern Europe will be a place of great opportunity and wealth but cold and harsh while southern Europe is going to be sunny and pleasant. I have made some lands abundant in water and other lands deserts, one will be extremely hot while another will be very cold and covered in ice."

An impressed Michael pointed to a land mass and asked what that one was. "Ahh," said God, "That's Texas, the most glorious place on earth. There are beautiful beaches, streams, hills and forests. The people of Texas will be handsome, modest, intelligent, humorous, and they will be found traveling the world, known as extremely sociable, hardworking and high achieving, and they will be known as diplomats and carriers of peace!"

Michael gasped in wonder but then proclaimed, "But what about balance, God, you said

there would be balance!" God wisely replied, "Ah, but just wait until you see the idiots I put in AUSTIN!"

Pearls of wisdom stolen from my friend Stephen Henry in Levelland:

Don't assume malice for what stupidity can explain. A penny saved is government oversight.

The older you get the harder it is to lose weight- your body and your fat have become very good friends.

If you think there is good in everybody, you haven't met everybody.

Whatever hits the fan will NOT be evenly distributed.

Remember - Once over the hill, you gain speed.

Isn't it nice wrinkles don't hurt?

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

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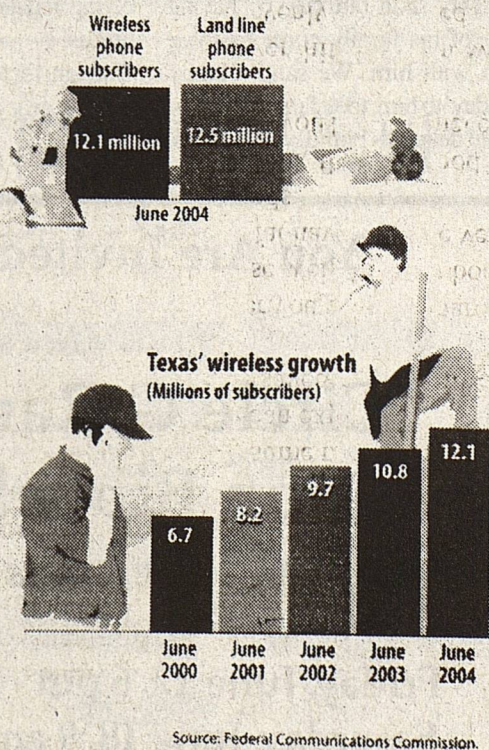
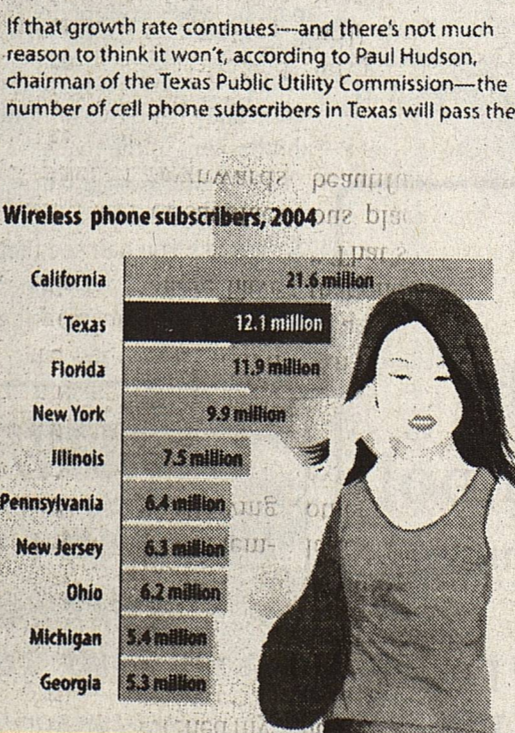
Texas at a Glance

A Wireless World

Cellular phones are found in hands, pockets and cars across the United States, with more than 167 million subscriptions in the nation, according to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Texans account for more than 12 million of those and that number is growing by about 600,000 subscribers annually, according to the FCC.

number of traditional land-line phone connections for the first time, possibly by the end of 2005.

"Wireless will [probably] pass it this year," he said. "At some point, there's going to be a leveling off point, but I don't think we've hit it yet."



Source: Federal Communications Commission.