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Runoff election results less than week away

Four Plains and Yoakum County residents, their families and friends, are rapidly approaching the big ' ER ' day, which will occur fairly early the evening of April 13 - the tallying of ELEC-TION RETURNS in the hotly contested races for the Precinct 3 Commissioner job, and for the County Tax Assessor-Collector position. When results are posted in the courthouse next Tuesday, one male and one female candidate will be free to celebrate and thank supporters. The other two competitors will probably congratulate the winners, and spend considerable time wondering what else they could have done for more support. All four have spent countless hours, and considerable dollars, the last few months in the two campaigns.

Karen Bearden and Jan Parrish, both running as Republicans, two year state jail sentence was have worked long and hard for the top spot in the County Tax office. Ty Earl Powell, the incumbent Pct. 3 Commissioner and challenger Rex Swann, both Democrat candidates, will learn who is to be the runoff victor and will face Republican candidate Tim time payment fee, \$149 resti-Willis in the November General Election.

Early voting for the runoff election continues until 7 PM Thursday, April 8. Plains voters should cast ballots at the courthouse, and the Denver City polls are at the Tax Office. The regualr election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13.

If you have not cast your ballot for these two very important positions, we urge you to do so before the final polls close.

Winners named in Lea County **Electric Youth Tour Contest**

Criminal cases in District Court

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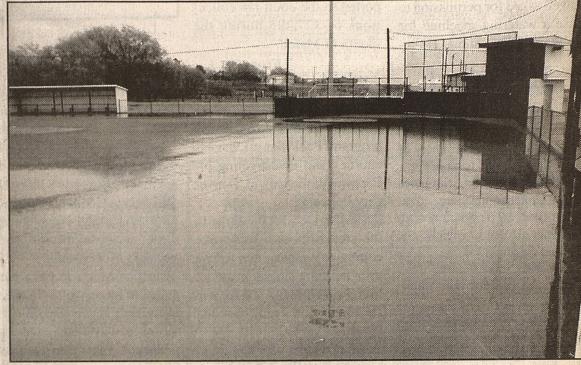
News

Six criminal cases were heard in the March 30 session of 121st District Court, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Greg Perez Madrid pled guilty to possession of cocaine. His suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1000, must pay \$248 court costs, \$25 tution to DPS and \$300 court appointed attorney fees. An endangering a child cause was adjuducated. He must serve 120 hours community service,

> Turn to Pg. 2 **'District Court'**

It wasn't for ' Forty Days and Forty Nights,' but was great rain!



The Cowboy baseball field was mostly under water following weekend rains

A visit to City Hall Monday morning revealed their official gauge had recorded 2.95 inches of rain over the weekend, pushing the total precipitation recorded at that station this year reached 7.69 inches, already surpassing the 7.2 inches recorded in the year 2003. A number of residents in Denver City reported from 5 to 7 inches of rain, with very little hail. A bit further south in Gaines County, several reports of 10 to 12 inches of rain, and up to a foot of small hail were reported, along with a number of confirmed tornados in the vicinity, which apparently caused no damage. The following article, submitted by SOAR meteorolgists Duncan Axisa and Caleb Midgeley, explains details of the rather freakish weather system producing all the badly needed precipitation;

A PARKED LOW PRESSURE TO OUR WEST PRODUCES EXCESSIVE RAIN



Winners of the 2004 Government-in-Action Youth Tour Contest sponsored by Lea County Electric Coperative were announced recently by Allan Brown, Manager of Marketing and Member Services for the Cooperative.

The high school students whose essays and subsequent interviews qualified them for an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. areLaShonda Diamond and Bridgette Gonzales. Diamond, 18, is the daughter of Charles and Donna Diamond of Plains, and is a senior at Plains High where she is captain of the cheerleading squad, drum major for the band and member of the student council. She also plays basketball and volleyball. LaShonda plans to study marine biology at Texas A&M University at Galveston. Gonzales, 17, is the daughter of Ruben and Mari Gonzalez of Lovington and is a junior at Lovington High, where she is a member of the Key Club, Big. Blue Band and the Junior Ambassadors. She also plays volleyball, basketball and track.

The Youth Tour winners were chosen from among a field of five finalists after a round of interviews by a three judge independent panel. The finalists had been previously selected by

another panel of independent judges from among a group of area high school students who submitted responses to several essay questions. The third place prize of \$200 was awarded to Melissa Augustine, a sophomore at Tatum High; Kymbre Hayes, a sophomore from Lovington High was selected for the \$125 fourth prize; and Trey Groesbeck, a junior from Tatum High was awarded the \$75 fifth prize.

Diamond and Gonzales will join approximately 100 other students from New Mexico and Texas who have been selected as representatives of rural electric cooperatives through contests similar to the one sponsored by Lea County Electric. During the nine day trip to the nation's capital, the winners will visit with their congressmen and senators, and four sites of historical sig- per level low should exit the nificance including the Smithsonian, Library of region by Wednesday. Congress and the Supreme Court. Around 1,400 students from rural electric cooperatives in 38 for rain in this region, and it states will meet in Washington for the 41st Na- looks like we're getting an antional Rural Electric Youth Tour as guests of the swer. From reports at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. SOAR weather station at the

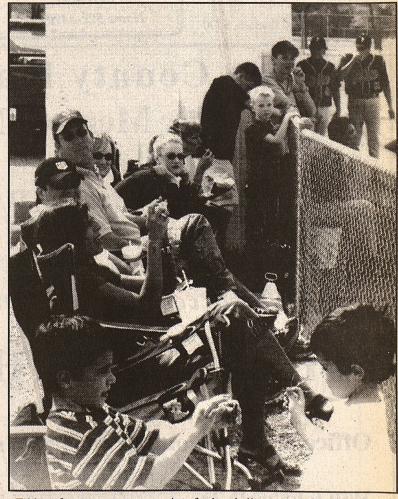
" It is not unusual for large, slow moving cut off lows to produce excessive rainfalls over Texas. What is particularly anomalous about the system that has affected the South Plains over the past week is its nearly stationary movement during a time of year when systems tend to be progressive. Another abnormal characteristic of this particular system is its position so far south with respect to West Texas. This is due to a weather pattern called an omega block. During an omega block, an expansive region of high pressure in the upper atmosphere is flanked on each side by large cut off low pressure systems. Such a pattern is very resistant to change and will produce the same weather over a particular region for an extended period of time. For the last week, West Texas has been to the west of the upper level ridge and to the east of the cut off low. This has caused winds in the lower atmosphere to ascend the higher terrain of eastern New Mexico, and with the ais Gulf moisture has produced copious precipitation over the South Plains. Fortunately, it looks like the pattern is beginning to break down so all this water we've received can soak in. The up-

"Many prayers have gone up

Yoakum County airport, the January total rainfall which is 0.40 inches. February rainfall was 1.91 inches (average is 0.70 inches) and March rainfall was 1.14 inches (average is 0.60 inches). So far this year, the SOAR weather station reports a total of 6.29 inches. These rainfall rain gauge measurements are quite significant since winter and early spring rains are more representative of the area rainfall than late spring

and summer rains. Summer rainfall in the southern plains is convective and more localized in tis spatial and temporal distribution and rain gauge measurements are not representative of rainfall in the area. At any rate, the rainfall amount so far this year at 6.29 inches is an above average rainfall since the total average rainfall from January through April is 2.70 inches."

Take Me Out To The Ballgame



Friday afternoon was a great time for baseball, and the Cowboys beat New Home 11-0. Shortly after the game, the Cowboy Relays were called off because of stormy weather. More baseball inside

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Court approves bid notices and purchases

In Monday's session of Com- ported the roping club had missioners Court, Yoakum County Hospital Administrator Clay Taylor sought permission to advertise for bids on office furniture and equipment for the ongoing hospital dialysis center, therapy center and emergency room expansion project, as well as medical furniture and equipment for the therapy center. Office urniture items would include benches, tables, carts, and medical equipment included vital sign monitors, traction abd therapy tables. Taylor said the purchases would be paid for with funds already budgeted under the recent bond passage. The court appropved both requests.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Ty Earl Powell asked for permission to lease a watering machine for the Plains rodeo arena. He re-

JP Court **Review**

The following is a summary of cases filed and bonds set in Pct. 1 Justice of Peace Court, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding. Cases filed; 99 Traffic, oneopen container alcohol in vehicle, one forcible detainer case Bonds Set: Injury to disabled individual-\$5000 Prohibited substance in correctional facility- \$5000 4 cases, motion to revoke probation- no bond property-\$3000 each \$2000 each

was her attorney. torney fees, \$777 restitution, hicle- \$2500 with joint and several liability Larry Escobar pled to adjudi-2 cases, first DWI- \$1000 for \$3,886, must serve 120 cation of guilt deferred on the 2 cases evading arrest/detentionhours community service, pay same criminal mischief cause, \$500 Criminal mischief- \$1000 \$50 supervision fees and com- more than \$1000, less than Theft, over \$50, under \$500 plete the TAIP program. Bill \$20,000. His fine, court costs \$500 bond. Helwig was his attorney, and and restitution payments were False report to police officer- \$500 Sheriff Deputy Kenley Powell the same, and he will serve the Possession marijuana, less than was investigating officer. same community service and two ounces- \$500 Jose Antonio Avila Jr. pled complete the TAIP program. Display fictitious license platesguilty to the same criminal His attorney was Paul Mansur. \$500 Display fictitious inspection cer-AG INSURANCE tificate- \$500 No drivers license- \$500 PLUS No Liability Insurance- \$500 Tampering with government record, resident alien card- held **CROP INSURANCE MPCI-CRC-CAT-CROP HAIL** for Border Patrol 456-2788 Tampering with government record, S.S. card- held for Border Jim Brown, Agent Patrol Jeff Lowery, Sales Assoc. Mobile 806-891-0449 Criminal trespass in habitation-Mobile 806-592-1319 or 891-0450 \$2000 Home 456-3195 Home 592-3490 Driving suspended license- \$500 **Yoakum County Plains Clinic Amir Memon, MD** and

found a cannon type machine which could cover the arena, and could be leased for \$2830 annual payments for two years, then purchased at the end of that time for one dollar. The lease would be paid from budgeted funds in the arena and stock barns account. The lease was approved. Powell also moved to purchase a new mower to be used at the Plains Cemetery. He had offered a trade-in of the 1991 mower now being used on a new John Deere mower from BE Implement in Brownfield, for \$7860. The purchase was approved, and will be paid fro from budgeted funds.

Tax Assessor Betty Rivas reported to the court tax collections of \$27,495 during the month of March.

From Pg. 1

complete the drug offender education program and complete the Palmer Drug Abuse program. Paul Mansur was his attorney and investigating officer was Jason Cowin, Denver **City Police**

David Ray Carter pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior building burglary conviction. He will spend 365 days in state jail with credit for 341 days time served.

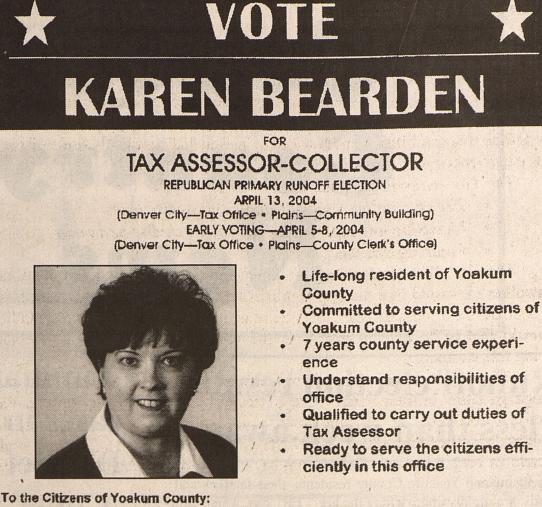
Michael Lopez pled to adjudi-\$750, must pay \$218 court cation of guilt deferred in a 7 cases, building burglary, theft of criminal mischief cause, more costs and \$25 time payment fee, and restitution to the CDA than \$1500, less than \$20,000. Interfere with emergency call-Trust Fund, and \$300 ap-He will be under community pointed attorney fees. Investisupervision five years, was 4 cases, abandoning a child, \$2500 gating officer was Deputy fined \$1000, must pay \$218 Nancy Baize, and Warren New court costs, \$300 appointed at-DWI with child under 15 in ve-

Early voting in the Runoff election ends at 5 PM Thursday, April 8. You can vote in the runoff election even if you did NOT vote in the **Primary** Election

'District Court'

mischief cause. He was fined \$1000, must pay \$218 court costs and \$25 time payment fee, \$420 attorney fees, restitution of \$777 with joint and several liability for \$3886. He will serve 120 hours community service and complete the TAIP program. His attorney was Bill McGowan.

Angelica Maria Herrera pled guilty to forgery of a financial instrument. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated 5 years. She was fined



Thank you so much for the votes of confidence in the Republican primary election. I would ask each of you to get out and vote in the Republican runoff election. Early voting for the runoff election begins Monday, April 5 and ends Thursday, April 8. The runoff election will be held Tuesday, April 13. If you did not vote in the primary election you are still eligible to vote in the runoff election. Your vote and support in the runoff election would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Karen Bearden

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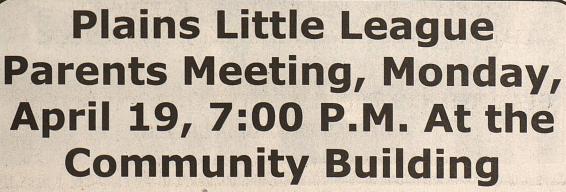
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Thank you,

This campaign has been a lot of hard work, but it has been a lot of fun and a great experience. The best part of it all is that I have met so many nice people. It is really good to see our residents take such an interest in the election process. I was amazed at the number of questions you had about the Tax Office responsibilities and how many people had stories that related to your experiences with that office.

The Tax Assessor job includes:

- The calculation and collection of property taxes
- Licensing and registration of motor vehicles and boats
- Voter registration

The Tax Office is one that we all have to do business with at one time or another. I would like the opportunity to make your future experiences at the Tax Office a pleasant one... or at least as pleasant as paying taxes can be. I would like to be able to return all the wonderful smiles that I received during this campaign.

Thank you to my many supporters in Plains who asked to put my campaign signs in their yards. Out of respect for you and my opponent's family, I declined. In our hometown, everyone needs to live together, do business together and attend our churches together. Each of us has good friends in both families. I chose not to put you in the position of publicly taking sides.

I am asking for your vote in the Runoff Election. You may vote in this election, even if you didn't vote in the Primary. Every vote counts!

Your neighbor,

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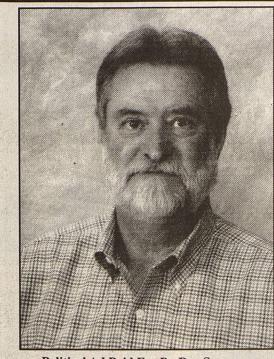
Jan Parrish

Early voting NOW through Thursday April 8th Early voting is at the Courthouse and Election Day Voting is at the Community Building **Election Day Tuesday April 13, 2004**

Political ad paid for by Jan Parrish, Candidate for Tax Assessor-Collector

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Rex Swann

Candidate For County Commissioner, **Precinct 3** 'A Vote For Change' Your Vote & Support In The April 13 **Democrat Runoff**

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Spears resigns from Lea County Electric Board

In a surprise move long-time trustee and former secretary J.W. 'Lefty' Spears submitted his letter of resignation from his position on the Board of Trustees for Lea County Electric Cooperative, Inc. to its President, Billy Royce Medlin. The retirement of Spears is effective immediately.

Capitol Comment

By **U.S. Senator Kay Bailey** Hutchison

Spears noted he was proud of Spears for his long-time service the strong financial position of to the members. "Lefty is the the cooperative and called the longest serving trustee on the ability of the cooperative to Board," Medlin pointed out, maintain low rates a great "He has been instrumental in ing after thirty-five years of and he will be sorely missed." service on the board of Trustees. He was secretary from

In his letter of resignation, 1990 to 2002. Medlin thanked achievement. Spears is resign- the success of this cooperative

This weekend the excitement and glamour of Hollywood shone on San Antonio as the yellow carpet was rolled out for the world premiere of

Disney's newest film, The Alamo. Yes, the movie premiered with a 1,500 foot yellow carpet, instead of the traditional red one, paying homage to the famed yellow rose of Texas. Actor Dennis Quais, touched by the outpouring of people who lined the streets to welcome the Hollywood visitors said, "This is like the Beatles came to Town." I was privileged to join in the festivities and pay tribute to the storied stone edifice that so defines the fight for freedom waged by Texas in 1835-36.

This isn't the first movie made about the Alamo, but it is the grandest. With a budget of more than \$100 million, six months of shooting, Hollywood stars like Mr. Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton, and a movie set believed to be one of the largest ever built, the film goes to great visual, cinematic and theatrical lengths to recall the mystique of the legendary battle. The fact that, after nearly two hundred years, this story is still being retold is testament to the significance of our state's heritage. We Texans know the importance the Alamo played in shaping that history. From our earliest years we are taught the legacy of bravery, heroism and sacrifice that is held within the hallowed walls of the old mission. In fact, Texas history is a requirement for all 7th grade students in our public schools. Our children grow up learning the tales of their ancestors and understanding the challenges and sacrifices they overcame to pave the way for the Lone Star state we know and love to-



Commisionado de el Precincto Numero 3

Please VOTE

JAN PARRISH

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For me as a youngster, Texas history was something personal since my

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day.

Quiero tener esta oportunidad para annunciar mi re-election de Precinct 3. Las responsabilidades de esta trabajo son importantes y las tomo seriamente. La confinanza que ustedes tienen en mi es muy agradecido. Y me gustaria serviles a todos otra vez.

Pol. ad pagado departe de Ty Earl Powell, Box 605, Plains TX 79355

great grandfather, Charles S. Taylor, signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, for which the battle at the Alamo paved the way. I hope to pass on that love of history to my children and keep the stories of our past alive for generations to come.

Though Historians are always wary of any attempt to breathe life back into ancient stories, and Texans don't like the idea of anyone messing with our history, Disney's take on the saga is engrossing, adding color, flair and personality for entertainment value as seen in the official plot synopsis:

"Where myth meets history, where at San Antonio de Bexar and the small, ruined mission there: The Alamo. In the spring of 1836, nearly 200 Texans, men of all races who believed in the future of Texas, held the fort for 13 days under siege by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, ruler of Mexico and commander of

family helped to form it. My great its forces. Led by three men, the young, Brash Col. William Travis; the violent, passionate James Bowie; and the larger than life legend David Crockett, the Texans and their deeds at the Alamo would pass into history as General Sam Houston's rallying cry for Texas independence and into legend for their symbolic significance."

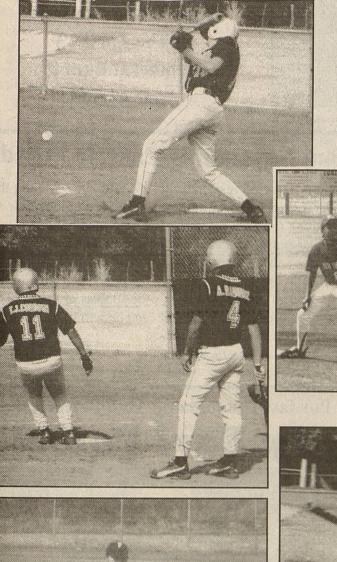
To many, the character of Davy Crocket will forever be recalled with the image of John Wayne complete with a raccoon skin cap and a rifle slung over his shoulder in the 1960 version of The Alamo. But perhaps the 2004 version of the film with all legend meets reality, the roads cross of its special effects and modern technology will bring this tale to a new generation. In my unprofessional opinion, it is an absorbing movie, very interesting. It is my hope that all Americans who see this film will appreciate the deep history that inspired it, and be encouraged to preserve and pass down their own stories.



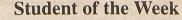
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Cowboys Down New Home

The Cowboys defeated New Home 11-0 last Friday. Richard Diaz was the winning pitcher going 4 innings, striking out 7 batters, walking 1, and giving up 3 hits. Armando Ramirez closed the game giving up 1 hit, 1 walking, and striking out 3 batters. The Cowboys had a decent day of hitting at the plate. Landon Craft was 1 for 1 with a double, Arnold Cordova 2 for 2 with 2 doubles, Armando Ramirez 2 for 3 with 2 doubles, T.J. Cordova 1-2 with a triple, Abel Ramos 1-3 with a double, and Scott Addison 1-1 with a home run. Adam McCravey went 1-1 with a sacrifice fly and 2 runs batted in. The Cowboys are 8-3 overall, and 3-0 in district. Coach Bartley said, "We are tied for 1st with Morton and are scheduled to play them on Friday, in Plains at 10:00 a.m."



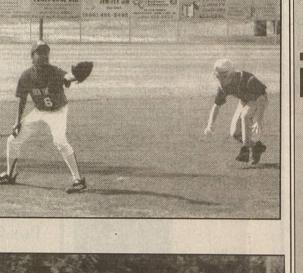






Cooper

Student of the week is Breck Hamm, a junior and the son of Ace and Dana Hamm. Breck was nominated by Michell Lusk, who said, "Breck is always willing to do his best. He is a very talented student and a pleasure to teach. I believe that he can accomplish anything he sets his mind to with God's guidance and his hard work and dedication.





MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE 55TH ANNUAL **MEETING OF MEMBERS** Friday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. (MDT)

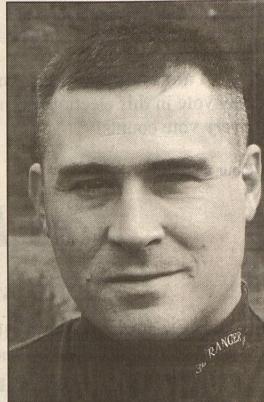
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> **PISD U.I.L. Update** UIL District Meet results: Number Sense Team 2nd- Brandon Hise, Kerry Sisson, David Alldredge, Vlake O'Quinn.*Calculator Team 1st, Hise, BJ Lester, Allison Friesen, Evan Cain.*Computer Science Team

Heather Parrott, Mari Ruiz, Brianna Conway. Discus- 1st. M'Leah Mckinzie Triplke Jump- 2nd, Katie Winn Shot Put- 4th <'Leah McKinzie 7th BOYS: Zach Ramon- 1st 800, 1600, Shot P

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Jr. High Track

Whiteface Meet Results; GIRLS: 400 Relay 3rd- Heather Parrott, Katie Winn, Reyna Gallegos, Brainna Conway 1600 Relay 3rd, Briana Conway, Lauren Davis, Lydia Whitzel, Reyna Gallegos 800 Run- 3rd, Reyna Gallegos 200 Dash - 2nd, Katie Winn 100 Hurdles- 5th Mari Ruiz 2400 Run- 3rd Lydia Whitzel 300 Hurdles- 3rd Mari Ruiz

2nd 200 run Landon Earnest- 1st Pole vault, 5th 110 hurdles, 4th 300 hurdles Chris Addison- 2nd 110 hurdles, 3rd 300 hurdles, 4thtriple jump Derek Garza- 3rd discus 800 Relay- 4th, Addison, Earnest, Hunter, Chris Gonzales Dylan Hunter- 5th High Jump 8th BOYS: 400 Relay, 1st, Zach Ramos, Chris Loya, Juan Lara, Cody Mayes 800 Relay 1st, Mario Sigala, Rudy Gonzales, Chase Guetersloh, Doug

1600 Relay 1st, Lara, Mayes, Sigala, Loya 800 & 1600 run-- John Tyson 4th Cody Mayes- 1st Long jump, 300 hurdles, 5th triple jump Sergio Olivas 1st Shot, 3rd 110 hurdles, 4th 300 hurdles, 6th discus Zach Ramos- 3rd 1600 & 2400 run Doug Conway- 3rd 200 Ryan Crump- 4th 2400, 6th 1600 Rudy Gonzales 4th high jump John Lara 5th 100 Curtis Arteaga 6th Shot

Mario Sigala 6th 200 The 8th boys won the meet with wins in all relays and totaling 172 points

800 Relay- 4th, Lauren Davis, The **BEST** Company Drivers earn up to 45¢ per mile Just cot BETTER Company Teams earn up to 53¢ per mile Owner Operators earn $G \square$ announces industry up to 98¢ per mile leading pay increase!

Conway



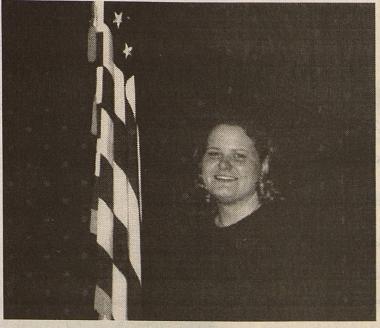
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Honor Society Inductee



Elizabeth Wilmeth was inducted into The Gamma Beta Phi Society, a national honor society and service organization, in a ceremony at Howard Payne University at 7 p.m. on March 25. The students were congratulated by faculty advisor Wendy Grooms. To be selected for membership in the organization, a student must have a 3.5 GPA and be committed to excellence in education, to good character, and to service. Gamma Beta Phi members are active in service to education. Recent HPU chapter projects have included a baby clothing drive and face painting at the University's Renaissance Fair.

New Items At The Yoakum County Library

FICTION:

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Halos...Kristen Heitzman, a Superior Death...Nevada Barr, The Burglar on the Prowl...Lawrence Block, Catching Katie...Robin Lee Hatcher, Land of my Heart ... Tracie Peterson, Suspicion of Guilt...Barbara Parker, Under the Color of Law...Michael McGarrity, After Glow...Jayne Ann Krentz, 3rd Degree...James Patterson, Ransom...Danielle Steel, The Winter Seeking ... Vinita Hampton Wright, Engaging the Enemy ... Nora Roberts, Silent Star... Tracie Peterson, Deadlock... James Scott Bell

AUDIOBOOKS:

The Tristan Betrayal...Robert Ludlum, Basket Case...Carl Hiaasen, The Last Juror...John Grisham, Blow Fly...Patricia Cornwell, Healing the Brokenhearted...Joyce Meyer, I'm OK and I'm on My Way!...Joyce Meyer **NONFICTION:**

Senior Citizens Corner

Spring is here again! Surely this is the most wonderful time of the year, green leaves appearing everywhere, fruit trees blooming, and green yards on Their new address is P.O. Box every corner. Some romantic once started that this time when a young man's fancy turns to shall miss these two couples thoughts of love. I don't know about the young men, but the older ones that I've listened to seem to be more interested in getting out the lawn mower and spraying the countless little yellow dandelions.

Monday was an exciting day at the Center when Gloria Carrasco, our Site Director, returned to be a part of the ongoing activities. We have sorely missed her during these past weeks and are rejoicing with her that her son, Rene, is improving and able to be at home now except for return trips to Lubbock for Chemotherapy on a regular schedule. We understand that he is doing school work two days each week by way of computer. Gloria reported a very successful donation dinner for Rene, at the Catholic church, last Sunday. She expressed her deep thanks to everyone for all of the concern and contributions of all kinds for her family during this stressful time.

As we quietly said our final good-bye to Flora Rice this week, we are reminded anew of what a vital part of our Senior Center family she and her husband always were. We ex-

Circle, Frankston, TX 75763. Their phone # is 903-876-2786. Coy and Faye Black have moved to be closer to their son. 1838, Willis, TX 77378. Their phone # is 936-856-1398. We who have long been active members of our Senior Center family.

In 1991, a point system was devised by SPAG to measure the people served through the Senior Center in the Congregate Meal setting, recreation, transportation, and home delivered meals.

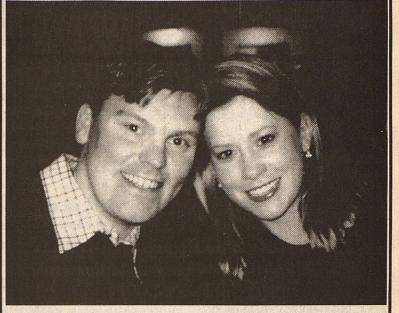
We are funded according to the points earned through these programs. In checking my charts, we are at an all time low right now in our Congregate Meal (those served daily in the dining room) program.

Due to the generosity of our city and county, we presently have funds to continue to make our center a successful and vital part of the community; however, to continue to operate as we are, your attendance is sorely needed to participate in the ongoing activities the Center offers. If we fail to show an increase in our daily participants, our funding sources may feel the Center is not important to you.

Please be watching for exciting plans the Site Council will be putting into action at the end of April and come be a part of the activities while you enjoy

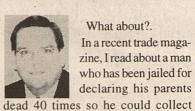
Wedding Plans

Styles



Mr. and Mrs. Neal Newsom announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Nicole, to Christopher Lane Shanklin of Lubbock. Grandmothers of the bride are Laverne Newsom of Plains and Irma Canada of Baird.

Nicole will graduate from Texas Tech University in December with a degree in Food and Nutrition. Chris is a third year medical student at the Texas Tech School of Medicine. The couple will marry November 13, 2004 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock, Texas.



funeral

funeral expenses.

money from people in the community.

Over the years the 31 year old man

had been able to collect over \$7,3000

in collections to make the trip to the

Unfortunately, the people had only

It is a popular custom among our com-

munities for people to go door to door

to ask for money for their loved ones'

We have been called several days af-

ter the funeral service to state that a

check would be sent to the family or

the funeral home for up to \$,000.

contributed to his drug abuse.

any amount over the funeral charges. And if the account is paid in full, your check will be returned back to you.

I have had calls from businesses, churches and even individuals asking for a balance of the funeral costs. I only tell if an amount to be given is over the amount owed, If the family got extravagant on their expenses or were careful, and if everything is covered.

Of course because of confidentiality laws, we can't go into specific amounts with a caller, but we can let you know if your money is really needed. Most communities have a ministerial

alliance or focal nonprofit group who will handle all requests for money from individuals. That way, it stops the fraudulent people who will continue to go to others for help for travel, food, etc., when all expenses have been cov-

Oerfectly Legal...David Cay Johnston, American Electricians' Handbook...Terrell Croft, First Time Mom...Dr. Kevin Leman, The Southern Living Garden Book, Epilepsy and Seizures...Donald Weaver, Dale Groom's Texas Gardening Guide, The God I Love...Joni Eareckson Tada, It's Not About Me...Max Lucado, The Light and the Glory...Peter Marshall

VIDEOS:

The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland DVD, A Dog of Flander DVD, Airplane DVD, Airplane II DVD, MXP:Most Xtreme Primate DVD, Road to Bali & Road to Rio DVD, Spy Kids 3: Game over VHS, VeggieTables: An Easter Carol DVD, The Lion King 1 1/2 DVD, Radio DVD

Plains Student Honored

Abilene Christian University more than 300 chapters announces the induction of Jill throughout the United States. A Ivy Gray into Phi Eta Sigma, a National Honor Society for college freshman which rewards academic excellence among first year students. Phi Eta Sigma is the oldest and largest freshman honor society and has

student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or above to be eligible for membership. Jill is the daughter of Jim and Cindy Gray and is a math/biology major at ACU.

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tend our sympathy to her family.

For those of you who would like to stay in touch with two of our families who have moved away, clip the following addresses.

Carl and Ireta Davis have a new address of 23101 Jeb

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Until Next Time! Mark A. Jones email comments to: markajones@door.net.

Student Green House Project Opening April 15. Regular hours, Thursdays 12:15 to 4:30, Fridays 12:15 to 3:30 We will be located in the greenhouse in back of Plains Junior High. The truck will deliver on Thursdays and may affect opening time if it is late. Please plan on shopping with us until the end of school. We hope to be bigger and better this year. Look forward to seeing you soon!

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" Its hard to stop a TRANE"

Page 6, Cowboy Country News, April 7, 2004



THREE lovely ladies recently ing all fierce and glum, and performed deeds which should when he handed me a still inch them a bit closer to saint- warm chocolate pie, he snarled, hood, in my books at least.

endures married life with the heart Helen Worsham. instruments of horror special- The next Lovely Lady on my ist, Dental Guru Brad Cochran list is Judge Melba Crutcher. I in Denver City, read in this col- would be a complete idiot not umn not too far back my moans to suck up to her... I could be about Furr's in Hobbs not hav- before her desk someday. She ing chess pie on a recent visit. recently sent me I think I shall continue to moan, a card, signed by she and hubby often, and louder! Very re- Dennis ... but I know it was her cently, a messenger at my door work. Dennis is a nice guy, but delivered, yes, a freshly baked could never speak so kindly of CHESS PIE from the lovely me and the Bride.I sincerely lady, her Highness Cheri!

mary election, I happened upon member me. God Bless!.

one of the election judges hard at work, and admired a home made Brownie at her side. She asked if I liked chocolate, and I said, "Only a little less than big money and sex, and the latter was much, much earlier." She chuckled, and said, " I think I just might bake you a chocolate pie!" WOW! Not long ago, I saw her husband Three, yes, count them, stop in front of the house, look-

" All I get at home is canned Cheri Cochran, who bravely pudding!". Thank you, dear

thank you three darlings, and Then, during the recent pri- all of you who continue to reThe State Of Texas **County Of Yoakum** The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receieve bids until 4 PM Friday, April 23, 2004, for the purchase of Office Furniture and Equipment for the **New Yoakum County Hospital Dialysis Center, Physical Therapy Center and Emergency Room Expansion**.

Notice For Bids

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in **Commissioners Court on Monday**, April 26, 2004.

For a list of the equipment and more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-2422 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. Bid price will be paid from budgeted funds.

Sealed bids should be marked, **"OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIP-**MENT" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/ Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX **COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. Commissioners Court reserves** the right to reject any or all bids. **Notice For Bids**

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Golf Tournament

ENTRY FEE: \$50.00 - Individual, Team - \$200.00

includes golf cart and lunch

DATE: April 22, 2004 Thursday

TIME: 10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start

FORMAT: Four Person Scramble

to the U.S. Census Bureau. The state's population grew by 1.8 percent from 2002 to 2003, increasing to 22.1 million people, making Texas the second most populous state. California, with 35.5 million people, is the most populous state.

there were more births than deaths. The other 45 percent resulted from migration. The combination of natural increase and migration translate to an increase in total population nationwide of one person every 12 seconds.

	g states Percentage Change, 2002-2003	2003 Population (in millions)
State		2.2
1. Nevada	3.4	5.6
2. Arizona	2.6	17.0
2. Altarida	2.0	22.1
3. Florida	1.8	1.4
4. Texas	1.7	8.7
5. Idaho	1.6	0.8
6. Georgia	1.4	
7. Delaware	1.4	2.4
8. Utah	1.4	35.5
9. California	1.4	1.3

