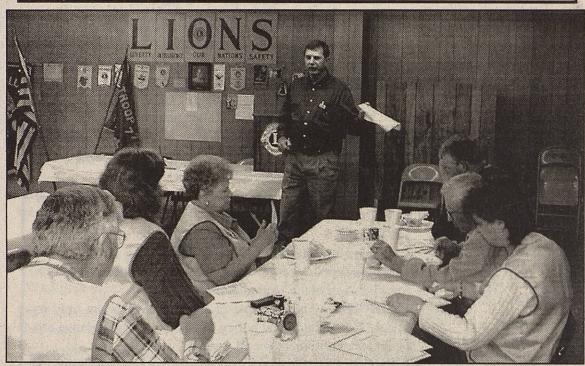


Former city administrator visits Plains Lions Club



David Brunson, former City Administrator here some ten years, returned to Plains last things to attract business Thursday to address the noon people to your location." meeting of the Plains Lions Brunson reported that package Club. Brunson, now the City of financial incentives "created Manager for the City of a total of 257 permanent jobs, Muleshoe, spoke on problems with an annual payroll impact facing small, rural communi- on the city and county totaling

tax deferments, land for building sites, any number of other

development - Communities must adopt a broad-based development plan that supports existing businesses and encour- In Monday's session of Comages entrepreneurship. (4) Small towns can't compete in the global economy - Small towns throughout America are home to an amazing variety of highly sophisticated, entrepreneurial successes. (5) The " best people" leave small towns as soon as they can - Many capable, talented, intelligent people stay in small towns, were used to bring these many because they prefer small towns. (6) The rural and urban economies are not interdependent - Many city residents are nostalgic or sentimental about small towns, but often forget our essential raw materials - There is no magical number need dynamic rural infrastructures to get from rural to urban markets. Brunson concluded his remarks by saying his ten years in Plains were one of the most productive, rewarding and enjoyable periods of his working career.

District **Court Case**

In 121st Judicial District Court on April 1, Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Michael Wayne Scott pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior building burglary charge. He was sentenced to two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, State Jail Division, with credit for 254 days credit for jail time served. Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Overhaul of courthouse heating and cooling system to be studied

missioners Court, representatives of Johnson Controls made a detailed presentation of badly needed reapirs and updating of the couthouse heating and cool-

Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation says full field access saves time, money, and protects employees

Cotton growing season has be- makes it possible for the embegun planting and those in check the traps, record the data other areas will begin soon. Foundation officials want to re- ployees' ability to check a large

mind growers of the importance number of traps quickly is reduced of providing full vehicular ac- and more employees may need to cess to all sides of cotton fields. be hired to check the traps. When cotton producers begin Employee safety is also an isplanting, foundation employees sue in full field access. The place boll weevil traps around foundation is committed to a the perimeters of the fields. The safe work environment for its traps contain a pheromone at- employees. Checking traps tractant that lures boll weevils into from a pickup protects employthe traps and an insecticide strip that ees from slips and falls that may keeps them from leaving.

functions: eliminating weevils ards. Injured employees often from fields and providing data cannot work for a period of on weevil activity. The foundation uses the data to measure the other employees and decreasprogress of eradication and to ing the efficiency of the effort. make treatment decisions. Em- Reducing the number of injured

gun in Texas as growers in the ployees to easily place the traps southern part of the state have around the fields and later to and service the traps from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication pickup. Without access, the em-

occur from walking in fields, The traps serve two important crossing ditches and other haztime, increasing the load on ployees check the traps weekly. employees has a positive effect on

development, and ' grow their communities'.

Brunson, now playing an active role in Muleshoe's Economic Development Corporation (EDC), displayed a chart depicting an annual cost benefit analysis of nine projects the EDC had helped attract to Muleshoe. The projects included small businesses with as few as five employees and as many as 65.

through 2001, provided financial incentives to the nine entities totaling \$615,350. Brunson pointed out "This doesn't necessarily mean we offered these

ties eager to promote economic over \$3,300,00. Another big plus from these projects was a \$1.6 million increase in our taxable values. I think this is pretty impressive, and especially so when no tax dollars

> projects to Muleshoe." Brunson handed out material detailing 6 popular myths about the future of small towns, and they included (1) Towns that are ' too small' have no future

Muleshoe's EDC, from 1999 at which a town can survive. (2) A towns location is the key to its survival - In an information age, leadership, not location, is the most important factor in community survival. (3)firms this amount in cash. Fi- Industrial recruitment is the nancial incentives can include best strategy for economic ing system, and possible extensive work to replace the lighting system and other interior work on the building, constructed in 1949.

The court heard Johnson representatives describe the present heating and cooling system as archaic and inefficient, and very expensive to operate. The boiler system used for heating needs to be replaced, the cooling units need updating, and the computerized operating system needs replacing.

A glitch in the electronic equipment used in the presentation prevented printing a hard copy of the proposal Johnson

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Placing the traps around all the foundation's insurance costs, sides of the fields provides better data on weevil activity, making treatment decisions more accurate. Without this data, weevil infestations may go unnoticed, and the length of time to complete within program guidelines to eradication is extended.

Field edges may also need to be treated from the ground using truck mounted mist blowers. Without full access to fields, the edges cannot be treated. This untreated cotton provides a haven for boll weevils to feed and reproduce in, which again extends the time necessary to complete eradication.

checking the traps is for employees to drive around the pe- ronmentally responsible manrimeter of the field. Access ner possible.

Dangerous Tank Battery Fire

and the savings can be used to shorten the amount of time needed to pay off a zone's obligations. Foundation employees are

willing to work with growers place traps in the most accessible and efficient location that has the least impact on farming operations. Growers with questions should contact their field unit supervisors or the nearest district office. The Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton The most efficient method for boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and envi-

New Regulations Mean Short Time-Frame To Secure NAP Coverage Growers of Noninsurable Crops Need to Act Now

Federal regulations published recently set the stage for better risk protection for growers of noninsurable crops, but leave able protection against crop only a short time for producers to take advantage of the benefits available for crop losses in 2001 and 2002. Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices stand ready to accept applications from producers for coverage available through the Noninsured Assistance Program (NAP).

Crops eligible for NAP coverage are those for which crop insurance is not available, including fruits and vegetables, aquaculture, pecans, turfgrass and forage crops.

losses," says John Fuston, State Executive Director for FSA in gram has already begun to ben-Texas. "It's critical that producers file their 2001 and 2002 applications for coverage and \$212,000 for NAP crop losses pay their service fees by April incurred in 2001," Fuston says. 18, 2002. Like crop insurance, once an application period closes, the opportunity to obtain coverage is gone," he says. NAP coverage requires a service fee of \$100 per crop, per producer with a \$300 cap per county. Out of pocket expenses for any producer will not to exceed \$900, even if produc-

"The new regulations govern- tion occurs in more than three ing NAP give producers the counties. Service fees may be opportunity to purchase afford- waived for eligible limited resource producers.

> "The new, streamlined proefit Texas growers. To date Texas has dispersed more than Under the previous NAP program, coverage was only available when catastrophic losses occurred in a widespread area. New provisions allow for individual coverage tailored to meet a producer's specific needs and allow for a custom-

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Around 10:30 AM Monday, four units of the Plains Volunteer Fire Department responded to a fire scene at Apache Oil's Brahaney Unit on the Allred Road. Apparently the fire started in a heater treater at the storage site, causing serious damage but no injuries to personnel. Denver City Fire Fighters also arrived at the scene.

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NAP zed crop protection plan. With Controls made. but updating he elimination of area crop loss provisions, each qualifying inbased on its own merits. "Because FSA has the ability o protect against individual osses, response time is quicker ind payment to the producer vill be at the end of the growng season," says Fuston. As outlined in the regulations, naintaining eligibility for 2001 nd 2002 crops requires prolucers who otherwise would be ate in filing the application pply and pay service fees vithin 30 days of publication of the rule. NAP continues to equire reporting of crop acreige, yields and production as a ondition of eligibility. In adlition, producers are required o report losses the earlier of 15 lays after damaging weather occurs or the date loss becomes ipparent.

"Good record keeping by prolucers is becoming increasngly more important.

This is especially true for NAP because accurate records enure producers receive the best overage available under the orogram," says Fuston.

Fuston explained, if producers imely filed a notice of loss for he 2001 crop year they may be ligible for NAP benefits. However, if this notice of loss vas not filed within 15 days of he disaster or the loss becomes upparent, then the producer is not eligible for 2001.

In addition to filing applicaions for coverage and paying ees within the next 30 days, NAP crop producers have the 2000 crop production to both support their proven yields and ecords to substantiate loss the Sheriff's Department. laims.

2002 is now down to less than 30 days. So I would encourage nterested producers who imely submitted notices of loss on 2001 crops to apply for coverage by April 18, 2002, and encourage 2002 NAP producers to heed this deadline as vell," Fuston states. For more information about NAP and other FSA adminisered programs, contact your ocal USDA Service Center or visit the national FSA website t www.fsa.usda.gov.

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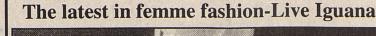
just the heating and cooling system would cost around lividual loss can be addressed \$300,000. The court is attempting to budget these major repairs and additions with annual payments on the debt spread over 15 years, or about \$20,000 per year.

> If other reapairs and remodeling expenses are considered, including a complete new lighting system, possible installation of energy saving doors and windows, and all new plumbing lines badly needed, the total project could reach \$600,000, calling for \$40,000 annual payments over the same 15 years. Johnson Controls people told the court the savings in energy from all the work would probably completely offset the amount of the annual installment payments

Arlon Gentry, County Extension Agent-Ag, presented certificates to officials earning continuing education credits at sessions sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, in cooperation with the County Judges and Commissioners Association and County and District Clerks Association of Texas.

Betty Rivas, County Tax Assessor/Collector, reported \$36,638 taxes collected during the month of March.

Marc Traweek, Plains EMS, reported receiving a proposal for the purchase of communication equipment from South for disabilities and deaths Plains Communication totaling \$9,975. The equipment would to Agent Orange. Relentless include a repeater, and a tem- pressure from advocacy groups porary radio to be used by the resulted in Congress passing pportunity to certify their Sheriff Department. The pro- the Agent Orange Act of 1991, posal was approved. The equip- and as a result, over 8,000 Vietment will greatly improve com- nam veterans have received submit 2001 crop production munication between EMS and millions of dollars in disability





Carolyn and Vaughn Culwell, with Jack and Linda Bass, recently vacationed in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where Carolyn developed a deep friendship with the Hotel's pet Iguana, "Iggy".

Vietnam Vets finding disability compensation for Agent Orange exposure eaiser to qualify for

Yoakum County Veterans Service Officer Johnny Jones recently made literature available to CCN explaining favorable changes in the law for Vietnam veterans possibly exposed to the infamous Agent Orange defoliant, and now suffering medical problems.

Vietnam vets who have one of the many diseases now recognized by the VA connected to Agent Orange or their residuals are now able to have their disabilities declared presumptively service connected.

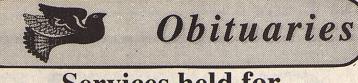
In the 1970's and 1980's, the VA denied thousands of claims which Vietnam vets attributed and death benefits.

The VA now contracts with the "The window of opportunity Austin- The 4th special session of National Academy of Sciences or NAP coverage for 2001 and the 35th Legislature which ad- to review evidence on links between dioxin exposure and disease. The bulk of the lengthy list of diseases now recognized as attributable to Agent Orange are a host of cancer types. Recently, Diabetes Type II (also known as diabetes mellitus) was added to the list of diseases recognized by the VA as covered under the Agent Orange Act.

ange exposure, a veteran only needs to satisfy a few simple rules: 1. The veteran served in Vietnam during the Vietnam era, and 2. the veteran currently has one of the diseases or residuals, of one of the diseases recognized by the VA as linked to Agent Orange exposure to a disabling degree of 10% or more, and 3, for some, but not all of the diseases, it must have manifested itself within a certain time from the last day of service in Vietnam.

The Vietnam service requirement does not mean a vet has to prove actual exposure to Agent Orange - rules require the VA to recognize if a veteran served there, he was exposed. To satisfy one requirement. Vietnam veterans need only submit medical evidence showing they currently have one of the VA's recognized diseases or residuals to a disabling degree of 10% or more.

For any Yoakum County Vietnam Veterans who were in country between January 9,



Services held for **Nuell Shofner**

Graveside services for Nuell Shofner, 80, were held at Lamesa Cemetery Saturday, April 6, with Rev. Darrell Bethany officiating. Burial was under direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors of Brownfield.

Mr. Shofner was born September 12, 1921 in Bangs, Texas. He attended Five Mile School and Texas Tech as an architectural engineering student. He married Goldie Cheek in 1942 while in California. He was a US Army veteran, serving with the 10th Armored Division of Patton's Third Army in Germany, where he received the Bronze Star for heroism. He was a member of the VFW.

He lived in Anchorage, Alaska where he was in the import/ export business. He came to Yoakum County in 1986.

He is survived by his wife Goldie; a son, Don, of Whittier, Alaska; a daughter, Dee Oley Reneau of Plains; two brothers, Choice, of Midland, and Reams of Lamesa, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Cleaburn.

Services for Sterling Ross Price

Graveside services were held at Clairette Cemetery, Clairette, Texas March 27. 2002 for Sterling Ross Price, 56, with Brother Bill Schibler officiating. He lived in Corpus Christi, and died in Audie Murphy Hospital, San Antonio.

He is survived by his wife Pamela; Two sons, Michael and his wife Amy, Corpus Christi, and Robert and his wife Janna, Forrest City, Illinois; a sister, Bobbie Payne of Plains, and numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sterling (Buck) and Sylvia Price.

Proclamation Of April As Fair Housing Month

WHEREAS Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares its a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and

WHEREAS The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans, and

WHEREAS The thirty-fourth anniversary of this National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity of all Americans to recognized that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE THE City Council of Plains, do proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Plains and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law.

journed today was totally dominated by the prohibition movement. Not only was legislation passed declaring state-wide prohibition, bootlegging will now be a felony crime.

In addition a 'ten-mile law' was passed, making it unlawful for the sale of any intoxicating beverages within ten miles of any military installation. It is estimated the new law will close some 1,800 of the 2,500 saloons now operating in the state.

The Texas News March 28, 1918



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1962 and May 7, 1975 and have questions about possible compensation claims based on Agent Orange medical problems, Service Officer Jones can offer lengthy and comprehensive written information about the VA program.

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Sunday Schedule

5:30-7:30 pm

Other Opportunities

You Lead people

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have affixed our signatures and seal on this 8th day of April, 2002.

T. J. Miller, Mayor

Witness:



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You are invited to a Presentation

held by the

Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District

for the opening of the

Precipitation Enhancement Program

on Thursday, Spril 11, 2002 at 7:00 991

Featured Speakers

Gary L. Walker ~ Project Manager

Duncan Axisa ~ Project Meteorologist

Tour of Facilities to follow

Located at north hangar of Plains Rirport

CITY OF PLAINS NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the Registered Voters of the City of Plains, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Plains, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 4, 2002, for voting in a general election to elect one (1) Mayor and two (2) Councilmembers

(Se la notificado, por el presente, que las casillas electorales nombradas abajo se abriràn desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de mayo de 2002 para votar en la Elección General para elegir

un alcalde y dos concejales)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE (LOCACION DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

YOAKUM COUNTY COMMUNITY BUILDING, 1006 AVE G, PLAINS, TEXAS (El edificio de la Comunidad del Condado de Yoakum, 1006 Ave G, Plains, Texas)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (Las votaciónes adelantadas en persona se llevará n cabo de lunes a viernes en)

THE TEMPORARY PLAINS CITY HALL IN THE EMS/FIRE DEPT BUILDING, 1104 AVE G, PLAINS, TEXAS

(El Municipalidad temporiario localizado en el EMS/ Fire Department, 1104 Ave G, Plains, Tx) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 17, 2002 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el, 17 de abril, 2002) and ending on April 30, 2002 (y terminardo el 30, de abril, 2002.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que votarán en ausencia por correro se deben enviar a:)

> Pam Rowe Name of Early Voting Clerk

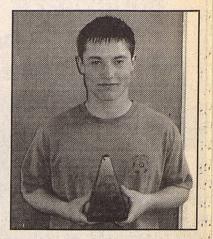
Student's of the Week



Student of the week is Tiffany students expect a little more of these things and more. He is a Canon, a junior and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert always prepared. Some stu- potential. He will be success-Canon. She was nominated by dents pay a little more attention ful at anything he sets out to Mrs. Ortega who said, "Some- to detail. Some students know accomplish. It is a pleasure to times, it is about being involved things their teachers don't. have this student in my class, in everything, but giving every- Some students can lift a lot of and even more so to know him thing you have to whatever you weight even though they're as a person. do. This week's student of the only about 5'6". This week's week gives the proverbial student of the week is all of

"110%". They are always cheerfully willing to attempt any task set before them. They go above and beyond by helping others without being asked."

Second Student of the week is Chris Hansen, a senior and the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hansen. He was nominated by Coach Johnson who said, "Some students work a little harder. Some



themselves. Some students are bright young man with loads of

Green wheat, white cattle make pretty scene



The Charolais cattle grazing just west of town last week made an attractive pastoral scene. A quick tour of the county indicates there may be larger numbers of cattle on wheat this year than in recent years.

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(Nombre del Secretario (a) de la Votación Adelantada) P.O. Box 550 (Address) (Dirección) Plains, Texas 79355 (City) (Ciudad) (Zip Code) (Zona Postal) Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on (Las Solicitudes para boletas que votarán en ausencia por correo se deben recibirse para el final de las horas de negocio en) April 27, 2002 27, de abril, 2002 (Date) (Fecha) Issued this the 11th Day of February, 2002 **Professional, Licensed Ag Applications** (Emitada este dia 11 de febrero, 2002) At Affordable Rates ! J.g. Mil Signature of Mayor (firma del alcalde) 806-456-6300 Office 806-456-6790 Fax GGB GGB 806-456-7536 David Mobile 806-456-7974 Sarah Mobile **Yoakum County Plains Clinic** www.gbaerial.com www.gbaerial.com 806-632-5375 Dain Mobile Amir Memon, MD **BAYER LUMBER** and & HARDWARE Jo Lena Wall, PA - C 1018 Ave. E Plains, Tx 79355 Will take Medicaid, Medicare, Major Insurance 806-456-4800 Voice & Fax and now CHIPS Will see Minor Emergencies, Chronic Medical Problems, Immunizations **SPECIALS** ! **TEXAS HEALTH STEPS Office Hours: Monday & Tuesday 8-5 BROWN JERSEY GLOVES .99** Wednesday 8-12 4pk "AA" H.D. BATTERIES \$1.99 **Thursday & Friday 8-5 Appointments preferred** Will take walk-ins

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Sundown meet scenes (Shot in wind blown rain, with poor results!)



Chase Howell in high jump



Jamie Covarrubias clears last hurdle



Moriah Traweek ran well in 100 meter pre-lims



PISD Sports Up Date

TENNIS:

The Brownfield Tennis Tournament was held on March 28 with 16 schools entered, Class AAA, AA and A teams. In Girls Singles, with 35 girls entered, Jessica Knight placed 3rd with wins over Muleshoe, Lubbock Roosevelt and her only loss was to a Seminole girl in the Semi-Finals.

In the Boys Doubles there were 25 Doubles Teams entered. The Plains Team of Kelly Bowers and Jarod Newland placed 2nd with wins over Meadow, Muleshoe, Brownfield and lost in the finals to a team from Seminole.

GOLF: The Cowboy and Cowgirl golf teams competed in the Big Spring Tournament March 27, with the Cowgirls tied for 4th place, and Cowboys tied for 5th place. Cowgirl individual scores included; Liz Wilmeth, 103 - Mackenzie Winn, 114 -Allison Butler, 115 - Mandi Rogers, 123, Jill Gray 129. Chelsi Wagnon was medalist with 116.

Cowboy scores were Jared Bell, 86 - Isaac Ramon, 89 - Evan Cain, 90 - Chase Howell, 94 and Tanner Hamm, 97. The two medalists were Brandon Hise, 98, and Cody Flores, 115. The teams next began their first round of district play April 3, at Gains County Country Club in Seminole. The Cowgirls have a 1 stroke lead over Stanton, for 1st place and the Cowboys have a 3 stroke lead over Forsan for 2nd place.

The Cowgirls individual performances included: Liz Wilmeth-99, Mackenzie Winn-109, Mandi Rogers-117, Allison Butler-119, Jill Gray-129. Chelsi Wagnon participated as a medalist with a score of 119.

The Cowboys scores included: Jared Bell-83, Evan Cain-87, Isaac Ramon-94, Chase Howell-102, Tanner Hamm-109. Brandon Hise and Cody Flores competed as medalists, both with scores of 99.

The second round of district play will be Thursday, April 11th at Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring.

BASEBALL: The Cowboys were downed by Colorado 13-5 on April 5. Jared Bell was on the mound, and threw 6 strikeouts. Kevin Bartley registered an extra base hit, with Bell, Joseph Rodriquez, Evan Cain and Richard Diaz getting singles. Track:

Junior High - 7th Girls: In the Junior High District meet here last Friday, the girls had some impressive performances. First place honors went to Desiraye Broome in the 200 and 400 M dash. She was also second in the high jump. Caitlin Carter won a second place in the 300 Hurdles. Third place winners included Nancy Lozano, 800 run, 800 relay team, Meghan Garcia, Alice Curtis, Angelica Gomez, and Araceli Mendoz. Mile relay team, Meghan Garcia, Caitlin Carter, Alice Curtis and Desiraye Broome. Fourth place winners were Nicole Culwell, 100 and 300 hurdles. The 400 re'ay team, Lisa Neufeld, Angelica Gomez, Hallie Cotton and Araceli Mendoza were fifth, and Erika Loewen was 5th in the 800 run.

8th girls: Priscilla Mares won the shot put and was second in the discus, and Skylar Keesee was 5th in 300 hurdles.

7th Boys- The 7th boys were second in the meet, with 118 points from only 9 athletes. Individual results;

1st place- 2400 M run, Jose Villegas. 400 relay, Johan Cueto,

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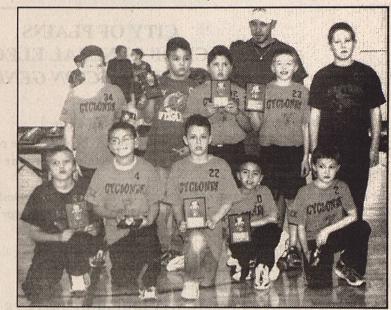
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The Little Dribbler Lady Wranglers, shown above, placed second in the Tatum tournament, and fourth in the Three Way tournament. They were coached by Steve Hernandez, Alma Mares and Davis Gomez. seated, Margarita Gomez. Taylor Banfield; Standing, Abby Hernandez, Gladys Gallegos, Rochelle Moya, Marina Martinez, Jasmine Mares. The boys Cyclone team, below, also competed in the tournaments. Their coaches were Junior Lira (shown) and Joe Martiinez. Kneeling, Blake Longoria, Andrew Conway, Jordan Rivera, Jonathan Lira, Jaxon Bean. Standing, Jaaron Bell, Arthur Ruiz, Erik Delgado, Brandon Craft, Jason Durham. Not present, Zachary Lazos.





Jose Villegas, Landon Craft, Mario Rubacaba. 2nd place- 800 run- Steven Dominguez 2nd, Scott Addison 3d. 100 dash- Johan Cueto 2nd, Antonio Martinez 6th.200 dash- 1st, Jose Villegas. 1600 relay-1st- Johan Cueto, Steven Dominguez, Scott Addison, Mario Bubacab. Shot put- 5th, Antonio Martinez. Discus- 6th, Joe Anthony Rivera. Long jump- 1st, Mario Rubacaba. High School- Cowgirls; 800 Run- 6th- Manuela Villegas. 800 Relay-Kayla Willis, Jill Gray, Manuela Villegas, Jessica Rodriguez. Discus- 4th, Kayla Willis. (Moriah Traweek qualified for 100 dash finals, but had to leave to attend One Act Play) Cowboys- Chris McGinty was 2nd in the shot put, and Moises Gonzales was 2nd in the 200 dash.



Joseph Rodriguez hands baton to Moises Gonzales in 400 relay



Chris McGinty finished second in shot put.





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CASA Of The South Plains National Child Abuse Prevention And Awareness Month With Light Of Hope Vigil

children are reported abused and neglected in the South zebo, 800 Broadway, for a Plains area. To raise awareness of alarming statistics like these, CASA of the South Plains announced it will host a candlelight vigil. CASA of the South Plains is a nonprofit organization that trains community volunteers to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court. This event supports local efforts to fight child abuse throughout the month of April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month (NCPAM). This year's event is one of several awareness and education activities across the country in April to recognize National Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. CASA hopes to encourage community members to come together on Thursday, April 11, children's lives without suffi-

Every year, more than 3,739 2002, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lub- cient information, conceived bock County Courthouse Gacandlelight ceremony to raise a 'light of hope' as a symbol of awareness for our area's abused and neglected children.

> "CASA volunteers have a profound impact on the lives of abused and neglected children," said Jane Piercy, Executive Director of CASA of the South Plains. "When you first meet the child, you have a very bewildered, lost soul, but if you are willing to do all the work it takes to get them into a safe, permanent home, you see that child come from an area of very little hope and really blossom. I cannot think of a volunteer opportunity that is more rewarding."

> In 1976 a Seattle judge concerned over making decisions about abused and neglected

the idea of using trained community volunteers to speak for the best interests of these children in court, helping to ensure that they will live in a safe and loving environment. So successful was this Seattle program, that soon judges across

the country began utilizing citizen advocates. In 1990, the U.S. Congress encouraged the expansion of CASA/GAL with passage of the Victims of Child Abuse Act. Today, more than 900 CASA/GAL programs operate in 50 states, with more than 60,000 men and women serving as CASA/GAL volun-

teers. For more information on CASA and NCPAM, or how you can be a CASA/GAL supporter or volunteer, contact CASA of the South Plains at 806-763-2272 or visit the Web site at www.lubbockcasa.org.

New Books At The

Yoakum County

Library

Midnight Runner...Jack Higgins,

Scorched Earth...David

Robbins, Walter's Purple Heart...Catherine Hyde, Body

Of Lies...Iris Johansen, Color

Sidewalk

Me...Brandilyn Collins, Hurricane Bay...Heather Graham,

Malchus...W.G. Griffiths, Three

Knight: My Story...Bob Knight

Fates...Nora Roberts

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Page 5, Cowboy Country News, April 10, 2002 Tsa Mo Ga wins awards at

Tsa Mo Ga Club members attending the Texas Federation of Womens Club Caprock District Convention in Lubbock walked away with a number of competition prizes. The club finished in second place at the convention with 14 first and 9 second place awards. Their Yearbook was a first place winner, as was Cover contest entry.

TFWC Convention

Other awards included;

Arts & Crafts- Wilma Powell, first, china painting, and Valeria Winn, first, Afghan.

Literature/Performing arts, youth short stories- Grades 7-9, Grady McNabb, first.

Youth Poetry-Grades 4-6, Landon Craft second Grades 7-9, Stacie Alldredge second. Grades 10-12, Lisa San Filippo first. Club members also won awards in conservation, education, home life, Texas heritage, and outstanding Americanism.

Ashlee (Winn) Davis was present to accept one of the six scholarships presented by the Caprock District offered each year. Past Caprock District President Zareta Winn and Life Members Mary Jo St. Romain, Sarah Jane Shelton and Wilma Powell were also recognized.

Members attending the convention included Sarah Shelton, Dolores Davis, Wilma Powell, Mary Jo St. Romain, Valeria and Zareta Winn.

Art Association Meets

The Yoakum County Art Association held its regular meeting in the clubroom of the Old Courthouse on April 2, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. The fifteen members present enjoyed watching Jean Green of Olton paint a still life in oils. After the demonstration, the members held their monthly meeting. A door prize brought by Tina Coffman, artist of the month, was won by Wadonna Davis. Refreshments were served by hostesses Janelle Brantley and Jimmie Bayer. The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the clubroom of the old courthouse on May 7. Jolena Wall will be guest artist. Guests are always welcome. by Thelma Cheatham Secretary YCAA



The Greater Houston Search Dogs took the "muttmitt" pledge, standing in front of the Battleship Texas at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site as part of the 9th Annual Rivers, Lakes, Bays 'N Bayous Trash Bash. They encouraged all Houston/Galveston area dog owners to

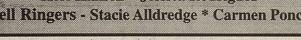
pledge to pick up after their pet, helping prevent nonpoint source pollution. Pet waste is a major nonpoint source pollution problem in many Texas waterways. This billboard is part of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission's statewide campaign: "Please Don't Feed the Storm Drain."

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On a recent Wednesday too cold to play golf (yes, there are such days, but there are a few idiots in the county who still brave 29 degree temps and winds of 29 mph), I was in the club house reading a golf magazine. That is the ONLY thing in the club house free, other than the resident pro's oft repeated prompts, "You really should let me give you lessons - it will greatly improve your game." The lessons, naturally, ance" They sell for a buck are NOT free.

The article discussed the I shop. amazin number ofgolf ball brands now offered on the market, every one guaranteed to give you vastly more yardage, more accuracy, greater spin, and naturally, much truer putts. They promote things like Titanium inner cores, softer (or harder) covers, more abilities to suck the ball back on approach shots to the greens (at this point, I always wonder, who hits greens in regulation anyway?), and wonder upon wonders, true economical value for all the benefits. Yeah. The hype the companies spout about these golf balls makes one wonder if they are not about to break into a rousing

song and dance routine as soon as you take them out of the box, with lyrics like ' Come on, you, big bad old boy, hit me just hard as you can, I'll LOVE IT!' For some of these amazing little white objects, you can expect to fork over \$54 buck per dozen. With my skills, I would be terrified to hit one of the gold-plated things - it would go

into the water, or into a prairie dog hole, forever. Our Club Pro, bless his charitable heart, does have some

bargains. In a couple of apple baskets, he has balls marked, "Only For Ultra-Conservative Players," and "For Those Who Really Don't Give A Serious Flip About Your Game", and "Provided For Players Whose Wives Monitor Their Allowapiece. Naturally, that's where

In Sunday's FBC church bulletin, the Main Man 's column featured a humorous bit about small towns, and for once I agree with him 100% - make that 84%, I refuse to make him gloat. It got me thinking about Plains, America, and how fortunate we are compared to other hamlets our size.

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Take a drive around our South Plains area, see what they have. I attended a track meet Saturday in a town with about 50 more people than we do. Unless I missed count, they had ONE burrito parlor; We have a restaurant, a DQ, AND a Burrito stand.

Take your survey trip thru Morton, New Deal, Ralls, you know the comparable towns. Most of them don't have a courthouse - we do. Most do not have an annual rodeo and Old Settlers Reunion, as we do. NONE of them have a "Connection", resposible for the totally sucessful Watermelon Round Up. Few, if any, have a city government operating in the black with no tax increases, yet have a new fire hall and EMS building, and a NEW city hall soon to be under construction. How many have a city park nice as ours, a cemetery as well maintained. Our school district constantly outperforms academically in it's district.

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