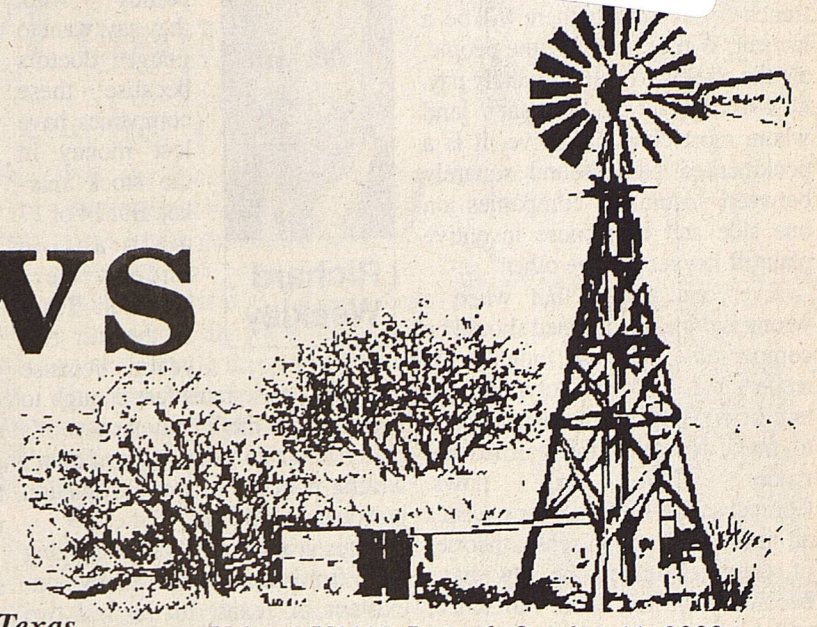


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Federation responds to boll weevil catches in eradicated Southern High Plains Zone

Boll weevils have been found in the Southern Rolling Plains eradication zone, which was declared functionally eradicated in September 2000. Just how concerned should growers be? Although weevil catches are a concern to be watched, measures are in place to protect growers' investment in eradication, said Charles Allen, program director for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

"We have increased the number of traps in the area where the weevils were found, and are being vigilant about checking these traps," he said. "Of course, we treated the area as soon as the weevils were found to eliminate them."

A weevil was found in a trap northwest of San Angelo at the beginning of September. This weevil was thought to be a "hitchhiker", which probably came in on cotton harvesting equipment, as it was caught in a field near a major highway. Four more weevils were caught three weeks later in the same field, and they could have been products of reproductive activity, Allen said.

"Our people have responded well to this incident and are keeping a close eye on the situation," he said. "Much of the crop in that area is at a mature stage, and this will help us out as well."

At maturity, cotton puts most of its energy into finishing development of bolls on the plant and is less attractive to

weevils because the plant isn't producing the squares and immature fruit weevils seek for feeding and reproduction.

The zone's status as functionally eradicated means it qualifies for certain protections enacted by the state, intended to protect it from reinfestation, usually referred to as quarantine regulations. The Texas Department of Agriculture is responsible for developing and enforcing these regulations. Cotton and cotton products capable of sustaining weevils must not be brought into or through the zone, and cotton harvesting equipment such as harvesters and module builders must be thoroughly cleaned and free of weevils before passing into or through the zone.

The weevil catches do have a positive side, however. "You never want to find evidence of reinfestation in an eradicated zone," Allen said, "but if there's a positive in this situation, it's that we've all been reminded of the need for vigilance. We can't have dirty equipment coming into an eradicated zone. TDA has responded to the situation, trying to develop ways of tightening enforcement, and the growers will be even more watchful in the future."

Growers with questions about the quarantine rules may contact their local eradication office or TDA at 1-800-835-5832, and may report suspected violations to TDA at the same number.

Brief but violent hail storm rips up town

Extensive but minor property damage occurs mainly on eastern portion of Plains

About 8 P.M. last Tuesday evening, residents became aware winds from the south were increasing rapidly, and in moments, pea size hail and rain began to pelt down. Wind speeds picked up dramatically, estimated at least 70 m.p.h. and began hurling the hail, now some stones the size of golf balls, almost horizontally throughout most of the eastern half of the city. Many residents reported the hail striking their residences sounded like their homes were being battered by machine gun fire.

While sitting out the storm seemed an eternity, it probably lasted no more than some ten to twelve minutes.

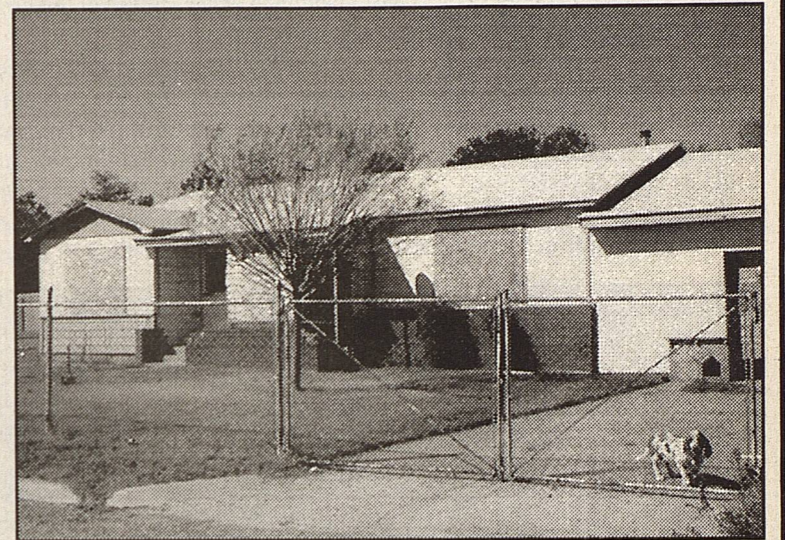
When the wind and hail stopped, a quick tour through the south east portion of town found dozens of residents in their yards, examining very evident damage from the storm, and many were already taking steps to cover hundreds of broken windows and glass doors, primarily those facing south.

Keith Bayer of Bayer Lumber

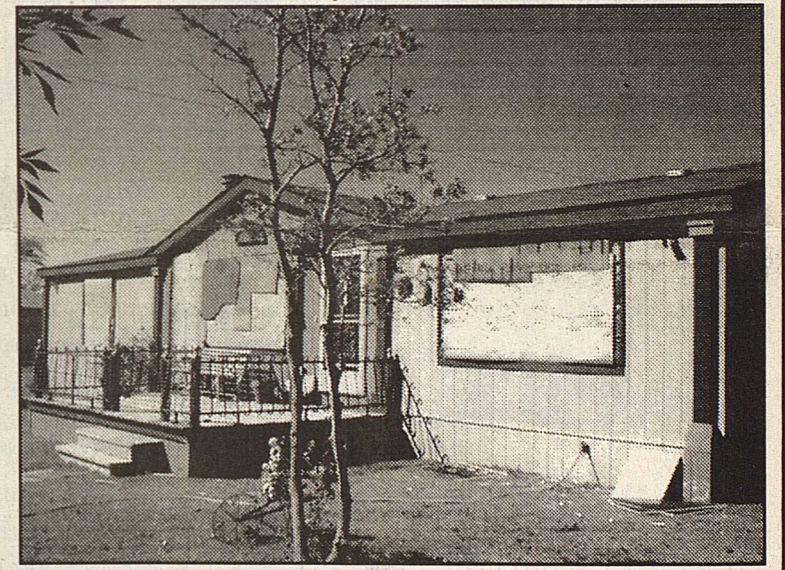
reported he opened the store, and very quickly almost sold out of 4' x 8' sheets of plywood. Another tour of the southeast area Thursday revealed at least 54 homes with boarded up or covered windows and glass doors, and quite apparent roof damage on most. A number of vehicles were also hammered by the fierce hail.

While any hail damage to ag crops at the start of the harvest season is never good news, it appears county producers may have been relatively lucky, compared to the property damage here in town. Danny Bell, State Line Insurance, and Jim Brown, Ag Insurance Plus, reported growers they are doing business with apparently suffered less than 2,000 acres of cotton damage, and part of that suffered only partial damage.

Last Friday, there were at least four contractors hustling roofing and siding repair jobs. It's probable they, and possibly others, will be around for some time.



Most all homes on 17th had windows or doors, or both covered the day after the storm



Criminal cases heard in County Court

In the September 30 session of County Court, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state, Jeffery Michael Moreno pled guilty to a subsequent DWI charge. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with credit for 12 days

served. He must pay \$226 court costs, and surrender his license 90 days. Causes of driving with suspended license, failure to appear, public lewdness, and DWI in Terry County were adjudicated. DPS Trooper Brad

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Floyd FFA girls win state event with cloud seeding program



Darcee Chenault, Kelli Johnson, Audra Scofield, Mallory Marez checkout a Cessna 340 aircraft used in the SOAR program here.

Four members of the Floyd, New Mexico FFA visited Plains recently, guests of Sandy Land Underground Water District. They were invited by Gary Walker and SOAR Meteorologist Duncan Axisa to tour the precipitation enhancement aircraft hangar at the county airport, and the weather tracking radar facilities manned by Duncan during the cloud seeding season.

With technical information and advice from Walker and Axisa, and sponsored by Ms. Scotty Savage of the Roosevelt County Soil and Water Conservation District, Darcee Chenault, Mallory Marez, Kelli Johnson, Audra Scofield and Jewlie Paiz entered a statewide FFA competition called Ag Issues. FFA students had to pick a controversial topic involving agriculture, research the topic, presenting pros and cons and then pick a side of the issue they believed the evidence supports for a healthy agricultural economy.

The girls chose precipitation enhancement, or cloud seeding, and prepared a skit depicting the students efforts to make believers of skeptics on the issue. Their presentation won the New Mexico state competition, and they will take their performance to competition in the national FFA convention to be held in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ms. Savage, and the visiting FFA girls expressed their gratitude to Walker and Axisa for their input leading to their state win in the competition.

County's fall harvest picks up steam



John Deere stripper in very good field of irrigated cotton west of town

Long, expensive months of land preparation, planting, cultivating, irrigating, applying herbicides and pesticides are culminating for area ag producers, and the fall harvest is underway at last.

Two of the principal county crops, peanuts and cotton, are just starting to be harvested, while harvesting of the other mainstay crop, famed Yoakum County watermelons, is rapidly coming to a close.

Early reports indicate good yields and mostly excellent quality of Spanish, Runner, Valencia and Virginia peanuts.

Officials at Tokio CoOp, Yoakum County CoOp and New Tex gins report the irrigated cotton crop to be as good if not better than last year. Earlier, the dry land crop looked very dismal, but timely, if scattered rains pulled a surprising amount through. Most producers are once again smiling.

Consumers caught in crossfire of lawsuits

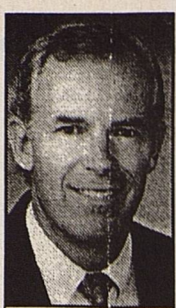
Whether it's a crack in a city sidewalk or a trace of beef in a fast food french-fry, eventually there will be a lawsuit. Win or lose, we, the people, are the ones who will ultimately pay.

Welcome to the no-man's land where most consumers live. It is a pockmarked battleground squarely between insurance companies on one side and ever more inventive plaintiff lawyers on the other.

Everyone agrees that when a wrong is done, the harmed should be compensated by those found to be responsible. Unfortunately, the system of civil justice that is supposed to make sure that the harmed are made whole has flaws. Compensation too often far exceeds all limits of common sense; theories of damages under the law have become more and more farfetched; and settlements reached and judgments rendered almost always eventually come out of our own pockets.

Who would disagree that people harmed by their doctors should be compensated? But for every 100 doctors in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, there are 350 medical malpractice claims filed. Most of these lawsuits fail, but every legal defense costs thousands of dollars. Who pays? We do. First the doctors are hit with malpractice premium rate hikes of 100 percent and more. These higher costs then cause consumer health insurance rates to dramatically escalate. Employers then scale back health coverage.

Consumer groups who take funding from trial lawyers, simply blame



Richard Weekley

insurance companies who, they say, want to gouge doctors because these companies have lost money in the stock market. But 14 of 17 malpractice underwriters have left Texas in the last two years because they can't raise rates fast enough to keep up with the litigation costs. It's pretty tough to gouge if you aren't writing policies, so this explanation just doesn't hold up.

Four years ago, lawsuits alleging harm from mold were virtually nonexistent in Texas. In the last two years, however, Texas has seen 40,000 insurance claims for "toxic" mold. Yet internationally respected experts in immunology and microbiology say that the public hysteria manufactured over mold has *absolutely no foundation in medical science*. These facts have not stopped lawsuits claiming memory loss and neurological damage. For consumers it is an expensive hoax; insurance rates have doubled for many homeowners.

After a 32 million dollar "toxic" mold judgment, the ruse swung into high gear. Pictures of mold remediators in environmental "moon suits" inspired thousands of others to seek relief from the supposedly dangerous mold in their homes.

Meanwhile, Continuing Legal Education courses are offered on how to best sue on behalf of clients with mold in their homes. Some dubbed it, "mold for gold".

Responsible nursing homes have been in the news lately saying that they are one lawsuit away from bankruptcy because they can no longer afford their malpractice insurance. A nursing home reform law with the completely justifiable purpose of punishing those who were responsible for poor conditions and inadequate care was recently enacted. But built into that reform were plaintiff lawyer designed elements that created an open season on all nursing homes.

With insurance companies on one side and plaintiff lawyers on the other side, some Texas physicians have decided that their profession has become impractical and they are taking early retirement. Many long-term care nurses are fleeing a profession they now see as too risky. For consumers in many counties in Texas, having a baby delivered or finding affordable homeowners insurance is becoming increasingly difficult.

As consumers, we can be grimly amused with stories of lawsuits against fast food companies on behalf of clients who *didn't know* that eating a lot of double cheeseburgers might make them fat. We can watch while billions of dollars of state tax revenues evaporate into higher and higher health insurance costs. Or, we can tackle the flaws in

our civil justice system, which are costing us so much money.

As a lawsuit reform group, we believe that compensation for "economic" damages should not be limited but that highly subjective "non-economic" damages in medical malpractice cases should be capped at a reasonable level. California enacted such a solution in 1975 and medical malpractice rates there have remained stable and below the national average ever since. There are other solutions to this death-by-lawsuit spiral in which we find ourselves that can go a long way toward restoring a measure of common sense to our civil justice system.

We are developing, for example, legislation which would act as a disincentive for those who think of a lawsuit as a lottery ticket by encouraging parties in litigation to reach realistic and reasonable settlements early in the process. Also important is the recognition by those serving on civil juries that lawsuits should make a harmed party whole, not an overnight millionaire.

Our efforts to win fair changes in our system have not stopped lawsuits, nor should they. But until the public itself takes a stand for a civil justice system driven more by justice than by greed, we can all expect to pay more from the middle of the battlefield.

Richard W. Weekley is President and CEO of Texans for Lawsuit Reform, a statewide civil justice reform organization.

Digging up a cloud of dust....



Produces these good peanuts



JV Girls in recent action. More photos page 4

Plains Elementary Honor Roll

First Grade - All A's: Colby Bearden, Jaston Brink, Eliza Caballero, Claire Carpenter, Chasity Chavez, Brianna Coffman, Daniel Cueto, Miguel Garcia, Lucas hernandez, Cameron Knight, Jennifer Lira, Trevor Locklin, Adora Ramos, Brittney Roper, Herman Sawatzky, Jacob Sawatzky, Kelli Sellers, Percy Sosa, Anthonyb Torres, Zachary Wilkins, Bailey Winn. A-B Roll- Alexander Barrientes, Addy Botello, Darryl Cox, Laz Escobar.

Second Grade- All A's- Nicholas Alvarado, Josie Cantu, Marina Corrales, Salvador Corrales, Merrit Crump, Vanessa Cueto, Jonathan Davis, Whitney Davis, Latie Dearing, Darren Fenton, Autumn Friesen, Rebecca Garcia, Andrew Lara, Stacy Loewen, Jacob Neufeld P.J. Pando, Karla Powell, Matthew Ramos, Victoria Reyes Devron Sainz, Kailey Vasquez

Haley Welch. A-B Omar Calderon, Gerado Martinez
Third Grade All A's- Marya Cueto, Dakota Earnest, Taylor Fitzgerald, Carolina Hernandez, Jasmine Whitzel, Brook Wilson. A-B roll- Adraina Corrales, Zachary Lamar, Maria Loewen, Hunter Parrott, Cynthia Rodriguez. Fourth Grade All A's- Stephanie Addison, Kelbi Bartley, Forest Booth, Jaxon Bean, Hanna Crump, Cody Friesen, Gladis Gallegos, Kevin John Gass, Kristen Knight, Chase Ortega, Hunter Welch. A-B Samantha Delerosa, Sara Martens

James Sylvester carried the only flag on the field in the battle of San Jacinto. Later, he ordered a ragged prisoner taken to General Sam Houston. The prisoner was Gen. Santa Anna.

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Concealed handgun license course scheduled

A concealed handgun licensee course is scheduled October 25-26 at South Plains College in Levelland.

Classes will meet 7 to 10 PM Friday, October 25, and 8 am - 7 pm Saturday, October 26, in the Law Enforcement Building, Room 115.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 10:00 AM Friday, October 25, 2002 for the sale of (1) Used 1986 C-10 Pickup, (1) Used 1990 C-1500 and (1) Used 1985 C-10 from Precinct 4. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, October 28, 2002.

To inspect the vehicle, Please contact Jack Cobb, Commissioner Pct. #4, PO Box 207, Plains, TX 79355 or call 806-456-6525.

For specifications, please contact the Yoakum County Auditor, PO Box 516, Plains, TX 79355 (806-456-2422) or Commissioner Jack Cobb, Pct. 4, PO Box 207, Plains, TX 79355 (806-456-6525)

Sealed bids should be marked "USED VEHICLES" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/ Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains TX 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Commissioners Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Cost is \$70 for new applicants and \$35 for renewal applicants. Renewal applicants need only attend the Saturday session.

"This is a state required introductory course for persons who wish to carry a concealed handgun in Texas," said Joe Wise, assistant professor of law enforcement.

The course covers use of force/public contact with law enforcement, non-violent dispute resolution, weapons storage and safety practices, range safety, basic marksmanship, handgun use and evaluation.

Participants must pass a final written exam, which demonstrates knowledge of and proficiency at minimum standards.

The course also requires a proficiency demonstration in SPC's indoor firing range.

Ammunition will be furnished. Participants need to bring their driver license and two magazines for their semi-automatic handgun.

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Jail overcrowding leads to dollar woes

Sheriff Don Corzine appeared before Commissioner Court this Monday to explain chronic overcrowding at the county jail, forcing many inmates to be housed in out of county lock up facilities, had depleted the funds budgeted for housing inmates here in 2002. "When we pay the Terry County facility the September bill for housing our prisoners the account will be overdrawn."

The sheriff went on to explain the jail here is licensed to hold a maximum of 13 prisoners, and the State Jail Commission prefers no more than 10 to 11 prisoners. "Last Friday, we had 17 people locked up, and were forced to send 4 to Brownfield. Today, the count was 19, and we had to make another transfer." The county has a contract with the Brownfield facility providing Yoakum County with five jail beds per day, at \$32 per bed per day. When 2002 funds were budgeted, \$65,404 was allocated for the out of county housing. Corzine said steady overcrowding of the jail here had far exceeded the five beds per day contract, and asked the court to approve an additional \$20,000 to continue the out of county inmate housing until the first of the year.

In other court agenda items, the court approved including in the minutes a recent order from District Judge Kelly G. Moores setting salaries for the County Order and two assistants. Salary for the Auditor was set at \$47,745, Assistant \$28,245, and Assistant 2 \$22,404.

The court also approved a bid proposal from Terry County Tractor for the purchase of three new flex-wing rotary mowers for use in Precincts 1, 2, and 4.

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Taylor was investigating officer. In the October 7 session of County Court, Victor Manuel Ojeda pled guilty to Count 2 reckless driving. He was fined \$200 and must pay \$225 court costs. William Gardner, Denver City Police, was investigating officer, and David Martinez was his attorney.

Randy Lee Carter pled guilty to possession of less than two ounces marijuana. A 90 day jail

sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$200, must pay \$210 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will surrender his driver license 180 days, serve 24 hours community service, and complete the drug offender education program. Investigating officer was William Gardner, and David Martinez was his attorney.

Texas launches unprecedented, hard-hitting anti-DWI campaign

Guidance available to parents about graphic TV spots

AUSTIN - A drunk driver left Jacqueline Saburido with no nose, no ears and no hands. But starting next week she will be appearing in the most hard-hitting anti-DWI television PSAs ever aired in Texas.

Formerly a self-described "average college kid" who enjoyed swimming, flamenco dancing and spending time with family and friends, Jacqueline survived a fiery drunk driving crash in Austin three years ago which left her badly burned and disfigured. Because she passionately wants to make a contribution to reducing drunk driving crashes, she agreed to appear in new television commercials sponsored by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) that will begin airing statewide on Monday.

"Texas still leads the nation in alcohol-related traffic fatalities," explained TxDOT Deputy Executive Director Steve Simmons. "And that's why, even though some may find these images disturbing, we are grateful to Jacqui for her willingness to help grab the attention of Texas drivers, especially teens and younger adults, and get them to focus on the frightening consequences of drinking and driving."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 1,800 people were killed on Texas streets and highways in 2000 in crashes involving alcohol. The DPS reports that on average, one person is hurt every 21 minutes in an alcohol-related crash, resulting in more than 25,000 injuries every year.

Arrests in Texas for driving while intoxicated top 90,000 annually.

"Teens and young adults are the most likely to be involved in drunk driving crashes," said John Posey, president of Mothers Against Drunk Driving-Heart of Texas Chapter. "Underage drinking is also a serious problem, and that's why we support this new campaign and applaud the courage and conviction of Ms. Saburido."

The new TV PSA is chilling in its power and simplicity. Jacqui is sitting in a chair holding up, in front of her face, a framed photo of herself prior to the crash. By any standard, this is the picture of a beautiful young woman.

Continuing to hold the photo in front of her face, she says: "My name is Jacqueline Saburido. This is a picture of me before I was hit by a drunk driver, before the car caught fire, before two of my friends died, before I needed more than forty operations. This was me when my life was just like anyone else in college."

Then she lowers the photo, revealing her now badly burned and disfigured face -- nose and ears missing. She then says, "This is me after being hit by drunk driver." The commercial finishes with the announcer saying, "Don't drink and drive...ever."

"Research tells us that our target audience of young men between the ages of 16 and 24 don't notice commercials that aren't bold and hard-hitting," said Simmons. "We are airing this powerful new spot on stations and times that target teens and young adults. But because we know that some younger children are bound to see this commercial, we consulted with child psychologists who assure us that these images are not too graphic for most children and that they will provide an opportunity for parents to discuss alcohol issues with their kids."

TxDOT also has set up a special

Web site for parents who want pointers on how to talk to their kids about drunk driving or about the new television commercials. The Web address is www.texasdwi.org.

"Occasionally showing the outcome of unsafe driving behavior in an uncensored fashion can pierce the aura of invincibility so prevalent on the roadways today," said DPS Captain Mark Kennedy, "especially among young people."

The anti-DWI campaign will also include radio and billboard messages as well as posters distributed to schools and workplaces across Texas. The campaign is co-sponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Texas Department of Public Safety,

Texans Standing Tall, the Partnership for a Drug Free Texas and the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

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The state song, "Texas our Texas," was written by W.J. Marsh and Mrs. Gladys Yoakum Wright.



Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark was guest speaker at last week's meeting of the Plains Lions Club. Clark discussed the growing problem of Driving While Intoxicated around the country, and told Lions Texas leads the nation in number of highway fatalities as a result of DWI. He explained the many levels of DWI charges, from juvenile offenses and levels of punishment, through three levels of adult DWI offenses. Four visiting members of the South Plains Lions Club in Lubbock were special guests.

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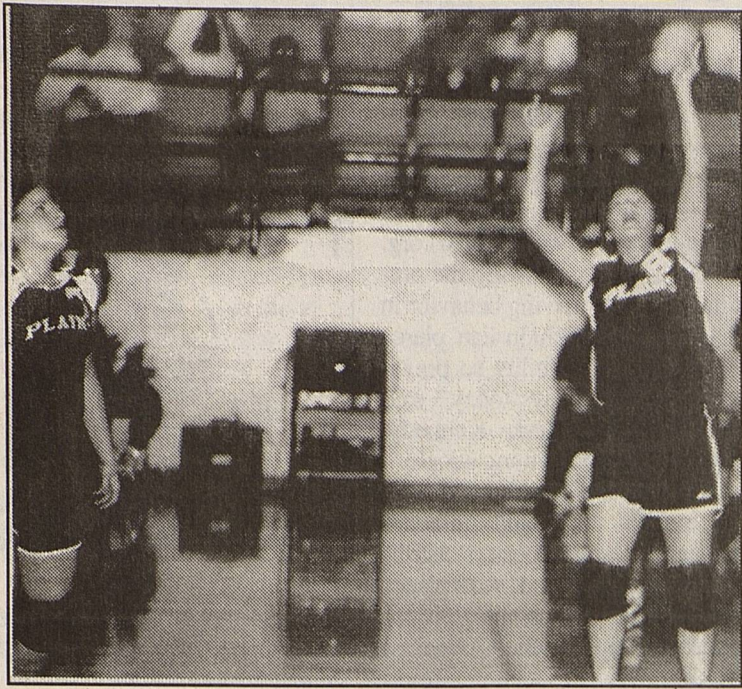
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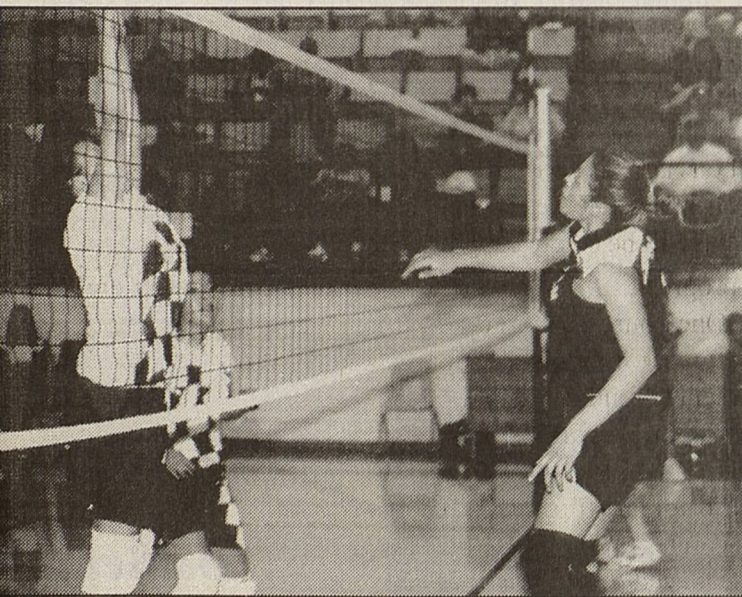
JV, Varsity Cowgirls in action VS Tahoka



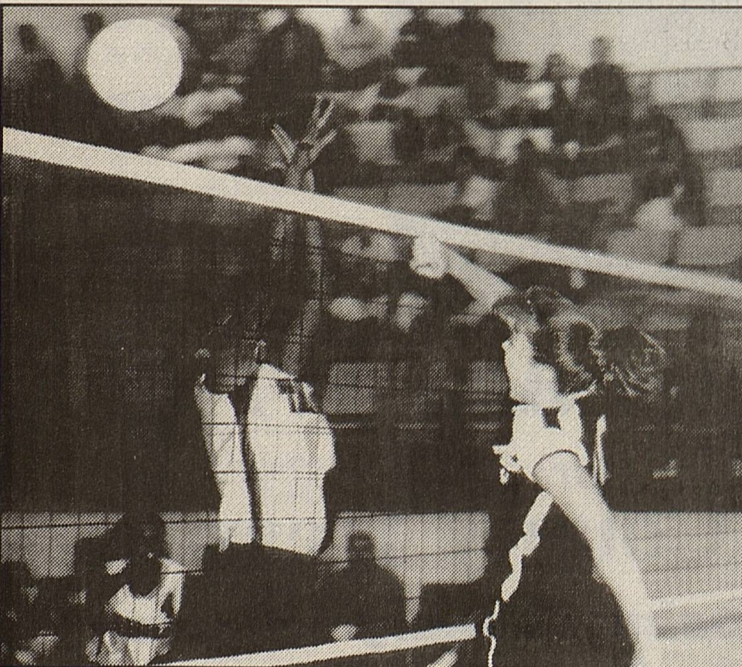
Kristen Morales sets the ball



JV gets their stuff together before the game



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PISD Sports Update

Junior High Volleyball:

7th Lady Wranglers continued their winning ways, beating Tatum 15-5, 15-7. Katie Winn and Joani Bell continued strong serving, along with good defensive play from Amber Friesen, Lauren Hise and M'Leah McKenzie.

The 8th Wranglers had tough problems with Tatum, and were downed 0-15, 4-15.

JV Cowgirls:

The younger Cowgirls had a good outing against Tahoka, winning handily, 15-12, 15-5. Coach Thaggard said, "I am so proud of how this young team is coming together. They've worked so hard this season, and are full of talent." Marlie Diaz had a great night serving, scoring 9 points with 3 aces.

Varsity Cowgirls:

The Cowgirls were also victorious over Tahoka with a very sound performance, 15-5, 15-9. Coach Lusk said their teamwork, hustle and execution on both offense and defense was "Awesome!"

Cross Country:

Jr. High Girls- with 120 runners competing, the Jr. Hi girls team finished 9th. Individual results included Desiraye Broome 7th, Lauren Davis 34th, Meghan Garcia 57th, M'Leah McKinzie 59th, Nicole Culwell 65th.

Hr. High Boys. Only two runners competed, with Kurt Alldredge 49th, Jose Luis Gallegos 53rd.

JV Cowgirls:

Ashley Vantine was the only runner and placed 5th.

JV Cowboys:

Abel Ramos finished 3rd, Brandon Davis was 7th.

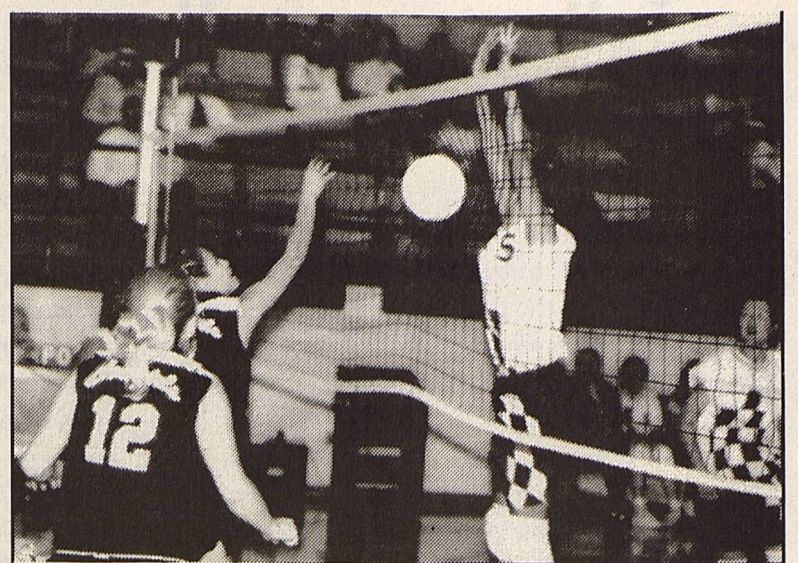
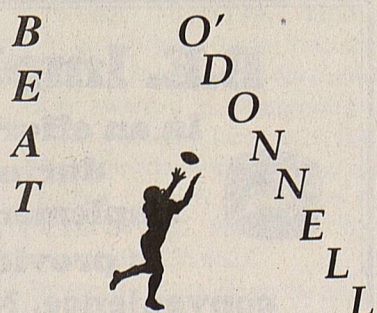
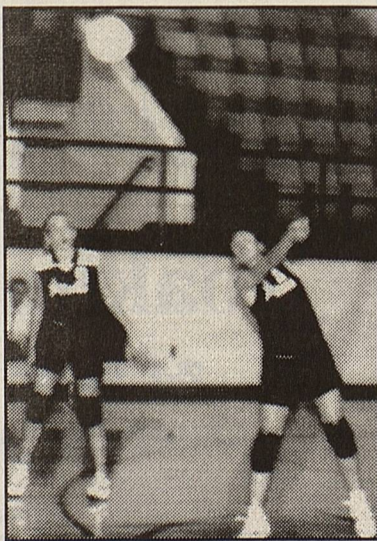
Varsity Cowboys:

The Cowboys were led by a different individual the fourth time this year. They finished second in the 1-A division, just 7 points behind Sundown. Payton Bean led the Cowboys with an overall 10th place finish, followed by injured Jose Ramirez 12th, Adam Guerrero 15th, Chisum Justus 22nd, Jonathan DeLaRosa 25th, Arnold Cordova 42nd, Daniel Estrada 49th.

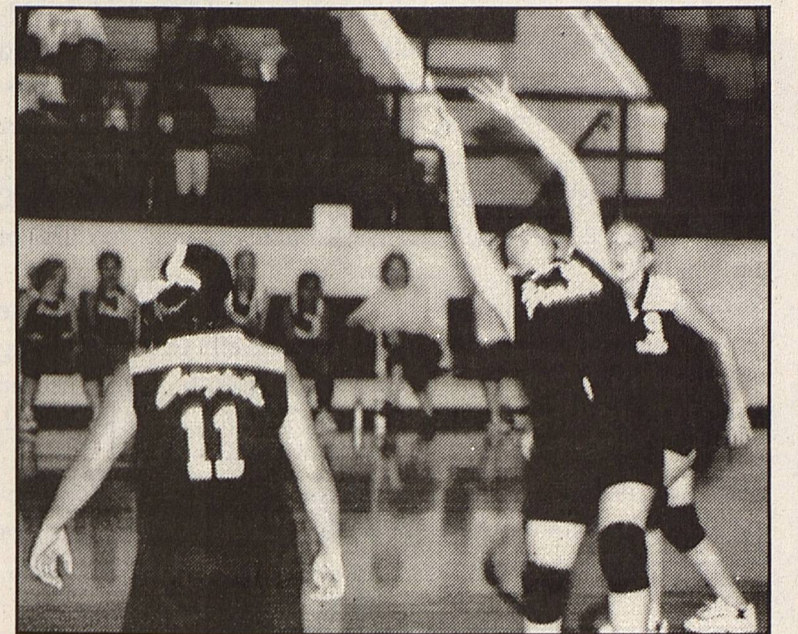
Plains Athletic Boosters invites EVERYONE to a tailgate party before the O'Donnell football game Friday, October 11. The party starts at 4:45 PM, and you can enjoy hot dogs with all the trimmings and lots of fun! Come early to support the Cowboys as they begin district play!!!



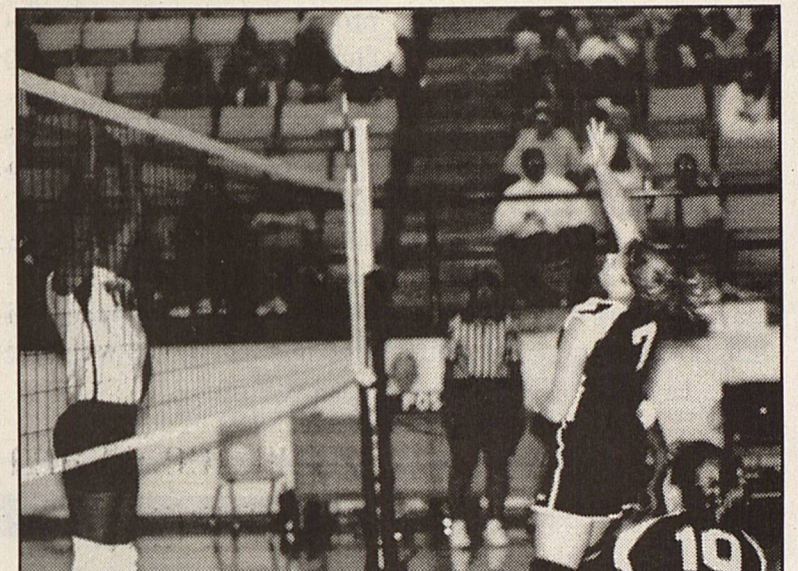
Marlie serves



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Priscilla Mares returns a serve



Kayla Willis makes good shot

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Services held for Edna Belle Chambliss

Graveside services were held Wednesday, October 9 2002 in Plains Cemetery for Edna Belle Chambliss, 93. Mrs. Chambliss died October 7 in Lubbock.

She was born in Anderson County, Texas April 7, 1909. She married Robert H. Chambliss January 6, 1934 in Brownfield. She moved to Plains in 1938. Mr. Chambliss died January 18, 1982. She was a member of the Eastern Star and First Baptist Church. She had been living in Lubbock since 1996.

She is survived by a son, James Robert Chambliss of Hobbs, NM, a daughter, Betty Green of Turkey, Texas, 9 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Services were under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home.

Memorial services held for Marvin Klikunas

A memorial service for Marvin Klikunas, 73, of Plains was held Monday, October 7 at First Baptist Church with Pastor Bill Wright officiating, and Bob Webb, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Denver City, assisting. Services were under direction of Ratliff Funeral Home, Denver City, Mr. Klikunas died Thursday, October 3 at Canterbury Villa in Denver City.

He was born March 24, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois. He married Virginia Fleming August 21, 1992 in St. Louis, Missouri. She preceded him in death July 4, 1995.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Plains. He owned and operated the Western Motel.

Survivors include his daughter, Marla Dunning of Chicago; his son, Dr. Marvin Klikunas Jr. of Charlotte, Vermont; two grandchildren and a host of friends.

Cosmetology entrance exam scheduled at SPC

A pre-TASP test for admission to the cosmetology program at South Plains College in Levelland will be given October 23. The test is scheduled at 9 AM in SPC's testing center in the Student Services Building. Fee is \$5. Students need to register for the test in person.

The one year program covers the rules and regulations of the Texas Cosmetology Commission as well as theory and skills of shampooing, hair and scalp treatment, hair cutting, chemical hair relaxinf, hair styling and shaping, manicuring, cold waving, hair coloring and facials.

Graduates receive a certificate of proficiency and are eligible to take the state cosmetology licensing exam.

The cosmetology program was moved into a new 8,400 square foot facility this past summer and includes expanded work stations and separate areas for manicures, pedicures and facials. Carloyn Newkirk, Patti Lindsey and Tracy McCormack are instructors, teaching theory and hands on skills. For more information contact the SPC Testing Center of cosmetology program, 806/894/9611, ext. 2367 or 2287.

I Have Started Exercising at Least a Thousand Times! Walk across Texas Begins October 14th

Most people know they should increase their activity level by walking or aerobics classes.

In fact, many of you probably made a New Years' resolution this year to start walking and have already given up. Is there any hope?

The answer is yes. Changing any habit requires several tries and a great deal of effort for most people. Increasing your activity level can have a great impact on your health both now and later in life.

A recent article in the archives of Internal Medicine reported on a study where 100 middle-aged women were encouraged to walk for exercise while another 100 were not encouraged to walk. Ten years later, women in the walking group had significantly less health problems than the non-walking group of women. The women in the walking group were walking seven miles more each week than those in the other group. Only 2% of the walking group were diagnosed with heart disease, whereas almost 13% of non-walkers had a diagnoses of heart disease. Walkers also

had fewer hospitalizations, surgeries, and falls. Participating in short term walking program ten

years earlier was the main difference between these group So trying again is important. Studies have shown that walking with others and engaging in a program long enough to make walking a habit promote success. If you would like to get started now, call your County Extension Agent, Debbie Pollard, at 806-456-2263 and ask about Walk Across Texas. This is a free, fun, group physical activity program. All you need is a group of 8 friends, family members, or co-workers who want to keep track of the amount they walk for 8 weeks. You can encourage on another to keep going and see if your team can reach your destination first before other groups participating too. Walk Across Texas begins October 14th and will end on December 8, 2002, just in time for the holidays.

Getting started is the hard part, but starting and keeping going is much easier with the support of others.

Senior Citizens Corner

Center News includes FLU SHOTS. These will be available on two dates. Please mark these on your calendar. Friday, October 11 and Friday, October 18 from 1:00 pm to 3:00pm. For anyone not on medicare, the shots will cost \$15.00.

Lorene Randolph is entertaining her sister from Blue Springs, Kansas, this week. Together they will leave at the end of week to visit another sister and brother in Thacher, Arizona.

Welcome to Adrian Jones who joined the Monday night pool group. We had sixteen this week. If you enjoy shooting pool, come join us. There are also domino tables in pool room if you prefer that game. Coffee, cold drinks, and popcorn are available along with other home baked goodies that folks bring along with them. Wanda Sweitzer enjoyed a

week in Las Vegas with some of her friends last week. She reports that a great time was had by all.

Right after lunch on Thursday several seniors stayed to play Bingo together. This is a new fellowship time for our clients. Prizes were won and everyone had a good time. Thanks to Jean Sparks and June Hanneman for hosting the game and to Bruce Greer for calling the numbers for us. Check your activity calendar to see that we will be playing again after lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 15 and Tuesday, Oct 29, We welcome Lavern Connally Seagraves who came over to have lunch and to play Bingo this week.

Thought for today: "A man's garden and his children both reflect the amount of weeding done during the growing season". See Proverbs 13:24

Yoakum County 4-H'ers show at fair

Nine Yoakum County 4H members exhibited 8 goats, 2 pigs, 7 lambs and steers at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock, September 20-28th, according to County Extension Agent, Arlan Gentry.

The Market Goat Show was held on the 21st with 213 participating. Logan Wood placed 7th and 11th, Cody Mayes placed 11th and 12th and Matthew Merritt also showed goats.

The Swine Show was held on the 22nd with approximately 300 head. Cassie Coronel exhibited 2 pigs.

The Market Lamb Show on the 28th had over 500 lambs shown. Chelsey-Anne Bearden placed 9th and Marty & Macy Roberts placed 8th and 11th.

The Market Steer Show was also on the 28th and had approximately 175 head exhibited. Skyler Keesee had a 1st place Hereford and Austin Keesee showed two 7th place American Crosses.



Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death for women More than 200,000 women annually are diagnosed. Forty thousand die; about 2,500 from Texas. But there are 2 million survivors of breast cancer in the U.S. - strong women who fought and won.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Across the country, sisters, brothers, spouses, parents and children will pin on pink ribbons and take part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. We will be celebrating life and progress.

One source of pride is in the increase in America's commitment to fund research, both private and public. The Komen Foundation has awarded \$68 million for breast cancer research projects. Last year I introduced legislation with Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Cal) so the post office could renew the Breast Cancer Research Stamp, which has raised \$24 million since it was first issued four years ago.

Equally impressive is the National Institute of Health budget for breast cancer, which Congress has increased from \$411 million in 1997 to \$655 million this year.

But because research has not yet been able to identify the specific cause of breast cancer, women must be especially vigilant about their own health care. This includes establishing a solid relationship with their physician, practicing monthly self-examination, and getting clinical breast examinations by

a medical professional and regular mammograms.

Being aware of recent developments in cancer studies - especially controversial ones - is also crucial. We do know the earlier cancer is detected, the better the chance for recovery. Keep in mind the average size lump found by getting regular mammograms is the size of a pea. The average size lump found by accident is the size of a half dollar.

Since First Lady Betty Ford courageously spoke publicly from the White House about her breast cancer and mastectomy, this disease has been brought out of the shadows, and the light shines much brighter now for those diagnosed. Today there are many groups who can help women and their loved ones learn about and cope with breast cancer. I have listed some web sites at the end of this column you can reference for more information.

When we take a proactive approach to our health care, fund research, form a support group or lend an ear, we are all players on the team to beat cancer. It's a battle we must win.

The following websites offer additional information and resources on breast cancer.

Susan Komen Foundation at www.komen.org/
National Breast Cancer Awareness Month at www.nbcam.org/
Centers for Disease Control at www.cdc.org/
National Cancer Institute at www.cancer.gov/

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Thursday Evenings - 6:00-7:00 pm

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From The Hack

Last Tuesday's vicious hailstorm produced the normal and expected reaction from the overly excitable Bride. When the winds got higher and higher, and we peered out on our lighted deck and watched the hailstones get larger and larger, and the sound of the wind went from a shriek to a roar like a passing F-16 makes with its afterburner on high blower, she began to moan, then shout, then scream, "Are we gonna be OK? Are we gonna blowing away? Are we gonna make it?" Her screams were just half a decibel level higher than the roar outside.

A seasoned veteran of many frightening experiences, rather stoic by nature, calm thru and thru, I grabbed her and hugged her tightly, and as soon as I finished wetting my britches, encouragingly screamed back at her, "Damn if I know, but run get me a fresh pair of Wranglers. I don't want to be blown around town with this pair on."

When calm finally set in, I grabbed my camera and surveyed the town. I returned about thirty minutes later, told Bride there was lots of damage, and it dawned on me ... what did OUR house look like? We took the flashlight and crunched thru remaining hail stones... I couldn't tell about the roof. The screens on the south side window were punctured, but the glass was intact. And then I shone the light on the south side of the house, covered with Sears finest "lifetime steel siding". We both gasped in unison. She may have uttered a few bad words-

I know I did. The grey wall looked as if some one had used it for target practice with a fifty caliber machine gun. It was covered with black, jagged looking holes.

Crestfallen, we trudged back thru the hailstones, moaning about our loss. The next morn, when I left to gather the latest talk about the storm, probably 13 percent of which I could rely on for veracity, I decided to look at the pitiful south wall again.

"You idiot!" I screamed, meaning myself. All those fifty caliber holes were actually elm tree leaves, plastered with what I guess was elm glue, 'cause they were stuck tight. We did have some dents in the Sears stuff, but at least no holes as feared.

I'm always a bit late on picking up on choice news items. I was a day late reading in the Lubbock A-J a header which read, "STUDY ON BELLY BUTTON LINT EARNS RECOGNITION."

My first thought was, Why Not? You know, belly button lint is always of top priority around our household. Immediately after emerging from my morning shower, the Bride hustles in and demands, "Here, now, let me see your belly button and clear it of any lint. That's a definite social blunder, don't you know?"

I actually wasn't aware of this startling fact for the first 16 years of our wonderful marriage. I recall the fateful day, like just yesterday. One morn, I leaped from the shower, sprayed, powdered, dressed, and trotted to breakfast and plunked down, expecting bacon, eggs, calf tongue, what ever.

"Whoa, big boy, let me check your belly button."

"What the *+^#%\$ for," I demanded, "I just got out of the shower!"

"Because I've heard men's belly buttons often carry lint,

and other debris, and lint, and of course other debris, often carry infectious disease."

I sat in stunned silence about eight minutes. Never, ever, had I dreamed that stupid looking cork screw hole could be a disease carrier of diseases. What do you get from it... Lint-thomia?.

A bit shaken, I quickly dropped my trousers, upped my shirt, and let her put a magnifying glass to the possible offending button.

"Incredible... just incredible," she mumbled. "This is the cleanest portion of your body I've ever seen!"

I really didn't know how to respond. I could slap her, or say Thank You. I chose the latter.

"What's all this stuff about belly button lint," I whined.

"I just read in the A-J the IG-Nobel Prize committee has awarded the Ig Nobel prize for a study on belly button lint to some guy in a big deal ceremony at Harvard. When the Ig Nobel guys give something out, it's big time stuff!"

I tried to explain to Bride it was all a parody, a spoof, a stupid East Coast University student whiz-bang. She sniffed, and finally said, "That's OK, I still like clean, tidy navels. You know I have faithfully, religiously checked your navel all these years. I have been very instrumental in assuring you have the cleanest, most lint and germ free belly button on the South Plains, maybe all of Texas. I'm so proud of us - we thought of this way before the A - J picked up on it!"

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