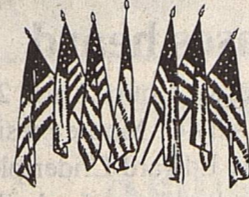
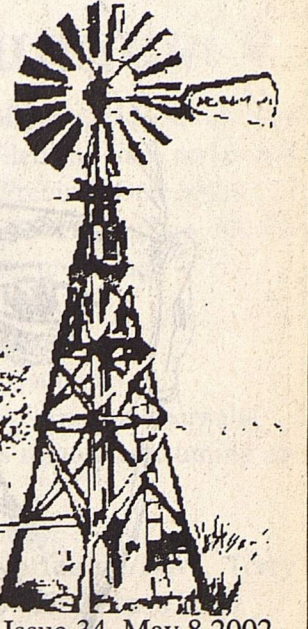


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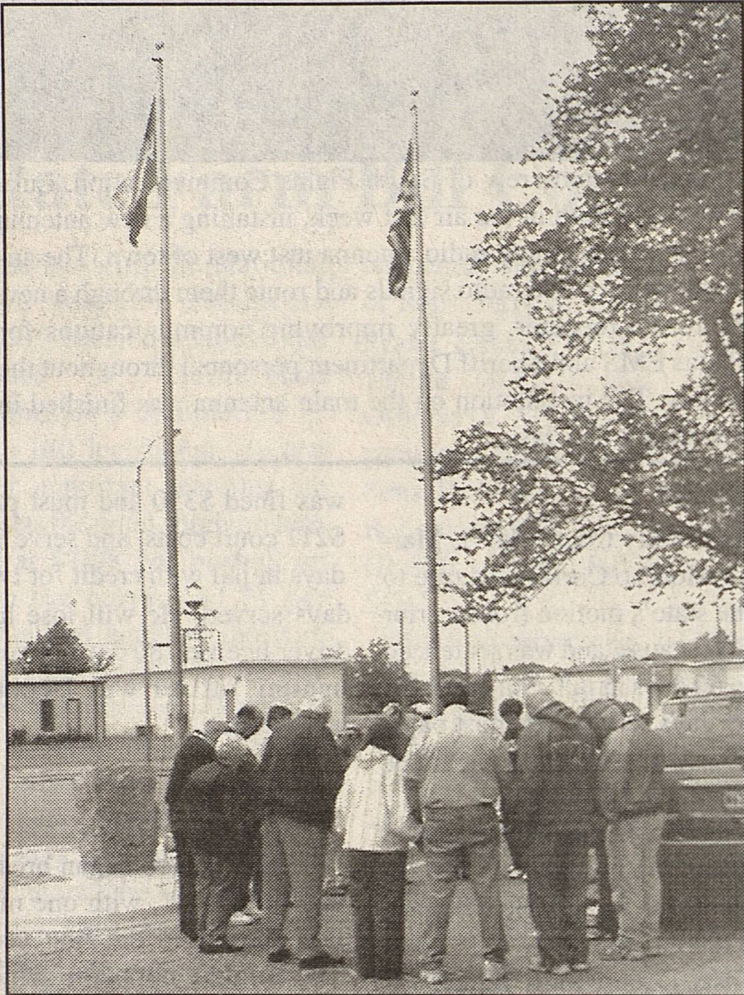
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## National Day Of Prayer



The nation observed a day of prayer last Thursday. Members and ministers of a number of Christian faiths gathered here in Plains beneath the Courthouse Square flags on a cloudy and windy day to express their thanks to the Lord, and thoughts for our nation. The ceremony lasted some 30 minutes.

## City picks new Mayor Shane McKinzie to take office May 13

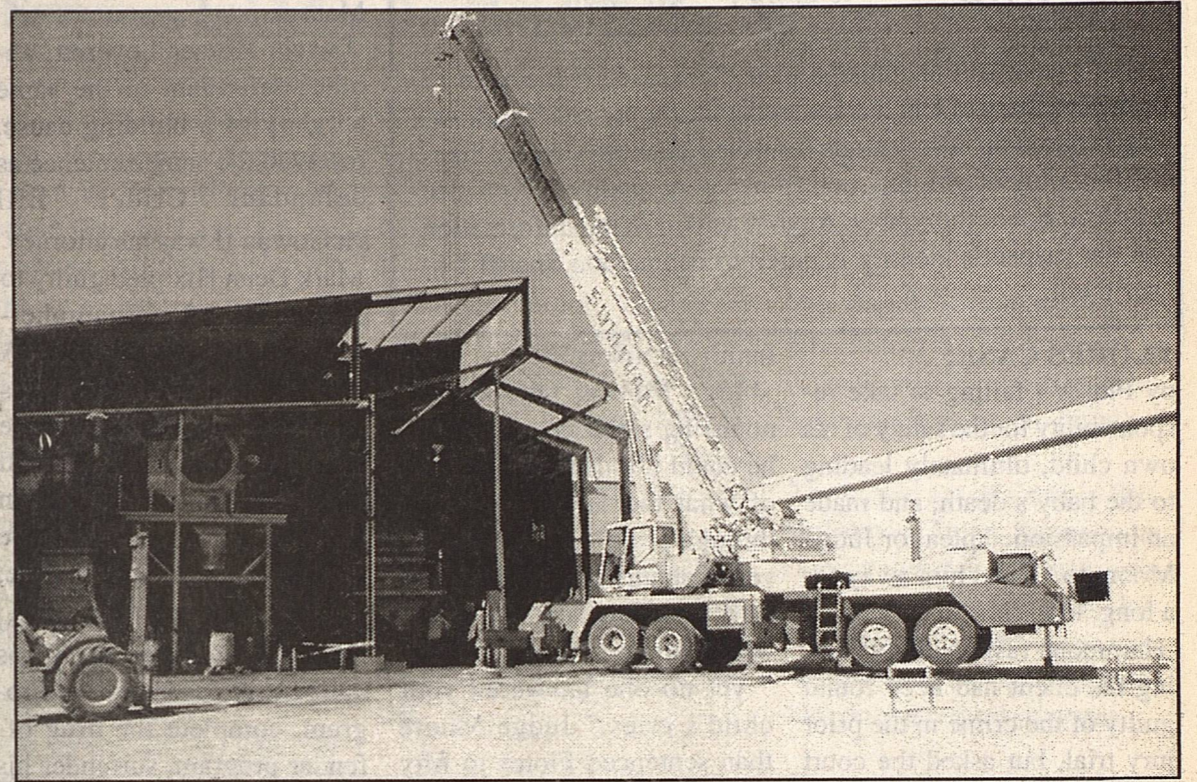
By almost a two to one ratio, Shane McKinzie won the mayoral election here May 4, tallying 180 votes to incumbent Mayor T.J. Miller's 93 votes.

Miller has served as Mayor of Plains since 1980, and was also a past City Council member. McKinzie is transportation maintenance supervisor for Plains Independent School District. He will be sworn in during the May 13 council meeting.

Voter turn out for the race, and election of two council members, was higher than in recent years. A total of 273 votes were counted. Bonnie Earnest received 155 votes to remain on the council, and Pam Redman scored 149 votes.

McKinzie told CCN he appreciated the voters support, and added, "The council, the entire town, owe Mayor Miller our thanks for all the hard work he has given to all of us these past 22 years."

## Area ginners optimistic about 2002 cotton crop



Repair and improvement projects underway at local cotton gins indicate a vote of confidence for the upcoming crop season. In the top photo, a large crane is removing the old gin press at the Yoakum County CoOp plant. Gin Manager Chris Chambliss reported the cooperative's board members approved extensive improvements at the plant, including a new, high capacity press, con-

verting the old module feeder barn into a seed storage barn, and construction of a new, improved feeder system.

The bottom photo shows the foundation and floor of a new seed storage barn under construction at New Tex Gin. Ron Craft, Gin Manager, said the new barn would store some 4,000 tons of seed, and with the two existing barns would increase total storage capacity to

about 7,200 tons of seed. Other routine repairs are underway in the gin itself.

Marc Traweek, Manager of Tokio CoOp Gin, reported only normal repairs and patchwork were required at that plant.

As always, producers are hoping for a little cooperation from Mother Nature, and healthier market prices for their 2002 product.

## Unusual Air Armada Passes Through Here

### But not at record breaking speeds

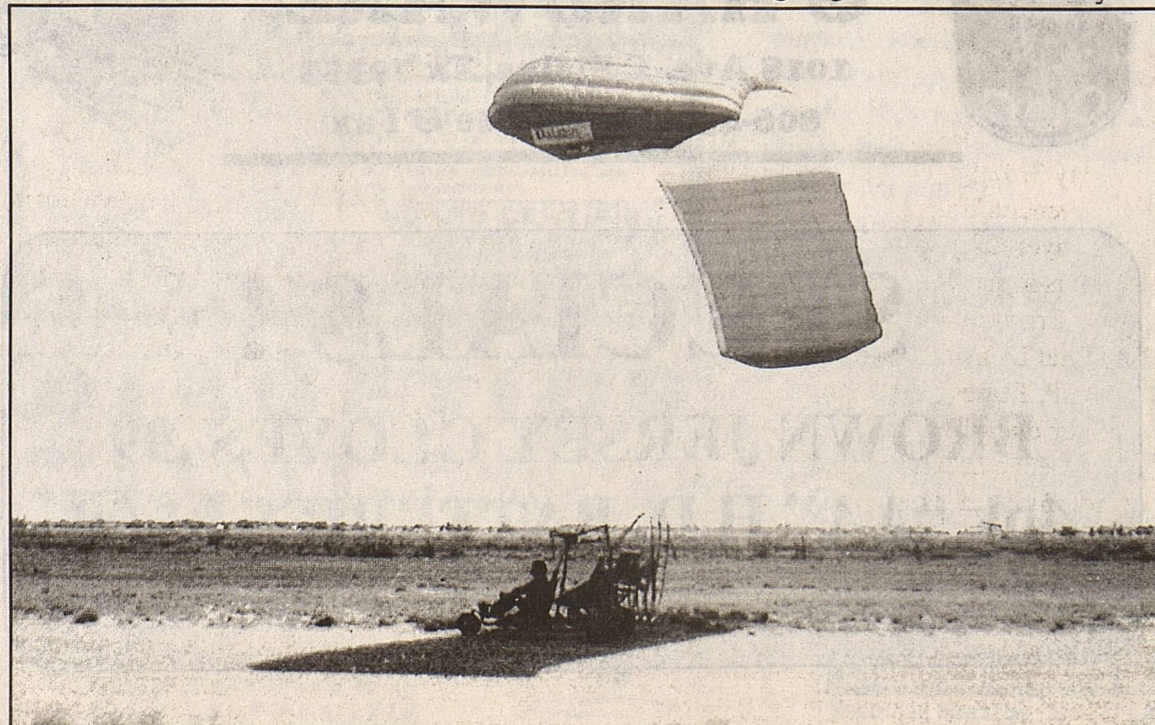
Anyone in the vicinity of the county airport here last Thursday may have taken a second look if they spotted any of the three strange looking para-glider aircraft soaring off to the east around 2 P.M. After a brief layover here, Alvis Moore, Dr. Lawrence Ward and Kirk Massey, took to the air enroute to Graham, just north of Possum Kingdom.

The trio, with spouses and friends, traveled via trucks pulling trailers loaded with the powered gliders from their home area to Lovington, New Mexico, with a large motor home thrown in for a bit of overnight rest. Thursday morning, they took off from Lovington, some 37 miles, a bit shorter as crows and gliders fly. Unfortunately, they bucked high headwinds all the way, and Dr. Ward said the trip took two hours and forty minutes before they could touch down here. The strange looking craft have a top speed of about

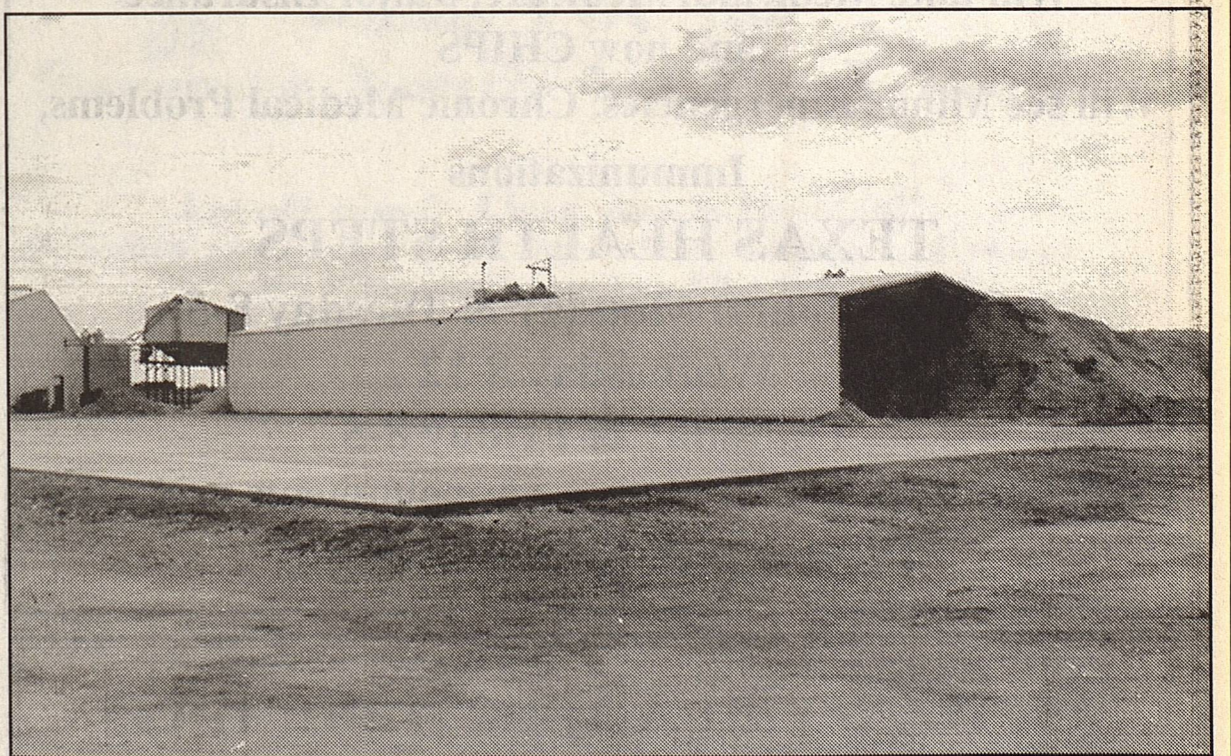
27 miles per hour, but the high winds reduced that to around 14 m.p.h. Dr. and Mrs. Ward are owner operators of Your Destiny Inc., a dealership for the 'Your Destiny Parachute' aircraft.

After a brief rest and refueling, Alvis Moore, a Basic Flight Instructor in light aircraft, gave student pilot Kirk Massey a final briefing, and after one false start, the young man got the motor powered rig into the air. He completed a loop around the airport, encouraged by Moore's two-way radio pep talk, attempted a landing, but bounced back in the air for an unintended 'touch and go landing'. On the next pass, Massey got the craft on the ground in one piece, and the onlookers gave his shirt the traditional cutting for his solo flight.

When the three pilots left here, they hoped to make it to Brownfield for a pit stop, then to Tahoka before going on to Graham Friday.



Kirk Massey starts his solo flight



## Jimmy Lee Flores gets 50 years in injury to a child case

In 121st District Court here May 3, Judge Kelly G. Moore sentenced Jimmy Lee Flores, a Denver City resident, to 50 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Institutional Division, for injury to a child, Flores' baby boy, who later died. The defendant had earlier been found guilty of the felony in a March jury trial here, and was originally scheduled for sentencing on April 11. While free under bond, Flores fled, and evidence produced in the sentencing session indicated he crossed the border into Ojinaga, Mexico and spent the

night of April 10 there.

In the sentencing session, defense attorney Jimmy Hammons said the next morning Flores decided to return to Plains, and when he attempted to cross the border back into Presidio, was arrested when law officers recognized him as a wanted fugitive. Local Sheriff Department deputies returned Flores here.

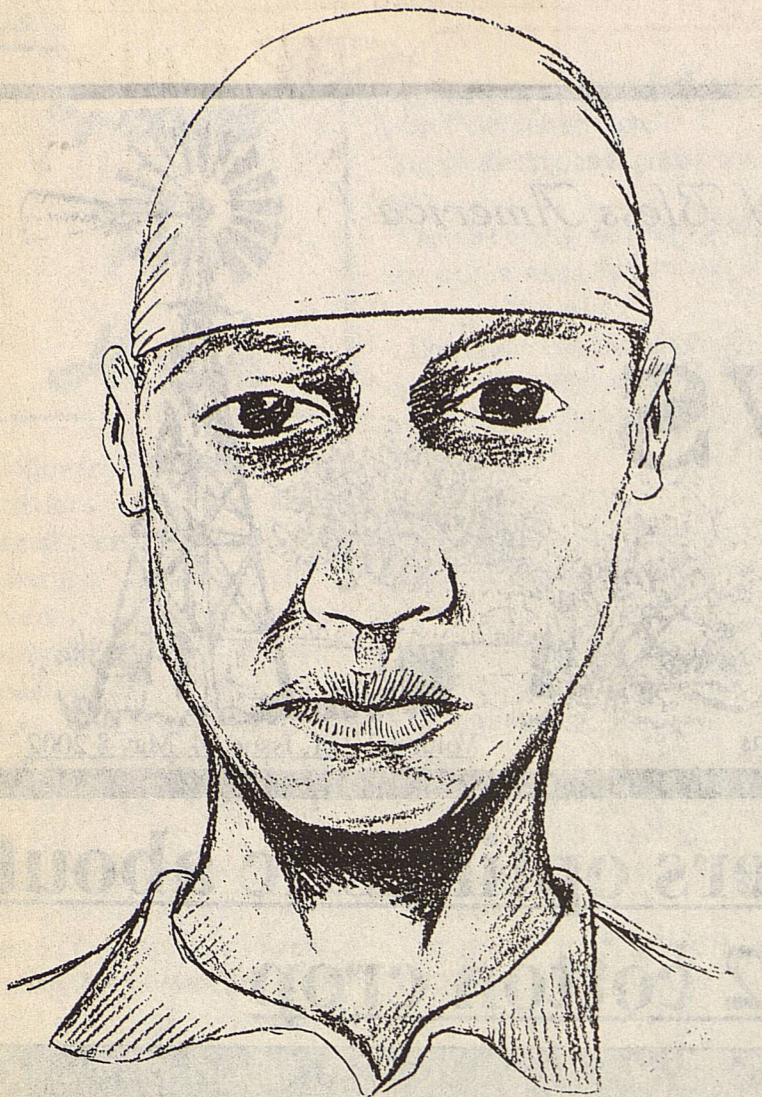
Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark produced evidence in the sentencing session describing Flores extensive criminal back ground, including drug use, burglary of a

home, and with testimony of Flores' ex-wife, a history of physical battering Charles Higgs, veteran Denver City Police officer, also testified to Flores extensive criminal background.

Defense attorney Hammons called family members of Flores, who testified to his remorse from the death of his child, and how they thought the tragedy had made a positive impact on his behavior and attitude.

District Attorney Clark in closing called the child's injury and neglect a crime of omission

FLORES..... 2



This is an artist's sketch of a suspect involved in the April 18 armed robbery of Uncle's Convenience Store here. The drawing is based on descriptions furnished Yoakum County Sheriff Department officials, and from a poor quality surveillance camera shot of the robber. Anyone with possible information on the suspect's identity is urged to contact the Sheriff Department.

### District, County court criminal cases heard

In District Court April 29. Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding, Dale Edward Crider pled guilty to burglary of a building. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1000, and will make time payments on \$243 court costs, and pay \$300 attorney fees. He will serve 160 hours community service, and remain in Yoakum County jail 180 days or until space is available in a substance abuse treatment facility operated by the Texas Department of criminal Justice. Causes of burglary of a vehicle, driving with suspended license were adjudicated. Investigating officer was Deputy Kenley Powell. He was represented by Attorney Paul Mansur.

Darvin Homer Leverett, another defendant in the same burglary of a building cause, received the same sentence as defendant Crider. Bill McGowan II was his attorney. Mark Dean Hix pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine, less than one gram. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1000 and will make time payments on \$217 court costs. He will serve 120 hours community service, attend weekly AA (Narcotics) meetings, complete the Texas Alternative Incarceration Program, complete the drug offender program, surrender his driver license 180 days, pay \$140 restitution to DPS. Brad

Taylor, DPS, was investigating officer, and Richard Forcum was his attorney.

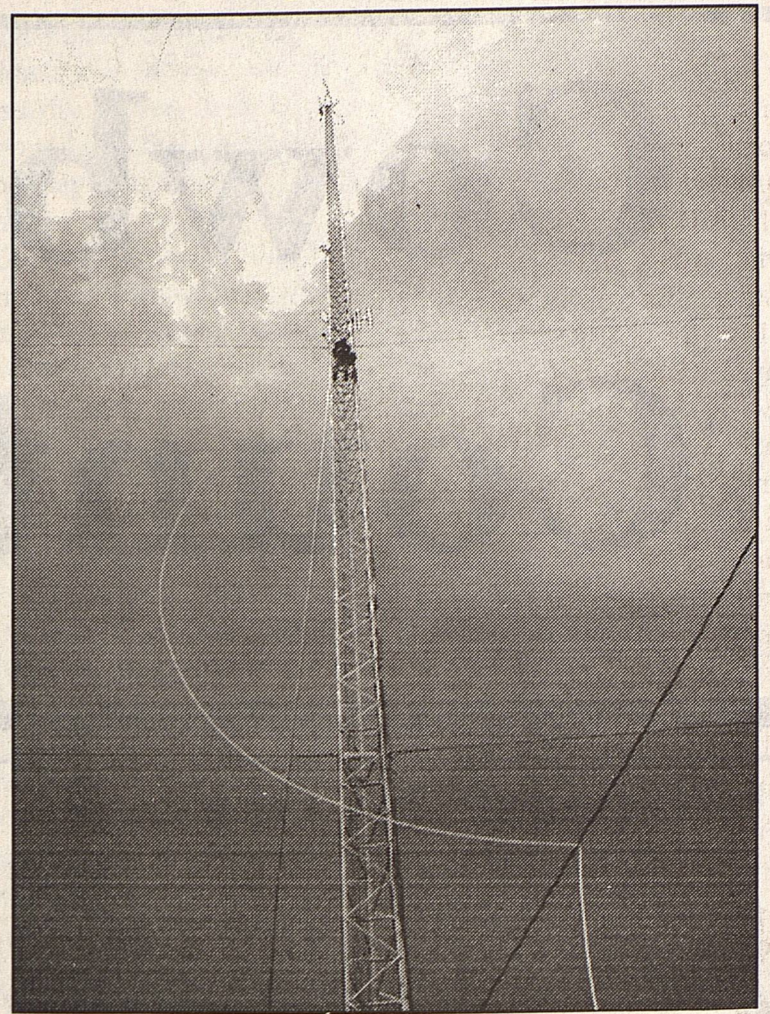
Dennis Lynn Fulcher Jr. Pled guilty to possession of cocaine, less than two ounces. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1000, must pay \$140 restitution to DPS and \$250 court appointed attorney fees. He must attend weekly narcotics meetings, complete the outpatient treatment program, surrender his license 180 days, and serve 200 hours community service. Investigating officer was Lisa Switzer, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force, and Warren New was his attorney.

Pedro Salazar Martinez pled guilty to DWI, third or more. He was sentenced to eight years in the Department of Justice Institutional Division, fined \$2500, and must pay \$288 court costs. A cause of unlawfully carrying a knife and machete was adjudicated. Deputy Inoe Valdez was investigating officer, and Bill Helwig was his attorney.

Pascual Nava Perez pled guilty to assault causing bodily injury to a family member. A five year state prison sentence was suspended and probated 5 years. He was fined \$1000 and must pay \$293 court costs and \$300 attorney fees. He must complete a batterer's treatment program, attend weekly AA meetings and serve 200 hours community service.

In a jury trial, Albert Robert Sanchez received a five year suspended sentence on a failure to appear cause. He will be under community supervision five years, must pay \$293 court costs and \$250 attorney fees, serve 120 hours community service. Defendant had completed the Texas Boot Camp

### A Lofty Assignment



A construction crew of South Plains Communication, Lubbock were high in the air last week, installing a new antenna pole atop the county radio antenna just west of town. The antenna will receive radio signals and route them through a new Motorola repeater, greatly improving communications for Plains EMS and Sheriff Department personnel throughout the county. The installation on the main antenna was finished in less than a full day.

#### FLORES CASE;

by Flores - failing to take responsibility for the safety of his own child, ultimately leading to the baby's death, and made an impassioned plea for Judge Moore to "Send him away for a long, long time."

Hammons responded by saying his client had been found guilty of the crime in the prior jury trial, but asked the court to show leniency, citing Flores' remorse and testimony from

family members.

Judge Moore, before pronouncing sentence, told Flores he could not dismiss thoughts of what the infant had gone through prior to its death; severe malnutrition, a broken leg, filth from unchanged diapers which ate into the boy's flesh, "yet no one answered your child's cries." Judge Moore than sentenced Flores to fifty years in prison.

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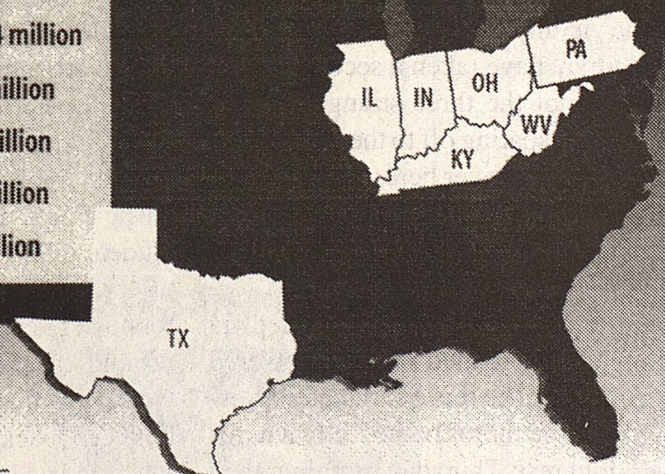
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Kentucky	97 million
Pennsylvania	94 million
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## Plains ISD has new Business Manager

### Bill Butler to replace Eric Banfield

In a special called meeting Monday morning, the Board of Trustees of Plains Independent School District approved the hiring of Bill Butler Jr. as the district's Business Manager.

PISD Superintendent Jim Haynes furnished CCN the following statement about Butler's hiring: "While I certainly did not want to lose Eric Banfield, I also know that change is the only thing that is constant. After screening many applications for the job and interviewing some very well qualified individuals, I believe Bill Butler is the person we need at PISD at this time. He has good experience in business management and account-

ing, and has a good background in technology. His computer knowledge should go a long way while he learns to deal with the state's computerized system of accounting.

"Bill, as with any of the applicants I interviewed, will have to undergo some extensive training to help him learn about the differences in developing budgets, and dealing with expenditures for a Chapter 41 school district (the state term for what they consider a wealthy school district). Bill comes very highly recommended for his skills and attention to detail, and I look forward to working with him."

Butler is a graduate of Texas

A & M, with a BS degree in Agricultural Economics. He is currently self employed as a software and implementation consultant, and specializes in Agris Agriculture Software.

He was formerly the chief financial officer and operations manager of Sellers Ag Supply from 1997 to 2001. Prior to that he was an accountant and systems manager for Anderson Grain in Levelland, and chief financial officer and assistant general manager of the Sunray CoOp.

Butler and his wife Daina have two daughters, Allison, 18, and Natalie, 11. He is expected to start on the job May 13.

## NGSP Cheers Equalization Of Loan Rate Farm Bill Conference Report

Officials with the National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) cheered a House and Senate Conference Committee's completion of Farm Bill legislation. Among other important features, the bill sets the grain sorghum loan rate at \$1.98 per bushel, up from the current \$1.71 per bushel and equal to the corn loan rate of \$1.98. The bill provides the fairness, flexibility and predictability that NGSP and other farm groups have been urging, say NGSP leaders.

Looking at loan rates provisions alone, the impact of the 27 cent boost in loan rates for sorghum could mean an additional \$15 to \$35 dollars per acre for grain sorghum farmers in a loan rate environment, says Tim Lust, NGSP executive director. Additionally, the legislation dictates a \$2.54 per bushel target price for sorghum, with a 35 cent per bushel fixed payment.

"We would like to thank House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest (R-TX) and Ranking Member Charlie Stenholm (D-TX) and their respective staffs for their perseverance and leadership on the Farm Bill," says Rose, NGSP president from Keyes, Oklahoma, adding, "Our equalized loan rate would not have

happened without the support of Reps. Jerry Moran (R-KS), Frank Lucas (R-OK), John Thune (R-SD) and Tom Osborne (R-NE) as well as supporters in the Senate such as Sens. Ben Nelson (D-NE), Pat Roberts (R-KS), Tom Daschle (D-SD), and Tim Johnson (D-SD)."

James Vorderstrasse, NGSP vice president for legislation and a producer from Hebron, Nebraska, says that the legislation goes a long way toward correcting the dramatic slashes the grain sorghum loan rate suffered since 1996, while loan rates for other feed grains rose or remained steady. The result of the last 6 years, says Vorderstrasse, has been a dramatic drop in acreage planted to grain sorghum and producers who have been forced to plant other crops that may not have always been suited to their farm's conservation needs.

"Studies in both Texas and Nebraska have demonstrated that grain sorghum requires around 1/3 less water than other crops," says Vorderstrasse, adding, "Although it's not in the bill's Conservation Title, correcting the loan rate inequity for grain sorghum is a move with very positive conservation ramifications in areas facing water scarcity." NGSP leaders also applauded

the farm safety net in the farm bill, which when combined with other provisions in the legislation, will result in more dollars to the producer than they are receiving under the current farm bill, says Lust.

"We would like to thank NGSP members for their support of these efforts as well as for the phone calls, letters and faxes to Congress regarding this important legislation," says Vorderstrasse.

NGSP represents U.S. grain sorghum producers nationwide. Headquartered in the heart of the U.S. grain sorghum belt at Lubbock, the organization works to increase the profitability of grain sorghum production through market development, research, education, and legislative representation.

## Precinct Personnel Changes Ok'd In Commissioners Court

In the May 6 session of Commissioners Court, three precinct personnel changes were approved. Jose (Joe) Martinez Jr. was approved to transfer from Precinct 4 to Precinct 3 as a Road Hand. Greg McCravey was promoted from Road Hand to Shop Foreman in Precinct 3, and Sam Dominguez was promoted from Road Hand to Road Hand Foreman in Precinct 3.

A contract with Thomas Y. Pickett and Company to continue providing appraisal of the county petroleum assets for tax purposes was approved.

The court approved advertising for bids for the sale of a used 1992 1/2 ton Chevrolet pickup for precinct 3.

Tax Assessor/Collector Betty Rivas reported \$ 19,798 taxes collected in the month of April



## Obituaries

### Services held for Kenneth McGinty

Services for Kenneth Elwood McGinty, 58, were held in the Plains School Auditorium at 10 A.M. Tuesday, May 7, 2002 with Father Andreas Mendoza, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating. Interment followed at Plains Cemetery under direction of Brownfield Funeral Home. Mr. McGinty died May 5 in Lubbock.

He was born May 3, 1944 in Yoakum County. He graduated from Plains High, then graduated from West Texas State University in 1967. He taught school in Raton, NM and McLean Texas before returning to Plains to farm and ranch. He married Ann Lupton January 21, 1967 in Lubbock. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Plains Masonic Lodge and a former member of the Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife Ann; three daughters, Nikki Lynn Raff, Wichita Falls, Kelly Renee Estrada, Littlefield, Ragan Leigh of Plains; a son, Brandon Marion, Silverton; two sisters, Sylvia Cayce, Van Alstyne, and Kathleen Reynolds, Shamrock; A brother, Alton McGinty, Plains, and a granddaughter, Ashton Estrada.

### Services held for Domingo Perez

Funeral services for Domingo Perez Sr., 84, were held May 6 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Brownfield, with Father Gerald Leatham the Celebrant. Military graveside services were held at Brownfield Cemetery under direction of Mark A. Jones Funeral Directors.

Mr. Perez died Thursday, May 22 at his home. He was born June 30, 1917 in Kames City. He married Virginia Carrizalez there on August 9, 1938. He moved to the Brownfield area in 1962. he was a farmer and retired in 1993.

He is survived by his wife Vir-

ginia; five sons, Domingo Jr. of Kanorado, Kansas, Eliseo of Plains, Daived of Brownfield, Gilbert Ybarra of Tulsa, and Guadalupe; four daughters, Lupe Ledesma Burlington, Colorado, Elodia Garcia of Denver City, Ester Montoya of Kanorado, Kansas, and Dora Greerson of Glenpool, Kansas; a sister, Laurencia Perez Davila of Poteet, 28 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters. The family requests memorials be made to favorite charities.

## JP Court Summary

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

Cases filed:  
43 traffic  
2 open container  
2 cases drug paraphernalia  
2 cases minors consuming alcohol  
Bonds set;  
Bond forfeiture/DWI, Terry County- \$2000 cash bond  
Engaging in organized criminal mischief- \$7500  
DWI- first offense- \$1000  
DWI, 3rd or more- \$2500, interlock device.  
Public intoxication- %500  
Driving suspended license- %500  
(2) Open container- \$500  
(2) Public intoxication, 3 priors- \$500  
Failure to appear, DWI, Ector County- \$500 cash bond  
Bond forfeiture, driving suspended license- \$2000 cash bond.  
92) Assault causes bodily injury, family- \$1000  
(2) motion to revoke probation, held until hearing, no bond.

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## UIL State Meet Medalists

Junior Liz Wilmeth and senior Annaliesa O'Quinn won medals in journalism events at the state UIL academic meet in Austin May 3-4. Liz won second place and a silver medal in News Writing, and Annaliesa was third in Feature Writing and was awarded a bronze medal. They competed with other class 2-A students, and won 22 team points for Plains High School.

In Calculator Applications, junior Jill Gray, Annaliesa and junior Jordan Bean competed as a team. Individually, Jill was seventh, Annaliesa ninth, Jordan 18th.

In Number Sense, the team of Annaliesa, Jill and freshman Brandon Hise competed. Annaliesa was 10th individually, Jill 16th and Brandon 17th.



Liz Wilmeth and Annaliesa O'Quinn with UIL medals

## Student of the Week

PHS Student of the Week is Cody Flores, a freshman and the son of Cody and Diana Flores. He was nominated by Mrs. Lusk, who said, "He is a pleasure to have in class. He has determination, desire and commitment in and out of the classroom. He sets goals, and tries hard to achieve them. Gen. George Patton once said, "If a man does his best, what else is there?"



## Sqyres Busy On Rodeo Circuit

Brett Sqyres placed 7th with a 6.1 second team roping run at the Tarleton State Rodeo in Stephenville last weekend. He made the "Short GO", on top ten who came back Saturday night for a second run. In the short go, Brett and his header, Reynoldo Maestas had an 11.0 which gave them 17.1 on two head and a 4th place finish in the average.

Brett also attended the Semi-

nole High Plains Jr. Rodeo April 21st. He placed 3rd in Bull Dogging, also 4th and 5th place in team roping and held on for an 8th place in Ribbon Roping.

On April 28, he participated in the Andrews High Plains Rodeo. Brett won a 2nd place in Bull Dogging and a 5th place in team roping with an 8.84 second run with his partner Clay Holiday.

**Michaela Traweek**, running anchor of the sprint relay team has helped the Wayland College team win conference in Oklahoma City. Last weekend the relay team qualified for the national event to be held at Olathe Kansas May 23-25.

The Plains Athletic Booster Club invites everyone to the Annual Athletic Banquet, to be held on May 13, 2002 beginning at 6:30 pm. in the school cafeteria. The meal will be catered by Danny's Fins & Hens. Tickets can be purchased at the door and the cost of tickets is \$8.50. Make your plans to attend the banquet, and show your support for all of our Plains High School Athletes

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## Jump Rope For Heart



3rd grade Jump Rope For Heart-Back Row L to R- Jaaron Bell, Lee Dearing, Edgar Vasquez, Patty Auila, Cody Griesen, Sarah Martens.

Middle Row L to R- Jessica Lazos, Ashley Caballero, Megan Whitford, Hannah Crump, Kelbi Bartley and Stephanie Addison. Front Row L to R- Roberto Reina, Adam Nixon, Hunter Welch, Forrest Booth, Jordan Rivera, Rochelle Mora. Not pictured Jaxon Bean.

The Plains Elementary 3rd and 4th graders recently participated in the American Heart Associations Jump Rope For Heart. The two combined classes raised a total of \$1,900.85 to help in the fight against heart disease and stroke. Each individual collected donations and for the dollar amount collected they received prizes depending on the amount each raised. For each individual that collected any amount of money there will be a Pizza Party, compliments of Elementary Principal, Vernon Hise. Edgar Vasquez raised the most money with a total of \$209.00. His name was entered in a drawing for Disney World. Thanks to all who participated, you all did a great job for a great cause.

Coach Davis



4th grade Jump Rope For Heart-Back Row L to R- Troy Parrish, Hector Luna, Natalie Butler, Katelyn Young, Blake Longoria. Middle Row L to R- Shyann Vantine, Jacob Brink, Natalie Haynes, Jasmine Mares, Maria Martinez. Front Row L to R- Courtini Asebevo, Emilia Gallegos, Brock Carter, Brandon Craft.

## 5th Six Weeks PISD Middle School

### Middle School 'A' Honor Roll Fifth Grade

Chris Addison  
Reyna Gallegos  
Maria Ruiz  
Holden Welch  
Sixth Grade  
Ryan Crump  
Lauren Davis  
Amber Friesen  
Lauren Hise  
Zachary Ramos  
John Tyson  
Seventh Grade  
Scott Addison  
Caitlin Carter  
Landon Craft  
Angelica Mendoza

### Araceli Mendoza

### Eighth Grade

Michael Crump  
Allison Friesen  
Skylar Keesee  
BJ Lester  
Adam McCravey  
Blake Parrish  
Abel Ramos

### All 'A' IB Honor Roll

### Fifth Grade

Landon Earnest

### Sixth Grade

Kurt Alldredge

### Seventh Grade

Maria Andazola

### Eighth Grade

Adriana Ponce  
Reagan Haynes

## Varsity Baseball Update

The Plains Cowboys played Tahoka last Friday night in Lubbock for the Bi-District Championship. The Cowboys came up on the short end of the stick losing 13-3 in a complete 7 inning game. I was really proud of the players for not giving up when things started getting rough, early in the game. When put to the challenge, they gave everything to succeed. Success is not always about winning. Success can be setting and accomplishing goals, learning to deal with adversity in a positive way, or gaining knowledge to better yourself for the future. I feel like the baseball program is heading in the right direction and will be even better in future years. I would like to thank the people in Plains for their amazing support this baseball season. In Big Lake, the Bank for their donation in providing souvenir baseballs for our fans.

Coach Bartley

## PISD Scores Big In State Meet

The Plains Industrial Technology Department competed in the State Contest over the weekend and were very successful. The results are as follows; Ryon Martinez and Arnold Cordova - 1st Team Entry, Servando Luna - (2) 1st place - Drafting, Alfonso Martinez (2) 1st and (1) Best in State, Jonathan Delarosa - 1st and 2nd, Arturo Moline - 1st Best in State and 2nd, Tiffany Canon - (6) 1st (4) Best in State (2) 2nds.

"Congratulations to all of the participants, you had a great year."

Mr. Canon

## Ulcer bug one of New World's first immigrants

Long before Columbus 'sailed the ocean blue,' an ulcer bug may have traveled to the New World in the upset stomachs of ancient immigrants crossing the Bering Strait.

Samples of Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) taken from Native Americans are more similar to strains of the ulcer causing bacteria from China than those from Spain or England, according to a recent study challenging theories that European conquerors first brought H. pylori to North and South America.

"The results suggest there were multiple migrations to the Americas, and some came from central Asia," said Dr. David Graham, a principal investigator of the study published in the April issue of DEBS Letters. "Their bacteria left footprints."

Graham and co-investigator Dr. Yoshio Yamaoko conducted the research at the Houston VA Medical Center. Graham is a professor in the departments of medicine and molecular virology and microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine.

Yamaoko is an assistant professor at Baylor.

H. pylori is one of the most common bacterial infections worldwide and is a major cause of chronic gastritis, peptic ulcer and cancer of the stomach. The bacteria has been infecting humans for at least 10,000 years, Graham said.

Graham's researchers analyzed samples of the bacteria taken from Eskimo and Aleut populations in Alaska, Navajos in Arizona and the Huitotos, a primitive group living in the Amazonian jungles in Columbia. They found some of the Native Columbian and Native Alaskan strains were similar, but not identical to East Indian strains, suggesting they separated from the Asian strain long ago.

"This is consistent with the idea that H. pylori accompanied humans when they crossed the Bering Strait from Asia to the New World," Graham said. "Both the Native Columbian strains and the North American strains were very similar."

"Thanks to the voters of the City of Plains for having an interest in our city and for taking the time to vote. To those who supported me, Lois and I appreciate it. I will continue to support the City of Plains and wish our new mayor the best."

Thank You,  
T. J. Miller

## Registration for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten

If your child will be four years old on or before September 2, 2002 they may attend the Pre-Kindergarten program. Pre-registration will be the week of May 6-10. All parents and students that are eligible are invited to spend the morning at school! Thank you.

The staff of Plains Elementary School.

## La matricula para kindergarten y Pre-kindergarten

Si su niño tendrá cuatro años de edad en o antes del 1 de septiembre de 2002 ellos pueden asistir al programa de Pre-kindergarten. Si ellos tendrán cinco años de edad en o antes del 1 de septiembre de 2002, ellos deben registrar para asistir kindergarten. La matricula será la semana de Mayo 6-10. Todos los padres y los estudiantes que son elegibles, son invitados a gastar la mañana en la escuela con nosotros el viernes, el 10 de mayo de 2002. Nosotros esperamos con ansia tener su estudiante en la escuela! Gracias. The Staff of Plains Elementary School.

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## Nicole Haynes On Muslim Mission Trip To Barcelona

Nicole Haynes, a student at West Texas A&M and the daughter of Jim and Kathy Haynes, is one of 12 WTAM students to travel to Barcelona, Spain, to witness to thousands of North African Muslims in that city. She recently wrote First Baptist Church here to explain the trip. The following is a portion of her letter;

"I'm writing to let you know about the mission trip God is calling me to participate in this summer. The West Texas A&M University Baptist Student Ministry will be taking a group of students to Barcelona, Spain on May 12-26, 2002. This "Mission Spain," as we call it, is designed to proclaim the gospel of Jesus to Muslims in North Africa. There are thousands of North Africans from Morocco, Libya, Algeria, and Tunisia who work and study in Spain, 100,000 in Barcelona alone. They come from countries that don't allow the entrance of Christian missionaries, and therefore, by reaching them with the gospel while in Spain, they can take the message of Jesus back to their country in North Africa.

While in Spain, we will be prayer walking, distributing literature, performing street music, and developing friendships with the people we meet in hopes of sharing the wonderful message of Christ with them. In order to do this, we are required to attend training sessions for 7 weeks prior to the trip. These sessions will include intense prayer time, lessons in



conversational Arabic and Spanish, Bible studies, and required reading of books about Islam and how to share the gospel with Muslims.

I would appreciate any prayer support you can give for this trip. I know the Lord will use your prayers to lay the foundation for reaching the unreached of North Africa. For in Paul's letter to the Romans he says, "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring

good news?" Romans 10:14-15. Love in Christ, Nicole Haynes

## Meeting to develop Texas Plains Trail as heritage tourism attraction

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will host an organizational meeting to assist the Texas Plains Trail Region prepare its application for designation as a Texas Heritage Trail.

"The purpose of the meeting is to help those interested in developing the region as a heritage tourism attraction prepare their application for official designation," said Janie Hedrick, director of the Texas Heritage Trails Program.

The meeting will be held May 14 at the Tulia Chamber of Commerce in the Swisher Memorial Building at 127 SW Second Street from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Registration is requested and lunch will be provided.

The meeting is for anyone interested in promoting their his-

toric and cultural resources to tourists, particularly museum directors, heritage society members, Main Street managers, chamber of commerce directors, convention and visitor bureau directors, economic development directors, historic site directors, county judges, and county historical commission members in the region.

The Texas Plains Trail Region covers Gaines, Terry, and Yoakum Counties, and virtually all counties north to the Oklahoma line.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is a regional tourism initiative of the THC. For more information on the meeting, or the Trails Program, contact Janie Hedrick, 512-463-5754. To register for the meeting contact Lana Barnett at the Tulia Chamber of Commerce, 806-995-2296.

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**Yoakum County Wordsmiths announce Watermelon Poem entries are due May 15!! Eight \$50 savings bonds will be awarded to winners, with publication of their poems in the Watermelon Round Up Tabloid. Each poem, whether rhymed or free verse, should be no longer than 24 lines, and feature a watermelon theme. A separate cover sheet is required, with writers name, address, age and phone number. Poems may be mailed to Box 38, Plains, TX 79355, or given to Christy Brink.**

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# From The Hack

My head hurts, my feet stink, and I don't love you no more  
She got the ring, and I got the finger  
I haven't ever gone to bed with any ugly women, but I've sure woke up with a few  
(Hey, I didn't think a one of these up, they're straight off the net - I wish I had created one or two of them, though)

Following Plains ISD student activities almost nine months of each year, a great deal of our coverage is centered on athletic events and achievements, something which appeals to most readers. There are so many sports programs, and so many students involved in them, this coverage is warranted.

In retrospect, I often feel those students whose main interests are in pure academic achievements fail to get the attention and coverage their athletic peers do.

We wish to take this opportunity to heartily congratulate each member of this year's UIL Academic Team, and the members of all past teams, which have so well represented this school district, this community, a school district which has earned all the plaudits it has received, and the honor and respect it deserves from our community

Top Country Song Titles from the internet;

Her teeth was stained, but her heart was pure  
How can I miss you if you won't go away?

I don't know whether to kill myself or go bowling

Get your tongue outta my mouth cause I'm kissing you goodbye  
I keep forgettin, I forgot about you

I liked you much better before I knew you so well

I still miss you, baby... but my aim's getting much better

I'll marry you tomorrow, but let's honeymoon tonight

I'm so miserable without you, it's just like having you here

If I can't be number one in your life, then number two on you

If I had shot you when I wanted to, I'd be out now

Here are some examples why American English is difficult to learn:

The bandage was wound around the wound.

The farm was used to produce produce.

The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.

He could lead if he would get the lead out.

The soldier in the desert decided to desert his dessert.

Since there is no time like the present, he decided it was time to present the present.

A bass painted on the head of the bass drum.

When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

I did not object to the object.

The insurance was invalid for the invalid.

There was a row among the oarsmen about how is row.

They were too close to the doors to close them.

The buck does funny things when the does are present.

To help with the planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.

The wind was too strong to wind the sail.

After a number of injections, my jaw got number.

Upon seeing a tear in the painting of the shed, I shed a tear.

I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.

Why do people recite at a play, and play at a recital?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, yet a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

Yes, in American English, your house can burn up as it burns down, you fill out a form by filling it in, and an alarm goes off by going on.



## CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR  
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



In March 2002, eight soldiers were killed while carrying out Operation Anaconda in Afghanistan. Observers noted the eerie similarities between this tragedy and the 1993 battle in Somalia portrayed in the recent movie *Blackhawk Down*, in which 18 Army Rangers lost their lives.

In both cases, US special operation forces entered hostile territory by helicopter. The missions proceeded smoothly until several of the aircraft were hit by enemy fire. A US soldier fell from his aircraft in both instances, and in the ensuing fighting, the casualties mounted. The battles left hundreds of the enemy dead, but at the cost of the lives of some of America's finest.

The comparisons between these two military operations are chilling indeed. Perhaps the greatest parallel, as Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld pointed out, was the tremendous bravery of the soldiers involved.

However, there are key distinctions. The fundamental differences was the lack of a national security objective in the 1993 conflict. Our mission in Somalia was vague. Americans did not understand why our soldiers were placed in harm's way. The impact of this uncertainty became clear to me after the tragedy, when a man walked up to me on a plane from Washington DC to Dallas. He said, "Hi, Senator, my name is Larry Joyce. I'm your constituent. I asked what had brought him to the Capitol.

"I was burying my son in Arlington National Cemetery," he

told me. "Senator, I'm a military man. I had two tours of duty in Vietnam. My only son, Casey, was on his very first mission as a Ranger in Somalia, and he is never coming home. And Senator, I can't tell you why."

I vowed then I would never face a parent like Colonel Joyce again and not be able to tell him why his son or daughter died.

Later at Congressional hearings about the events in Somalia I met Larry Joyce again, and we spoke of his son's death. Colonel Joyce feared Casey had died in vain in Mogadishu.

I assured him that if our nation learned the appropriate lessons from Somalia, and never again

sent military men personnel in harm's way without a national security interest at stake, his son and the other heroes killed that day would not have died in vain.

Our soldiers are now engaged in deadly combat in Afghanistan. These young men and women are highly trained, unquestionably professional and singularly brave -- just like the soldiers in Somalia. However, the situation for our troops today is far different. They have a clear purpose, vital national interests are at stake, and they have the overwhelming support and resolve of our government and our people. President Bush addressed the nation to explain the importance of the military action before it had even begun. He built an international coalition to prosecute the war, and has made sure the US military has every available resource for success.

March marked the six month anniversary of the terrorist attack that sparked the war, and

the support of the American people has not wavered. We now have a President and Congress committed to wiping out terrorism against our citizens and protecting freedom for our children.

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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday, June 10, 2002, before the Honorable 121<sup>st</sup> District Court of Yoakum County, at the Courthouse in said County in Plains, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said Court on March 21, 2002, in the above-entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Judgment Nisi as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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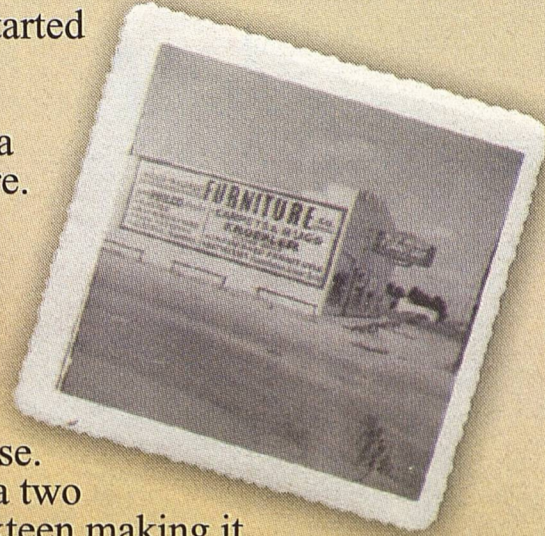
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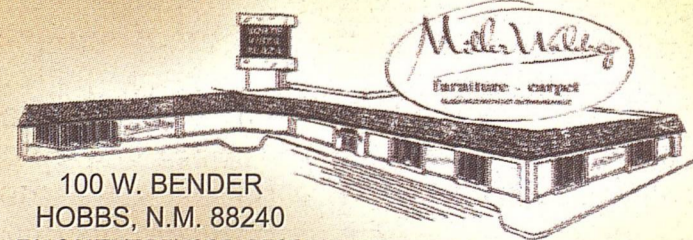
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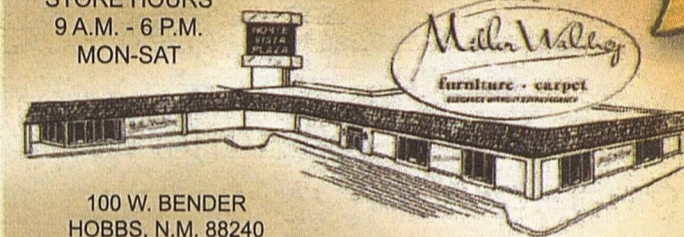
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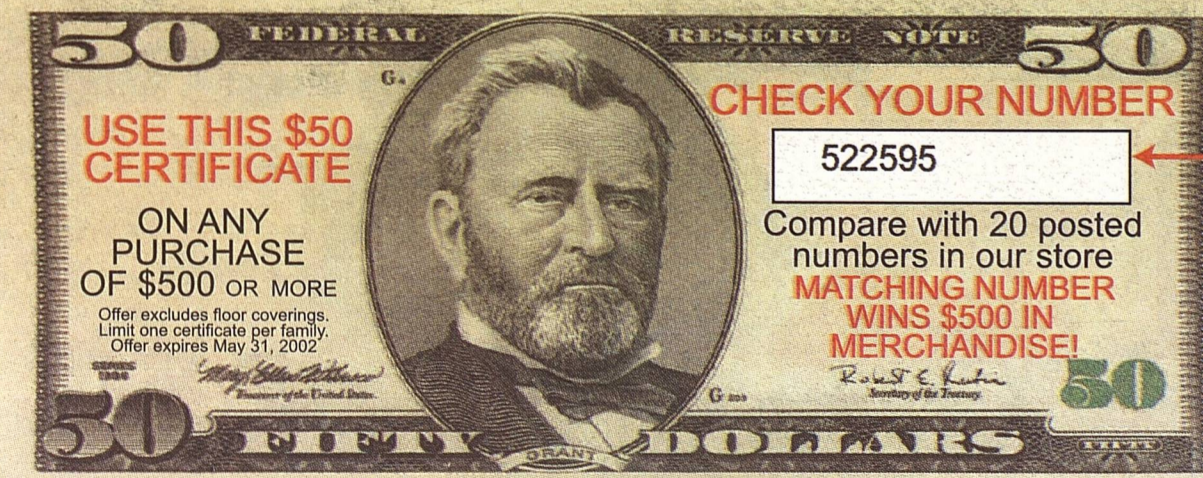
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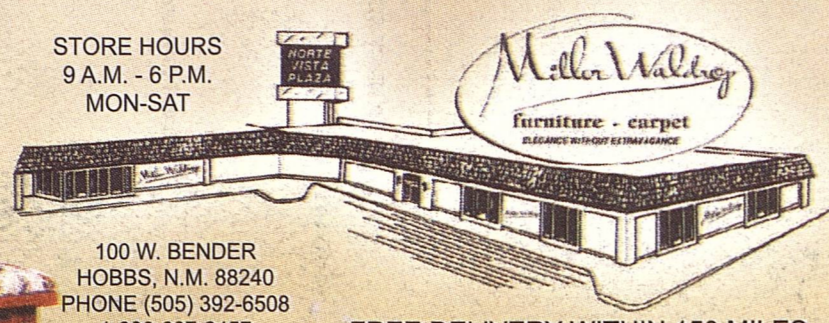
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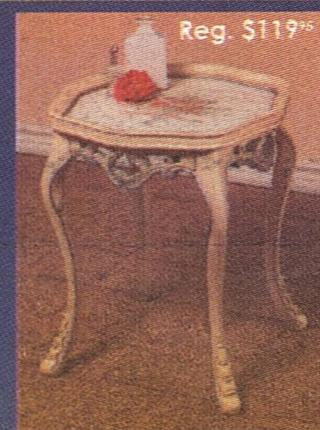
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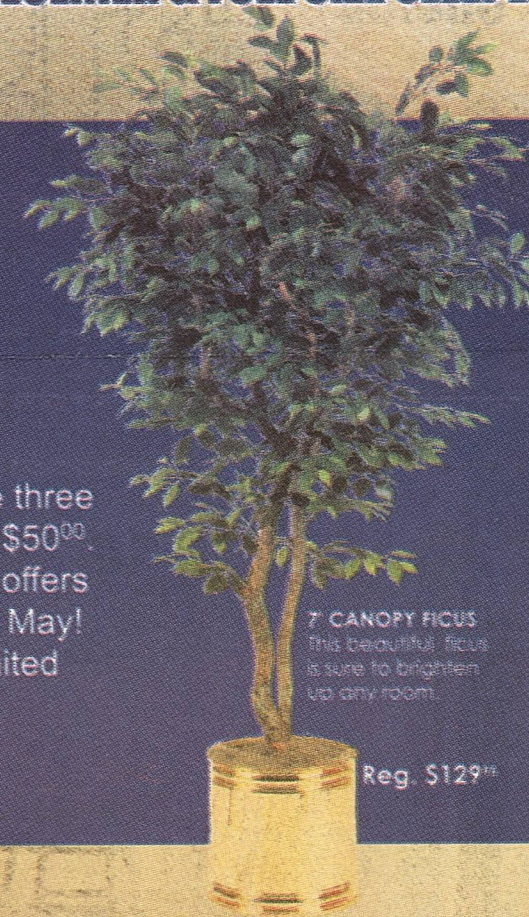
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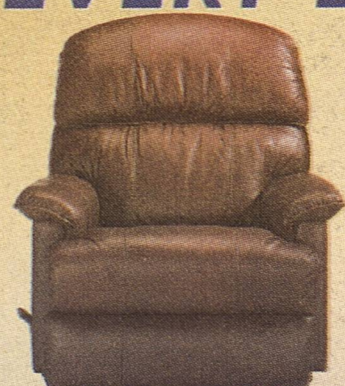
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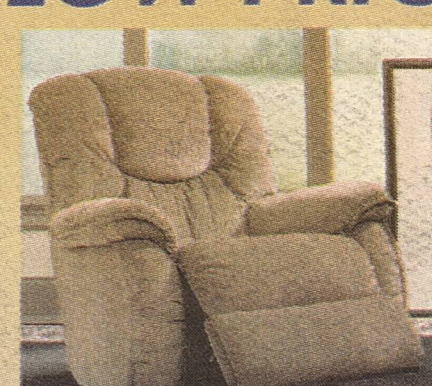
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