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## Long agenda of crime cases in County Court

Fifteen criminal cases were heard in County Court June 29, with Judge Dallas Brewer presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Andrew David Glover pled guilty to possession of codeine, less than 28 grams, a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred. He was fined \$750, must pay \$226 court costs and \$140 restitution to DPS. A possession of marijuana cause, less than two ounces, was adjudicated. He must serve 80 hours community service, attend weekly narcotics meetings. Investigating officer was DPS Trooper Robert Munsell, and Bill Wischkaemper was his attorney.

David Esquivel pled guilty to theft of services, more than \$20, less than \$500. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He will pay \$256 court costs and \$25 time payment fee., and \$238.71 restitution to Kathy's Hollywood Hits.

Arturo Perez Tarango Jr. pled guilty to misdemeanor evading arrest. A 90 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$250, must pay \$211 court costs and \$250 appointed fees. He will serve 80 hours community service and complete the batterers intervention program. Karen Hobbs, Denver City Police, was investigating officer, Paul Mansur was his attorney.

Jeffrey Lee Herschman pled guilty to a misdemeanor reckless driving charge. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$200, must pay \$226 court costs and \$250 appointed attorney fes and \$25 time payment fee. Eddie Bishop, Denver City Police, was investigating officer and Paul Mansur was his attorney.

Antonio Martinez Adame pled guilty to assault causes bodily injury to family member. A 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$211 court costs, \$250 attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend 72 hours in jail with credit for 59 days served, will serve 80 hours community service, and attend the batterers prevention program. Bill Helwig was his attorney and Chris Ballard, D.C. Police was investigating officer.

Daniel Palacios Rodriguez pled guilty and was sentenced to adjudication of guilt deferred in a false report to police officer cause. He was fined \$250 and must pay \$211 court costs. Harboring a runaway was dismissed. Deputy Kenley Powell was investigating officer and Emilio Abeyta was his attorney

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## Want a memorial brick for you or yours? Better hurry - time is of the essence!

The mounting frame has been built. The new electronic sign has been uncrated. Lea County Electric crews have drilled holes for the support pipe. Cement has been ordered for the area around the sign and to lay the memorial bricks in. Engraving of the bricks is moving rapidly now. Very shortly there will be even more activity taking place in Pioneer Plaza Park when final stage work starts on the Plains Chamber of Commerce drive to acquire a new sign to announce what's happening here and around the county. Chamber officials last week announced they will continue to accept orders for the \$50 bricks, but ONLY UNTIL JUNE 15 at that price. Later orders will be accepted for \$100 because after that date all engraving will have to be done on site here rather than in the Slaton plant. Application forms are available at City Hall, and additional information by calling 806-456-2288



Above, the massive steel frame which will support the new 22 foot long electronic sign in Pioneer Park. Below, Lea County Electric line crews bore holes for legs of the frame to be cemented in place. Local Bill Rowe, overseeing last stages of the project, hopes to have the sign installed around the first week in July.



## 2005 crop assessment an 'Iffy' proposition

Ask a Yoakum County cotton, peanut, watermelon or small grain producer their outlook on production prospects this year, you will likely hear phrases such as, 'if we can just get a nice, gentle rain', or 'if these hot and high winds will just ease up', or 'if our market prices would just make a turn around'.

Uncertainty is the operative word covering the 2005 ag crop. Texas Cooperative Extension Agent-Ag Arlan Gentry confirmed this when he discussed current crops with CCN last Friday.

"I think the cotton crop offers varied conditions, from very good to very poor. Earlier storms with hail, flooding for days, then scorching hot, windy days have taken a toll on many areas of the county," he reported. He said heat units for the plants have been improving, and there have been significant improvements in many areas. "The greatest need right now is a slow, gentle, and abundant rain over the drier areas of the county." Ironically, particularly in the eastern portion of the area many acres of ground are still under water from earlier 8 to 10 inch downpours. He said the

state line area to the west suffered the most hail damage, but considers "the condition over all is still pretty good."

In his opinion, the years peanut crop is probably in better shape overall than the cotton crop. "It has suffered very little damage from the sometimes wild weather we've experienced. It looks about on schedule, but like our cotton, the peanuts are needing a good, gentle rain also." Gentry said producers are



A good field of irrigated peanuts

showing concern about the coming market price. "It's pretty apparent we're experiencing an over supply of peanuts, in this particular area and the other production areas of the entire state." He said recent years of good prices have led to more planted acres, and with good yields, "It's only natural producer prices will get lower."

Gentry reported some 17,000 acres of peanuts were planted in the county in 2004. "While it's true the

legumes need considerable irrigation water, but they have been economically beneficial to our area, and peanuts and cotton make excellent rotation crops."

Cotton and peanuts remain the county mainstays of production. Local small grain crops including wheat, rye and milo maintain a minor portion of ag production. This year's wheat crop was hurt by heavy rains

Yoakum County watermelons continue to be noted for their sweetness and overall quality, but production acreage continues to decline, mainly due to high growing costs, high risks, and difficulties of marketing the finished product. Gentry reported, "Many growers have learned the hard way it's not enough to grow quality melons. If you don't have a reliable marketing source you are at the mercy of too many negative possibilities in selling your product."

The Extension summarized his report by stating, "While this year may not set any production records for our crops, we have certainly seen worse years. I suppose it's more or less a typical West Texas ag experience."

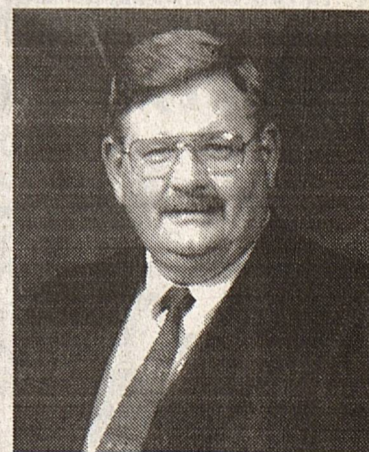
## O'Quinn honored as Principal of the Year

Plains High School Principal Steven L. O'Quinn was recently honored as the Region 17 High School Principal of the Year at the state meeting of Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP).

O'Quinn received a plaque and was recognized at the opening general session of the annual TASSP Summer Workshop June 8 at the Austin Convention Center. His picture was featured in the organization's booklet *Texas Principals, Texas Heroes* and in the association's video presentation prior to the start of the meeting.

The state organization honors outstanding principals and assistant principals from each region of the state. The administrators who receive the prestigious awards are nominated and chosen by their peers. Nominations are based upon exemplary performance and outstanding leadership.

O'Quinn is beginning his twelfth year as principal at PHS. Prior to his tenure here he



served as high school principal in Junction two and one half years and three years in the same position at Wink.

As instructional leader he has implemented advanced placement classes within the curriculum in math, science and language arts. Plains High has received eight "Exemplary" and two "Recognized" ratings from TEA during his time here. In UIL competition the school has won 10 district academic championships in Class A and AA, five regional championships and has been state academic runner-up in 2003 and 2005.

## -- Randy's Roundup --

### Congressman Randy Neugebauer, 19th Congressional District

#### Fact Finding Trip To Canada:

Recently I traveled to Canada along with the Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Bob Goodlatte and other House members to meet with Canadian officials and representatives from the Canadian beef industry.

From what I observed on the trip, closing off our border to Canadian live cattle is hurting America's ranchers. Over the past several years, Canada has made great strides in building its beef processing infrastructure. In the process, they have become less and less reliant on U.S. feedlots and meatpacking plants. The result has been the loss of thousands of American jobs and increased costs for American cattle producers.

As we move toward a solution, it is my hope we make all decisions based on science and the situation can be remedied as soon as possible for the benefit of Texas cattle producers.

#### Flag Protection Amendment:

A constitutional amendment allowing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag garnered the necessary two-thirds majority approval in the House of Representatives last week. It is fitting the House has acted to protect Old Glory on the eve of our nation's Independence Day, and as our troops rally behind the flag on battlefields in Iraq and Afghanistan.

There are several hurdles remaining, however, until the amendment becomes part of the constitution. If the amendment musters the support of two-thirds (67) of U.S. Senators - which will be no easy task - it will then need to be ratified by three-fourths (37) of state legislatures.

There is nationwide support for the amendment. Currently, all 50 states have passed resolutions calling on Congress to pass the amendment. And before the Supreme Court ruled flag protection laws were unconstitutional in 1989, 48 states have made flag desecration a crime, all except Alaska and Wyoming.

#### A Win For Fiscal Responsibility:

I authored a piece of fiscally responsible legislation that was approved last week by the House. This ends further funding of two research grants whose focus fell outside the mission of the National Institute of Mental Health, whose goal is to find cures and better treatments for serious mental health disorders. One of the studies has been ongoing nearly 15 years and has received more than \$1.5 million to study "Perceptual Bases of Visual Concepts." The study examines how pigeons can classify life-like visual stimuli into natural and artificial categories. Another study has spent more than \$740,000 to determine how the self esteem of newlyweds affects their marriage. Whatever merits these projects may have or positive outcomes they may produce, they are not related to serious mental health disorders such as Alzheimers disease and autism.

It is the role of Congress to be good stewards of tax payer dollars and make sure the money is going where it is intended. With so many families struggling to battle these disease it is imperative we direct limited resources where they are needed most.

RANDY

## Services held for Charlotte Palmer

Charlotte Palmer, 49, of Lubbock and formerly of Plains, passed away on June 24, 2005 at her home.

Mrs. Palmer was born April 27, 1956 to Oscar and Dorothy Allen in Dallas. She attended school in the Dallas area and graduated from Hurst High School.

Those left to cherish her memories include her children; Son Bradley and daughter Anne, both of Plains; a brother, Oscar Allen of Ringgold, Georgia; two sisters, Linda Bates of Seabrook, Texas and Jennifer Kimmel of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The family requests in lieu of flowers memorials be sent to [www.thewomansheart.org](http://www.thewomansheart.org).

Services for Mrs. Palmer were held Friday, July 1, 2005 at 11 AM at the First Baptist Church in Plains, with Ray Young officiating. Personal services were provided by Mark A Jones Funeral Directors/Plains Memorial Chapel.

#### From Page One, County Court

Andres Ruiz pled guilty to DWI, breath test refused. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$500, must pay \$326 court costs and \$250 attorney fees. He will serve 72 hours in jail with credit for 13.5 hours. He must complete the DWI first offender program and serve 24 hours community service. Investigating officer was Trooper Robert Munsell and Warren New was his attorney.

Peter Joseph Degraives II pled guilty to purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$200, must pay \$211 court costs and \$250 appointed attorney fees, and \$25 time payment fee. His attorney was Bill Helwig, and Lupe Garcia, D.C. Police was investigating officer.

Rene Vasquez pled guilty to illegal dumping, less than \$500 pounds. He was fined \$100 and must pay \$250 court costs. Deputy Nancy Baize was investigating officer.

Abigail Manzano pled guilty to first DWI, open container, b.t. .081/.081. A 120 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He will serve 6 days in jail with credit for 2 days served, must complete the DWI first offender program and attend weekly AA meetings. Trooper Robert Munsell was investigating officer.

Jessica Castillo pled true to an order modifying supervision from a prior assault causes bodily injury. Her supervision will be extended six months and she must serve an additional 25 hours community service.

Gravela Garza pled guilty to purchase/furnish alcohol to a minor. A 60 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay \$200 fine and \$211 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. Patricia Valdez, D.C. Police was investigating officer.

Elizabeth Marie Sellers pled guilty to theft of service less than \$500. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. She must pay \$256 court costs and \$173.02 restitution to Hollywood Hits, and serve 24 hours community service. William Gardner, D.C. Police was investigating officer.

## 4-H Trap, Skeet Shootout

Nine members of the Yoakum County 4-H Shooting Sports project participated in the District 2 4-H Trap and Skeet Shoot in Lubbock last week. There were 201 participants in the Trap Division, 120 shooting Skeet and 90 shooting in 5-stand

County participants invested many hours of practice to prepare for this fun and competitive event. The high winds made Fridays competition extremely challenging. Following are competition results:

#### Trap

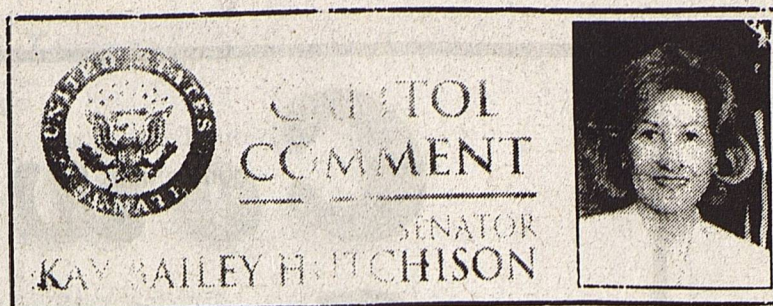
Sub-Jr.	Class B	Dustin Powell - 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Sub-Jr.	Class C	Chad Isbell - 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Senior	Class B	Reagan Haynes - 2 <sup>nd</sup> place
Senior	Class C	Rifle Collinsworth - 5 <sup>th</sup> place

#### Skeet

Sub-Jr.	Class B	Aaron Higgs - 4 <sup>th</sup> place
Sub-Jr.	Class D	Dustin Powell - 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Jr.	Class A	Matthew Hillburn - 5 <sup>th</sup> place
Senior	Class D	Colby Wilmeth - 6 <sup>th</sup> place

#### 5-Stand

Sub-Jr.	Class B	Dustin Powell - 6 <sup>th</sup> place
Sub-Jr.	Class C	Chad Isbell - 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Jr.	Class A	Matthew Hilburn - 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Jr.	Class C	Luke Sellers - 3 <sup>rd</sup> place
Senior	Class C	Colby Wilmeth - 1 <sup>st</sup> place
Senior	Class C	Leo Sellers - 2 <sup>nd</sup> place



"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men." This is the best remembered sentence from the Declaration of Independence.

When I was a child, I loved the Fourth of July because of the picnics, fireworks and the patriotic feelings inspired by the flags and red white and blue decorations. As I grew older, I began to appreciate the deeper significance of the holiday. An avid reader from a young age, I particularly enjoyed history and learned America's bid for independence came very close to failing. We were fighting Great Britain, which was the 18th Century's superpower. It was only through bravery and steadfastness that our forefathers emerged victorious despite numerous setbacks and defeats.

The Declaration of Independence, written so eloquently by Thomas Jefferson, neither began nor ended the American Revolution. By July 1776, the 13 colonies had already been involved in a shooting war against the British for over a year, and the Continental Congress had appointed George Washington as the commanding general. The untried Continental Army, augmented by local militia, had managed to force the British to leave Boston, but had been defeated on other battlefields. In the beginning, the fight was to assert American rights as British citizens, but the Declaration of Independence clarified the goal of the war, making it a conflict about the fundamental concept of liberty.

This concept was a powerful motivator as George Washington kept the poorly paid and equipped army together during the seven years of war. His strength of character, ability to learn from defeat and shrewdness helped drive the Continental Army, but the glue which held it together was the goal of the mission - Liberty For All.

Sometimes Americans forget how revolutionary the idea of freedom was for the world in 1776. There were very few countries which were even vaguely democratic at the time. The Netherlands were a republic. England had its parliament but was ruled by a king. Some of Switzerland's Cantons, and various small city states in Germany and Italy, were republican in structure, but the great nations of Europe, including Spain, France and Sweden, were absolute monarchies. Elsewhere the oppressive autocracies of Imperial Russia, the Turkish Ottoman Empire and Imperial China were the rule.

The idea that a government existed for the benefit of its people and not the reverse was revolutionary. Even within our borders it took a bloody civil war and a bitter civil rights struggle to broaden the concept to include Americans of all ethnic and religious backgrounds.

The idea of freedom is still unsettling in many parts of the globe, from the dictatorships of Zimbabwe and North Korea to Cuba. Communist China still cracks down on democratic forces and is imposing strict controls on the freewheeling internet. The young people of Iran are rejecting the sham elections approved by the clerics who run that country. Resistance to our liberation of Iraq from the tyrant Saddam Hussein is driven by the fear a free Iraq can threaten the strongmen who currently oppress so many who live in the Middle East.

Though the present struggles in Iraq and Afghanistan are difficult, I am confident the power of freedom will help remake this region of the world, just as it remade Imperial Japan and Nazi Germany after the end of World War II. Though there will always be setbacks, history seems to be moving toward greater acceptance of democracy and free markets in South America, Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia and the Middle East. This will make the world more peaceful and far more prosperous.

This is why our Fourth of July is so important. It was a declaration of independence for 13 small colonies over two centuries ago, which has become a clarion call for freedom still being heard today.

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 Bonds set:  
 3 charges motion to revoke probation-denied  
 Illegal dumping- \$500  
 Assault/bodily injury family  
 Prostitution, Lubbock County-\$349  
 Theft by check, Gaines Co.-\$2500  
 3 iswsuances of bad checks-\$100,\$500,\$300  
 2 DWI with child under 15-\$1500  
 Parole violation, Texas Youth Commission, bon denied  
 3 charges forgery, financial instrument- \$5000  
 2 engaging in organized criminal activity- \$1500  
 Obstruct/Retaliation- \$1500  
 Assault, bodily injury, family violence- \$2500  
 Agravated assault deadly weapon-\$3000  
 Possession marijuana- \$500

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**Thank You**

For your generous support of our Memorial Brick Campaign to help fund the new electronic sign for Pioneer Park. You and all the other supporters have again proven the generosity of our great community! We salute.....

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We want to say a heartfelt thank you to our community for the many prayers that have been lifted up for our precious Devon. We know God works miracles through prayers and we definitely consider Devon our miracle baby. He is doing well and continues to do better each day. A special thanks to the FBC kitchen crew, Bro. Bill and Cheryl McKenzie. We appreciate the food, visits, phone calls and many acts of kindness on Devon's behalf. What a blessing to live in a wonderful community like Plains.

God Bless You All !!

Sincerely,  
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Gary & Frankie Walker  
Don & Jeanette Young

**Another bouncing baby boy!**



**Timothy Marc Traweek**

His very proud parents are Josh & Lori Traweek, of Lubbock. He weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces, and was 18 1/2 inches long. Equally proud grandparents are Marc & Zanna Traweek of Plains and Robert (Buddy) Pace of Brownfield

**Seniors Corner**

We have several members of our senior family who have returned this week from visits elsewhere. Royce and Jewell Hemmline are back from visiting family, Ted and Claudia Ferguson are home from a big family reunion at Lake of the Pines. Coy Black is home for a few days before returning to the Houston area to be with family there for a while longer. His granddaughter Josalynn is serving as his chauffeur. Harley Evans is off on a fishing trip in the Rockies for a couple of weeks.

Susan Stansell was a lunch guest of Wynell Lewis this week as they stopped while enroute to computer classes at the Learning Center.

Pete Lara and Chris Ramirez, from SPAG (AAA) office in Lubbock had lunch with us one day and attended our monthly Board of Director's meeting. It was an informative hour for all of us as they explained some of the organization's achievements as well as on-going challenges and problems. They applauded all Yoakum Countians for their contribution and involvement in seeing the Senior Center continue to be available to our county's seniors.

With the holiday approaching and family members zeroing in on Denver City, this week found me cleaning drawers, dusting corners and considering how much bed spapce is available when all at once I remembered a bit of wisdom from a dear sister in law who wisely said, "It takes less time to apologize for the mess in your house than it does to clean it up." God love sisters in law! I've always considered mine the cream of the crop.

Thought for today:

"Go to father", she said when I asked her to wed. Now she knew that I knew her father was dead, and she knew that I knew the kind of life he had led, so she knew that I knew what she meant when she said, "Go to father."

June Hanneman had the following poem in her column available for the pre-4th of July issue of the Denver City Press. Our print will be a bit late, but the message is still very timely!

I watched the flag pass by one day  
It fluttered in the breeze.  
A young marine saluted it  
And then he stood at ease.  
I looked at him in uniform -  
So young, so tall, so proud,  
With hair cut square and eyes alert,  
He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him  
Had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mother's tears?  
How many pilot's planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes - soldier's graves?  
No, Freedom Isn't Free!

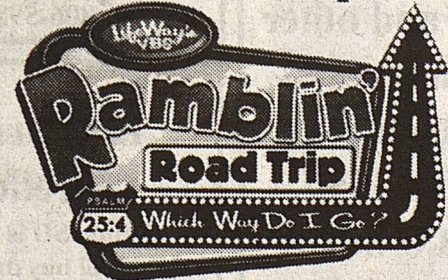
I heard the sound of Taps one night  
When everything was still.  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.  
I wondered just how many times  
That Taps had meant "A-men"  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the mothers,  
Of the children, and the wives,  
Of fathers, sons, and husbands  
With interrupted lives.  
I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea -  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington -  
No, Freedom Isn't Free!

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# From The Hack

Did you happen to read the brief blurb in Tuesday's Lubbock A-J detailing the "World's Ugliest Dog Contest" in California? The winner was Sam, a 14 year old Chinese Crested - his third consecutive win. Sam was described a tiny thing, with no hair except for a small white tuft, whose brown skin is covered with splotches, a line of warts grow down his nose, his blind eyes are milky white and a flap of loose skin hangs under his chin.

This is strange - the description perfectly fits several of the brigands I regularly play golf with. Wonder if Sam knows how to cheat and win as well as they do?

I think I am suffering Post 4th Syndrome. I can't whine about it, for I brought most of it about. I first watched Mel Gibson's "We Were Soldiers", an excellent movie about the introduction of helicopter transported troops in the Vietnam conflict. Good movie, but the G.I. casualties are moving and horrific. Next, like an idiot moth drawn to a flame, I watched "Saving Private Ryan" again. I truly doubt there will ever be another Hollywood production to equal the depiction of slaughtering good men as the first 20-30 minutes of those scenes of our forces landing on Omaha Beach that June, 1944 D-Day.

To top these two experiences off, I have been trying to read possibly the finest true story ever written about our Revolutionary War, "1776", by two time Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough. It's a long, detailed story of how very, very close this nation came to re-

maintaining an unwilling colony of Great Britain.

For some reason, the older I get, the more emotional I find myself over things patriotic. I do not choose to apologize for this.

Sent by Edward B. Clark, originally written by Lt. Gen. Chuck Pitman, US Marine Corp Retired;

"I am sorry the last seven times we Americans took up arms and sacrificed the blood of our youth was in defense of Muslims- Bosnia, Kosovo, Kuwait, Gulf War 1, etc.. I am sorry no such apology came from extremists after 9 - 11...I am sorry all the 9-11 murderers were Islamic Arabs...I am sorry most Arabs and Muslims have to live in squalor under savage dictatorships...I am sorry their leaders squander their wealth...I am sorry their governments breed hate for the U.S. in religious schools, mosques and government run media...I am sorry the USA has to step in and be the biggest financial supporter of poverty stricken Arabs while the insanely wealthy Arabs blame the USA for their problems...I am sorry the UN scammed the poor of Iraq out of 'food for oil' money so their officials could get rich while the people suffered...I am some Arab governments pay the families of homicide bombers upon their death... I am sorry those homicide bombers think they will receive 72 virgins in paradise... I am sorry our troops die from attempting to free Arabs from gang rape rooms and the filling of mass graves for dissidents of their own making... I am sorry Muslim extremists have killed more Arabs than any other group... I am sorry we don't drop a few dozen Daisy Cutter bombs on Fallujah... I am sorry every time terrorists hide they find a convenient 'holy site'...I am sorry Michael Moore is American - he could feed a medium size village in Africa...

If you want an apology from this American you're going to have a long wait. You have a much better chance of finding those 72 virgins!"

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**Bus Driver Needed**  
Plains ISD is seeking additional bus drivers to be used as substitutes and to drive for field trips. These same drivers would be used to replace route drivers as the need occurs.  
Drivers must have a current CDL license with both passenger and school bus endorsements or be willing to acquire the above licenses.  
To apply contact:  
Superintendent's Office  
1000 10th Street, P.O. Box 479  
Plains, Texas 79355  
Or  
Call: 806-456-7401  
Plains ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

## NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, July 14, 2005, for the sale of the former Precinct #1 building located at 139 East Broadway, Denver City, Texas. The required minimum bid is \$20,000.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, July 18, 2005.

For more information, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806-456-2422 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355.

Sealed bids should be marked "PRECINCT #1 BUILDING" on the envelope and mailed or delivered to County Judge, Dallas Brewer, PO Box 456/ Cowboy Way and Avenue G, Plains, Texas 79355. NO FAX COPIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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

**Grand Entry**  
Western Wear  
110 N. Main  
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Repair  
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Yoakum County in Trust Property Sale	
The following properties have been acquired by the Yoakum County Taxing Entities thru foreclosure of an ad valorem tax lien.	
Each of the properties will be subject to a minimum bid required as indicated below. These properties will be sold subject to any existing redemption rights.	
If interested in purchasing this property, you may submit a written bid to County Judge Dallas Brewer's office, Ave G. & Cowboy Way, P.O. Box 456, Plains, Texas 79355	
Bids are due by 4:00 pm, Friday, July 15, 2005. Bids will be approved in Commissioner's Court, Monday July 18, 2005.	
Legal Description	Minimum Bid
Lot 19, Blk 3, Original Town, Allred, Yoakum County, Texas (NE Side 1st & Main, Allred, Texas)	\$180.00
Lot 11-12 Blk 9 Original Town, Allred Yoakum County, Texas (Corner 2nd & Burns, Allred, Texas)	\$700.00
Lot 1-2 Blk 2, Original Town, Allred, Yoakum County, Texas (Southend Arliss St., Allred, Texas)	\$350.00
Lot 14-15, Blk 19, Original Town, Denver City, Tx (312 W. Dogwood, Denver City, Texas)	\$3,300.00
Lot 40, Blk 26 South Addition, Denver City, Yoakum County, Texas (410 Washington, Denver City, Texas)	\$2,140.00
Lot 25, Blk 20, South Addition, Denver City, Yoakum County, Texas (524 W. Dogwood, Denver City, Texas)	\$6,619.17
Lt 12, Block 2 Shell 3, Denver City, Texas, Yoakum County, Texas (1411 Madeira, Denver City, Texas)	\$9,129.27
E 80' Lot 13-18 Block 55, Original Town, Denver City, Yoakum County, Texas (109 E 7th, Denver City, Texas)	\$6,121.12
Lots 52-53, Blk 11, South Addition Denver City, Yoakum County, Texas (Corner S. Main & W. Cedar, Denver City, Texas)	\$2,500.00
Lots 40-44, Blk 18, South Addition Denver City, Yoakum County, Texas (200 W. Dogwood, Denver City, Texas 79323)	\$46,465.07
Lot 1-2 Blk 42, Original Town of Denver City, Tx (621 Brady, Denver City, TX)	\$4,751.40
Lot 14-18, Blk 26, Original Town, Denver City, Tx (409 N. Main, Denver City, Texas)	\$8,761.20
Lot 35 & E/2 Lot 34, Newman Addition, Denver City, Yoakum County, Texas (1011 W. Fir, Denver City, TX)	\$8,441.00
Lot 13-16 Block 25, South Addition, Denver City, Texas Yoakum County, Texas (117 W. Dogwood, Denver City, TX)	\$15,497.83
Lot 3-6, Block 29, Stanford, Plains, Yoakum County, Texas (1200 Block 2nd & 3rd St, Plains, Texas)	\$2,997.68
Lot 5, w6 Lot 4, Blk 34, South Addition, Denver City, Yoakum County, Texas (405 W. Elm, Denver City, Texas)	\$1,400.00
S 5' Lot 4, All of Lot 5, Blk 38, Original Town, Denver City, Texas (515 N. Main, Denver City, Texas)	\$3,050.00
S 16' Lot 6, all 7-9, Blk 29, Original Town, Denver City, Texas (409 N. Ave C., Denver City, Texas)	\$6,258.83
Lot 3, Block 126, Original Town, Plains, Yoakum County, Texas (602 12th St., Plains, Texas)	\$1,960.00
Yoakum County in Trust Minerals Sale	
.005097 Royalty Interest, Willard Unit Track 54, Lease #86540, Wasson Field Block D Sec 671	\$2,039.02
.004121 Royalty Interest, Willard Unit Track 53, Lease #86530, Block D Sec 671	\$1,968.53

## Growth of autism cases alarming....

Autism is the most common form of Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDDs) according to the Autism Society of America (ASA).

The disorder affects one in every 250 births. It typically appears within the first three years of life. It is a complex developmental disability affecting brain development in the areas of social interaction and communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.

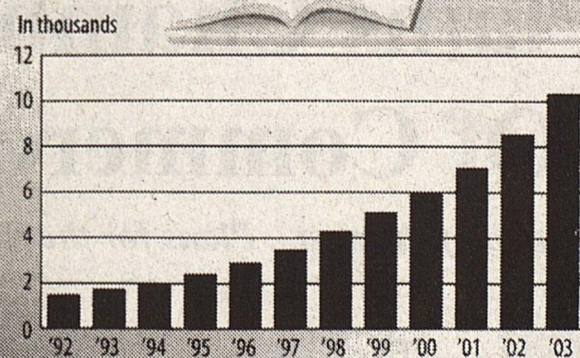
Autism is a growing concern, affecting an estimated 1.5 million people in the United States, and as many as 4 million within 10 years, according to ASA

In Texas, autism cases increased more than 600 percent from 1992 to 2003, and educational costs nationwide for kids with autism could top \$412 million in 2005, according to the U.S. Department of Education. The Texas legislature recently passed two bills awaiting the governors signature which would review educational services now available to over 14,000 Texas students with autism, and possibly make improvement in the autism education procedures.

## A challenge to answer

The number of autism cases in Texans between ages six and 22 rose more than 600 percent between 1992 and 2003. By comparison, the number of cases for all other disabilities in the same age group increased by about 32 percent in the same time period.

Texas autism cases



Source: U.S. Office of Special Education Programs, Center for Disease Control, <www.fightingautism.org>

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