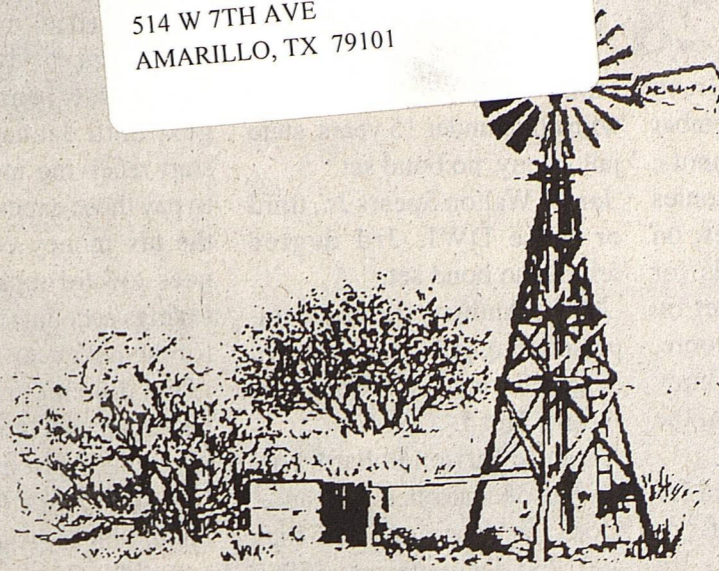


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Mother Nature lashes north portion of Yoakum County

Rainfall for the year rapidly approaching 26 inches !

Last Tuesday evening, October 5, dark and ominous clouds began forming in Eastern New Mexico, approaching the Texas stateline. Residents of neighboring Tatum, New Mexico heard the community storm warning whistle sound as the storm cell neared, and a confirmed tornado sighting was made, but no damage was reported as the storm moved into the Bronco, Texas area, and about 9:30 PM whipped into Plains.

A number of area residents reported a deluge of water poured from the skies - many recorded over four inches in an hour or less, with resulting serious flooding in several areas of town. Accompanying hail was confined mainly to the northern most sections of town.

Sulfur Draw, the depression which meanders diagonally across the county and through Plains and then on to form the headwaters of the Colorado River, became a torrent, pouring across U.S. Highway 380 and into Stanford Park. There the flood waters rose rapidly, and actually reached most of the residences on the north side of the park. City and County Precinct hands became aware of the dangerous situation, and joined forces to use heavy equipment to knock down dirt barriers on the east side of the park, releasing the rising water to flow on through the city and down Sulfur draw just out of the city limits. The water continued flowing, and it was necessary to erect barricades across all the city streets going through the draw to the north, where they remained until Monday morning. The only access to the north portions of Plains was via Highway 214 going north.

Yoakum County Extension Agent-Ag Arlan Gentry began a tour of the county countryside the next morning. "It was really difficult getting around. When I first went out, there was only one passable county road between the

Lovington and Roswell highways. They were either underwater or washed away in many areas."

When interviewed Friday afternoon, Gentry reported "There are still plenty of terrible roads, and it will be a long, slow process restoring them. Even some of the asphalt roads have washouts in them."

He told CCN, "It is just too early to accurately detail our crop losses. I am sure the worst hail damage was in the northern half of the county, with the northwest corner possibly receiving more hail than the northeast section. Some areas you just can't get into, because of the roads."

Gentry did say he estimated there were at least 25 irrigated circles of crops, mostly cotton, but with some peanut acreage, that appeared to be lost. "There will probably be more than that when we can take a closer look." Gentry has not had an opportunity to fully explore the northeast portion of the county, but knows a substantial amount of cotton, peanuts and milo have been destroyed.

One area producer escorted Gentry to a field where peanuts had earlier been dug and laid on top of the ground, hopefully to dry down prior to thrashing. "There just weren't any peanuts there, just stalks and leaves. The nuts had actually washed away in the tremendous rains!"

While hail damage in the city limits was minimal, reports indicate there was substantial damage done to houses, buildings and barns in rural Yoakum County, with heavier damage in the northwest sector.

Last Friday morning Sandy Land Water District and Plains City Hall records reported the town had received a bit more than 20 inches of precipitation since January 1. City Hall personell tallied up rainfall for the month of October, and the new total then stood at 25.74 inches.



Huge pool of standing water in Henard ranch pasture and over US 380 in background.



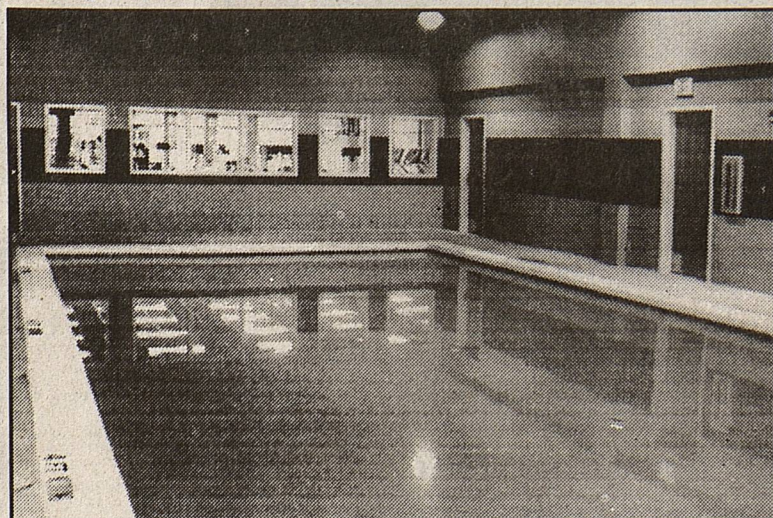
Waters swirl around vehicle and residence on north side of Stanford Park.

Yoakum County Hospital awarded hefty grant

Hospital officials, staff and supporters were elated when the prestigious Meadows Foundation announced it had awarded the hospital \$107,000 in grant funds. The hospital only recently completed a year long renovation and expansion of facilities program, enabled by Yoakum County voters approving a \$2.95 million bond issue in 2002 for the extensive project.

The Meadows Foundation is a private philanthropic institution founded in 1948 by Algor and Virginia Meadows. Algor Meadows built General American Oil Company into one of the nation's most successful independent oil and gas production companies. The Meadows Foundation's assets have now grown to over \$800 million, and it has dispersed over \$430 million in grants and charitable expenditures to more than 2,000 Texas institutions.

The hospital's efforts to improve and expand patient facilities and programs for its patients undoubtedly played a significant role in the Meadows Foundation awarding the generous grant. Included in the hospital enhancement plans were a new, state of the art dialysis



The Rehab Pool. Turn to page 2, "Hospital Grant"

Plains Independent School District Schedules Tax Rollback Election

From James Haynes,
Superintendent

Plains ISD will be holding a tax rollback election on December 2, 2004. The election will determine if the school district can keep the \$1.50 per \$100 tax rate set at the September 13 board meeting, or if the district will be required to roll back the tax rate to \$1.45706 per \$100. I would like to provide some information concerning this issue by asking and answering some questions that come to mind.

Q. Why are we having a rollback election? A. State law says when the rate set by the district exceeds the rollback rate the district must hold a rollback election. The rate set by the district during the September 13 board meeting was \$1.50 per \$100. The rollback rate is \$1.45706 per \$100; therefore we are **REQUIRED** to have the rollback election.

Q. What is a rollback rate? A. The rollback rate is the tax rate a district may levy without having to have a rollback election.

It is determined by a formula allowing the district to raise the same amount of money on taxes for the current year that was raised the previous year. An additional six cents can then be added to that number to determine the rollback rate. For example; The formula has determined this year the district could raise an amount of money equal to last year by taxing at a rate of \$1.39706 per \$100 value. The district is allowed to add an additional six cents to that amount, which determines the rollback rate of \$1.45706. If we tax at a rate higher than the \$1.45706 then we must have a rollback election.

Q. Why do we need a rate of \$1.50? A. It will take that tax rate to raise enough money to fund the district budget including regular operating expenses, our bonded indebtedness, and a large recapture payment. We passed a bond election last year as a way to save money from recapture and preceded that with a 10% cut in instructional

staff. Even with these actions the district still had to take some money out of fund balance to make the past year's budget work. We are doing everything possible to save money for the district this year, but to offer a quality program we must keep from cutting any further. The \$1.50 total rate helps *minimize* the amount we must pay in *recapture* to the state and still let us operate a quality program. Even at the \$1.50 rate we have to use some money from our fund balance to pay for our programs for the current school year. We are also trying to keep the district in a position to benefit from any legislation affecting school financing, which could come from the next 2005 legislative session this spring.

Q. What will happen if we don't get to keep the tax rate adopted by the board? A. The tax rate will be rolled back to the \$1.45706 rate. The recapture rate will remain the same and the bond payment will remain the same, but because the

district will collect less in taxes, the district will have to take more money out of fund balance this year and will have to consider additional cuts to the budget for the coming year. As I mentioned before, Plains ISD has made major cuts over the last several years and we are as lean as we can get and still maintain all the programs we currently offer. Any additional savings on the 2005-2006 budget would come by cutting programs and the personnel supporting them.

Q. Why is it important to keep a fund balance? A. Plains ISD is considered by the state to be a wealthy school district (Chapter 41); therefore we receive no funding (money) from the state to operate our school system. Just as in your personal finances, we must have money in our savings account (fund balance) to operate on until we get income (taxes) to spend on operating the school district. At Plains ISD most of our taxes

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ROLLBACK

Grand Jury indicts 25 on 28 offenses

The Yoakum County Grand Jury, convened on September 30, returned 28 indictments, ranging from state jail felonies to second degree felonies, on 25 defendants. All bonds for felony indictments are set by District Judge Kelly G. Moore, and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark represented the state.

Ramon Villa was indicted for manufacture/delivery of cocaine in drug free zone, 3rd degree felony. No bond set.

Pedro Loewen Bergen was indicted for two DWI causes, with child under 15, a state jail felony. \$2500 bond by Jerome Head.

Claudia Madonna Avalos was indicted for robbery, state jail felony, \$5000 bond by Jerome Head.

Veronica Darlene Ramirez, indicted for delivery of marijuana in drug free zone, state jail felony, no bond set.

Ramon Villa indicted for assault causes bodily injury/family violence, third degree felony, \$1500 bond by Lonnie Folmar.

Sharkey Len Lecroy, 3rd or more DWI, third degree felony, \$2500 bond by Lonnie Folmar.

Ray Alvin Hernandez, possession of prohibited weapon, third degree felony, \$3000 bond, Jerome Head.

Charles Gregory Dillon, failure to appear, 3rd degree felony, no bond set.

Carrie Joe Luther, theft of more than \$1500, less than \$20,000, a state jail felony, no bond set.

Brock Thomas Johnston, theft over \$1500, less than \$20,000, state jail felony, no bond set.

Robert Perez, DWI with child under 15 years, state jail felony, \$2500 bond by Jerome Head.

Sergio O. Molinar, DWI with child under 15 years, state jail felony, \$5000 bond by Jerome Head.

Albert K. Rodriguez, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, second degree felony, no bond set.

James Walton Spears Jr., DWI with child under 15 years, state jail felony, no bond set.

James Walton Spears Jr., third or more DWI, 3rd degree felony, no bond set.

Albert Anthony Jiminez, impersonating public servant, 3rd degree felony, \$5000 bond by Jerome Head.

Terrence Russell Pollard, possession of controlled substance, more than 4 grams, less than 400, 2nd degree felony, \$5000 bond by Lubbock Bail Bond.

Carlos Valverde Zausameda, DWI with child under 15, state jail felony, no bond set.

Jesus Armando Duarte, DWI with child under 15, state jail felony, \$3500 bond by Palmer Bail Bond.

Glenn Dale Cleveland, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, 2nd degree felony, \$15000 bond by Jerome Head.

Eliseo Perez Jr., assault against public servant, 3rd degree felony, \$3000 bond by Jerome Head.

Octavio Paul Lopez, assault causes bodily injury/family violence, 3rd degree felony, no bond set.

Raul Bernal, third or more DWI, 3rd degree, no bond set.

Juan Vedios Rodriguez, evading arrest/detention with motor vehicle, state jail felony, \$2500 bond by Jerome Head.

Alan Enrique Gutierrez, evading arrest/detention with motor vehicle, state jail felony, \$2500 bond by Lonnie Folmar.

Traci Lynn McClellan, bail jumping, failure to appear, 3rd degree felony, no bond set.

Ranges of Punishment - 2nd degree felony conviction - State prison not more than 20 years or less than 2 years, optional \$10,000 fine

3rd degree felony - State prison up to 10 years, no less than 2 years, optional \$10,000 fine.

State Jail Felony - confinement in state jail up to two years, no less than 180 days, optional \$10,000 fine.

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are collected in January and February. Our savings account (fund balance) must be of adequate size to pay salaries and operating expenses from August until January when we start receiving income (taxes) to pay those expenses. Some of the tax money collected also goes toward replenishing our savings account (fund balance) for the next year.

The district must operate based on the information we have under the current funding system for Texas schools. Should the legislature develop a new funding system during the regular session in the Spring of 2005, everything

could change, but nothing is known about the future at this time.

Because of the uncertainty of the future, it is critical Plains ISD provide an adequate level of funding so we can maintain the outstanding programs we currently have. Supporting the board's decision to tax a \$1.50 per \$100 will help tremendously. Plains ISD will host a Question and Answer session before the election. Please watch this paper for an announcement of the time and location. I will also be glad to speak to any group interested in the election.

James Haynes



This is not a scene of a Colorado creek flowing. These are flood waters escaping Stanford Park across Avenue E last Wednesday morning.

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treatment center, a multi-faceted rehab and fitness center, expansion of birthing rooms and delivery room improvements, and improvements of the hospital's emergency room and a new pre-op and recovery room.

The hospital's Dialysis Services of West Texas is a state of the art treatment center for dialysis patients. Its service area enables many patients to receive the vital and life sustaining treatments without traveling excessive miles. It will attract many new area patients, who prior to its opening were forced to make the three times per week trip to Midland/Odessa or Lubbock. The dialysis center features six patient treatment stations, with one required stand-by station, all featuring the very latest in equipment and monitoring systems.

The hospital's fitness center, West Texas Lifestyle and Rehab opened in September. The fitness center, Lifestyle, is crowded with virtually every fitness machine available, including weight machines, free weights, ellipticals, treadmills, bicycles, and much more. Rehabilitation therapy in the center includes a therapy swimming pool, vital to many recovering patients, two racquetball courts and a large assembly room. The public can have access to the facility's classes and equipment thru a membership program.

The renovation of the hospital's birthing rooms allows a family to stay with the mother as the baby is being born, and the larger rooms and updated equipment make the delivery a more enjoyable experience.

The Foundation searches for programs and services employing imaginative, innovative ways to solve community problems through

projects leading to organizational self-sufficiency and in capital plans enabling agencies to flourish. It seeks to support projects to alleviate pain, enhance social skills, and promote better human relations. Their review of the Hospital's grant search indicated achieving these pre-requisites.

We Get Letters

To the editor;

I would like to express my and my family's thanks to the staff of the City of Plains and the two Yoakum County Precinct crews who did such a tremendous job during your recent flood. They combatted a situation which should have been one of the last anyone would have imagined, which arrived with so little warning and on such a vast scale.

These people who serve you, and are so often overlooked and sometimes ignored, deserve a firm handshake and a pat on the back.

Yours truly,
Ed Hansen



In a recent column, I recalled our state's rich Native American history in light of opening the National Museum of American Indians. This week I want to tell you about another significant aspect of our past - the early Hispanic history in Texas in conjunction with another development in Washington.

After years of work, Congress enacted my legislation granting El Camino Real de los Tejas the status of a U.S. National Historic Trail - a privilege so rare only 15 other trails throughout the entire nation have been given that status by Congress.

In October, 2000, El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro was the first trail to be nationally recognized in Texas. Extending from Mexico City to San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico, this route once served as the sole artery for news, supplies, and travel to the far flung Spanish Colony of New Mexico.

Now, we take another step in enriching our heritage and education by recognizing El Camino Real de Tejas. For nearly 300 years, "The Royal Road" operated as a corridor for settlers, immigrants, Indians and the military. Its various trails assisted victories during both the American Revolutionary War and the Texas War of Independence, particularly during the infamous battle of the Alamo. Davy Crockett used a section of the trail to reach the Alamo while General Santa Anna launched a quick surprise attack on the Texans in San Antonio utilizing an adjacent trail. As the first major highway into Texas and Louisiana, El Camino Real opened the pathways to trade and cultural exchange.

El Camino Real de los Tejas is more than a road, it's a 2,600 mile path embedded with footprints and tracks that narrate long-standing tales about Texas and all who settled here or simply passed through. As visitors travel down this winding route, they'll follow in the footsteps of Spanish Missionaries of 1691, Mexican and Texan armies of 1836, Anglo-American settlers and personages such as Jim Bowie and Sam Houston, all while observing Spanish missions in San Antonio, Caddo Indian mounds in Alto and a dozen historical small towns helping make Texas unique. Preserving this landmark enhances our heritage and culture, which is why I first proposed this important measure designating El Camino Real de los Tejas as a National Historic Trail.

Under this legislation, the path will be recognized nationwide on maps as a significant landmark. The law authorizes the National Park System, working under the Department of the Interior, to establish and maintain the trail. The designation gives landowners the right to opt in or opt out of those portions of the trail that are not public property, helping to protect private property owners. In addition the bill will allow our state agencies, such as the Texas Historical Commission, to participate in the establishment and designation of the trail to boost tourism and economic development.

One reason for this law is to promote education for current and future Texans, as well as the many tourists who will visit each year. My bill allows the Secretary of the Interior to coordinate activities with the United States and Mexican public and non-governmental organizations. By collaborating with Mexican institutions, academic programs will help enrich our knowledge of the trail's history, geography and cultures.

This legendary trail forged the way for early development of Texas into a Spanish colony, an independent Republic and finally, our nation's 28th state. It is not just a highway; it is the foundation of an inspirational past, and with this designation, will become an even more important academic and economic aspect of Texas as our second national historical trail.

Yoakum County 4-H members are beginning their Annual Nut Sale fund raiser. Orders will be taken from October 1 thru October 19 and products should be received in time for delivery before Thanksgiving. Items available will be similar to last year; pecans, peanuts, flavored peanuts, walnuts and nut and fruit mixes. If you are missed, please call any Yoakum County 4-H member or the County Extension office, 456-2263.

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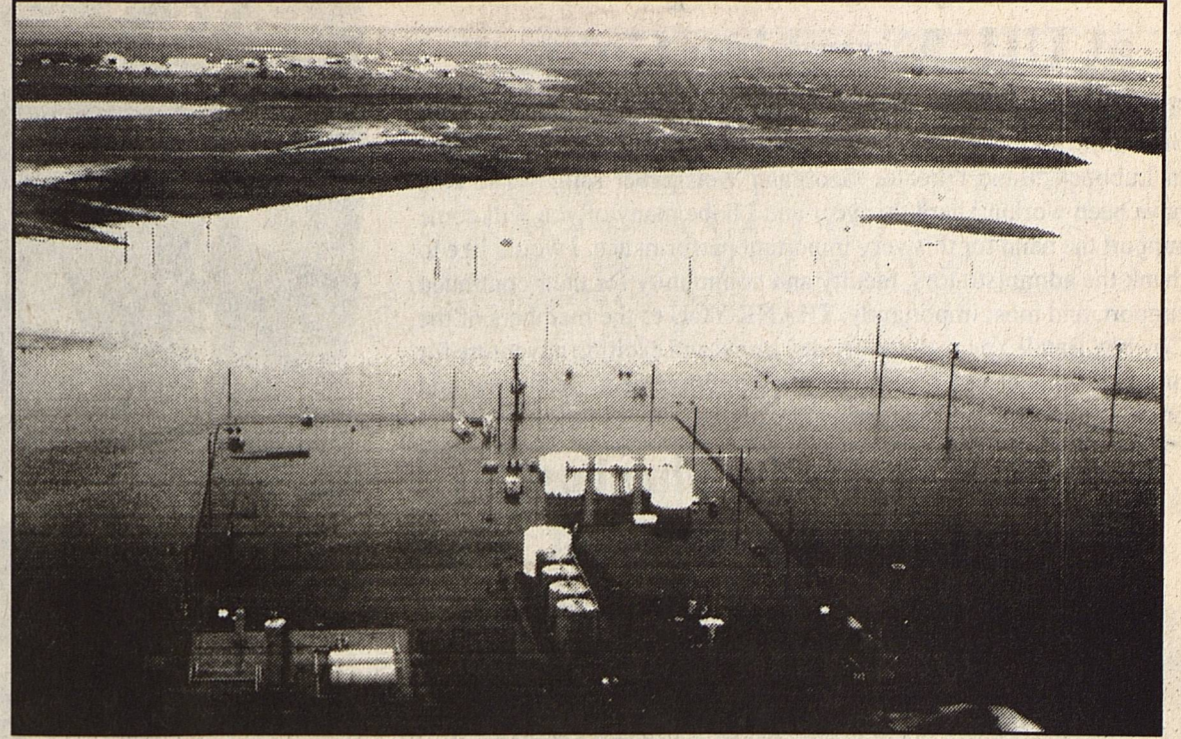
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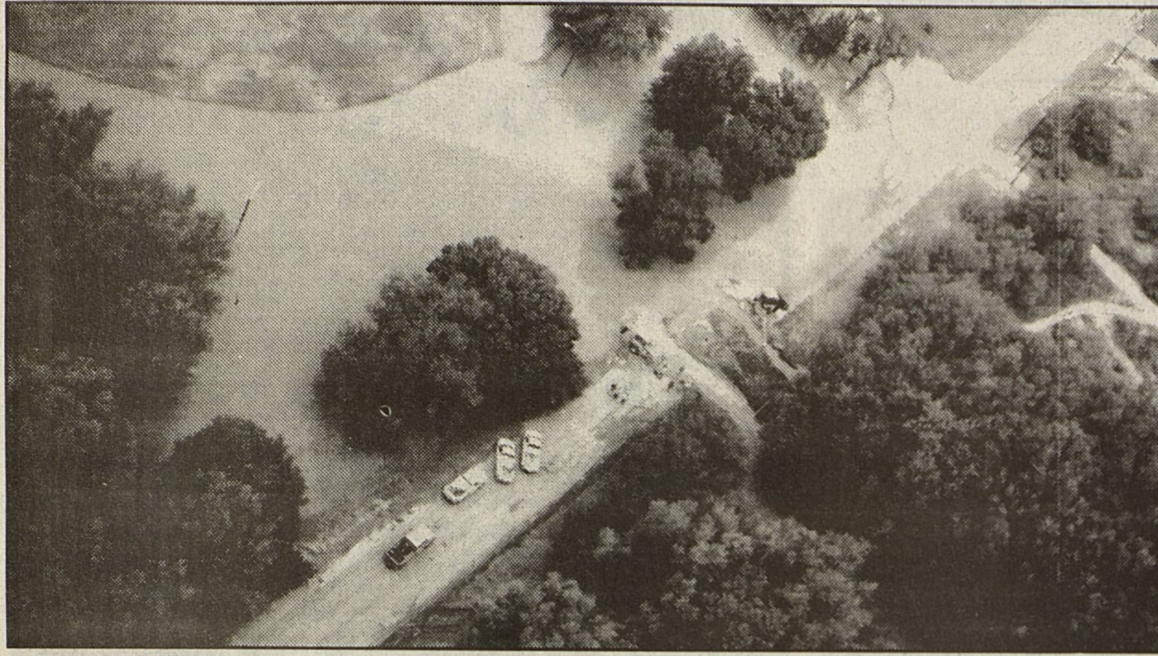
More Strom scenes. Thanks to Cindra Box, Jack Cobb, Debbie Rushing Spears for all photos !!



This dryland cotton was estimated to make a bale to acre. Not now.



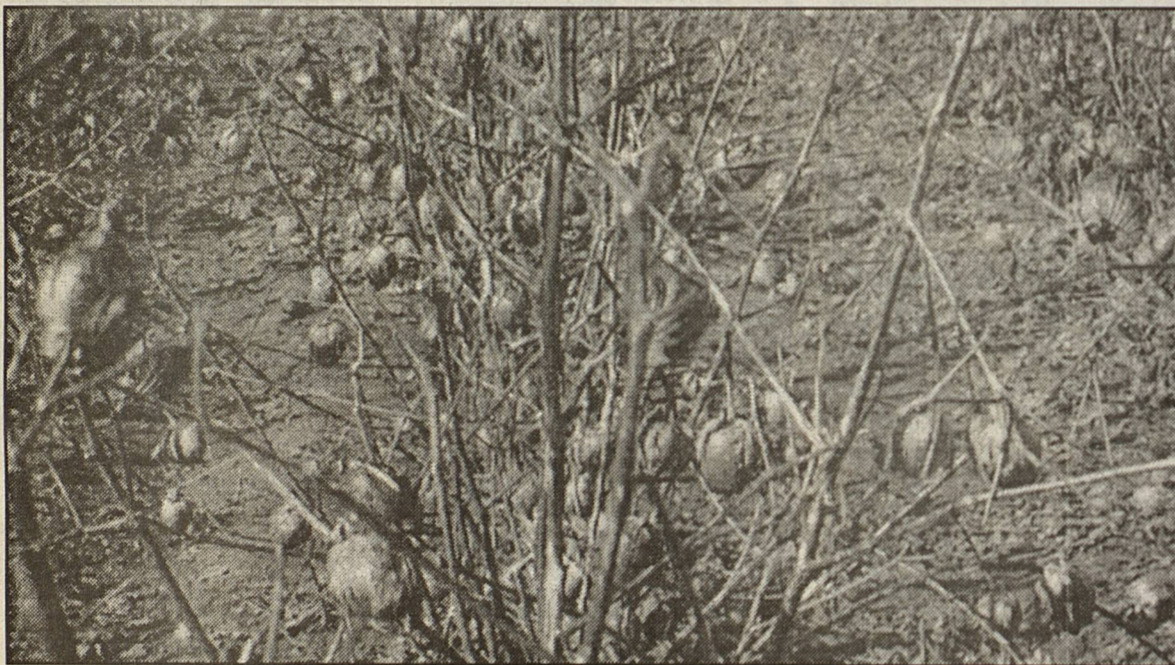
Oil storage tank farm northwest of town inundated



Water pours through cut in Avenue E to prevent flooding of homes on north side of park



US 380 to Roswell closed until Thursday, under water many places between here and Bronco



An irrigated field of cotton, ground littered with hail felled bolls



Sulfur Draw running in all its fury Wednesday morning

NOTICE

EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE

**FOR THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION
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**Beginning: Monday, October 18, 2004
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EARLY VOTING BY MAIL

Under certain conditions (see below) qualified voter is eligible to vote early by mail. Application forms for ballot by mail, may be picked up at the Denver City Branch Tax Office, or at the County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains. An application for ballot by mail must be received in the County Clerk's Office on or before **Tuesday, October 26, 2004** to be eligible to vote in the **General Election on November 2, 2004.**

Conditions for voting by mail:

1. Voter is or expects to be **ABSENT FROM THE COUNTY** of the voter's residence on election day.
2. Voter has a **SICKNESS OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY** that prevents him/her from appearing at the polling place on election day.
3. Voter is **65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER** on election day.
4. Voter is ***CONFINED IN JAIL.**

* For more information on the above conditions for voting by mail, call the County Clerk's Office at 806/456-2721.

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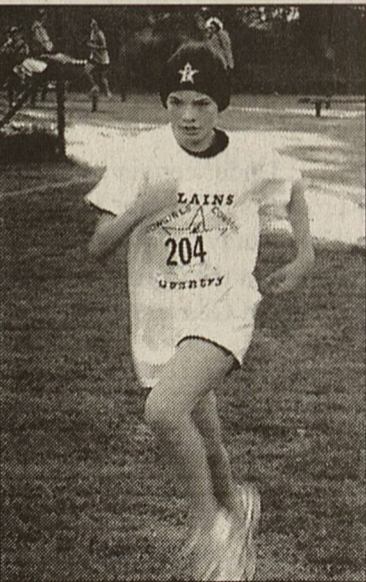
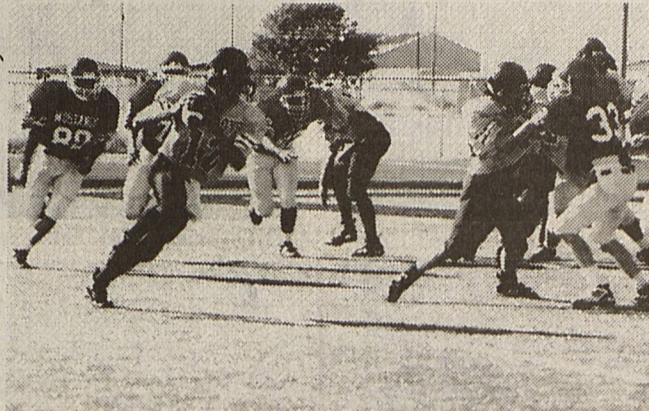
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Cowboy band to perform at UIL Marching Contest

The Plains Cowboy Band will perform at the UIL Marching Contest Saturday, October 16 at 1:15 PM. The contest will be at Lowrey Field in Lubbock. Band Director Georgann Weisgerber said, "The kids have been working hard this year and I hope many of you will come support the band for this very important performance. I would like to thank the administrators, faculty and community for their continued support, and most importantly, THANK YOU to the members of the Cowboy Band! You make every day a new and exciting adventure for me! Everyone of you has shown great improvement, dedication and pride as a member of this fine organization."

Because of Monday's Columbus Day holiday, and school being out, we were unable to get game results, stats, names etc. of the Cross Country meet or the JV football game against Denver City. We hope you can identify this montage



Cruz Sigala Jr., center, shown with instructors from Cho's Black Belt Academy in Hobbs and Lovington. The 9 year old 4th grader won 1st place in sparring and 3rd place in form at the Taekwondo Championships in Canyon. He is a Green Belt/Blue Stripe competitor.



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What about? Can you believe it? Steel prices went up around 17% in July?

How does that affect the funeral industry? Well, a majority of caskets are made of Stainless steel, 18 gauge steel or 20 gauge steel. Vaults are usually the same materials. When the vault or outer burial container is made of concrete, then steel is out inside the concrete to reinforce it, thus again the price of steel would directly affect vault prices. So, am I saying we are raising prices? No I am not. I am saying that it is getting harder and harder for the funeral industry to keep ahead of the train that is coming. With the cost of those items raising, it is possible that funeral directors will have to do something. So, what about it, you might ask? Well, think about the fact that funerals, according to the National Funeral Directors Association is doubling every 10 years. Now add the additional cost of gasoline and steel prices going up. I wonder if it will only double in cost these next 10 years.

That's why I strongly encourage our families to think about pre need funeral planning. It freezes the cost of the funeral for a family. You don't have to worry if that insurance policy is going to fully cover your needs! Also, more than one funeral home in the area, this will assure you of the funeral home your family really wants in their time of need. Yes, life insurance is also needed in many, many cases. You have to evaluate why you have the insurance policy. Is it to protect your family from additional bills at home or is it to cover the final expenses when you're gone? If it is only final expenses, please think about pre need funeral planning. It is the only way to have your family protected from someone, selling them a funeral. No one wants their loved ones to over spend or even worse, spend all the hard earned money you have remaining. We must be cautious about over spending and being taken advantage of in our lowest state of mind. Especially right after death of a loved one. Think about it, please!

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

Are You Ready To Vote?

Early voting has started, and last day to vote early in person is Friday, October 29* Last day to apply for a Ballot By Mail is Tuesday, October 26 * General Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2004 *

Early Voting for both parties and all other elections will be conducted at the County Clerk's office in the Courthouse at Plains, Texas, Ave. G and Cowboy Way, and the Denver City Branch Tax Office, 122 West 4th Street, Denver City General Election voting places;

Precinct 101 - Pct. 1 building, 139 E Broadway, Denver City
Precinct 202 - Community Bldg., West 15th. Denver City
Precinct 303 - Yoakum County Library, 901 Ave. E
Precinct 305 - Denver City Library, 205 E. 4th St.
Precinct 404 - Corral Youth Center, 911 Ave. G. Plains
Precinct 406 - Branch Tax Office, 122 W. 4th, Denver City

Lifelines & Styles

Kowacich-Lollar Exchange Vows



Cortni Paige Kowacich and Jeffrey David Lollar were united in marriage by Melba Crutcher at 4 PM Saturday, September 18, 2004.

Paige is the daughter of Julie Kowacich of Granbury and Nathan Kowacich of Lawrenceville, Ga. Jeffrey is the son of David and Jerry Lollar of Tokio.

A semi-pyramid of hay, adorned with tulle, bows, and greenery on the bank of the pond at G&L Farms orchard provided the backdrop for the double ring ceremony. Bows decorated the aisle chairs and trees. Hay bales were also arranged for seating. The music of Enya was played.

Ring bearer Harrison Blessing, nephew of the groom, was dressed in blue jeans and a white shirt. Matron of Honor was Jennifer Blessing, sister of the groom, and Best Man was Joel Horn. Other attendants were Hayley and Jeremy Ponce. The bride's attendants wore full length lavender satin dresses and carried bouquets of lillies, misty and lipstick roses. The groomsmen wore blue jeans, white shirts, black western tuxedos, black vests, black cowboy hats and sported boutonniers of greenery, misty and a single lipstick rose.

Given away by Gary Fenoli, Paige wore a gown of white Italian satin adorned with bugel beads and sparkle seed beads. The strapless bodice was swirled with a sparkle of beading. The overlay of the princess style skirt was drawn to one side with rushing. A chapel length train swooped to the ground with sparkle beading accents. She carried a round bouquet of lipstick roses. She borrowed pearl earrings from her mother. Her garter was blue. For something old she wore a diamond necklace that belonged to her grandmother Edwards. For the ceremony she also wore an heirloom wedding ring belonging to Jeffrey's great-grandmother Lollar, and was worn by his grandmother and his mother in their weddings. Something new was her dress and veil.

The groom wore blue jeans, a white shirt, a black western tuxedo, silver vest, a black Cowboy hat, and a boutonniere made of misty, greenery, and a lipstick rose.

A reception was held in the orchard. The bride's table featured a six piece basketweave cake in a waterfall layout. Four of the cakes featured coral roses on top. One of the top pieces was accented with a Cowboy Kim Anderson Figurine. The other had a comical figurine of the bride dragging the groom. The bride's cake and punch were served by Sue and Amanda Luman, friends of the bride.

The groom's table featured a chocolate horseshoe cake with a "Just Hitched" hitching post. Coffee was served from a silver service given to the groom's parents as a wedding gift by Jeffrey's great grandmother Merritt. Amye Crass, cousin of the groom served at the table.

There was also a table with assorted food trays and one for gifts. David and Jerry Lollar hosted a rehearsal cookout at the pond on Friday evening. The trees around the pond were decorated with lights for both the rehearsal and after-reception activities.

Following a brief trip, the couple is at home in Tokio. A bridal shower was given on Sunday, October 3, in the home of Tommie Brown.

Tsa Mo Ga Club has surprise visitor

Lace table cloths, tea cups and members adorned in hats and gloves initiated the 2004-2005 club year for Tsa No Ga Club members September 27. Members and guests were treated to an old-fashioned tea party, complete with refreshments and their choice of various tea blends, served in china cups.

A surprise visit by Nelda Laney, wife of Texas House member Pete Laney of Hale Center, topped off the evening as she joined members in wishing Mary Jo St. Romain a happy birthday. Mrs. Laney, who is an honorary member of the Caprock District of the Federation of Womens Clubs, gave members an overview of her life, from a girl in West Texas to the wife of the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Mrs. Laney's most notable contribution to the state has been designing Christmas ornaments for sale each year, with the profits going to the Capitol Restoration project. The project came about when she decided to decorate a Christmas tree in

the House chambers. Mrs. Laney also began a special orientation for new members' wives while her husband served as speaker, and worked with capitol staff members in redecorating the speaker's living quarters, using furniture from capitol storage.

President Debbie Rushing Spears presented Mrs. St. Romain with a corsage, and Mrs. Laney made an entrance with a cake and candles to celebrate the occasion. Mrs. St. Romain and her sister Wilma Powell also detailed their trip to Austin to see the state club house, where they were presented with certificates honoring them for seventy years of active membership and service in the Federation.

Members concluded the evening with a style show of hats. Mrs. St. Romain's hat, adorned with ostrich feathers from a hat of her mother's, was voted "Best Of Show".

Hostesses for the meeting were Toni Jones, Martha Palmer, Carolyn Culwell and Mrs. Spears.



Exotic hats galore at Tsa Mo Ga meeting



Pres. Debbie Rushing Spears and guest Nelda Laney

Graham & Morrow United In Marriage



Darla Graham and Layne Morrow were united in marriage Saturday, September 4, 2004 at Circle Six Baptist Ranch in Stanton, Texas. Reverend Bob Hopkins officiated.

Darla is the daughter of Roy and Sharon Graham of Greenwood. She is the granddaughter to the late Mr. and Mrs. B.T. Graham of Greenwood and the late Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Smith of Klondike. Layne is the son of Larry and Paula Morrow of Plains. He is the grandson of Ms. Imogene Norris and the late Mr. Paul Norris and Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Morrow, all of Kokomo.

The bride's sister, Andrea Graham Chapman, served as Matron of Honor. The groom's brother, Lance Morrow, served as Best Man. The couple was also attended by Cindy Stroud and Lenny Morrow, Marian and Mark Graham and Jodi Chapman and Cory Pack. Marc and Moriah Traweck sang selections within the ceremony. Nieces and nephews to the bride and groom also served special roles.

Following a honeymoon to Lajitas, Texas the couple resides in Plains. The bride is a first grade teacher at Plains Elementary and the groom is self-employed.

Bridal Shower honoring Miss Nichole Newsom

Bride elect of Chris Shanklin

Saturday, October 16, from 10 to 11:30 am in the home of Mrs. Dana Hamm at 1409 2nd St in Plains

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From The Hack

I felt a burn-out situation coming recently, and skipped an issue of CCN. During my time off I made a speedy visit to friends in Pecos. Incredibly, they have had abundant rains there too, though nothing like our cloud-burst featured in this issue.

Played golf a couple of times with old buddy Bill. That wording doesn't necessarily mean we have been buddies a long time... he is actually old! The first day there we were clubbing the ball around, and I saw Bill and the other thieves carefully spraying their bodies with some sort of aerosol stuff, and I asked, "Is that some new kind of sunscreen?" Bill replied, "No, mush brain, it's mosquito repellent. They'll be out soon."

What an understatement! By time we'd played a couple of holes, the bloodsuckers were attacking like the Japs at Pearl Harbor. Even slicked down with sunscreen, looking like greased pigs, the mosquitos continued to swarm all of us. I was crouched over a simple three foot putt, ready to display my skills, when one of the players announced, "Say, did you hear about old Mack? Had to put him in the hospital. He's got the West Nile stuff, in bad shape".

I yipped the putt so bad I

whacked it almost to the Pecos River, some four miles distant. The trip also re-acquainted me with Bill's dog, Parker. I cannot remember what exotic breed Parker descends from. He is grey, with a black face,

large black eyes, plump, sort of like a mini-hog, and a tail with as many curls in it as one of those 'Slenky toys. When I arrived at Bill's Jewelry store (known by many locals as fake diamond center of the Pecos Valley, others as cheap watch capitol of the same valley) that morning one of the two very nice ladies who have served him faithfully far longer than he deserves told me he had gone for coffee, adding he was walking with Parker. The other nice lady chimed, "He takes Parker so he'll be sure to find his way back to the store". Please note how cleverly I have concealed the identity of both nice ladies. When he reads this he will not know which to fire for the remark, and he sure can't get rid of both of them.

I did enjoy getting away, and of course I did again enjoy seeing Bill's wife, Jo, who runs a lovely bed-and-breakfast place.

If she still played golf, she would be my companion, and Bill could stay at home with Parker.

Two goats are behind a movie theatre eating old movie film. One says to the other, "Pretty good, huh?" The other goat says, "Yeah, but I think I liked the book better."

A young polar bear came into his den and asked his mother, "Mom, am I a real polar bear?" "Of course you are", she replied. He then asked his dad, "Dad,

am I a real polar bear?" Dad said, "Yes, you're a real polar bear. A week passed, and the young bear asked his parents, "Are gramndma and granddad real polar bears?" His parents said "Of course they are."

Another week passed and the young bear asked his mom and dad, "Are all my relatives real polar bears?" "Yes, everyone of them are real polar bears. Why in the world do you keep asking?" "Because," said the young bear, "I'm freezing my butt off!"

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(a las votantes registrados del Condado de Yoakum, Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 2, 2004, for voting in a general election to elect presidential electors, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, and state, district, county, and precinct officers:

(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de noviembre de 2004 para votar en la Elección General para elegir electores presidenciales Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, y oficiales del estado, distrito, condado y del precinto.)

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

ELECTION PRECINCT	NAME OF FACILITY	STREET ADDRESS	CITY
101	Precinct 1 Building	139 E. Broadway	Denver City
202	Community Building	West 15th St.	Denver City
303	Yoakum County Library	901 Avenue C	Plains
305	Denver City Library	205 E. 4th	Denver City
404	Corral Youth Center	911 Avenue C	Plains
406	Tax Office (Branch)	122 W. 4th St.	Denver City

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Plains, TX (La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en:) & Yoakum County Tax Office, Denver City, Texas

(location) (sitio)

Recommended but not required

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 18, 2004 (date)
(entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el dia 18 de Octubre, 2004 (fecha))
and ending on October 29, 2004 (date) (y terminando el dia 29 Octubre, 2004 (fecha))
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October 26, 2004 (date) (fecha)

JURY SELECTION FOR THE 121ST DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 20, 2004 AT 9:00 A.M.

A petit jury selection will be held for the 121st District Court on October 20, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Courtroom of the Yoakum County Courthouse in Plains, Texas. The following citizens are asked to appear:

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