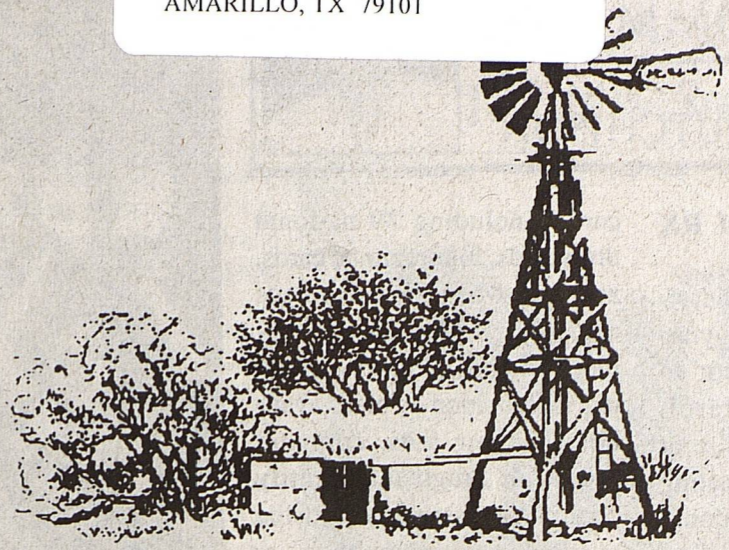


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Education Special

Session Review

by State Rep. Delwin Jones, District 83

The Special Session started with an agenda that was destined to cause its failure.

It was called *BEFORE* the basic education points and finance points were established and certainly before a consensus of support was developed.

The Governor announced we would add 2.5 billion dollars to Public Education. This amount would restore budget cuts made during the Regular Session last year and allow expansion in some areas of education programs.

The Governor also announced we would reduce Ad Valorem property taxes by 8 billion dollars. The State does NOT have any Ad Valorem taxes, so this meant we would reduce the property taxes of local governments (city, county, school and other local taxing entities).

We did not have \$10.5 billion dollars available to pay for those two proposals.

His plan was to remove from the School Tax rolls all property except residential property. The property removed would be put on the tax rolls of the State, and the tax receipts would be distributed back to the schools from Austin. He also wanted to tax cigarettes, adult strip clubs, mixed drinks, auto sales, boat sales and service charges of professional people (lawyers, CPA's, auto mechanics, and others). There also was a plan to tax gross payrolls.

The big source of new revenue was to come from approving Video Lottery Terminals (casino-type slot machines) for Horse Racing Tracks and increasing the General Sales Tax by one half per cent (1/2%). After debate, the video lottery idea was soundly defeated.

Yes, the Session started with an impossible agenda to achieve, and was early-on destined for failure and it was a failure.

In an effort to prevent failure, there were 200 amendments developed, but amendments that were added to the bill increased its destiny to fail. The main positive benefit from this Session was to identify sources of revenue (primarily gambling) which were not acceptable in the process of Education Reform.

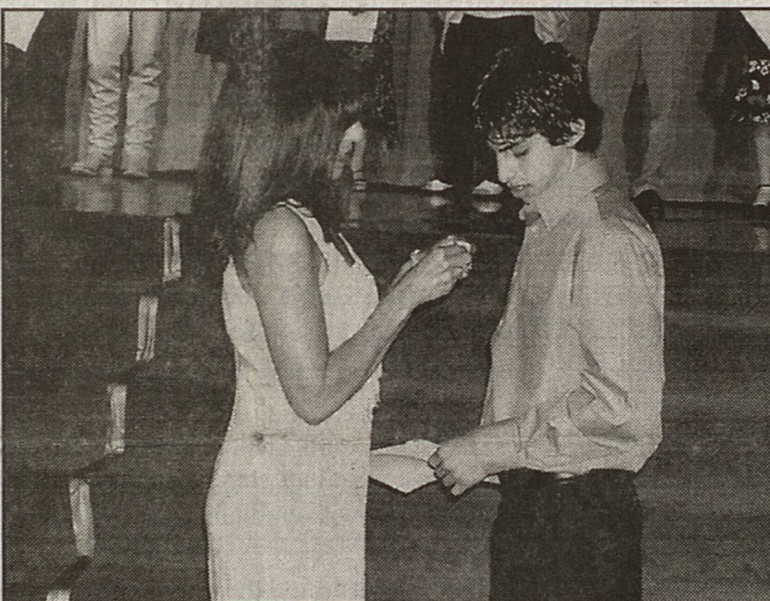
PHS Students inducted in NHS



Allison Friesen, center, with parents Donna and Brad Friesen



Proud mother Maria Morales pins daughter Kristian.



Yvette Ramos pins son Abel



B.J. Lester pinned by mom Jan as dad Bruce stands by

More National Honor Society induction photos inside

State Announces Return of 'Click It or Ticket' Campaign



State officials announced recently Texas will once again participate in the national Click It Or Ticket program to get more motorists to buckle up.

The Texas Department of Transportation reports that safety belt use in Texas in the last year has increased from 81% to almost 85%, thanks in large part to the campaign's combination of extensive advertising and stepped up enforcement of the state's safety belt and child safety seat laws.

From May 6 to June 6, which includes Memorial Day weekend, the Texas Department of Public Safety and hundreds of local law enforcement agencies will participate in the statewide crack down on drivers and passengers failing to buckle themselves or children.

TxDOT says pickup drivers are a major focus of this year's effort. "Though pickup trucks are twice as likely to roll as cars, pickup drivers and their passengers are the worst offenders when it comes to buckling up," said Carlos Lopez, director of traffic operations. "Wearing a safety belt increases your chance of surviving a pickup rollover crash by 70 percent."

Campaign Supporters count on new television, radio and billboard advertisements to drive home the point, wearing a safety belt can save motorists from death or serious injury in a crash, not to mention a ticket and fine. The TV public service announcements feature both humor and drama. In one, state troopers and officers from law enforcement agencies statewide deliver a musical buckle up reminder; the other depicts a graphic pickup rollover crash.

Texas law requires drivers and front seat passengers to use safety belts. Children under 17 have to be buckled up in the front or back seat. Child safety seats are required for children under four years of age or less than 36 inches tall. Fines for violations range from \$25 to \$200.

Since the Click It or Ticket campaign began in 2002, Texans have responded in record numbers. With almost nine of every ten motorists in Texas now using safety belts, TxDOT estimates in two years 205 lives have been saved and nearly 5000 fewer people have been injured in traffic accidents.

Appeals Court upholds DWI conviction

The Court of Appeals of the Seventh District in Amarillo recently ruled a 2002 DWI trial court conviction of Rafael Hernandez Gonzales was valid, and the court judgement was affirmed. Gonzales had appealed the conviction in the trial presided over by Judge Kelly G. Moore, with Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

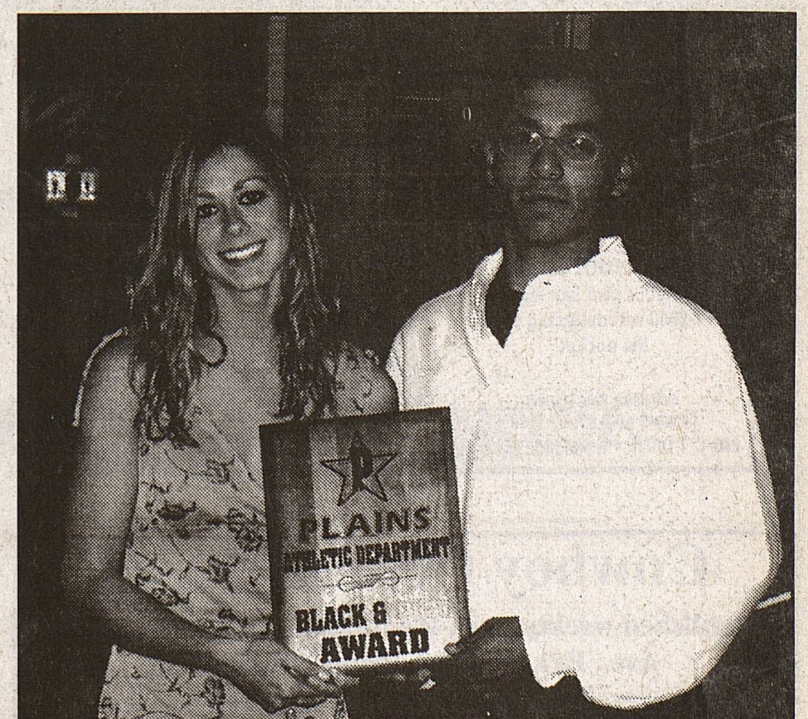
In early morning June 9, 2002, Sheriff Deputy Kinley Powell and a reserve deputy were in Powell's patrol car on the side of a county road. In his mirror, Powell saw lights of a vehicle approaching, and remarked to the reserve officer the car seemed to be drifting toward them, and he hoped it didn't hit them.

The car pulled back to the left, and soon turned onto another county road, and Powell could then see the car's rear license plate, with no light shining on it. Powell followed, with his emergency lights on, and the car finally stopped after turning on another county road. When Powell approached the car and driver, he detected the strong smell of alcohol. He contacted DPS and asked for

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'DWI'

Because of the Memorial Day holiday, next week's issue of CCN will be a day late. We will print Wednesday afternoon and try to get over the counter papers out that afternoon, and the mailed copies will be in the post office Thursday morning.

PHS Black & Gold Winners



Plains High graduating Seniors Moriah Traweek and Arnold Cordova were awarded the prestigious and highly coveted Black and Gold honors at last week's athletic Banquet. Moriah is the daughter of Marc and Zanna Traweek, and Arnold is the son of Martha and Tony Perez. Many more photos of PHS athletes can be found inside.



CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



Lowering the Cost of RX Drugs

Prevacid to treat your heartburn, \$161; Celebrex for your muscle pain, \$104; Zocor to combat high cholesterol, \$120...the next time you're at your local pharmacy calculating these costs for just a one month supply of your prescription drugs, know that lower prices may be on the way. Last year the President signed into law the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, bringing sweeping reform to an antiquated system desperately in need of an overhaul. The marquis provision of the legislation was a prescription drug program, which will go into effect on January 1, 2006. But Texas seniors don't have to wait until then for relief.

Starting this June, seniors can receive a discount card that will provide them with access to negotiated prices on prescription drugs. Enrollment is now open for the cards that will expire in 2006 when the more comprehensive Medicare benefits takes effect. More than 2.3 million Texans are currently Medicare participants, but a quarter of those beneficiaries do not have any prescription drug coverage. This program primarily benefits them by helping pay for the life-saving drugs they need. Medicare estimates seven million beneficiaries, including 497,000 in Texas, will participate in the program. If participation reaches those levels, it will mean a potential savings of \$8.6 billion nationally and \$596 million for Texas.

The cards will provide a \$600 annual credit to eligible low-income Medicare beneficiaries. Individuals whose income is less than \$12,569 each year or married couples whose income is less than \$16,862 may qualify for this additional help. Those with outpatient prescription drug coverage through TRICARE, FEHBP or other employer sponsored drug plans will not be eligible for the \$600 credit. Medicare will cover the cost of the enrollment fee for those low-income cardholders and the Department of Health and Human Services will work aggressively to reach eligible low-income beneficiaries and enroll as many as possible in the new program.

Texas has 46 individual drug

cards, including 39 national drug cards, four regional cards, and three Medicare Advantage exclusive cards. Using only their zip code, seniors can obtain information on plans available in their area, compare prices for drugs and identify pharmacies associated with the available card programs.

This program offers a wide range of choices, which has mixed blessings. Numerous options enable Texans to find the card that best fits their needs, but it can also make for a confusing decision process. I encourage Texas seniors to do research and take advantage of the right plan for them, because the choice they make now will last through the end of the year. Following these simple instructions will help: 1. Eligible beneficiaries will be limited to one Medicare approved card. Toll-free operators and Medicare's Web site will assist seniors in selecting which card best fits their needs. 2. Before calling or applying online, seniors should make a list of the medicines that they regularly as well as financial information to determine if they are eligible for the \$600 credit. 3. Medicare then will help seniors compare prices among cards, taking into account factors like frequency of medicines taken, possibility of generic substitutes, as well as preference for a local pharmacy or mail order depending on convenience concerns. 4. Once seniors have selected a card, they should request an enrollment form from the card sponsor. Card providers may charge an annual enrollment fee up to \$30. However, many sponsors have opted to waive the fee or have reduced its price. In addition, there is no enrollment fee for those beneficiaries for the \$600 credit. 5. Most importantly, seniors should always look for the 'Medicare-approved' seal when receiving their card in the mail.

For help in comparing options or finding out how to enroll in the discount card program, Texans should call 1-800-MEDICARE and ask about 'drug savings' or visit the information superhighway at www.medicare.gov and select 'Prescription Drug and Other Assistance Programs.'

Cubs add wrinkle to annual race



Cub Scouts of Plains' Pack 778 had a new feature added to their annual Pinewood Derby earlier this month. In addition to racing wooden cars down the sloping track shown in photo, some of the Cubs raced sail boats they display here, in an event they dubbed "The Rain Gutter Regatta." After the races, they devoured hot dogs prepared by Jess Gass. Shown on front row, Brent Hansen, Zack Lamar, Jaston Brink, and Hunter Welch. Back, Colby Bearden, Isaac and Edgar Vasquez, Christopher Davis, and Kevin John Gass.

Criminal cases in County, District Court

Seven criminal cases were heard in District Court May 18, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state.

Jack Ray Savage pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior heroin possession cause. He was sentenced to State Jail 18 months, with credit for 92 days served. He must pay delinquent fine, supervision and other fees, and restitution totaling \$831, and \$70 additional court costs. His attorney was Warren New.

Debra Diann Sipes pled guilty to a charge of retaliation. A five year prison sentence was suspended and probated five years. She must pay \$208 court costs, \$300 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. She must serve 200 hours community service and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. Bill Helwig was her attorney, and Charlei Higgs, Denver City Police, was investigating officer.

Vicente Lasoya Perez pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior burglary cause. He was sentenced to five years in state prison, with credit for 329 days served. Bill McGowan was his attorney.

Sherry Williams Cleveland pled true and the court modified her community supervision from a prior third or more DWI cause. She will remain in jail not over 180 days until space is available in a substance abuse felony punishment facility for not more than one year or less than 90 days. Upon discharge she will participate in continuing drug and alcohol abuse treatment plan until discharged by staff of the program. Her attorney was Brad Moore.

Guadalupe Delgado Ruiz pled guilty to possession of prohibited substance in a correctional facility. An eight year prison sentence was suspended and probated eight years. He must pay a \$1500 fine, \$213 court costs, \$140 restitution to DPS, \$300 ap- Turn to page 3 'Court'

Neugebauer Supports Budget Preserving Farm Bill

Washington, DC- Congressman Randy Neugebauer voted for the budget agreement reached between the House and Senate that prevents tax relief from expiring for Texas families and makes no change in farm payment limitations or farm program payments.

The final 2005 Fiscal Year budget was approved by the House Wednesday evening by a vote of 216-213. The Senate will consider the measure later this week.

"This budget is responsible in controlling spending and maintaining the tax relief that is helping grow our economy," said Neugebauer. "I am especially pleased House Budget Chairmen Nussle agreed with me and removed Senator Grassley's amendment to change payment limits. That amendment would have allowed Senator

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 pm Friday, June 11, 2004, for the sale of surplus equipment from Pct. 2. Equipment is as follows; 1-1981 truck tractor; 1-24' low boy trailer (goose neck); 1-1964 single axle water trailer; 1-2 1/2 ton 6x6 Kaiser Truck, and 1-5000 gal. water trailer Heil tanker. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court Monday, June 14, 2004.

For more detailed list of the equipment and more information contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum Count Auditor, 806/456-2422 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355.

Sealed bids should be marked "SURPLUS EQUIPMENT" 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 reject any or all bids.

Grassley another avenue to push the payment limits change that goes against the commitment made to produces in the 2002 Farm Bill."

The final budget resolution guides Congress' tax and spending decisions for the year. The agreement holds non-defense and non-homeland security spending level with last year's spending totals. It also allows for the increased child tax credit, accelerated marriage penalty reduction and the expansion of the 10 percent tax brackets, all of which would expire in 2005, to be extended so families are not faced with a tax increase.

"I've maintained that the federal government has a spending problem, not a revenue problem" said Neugebauer. "West Texans don't need a tax increase so the government can spend more."

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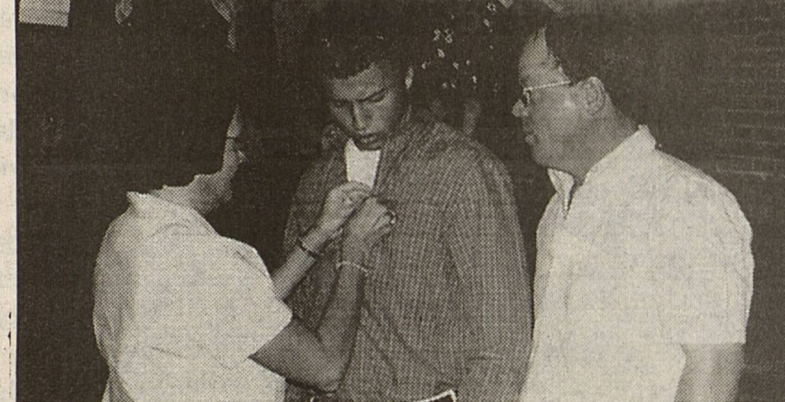
Ramiro Martinez, center, with proud parents Francisco and Guadalupe



Blake O'Quinn, center, with parents Rennetta and Steve O'Quinn



Latonna Keesee, left, pins daughter Skylar



Leann and Brad Crump congratulate son Michael, center



Greg McCravey, right, watches Shari pin son Adam



Kathy and Jim Haynes congratulate son Reagan

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pointed attorney fees, and \$25 time payment fee. He will spend up to 180 days in jail until space is available in a substance abuse treatment facility up to one year but no less than 90 days. Upon release he will continue in the drug and alcohol care treatment program. His attorney was Warren New, and Deputy David Bryant was investigating officer.

Betty Ann Flores pled guilty to burglary. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. She will remain in jail here until space is available in a substance abuse treatment facility up to one year and not less than 90 days. Upon discharge she will continue to participate in a drug and alcohol care treatment plan. Jason Wilson, D.C. Police, was investigating officer, and Bill McGowan was her attorney.

Jerime Kyle Dossey pled guilty to possession/transport chemical used to manufacture controlled substance. A ten year prison sentence was suspended and probated ten years. He was fined \$1000, must pay \$645 appointed attorney fees, \$223 court fees, and \$25 time payment fee. Causes of anhydrous ammonia equipment use, carrying a weapon and possession of methamphetamine were adjudicated. He must complete the drug offender education program, remain in jail until space is available in a substance abuse felony punishment facility, and upon discharge by staff continue in a drug-alcohol care treatment plan. Donnell Yandell was his attorney, and Antonio DeLa Cruz, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force was investigating officer.

Guadalupe Samaniego Gaytan pled guilty to a third or more DWI. An eight year prison term was suspended and probated eight years. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$298 court costs, \$300 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. His license was suspended 180 days, he will serve 160 hours community service, complete the repeat offender program and attend weekly AA meetings. Inoe Valdez, Llano Drug Task Force was investigating officer, and Warren New was his attorney.

Five cases were heard in County Court May 19, Judge Dallas Brewer presiding. Sergio Vaca Luna pled guilty to a first DWI, b.t.r. open container. An 180 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 24 months. He was fined \$600, must pay \$326 court costs, \$250 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for 59 days served, must attend weekly AA meetings, complete the first offender DWI program, and serve 80 hours community service. Robert Munsell, DPS, was investigating officer, and Bill Helwig was his attorney.

Oscar Hernandez Soto pled true to the state's motion to revoke community supervision from a prior obstruct highway or other passageway cause. He will spend 180 days in jail with credit for 25 days served.

Zachary Brent Mensch pled guilty to marijuana possession, less than two ounces. He will spend 30 days in jail with credit for one day, must pay \$211 court costs and was fined \$500. He will surrender his license 180 days, and complete the drug offender program at his cost. Deputy John Stephenson was investigating officer.

Michael Allen Wagner pled guilty to vehicle burglary. He must pay \$211 court costs, \$350 restitution and \$250 appointed attorney fees. He will perform 80 hours community service, and spend 30 days in jail or until space is available in the Brownfield community correction facility from one to 24 months. Karen Hobbs, D.C. Police was investigating officer, Bill Helwig his attorney.

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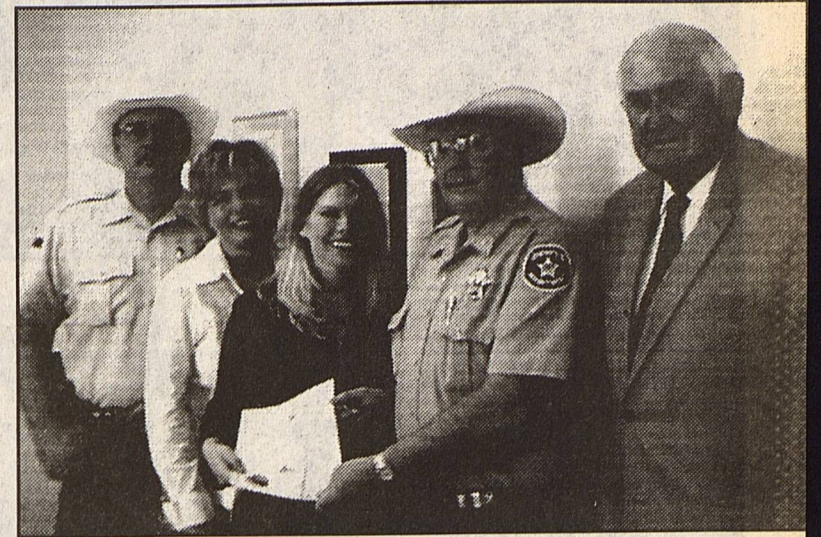
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Alexis Bell Receives Sheriff's Association Of Texas Scholarship



Alexis Bell was recently awarded a \$500.00 scholarship from the Sheriff's Association of Texas. The D.L. Sonny Keesee Scholarship was made possible by the citizens of Lubbock County to honor the memory of Sheriff Sonny Keesee, long-time Sheriff of Lubbock County. Yoakum County Sheriff Don Corzine presented the award to Mrs. Bell.

Lexi is a senior at West Texas A&M University in Canyon where she is majoring in education. Lexi is the wife of Joshua Bell and the daughter of Jerry and Teresa Howard.

Plains Students Graduate From College of the South West

On Saturday, May 8, College of the Southwest held commencement ceremonies at the Lea County Event Center. A total of 189 students received their degrees. Among the 189 graduating students were 2 students from Plains.

Students receiving the Bachelor of Science Degree were Anne Hecht Benson (Psychology, Magna Cum Laude) and Laurel LeeAnn Matus (Criminal Justice).

Reminder!

Next week's graduation issue will be one day late!



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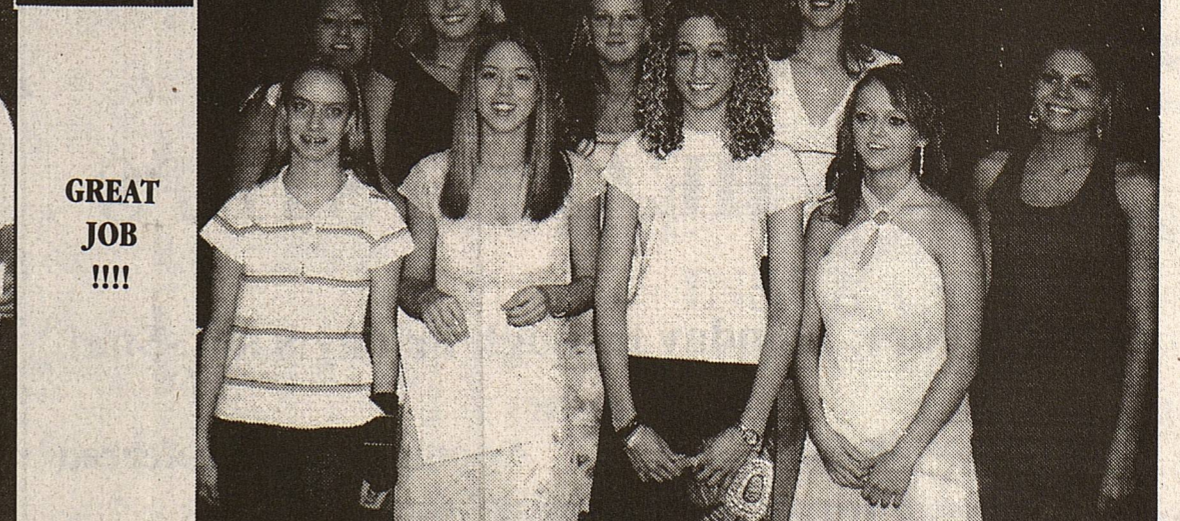
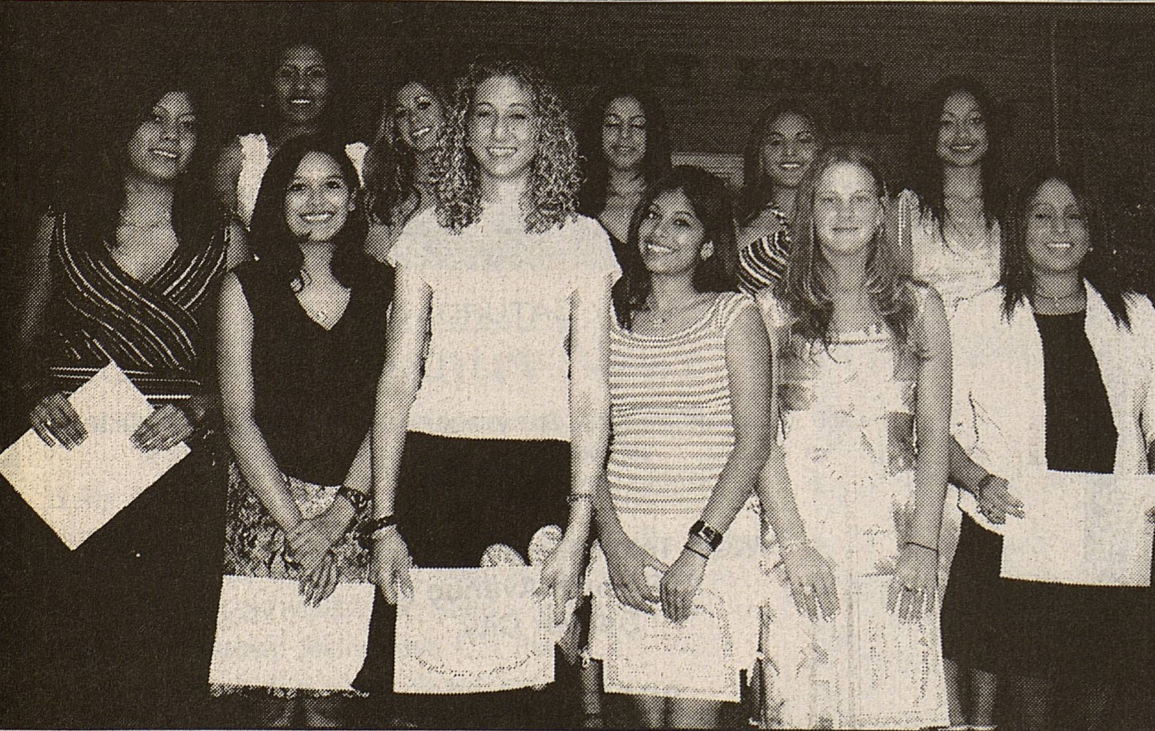
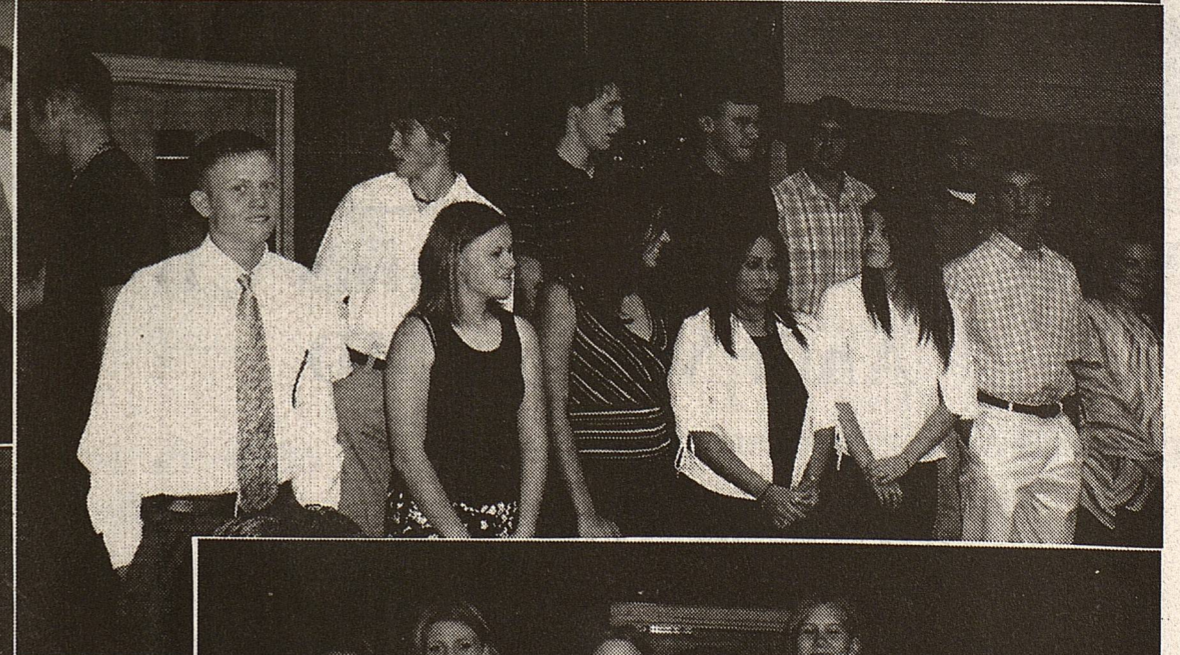
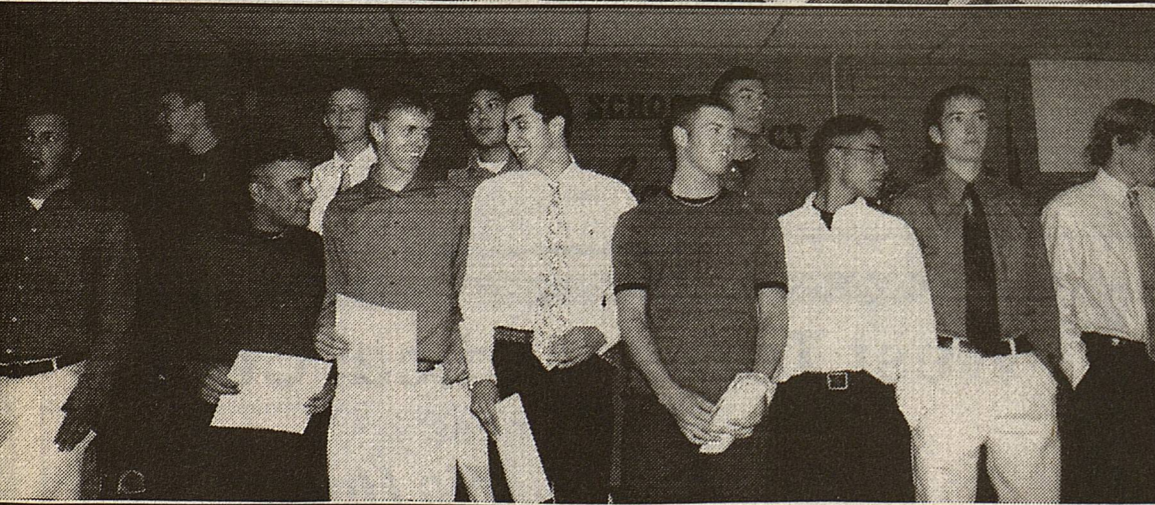
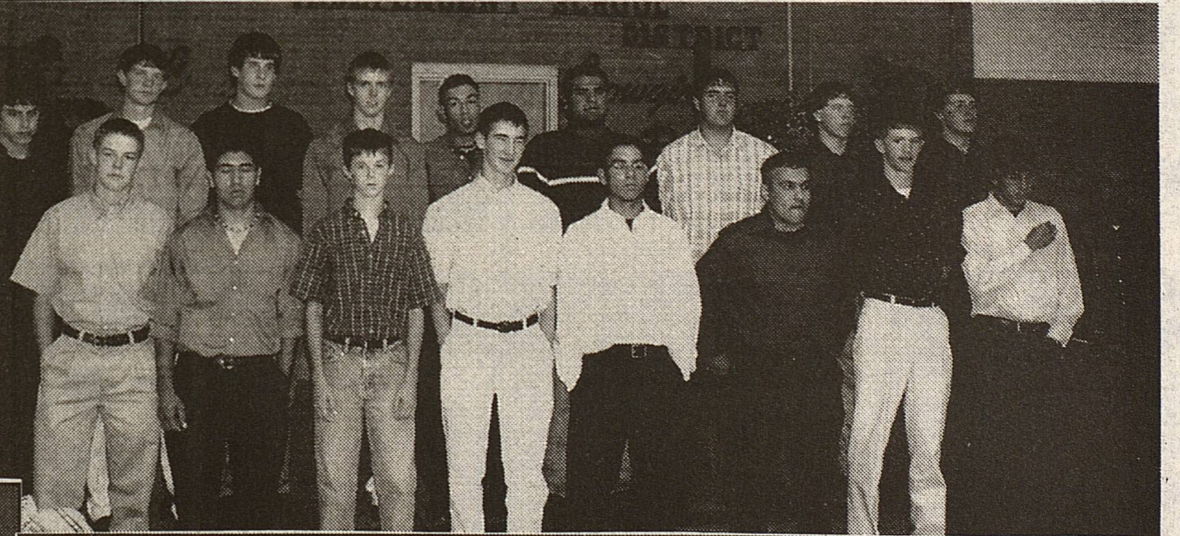
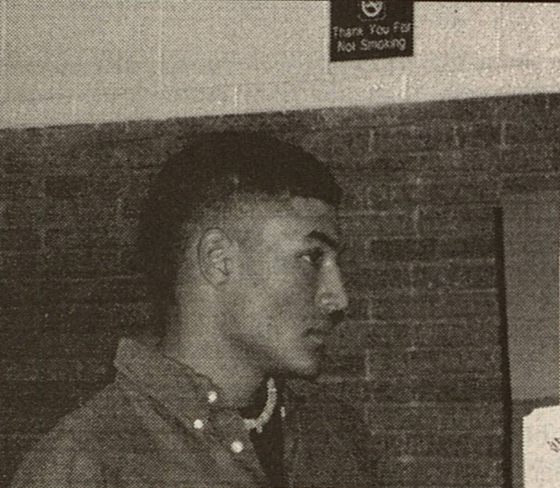
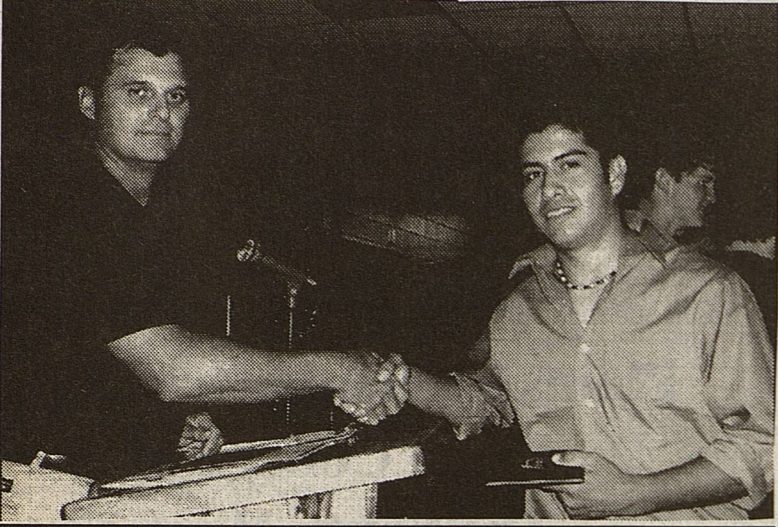
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TDA announces new school nutrition policy

On August 1, 2004, a comprehensive, broad-based nutrition policy will be in effect for all Texas public schools participating in the federal child nutrition programs.

The result of months of collaboration with teachers, school administrators, health care professionals, food service personnel and representatives of the food industry, the policy is aimed at tackling the alarming obesity epidemic in Texas school children. The rate of childhood obesity in the Lone Star State is higher than the rest of the nation, and many school age children are at risk of developing long-term health problems.

"As the administering agency for the federal child nutrition programs in Texas schools, the Texas Department of Agriculture has the responsibility to ensure the food served in our schools is nutritious and healthy," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "We are dedicated to promoting a school environment nurturing both mental and physical development."

The policy limits the number of grams of fat and sugar Texas school children may have each week, and allows a phase-in period to eliminate deep-fat frying in food preparation for meals, ala carte items and snack foods. In addition, portion sizes for foods such as chips, cookies, bakery items and frozen desserts at elementary, middle and high schools are limited.

The policy also limits the sale of foods competing with a school's operation of the breakfast, lunch or after school snack programs. A school can lose up to \$1.20 at breakfast and \$2.19

at lunch in federal reimbursements for each meal lost to a competitive food sale.

Since a majority of state schools are operating on contract bids for food or other supplies for the coming year, TDA unveiled the new policy this Spring to give them plenty of time to plan for any modifications.

"We realize it will take time for schools and the food industry to make the necessary changes to products and recipes, so we want to use this policy to phase in better nutritional guidelines," Combs said.

"The new policy also targets French fries, typically packing a lot of fat. Some kids were having a large order of fries and a drink for lunch, rather than a well rounded meal offered by the school, and this doesn't cut it for good health. Servings of fries are now limited to three ounces each, and only one purchase at a time," Combs added.

Doctor Eduardo Sanchez, Commissioner of the Texas Department of Health, recently addressed the issue: "Childhood obesity and obesity related problems are reaching epidemic levels in Texas. If we don't act now to tackle these problems, both individual Texans and the state will be faced with a healthcare crisis of enormous proportions. The nutrition policy from the Texas Department of Agriculture is an important first step."

The Texas Public School Nutrition Policy is for schools participating in the National School Lunch Program, and its provisions vary from elementary to middle to high schools. A copy of the policy is available on TDA's web site; www.agr.state.tx.us.

2004 Super Booster



In ceremonies at last week's PHS All Sports Banquet, Pam Bean introduced Treon Ortega as winner of the coveted Super Booster Award, presented each year to the individual going the full mile in support of the PHS Athletes in all sporting activities.

Ortega, who works daily with high school special education students, is a faithful fan at virtually all sporting events, even though she has no children in high school. Congratulations, Mrs. Ortega.

Senior Citizens Corner

It was good to see Paul Sweitzer accompanying Wanda to lunch on Monday. Corky Black was seen joining the men at table number eight for lunch, Eugene Melcher came in for his first visit to join Darwin Hobbs for lunch, and Walter Holland is feeling well enough to come in at lunchtime. Welcome to each of these folk.

Due to illness of her son, Rene, Gloria Carrasco, our Site Director, has given us her resignation. Gloria has been a part of our staff for many years, while serving in different positions. We are sorry to lose Gloria. She has endeared herself to each of us and we shall continue to keep her and her family in our prayers.

Activity in the 'activity' room resulted in a new microwave on Monday morning, thanks to Walter and Melba Gayle. It accompanies the new coffee pot furnished by Gail Ribble on the snack table. For the convenience of those who would like to use the room for exercise, games, TV viewing, or just visiting, these new features, along with, comfortable chairs, are available for 9:00 am through 3:00 pm Evenings of entertainment are being planned by the Site Council ladies. You will be hearing more about that as the days go by. Everyone is welcome to bring guests and enjoy this new feature of your Senior Center.

On Tuesday after lunch, a dozen folks gathered in the activity room for an exciting time of Bingo. It was a fast moving session and several people won enough games to earn free meal tickets. Check the Activity Calendar and come join the fun on these Tuesday afternoons of games. Thanks, Frank, for calling numbers for us this week.

With graduation time upon us, look back with me to another time in history. Can you remember your parents, grandparents or great grandparents saying, "I had only an 8th grade education?" From the actual 8th grade exam in 1895 in Salina, Kansas, (which took six hours to complete and which covered five subjects) see how you would fare. One question has been chosen from each subject. 1. Grammar: Define Verse, Stanza, Paragraph. 2. Arithmetic: What is the cost of a square farm at \$15.00 per acre, the distance around which is 640 rods? 3. U.S. History: Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion. 4. Orthography: Write ten words frequently mispronounced and indicate pronunciation by use of diacritical marks and by syllabication. Geography: Name all of the republics of Europe and give the capital of each. Gives the saying "She/he only had an 8th grade education" a whole new meaning, doesn't it? If you would like to try to pass this test, the original document is on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina, Kansas.

This week we present Lloyd Steele, who has recently become a special part of our Senior Center family. Lloyd was born just after Christmas in 1921, in Maplehill, Kansas. He says he started school there, then his family moved to Overlook, Kansas, when he was in the third grade. After he finished the sixth grade, the family moved to Carbondale, Kansas, where he finished his schooling.

Lloyd tells of his first trip which was to visit his dad's parents in West Virginia. His big memory of that trip was crossing the Mississippi River on a ferry. His next experience was in the C.C.C.'s. He was in Iowa first then was transferred to Harper, Oregon. After spending six months there, he was offered a job in Idaho, so he left the C.C.C.'s and hitchhiked from Harper, Oregon, to Idaho Falls, Idaho. He stayed there about a year.

He joined the Military Service in 1942. He spent three years at Hobbs, NM. From there he went to the South Pacific where he served for about eight months. He was then discharged in El Paso, TX. After his discharge, he went to Hobbs to his wife whom he had married in June of 1945. The couple went to Carbondale, Kansas, for two years then found their way back to New Mexico in 1947. In 1949, they moved to Denver City where he worked for Vulcan Materials Company from November of 1950 to October of 1988.

Lloyd and Jimmie have six children. Mary Ruth Ramsour is a teacher in Sundown, TX; Cindy Smith works at Home Depot in Amarillo, TX; Belinda Johnson is a teacher in Howard City, Michigan; Loraine Steel works at the police department in Houston, TX; Leslie Gale Steele is a Deputy Sheriff in Broadway, Virginia; and Richard Steele works for U.P.S. in Cypress, TX. There are also ten grandsons, seven granddaughters, ten great granddaughters, and one great grandson who make up the Steele family.

Thought for Today: "Borrow money from pessimists - they don't expect it back."

Plains Students Graduate From SPC

Students from Plains were among a record 539 students participating in South Plains College's 46th commencement exercises Friday (May 14) in Texan Dome.

A record 901 students applied for graduation. "This is an exciting time in the lives of our graduates," said Dr. Gary McDaniel, SPC president. "They have reached an educational milestone, and both they and their families should be very proud. SPC extends its best wishes to all our graduates."

Plains graduates are Carmen Mendoza and Angelica Tarango, Associate of Arts Degree; Servando Luna, Associate of Applied Science Degree, Computer Aided Drafting and Design; Joel Gallegos, Associate of Applied Science Degree, Computer Information Systems; Joshua Bayer, Associate of Science Degree, and Servando Luna, Certificate of Proficiency, Computer Aided Drafting and Design, and Jessica Rodriguez, Certificate of Proficiency, Cosmetology.

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From The Hack

There's an excellent chance the following will get me in tepid if not really hot water, but try to remember, this was forwarded to me by a granddaughter..... yes, a bonafide granddaughter, even if she does live in California:

Blondes & Golf Balls

A man boarded the bus with both of his front pockets full of golf balls, and sat down next to a beautiful blonde. The puzzled blonde kept staring at him and his bulging pockets. Finally, after many such glances from her, he said, "It's golf balls." Nevertheless, she continued to stare, and finally unable to contain her curiosity any further, whispered, "Ooooh, does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

Burle Petit, semi-retired Dean

of columnists for the Lubbock A-J, wrote this Sunday of certain pesky habits he had managed to lay to rest with only semi-agony, including smoking, booze and high fat/carb eating habits. That's the only three he mentioned, which instantly made me suspicious.... a real, live man, with only THREE BAD HABITS? Doesn't sound like any man I know. How about gambling, cursing, nodding off in church with an occasional snore, ogling attractive females, failing to change ones shorts everyday day. That's the really brief list - females very familiar with disgusting male traits and habits also include scratching very private parts in very public places, spitting on the sidewalk, yawning while being introduced to someone, sneering or chuckling at the female forms not meeting male high standards of excellence, five percent waitress tips in good restaurants, and of course the vile and obscene body sounds some males enjoy practicing, often in a crowd his female partner knows quite well.

Now, if old Burle had written of his conquering all these, and possibly quite a few other dirty rotten habits, I would forever

stand in awe of this Giant Of A Man..... But since I know not one single, solitary male who is as pure as virgin white driven snow in ALL these areas, I will concede it is admirable, very admirable, for him to quit the three afore mentioned filthy, rotten habits. Some of these - no, a FEW, I have at least for the fleeting moment, conquered, and am working with utmost dedication and determination to wipe from my memory bank. The one I seem to be having the most trouble with, however, is lying.

It's amazing how many Hollywood movies are scripted along these lines: All persons waking from nightmares will bolt upright and pant.... Medieval peasants all had good teeth...It's always possible to park directly outside any building you're visiting....All beds are fitted with L-Shaped sheets, reaching to arm pits of women, but only to waists of men.... If being chased through town one can always take cover in a parade....Detectives can solve a case only after being suspended from the force.

FROM PAGE ONE, APPEALS COURT
assistance. Trooper Lance Malloy responded, conducted sobriety tests and portable breath test, and concluded

Gonzales was intoxicated, and arrested him.

The appellant appealed the trial court verdict, maintaining evidence in the case should be suppressed because it was the product of an unreasonable search and seizure. The original order of the trail court was affirmed.

The Appeals Court ruled Powell experienced reasonable suspicion by the manner the car was being driven, justifying his stopping the vehicle. Additionally, failure to illuminate a li-

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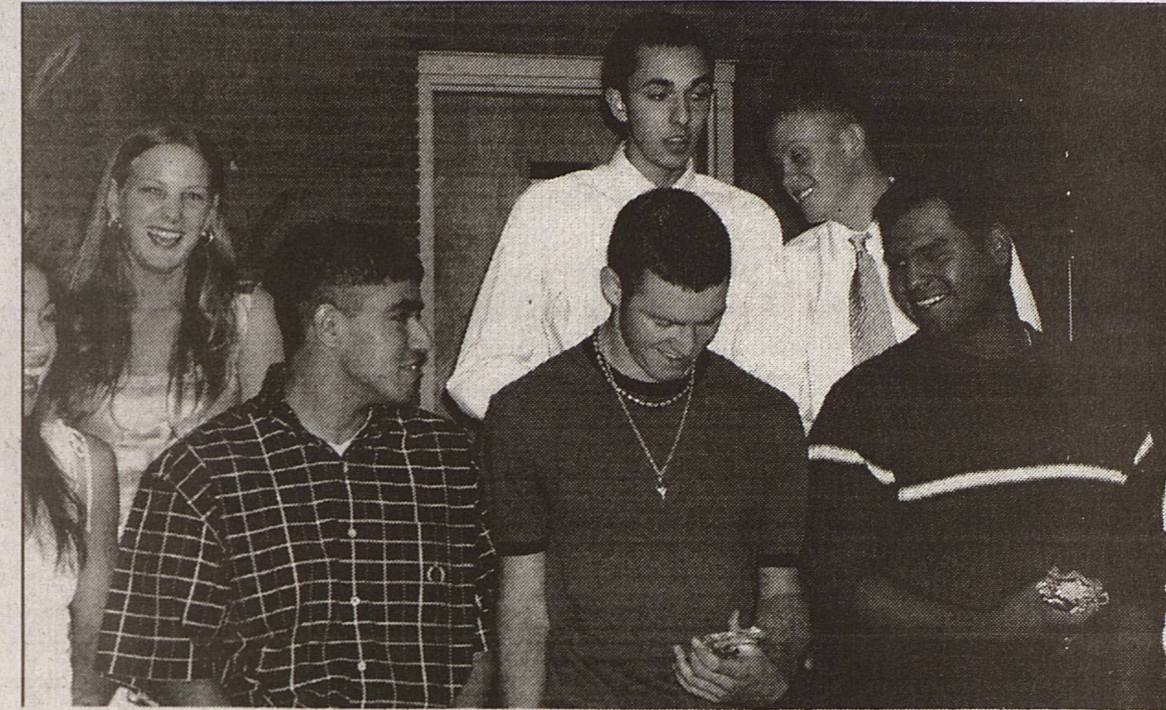
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Devonian and Wolfcamp formations, Read Lease, Well No. 3A. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles west of Plains, Texas, in the Brahaney, NW (Devonian) and Brahaney (Wolfcamp) Fields, Yoakum County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8,961 - 11,940 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY, Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Texas average annual pay, 1997-2001

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	State:	\$27,003
1998	Private:	32,098
	State:	27,977
1999	Private:	33,549
	State:	29,020
2000	Private:	35,681
	State:	30,773
2001	Private:	36,794
	State:	31,964

Educational attainment of Texas employees

Highest grade attended	State	Private
Non-High School graduate	4.4%	18.0%
High School graduate	21.8	30.4
Some college, assoc. degree	23.4	28.0
Bachelor's degree	30.0	17.8
Master's degree	13.1	4.0
Professional school	3.2	.0
Doctorate degree	4.2	.8
TOTAL	100.0	100.0

SOURCE: National Bureau of Economic Research
Note: Totals may not add due to rounding.

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