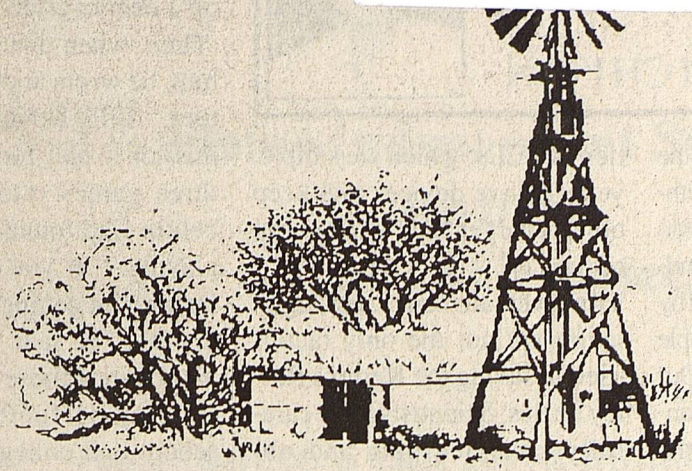


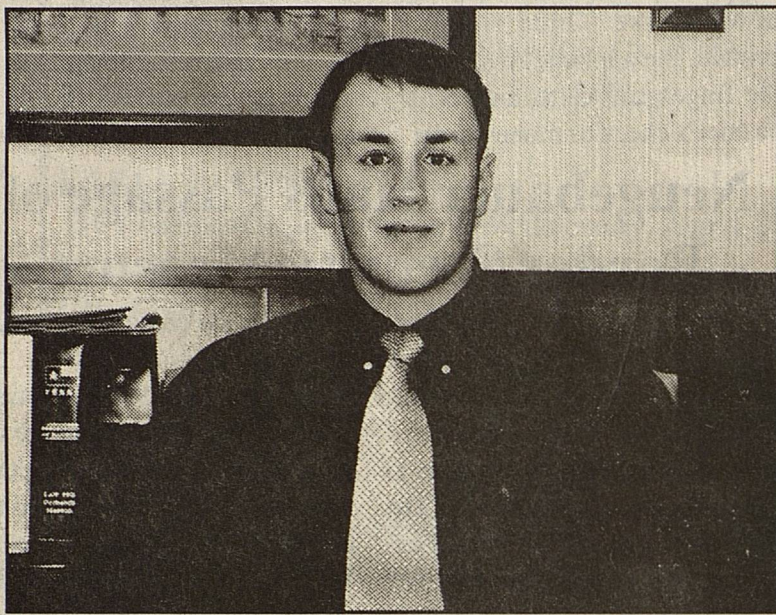
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New employees at PSB



One of the main goals at Plains State Bank is to offer a friendly, well-trained, service oriented staff to meet the need of their customers. The bank is pleased to announce the addition of two employees they feel will help achieve this goal. A 2004 graduate from Abilene Christian University with a degree in agribusiness, Bradley E. Hill was recently welcomed to the bank's staff as Loan Officer and Information Technology

Administrator. He brings previous accounting, management and agricultural experience to the bank team. Formerly from Jacksboro, Texas, Brad and his wife Whitney (Clifton) moved to Denver City upon graduation from ACU. While visiting with staff of CCN, Brad exhibited a very positive attitude and self-motivation which will be appreciated by all the bank's customers.



With over five years experience in virtually all areas of banking, Carla Hill brings a wealth of experience to the bank its customers will appreciate. She joins the staff as Head Bookkeeper and Keeper of the Records. Pleasant and working, she has quickly

proven herself to be a valuable addition to the bank. She and her husband Sonny moved to Denver City in 2004, where he currently teaches at Denver City ISD. The bank urges all its customers to come meet the two new hires.

Crime cases in District Court

felony cases were heard in 121st Judicial District Court February 14, with Judge Kelly Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the state. For Esquivel, aka Alberto Rojas, aka Fabian Rocha pled guilty to tampering with a government record. He was sentenced to eight months in state prison with credit for 126 days previously served. He must pay \$298 court costs. Warren New served as his attorney, and Trooper Robert Munsell was investigating officer. David Calhoun pled guilty to a third or fourth DWI. A ten year prison sentence was suspended and probated. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$298 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will serve 160 hours community service, and complete the DWI repeat offender program.

surrender his license 180 days, and attend weekly AA meetings. Warren New served as his attorney. Sharkey Len Lecroy pled guilty to a third or more DWI. An eight year prison sentence was suspended and probated eight years. He will spend 30 days in jail with credit for two days. He was fined \$1000, must pay \$338 court costs, and \$25 time payment fee. He will lose his license 180 days, complete the DWI repeat offender program, attend weekly AA meetings. Trooper Robert Munsell was investigating officer, and Patrick Metzger was his attorney. Marcos Herrera Hernandez pled true to the state's motion to revoke supervision from a prior assault/bodily injury/family violence cause, and

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How Do We Support Our Kids?

* Plains ISD student athletes have completed three of the major sports seasons and are moving into a very hectic spring schedule. We will have athletes competing in baseball, tennis, track, golf and powerlifting. I read the following article the other day in the U.I.L. newspaper "The Leaguer". It brings to mind what we should be doing to help our children grow and get better at whatever they decide to do. I have received the editor's permission to share it with you, and also received permission from the author, U.I.L. Executive Director Dr. Bill Farney - James Haynes, PISD Superintendent.

One of the most difficult tasks for parents is to gradually remove themselves from different areas of their children's lives. Certainly, parental influence is necessary and even demanded as part of the nurturing process.

So many 'traps' await youth, physical danger, substance abuse, personal choices, character education, safety and health and social choices.

Parents must nurture and guide, cajole and plead, reward and punish, discipline and encourage throughout the formative years. Parents are necessary beyond adolescence for love and encouragement, empathy and sustenance and even for financial assistance.

These are natural parent-child relationships that, when absent, often surface as inadequacies and problems in a child's later adulthood.

There are areas, like athletic competition, that parents need to pay less attention to than they often do. In youth sports it is easy to find a demanding parent placing unnecessary burdens on children.

As early as tee ball games, some parents show anger and impatience towards kids who supposedly are trying to have fun in a sport, a game. Driving this parent is a competitive desire for their child to succeed. It is difficult for adults to realize several important factors about growth and development:



Dr. Bill Farney

*All children are not interested in Baseball. *All children do not develop physical skills at the same rate. *Some children may never learn how to catch and throw a baseball. *The worth of an individual is not related in any way to an athletic skill. *Your neighbor's child is not valued any more than your child because he/she performs athletic skills more proficiently. *Yelling and screaming, showing outward disappointment in your child's performance, is not a positive motivator. *Motivation for any individual must come from within.

Somehow the worth of many adults, by their own self-evaluation, comes from how well their children do in sports.

This attitude is both self-destructive and potentially negative for the child. More appropriate adult responses should be less caustic and more encouraging.

That doesn't mean parents and coaches should accept lack of effort, but it does mean that direction and correction should be done with the realization that what we are doing here is a game, not a life and death

struggle.

At age 12, I was a baseball player. Not a very good one, but nevertheless a participating one. My Uncle James, fresh back from WWII duty on the Naval Carrier USS Sagginaw Bay, was my mentor.

He believed that I could be better than I was. He hit fungos, played catch and watched me swing with a firm view of where I needed to be as a player.

However, just as his experience in the Pacific Theater was an often disappointing campaign, so was his mission to make me a ball player.

That summer we played and practiced two or three times a week, several of us packed into the back of his old Plymouth on top of balls, bats, shoes, jugs of water, gloves and coolers of beer. (We didn't get any beer, but it must have been good because Uncle James sure liked it.)

We culminated our summer season with a final game. I remember it well because in the fifth inning I got on first base as the potential winning run.

However, that inning ended with me in a frenzy of excitement, stealing (or attempting to steal) second base.

The problem was, there was already a runner on second! Looking more surprised and shocked than I was, he started for third just as I reversed directions and returned to first. They got us both out. And that summer ended my baseball days because the small rural high school I attended did not play baseball.

When I went to the dugout af-

ter my stupid steal attempt, I was expecting the worst. I wasn't crying yet, but I was tuning up for it. Instead, Uncle James put his hand on my shoulders, gave me a pat on the back and said, "Always look over at second. Way to hustle! Get your glove and get out there!"

Honestly, I can't remember whether we won that game or not. Time dims my memory.

But what I do remember is, my coach missed a great opportunity to embarrass me, yell at me or make me feel like a fool.

That experience kept me interested in sports and kept a special uncle even more special in my memory.

Postscript: Uncle James was married twice and eventually moved with his second wife to live in Puerto Rico as a protest to the U.S. governments tax structure.

He coached a team of boys every year and had some who made it to the Puerto Rican leagues. Before he left the states he did me a huge favor.

My dad did not want me to play junior high football and would not sign the parent permission slip required by Chilton Jr. High and the UIL to play football.

A friend of dad's had sustained a life-crippling injury in high school football, and Dad vowed his son shouldn't risk his bones to a dangerous sport.

I called Uncle James and told him my problem. The next weekend he and dad went fishing on the Bosque River at a place called Flat Rock Camp.

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'Our Kids'



These PHS students competed in the huge Powerlifting Tourney held in the main gym last Saturday. Coach Blake McWhirter reported 19 schools were entered in the meet, with 211 male and female lifters registered. Shown here are front row Cowgirls Joani Bell, Meghan Garcia, Desiraye Broome, and Katie Winn. Cowboys include Brant Huerta, Tyler Caffey, Scott Bruton, J.L. Vasquez, Kevin Long, Reagan Haynes, Elias Carrillo, Chase Guetersloh, Curtis Arteaga and C.J. Tarango



CAPITOL COMMENT
U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON



From the high, wide skies of the Panhandle in the north to the southern tropical brush country of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas' rural landscape is unique and unsurpassed by other states. But it isn't just people who enjoy our great outdoors. Our state is home to nearly 90 endangered species and some of the nation's most extensive preservation programs. I am proud of the progress our environmentalists and biologists have made in preserving our state not only as a home for Texans but for every living creature.

One program I have supported is the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle Restoration Project. Kemp's Ridley sea turtles (*Lepidochelys kempi*) are the most critically endangered sea turtle in the world. They are the smallest sea turtle, along with their cousin the olive Ridley, at about 99 pounds or less and 25 inches around in shell size, and they live in shallow coastal areas, bays and lagoons.

A half century ago, at least 40,000 females nested in a single day. Today, fewer than 2,000 nest each year. Nesting on both the coast of Rancho Nuevo, Mexico and South Padre Island, Texas our two nations have worked vigorously together in an effort to save these rare turtles.

The biggest enemies to the kempi are no longer the coyotes or egg hunters that brought about the original decline, today's threats are human encroachment and incidental catching by shrimp trawlers. The Texas coast is the most deadly for these small creatures, especially since most that wash up on shore are pregnant females coming to nest.

By making parts of the Texas coast a Marine Reserve, scientists believe the number of turtles will start to increase. Recently, the Project secured a ban of shrimping in the shallow waters of the coast, but believers more protection is needed throughout these waters, specifically during nesting season. Currently, there are 12 national marine sanctuaries, representing less than one percent of all ocean territory under U.S. jurisdiction. In comparison, about four percent of our land area is protected in national parks.

Other legislation the Restoration Project has supported is making Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) mandatory on all shrimp nets. It is estimated that up to 5,000 turtles were killed each year by these nets prior to the implementa-

tion of TEDs, which are simple, yet effective devices that keep objects larger than shrimp out of the net.

However, advocacy and legislation are not the only tactics used in saving the Kemp's Ridley turtles. Scientists have carefully collected data and observed these animals over recent decades by tagging the turtles. When nests are found along the Texas coast, the eggs go through a phase called Head Starting. Here the eggs are incubated and released to their natural habitat after hatching.

This procedure was proven successful just this past April as two turtles that were Head Started back in the late 1980's were located in Galveston laying eggs. Scientists and Environmentalists were delighted over these findings, as it proves their hard work and determination are leading to the increase in Kemp's population. Since it takes approximately 15 years for a Kemp's ridley sea turtle to mature and lay eggs, scientists are hopeful that they will see similar discoveries in the near future.

At present, nestling aggregations number in the hundreds, not the thousands necessary for the species to survive without man's intervention. With the Project's gradual success, it is clear that our marine biologists need the necessary and most up to date technology to help protect these endangered sea turtles, which is why I have supported continuing funding. The desire to protect our wildlife is a value rooted deep in the hearts of Texans. Biodiversity is critical to the health of the ecosystems that support life on our planet, and we all share the responsibility of preserving the world's endangered species. I believe our natural heritage should be preserved for the enjoyment and education of future generations. And we must continue to maintain a careful balance between the integrity of our natural resources and encouraging economic growth, which will shape America's future.

Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are just one of the many endangered species that roam our lands here in Texas and just one of the great wonders that make our state unique. To learn more on this extensive restoration program and how you can help, visit www.seaturtles.org.

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'Our Kids'**

They got to drinking some good Pearl beer and Uncle James got Dad to sign his name on a beer coaster.

Then, when dad couldn't see him, he wrote above the signature, "Billy Doyle has my permission to play football." It was three games into the season before Dad found out I was playing. "If you made it this far without getting hurt, I guess it's OK," he said.

Far beyond those days and after playing football in high school and college, I remember how a war torn veteran shaped my future. But I also know how this possible negative response could have sent me to a different future.

I do remain the only athlete in the history of Chilton schools to have my parent permission slip submitted on the back of a Pearl beer coaster!.

*Stand firmly by your cannon,
Let ball and grape fly,
And trust God and Davis,
But keep your powder dry
Civil War Confederacy Cry*

**Services for
J.T. Shelton**

Funeral services for J.T. Shelton, 18, were held in Carlsbad, NM Thursday, February 10, 2005, at Victory Baptist Church in Carlsbad. Graveside services followed at City Cemetery in College Station on February 12. Mr. Shelton died at home in Carlsbad February 7.

He was born John Tyler Shelton October 15, 1986 in Lubbock to John Wesley and Robin Fay Blenden Shelton. He

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his supervision was revoked. He was ordered to serve 21 days in jail with credit for 21 days served. In a second cause of assault/bodily injury/family violence, the defendant was sentenced to five years in prison, suspended and probated 5 years. He must serve 160 hours community service, complete the batterers intervention program, pay \$1000 fine and \$218 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. Brad Moore was his attorney, and Deputy David

Bryant was investigating officer.

Thomas Drought Jr. pled true and his community supervision from a prior third or more DWI was modified. He pay fines and supervision fees totaling \$733 at \$21 per month. He must also pay appointed \$250 attorney fees at \$20 per month. He will stay in jail up to 180 days or until space is available in the Ray D. Anderson detention center in Brownfield for at least one month and no more than 24 months

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SUSAN COMBS

The movie business is booming in the Lone Star State, and rural communities are reaping major economic benefits by securing starring roles for their towns.

From "Spy Kids 3D: Game Over" to "Miss Congeniality," more than 500 film and TV projects with production budgets totaling \$2.8 billion have been shot in Texas in the last 10 years.

In fact, the Lone Star State has long been a Hollywood favorite as a film subject and as a movie location. Texas locations have frequently stood in for exotic locales from Mexico to Manhattan and Africa to Afghanistan. Beyond the state's diverse landscape, Texas also offers attractive financial incentives and an experienced workforce.

Communities like Dripping Springs, where "The Alamo" was recently filmed, and El Paso, where Spike Lee's "The 25th Hour" was filmed in nearby Salt Flats, have reaped the rewards. It's estimated that half of a film's budget goes directly into the local economy, and 75 percent to 80 percent of the film crews are hired locally.

Film and television productions with combined budgets of \$314 million were filmed in Texas in 2003. These projects had an estimated economic impact of more than \$157 million in the state, according to the Texas Film Commission.

If your rural community features an unusual or picturesque mansion, courthouse, farm, swimming hole, hacienda, riverfront home or 1950s-era gas station, let the Texas Film Commission know. Growing the film industry in Texas and growing interest in rural locales creates a win-win for all of Texas.

**DPS Announces New Application Process
For Some Commercial Driver Licenses**

Beginning January 31, anyone applying for a commercial driver license (CDL) with a hazardous materials endorsement must undergo a security threat assessment. Beginning May 31, drivers who already have a CDL with a hazardous materials endorsement will be required to undergo the security threat assessment when they renew their license.

The Security threat assessment is required by Section 1012 of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, the federal Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the U.S. Department of Transportation. The threat assessment included the collection of the applicant's fingerprints and verification of the applicant's citizenship, immigration eligibility or permanent legal presence in the United States.

Applicants for hazardous ma-

terials endorsements will be required to meet all standard federal regulations for the class of license sought, complete all required forms and testing and pay the necessary fees. If these requirements are satisfied, DPS will issue the applicant a CDL without the hazardous materials endorsement until the TSA completes the threat assessment process.

DPS will provide the applicant with a fingerprint card to take to a local law enforcement agency to initiate the required background check. The local law enforcement agency will require the applicant to produce a valid Texas CDL for identification purposes, so applicants may not initiate the fingerprinting process before receiving the new license. Once fingerprinted, the applicant will mail the fingerprint cards and \$73 cashier's check or money order

to DPS using the pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope they were given when they applied. (The local law enforcement agency may charge a fee for the fingerprinting service.)

The DPS will forward the applicant's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for processing. The FBI will send any information about the applicant's criminal history to the TSA, which will make the final determination regarding eligibility for the hazardous materials endorsement. The applicant will be notified in writing whether the endorsement has been approved or disapproved.

If approved, DPS will mail a new CDL to the applicant. The endorsement is valid for five years. If disapproved, the applicant will receive information on how to appeal the denial through TSA.

**Neugebauer Hails Passage of
Border Security Measure**

Congressman Randy Neugebauer announced recently the House passed important legislation strengthening border security and makes it tougher for terrorists to travel inside the United States. The bill includes a number of anti-terrorism provisions the House passed last year in response to the findings of the 9/11 Commission, but were dropped from the law enacted in December because of Senate oppositions.

As a co-sponsor of the REAL ID Act, H.R. 418, Neugebauer was pleased to see the House approve the legislation by a vote of 261-161.

"Border security is national security," Neugebauer said. "It is important we have a strong military and good intelligence capabilities. However, if we have porous borders and if we make it easy for terrorists to set operations once they reach our shores, we will remain vulnerable to another terrorist attack."

The 9/11 Commission, in its report issued in 2004, highlighted several weaknesses the terrorists exploited to carry out 9/11. The REAL ID Act takes several steps to eliminate those vulnerabilities by responding

directly to the commission's recommendations.

According to the 9/11 Commission, Al-Qaeda took advantage of lax standards and loopholes in the way drivers' licenses are issued to carry out the 9/11 terrorists attacks. The hijackers possessed multiple valid drivers' license despite the fact that many were in the country illegally. The REAL ID Act creates tougher standards for identification documents. One loophole that the bill closes is that a person's driver's license now expires the same day as his travel visa.

The REAL ID Act also makes it tougher for would-terrorists to manipulate the asylum system in order to enter the United States. The bill strengthens judges' ability to determine whether an asylum seeker is credible. Prior to its passage, judges had very little authority to deny asylum to someone they believed was lying about the need for a safe haven. Furthermore, the bill brings consistency to the policy of how aliens contributing funds to a terrorist organization are treated. This switch in policy is welcomed by Neugebauer.

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Capturing western legends

For the first time ever, Capturing Western Legends brings together the art and stories of the Canadian western frontier in a remarkable major exhibition featuring the works of Charles Russell (1864-1926) and Frederic Remington (1861-1909). Both Russell and Remington created legendary images that continue to define the 'Old West' today. These two artists captured a moment in time and period of transition with the western frontier, and achieved unparalleled success in the genre of western art. Their names are virtually synonymous in the popular imagination with iconic images of the West.

Museum visitors will explore the era of the North West frontier where the Blackfoot people roamed the landscape, the fur trade was a dominant industry; and when the ranching industry straddled the borders between Alberta and Montana.

"The PPHM is the largest history museum in Texas. The museum is also nationally recognized for its outstanding works by the artists of Texas and the Southwest. We are very proud to bring this exhibition, which blends art and history, to the state and region," Guy C. Vanderpool, Director of the PPHM, says.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will be the only venue west of the Mississippi to host this outstanding exhibit, organized by the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta. The Glenbow Museum is Western Canada's largest museum. Through a variety of exhibitions and programs and a broad collection of artifacts, art, and heritage. The PPHM is honored to be chosen by Glenbow to be part of this outstanding touring exhibit.

Additionally, the PPHM has chosen The American West as its exhibit theme for 2005. Textile, firearms, art, and history exhibits will explore the many facets of the West. The museum looks forward to an exciting summer of programs and anticipates excellent visitation.

May 7, 2005

General Election Calendar

Listed below are the major dates concerning the upcoming City Council General Election to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

PURPOSE

To elect three (3) Councilmembers. Those with expiring terms are: Councilmembers Steve Alldredge, Christy Brink and Dan Wall.

CANDIDATE FILING DATES

Monday, February 7, 2005 through Monday, March 7, 2005 at 5:00 PM

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Thursday, April 7, 2005 is the last day to register to vote in the May 7, 2005 City County General Election. Voter Registration is at the Yoakum County Courthouse Tax Office

EARLY VOTING

By Personal Appearance - Wednesday, April 20, 2005 through Tuesday, May 3, 2005. At Plains City Hall located at 1015 Ave. F from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY

Saturday, May 7
At Plains City Hall, 1015 Avenue F
Polls open from 7:00 am until 7:00

DPS Issues Amber Alert

The Texas Department of Public Safety has issued an Amber Alert for a 7-year old boy abducted in Fort Worth. The boy and his mother, who is also missing, were last seen at 5:03 p.m. on Saturday, February 19.

Jayden Underwood, a 7-year old white boy, is 4 feet tall and has blond hair and brown eyes.

Lisa Underwood, a 34-year old white female, is 5 feet, 2 inches tall and has brown hair and blue eyes.

The Underwoods were last seen in a blue 2002 Dodge Durango with the Texas license plate 5GDF19.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of the Underwoods or the blue 2002 Dodge Durango with the Texas license plate 5GDF19 should immediately contact their local police department.

Note-For more information on this Amber Alert, please contact the Fort Worth Police Department at 817-922-3220. DPS has further information.

Plains Independent School District Board of Trustees

Announces a call for a board member election for District 3 and District 4.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 7th, 2005

The deadline for filing as a candidate for a place on the ballot is March 7th, 2005

Filing must take place at the Superintendent's office located at 1000 Tenth Street in Plains, Texas Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Troopers Seize \$2 Million In Cash

DPS troopers seized \$2.3 million during a traffic stop Tuesday in Nacogdoches County, the biggest traffic stop cash seized in more than a year.

A Highw 18-wheeler for speeding about 6:30 p.m. last week north of Nacogdoches. The truck was southbound on U.S. 59.

During a search of the semi-

trailer, the trooper discovered bundles of cash in a false compartment inside the refrigerated box car. The truck was hauling boxes of frozen chicken.

Juan Armando Castanon, 34, of Mission was arrested on state money laundering charges and taken to the Nacogdoches County Jail. DPS Narcotics

and the Drug Enforcement Administration officers are investigating the case. Federal charges are expected.

"Our training continues to pay big dividends, hitting drug dealers where it hurts the most, in the wallet," said DPS Director Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr.

The \$2.3 million seizure is the fourth largest traffic stop cash seizure in DPS history.

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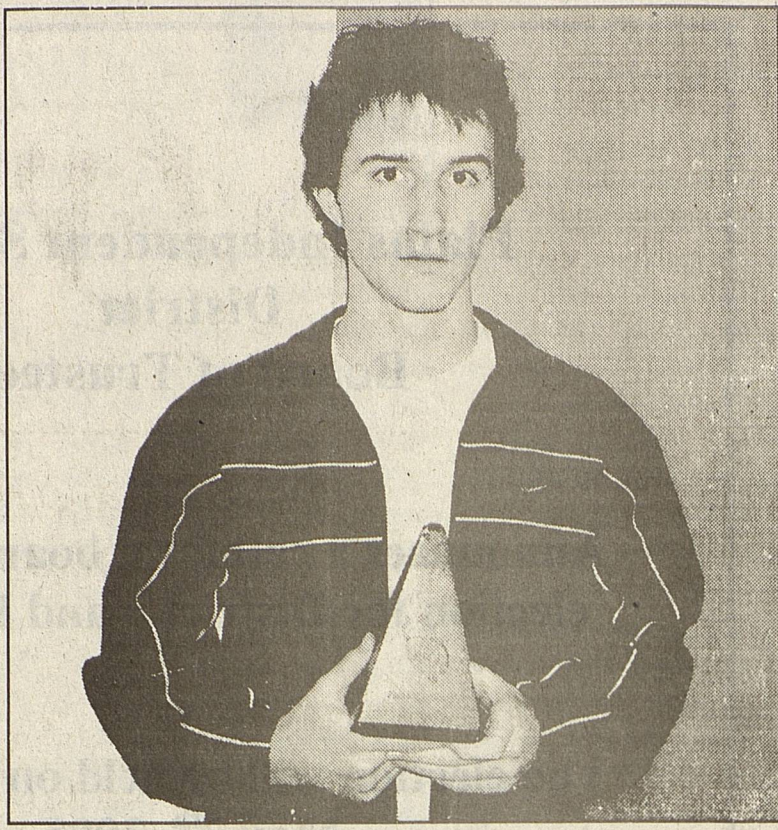
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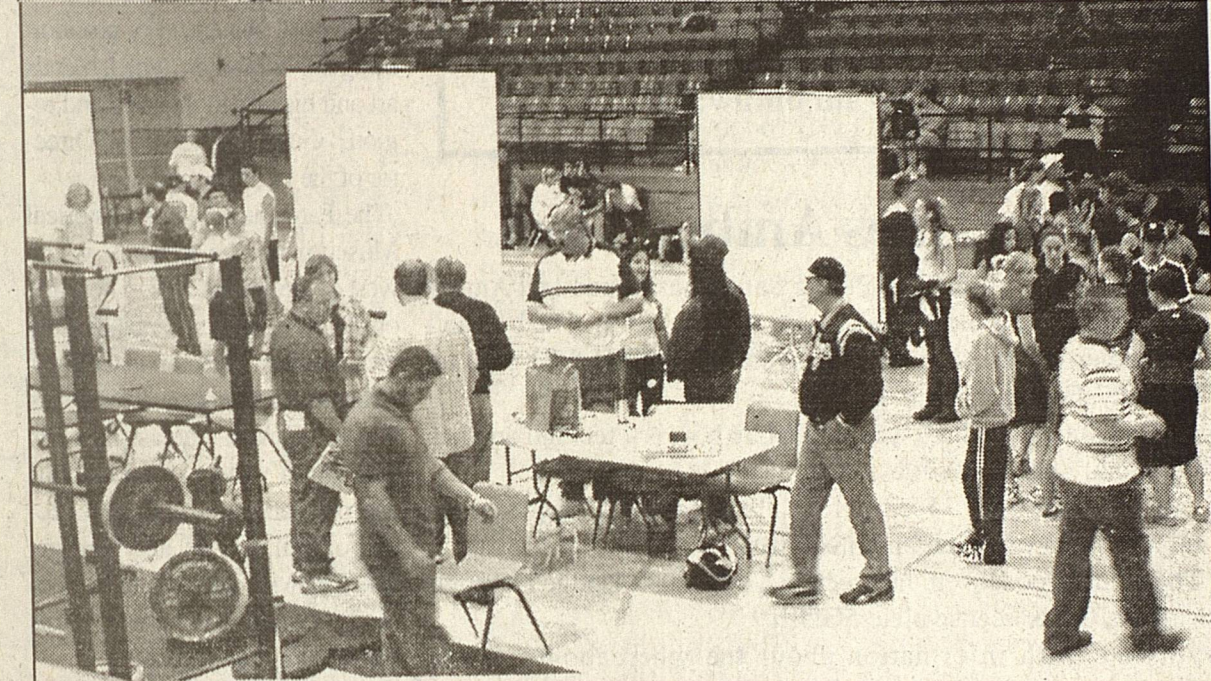
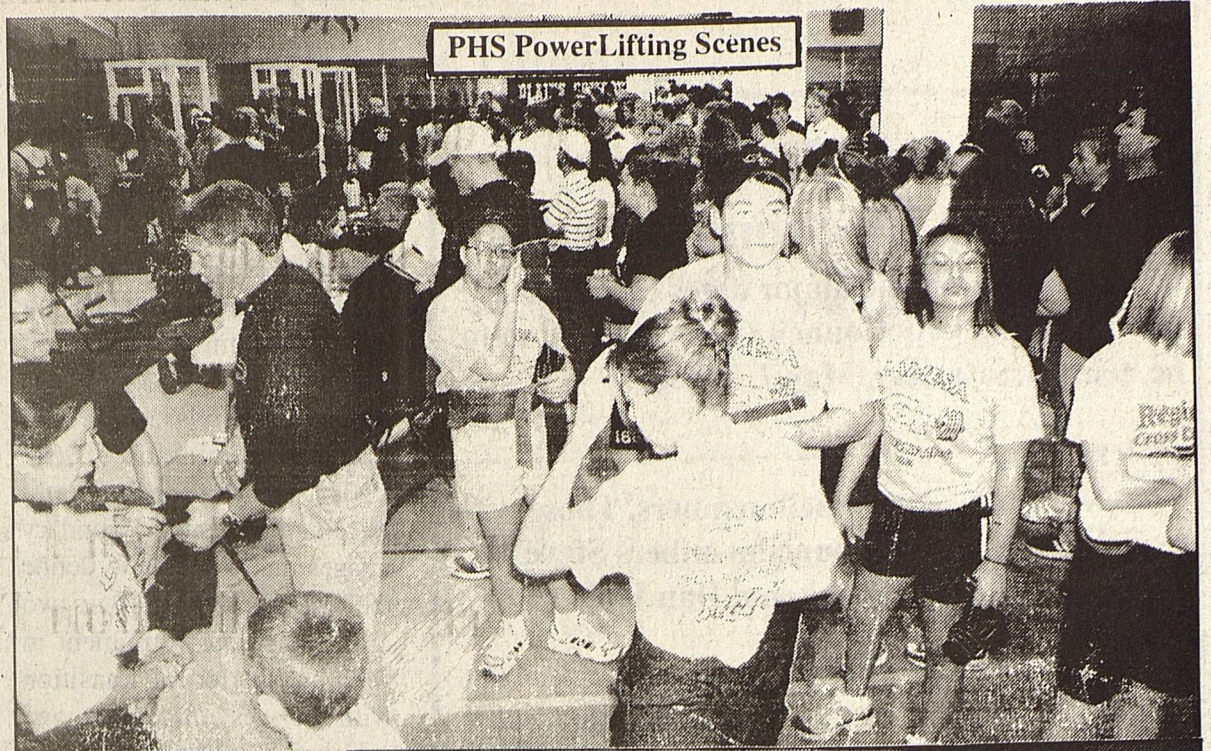
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Student of the Week

PHS Student of the Week is Brandon Hise a senior and the son of Vernon and Debra Hise. He was nominated by Mr. Cullins, who said, "If a student is involved in a UIL event, hopefully that student has a goal to win the State competition. But there are other goals along the way. One of 'our' goals this year has been to score a 300 on the Number Sense test at a meet. This has not been done in Plains since Kristen Gray did it on the district test in Match 2000. A new test writer came upon the scene and it has taken a while to figure him out. At the Lubbock Monterey meet two weeks ago, a student from Plains scored 318 on the Number Sense test.



The closest score to him from A to AAA was 175. The closest score to him in AAAAA was 273. For hitting this milestone Brandon Hise is the Student of the Week."



Records of power sales ruled confidential Freedom Of Information Supporters Raising Hue and Cry

** The following article appeared recently in the winter quarterly issue of FOI FOCUS, a publication of the Freedom Of Information of Texas, Dallas, Texas. Attorney General Greg Abbott has ruled the public has no right to see the customer list of the Texas General Land Office's State Power Program. The Galveston County Daily News said in an editorial the AG is right about the law. "Unfortunately, the law is on the wrong side of the public's interest,"

the paper said. Under the program, natural gas from state lands is sold or traded for electricity. The electricity is then sold back to local governments, including school districts. The sole contractor is Reliant Energy. "The cost of the natural gas is a huge part of the cost of producing electricity," the paper said. "If you're using the public's natural gas to produce the electricity for these cities and school districts, you'd expect they'd be getting a good

deal on the price." Actually, the Galveston school district is "getting skinned," the paper said. It's paying 17 percent more for electricity than it could buy it for on the open market. Are other buyers, other districts getting a good deal? "Hard to say, since the General Land Office's list of customers is secret." How much is Reliant making? That's secret. In the deal, there is a system that awards officials with the state, power providers and Reliant with bonuses. "That's secret too," the Daily News said. "Texans... don't need to take the word of the stewards of public money the money is being well spent. They have the right to see the records. The law should be changed to say that, and say it clearly," the editorial concluded.

Texas Department of Transportation NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Replace Overhead Doors Contract Number 055XXR1010

Sealed proposals for the replacement of overhead doors at the Yoakum County Maintenance Section Office, located on SH 214 1 mile south of US 380, Plains, Yoakum County, Texas will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation located at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas. Proposals will be received until March 16, 2005 at 10:15 AM. Then publicly opened and read. Proposals, plans and specifications for this project will be furnished without charge to any Contractor desiring to submit a bid. No pre-qualification is required. Contact Cat Soto at 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, Texas, Telephone (806) 748-4446 for proposals or any questions. USUAL RIGHTS RESERVED

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Tournament Schedule 2005

March 2	DCHS Invitational
March 5	1 Man Scramble (tentative)
March 9	Plains HS Invitational
March 19 - 20	Spring Scramble- 3 person
March 21	Aerify greens-course closed
April 9	Rotary Club
April 12	AA District Golf
April 28	Y.C. Hosp. Foundation
April 30 - May 1	2 Partners - Stableford
May 7	Mustang Sta. Scramble
May 30	Memorial Day Scramble
June 4 - 5	Parent Child
June 24-25-26	Cotton Kilpatrick/Pro Am
June 29	West Texas Jr. Tour
July 4	Chamber of Commerce
July 30 - 31	Club Championship
August 6 - 7	Couples Scramble
August 27	United Fund Scramble
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Free tickets are available for the Wild Blue Country concert Tuesday (Feb 22), at South Plains College.

Wild Blue Country, the U.S. Air Force premiere country music band, will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Tom T. Hall Performance Center in SPC's Creative Arts Building. The facility seats about 240 persons. Admittance is by ticket only.

"This is a great opportunity to hear a wonderful group perform," said Cary Banks, chairperson of the Creative Arts Department. "They have been regularly featured on the Grand Ole Opry. Admission is free, but you will need a ticket to get in."

For ticket information, contact the SPC Creative Arts Department at 806-894-9611, ext. 2281.

Storytime At The Yoakum County Library

Valentine's Day was celebrated at Storytime at the Yoakum County Library on Wednesday, February 9. Following the pledges to the United States and Texas flags and singing several songs, the group discussed the meaning of Valentine's Day and the opportunity to express one's appreciation and love for others.

The books read were 'What Is Valentine's Day?', 'Clifford's Valentines', and 'Mouse's First Valentine'. Refreshments of cookies and punch were served to Austin and Kaitlyn Ward, Allie Williams, Yairah Garcia, Trenity Wall and Ivey Davis. Following the video, Franklin's Valentines', the group exchanged valentines.

March 1 Scholarship Application Deadline at SPC

March 1 is the scholarship application deadline for the 2005-2006 academic year at South Plains College.

A variety of scholarships are available, including college-wide, non-traditional student, program specific/departmental and activity scholarships. Special scholarships through Little Dribblers and United Cotton Growers are also available.

A scholarship committee will rank applicants, and the SPC Scholarship Office will assign scholarships. Scholarships will be announced by June 1.

Students can apply online at www.southplainscollege.edu/scholarships/. The scholarship application is also available in the back of the general catalog.

"Students need to make sure

they follow the check list and complete all relevant items on the scholarship application form, since we cannot process an incomplete application," said Robbie Gage, scholarship coordinator.

College-wide scholarships require ACT or SAT scores and are open to full-time and part-time students. Program specific or departmental; scholarships require listing a college major and major code, which can be found in the back of the general catalog. Most scholarships range from \$100 to \$500 a semester.

For more information contact the SPC Scholarship Office at 806-894-9611, ext. 2218 or 2219.

Womb To Learn

British researchers are developing a 'virtual womb' that they hope will prevent premature births. The womb is actually a three-dimensional computer-generated model of a pregnant uterus. Arun Holden, a biomedical sciences professor at the University of Leeds, said it will help researchers study reasons labor sometimes starts too soon, tailor specific treatments to individuals and test treatments and drugs with no risk to parents.

Leeds researchers said nearly 10 percent of babies born in the United Kingdom are prema-

ture. In May 2004, Duane F. Alexander, director of the National Institute of Child Health, said the premature births are a leading cause of infant mortality.

Holden said the virtual womb will revolutionize doctors' ability to monitor uterus activity and health during pregnancy. He said the new technology will give a greater understanding of uterine electrical signals, enable doctors to accurately predict the onset of labor and identify conditions that initiate premature labor.

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QUIZ BOWL Feb. 28 - March 4

Monday, Feb. 28 - 10:15 AM - Sr. Black VS Sr. Gold
Tuesday, March 1 - 10:00 AM - Jr. Black VS Junior Gold
10:25 AM - Soph. Black VS Soph Gold
Wednesday, March 2 - 10:00 AM - Frosh Black VS Frosh Gold
10:25 AM - Sr. winner VS Soph winner
Thursday, March 3 - 10:00 AM - Jr. winner VS Frosh winner
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10:45 A.M.

Evening Program

6:00 P.M.

New Items At The Yoakum County Library

NONFICTION

THE SUCCESS PRINCIPLES by Jack Canfield
BEST PLANTS FOR NEW MEXICO GARDENS & LANDSCAPES
by Baker Morrow
GUN DIGEST 2005 by Ken Ramage
DICTIONARY OF FINANCE & INVESTMENT TERMS
by John Downes
STANLEY COMPLETE PLUMBING by Ken Sidey
LOS CUATRO ACUERDOS by Don Miguel Ruiz
WALL STREET WORDS: A TO Z GUIDE TO INVESTMENT
TER MS by David Scott
AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSN. FAMILY MEDICAL GUIDE
CATTLE BRANDS by Jane Pattie
SEVEN STEPS TO STOP A HEART ATTACK by Dr. Bob Arnot
6666: **PORTRAIT OF A TEXAS RANCH** by Wyman Meinzer

FICTION

THE CAT WHO WENT BANANAS by Lilian Jackson Braun
BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT by W.E.B. Griffin
BLOOD MEMORY by Greg Iles
HONEYMOON by James Patterson
PRINCE OF FIRE by Daniel Silva
FALLING AWAKE by Jayne Ann Krentz
SILVER BELLS by Luanne Rice
DIVINE EVIL by Nora Roberts
LIFE EXPECTANCY by Dean Koontz
THE MOTIVE by John Lescroart
STATE OF FEAR by Michael Crichton
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THE BROKER by John

VIDEOS

SKY CAPTAIN & THE WORLD OF TOMORROW (DVD)
GRAND CHAMPION (DVD)
THE NOTEBOOK (DVD)
SHARK TALE (DVD)

AUDIOS

LONDON BRIDGES (CDs) by James Patterson
THE BROKER (CDs) by John Grisham
R IS FOR RICOCHET (CDs) by Sue Grafton
LIGHT ON SNOW (CDs) by Anita Shreve

The Yoakum County Credit Union will have their annual meeting at 7:00 pm., Saturday night, February 26, in the school cafeteria.

Ham and brisket, beans, potato salad, tea and coffee will be furnished. Members and guests are asked to bring a side dish, salad, vegetable or desert.

Four members of the Board of Directors will be elected and installed during the meeting. Board members whose term expires include Melvin Dearing, Ruby Sellers, Robert Canon, and Lanny Smith. All four are seeking another term.

New nominee is Jean Patterson.

Manager Teddie Knox noted over 200 door prizes donated by yoakum County businesses and individuals will be given away during the meeting.

Elderly Errand Run

How much do you hate going out in cold weather just to run errands? In February, Student Council members will be volunteering to go out for those of you who need us to run those errands for you. This service will be free of charge. Call Clarissa Zorilla at 456-8446 or Melisa Dorsett at 456-7445 (8:00-3:45) to set up a service for you.

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From The Hack

Last week I lamented somewhat about my up-coming Golf Safari to the Hill Country with three questionable "Friends" each of whom I fully expected to subject me to villainous treatment severing me from my money.

I would like to assure you - I was absolutely 100% correct, - except it was, well, semi-painless. I DID lose money. I WAS victimized. I DID lose 9 new golf balls the first day, and after re-stocking on day two, I DID lose 11 more, although I did happen to note one of the scoundrels paying considerable attention to my club bag where my new Titleist balls were stored.

It was a great trip. Superb. Fun. Relaxing. And more important than anything else, pretty damn cheap, too! The hostesses were great, didn't charge me a dime for bed and board, even after I promised them I would be HAPPY to donate a few bucks to their favorite charity for their largess. And as incredible as it sounds, the HOST, after my generous offer to pay at least ONE-THIRD my green fee at his course, absolutely refused to accept my generous gesture.

Before any of you choose to bestow Sainthood on the guy, however, I hasten to relate, he

clipped me for \$58 bucks on side bets... He was betting I would not get on the green in three, and he won 17 bets plus one foolish press on my part.

I have to tell you about this one hole at the Lago Vista course. You approach this one tee box, and a big, blaring sign reads, **BLIND HOLE - EXPLORE BEFORE HITTING!**

Being a Texas flat lander most of many eons, I wondered how a blind player could all of a sudden join us. Then our most intelligent groupie yelled, "I'll go take a look" and whizzed off on his Yamaha.

Puzzled, I asked where he was going, which drew snickers and snide remarks. "Mush head, he's going to the top of the hill to see if any players are up ahead we might hit."

I felt much more secure when I finally teed off, delivering probably my finest drive of the day... No, a lifetime... my last Titleist of two dozen soared skyward, up, up and away, and disappeared over the **BLIND HOLE** sign.

I watched until it disappeared, wondering, if, just once, I could produce a **DOUBLE EAGLE** on the now downhill screaming ball!

Unfortunately, what I heard next was a soft "SPLAT" like sound, and a sort of "BLEAT" noise. We hurriedly charged our carts up and over the hill, raced downwards, and my optimism vanished like all those expensive golf balls.

I had hit one of some 2,587 whitetail deer does which infest the course - and that's only on the **FRONT** half. Yes, I killed a deer, but I was confident I would have no problems from the authorities. You would be amazed how quickly one can dig a grave with a 56 degree sand wedge when one is really concentrating on one's staying free of the law!

(I have to assure the P.E.T.A admiring daughter, I do not always report with 100% verac-

ity!) To all concerned, I did enjoy the all too short trip, and I **APPRECiate YOUR HOSPITALITY!!**

Don't ask where I stole the following, but it's supposedly true. A long-time-ago Texas Legislator, often called on to say a few words to an audience without prior warning, would often respond like this; "I'm reminded of the time Marc Antony visited Cleopatra. Opening the door to her boudoir, Marc found her fetchingly draped across a silk couch, clad in a flimsy negligee. She beamed at him, and said in her sultry voice, 'Oh, it's so good to see you, Marc. Come here and whisper sweet nothings in my ear.' Marc beams at her, and says, 'Look, Cleo baby, I'm not here to make a speech.' Cleopatra delivers her most beguiling smile at Marc Antony, and purrs, "Well, Marc my darling, I'm certainly not prone to argue!"

I read recently this tale about ex-President Lyndon Baines Johnson, a guy with considerable ego. In 1960, he was JFK's running mate for the vice-presidency. On election night, JFK said, "Lyndon just called in and said **WE** are winning in Texas but **I** am losing in Ohio."

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, March 3, 2005 for the Sale of one (1) 1986 John Deere 1418 4 row shredder and one (1) Used John Deere PTO Post Hole Digger from Precinct #3. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court Monday, March 7, 2005. For bid forms, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-2422 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355.

Sealed bids should be marked, "BID-SALE 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.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, March 3, 2005, for the purchase of one (1) 3/4 ton Pickup for Precinct #1. Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, March 7, 2005, for the purchase of one (1) 3/4 ton Pickup for Precinct #1. Purchase price will be taken from 2005 budgeted funds. For bid forms and specifications, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-2422 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. Sealed bids should be marked "BID- NEW VEHICLE" 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.

Cotton Market Weekly

Texas Cooperative Extension cotton agronomist said this week cotton producers who caught their own seed from the 2004 crop for planting in 2005 should pay particular attention to seed quality.

"High quality seed is crucial for establishing a good stand", he explained. "Some producers are reducing seeding rates due to seed costs and new precision planters which makes seed quality even more important. Many growers still opt to plant conventional varieties using delinted, treated and bagged seed from the previous crop", he said.

Seed quality on the High Plains was reduced due to several factors. The area experienced cool, wet fall conditions in 2004 and some immature cotton was harvested. Both can be detrimental to seed quality.

"If High Plains cotton producers plan on reducing seeding rates in 2005 or planting seed saved from conventional varieties they should take extra steps to ensure seed quality and have representative samples tested by a reputable seed testing lab", the extension agent advised.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, March 3, 2005, for the sale of two (2) 1978 Chevrolet bobtail trucks (One truck is equipped with a snowplow) and one (1) 12 cubic yard Greatbody bobtail truck bed with hydraulic hoist, from Precinct #3.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court Monday, March 7, 2005. For bid forms, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-2422 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355.

Sealed bids should be marked "BID-SALE PRECINCT #3" 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 and or all bids.

NOTICE FOR BIDS THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF YOAKUM

The Commissioners Court of Yoakum County will receive bids until 4 PM Thursday, March 3, 2005, for the Lease Purchase of one (1) Pull Truck for Precinct #3.

Bids will be reviewed with contract to be awarded in Commissioners Court on Monday, March 7, 2005. Lease purchase will be paid from 2005 budgeted funds.

For bid forms and specifications, please contact Darinda McWhirter, Yoakum County Auditor, 806/456-2422 or PO Box 516, Plains, Texas 79355. Sealed bids should be marked "BID-PULL TRUCK" 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.

In South Texas, record setting daytime highs were established this week in the Rio Grande Valley, boosting soil temperatures. However, evaporation rates have increased and a slow, soaking pre-planting rain would be welcome soon to reduce the need to irrigate prior

Cotton futures continued to be dominated by the rolling of the March positions into forward months on Thursday at the New York Board of Trade (NYBOT) while USDA's export report showed strong sales despite a drop from marketing year highs. Net export sales of US cotton totaled 233,100 bales the week ended Feb. 10, slipping 44 percent from previous week's marketing year high and 32 percent from the four week average. Major buyers included China, Pakistan, Turkey and Mexico. Sales of 6,500 bales for delivery in 2005-06 were for Indonesia. Export business was slower last week due to the Chinese New Year.

Export shipments of 283,700 bales were 17 percent more than the previous week and the four week average. Primary destinations were Turkey, China, Mexico and Indonesia.

Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas producers sold 95,445 bales online the week ended February 17 compared to the previous week when 51,297 bales were traded. Prices received by online sellers ranged from 33.99 to 34.71 cents per pound versus the previous week's range of 33.7 to 35.03 cents per pound. Meanwhile, inclement weather conditions that began in late 2004 and slowed completion of harvest on the Texas High Plains also could affect the 2005 crop as well. A Lubbock based to planting. Wide spread planting of the 2005 cotton crop will commence there as soon as optimal conditions occur.

Kenny Houston

Former Houston Oiler and Washington Redskin and Football Hall of Fame Legend



Kenny Houston is considered by many as the greatest strong safety in the history of the NFL. For 14 years, with both the Houston Oilers and the Washington Redskins, Houston provided a last line of defense with a special gift for being in the right place at the right time.

He was named to the All-Star squad in 1968 and made All-Pro for 12 of his 14 seasons. Houston, who was blessed with outstanding quickness and speed, intercepted nine passes for the Oilers and set a single-season record by returning four for touchdowns.

Throughout his career, Houston intercepted 49 passes and returned a record nine for touchdowns. He also played in 183 consecutive games - the most ever by a defensive back. Coaches and teammates often marveled at Houston's unwavering work ethic and the consistency with which he played.

He was declared a free agent in 1981 and returned to the Oilers as an assistant coach - a position he held until 1986 when he was elected into the Pro-Football Hall of Fame.

Houston brings the same dedication to his personal life that he displayed on the playing field, devoting countless hours to charity work in the Houston area. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the *Byron Wigger Award for Humanitarian Service*, which was bestowed upon him by the NFL Players Association; the *Outstanding Civilian Service Award* from the Department of the Army; the *Vince Lombardi Memorial Award*; the *Bart Starr Meritorious Award*; the *Dodgers NFL Man of the Year Award*; and the *Texas All-Time Professional Football Team Award*. In addition, he was named *Man of the Year* for 1980-1981 by the Washington Redskins, is Honorary Chairman for the Special Olympics, and is a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Texas High School Coaches Association, and For Kids Sake.

A native of Texas, Houston received his bachelor's degree in health and physical education and elementary education from Prairie View A & M University. In addition, he holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Prairie View A & M. Since leaving the world of professional football, Houston has committed his life to education and athletics - serving as a coach, teacher, and counselor. He and his wife, Gustie, have two children.

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