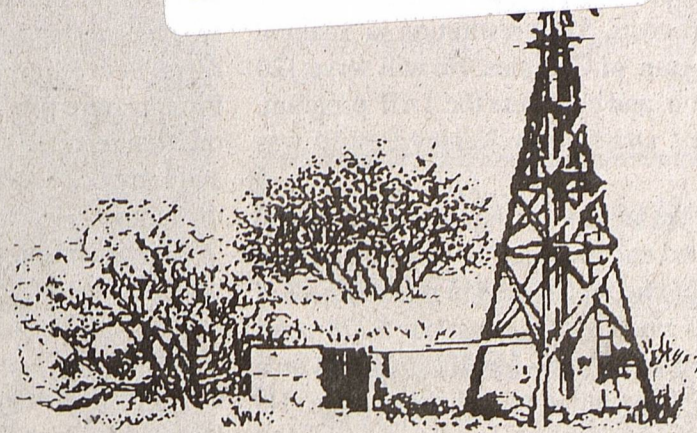


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Big weekend coming up... Rodeo, Reunion, Art Show

The community and county will continue its remembrance of our western heritage and history this week with three nights of rodeo, a street parade starting at 10:30 Saturday morning at the school's main gym, the always popular Old Settlers Reunion featuring a great catered barbecue lunch in Stanford Park at noon Saturday, and the annual Yoakum County Art Association Show and Sale, open to the public Friday and Saturday.

The rodeo, a project of the Plains Roping Club, will start at 7:30 PM Thursday through Saturday, and is again produced by T-N-T Rodeo of Anton.

Rodeo Queen Candidates Priscilla Mares, Chamber of Commerce, Daniela Lazos, Lions Club, and Skylar Keese, Roping Club, continue to sell \$5 tickets for a chance at a fancy saddle or \$500 cash. This year a dance featuring Rene Lopez, KLMA Hispanic Radio DJ, will be held from 9 PM to 1 AM Saturday evening only.

For the benefit of out of town readers, and locals who have not read the Yoakum County Historical Commission's book, "Yoakum County, From Sod To 1986," we are publishing that historical edition's coverage of how the Roping Club, the Rodeo, and the Reunion came

about so many years ago;

THE YOAKUM COUNTY ROPING CLUB

"In 1942 the first Yoakum County Roping Club was organized, with Durwood McGinty, Bill Powell, Carl Rushing, Polly Rushing, C.C. Copeland Jr., Arkie Hartwick, Murphy Luna, Pat Henard, Wood Reed and Jack McKee as the first members. Bill Powell was president, Durwood McGinty Secretary, with directors Henard, Hartwick and Luna.

Prior to this organizing of the roping club there was held the first rodeo in Plains. Charlie Copeland furnished roping calves and cows to milk, Sherm Henard furnished wild cows for riding. It was held at the Boyd place on the north side of Plains, using barb wire for arena and pens. The windmill for water still stands at this location. Tommie McDonnell and Bud Coke tied in the wild cow riding. Sherm and Charlie had a horse race, with their sons, Pat and C.C. Jr. doing the riding. Pat came in first.

"In 1944 or '45 during World War II, Sherm Henard, Arkie Hartwick and Murphy Luna kept the roping club going. Sherm planned a big attraction match cutting horse contest with Phil Williams and Bob Crosby. It was held on the west

side of Plains, just off Roswell Highway, the actual first arena.

"In 1947 Sherm Henard and Murphy Luna furnished calves for roping. Some of these ropers were Jack Lowe, Buddy Fort and Red Whatley, three of the top ropers in the business. In 1949 and early 50's the roping club began playing horse polo, and had matches with Lubbock and other polo clubs. Some of the players were Rusty McGinty, Dick McGinty, Big Bob McDonnell, Little Bob McDonnell, Jack Lowe and Pat Henard. Also during this time matched team ropings were held, and ropers were Jack Lowe, 'Burr' Burns, Gene Bennett, C.C. Copeland Jr., Pat Henard, Polly Rushing, Bob McDonnell and Bill Price.

"In 1953, Lucian and Gene Bennett visited Pat Henard. Lucian said he wanted Pat and Gene to work up a rodeo, parade, barbecue, dance and all the trimmings. Lucian put up the money and the first rodeo was held in 1955. Since that time the rodeo celebration has been held every year and has paid its own way. It was recalled with humor one year the boys wanted a really big show

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Big Weekend

YCSWCD Schedules Ladies Farm Tour

The Yoakum County Soil and Water Conservation District has planned a farm tour especially for the ladies of the county.

The tour is scheduled for Monday, September 13. There will be two pickup sites for the tour. The site for Denver City ladies will be the First Baptist Church parking lot, and Plains resident tour ladies will be picked up at the Plains Community Building. Pickup time is 9 AM at both locations.

The tour itinerary includes stops at the chili processing plant in the Higginbotham area, a visit to the newly opened tire recycling plant just north of Denver City. The other scheduled stop will be the Newsom vineyard north of Plains.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 at the community building, where awards will be announced for Farmer/Rancher Appreciation Day. Departure for the return to Denver City is scheduled for 2 PM.

Ladies wanting to attend the tour are encouraged to RSVP by September 10, 806-456-3703, Ext. 3, or stop by the office, 1305 Cowboy Way.



An early ranch scene, date taken unknown. Note elm trees leaning with typical Yoakum County 'breezes'.



1965 crowd lines up for annual barbecue in Stanford Park - Lillian and Murphy Luna, Sharon and Lanny Smith, Leo White, Mr and Mrs Gray, Roger Harvey, Glenn Morehouse, Sam McWhirter, Charlie Spears, M.S. Weed.

Nine criminal cases heard in District Court

Nine criminal cases were heard in District Court July 27, with Judge Kelly G. Moore presiding and Criminal District Attorney Richard Clark representing the State.

Guadalupe Martinez Jr. pled true and his community supervision from a prior assault with deadly weapon cause were modified. He must pay \$80 additional court costs by September 27, \$10 monthly installments on additional appointed attorney fees, must pay \$400 delinquent supervision fees, and his community supervision will be extended until December 31, 2010.

Charles Dean Gruben pled guilty to a third or more DWI. A ten year prison sentence was suspended and probated ten years. He was fined \$1500, and must pay \$338 court costs and \$375 appointed attorney fees and \$25 time payment fee. He will remain in county jail up to 180 days or until space is available in a substance abuse felony treatment center for not more than one year or less than 90 days.

Ruby Lopez Melendez pled guilty to forgery of financial instrument. A two year state jail sentence was suspended and probated five years. He must pay \$302 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He will pay \$400 restitution to Lowe's and \$580 to U.S. Cable and \$375 appointed attorney fees. He will serve 120 hours community service and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. Investigating officer was Deputy Larry Murphree and his attorney was Paul Manur.

Devon Lloyd Williams pled true and conditions of his supervision from a prior Unauthorized use of motor vehicle were modified. 30 days after release from the Ray D. Anderson corrections facility, where he shall remain not less than one month and no more than 24 months

Roger Bagwell pled guilty to reckless driving. A 30 day jail sentence was suspended and probated 12 months. He was fined \$200, must pay \$226 court costs and \$25 time payment fee. He must also pay \$5590 restitution to CDA Trust Account. A DWI

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Former resident, PHS grad awarded by Academy of General Dentistry

On July 10 Dr. Donna G. Miller, DDS, PA, attended the Chicago annual meeting of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), and was among the 240 dentists to receive the prestigious Fellowship Award. Over the past 42 years, some 13,000 dentists worldwide completed 500 hours of coursework and passed a rigorous written exam to achieve the Fellowship Award from AGD. Dr. Miller received the award symbolizing excellence in the dental profession and commitment to providing exceptional patient care.

Dr. Miller is a 1985 graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry and currently practices in Waco. She is married to K. Paul Holt. She is a member of American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, Central Texas Dental Association, and Southwestern Society of Oral Medicine.

Dr. Miller is the daughter of T.J. and Lois Miller of Plains, and graduated from Plains High in 1976. Ironically, at the AGD ceremonies in Chicago, she met and learned fellow Dentist Dr. Keith Hill of Corsicana was a former resident of Denver City and graduated from high school there in 1968.



Plains High Registration
Tuesday, August 10
Seniors 10 AM - 12 Noon
Juniors 1 - 3 PM
Wednesday, August 11
Sophomores 10 AM - 12 Noon
Freshmen 1 - 3 PM

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cause was dismissed, He will serve 24 hours community service, attend weekly AA meetings and pay \$50 monthly supervision fees. His attorney was Aaron Pier for David Martinez, and investigating officer was Trooper Brad Taylor.

Tony Gomez Jr. pled to adjudication of guilt deferred on criminal mischief, more than \$1500, less than \$20,000. He was fined \$1000, must pay \$223 court costs, \$200 restitution to Yoakum County and \$577 to Texas Assn. of Counties. He will serve 120 hours community supervision, and complete the TAIP program. Aaron Pier was his attorney, and Deputy Kenley Powell was investigating officer.

David Longoria was tried before a jury and was sentenced to ten years in prison, suspended and probated 10 years on a cause of possession, or transport of chemicals used in manufacture of methamphetamine. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$278 court costs, a fine of \$1500, appointed attorney fees of \$525, and time payment fee of \$25, and \$193 restitution to Agrialiance, Inc. He must serve 240 hours community service, lose his license 180 days, complete the drug offender program, pay \$50 supervision monthly fees, and remain under custodial supervision of the Ray D. Anderson Corrections Facility no less than one month and no more than 24 months. His attorney was Warren New, and Inoe Valdez, Llano Estacado Drug Task Force, was investigating officer.

Jeremy Jason Gonzales pled guilty to bail jumping and failure to appear. A five year state sentence was suspended and probated five years. He was fined \$1500, must pay \$293 court costs, total restitution of \$3886, \$375 appointed attorney fees, and \$25 time payment fee. A charge of criminal mischief was adjudicated. He will serve 160 hours community supervision, and complete the TAIP program. Warren New was his attorney, and Deputy Nancy Baize was investigating officer.

Neugebauer, Principi Confirm Veterans' Forums In Big Spring, Lubbock

Congressman Randy Neugebauer and Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi have finalized details on Neugebauer's Big Spring and Lubbock veterans' forums in August.

Neugebauer and Principi will hold a veterans forum in Big Spring on Tuesday, August 24th at 2:00 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College Campus. The two will then travel to Lubbock where they will hold a second forum at the American Legion Post 575 later that afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

"Protecting the Big Spring VA Hospital is a top priority for me," Neugebauer said. "The future of this hospital is crucial to the more than 62,000 West Texas and Big Country veterans who depend on it for their health care needs."

Neugebauer and Principi will tour the Big Spring facility and meet with community leaders **From Pg. 1 Big Weekend** with top attraction stock, and came out that year after expenses with \$2.75!

"At times because of lack of money Sherm Henard furnished bucking horses, Gene Bennett furnished ribbon roping calves, Jeff Beal furnished Brahma cows for riding, and Rusty McGinty furnished Santa Gertrudis cows for wild cow milking.

"The present rodeo arena was built in 1950 by Old Pappy Jost, a carpenter using wood. He was a colorful personality. It was said he remarked to his wife, "Charge it, Charge it, I'd give a \$50 bill for just one cash customer!" The committee for the project was Bill Powell and Polly Rushing. The arena was remodeled in 1975 using steel rather than wood.

"In 1957 the first Old Settlers Reunion was held to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Yoakum County. The roping club had a relay race for entertainment. Little Bob McDonnell led the race but his saddle turned and Pat Henard had to swerve his horse to miss Bob, and again Pat won the horse race.

"The beef for barbecues were furnished by Murphy Luna, Rusty McGinty, Sherm Henard, Dick McGinty, Glenn Cleveland and Gene Bennett in the early years. They would bring in beef on the hoof and it was slaughtered at Dick McGinty's store and cut for barbecue each July or August. The celebrations have always been a community project with many, many people contributing time, money and work. The Lions Club and Chamber of Commerce have always worked to help the roping club put on the affair.

"Girls of the community have run for Rodeo Queen, selling tickets to pay for a saddle to be given away to help with the ex-

before the start of the forum. People are encouraged to get to the forum an hour early in order to submit questions in advance.

"I want West Texans to let Secretary Principi how much they support the Big Spring VA Hospital," Neugebauer said. "This is a great opportunity to show how strongly they feel that the hospital should remain in Big Spring."

Big Spring serves a veteran population of approximately 62,300 veterans and provides health care services to 17,000 annually. Big Spring's market area encompasses roughly 74,000 square miles, an area larger than 35 of the 50 states. "I'm looking forward to having Secretary Principi here to see first hand the wonderful service the Big Spring VA hospital provides for West Texas veterans," Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said.

penses of the celebration."

Editors Note - "Yoakum County, From Sod To 1986" is a very large collection of history about our heritage and people, contributed by dozens of volunteer writers and workers. The author of the above article is not definitely known. Current Plains Roping Club officers and board members are Chad Wall, Pres., Keith Earnest, Vice-Pres., Sectry/Treas, Kacy Richards, and Board members Luke Richards, Tanner Blount, Lester Kerrick, Rodney Garland and Joe Pierce.

Think Texas

by Agriculture Commissioner SUSAN COMBS

The experts agree - Texas is lucky. Not just because the state's soil and climate compare favorably to grape-growing regions in Italy, France and Australia, but because our enthusiasm and spirit have helped grow the relatively young Texas wine industry into the fifth-largest wine producing state in the nation. Texas wines have grabbed attention - and medals - at international competitions, and they have a newfound credibility and a following that extends beyond Texas borders. Here in Texas, wineries left their distinctive brand on the 2004 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo by winning a host of awards in the legendary event's first international wine competition.

Also this year, the Savor Texas Hill Country Wine and Food Festival celebrated a new era for the state's winemaking industry by presenting workshops, pairings and tastings throughout the region. The sheer size of the event is a testament to the growing success of Texas wines.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is helping producers capitalize on the surge of interest in Texas wines by reaching out to consumers, retailers, package stores and foodservice partners and teaching them the virtues of wine made in the Lone Star State.

TDA has also updated its Texas Winery Guide and has produced an informational wine video for chambers of commerce and visitors' centers across the state. The video was even translated into Japanese and is being used to attract foreign buyers.

With some 60 wineries and some 1.25 million gallons of production each year, Texas is making its wine a household name. And connoisseurs across the globe are taking notice.



"You may fly over a land forever; you may bomb it, atomize it, pulverize it and wipe it clean of life, but if you desire to defend it, protect it and keep it for civilization, you must do this on the ground, the way the Roman legions did, by putting your young men into the mud."

Those words were written by my friend T.R. Fehrenbach in his definitive work on the Korean War, "This kind of War: A Study in Unpreparedness." I have often turned to Ted's insights when reviewing the mission and structure of our military. His observation of the importance of "boots on the ground" is incisive and has served our efforts well. During the World Wars and later, during the Cold War, the importance of an American military presence in Europe and Asia was critical. Our struggle to uproot Nazi totalitarianism and dispel Communism called for a strong, physical presence abroad.

But today, we face a different kind of enemy: terrorism. An enemy with no borders, no uniforms, no respect for the traditional rules of war, and more importantly, no respect for human life. It is an enemy that showed us on September 11, 2001, that the greatest battle of our generation will not be fought in one country or even a single continent. It is a global battle that requires a renewed, sharpened strategy, a changed and relevant force structure, and demands we take a close look at how we position our military at home and abroad.

As Chair of the Senate Military Construction Appropriations Subcommittee I oversee the allocation of federal funds for our military installations worldwide. It is an important role, which requires an in depth understanding of our force alignment and the facilities and infrastructure necessary to support it. In recent years, I have become increasingly concerned with the Pentagon's tendency to shut down U.S. bases in an effort to modernize, consolidate and make our Armed Forces more efficient.

Bases in Germany and Korea, while relevant to a Cold War strategy, must be considered for closure first before bases in Louisiana, California and Texas face possible reductions or shut down as part of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC). In part BRAC rounds some stateside closures have been conducted hastily, and the military has only later realized their mistake costing millions of tax payers dollars, displacing soldiers and their families, and wreaking havoc on the local economies. Another growing concern is the increased restrictions being placed on our train-

ing capabilities abroad. In some areas our ability fly helicopters at night, conduct live fire exercises, or move vehicles over the countryside during war preparation has been severely limited. Not only do some bases fail to meet our national security needs; in some cases, the host countries are openly antagonistic toward our troops.

Last year I enacted an Overseas Basing Commission, responsible for a comprehensive study of U.S. military facilities abroad that will help defend policy makers arrive at more informed decisions. The panel's charge is to review the existing base structure and location, as well as assess whether our infrastructure is in place to meet current and future missions.

This July, the Commission held its first public meeting in Washington, the first of a series of meetings, which will culminate in a report to the president and Congress later this year. At the meeting the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) presented its study on the costs of and options for changing the Army's overseas basing structure. CBO documented potentially significant savings in many areas, such as moving units home from Germany, where it costs about \$1 billion annually to maintain forces, and from Korea. Locating forces in Poland, Bulgaria or Romania was also recommended, as was consolidating the many bases and outposts in Korea.

If, as has been suggested in the media, the Pentagon returns 29,000 soldiers from Germany, approximately two divisions, we would save \$400-\$575 million annually and give our troops far better training capabilities and opportunities. And Texas is well poised to benefit from returning troops. Analysts suggest that Fort Bliss in El Paso or Fort Hood in Killeen could accommodate soldiers transferring from overseas.

The review is long overdue, but timely. With the 2005 BRAC rapidly approaching, we must know exactly what our troop commitments need to be internationally before we limit or close any bases here at home. I'm pleased the Commission's work is now underway. At year's end it will provide conclusions and recommendations to help us make sound decisions about our overseas basing structure. By taking a comprehensive look at our force structure, we can more effectively place our boots on the right ground at the right time to combat the new threats we face in the 21st century.

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8,800 Additional Troops To Be Based In Texas

As part of the new Army restructuring plan, the Army will announce an additional 8,800 troops will be based in Texas over the next two years. The Army's transition to a Modular Brigade Force Structure is critical to the creation of a more flexible and lethal force, said U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The Army's actions will involve the creation of a 4th Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division, resulting in an increase of 5,000 troops at Fort Hood. The 4th Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division will be stood up at Fort Bliss in Fiscal Year 2006, resulting in an increase of 3,800 troops.

"This is outstanding news for two of our state's finest facilities, and a positive sign for the state in the coming BRAC round," Cornyn said. "Texas has the space, the facilities, the weather and the quality of life our troops deserve and need to most effectively defend our nation. The Army made the right choice."

Cornyn continued: "We're creating a modular, brigade based

Army that's more responsive to commanders in the field, employing and maximizing joint warfighting capabilities and rapid deployment to create flexible, lethal force projection anywhere at any time."

Cornyn visited the Pentagon in March to make the case for stationing the troops at Texas facilities. Cornyn highlighted the many benefits of the state's bases, and urged Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to consider the needs of returning servicemembers in the coming round of base closing.

"As the DoD makes its BRAC recommendations, defense officials should consider how the pending decision to bring several thousand troops to the United States from overseas bases, coupled with the temporary increase in Army strength levels will affect the needs of the military," Cornyn said following the Pentagon meeting. "We must ensure that new troops and new missions are part of the calculus before any base is closed or realigned. This consideration is a prerequisite, in my opinion, for any future action on the BRAC process."

Plains Summer Tracksters Have Good Season

The Plains Cowboy Track Club qualified five runners for the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation State Track Meet, held in Grapevine July 22 - 25. State qualifiers included Payton Bean, Chris Loya, Jonathan Lira, Mychal Sainz, Jasmine Mares and Jordan Latham.

Chris Loya qualified in the 200 and 400 meter events and ran his best time this summer with a 25.1 in the 200, and 55.0 in the 400 at the state meet. Jonathan Lira ran the 80 meter hurdles in 15.3, and the 200 in 30.1. He and Mychal Sainz also competed in the long jump. Mychal ran the 800 meters in 2.38, and cut 28 seconds off his time in the 1600 with a time of 5:55. Jasmine Mares competed in the shot and discus at the state meet.

Other members competing with the summer track team were Jaydon Lira, Matthew Ramos, Aaron Ramos, Jacob and Jaston Brink, Jasmine Rivera, Jordan Rivera, Arthur Ruiz, Joseph Sainz and Jordan Latham. Coach Evertt McAdams expressed his appreciation to Michael Sainz, Junior Lira, Edwin Brink and the Track Club parents for their help with the youth this summer.

What Rain?



This young lad with a king-size umbrella didn't seem to be bothered too much by the rain during last weekend's Jamaica festivities in the park, judging by his smile!

J.P. Court Summary

The following is a summary of cases filed and bonds set in Justice of Peace Court, Pct. 1, with Judge Melba Crutcher presiding.

Cases filed:
90 traffic cases
2 possession of drug paraphernalia

One open container alcohol in motor vehicle
2 complaints filed- Yoakum County Sanitarian.

Bonds Set:
Harboring runaway child- \$2500

Intoxicated assault with vehicle- \$3000

Motion of Surety- Use of equipment for anhydrous ammonia- \$3000

2 charges- Motion of Surety- Transport/fabricate physical evidence- \$3000

2 charges- Motion of Surety- possess or transport chemical, intent to manufacture con-

trolled substance- \$5000
Possession of cotrolled substance, Wise County- \$10,000
Motion to revoke- Tom Green County- \$2000

Motion to revoke, Terry County- \$2000
Failure to identify- \$500
Driving suspended license- \$1000

Possession cotrolled substance- \$5000
2- Possession of marijuana- \$500

2- Theft over \$1500, under \$20,000- \$5000
Tampering with government record- \$6500

False report to police officer- \$500
Unauthorized use of motor vehicle- \$10,000

Motion of surety-possess or transport anhydrous ammonia- \$3000

Motion of surety-evading arrest w/ motor vehicle- \$2500

2- Motion of surety-possess, transport anhydrous ammonia- \$3000
Impersonate public servant- \$5000
Assault/family violence- \$1500

Open container, possession of alcohol- \$160 fine
DWI- held for Border Patrol 7 charges, motion to revoke- held for hearing
Bond forfeiture- \$5000 cash
Delivery of marijuana- \$3000

Four County Shared Services Arrangement Give Special Education Help

The Four County Shared Services Arrangement provides special education services for students from birth to age 22 who live in the Plains, Denver City, Loop, New Home, Brownfield, O'Donnell, Seagraves, Tahoka, and Wellman-Union school districts.

Services are provided for the speech, visually or hearing impaired, and also provide for the learning disabled, emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded and for students with health or physical disabilities who attend public schools, private schools, or home schools.

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On The Level

with Donald Haley
USDA/NRCS

'It's money well spent!' my Granddaddy used to say.

He was usually talking about buying a good horse or tractor or repairing a needed piece of equipment.

If he were still around, I think he would say the same about the Yoakum Soil & Water Conservation District's Conservation Scholarship Program.

With assistance from the Yoakum County Commissioner's Court, the District is able to award two college scholarships each year to deserving high school seniors in the amount of \$2000.000.

The District's Board of Directors annually selects one recipient from Plains High School and another from Denver City High School.

The Yoakum County Conservation Scholarship recipient from Denver City High School in 2004 is Jessica Brown, daughter of Jaymie and Jim Brown of Denver City.

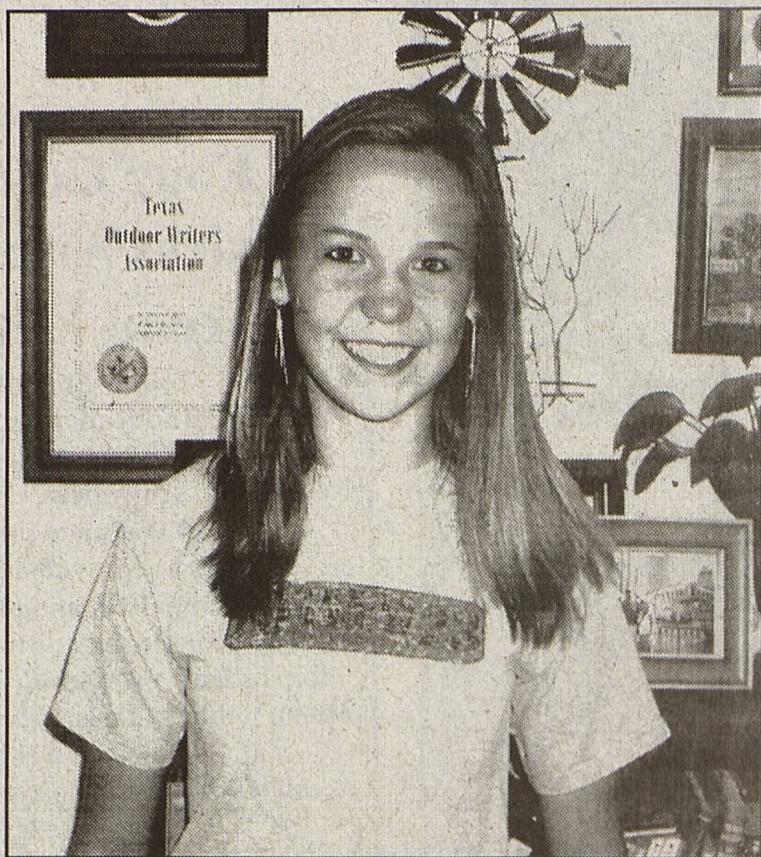
Jaymie is a teacher for Denver ISD. Jim is in the business of agricultural insurance.

Receiving this year's Yoakum County Conservation Scholarship from Plains High School is Stacie Alldredge, daughter of Steve and Pat Alldredge of Plains.

Steve is a Diagnostician for Plains ISD. Pat is the school nurse for Brownfield ISD.

Stacie plans to enter Texas Tech University this fall and major in Communication Disorders.

After receiving her



Stacie Alldredge, daughter of Steve and Pat Alldredge of Plains, is the 2004 Plains High School recipient of the \$2000.00 Yoakum County Conservation Scholarship, awarded by the Yoakum Soil & Water Conservation District. Stacie plans to enter Texas Tech University this fall and major in Communication Disorders. She then plans to pursue her Masters degree in Speech & Hearing Audiology or Speech Therapy.

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While attending Plains High School, Stacy was involved in the National Honor Society and was Rodeo Queen in 2002.

She was a member of the Cowboy Band (flute) for four years, was a cheerleader in her sophomore year and served as Team Mascot during her freshman, junior and senior years.

The Yoakum Soil & Water Conservation District is proud to be able to offer this

scholarship to deserving Yoakum County students.

Just as our farmers 'put back' into the soil to keep it healthy and strong and good... so too must we 'put back' into our children and our communities and our nation to help them to be healthy and strong and good.

I think all would agree that it is a 'good thing' for the community to be investing in the future and the hopes and the dreams of our young people.

Or as my Granddaddy would probably put it... it's money well spent....

**Plains Varsity Football Schedule
2004-2005**

Opponent	Site	Date	Time
Hale Center (Scrim)	Hale Center	Aug. 14	10:00 a.m.
Smyer (Scrim)	Plains	Aug. 19 Thurs.	6:00 p.m.
Farwell	Farwell	Aug. 27	7:30 p.m.
Lorenzo	Plains	Sept. 3	8:00 p.m.
Sudan	Sudan	Sept. 10	7:30 p.m.
Open		Sept. 17	
Dimmitt	Plains	Sept. 24	8:00 p.m.
Wink	Plains	Oct. 1	8:00 p.m.
Whiteface	Whiteface	Oct. 8	7:30 p.m.
Sundown	Plains	Oct. 15	7:30 p.m.
Morton	Morton	Oct. 22	7:30 p.m.
Seagraves	Seagraves	Oct. 29	7:30 p.m.
O'Donnell	Plains	Nov. 5	7:30 p.m.

**GO! GO! GO!
COWBOYS & COWGIRLS**

**Plains Cowgirls
Volleyball 2004**

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	Teams
Aug. 7	Scrimmage Denver City	DC		
10	Lubbock Cooper	Lubbock Cooper	5:00	JV, V
13-14	Denver City Tournament	DC	TBA	V
17	Lubbock Christian	Plains	5:00	JV, V
21				
24				
28	Dimmitt	Plains	5:00	JV, V
31	Lubbock Christian / Brownfield	LCHS	5:30	JV, V
Sep. 3-4	Frenship Tournament	Frenship	TBA	V
7	Snyder	Snyder	5:00	JV, V
10-11	Lamesa Tournament	Lamesa	TBA	JV
11	Levelland	Plains		V
14	Denver City	Plains	5:30	JV, V
18	Levelland / Snyder	Levelland	10:00	V
18	Denver City JV Tournament	DC	TBA	JV
21	Dimmitt	Dimmitt	5:30	JV, V
25	Snyder	Plains	10:00	JV, V
28	Colorado City	C-City	5:00	JV, V
Oct. 2				
5	Midland Christian	MCHS	5:00	JV, V
9				
12	Whiteface	Plains	5:00	V
16				
19	Whiteface	Whiteface	5:00	V
23				
26				
30				
Nov. 2	District Certification			
4-6	Bi-District			
8-9	Area			
12-13	Regional Tournament	Lubbock		
18-20	State Tournament	San Marcos		
* District Games				
Head Coach	John Harris			
Athletic Director	Blake McWhirter			

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THANK YOU

The Plains Rodeo Association would like to thank the following people and businesses in our community for the continuous support with the Old Settler's Reunion and Rodeo.

We expect this year to be fun and exciting for both the old and young. We have some new things going on that everyone will enjoy. We hope to see everyone at the barbeque and rodeo.

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Senior Citizens Corner

Attention Caregivers! We have an opportunity to offer an outreach program for caregivers through our Senior Center. This is for all those who are caring for loved ones at home. You do not need to be a senior (60 years) to be eligible for this opportunity. The program will be available to those in surrounding areas, but it will be held in Denver City. A Counselor is available and willing to come from Lubbock on a weekly basis to initiate this program. We need to know how many people would be interested and would attend this program before continuing with further plans. If this is something you feel would be beneficial to you and you would attend the meetings, please contact Rosa Lopez, the Site Director at the senior center. The telephone number is 592-8000.

Ceramics class: We have some of our seniors who show an interest in having a ceramics room and kiln to make lovely things for their home and families; however, we have a problem. We are in dire need of a person (or persons) who would be willing to teach such a class. Are you that person? We need you. Please contact Rosa Lopez at 592-8000 if you would be willing to help us with this project.

Visitors on Tuesday, in addition to our loyal pool-playing friends from Lovington, were Byron Prewitt; Bailey Coston, who accompanied grandad Ben at lunchtime; and Marvin Hobbs, who had lunch with his dad, Darwin. Another welcome visitor was Wynell Lewis. Although she lives closer to Seminole, we claim her as one of ours and look forward to seeing more of her.

This seemed to be fender-bender time for some of our seniors this week. Pat Altman and her family encountered problems on their trip to Oklahoma; Inez Turner was hit by a stop sign runner which totalled her car and left her with bruises; and Jean Sparks came out of the local grocery to find a hit and run driver had left her car badly damaged.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Merlie Wall who passed away this week. J.D. is one of our faithful domino players in the afternoons. There are others of our senior family who have been ill recently and are recovering at this time. We

miss each of these and look forward to seeing them back in their regular places again soon.

Someone told me this week that if you smile when answering your telephone, the person on the other end of the line can hear it in your voice. I tried it. It works, folks! Why not develop this habit as we respond to whomever is on the other end of the telephone call?

Family reunions reported this week included the Sides family who net at Brownwood; Marsene Beattie's family gathered at Wimberly; and Sandra Wells has just returned from the chilly Colorado mountain tops where she spent time with her family.

Ione Johnson shared the following church bloopers that will bring you a smile. "Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 P.M. Prayer and medication will follow." Or you may like this one better; "Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 P.M. at the church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance." I laughed more at this one: "This evening at 7:00 P.M. there will be hymn-sing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin."

Have you picked up your new Menu/Activity Calendar for August? Be sure to get one so you know what is being served for lunch as well as the various activities planned for your entertainment. We say a special "Thanks" to our Site Director, Rosa Lopez, for setting these up, printing them out, and making a copy available for each one.

Gladys Thomason and Chris Humphries walked off with the prizes from the '42' tournament on Tuesday. We need more players on alternate Tuesday afternoons to join our '42' players. Check your schedule and come on by. You may be the next lucky winner!

Did you hear about the lady who was driving with her three young children one warm summer evening when the woman in the convertible ahead of them stood up and waved. She was stark naked! As the mother was reeling from shock, she heard her five year old shout from the back seat, "Look Mom, that lady isn't wearing any seat belt!"

Thought for today: "Hard work pays off in the future. Laziness pays off now."

Pace Picante Donates \$30,000 To Alamo Centennial Fund



Pace Foods, paying tribute to its Texas roots, donated \$30,000 to the campaign to help fund historical exhibits at the Alamo. The donation to the Centennial Fund of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas came from a May promotion in which Pace pledged to donate five cents from every jar of Pace Picante Sauce (16 ounces or larger) sold in Texas and Oklahoma, up to \$30,000. "We're committed to making the story of the Alamo relevant and understandable for all future generations, and this donation to the Centennial Fund will help us toward those aims," said David Stewart, director of the Alamo, about the donation. "We're grateful to Pace for becoming involved in this preservation effort, and we're grateful to all those who bought Pace Picante Sauce in May to help support these efforts."

The Alamo is looking to upgrade its exhibits by 2005, the centennial year of the management of the Shrine of Texas Liberty by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Texans interested in contributing to this effort can contact the Alamo at 210-225-1391.

Keep Texas Beautiful ornament being offered

Local Frankie Walker recently learned of a new, very attractive collector's ornament which is being offered to the public as a fund raising effort of the Keep Texas Beautiful organization. The very colorful ornament was designed by Nelda Laney, wife of the former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and who was instrumental in making successful the ornament sales which helped fund the massive restoration project of the state capitol in Austin.

Mrs. Laney sent literature to Mrs. Walker about the collectibles, which when sold will help fund various Keep Texas Beautiful projects "in order for



KTB realize its vision to make our Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation." Each ornament sells for \$18 up to two dozen, and 25 or more for \$14.40 each, plus shipping and sales tax. For more information, call toll free, -1-800-CLEAN - TX



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Local Students Receive Diplomas From Texas A & M

During Spring Commencement ceremonies, over 5,000 Texas A & M graduates were awarded diplomas. Among the graduates were Kelton Kale Mason, Summa Cum Laude graduate with BS degree in Animal Science. He is the son

of Mr. & Mrs. Larry Mason of Plains.

Kristen Elaine Gray was awarded her BS degree in Civil Engineering. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Gray of Plains.

Stopping Snorers

Chronic snorers, and the spouses and bed partners they bug, may find relief with a new surgery that places tiny cylindrical inserts in the roof of the mouth.

Some 40 million Americans snore because their palates, the roof of the mouth, flap or vibrate as air passes through, according to Restore Medical Inc., the Minnesota company that makes Pillar System inserts.

During the procedure, surgeons place three implants the size of small mails into the palate to make the tissue more rigid so it's less likely to produce a snore. The 10 minute procedure can be performed in a physician's office and requires a local anesthetic.

"Only one treatment is needed, most patients experience a noticeable reduction in their snoring within two to four weeks and have a high probability of experiencing a lasting effect," said Susan L. Critzer, president and CEO of Restore Medical.

Restore Medical officials have tested their technology in clinical trials for treating sleep apnea, a condition that disrupts sleep.

Please Come Celebrate With Us!



Together, they have found a friendship, raised a family and built a beautiful marriage, You are most warmly invited by the children of ROY and JEANEY EDWARDS, to participate in the joyous celebration of their lives together. A reception will be held on August 15, 2004 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, First Christian Church, 1501 Tahoka Rd, Brownfield, Texas. Your friendship and love are a cherished gift. We respectfully request no other.

Tech Health Sciences Center Commencement Ceremony

President M. Roy Wilson, M.D., presided over his first Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center graduation with students from all regional campuses, including the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health Sciences and Pharmacal, in all school commencement ceremony (May 22) at the United Spirit Arena. A total of 695 students received degrees in these health disciplines.

This year marks the 35th anni-

versary of the legislation signed by the late Governor Preston Smith, establishing what we know today as the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Among the graduates was Tommie Patrice McNabb who received her Bachelor of Science degree in the Nursing School. Tommie is a PHS graduate and the daughter of Darryl and Pat McNabb and granddaughter of Reba McNabb, all of Plains.

Four County Shared Services Arrangement Give Special Education Help

The Four County Shared Services Arrangement provides special education services for students from birth to age 22 who live in the Brownfield, Denver City, Loop, New Home, O'Donnell, Plains, Seagraves, Tahoka, and Wellman-Union school districts.

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From The Hack

Cheerfully stolen from Stephen Henry's Levelland News-Press:

A guy sticks his head into a babrber shop and asks, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The babrber looks around, says "About two hours." The guy leaves.

A few days later, the same guy sticks his head in the door and asks, "How long before I can get a haircut?" The barber checks his busy shop, and says "About three hours," and the guy leaves.

A week later, the same guy returns, looks around and asks how long before he can get his hair cut. The babrber looks about, says "About an hour and a half," and the guy leaves.

The barber is intrigued by now, and says to a waiting friend, "Hey Bill, do me a favor, follow that guy and see where he goes."

A short while later, Bill returns, laughing hysterically. "Well, where did he go when he left here," the barber asks.

Bill wipes tears of laughter from his eyes and says, "Your house."

To ensure my physical well being from any very, very serious dieters, the following was forwarded to us from faithful reader Don Lackey:

"Healthy Eating"; As we all know, it takes 1 calorie to heat 1 gram of water 1 degree Celsius. This means, if you eat a very cold dessert, generally consisting of water in large part, the natural process which raised the consumed dessert to body temperature during digestion literally sucks the calories out of your body fat. For ex-

ample, a dessert eaten near 0 degrees C (32.2 degrees F) will in short time be raised to the normal body temperature of 37 degrees C, or 98.6 F. For each gram of dessert eaten, the process takes approximately 37 calories. The average dessert portion is 6 ounces, or 168 grams, so, by thermodynamic law, 6,216 calories are extracted from body fat as the dessert temperature is normalized. Now, allowing for the 1,200 latent calories in the dessert, the NET calorie loss is about 5,000 calories - obviously, the more cold dessert you eat the better off you are and the faster you will lose weight, if that's your goal.

"This process works equally well when drinking cold beer. Each ounce of beer contains 16 latent calories, but in the temperature normalizing process the net calorie loss per ounce of beer is 1,020 calories. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to calculate that 12,240 calories are extracted from the body in the process of drinking a 12 ounce can of cold beer. That certainly beats running

"Unfortunately, for those who eat pizza as an excuse to drink soda pop, pizza, loaded with latent calories and served well above body temperatures, induces opposite effects. But as astute readers will have already surmised, the obvious solution is to drink lots of beer with pizza followed immediately with large bowls of ice cream. We should all be very thin very soon if we stick with this beer, pizza and ice cream diet."

As I recall, D. R. Lackey always had a very scientific, inquiring mind. Thanks.

Heard in the recent meeting of my FBC Sunday School class, and if some of the sore heads get their way, possibly my last: EVE: "Adam, I have to know, are you seeing another woman?"

Adam: "What? Do you think I'm made of ribs?"

We also had a lively discussion

about the episode of Jesus walking on the stormy waters of the Sea of Galilee, and then commanding Peter to demonstrate his faith by walking on those same waters to him. Our instructor then proceeded to ask how many in the class would have obeyed the command by stepping off some perfectly good, solid, dry land onto a raging sea. There was stone cold silence for a lengthy period, then a quivery, female voice quietly said, "I guess I might have, if he'd tossed me a life jacket."

Which immediately brought to mind my dear Bride. We had not been married too long when we made a poor boy type short trip to the Sodom and Gomorrah of the West, Las Vegas. I decided I would take a dip in the hotel pool, and knowing she had a swim suit, I asked her to join me. For 44 minutes I begged and pleaded, and finally lured her to poolside, dove in, swam about, then began begging her to join me. I managed to get her out to some two inches above her ankles, and there she seemed to turn to stone, much like Lott's wife. I doubt a D - 8 Cat dozer could have nudged her deeper.

This ankle deep moment must have been rather traumatic for her. Later that evening, I heard her singing in the bathroom, and curious, I opened the door, and there she stood, gloriously, marvelously pink skin *NAKED*, except for the life jacket she wore, fully buckled tight. The girl was definitely not taking any chances what so ever.

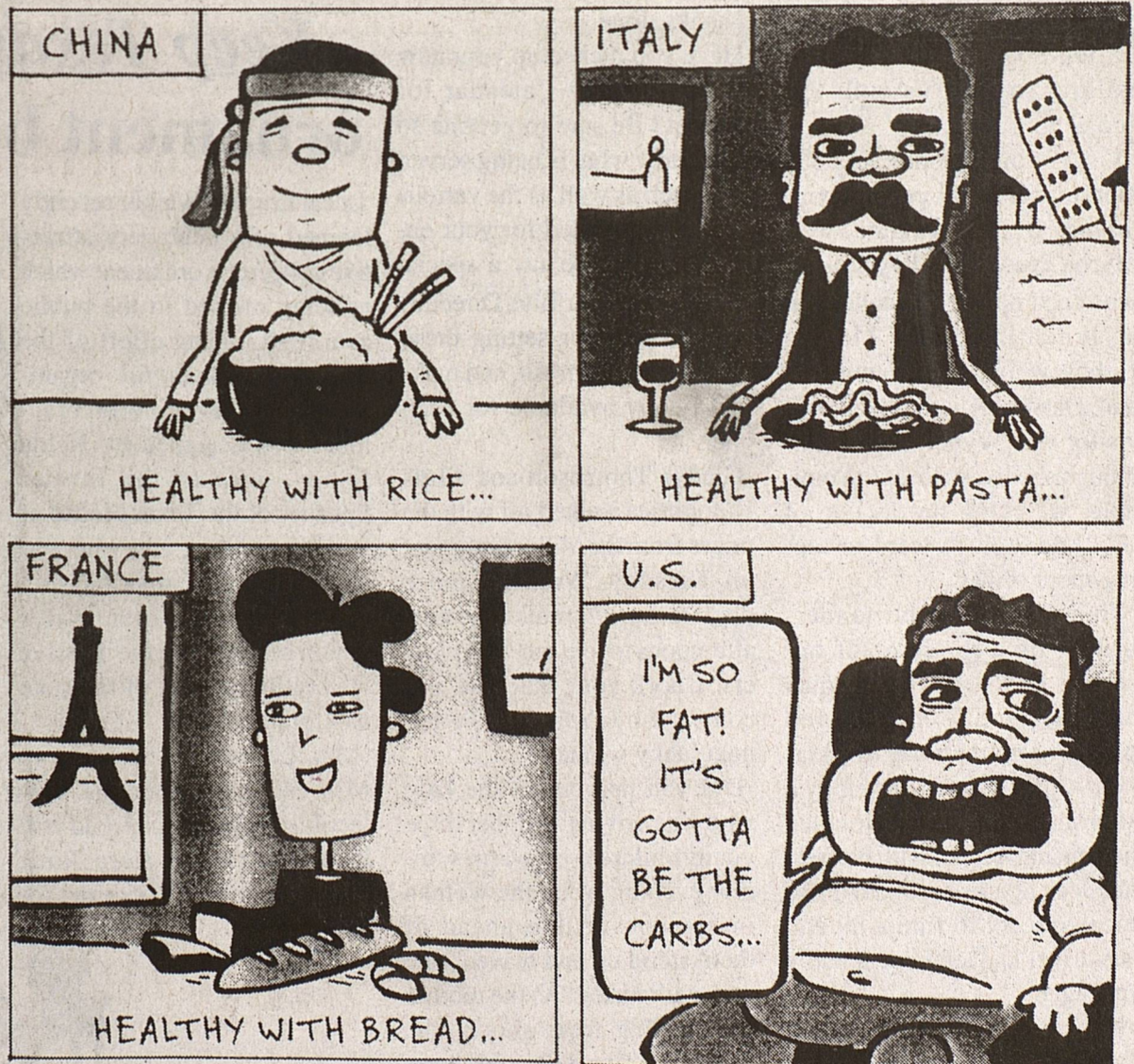
As the Sunday school lesson detailed, "Oh Ye of little faith"

Citywide Cleanup Week

August 9 - 13, 2004

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Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers	152,790 (2000) / 206,490 (2010)	53,700
Child Care Workers	135,960 (2000) / 180,820 (2010)	44,860
Retail Salespersons	283,710 (2000) / 324,110 (2010)	40,400
Registered Nurses	132,220 (2000) / 167,580 (2010)	35,360

SOURCE: Texas Workforce Commission. ■ 2000 ■ 2010

